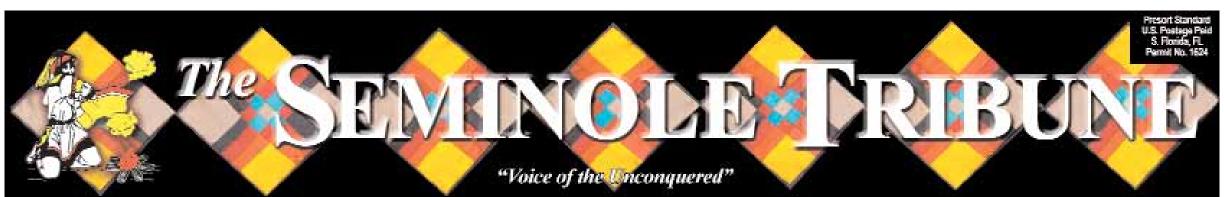
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We three preschoolers - Hollywood preschoolers show off talents at the tribal auditorium.

Preschoolers Perform Christmas Play

HOLLYWOOD — On Wed. Dec. 17, the Hollywood Preschool children presented "The Christmas Story" to an auditorium filled with about 75 parents, grandparents, guardians, and friends. Maggie Osceola opened the presentation with a prayer, and immediately after, the cast walked onto the stage and re-enacted the story of the baby Jesus.

The first of many children to yell "hi mom," was Howie Drake, one of the thirteen shepherds in the play.

'You never know what they are going to do," said Carol Crenshaw, Center Manager for the Hollywood Preschool. "You just play it by

The children took on roles including angels, wise men, and soldiers, and entertained the crowd with a mixture of song and acting.

During a brief intermission, Delores Crumpler, better known as Miss Sweet Pea, sang a few Christmas favorites such as "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas." She asked the audience to

join in, and many sang along to "Jingle Bells." While the audience sang Christmas

songs, the 5-year-old preschoolers changed their clothes and put on their tap shoes for "The Reindeer Dance." Miss Patty, the children's dance teacher, helped them remember their steps by dancing in the audience right along with them.

Crenshaw said she was proud of the children, especially of how no one seemed to have stage fright, even though this was the first time on stage for many of the children.

"Nobody was afraid to come out," she added. "But when they did, they just wanted to run to mommy.'

Although the spectators enjoyed the presentation, the best part for the children came at the end of the show. Everyone moved into the dining room for a Christmas lunch, and the preschoolers received an unexpected visit from Santa Clause (AKA Charles Heirs), who handed out presents, spread some Christmas cheer, and wished everyone a Happy Holiday season.

U.S. Senate Passes Resolution Honoring Native Americans

By Shelley Marmor WASHINGTON, D.C. — On Oct. 24, the United States Senate unanimously passed two resolutions, one honoring all Native Americans and the other honoring Native American war veterans.

Senate Resolution 239 designated November 7, 2003 as National Native American Veterans Day, and Senate Resolution 240 designated November 2003, as National American Indian Heritage Month. Colorado's Senator Bill Nighthorse

Campbell-R-CO sponsored both of these resolutions. He is currently in his second senatorial term, and the only American Indian Senator serving this country. According to Senator Campbell's Press

Secretary, Paul Moorehouse, next year another Senator will have to propose the same bills because these specific holidays only applied for 2003. He added that Senator Campbell will likely be the one to sponsor these same bills in 2004.

Moorehouse said the same dates will be chosen for next year's National Native American Veterans

Day and National American Indian Heritage Month because theses dates have significance.

"The week of Nov. 7 is a week to honor all military service members," Moorehouse said.

He added that honoring Native American veterans is important because more native people have served in the military than any other demographic. When considering the entire Native American population throughout history, statistics show that in every war up to the present day conflict in Iraq, more natives have served than any other group based on the total population.

In addition to his work on this issue, Senator Campbell heads the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs. He also serves as a member on four senate committees, including the Indian Affairs Committee, and the Veterans' Affairs Committee.

For more information on Senator Campbell, please visit his website at http://www.senate.gov/~campbell.

Broward Days Reception Presents the Honorable Johnnie Byrd

By Alexandra Frank

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL — On Dec. 17, Broward Days Delegation Members held a reception featuring the Honorable Johnnie Byrd, Florida's Speaker of the House. The reception started off with reports from Broward Days Delegation Members, legislators from various districts within Broward, and its overlapping counties who spoke about important work being accomplished in their districts.

Byrd drove home the ideals behind Broward Days and spoke briefly about the Speaker's Ball, which is held for Broward Days. Byrd talked about the hard work done by individuals, such as John and Linda King, Belinda Kaiser, and Byrd himself.

Their work has helped cancer and Alzheimer's Disease research for the most vulnerable members of society. This helps people in the county realize that they are not powerless when it comes to issues about the economy, water, health, population growth, education, and other important topics.

Broward Days needs to have effective leadership in Tallahassee. They need their own agenda because the one being presented is presented in a way that will only benefit the legislature. Byrd remarked that 98 percent of participating in the political process is simply being there in Tallahassee, which is what Broward Days does. The fact that the delegates are in Tallahassee makes a difference.

The community members are able to make a

difference by investing their time in Broward Days' projects. They can also communicate with their legislature about the things they believe are important, not only in Florida, but also in Broward County as well.

Byrd commented on how regionalism, or dividing Florida into semi-autonomous regions, is the future in Florida. He commended delegates for embracing their fellow citizens in the area for doing what best helps their schools.

Byrd said, "Regardless of whether you are a democrat or a republican, you live in South Florida or North Florida, we all believe in successful students, want safer streets and domestic security.

We all believe in a smarter government, we believe in affordable high quality health care, and we believe in a cleaner environment and better planning for growth.

"We all have a vision for Florida that makes it the wonderful place that it is to live, work, and raise a family in, I'm looking for a huge success for team leaders, a great party for you [delegates]. That night and the future looks very bright. Thank you."

The Seminole Tribe of Florida is a proud sponsor of Broward Days and the organization has welcomed the Tribe with open arms. With the Broward Days Delegation on the list of friends of the Seminole Tribe, we can only move up and forward with the positive growth of Broward County.

The Seminole Tribe of Florida's First Annual Toy Drive

By Shelley Marmor
HOLLYWOOD — As Christmas
approached, tribal citizens, Seminole employees, and community members showed they were ready to help less fortunate children.

Participants at the event donated toys, which organizers divided up at the end of the night and gave to three local nonprofit organizations: The Boys and Girls Club of Broward County, the YET Center, and the Community

Partnership for the Homeless. While some people

brought one or two toys, others showed up with a truck-load full of toys. Hollywood's Tribal representative Max Osceola and Chairman Mitchell Cypress each had to have assistance bringing in all of their donations.

According to Melissa DeMayo, Osceola's daughter, her family went to Toys-R-Us and bought eight shopping carts full of toys. Cypress pulled up to the event in a super-stretch Ford Excursion limo full of toys.

DeMayo, who came with her three children, Trevor Osceola, Chandler DeMayo, and Clarice DeMayo, said bringing her children to events like toy drives show them that not all children are as fortunate as they

"I think it's important [to donate toys] because we have so much," said DeMayo. "I want my kids to understand that some people have nothing.

In addition to Cypress and Max Osceola, tribal citizens including Tate and Robin Osceola also came to donate toys. Carol Collier from the Legal Department and Olivia Davis from the Marketing Department were among the Seminole Tribe's employees who came to support the donation efforts.

Boxing stars Michael Moore and Ada Valez also appeared at the Toy Drive to sign autographs for their fans.

WEDR 99 Jamz provided a live remote of the event,

Local radio station



Financial experts in the making: Ahfachkee School students learn the importance of money.

Ahfachkee Students Raise Funds Through Popsicle[™] Sale

By Alexandra Frank

BIG CYPRESS — On Dec. 16 Tammy Hughes's second grade art class participated in a fundraising effort. They made homemade Popsicles_{TM}, sold the items, and gave the money to the Clewiston Animal Control.

The concept, introduced by Lester Brown at the Ahfachkee School, explained that this program would get kids working at changing their attitudes and some of their habits regarding money. The program will also show them how to save money and how to spend it wisely.

The program's curriculum resulted in a project the kids used to gain some experience with money management. They will learn what making money is

The second grade class sold Kid Pops and made a profit of \$65 in 45 minutes. This equates to

about \$87 an hour, which means someone did extremely well. The high school students have formed their

They will charge various prices for washing vehicles depending on the size of each vehicle. They plan to reinvest the profits back into their car washing

When the students graduate, they will receive a lump sum of their share of the total profits. They will then deposit this money in the bank and watch it

Students need to develop the right attitude and habits when it comes to spending money wisely. If children develop positive monetary habits in their youth, these habits will carry over into adulthood.

The third grade Ahfachkee class also held a fund raiser and raised money for the Children's Hospital. Terri Rosen of the Clewiston Animal Control accepted the student's check.

"Clewiston Animal Control appreciates the donation very much," Rosen said. "The money will go to help hold some of the animals longer for adoption. We thank you very much."

On Tues. Dec. 22, the Seminole Tribe of Florida, The Hard Rock Casino, and Warrior Boxing promotions hosted the First Annual Toy Drive at the

of donations.

Sally Tommie (left) helping Mitchell Cypress bring in his truck-load

which broadcasted information about the Toy Drive

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about, and what they can do with their money.

own car wash company. This company is different because students will bring the car wash to the cus-

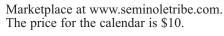
The 2004 Tribal Calendar — Honoring our Elders: Seminole Men

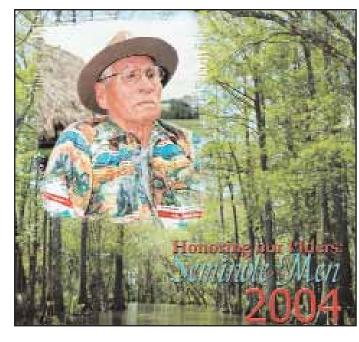
The 2004 Seminole Calendar, which honors the elder men of the

Seminole Tribe, is now available. Individuals from each reservation may pick up their free calendar from their Representative's office.

Employees may also pick up a calendar from their direct supervisors. If you have any questions, please call the Communications Department at (954) 966-6300 ext. 1263.

For nontribal citizens or employees, you may purchase a calendar from the Communications Department, or visit the Seminole





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Indian Programs Underfunded

By Dr. Dean Chavers

Thank the Lord for small favors. Sometimes small favors turn out to be big favors. Take for example free speech, which some of us old codgers fought and died for 40 years ago.

The free speech I just learned about is the freedom of the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights to criticize the federal government. The Chairperson of the Commission is one of my longstanding heroes, Dr. Mary Francis Berry.

She has long been a fighter for uncovering racism and discrimination in this country. She led the Commission within the past few years to look into discrimination in Indian Country, the first time to my knowledge that any federal agency has done this specifically.

The Commission is helped also by having a Native member, I believe for the first time. Elsie M. Meeks from South Dakota represents Indian Country on the Commission.

The Commission issued a report this summer called "A Quiet Crisis: Federal Funding and Unmet Needs in Indian Country." The report looks at funding for Indian programs in six federal government departments, including the Department of the Interior, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Justice, Education, and Agriculture. The Commission reported that, "significant disparities in federal funding exist between Native Americans and other groups in our nation."

The most immediate needs, they said, were infrastructure development, tribal courts, and tribal priority allocations.

The report stated, "Native Americans living on tribal lands do not have access to the same services and programs available to other Americans, even though the government has a binding trust obligation to provide them."

Specifically, the Congressional Research Service found that funding within the Department of the Interior between 1975 and 2000 has declined by \$6 million yearly, when adjusted for inflation. There was a total of \$7.4 billion in unmet needs in the year 2000.

"BIA's mismanagement Individual Indian Money trust accounts has denied Native Americans financial resources that could be applied toward basic needs that BIA programs fail to provide," according to the report.

There are also huge needs in school construction. The backlog in BIA schools is \$507 million and is increasing at an annual rate of \$56.5 million, due to inflation and natural aging. The real story here is the schools that are firetraps, the ones built a hundred years ago that do not have fire protection. God forbid that there is ever a tragedy such as fire or earthquake that kills helpless Indian children.

"The federal government spends less per capita on Native American health care than on any other group, for which it has this responsibility, including Medicaid recipients, prisoners, veterans, and military personnel. Annually, IHS spends 60 percent less on its beneficiaries than the average per person health care expenditure nationwide," according to the Department

of Health and Human Service's report.

These figures do not tell the real story, of course. The real story is the people who have to wait up to eight hours at an Indian hospital. The real story is the people who die before they are treated, and those who suffer from everything from appendicitis to diabetes because of the lack of medical personnel and facilities.

As for the Housing and Urban Development Department, the report says that 40 percent of reservation housing is inadequate. One in five reservation homes lacks plumbing. While their own funding has grown 62 percent in the past 25 years, Native American funding within the department has increased only 8.8 percent. Tribal housing actually lost spending power, according to the report.

The real story here is the housing that too many of know about where three or four generations of a family are still living in the same house. The real story is the children sleeping two or four to a bed, or sleeping on the floor because there is nowhere else for them to sleep. We all know about adults who have to sleep on the couch in the living room because there are not enough beds or bedrooms.

As for the Department of Justice. "All three components of law enforcement-policing, justice, and corrections are substandard in Indian Country compared with the rest of the nation Native Americans are twice as likely as any other racial/ethnic group to be the victims of crime. Yet, per capita spending on law enforcement in Native American communities is roughly 60 percent of the national

"Correctional facilities in Indian Country are also more overcrowded than even the most crowded state and federal prisons... Native American law enforcement funding increased almost 85 percent between 1998 and 2003, but the amount allocated was so small to begin with that its proportion to the department's total budget hardly changed.

"Many Native people have lost faith in the justice system, in part due to perceived bias. Many attribute disproportionately high incarceration rates to unfair treatment by the criminal justice system, including racial profiling, disparities in prosecution, and lack of access to legal representation," according to their report.

The real story here is the disgraceful conditions of most reservation jails. The real story is the Native prisoner in a state prison who is denied his or her rights to worship freely. The real story is the Native who gets 10 years for a crime while his Anglo counterpart gets three

According to the Department of Education's report, "The federal government has sole responsibility for providing education to these [Native] students-an obligation it is failing to meet. The report says tribal colleges,

vocational rehabilitation, postsecondary education, vocational education, and school construction are all either underfunded or not funded at all.

"At no time during the period under review in this report have all OIE subprograms been funded," according to

The real story here is the neglect Indian students get in the schools. If they miss five days straight, no one cares and no one does anything about it. None of them read books, nor do they do homework. They are neglected and discriminated against. No one cares.

January 16, 2004

I had an Apache student call me last week looking for a scholarship. She has a 4.0 Grade Point Average, and wants to go to an Ivy League school. Her counselor had done nothing at all to help her find scholarships! Shame on him.

The Department of Agriculture's report states, "insufficient funding has limited the success of development programs and perpetuated unstable economies.' The Food Distribution Program

on Indian Reservations lost funding between 1999 and 2003, when inflation is taken into account. Thus hunger on reservations is more than twice as high as with the general population. The report documents that the federal government has both a legal obli-

gation and a moral responsibility to provide funding for basic Indian programs. Despite its obligations, the federal government has always tried to shy away from its responsibilities. It began sending Indian students

to public schools in the 1890s, for instance, instead of honoring its obligations under 114 treaties, and under Congressional law. to provide education to Indians. By 1938 half of Indian students were in public schools. Today, 85 percent go to public As far as I am concerned, this

administrative shift is illegal and immoral. But it still goes on. If Ross Swimmer and Co. had had their way under former President Ronald Reagan, they would have closed all BIA schools. They did close several of them, for which one of the crew got an award and a cash bonus. Every tribal leader needs to have

a copy of "A Quiet Crisis: Federal Funding and Unmet Needs in Indian Country," and every one of them needs to storm Capitol Hill to demand that Indian programs be fully funded. Any tribal leader who does not do this has likely been bought off by I congratulate Dr. Berry, Ms

Meeks, and the author of the report, Mr. Manuel Alba. They did a great job, following up with what the Congressional Research Service has been doing for over a decade. Roger Walke, a researcher for CRS, has been preparing an annual report on funding for Indian programs. It consistently shows that Indian programs lose money every year, while other programs constantly gain more funding. He is to be congratulated for looking at the problem early. The Civil Rights Commission should also be congratulated for looking at the problem over the long range and pointing out the huge disparities that remain.

Dr. Dean Chavers is Director of Catching the Dream in Albuquerque, a national scholarship program for Native college students. CTD also promotes school improvement programs in Indian

<u>Letters & E-mail</u>

My son and I would just like to wish the Seminole Tribune staff a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We are not living in Florida anymore so it is hard for us to keep up with everything that it going on in Hollywood and the other reservations, but getting the newspaper has helped us keep up with everything.

Thank you for always doing a

terrific job. Thank you, **Vickie Sanders** and Larry Howard Jr.

Dear Ms. Lucy Evanicki, Marketing Director of Billie Swamp Safari,

Congratulations! Kenney Communications, Inc. submitted your Billie Swamp Safari brochure as an entry in the Association of Professional Brochure Distributors 2003 International Best Brochure Competition. On behalf of the Association, I am pleased to inform you that SEMINOLE TRIBE OF FLORI-DA was honored as a regional nominee in the competition. The contest results were announced at our recent annual meeting in Shannon, Ireland.

From a possible field of over 7,500 brochures, representing the collective client base of the Association membership, nominees were narrowed down to a list of 38. These nominated brochures, which included yours, were then evaluated through competitive comparisons using specific criteria including: headline quality, construction, content and overall appeal. The judges were industry professionals representing brochure distribution and display companies from across the U.S., Canada and Ireland. The Association commends you

for the competitive advantages of your brochure.Please accept this letter of recognition, and sincere congratulations from Kenney Communications, Inc. and all the other members of the Association of Professional Brochure Distributors for a job well done!

Barbara Kenney President

Dear anyone who will help me,

I need to know if I can obtain a copy of the Seminole alphabet, Seminole numbers and Seminole colors in the native language. I have two Seminole sons who I would like to show and teach their heritage to. It is not easy when we live 5 hours away from you, and the language is something I want my boys to

If you can help or guide me, I would appreciate your help. I know these things are hanging on the wall of an office in some building, but I was afraid to ask for a copy since I did not want to upset anyone. I respect your culture and would like to bring it to my boys any way possible, until I can one day move to the reser-

vation with my Seminole husband. Thank

Ruth Osceola

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Dear Seminole Tribe of Florida,

I just received my new vest. It is really nice! I've been looking at them for years and finally decided I would treat myself for Christmas. The quality and colors are exactly as I expected.

That's one present I'm not wrapping, I'm wearing it! Maybe I'll even purchase a jacket for next year. Thank You, Mike Shaw

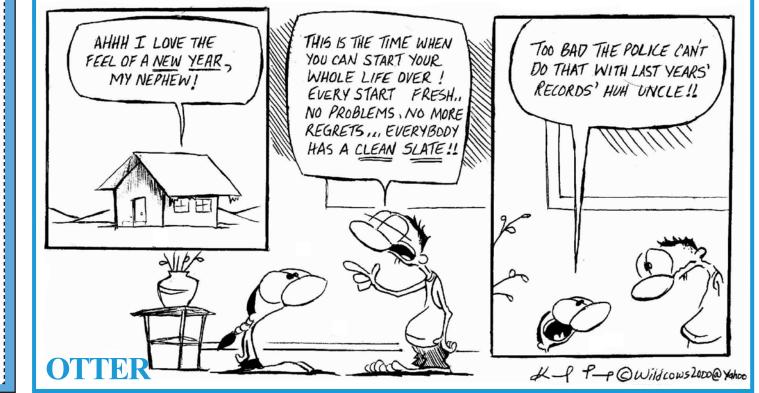
Native3feathers@netzero.com

Dear Editor,

I would like to talk to, or write to, Betty Mae Jumper. I hope this message will reach her, as I have a question for her. I belong to a SASHA Doll Club and we are having a 3-day festival in Ft. Lauderdale in June of 2004.

I have read her book "Legends of the Seminoles," containing the Legend of the Corn Lady. I would like to ask permission to photo copy this legend and give out to help people during the festival. The picture would not be included, but a necklace of beaded corn will accompany the handout

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Listeners must have heard the message loud and clear because some participants traveled nearly 25 miles to donate toys. Several United States Postal Service employees from the Jose Marti Post Office on N.W. 27 Ave. in Miami made the long drive to donate about 30 stuffed teddy bears.

Towards the end of the Toy Drive, the Hard Rock Offices nearly overflowed with donations, however, Osceola expressed that next year he hopes for an even bigger amount of donations.

Osceola said that the turnout was impressive, especially given that promotions had only started days before the event. He added that next year's Toy Drive promotions will begin much earlier, and will also be held at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino.

According to Osceola, charitable events are good "for the Tribe to share with the community." He said that tribal citizens should give back because they were once a disadvantaged group themselves.



Hard Rock employees unloading Max Osceola's donations

"Luckily we are able to provide for our own now, because we were once economically disadvantaged," he said.

Accounting Department Donates for Toys for Tots

HOLLYWOOD — The

Accounting Department at the Seminole Tribe of Florida usually enjoys a gift exchange among employees during the holidays. However, this year they decided to something different and collect donations for Toys for

'Normally, we do our gift exchange, but we decided to get into the spirit of Christmas and donate toys to needy children," said organizer Laura Sa. "We feel good about what we're doing.

With more than 25 people working in the Seminole Tribe's Accounting Department, that added up to a lot of toys

*The Toys for Tots program began in 1947 when Major Bill Hendricks of the United States Marine Corps Reserves, and a group of Marine Reservists in Los Angeles collected and distributed about 5,000 toys to needy children.

The 1947 campaign was so successful that the Marine Corps adopted Toys for Tots in 1948 and expanded it into a nationwide campaign. That year, Marine Corps Reserve units across the nation conducted Toys for Tots campaigns in each community in which a Marine Reserve Center was located. Marines have conducted successful nationwide campaigns at Christmas each year since 1948.

In 1995, the Secretary of Defense, William J. Perry, approved Toys for Tots as an official activity of the U.S. Marine Corps and an official mission of the Marine Corps Reserve.

In 2003, the Direct Marketing Association Nonprofit Federation named Toys for Tots as the 'Outstanding Nonprofit Organization of the Year" for 2003, while Reader's Digest named it "Best



"The entire Accounting Department thought it was a great idea and enjoyed participating in our Christmas donation for Toys for Tots," said Sa.

*From the Toys for Tots website. To learn

Children's Charity" of 2003.

"We're looking forward to doing it next year."

more about Toys for Tots, please visit their website at www.toysfortots.org.

The Brenda Osceola Memorial Christmas Breakfast

HOLLYWOOD On Christmas morning, the Osceola family hosted the 7th Annual Brenda

Osceola Memorial Christmas Breakfast. Preparing the holiday meal began before dawn at Vivian Delgado's house, as she and family

members sprang from their beds to start cooking. The aroma of fresh coffee, sausage, bacon, and steaks filled the Delgado home. The Osceola family, dressed in red Santa

Claus aprons, opened their hearts and home to the Hollywood reservation community. Pictures of the Osceola's family were on display for all to view. Dan and Leoda

Osceola made sure there was plenty of hot coffee to welcome the attendees. Chucky Osceola scrambled dozens of eggs, Vivian

stirred large pots of grits and Jackie, Allison and Kaylan Osceola helped keep the buffet table full for the groups of hungry people. Before the day ended, they served breakfast to well over 100 people. Council Representative Max Osceola Jr. and

family attended the Brenda Osceola Memorial Breakfast. Max Jr. met and greeted everyone, saying Merry Christmas and offering a big handshake. The Osceola's family would like to show

work, by cooking and serving an appreciation lunch in Jan. 2004, at Dan and Leoda Osceola home on the day of the Council meeting. They have invited all the representatives to attend.

for hosting and presenting Christmas breakfast.

their appreciation for all the representatives' hard

Special thanks to Max Osceola for sponsoring the Brenda Osceola Memorial Christmas Breakfast, Vivian Delgado, and the Osceola Family

Memorial Hospital Blood Drive



Myra Redamar looks away as Jaclyn Austin begins the phlebotomy.

By Paula Cassels

L-R: Max Osceola, Leoda Osceola, Chucky Osceola, Dan Osceola, Kaylan

Osceola, Allison Osceola, Vivian Delgado, Jackie Osceola.

HOLLYWOOD — On Jan. 9, about two dozen tribal citizens and employees kicked off the New Year by donating blood for the Memorial Hospital's Blood Drive.

From 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the Joe DiMaggio Bloodmobile set up in the north parking lot of the Tribal Office. Jaclyn Austin and Joseph Bracero greeted participants as they entered the bloodmobile.

Tribal employee Myra Redamar from the Housing department said, "I support the blood drive and donate blood every year".

"I feel fine. They gave me juice to drink, cookies to eat, and a T-shirt," said Redamar after donating blood. According to Austin, "After giving blood, the key is to relax for 10 minutes."

After the phlebotomy, the blood is chilled and taken back to the Memorial Hospital where it is tested and used.

Both Austin and Bracero thanked everyone for donating blood and giving the "gift of life."

Mitchell Osceola Graduates from Golf Academy

ORLANDO, FL — On Dec. 12, Mitchell Osceola graduated with honors, receiving certificates in both Teaching and Club Repair from the Golf Academy of The South. The graduation ceremony for Golf Complex Operations and Management students was held at the Gaylord Palms Resort.

Osceola, a Hollywood resident and the son of Polly Hayes and the late Max Osceola Sr., enrolled in the degree program for golf complex operations and management. He earned an associate's degree; his studies emphasized facility management with a minor in teaching golf.

This is a 16-month program that started in September of 2002. The course is exhaustive since golf course or we can teach them right there so that they won't have to go to school like I did.

But the main purpose for me is to encourage the game of golf and to promote the game of golf for the tribe," Osceola said.

Mitchell's other reason for making the major decision to carry out his dream and enter the golf industry came from his father's inspiration.

Max Osceola Sr. loved the game of golf. His memorial tournament was the first to involve golf and it was the first to be held in the memory of a tribal

Max Sr. is seen as a founder of golf within the Seminole Tribe. He started playing at about the same time as his son, and always encouraged him to play. Max Sr. was a

> very consistent factor in Mitchell's Mitchell spoke

about how he would like any native, either Seminole or from any other tribe, to learn the finer points of golf. He says that if they learn how to play well and dream of playing professional golf in the PGA they can do so and maybe even be better than Tiger Woods or Annika Sorenstam.

He also sees teaching up-andcomers the technique of golf on a tribal golf course as bonus because they can create a pro, and it will not only benefit not only to

the tribe, but the native people will have no boundaries when it comes to promoting an individual.

Mitchell also showed an interest in targeting young women and girls to pick up the game. The LPGA has a lot of Asians, but we do have Native American Indians out there who can compete with the likes of Annika Sorenstam. Mitchell's vision of the tribe owning a golf

facility and even producing pro golfers is not so far-

fetched. As he stated earlier, it is up to someone to step up to the green and take the initiative to get the education to start a comprehensive program that can offer boundless opportunities. He graduated with honors for his Teaching

Certificate, and Club Repair Certificate. He graduated in a class of 60 students with countless family and This event marks a turning point in the lives

of the 60 individuals who took the step to further enriching their lives by taking the effort to learn more about golf, its complex operations and management. Mitchell would like to thank Max Osceola Jr., David Dehass, David Cypress, Mitchell Cypress, and the Education Department for encouraging and

paving the way for him to go to school.



L-R: Conchade, Elisa B., Mitchell Osceola and Polly Hayes.

out a break. However, any golf enthusiast would think it is well worth the sacrifice. 'Golf is something I've always had a pas-

the program runs through the summer months with-

sion for. I've always played most of my life ever since I picked it up at Sequoyah High School back in the 80's," said Osceola.

"I know that the tribe needs to get into the

course or golf program. I want to be that person who takes the initiative; to get my education towards earning my degree towards a golf program. "I want to bring it back to the tribe help them buy a golf course and to have the knowledge it takes to run a golf course and also teach everything

golf industry which is going on with other tribes.

We're the only tribe that really doesn't have a golf

that goes along with golf. "The main purpose for me is there's a lot of good people out there like kids or even adults that are good at golf or they just want to pick up the game of golf. I want to encourage the game of golf or if they are interested in the business this can be done.

Because I'd like the golf course run by a majority of the tribal members and I'm definitely all for that - for supporting them if they want to go to school like I did. Or we can just hire them if we have

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Seminole Boat Wins "Best Use of Lights" at Winterfest Boat Parade

FT. LAUD-**ERDALE, FL** — The Seminole Tribe's entry at the 32nd Annual Winterfest Boat Parade shined, defeating more than 100 boats to take first place in the "Best Use of Lights" Showboat category.

According to Winterfest organizers, the parade is the world's most watched boat parade and the 7th largest one-day spectator event in the country.

Held on Dec. 13, the Winterfest Boat Parade aired on Sat. Dec. 20 on Channel 7. WSVN and again on Christmas Day at 12:00 p.m. The Broadcasting Department has inquired about obtaining a copy for tribal citizens to

Lisa Scott-Founds, Executive Director for Winterfest Inc., thanked the Seminole Tribe for their continued support of Winterfest. "I can't tell you what your sponsorship and

First place winner of the "Best Use of Lights" showboat category.

participation means to this holiday tradition," said Founds.

What will the tribe come up with next year? Stay tuned.

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Travel Channel film crew get up close with a juvenile panther.

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Big Cypress Reservation Among World's Best Places to View Wildlife

By Ernie Tiger

BIG CYPRESS — The Travel Channel has chosen the Big Cypress Reservation as one of the World's Best Places to View Wildlife. Viewers will be treated to a narrated segment on the popular channel in the summer of 2004.

Aboard a customized airboat and swamp buggy, viewers will experience a safari throughout the 2,200 acre everglades habitat. They'll get a chance to view some of South Florida's rarest indigenous inhabitants, such as the Florida panther and black bear.

'The Billie Swamp Safari is very beautiful," said producer Lissete Fernandez. "The staff is very knowledgeable about the Seminole's culture and the animals that are found here. This made today's film shooting segment go very smoothly; we got some great footage.

Other top places that the Travel Channel visited included Homosassa Springs and the Florida Aquarium located in Tampa.

"I'm glad to see these types of programs showing interest in the Seminoles. This is great advertisement for the tribe," said Billie Swamp Safari tour guide Jonathan Vasquez after his day of tour guiding through the Big Cypress Swamp

After spending the morning aboard an airboat and viewing the many exotic deer and large alligators found on this tour, the group was given the rare opportunity to actually get their picture taken with a juvenile panther. Swamp Safari guides answered questions on why the panther is one of Florida's rarest and top predatory animals to

Before finishing their day of filming the Seminole Tribe's Eco-Tourism facilities, the Travel Channel film crew made one last stop at the gator pit



Cruising through the Everglades.

to fill their eyes with Florida's number two predatory creature, the alligator.

After the long shoot, the film crew dined on some Seminole Indian food at the Swamp Water Café. It was a well deserved meal.

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The coldest morning of the year did not prevent the Seminole riders from giving their time to support needy children

Seminoles Participate in Christmas Toys in the Sun Run

By Nery Mejicano

HOLLYWOOD — On Sunday, Dec. 7, 29 Seminole riders participated in the largest Christmas

motorcycle event in the nation. This was the 16th year motorcycle riders got together to raise funds to benefit the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in Hollywood, Florida, and the Boys and Girls Club.

All the riders brought at least one toy, with most bikes covered with stuffed animals, dolls, toys and many other children's playthings.

Steven Tyler, from the rock group Aerosmith, followed by Max Osceola and the Seminole Riders, led the approximately 36,000 bikers on a 21-mile journey from the Pompano Harness Track to Markham Park in Sunrise.

In the 2002 Toys in the Sun Run, bikers and supporters donated \$400,000 to the hospital and collected more than 30,000 toys. They gave the donations to the Fraternal

Order of Police who distributed them to kids in need throughout the tri-county area.

The 2003 run collected \$481,000 and more

than 40,000 toys. The morning of the ride was the coldest of the year, but that did not prevent the Seminole riders from participating. The morning started by a hot breakfast at a Denny's restaurant, and a ride to the harness track in Pompano.

The riders journeyed down I-95 and I-595 escorted by the Broward Sheriff's Office who rerouted all other traffic. This is both the only time of the year when I-95 and I-595 are closed to traffic, and cops and bikers have the same goal – helping sick and needy children.

At Marham Park, more than 100 vendors sold food, clothing and motorcycle's accessories. Rock bands the Smithereens, Foghat, and several local bands played on this beautiful day.



Mary Jean Koenes at the Sun Run.



Virginia Mitche

L-R: Virginia Osceola, Jo Lin Osceola, Joyce Escabar, Joe Dan and Noel Escabar.

Celebrating with Joe Dan Osceola

By Virginia Mitchell

HOLLYWOOD — Following a two-week trip in Peru, Ambassador Joe Dan Osceola came back home in time to celebrate his birthday amongst family and friends.

This Tribune employee was warned prior to the party that anyone asking year of birth or exact year of age would have to pay a \$100.00 fine, so I dared not ask.

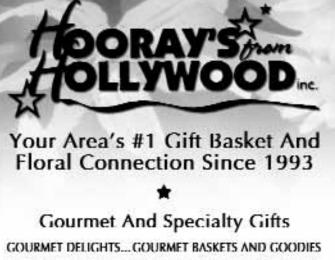
Daughter Courtney hosted a bingo competition. Prior to the band arriving, we ate a delicious meal that was cooked on an open fire.

Why wouldn't you know the ambassador even brought in a Peruvian band to entertain for the evening. Many songs sounded familiar to me, but the accents threw me for a loop. Don't get me wrong; they were very good.

Many more great times are ahead for you Joe Dan. Stay healthy, wise and we will be there again to celebrate with you, no matter how old you'll be.



Joe Dan, Jo Lin and son Tiger, showing off the outrageous cake.



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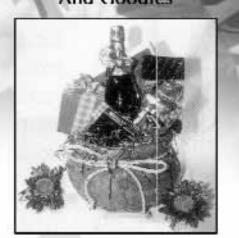
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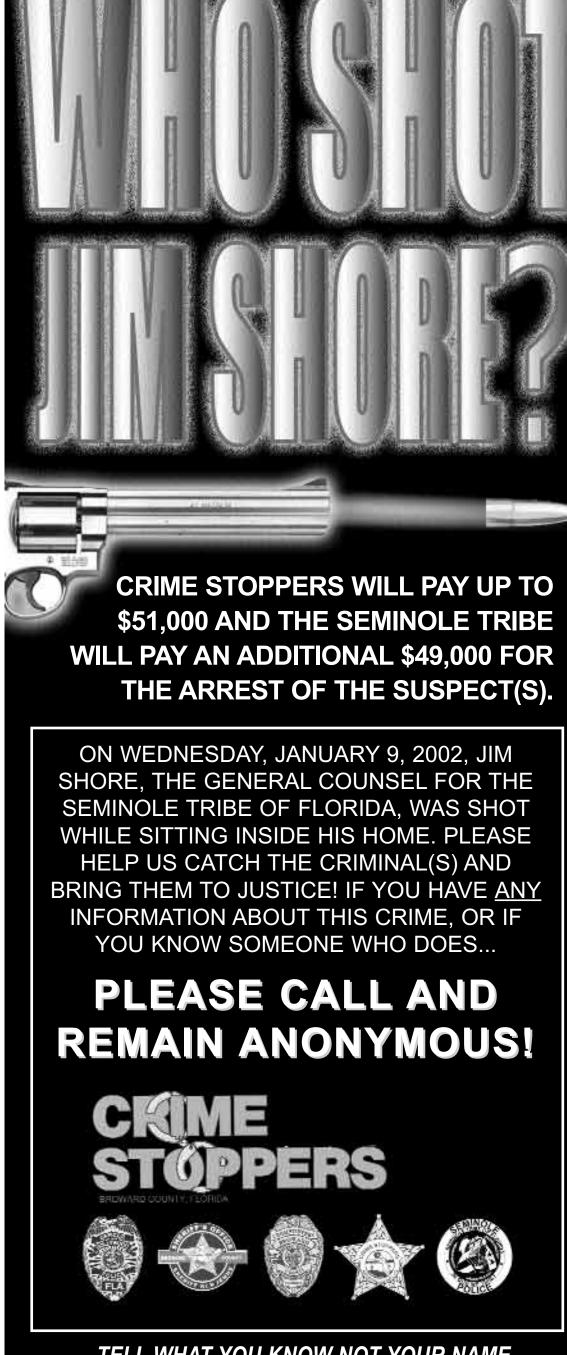




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Dept: Human Resources Position Opens: 11-3-03 Position Closes: 11-17-03 Salary: Negotiable with experience

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Dept: Accounting Position Opens: 12-22-03 Position Closes:1-12-04 Salary: \$30,000 - \$37,000 annually with benefits

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Position: Water Sampler Dept: Water Resources

Position Opens: 1-12-04

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Position: Elementary Educ Teacher Dept: Ahfachkee Position still available. Salary negotiable with benefits

Position: Food Prep. & Service Assoc. Dept: Corp. Board, Gas Position Opens: 10-27-03 Position Closes: 11-10-03 Salary: Negotiable with benefits

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Position: Ast. Store Manager Dept: Corp. Board, Gas Position Opens: 10-21-03 Position Closes: 11-3-03 Salary: Negotiable with experience with benefits

Position: Elem. Music Teacher Dept: Ahfachkee School Position still available. Salary negotiable with benefits

Position: Maintenance Mechanic Dept: Housing Position Opens: 10-20-03

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Salary Negotiable with experience with benefits

Position: Transporter Dept: Health Position Opens: 9-8-03 Position still available Salary: \$18, 720 - \$20,592 annually with benefits

Position: Ast. Store Mgr. Dept: Corp. Board, Gas Position Opens: 10-21-03 Position Closes: 11-3-03 Salary: Negotiable with experience with benefits

Position: Counselor II Dept: Family Services Position Opens: 1- 5-04 Position Closes: 1-19-04 Salary: Negotiable with benefits

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It's amazing how fast the New Year has come. This is the time of year when everyone is open to a fresh start. It is what sets the tone for a new beginning. It's time to add muscle, trim fat, improve eating habits, and get in the best shape of your life. If only it were that easy.

Most people feel the excitement of conquering the New Year by trying to achieve their goals – and then maintaining the habits that led you to the lifestyle change – is an entirely different matter. By the time winter ends, so do most resolutions made to make ourselves better either mentally and/or physical-

The reasons for failure are numerous. They include unrealistic goals, vague objectives, boredom, lack of foresight, insufficient support and no enjoyment. If you want to make 2004 different, you'll need some surefire strategies to keep you on the fast track to success.

STAY WITHIN REALITY

Maybe in your younger years, when life was easier, you played sports, worked out and maintained a lean and muscular physique. Now, years later, you exercise about once every so often, your belly doubles as the kids' trampoline and your high school reunion's next month. Sorry buddy, but no matter how many push-ups, crunches and running sessions you do in the next few weeks, you still won't be strutting around like a fit machine any time soon. But you can get fit again. It just takes time. That's the reality.

With a new program, consistency is more important than intensity because you can always make it more strenuous later. If you fit the above scenario, it wouldn't be wise to jump into a boot-camp style training regimen. You'll probably hate the workouts, and chances are you'll either get injured or quit. Instead, think of methodically chipping away at a sculpture. Gradually ingrain healthful and feasible mini-goals into your daily routine, such as (to mention a few) spending at least 45 minutes working out, eating five or six small meals to speed up the metabolism, and constantly drinking water to help avoid overeating. Maintain a habit for three months and it'll start to feel like an integral part of your life instead of a chore. Eventually, you'll reach the promise land.

SELECT SPECIFIC, WELL-PLANNED GOALS

Just as a manager maps out strategies for the team before the beginning of the baseball season, you too must rely on details to design a solid fitness regime. If you're hoping to exercise an hour a day four to five days a week, put that down in writing. Tell yourself, "I will work out from six to seven every morning before work." Even better, add on "I will spend 30 minutes weightlifting/resistance training, followed by 25 minutes of cardio and five minutes of stretching." Regarding eating, "I will eat breakfast immediately following my workout, then consume a small meal every three-four hours thereafter." Even more specifically, "Directly following my workout, I will eat six egg whites on whole wheat toast with onion and tomato, a small banana and a glass of grapefruit juice. Mid-morning ... Lunch ... Mid-afternoon ... Dinner ..." Success is in the details!

DO WHAT YOU ENJOY

Year after year, it's the same pattern. Hordes of people jump on the latest fitness gimmick, hoping to ride it to the utopia of tight abs, bulging muscles,

New Year's Resolutions not the program works, they abandon it faster than a front-loaded mutual fund. Why? Most often, it's a simple case of dislike.

Think about it. Do you know anyone who's lost a substantial amount of weight on a low-carbohydrate diet and then kept it off? Or do you know anyone who bought an Ab Roller and actually developed a chiseled midsection because of it? Let's face it, eating low amounts of carbohydrates for more than a week is miserable, and doing anything on one piece of equipment in excess of a month is like having to reread a dictionary. In other words, unless you have the self-discipline of a monk, make sure your activi-

If you don't enjoy running, then ride a bike or play sports. If you're bored with eating the same bland foods, experiment with new spices, supplements and recipes. If you hate going to the gym, exercise at home. If you have nightmares about working out before dawn, set aside time at lunch or immediately after work. A healthful regimen should offer pleasure, not punishment.

BREAK THROUGH ROADBLOCKS

Sooner or later you will likely experience an ultra-busy work week, an out-of-town engagement (not that any of us know about that), or perhaps an injury (heaven forbid). Life's full of obstacles, but usually they're just slightly more challenging slices of our day-to-day existence. The key is to look ahead and devise a back-up plan in case of trouble. If you have extra work put the magazine down and read jobrelated documents while riding a stationary bike or stair stepper. Will you be traveling? Pack running shoes for jaunts around the new territory. If you get sidelined be extra careful with nutrition, and restart the fitness routine as soon as possible. Just make sure the roadblock doesn't become a permanent layoff. Never give up because this will be a long haul.

HAVE A STRONG SUPPORT SYSTEM When you're striving every day for the

slightest improvement, you need all the help possible. That means telling family, friends, coworkers and workout partners about your goals, and asking for their cooperation. Tell mother to save her fudge cake for next year, but say you'd happily accept a nutrition store gift certificate. Let your buddies know that you won't be tagging along for Monday night beers, but you'd love to play Tuesday night hoops. Better yet, try finding a permanent workout mate or at least someone who has similar resolutions. Having a confidant you share your struggles and victories might be the difference between failure and success.

COMPETE AGAINST YOURSELF

While it's productive to enlist workout partners and have role models, fitness is a solo competition. The only person to compare yourself to is you. Keeping a fitness log offers great motivation. Register body statistics (take tape measurements and body fat percentage every two weeks), performance statistics (workout routine and strength/endurance/flexibility tests), nutrition (including amount of water consumed) and random notes. Don't delay... begin New Year's fitness program today.

Don't forget to compete in such competitions as the local weight loss programs or maybe start entering some races so that you have something to



Santa Claus arrived to greet Brighton students on his rather unconventional sleigh.

Brighton Pull-Out Students Enjoy Surprise Visit from Santa

By Emma Brown

BRIGHTON — Sometimes the students who attend the Friday Pull-Out Program at the

Brighton Reservation feel like they miss something when they don't attend school on the last day before a holiday.

While all of their friends are enjoying a fun-filled day of activities and parties, they feel that they are left out. The teachers and staff of the Pull-Out Program do everything possible to make holidays at the Friday school as fun and exciting as they are at regular school. For

Christmas, the children enjoyed a wonderful lunch of baked chicken, rice with gravy, corn and rolls, fol-

lowed by a nice big cupcake for dessert. Once lunch ended, fun and games began for everyone.

The recreation staff had games set up for the children, while teachers played cultural games with others. During the festive occasion, a big red

fire truck pulled up with a surprise visit from Santa Claus.

The students were so excited to greet Santa and visit with him. Once Santa took a seat under the chickee, he gave stockings filled with gifts to each child, and also had a picture taken with each one of them. Once Santa departed, everyone enjoyed cookies and punch before going home.

joyous Christmas celebration for all of the students of the Pull-Out Program. Teachers and staff members should be recognized for the

wonderful job they did planning such a fun day for

What's The Deal With The Weight Gain After The Holidays?

The answer may surprise you... We enter the holiday season with a smile spread across our faces, and generally exit the holiday season with a bigger bulge spread across our waist-

Why is that? Holidays are fun, filled with joy, filled with rapture, filled with many battery-operated gifts, and most importantly, filled with fruitcake, mincemeat pie, plum pudding and yummy sugar cookies stacked high with colored icings and sprinkles. Hmm... Could food goodies be the reason we tend to gain weight during the holiday season?

If so, then why don't we gain comparable weight throughout the year? Are we not subjected to goodies day in and day out, throughout the year? Of course we are! However, we do tend to pack on the pounds more so during the holidays - and not just during the Nov. to Jan. 1 holidays, but also during Valentine's Day, Easter, the Fourth of July, Halloween, and also on personal holidays such as birthdays and anniversaries.

Even though the goodies are more pronounced and at times, more plentiful than during normal eating phases of the year, they aren't the chief reason we pack on pounds. These things contribute significantly to weight gain during the holidays: - Preoccupation. How many times do you start hanging out with family or coworkers right next to the food area. The next thing you know, you grab a chick en wing here a holiday cookie there and you wash it down with a sugar filled beverage. Before you know it, you have been there for hours. It's funny because you didn't even realize it since you were so pre-occupied it didn't even seem like anything was wrong. Obligation. Friends and relatives sometimes insist that you test their holiday concoctions, and if you don't, they will certainly be offended. It's amazing how many calories that Grandma can pack in an innocent piece of pie. We all know what will happen if you gracefully refuse. Words can not describe the

pain you will go through. - Stress. Yes, the holidays can cause a calm man to go madly insane - all those jingling bells and goody

smells sifting and ringing through the air. - Acute happiness. Acute happiness comes in small increments. If we were acutely happy all of the time, we would explode, or turn into cartoon characters with big googly eyes. It just isn't possible to be acutely happy all of the time. In fact, being acutely happy all the time would make you unhappy. Nonetheless, when we experience acute happiness and joy, we tend to eat freely, and without thought. We think, "I am acutely happy! I am filled with holiday joy and the spirit of the season! I feel so free! Life is free! Happiness is free! Joy is free! Even the calories in the 25 pound Black Forest Cheesecake that I just ate are entirely free!

- Anxiousness. Waiting, waiting, and more waiting. We wait in lines at the market, or at the retailers. We wait in traffic on the highway. We wait to wrap gifts. We even wait to open up the gifts. Then we wait in lines to return gifts. Geez....waiting can really get a body anxious! During all of this waiting, we feel trapped, and if there is a goody in sight, we reach for

- Holiday bills. Oh, this is so depressing that we won't touch more on this naughty, unthinkable subject. But rest assured; debt can trigger overeating.

SUMMING IT UP

So when the holidays return, you're now equipped with knowledge that will help you avoid overeating. Try to remember all of the eating triggers. Most importantly, don't forget its time to do some work and take care of our bodies! Hopefully, your New Year's resolution will turn into a lifestyle change that will last forever.

Brighton Senior Center Christmas Dinner

By Emma Brown

BRIGHTON — On Dec. 11, the Brighton Senior Center program hosted their annual Christmas dinner. The Senior Center staff prepared wonderful food including turkey, dressing, ham, sweet potato casserole, cabbage, salad, rolls, sofkee and pies.

Visitors from every reservation came to visit and enjoyed a scrumptious dinner with their long-time family and friends. The seniors enjoyed 10 rounds of bingo and door prizes before the feast. It was an enjoyable gathering for everyone.

Senior Center staff for hosting such a great Merry Christmas dinner for the community's seniors.

BINGO WINNERS 1st game - Patsy Billie, 2nd game

Billie, 4th game - Daisey Buster, Louise Cypress,

Bessie Tommie, 5th game - Alice Billie, Julia John, Daisey Buster, 6th game - Alice Snow, 7th game -

Hats off to the entire Joe L John, 3rd game -Alice Seniors enjoying a game of bingo during the Christmas dinner.



Alice Billie, Rosie Billie, Archie Johns, Agnes Jumper, 8th game - Agnes Jumper, Felix Rhodes, 9th game - Sammy Gopher.

December 1, World AIDS Day

Pull-Out Program students enjoying the beatutiful

weather during an outdoor learning session.

Submitted by Health Department

The statistics are staggering. Today, 42 million men, women and children are believed to be living with HIV/AIDS, with five million new infections occurring each year. HIV is an equal opportunity infector, paying no attention to race, gender, health status, income or location.

Native Americans accounted for approximately 28 percent of total cases in the United States. reference 1998 Center for Disease Control statistics. A threat that has crossed every cultural, socioeconomic and political boundary, advancements in HIV can be best measured by communities healing from

Dec. 1 marked World AIDS Day and the Seminole communities rose to the occasion by coming together to learn more about the disease and create a 2004 HIV/AIDS Prevention and Management

Native American Pearl Kent of the Peguis Nation, opened the assembly with insight into her own HIV positive world. Mother of two children, Pearl lost her husband to AIDS 5 years ago. Diagnosed in 1994, Pearl was given one year to live.

Determined to survive for her children, Pearl attributes her good health to a positive, drug free lifestyle, partnership with her physician, adherence to his prescribed medication treatment plan, support of family and friends and avoidance of as much stress as possible. Pearl admits the stress free lifestyle is not always attainable as she raises her two

Pearl's first hand account of HIV education emphasized the necessity of the transition of HIV

knowledge into lifestyle management and/or behav-

Following Pearl Kent's presentation, the HIV/AIDS Task Force participants split into separate groups representing the Hollywood, Big Cypress and Brighton areas to formulate a 2004 HIV/AIDS action

Each group, made up of a clinic, nutrition, nearm education, family service and tribal member representation, was joined by State Health department staff from Broward, Glades/Hendry and Collier counties to provide possible outside resources and technical assistance.

Each community focus group then presented their specific plan of action to all the Task Force participants. Though the Seminole Tribe has fewer than 10 cases of HIV/AIDS, there have been 2 deaths recorded as attributable to the disease.

Holly Billie, medical social worker for the Brighton Reservation and Big Cypress resident, gave her thanks to chairman Mitchell Cypress and the tribal council representatives for their support of all tribal citizens in their pursuit of health and wellness, no matter the cause or affliction. As evidenced by Pearl's testimony, not all tribes are as fortunate.

"Prevention efforts are paramount in the focus on the HIV/AIDS epidemic, but equally as important is the spiritual embrace of those living with HIV disease," said Health Director Connie Whidden.

For more information on HIV/AIDS and the HIV/AIDS Task Force programs and events, contact your local Health Educator.

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7th Annual Marie Billie Memorial Basketball Tournament cooked all the Seminole favorite dishes,

Spam and tomatoes, short beef ribs, ham-

burger gravy with rice, fry bread, sofkee

Natives from other states includ-

HOLLYWOOD — On Dec. 9, 11, and 13, Francine Osceola hosted the 7th Annual Marie Billie Memorial Basketball Tournament at the Hollywood Recreation center.



First Place Lady Seminoles.

By Tribune Staff Writer

The all-Indian tournament featured men's, women's, and Legends division. Later that week, there was a both a free throw and 3-point competition.

On Dec. 9 and 11, Vivian Delgado kicked off the Marie Billie Basketball Tournament serving a hardy dinner to attendees. Delgado, tirelessly

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL — On

Convoy of motorcycles cruising along the Tamiami Trail.

BRIGHTON — Alice and

James "Buddy" Sweat hosted the Third

Annual Holiday Cheer Pool Tournament

Councilman David Cypress sponsored the

event, and Sonny's Bar-BQ provided the

chicken, ribs, cole slaw, and baked beans.

dren. There was also an adult scotch dou-

events. Due to a shortage of women, tribal

lows: Girls 6 – 11 years: 1st place – Rosa

Urbina, 2nd place – Stevie Brantley, 3rd

place - Taylor, 4th place - Brianna

Results of all events were as fol-

bles event. Only tribal citizens and their legal spouses could participate in the

employees were allowed to play in the

Contestants played in 8-Ball tournaments for men, women, and chil-

on Saturday Dec. 20. The Brighton

Recreation department, Chairman

Mitchell Cypress, and Big Cypress

By Libby Blake

scotch doubles.

Oct. 25, 31 motorcycles and 10 cars lined

up for a memorial ride honoring the late

Jerry Micco Sr. Motorcycles came from

Immokalee, Tamiami Trail, Kendall, and

Hollywood, Big Cypress, Brighton,

Cherokees from Oklahoma, and Oneida members from Wisconsin came and enjoyed participating in the basketball tournament. Brothers Jeremiah and John Powless from the Oneida Nation participated in the Marie Billie Memorial Basketball Tournament.

Jerry Micco Sr. Memorial Ride I

Cypress reservation, and was a member of

the Otter Clan. Two years ago he passed

year his oldest son, Vincent Micco, decid-

ed to honor his father's memory with this

Vincent Micco said a prayer and

away due to health problems, and this

first memorial ride.

Jerry Micco lived on the Big

"We just came to Hollywood to

attend the North American Indigenous Games meeting presented by Bo Young, Assistant Director for the Hollywood Recreation," John Powless said.

Both brothers are returning home winners. Jeremiah Powless defeated 30

contestants in the free throw competition, and John Powless won the 3point throw competition.

At the games, the Hollywood Urban Legends held on to the championship title, winning first place for the best 2-out-of-3 games against Big Cypress Legends. Urban Legends received honorary jackets for best all around basket-

Winning teams received jackets, sweatshirts, tote bags and a cash prize.

A big thanks to Vivian Delgado for cooking, Francine Frank for hosting the games. Special thanks to Council Representative Max Osceola: for sponsoring the 7th Annual Marie Billie Memorial Basketball Tournament.

Winning Results: Men's Legends Division -1st Place Urban Legends, 2nd Place B.C. Legends. Women's Legends

Division - 1st Place Miccosukee Women 2nd Place Virginia's Team. Men's Junior Division - 1st Place Canes, 2nd Place Mississippi Pims, 3rd Place South Central. Women's Junior Division - 1st Place Lady Seminoles 2nd Place Miccosukee Ladies

then the bikers left Everglades Holiday

the Brighton reservation, passing by

Cemetery where Chairman Mitchell

where Jerry Micco use to live.

Park at 9:00a.m. and headed for their first

stop in South Bay. From there, they trav-

eled to Okeechobee, followed by a stop at

The riders then went to Ortona

Cypress placed a wreath that

read "In loving memory of

Jerry Micco Sr." on his

Cypress said Jerry

Micco was like a brother to

him and that the memorial

appreciation to everyone

who participated in doing

the ride in memory of his

his family. He ended the

ceremony with a prayer.

for their last stop on the

some entertainment. The

Mitchell Cypress for his

hospitality, and to all others

who helped make this ride a

had a good time.

memorable one.

place - Crystal Smith. Women 50 + years:

1st place – (split) Linda Billie and Juanita

Scotch Doubles: 1st place – Joe

An open 9-ball tournament fol-

Women: 1st place – Ellen Van

Osceola, 3rd place – Rosie Billie, 4th

place – Alice Sweat, 5th place – Esther

Jr. Billie/Linda Billie, 2nd place - David

place - Sammy Gopher/Rosie Billie, 4th

Nunez, 5th place – Skeeter Bowers/Libby

Men: 1st place - Corey Penrod, 2nd place

- Glen Olsen, 3rd place – Jack Billie, 4th

Buren, 2nd place – Miranda Tommie, 3rd

Shannon Gopher, 5th place – Alice Sweat.

place – Linda Tommie, 4th place –

place – David Cypress, 5th place – Joe

Cypress/ Theresa Nunez Boromei, 3rd

place – Daniel "Boogie" Nunez/Peggy

lowed with the winners below:

Chandler.

weather was beautiful that

day, and everyone said they

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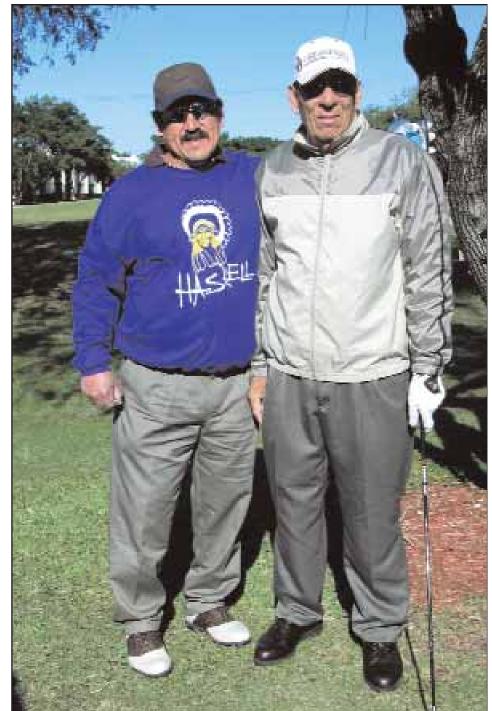
Brighton reservation where they enjoyed a cookout and

dad, saying it meant a lot to

The riders then headed

ride was a respectful tribute.

Vincent Micco expressed his



Paula Cassels

January 16, 2004

"Big Shot" and "Kino King" tee up for the Net Skins.

Max's Christmas Skins Golf Tournament 2003

By Paula Cassels WESTON, FL — On Dec. 20,

tribal members and tribal employees teed-

off on Bonaventure's west golf course in the early morning, with weather temperatures as low as 49 degrees.

> tured Nets Skins for men, women and senior, and men and womens divisions. Participants brought

The tournament fea-

unwrapped toys for boys and girls to cover the golf tournament's entry fee.

Earlier that morning Hollywood's Family Services employee Tina Mennella stopped by Bonaventure to collect the toys. The toys were wrapped and then delivered to twenty-eight foster children nving on the Honywood

Reservation. "Along with the toys, one half of the Net Skins Golf Tournament prizes money is donated to Family Services," Hollywood Recreation Assistant Director Bo Young

"This tournament is all about the children,' Hollywood Council Representative Max Osceola said "[And] donating Christmas toys to the foster children's families."

After the game, attendees met back at Bonaventure's restaurant and enjoyed fun, fellowship, prizes, and a chicken and ribs barbecue lunch.

Special thanks to Max Osceola for sponorsing the Christmas Skins 2003 Golf Tournament.

Max Osceola, Council Representatve.

Paula Cassels

2nd Annual Oscar B. Johns

Memorial Pool Tournament is slated for Sat. Jan. 26 at the Brighton Recreation Gym. Sign up is between 9:00 a.m. -

at the John Jimmy Arena

IMMOKALEE — The 4th Annual Council vs. Board will take place at the John Jimmy Arena in Immokalee on Saturday, Jan. 24. It is open to all tribal members, their spouses and children, tribal employees and tribal affiliates. Admission is free for the rodeo at 6:00 p.m. and includes a free barbeque at 4:00 p.m. All events will be open to both males and females.

Events include: Mutton busting - 6 years and under, Calf riding - 7 years - 10 years, Junior bull riding - 11 - 16 years, Senior bull riding - 17 and older, Barrel racing - 10 and under, Barrel racing - 11 to 16 years, Barrel racing - 17 and older, Calf scramble:

contestants must use rope youth, Goat

team roping: contestants may use youth ropes only, Team penning - 2 man teams Ribbon roping - team of 2 males or females Wild cow milking - team of 2 team, Rope and brand - team of 3 with 1 or 2 girls, Trailer race - 3 person team, Money the hard way - 17 and

Buckles will go to the first place winner in all events. The traveling trophy will be displayed at host tribal office for 1 year. Added money per

For more information, please call Moses Jumper at (863) 983-9234, Paul Bowers at (863) 447-0020, or the Immokalee Field Office at (941) 657-

Memorial Pool Tournament The 2nd Annual Oscar B. Johns a.m. This event is for all Seminole tribal If you need any information, please contact the Brighton Recreation 10:00 a.m. Starting time begins at 10:30 department at (863) 763-3866. 4th Annual Council vs. Board

12th Anniversary Home Depot BCAHPED Scholarship Run/Walk Family Fitness Event

Third Annual Holiday Cheer Pool Tournament

Boys 6 – 11 years: 1st place –

Nunez, 5th place – Cheyenne Nunez.

Girls 12 – 17 years: 1st place – Jewel

Nathan Gopher, 2nd place – Marshall

Tommie, 3rd place - Trent Osceola, 4th

Joshua Trent, 6th place – Daniel Nunez,

Hunsinger, 2nd place – Cordell Jumper,

Nick Tiger, 2nd place – Jack Billie, 3rd

place – Jessie Urbina, 4th place – Tony

Lee Osceola, 5th place – Weems Buck.

Men 50 years and older: 1st place – Joe

place – Russell Osceola, 4th place

- Peggy Nunez, 2nd place - Theresa

Nunez Boromei, 3rd place – Miranda

Tommie, 4th place – Linda Tommie, 5th

Jr. Billie, 2nd place – David Cypress, 3rd

James Sweat, 5th place – Truman Bowers.

Women 18 - 49 years: 1st place

3rd place – Cordey Jumper.

Jr. Boys 12 – 17 years: 1st place – Pierson

Men 18 – 49 years: 1st place –

place - Jonathan Boromei, 5th place -

Buck, 2nd place – Courtney Nunez.

This 12th Anniversary event is designed for the whole family with great sponsors, live music, fabulous food, and vast amounts of door prizes, along with an expertise management team. The Sun Sentinel rated this race the top race of 2001 along with best Race Director, Janet

Participants can sign up for a variety of events: USATF 10-K Run/Walk, 12-Mile Training Run/Walk, USATF 5K Run/Walk, 5K Racewalk, 1-Mile Fitness Walk,

Kids Depot Dashes, and Elementary & Middle School Mile. A Fitness Expo will be held in conjunction with the event. Proceeds will benefit BCAHPED by providing scholarships to graduat-

ing high school seniors.

The event takes place on Jan. 18 (7:30 a.m.) at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, Parkland, (NW

Broward County) just off the Sawgrass Expressway Location: Pine Island Road (Coral Springs Drive) & Holmberg Rd (Do not use Holmberg Rd. to access the You may pre-register on-line Jan. 16 or in per-

son on Jan 17. Fees are: 1 OK, 5K & 12 Mile Run and Walk (pre-registration thru Jan

17 is \$10.00). Race Day is \$15.00. Kids Dashes, Mile Runs and Mile Family Fitness Walk pre-registration is \$3.00 (No Shirt) or \$8.00 (With shirt) Race Day is

\$5.00 (No Shirt) and \$10.00 (With For more information call

http://csprrc.com/links.htm. Register on-line at http://active.com/event.

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Happy Birthday



I would like to take this time to wish you, my Little Sweetheart, a Happy Birthday!

Also, I want you to know that I love you and miss you. Once again as a little reminder, that it's not so much as being surrounded by many so call friends, but it's knowing who you are in Jesus

So when that feeling of loneliness starts to set in your mind during these very special times of events, just turn to the Lord and say, Lord, thank you for all these years which you've blessed me with as well as being with me, in Jesus' name.

Though I am a little late with this, I remembered you in my prayers on your very birthday as I do everyday.

Your Dad, Coleman Josh



to Miss Denise Emanuell Osceola. You're a beautiful young lady; be good and have fun.

Love you lots, Egoosh and the Otter Gang



Happy 22nd Birthday (Jan. 12) to Candice Sharon Osceola. We think of you and miss you every day. We love you very much . . . to infinity!

Love Mom, Carla-Jo, and

Happy Birthday Peggy To the world's greatest grandma, mom, great-grandma, and egoosh. You're the best. We love you very much forever, The whole Otter Gang and all your kids in Trail.

Happy Birthday to Greg Jumper

God has blessed me with a wonderful son who is a loving, kind, and awesome young man. I am so glad you are growing up. Be careful and always take care of yourself.

I love you and miss you,

Happy Birthday (Jan. 15) to our aunt and cousin, Marcella "Nook" Billie. Have fun and keep up the good work with the kids!

Love you, Doris and the Otter Gang

Happy Birthday to my sisters Marcia Cypress on Jan. 27 and Devon Cypress on Jan. 15 from Doreen, Akol, Akira and Asiana.

Thinking of You

To the families

Rodeo

Festival

I feel like I've been gone forever. Every time I read my tribal paper, I read of someone passing to the next world: Cindy Osceola, Laura Mae Osceola, Hot Dogg, Solomon Cypress, Roger Jumper, William Jumper, Jeffrey Storm, and Michelle Cypress. There's so many of

You guys have made it to that place we were told about growing up. We are stuck in this sinful world, but when our time is up, we'll be reunited with you guys and my Mom and Dad, who I miss so much. There's not a day that goes by that I don't think about you.

To the families of those who passed on, you are all in my heart and

Forever in my heart, Cynthia Osceola

prayers. Rosetta, I love you!

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Poems

I've Been Lookin

Whispers – hushed tones Just a sign Where are you guys My brothers Where did you all go When I wasn't looking I stand alone Surrounded - Thomas Storm Sr.

Captured By Love I never wanted another

Captured by love is, Looking at you a thousand times And each time is like The very first time I saw you You took me in It was warm We watched TV I didn't want to leave

The days past torment

I search for reasoning

It makes no sense

Crying for the ones

Which cry no more Nor can hear my pleas

I speak to the night

Confused alone

Into my soul

Each time since I wanted To always be there for you We had a baby I knew then we'd know Each other eternally

We had another I could not have been happier Your kiss was warm

It touched me deep inside Your kiss was warm & tender

Your skin so smooth

I've often contemplated

It is known to cross

The actions are not Limited to behind

In a far away place

The excitement of

Many barriers

Closed doors

In the country

May slightly

Touch its edges

Our very being

You know, feel,

Your heart just

Wants to jump

Deep in the pit of

Feelings sensual and erotic

Eating, exercise, swimming

Or having an exotic drink

Even just taking a drive

Reaching a destination

Hushed places private

When overcome with it

Telling the whole world

Untouchable, indescribable

The speak it in the shadowed

And can not speak or breathe it

Captured by love is my only description My heart cries out for you I know if I whisper on The night's wind That you will hear me This feeling its real This is what I will do anything to keep I'm captured by love

I was overcome with your beauty

Only in storybooks I now know that such things... exist

Never hit me as does now

Beauty I thought existed

Till death do us part

One love, - Thomas Storm Sr.

What we know of it

Feeling Free

Satin sheets with the most Beautiful woman Time and again - touch Feel, kiss, caress To lightly breathe The nape of her neck The experience that shiver Which comes from deep Within her Just these thoughts Put to paper This to, far goes behind closed doors -Thomas Storm Sr.

Love Is...

But words - do not come forth If a dream is real for As long as it lasts Then too loves moment Is in fact eternal It is this light which can never Be extinguished It is what we grasp for And hold with both hands In a vise like grip..., life It is this very thing...inside us Called – love - Thomas Storm Sr.

Night of the Heavyweights

Warrior's Boxing Promotions, Inc., in association with the Seminole Coconut Creek Casino, will offer live professional boxing on Sat., Jan. 17 in Coconut Creek, FL.

Former two-time Heavyweight champion Michael Moorer continues his quest to recapture the title, while Elieser Castillo defends his NABF Heavyweight

Two other championship fights on tap include Jermell Barnes vs. Ramon Garbey for the NABO Cruiserweight Championship. Hard-hitting Super

Middleweight Tito Mendoza takes on Ettianne Whitaker for the WBC Latin American Championship Cruiserweight Championship.

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Warrior's Boxing wins NABA award in inaugural year!

Warrior's Boxing Promotions, one of the sport's most active promoters, has been named North American Boxing Association Promoter of the year for

Currently, Warrior's Boxing Promotions has four NABA champions, including heavyweight contender Lance Whitaker (27-2-1, 22 KOs), hard-hitting featherweight Whyber Garcia (13-1, 10 KOs), slick southpaw and super bantamweight prospect Celestino Caballero (19-1, 14 KOs) plus flyweight sensation Angel Priolo (29-1, 20 KOs).

George Martinez, President of the NABA observed, "It is not common

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for a promoter in its first year to receive such an honor. However, the NABA is very impressed with the quality of the fights that took place in 2003 as well as the overall organization of Warrior's

Boxing Promotions." Jessie Robinson, Executive Director of Warrior's Boxing Promotions told FightNews, "We are extremely honored to be the NABA promoter of the year. Last year was a fantastic beginning for Warrior's Boxing Promotions. We look forward to a very aggressive schedule in 2004, which includes a minimum of 12 shows. As our stable of fighters continues to grow, we will be very active."

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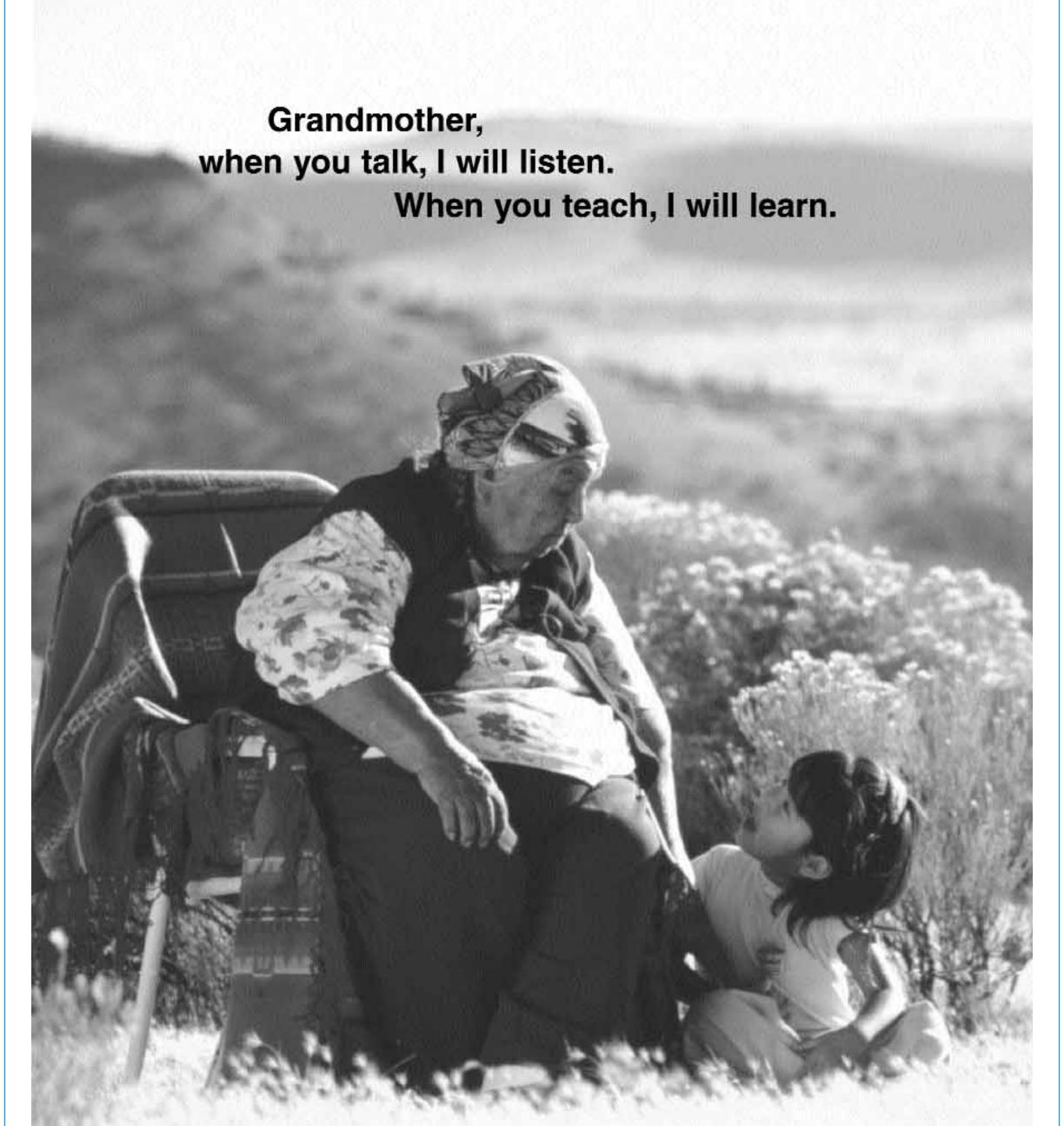
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Tampa Community Welcomes New Year

By Randi M. Simmons

TAMPA — Community tribal citizens and their families celebrated New Year's Eve by gathering together for a late evening buffet style dinner, fun, entertainment and fireworks along the beach.

Held at the Bahia Beach Resort on Tampa Bay, it was a stunning sight to see the boats, decorat-



Linda Jane, Jerry Henry and Alana Henry ringing in the new year.

ed with an assortment of twinkling holiday lights up and down the marina docks.

The Royal Palm Room, the club's dining room had elegantly deccorated set tables complete with burgundy and snow white linen

adorning the tables. Between the crystal water glasses were assorted party top-hats and glittery tierras. Bobby Henry offered a special prayer of blessings and thanks. When the buffet line slowed

down and wait staff began to clear the plates, people made their way to the dance floor. Disc jockey Jacob had a whole lineup of game show-type contests who wanted to participate for some party prizes. The spectators seemed to enjoy the games as much as the players themselves did.

They played several rounds of trivia games in which contestants had to hit a big buzzer first and answer questions for points. Winners would receive little flashing lights on a small magnet. They hung them from their ears like earings, and also from their hair and clothes. Then they ran around on the dance floor like little glowing

Phaydra Clark, daughter of Debbie Henry from Tampa's Recreation Department, surprised quite

a few onlookers when she did an exceptional job of swiveling a hula hoop around her waist for the longest amount of time. She won that contest by a large margin and received a lot of applause. She might even still have been there the next day swiveling, if the DJ hadn't reclaimed his hoop.

An atypical version of musical chairs with a twist was a big hit for the kids. When the DJ stopped the music, he announced a specific item like a penny or a twig, and the children had to scramble to try and find it before they could come back and vie for one of the chairs. When they were off and searching, the

DJ would remove one or two of the seats to make it more chal-

Everyone played a variety of party games until an announcment was made saying there would be a doorprize drawing for the adults. Everyone went home a winner that evening with one or two door prizes. Penny Jimmie, Liasions Secretary, did the doorprize selection for the ladies, and people won gifts such as lotions, purses, fancy glassware, and candles. Tampa Liaison Richard Henry and his crew selected items for the men including sporting goods, tools, and more.

As the minutes drew closer to midnight, eyes fixated on the big screen TV which had been brought in so everyone could watch the count down in New York City's Times Square. As 2004 arrived, another door

prize drawing took place for the adults. This was doubly exciting for tribal citizen Linda Lee Storm because she had the winning ticket waving in her



The New Year finally arrived. Everyone in the room gave thanks that they were around to be with their family and friends, and made their way out to see the colorful fireworks above the Tampa Bay beach. Happy New Year to All.

Colleen O. Henry Connie Osceola and son, Brian Osceola.

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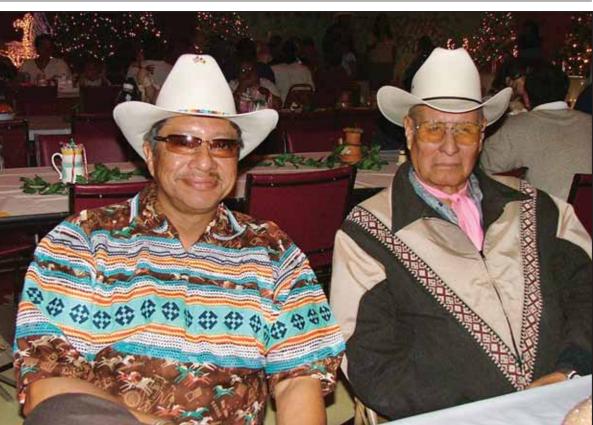
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Mitchell Cypress and Henry John Billie enjoying the Christmas celebration.

Big Cypress Seniors Celebrate Christmas

BIG CYPRESS — More than 60 seniors turned out in their winter finery to celebrate Christmas on Thursday Dec. 18. The day was full of fellowship, friendship, prizes, gifts, and a visit from

The seniors started gathering at 10 a.m. and were served sofkee and sweet rolls while they played

bingo for prizes. The Paul "Cowbone' Buster band provided the musical entertain-

After a blessing from Pastor Salah Hummingbird, the seniors dined on a fine meal of beef brisket and barbeque chicken with all the trimmings.

All the seniors were then invited to get their picture taken with Santa, and he and Mrs. Claus distributed presents. Chairman Mitchell Cypress gave each senior a gift bag, which included a copy of Patsy West's latest book titled, "The Seminole and Miccosukee Tribes of Southern Florida: Images of America."

A pool tournament followed. Sammy

Gopher took first place honors for the men. Second to fifth place went to Joe Jr. Billie, Leroy "Keeno" King, Dan Bowers, and David Jumper, respectively.

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Annie Jumper came from the losers bracket to place first among the women participants. Second to fifth place were Louise Billie, Rosie Billie, Ruby Osceola, and Virginia Tommie, respectively.



Big Cypress seniors and their loved ones celebrating Christmas together.





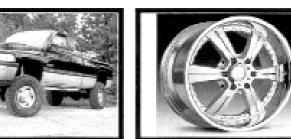








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Clothing contest participants line up for the judges.

John and Louise Billie's Annual Christmas Party

BIG CYPRESS — On Dec. 21, John and Louise Billie and family hosted a Christmas celebration at their home on the Big Cypress Reservation. Friends relaxed and enjoyed a warm, early-morning breakfast, but soon things would get competitive.

The celebration featured one of the largest

While the horseshoe tournament continued horseshoe tournaments in Big Cypress. The competitribal citizens Teresa Jumper and Richard Osceola entertained guests, singing country and western songs on the karaoke machine. of Ronnie Billie from The Clewiston Band came and entertained attendees with an assortment of Christmas tunes including Jose Feliciano's classic, "I want to wish you a Merry Christmas", some Rolling Stones tunes, and more.

lowed by a cash and gift drawing. During the gift drawing, a traditional clothing contest took place, featuring

tion started at noon and continued into the night.

tion were: Myra Jumper, Jennie Billie and Betty

Kenny Tommie tied for first place.

Floodlights were even set up for the championship

games. Winners of the women's horseshoe competi-

Osceola. Winning men's division Ronnie Billie and

contests for the best fancy jackets, fancy skirts, men's vests, and young A big thanks and a Merry Christmas to John and Louise Billie for presenting the Annual Christmas Party,

Later that afternoon, freinds

In the late afternoon, attendees dined on a huge buffet dinner, fol-

horseshoe tournament, clothing contest and gift giveaway. Special thanks to Mitchell Cypress for sponsoring the holiday celebration.

Tribal citizens enjoyed sharing Christmas cheer, fellowship, and a

Hollywood Community Celebrates Christmas



Hawaiian Island dance troupe entertaining tribal residents.

By Alexandra Frank

HOLLYWOOD — The Hollywood Seniors sure know how to have a good time and they proved it during the Seniors Christmas Party held at the Hollywood Senior Center on Dec. 19. The event got started off with Christmas songs and church

hymns sung by The Masters Touch. The group from Oklahoma kept the seniors entertained while they ate a buffet style lunch. A Hawaiian Island dance troupe also performed various dances for the seniors. The troupe danced to traditional South Seas music and even danced to modern music, including Elvis Presley's "Blue

The seniors enjoyed gift cards from the Hollywood representatives as well as each others company during the hectic holiday season.

Hawaii" and other Christmas themed music.

The entire Hollywood community also enjoyed a dinner at the Hollywood gymnasium on Dec. 18. At the dinner, they enjoyed a special treat when Paul Buster and the Cow Bone Band performed Christmas music. The Cat in the Hat made a special appearance for the children, and of course, to hand Christmas bonuses to all Hollywood

There were door prizes and a special drawing for a Christmas gift that will be given out in Jan. to six lucky individuals who will soon be much richer! Here's to a Happy New Year. May it be prosperous for



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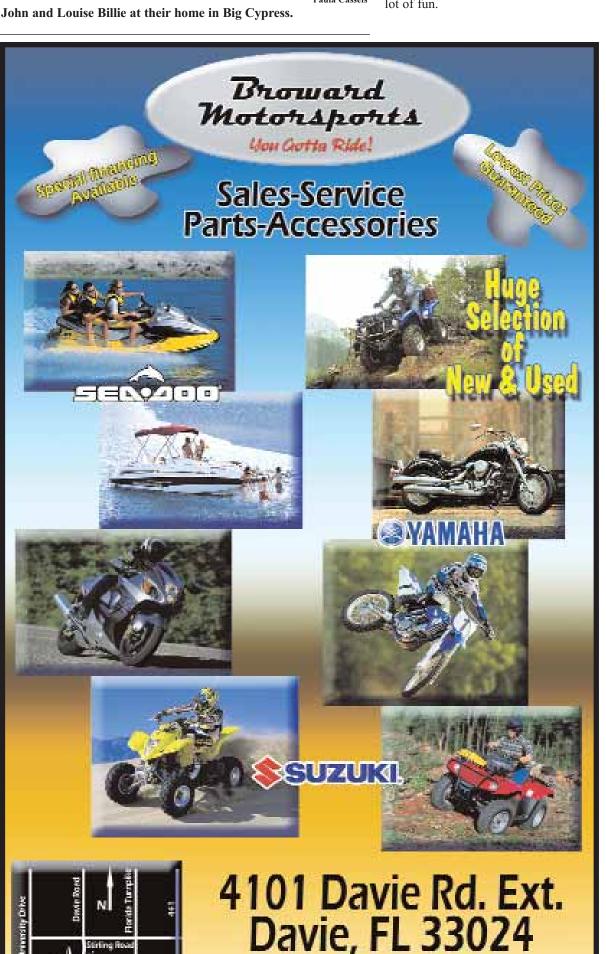
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Seminole Tribe Celebrates with Christmas Party



By Michael Kelly

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL — On Friday Dec. 12, tribal citizens from every reservation enjoyed a huge Christmas celebration, complete with a children's choir, activities for every age group, and featured recording artist "Boys II Men."

Held at the Broward County Convention Center in Ft. Lauderdale, there were so many people in attendance that an extra dozen-plus tables had to be set up. In the Santa's Workshop area,

young children enjoyed face painting, bal-

loons, and of course, Santa Claus himself.

Two children asked Santa for a pony,

while a young girl wanted the "Lilo and Stitch" movie . . . on DVD.

Club Seminole offered teens a party atmosphere, complete with a DJ spinning the hottest rap and hip-hop music. In the lobby area, families or cou-

ples could get professional photos taken. Many people, young and old, enjoyed the opportunity to dress up for the occasion. 15-year-old James Tiger looked

dapper in his Seminole jacket. Younger children sported red and white outfits. Some parents just relaxed and watched their children laugh and sing Christmas songs.

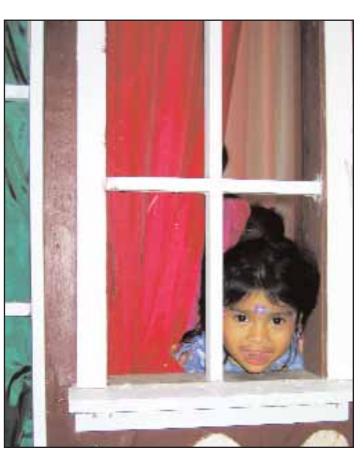
Ft. Pierce Liaison Sally Tommie and Naples Liaison O.B. Osceola did a wonderful job emceeing the festive occasion. Throughout the evening, tribal citizens and employees registered for dozens of raffles. Audience members waited eagerly as the two pulled raffle tickets from a bowl.

Chairman Mitchell Cypress even won a raffle, but returned it to give some else a chance. The top prize of the evening was a 42 inch Plasma television.

Chairman Cypress and President Moses Osceola, along with other tribal representatives, expressed their warm holiday wishes to everyone in attendance and hoped that everyone would be with family and friends and be safe.

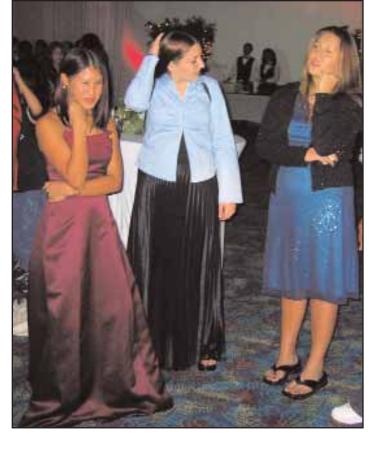
For everyone in attendance, it was a great way to start the holiday season. Merry Christmas.

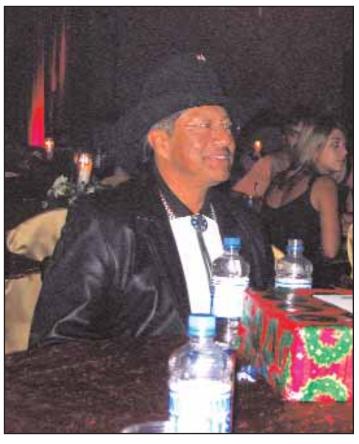




















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Education *

Big Cypress Preschool **Celebrates** Snow Day

By Alexandra Frank

BIG CYPRESS — Very rarely does South Florida ever experience snow, much less 2 to 3 feet of snow. However, that's not what the students of the Big Cypress Preschool would tell you. And why would they say otherwise?

On Dec. 16 the preschool students had Snow Day. The event gave Seminole preschoolers a chance to get their noses, toes, and faces frozen. They also got a chance to get caught in snowball fights between preschoolers and teachers.

This was the first year the preschool kids



One preschooler molds snow into a perfect ball, no doubt to

had a Snow Day, and believe me, they greatly appre-

throw at an unsuspecting victim.

Ahfachkee Pre-K and Kindergarten class also attended the Snow Day. The Ahfachkee High School students made an appearance and became the new target of choice for some preschool students to throw snow balls at. No one will forg-

er Snow Day any time soon. Many thanks go out to Glynnis Bowers for helping locate a snow making company from Miami, and to David Cypress for helping make Snow Day possible.

Alexandra Frank

Preschoolers frolicking in the snow - a rare treat for Floridians.

GED, but not sure where to start? The Employment

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Students Ages 13 to 17:

Preschool's New Secretary Bookkeeper O'Hara Marcellus Tommie

By Paula Cassels

HOLLYWOOD — In July of 2003, O'Hara Marcellus Tommie was hired as Preschool's new

Secretary Bookkeeper. His office is located on the third floor of Dorothy Scott Osceola building.

Tommie's duties include preparing the payroll for all the preschool staffs on all reservations, assisting the education director and helping the administrative assistants when needed. O'Hara Tommie's nickname is Chino and he is

the great-grandson of Jack and Sally Tommie. Chino grew up in Ft. Pierce, FL, where he lived with his mother Jane Tommie Stockton and Grandmother Betsy Tommie. Later Tommie

earned two degrees in airconditioning, one from the North Technical Education

Center, in West Palm Beach, and the other from Ferris State University in Michigan.

Tommie attended classes at Tallahassee

Community College, and later moved to Miramar, FL to further his education at Keiser College in Ft. Lauderdale, perusing busi-

ness and accounting.
Currently Tommie is working on his Bachelors degree, and hopes some day to work in marketing.

Away from the office Tommie enjoys reading a good book or participating in the Tribal basket-

ball tournaments. O'Hara "Chino"

Tommie would like to say thanks to the Hollywood Education department and a special thanks to Leona Tommie and the rest of the preschool staff for their



Without the Support of Parents

O'Hara "Chino" Tommie, a welcomed

addition to the Hollywood Preschool's staff. Children Cannot Be Successful

By Linda Knee, Pre-K/Kindergarten Education

HOLLYWOOD — The Pre-K parents who attended the Big Cypress Parent Advisory Committee meeting requested a newspaper column that would offer learning activities for them to do with their chil-

This column is designed to give you information to assist you in preparing your child for prekindergarten. You can insure your child's success and start him or her down the path of life-long learning. A child brings much experience and knowledge

they learned at home to the first day of school. This experience and knowledge, combined with a natural curiosity and interest, are the fundamentals of learning. The more skills your child has upon entering school the easier school will be. As a parent, you are your child's most important

role model. Now is the time to put into practice the belief that education is a life-long process.

These are suggestions of things that you as the parent can do to prepare your child for pre-kindergarten.

Attitudes develop from an early age. The most effective way to encourage learning is by showing your child that it's fun and exciting.

1. Play games on a regular basis. Take trips to the zoo, library, and museums to show that you are also interested in learning

more about the world.

Children who do not have a large vocabulary will have difficulty reading and writing.

Talk frequently with your child.

Help your child develop his/her vocabulary Encourage your child to express his/her

feelings and ideas. Respond with interest and excitement in

learning new things.

Use specific praise for correct answers.

Talking together with an adult heightens a child's self-esteem. Reading preparation:

Read aloud to your child three times a week Talk about what you've read.

Start with a simple book that has no more

in his/her own words.

than a few words on each page and pictures that go with the words. Have your child retell the story for the book

Ask questions to insure he/she understands what took place in the story.

Select books that will engage his/her

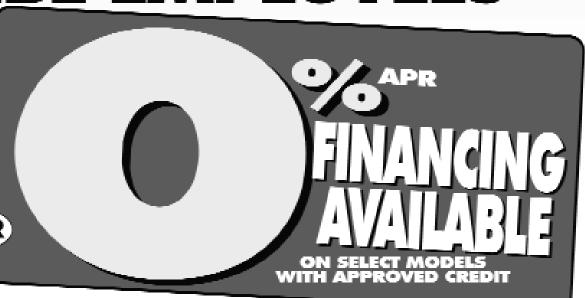
interest. Promote understanding:

Teaching is a mixture of failures and successes. Your child will learn to accept success and failure by observing how you respond to your own successes and failures. Remaining positive when meeting challenges teaches appropriate coping skills

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Mabel Jim: Walk more eat less.

What's Your Goal for 2004?

Here are some ideas from Family Services Department. Which ones will work for you?

Appreciate what I have every day.

See more movies.

Pray daily.

Keep a journal.

Identify the 10 happiest moments in my life.

Elicit honest feedback from my co-workers.

Take stock of my life and where I'm going.

Get my GED and apply to college.
Get along better with others.
Eat dinner at my parents' once a week.
Reestablish communication with my father.

Write down what I've learned from setbacks.

Make more friends.
Never sweat the small stuff.
Prioritize building a relationship.
Find the humor in adversity.
Seize the day.

Spend more time with children and the elderly.

Laugh more.

Reduce stress in my life.

Make time to listen to music. Like who I am. Instill self-worth in my children.



Danielle Jumper Frye: Pray more.

Teach my kids to resist peer pressure. Be myself, and not who somebody else wants

Project an image of confidence.

Become comfortable making decisions on my own.

Learn CPR.

Travel across country.

Take my daughter horseback riding.

Watch the sunset.

Remember to enjoy what I have.

Ride a roller coaster once a year until I'm 65.
Take pleasure in life's simple things.
Apologize.

Never lie.
Help complete strangers when they need it.
Remain humble and forever teachable.
Find my limits, and then go beyond them.

Go bungee jumping.
Write my doubts down.
Set four short term goals for this month.
Discover my hidden dreams
and turn them into goals.
Start taking ballet lessons.
Identify my biggest dream,

and take it by the horns.

Try things even though I might not succeed.



Marisol Garcia: I need to stop smoking.

Family Services Department Reaching Out to Community

SEMINOLE RESERVATIONS — This year, the Family Services Department came up with its own New Years resolution by setting up a booth on dividend day to connect with the community.

You may have seen our booth on Jan. 5 where you could make a New Years resolution, learn about setting goals, or just get more information about the services we provide.

Each month on Dividend Day, Family Services will have a booth geared toward prevention and community education. The Family Services staff looks forward to seeing more community members at their booth each month.

Stop by next month for some information or just a visit with the Family Services staff.

Tampa Family Services

TAMPA — The Tampa Family Services Department welcomed tribal citizens into the New Year by disseminating and discussing several useful tips for staying on track with New Year's resolutions.

Some specific keys for success include being realistic, setting specific goals, and sticking with them! Other tips include, partnering with a friend or family member with

similar goals, and avoiding situations that may tempt you to break your resolution.

Although following our New Year's resolutions may be difficult at times, these tips offer a sensible approach to making personal changes happen in 2004.

Good luck with your individual resolutions and have a happy and safe New Year.
Tom – Tampa FSD.

Brighton Family Services



Counselor Kay Begin, Site Supervisor Tony Bullington and Counselor Harold Baxley.

BRIGHTON — The

Family Services Department at Brighton kicked off the New Year by having a resource table available for community members during dividend day.

The staff set up the table in the parking lot of the field office, and provided cold drinks and handouts for those who came by for a visit. The theme for this month was "7 Tips for Staying on Track with Resolutions."

The staff provided a handout with detailed information about seven tips for keeping resolutions and being successful in the New Year. Tony Bullington, Site Supervisor was also pleased to introduce Kay Begin, a new counselor to the community members. Harold Baxley was also available to meet and serve the community members.

Immokalee Family Services

Billie Napper and Laura Heritier of the Immokalee's Family Services Department offered tips and strategies for making those dreaded New Year's resolutions at dividend

They didn't have much room for a booth, but instead they put up a table outside in the beautiful weather. Many tribal citizens expressed interest in the handouts, and there were also some humorous remarks about making resolutions

and keeping them (or not!).

About 50 tribal citizens drank soft drinks and bottled water in the morning, while several others had drinks later in the day. It seems that almost half of us want to lose some weight this year. However, in Immokalee, the cookies, chocolates and candies were plentiful at the field office, and none of us could resist! Greetings from Billie & Laura and a happy new year to all!

Hollywood Family Services



Counselor Mary Olitzky, Counselor Mark Lichtenberg

HOLLYWOOD — The

Hollywood Family Services Department welcomed the New Year by setting up a booth at the Jan. 5 dividend day. The booth theme was how individuals can make healthy goals for the new year.

Tribal citizens were encouraged to write down their resolutions or to talk with a counselor at the booth on how to come up with healthy goals. Counselors were also available to answer any questions about the services provided by the

Family Services Department. Many tribal citizens participated in the activity and sampled some healthy fruit bars.

Each month, Family Services will set up a booth with a different theme about prevention and community education. The staff is looking forward to seeing more community members each month at their booth.

Stop by next month for some information or enjoy a snack with the Family Services staff.



Adminstrative Assistant Marjorie Halstead, Secretary Marisol Garcia.

Big Cypress Family Services

The Big Cypress Family Services Department dividend day display was a huge success. The presentation was a fun and rewarding learning experience for our staff and community. It was great everyone back from the holiday break and ready to take on the New Year our topic

was fitting.

The community response was warm and welcoming of our top 12 New Year's Resolutions: Compliment more Criticize less, Drink more water and less of other things, Stop smoking or quit, Do something nice for yourself everyday, Eat

less sweets and more fruits and vegetables, Watch less TV and exercise more, Get rid of stress, Make new Friends, Spend more time with family, Clean house, Spend less money, and Be openminded.

Noella O'Donnell started the ball rolling by posting flyers (made by Marisol Garcia) depicting the top 12 resolutions for 2004. Our family service in-house artist, Linda Fleischman, painted each person's resolution onto T-shirts provided by Family Services Department.

Tips for Keeping Your New Year's Resolutions

Well here it is again, that special time of the year when many of us like to make what's called New Year's Resolutions.

You know the drill, quit smoking for three days only to start back, attempt to lose weight only to find yourself at an allyou-can eat buffet the very next day, or how about my personal favorite – the plan to get out and exercise more accompanied by the buying of more work out equipment than can be found at Warriors Gym only to become the number one couch potato of the year.

Sounds pretty dismal doesn't it? Well, if you're ready to give up on failure and start to realize some personal goals this year, here's a quick Top 10 List of things to keep in mind to help you succeed in 2004.

A personal goal is just that... personal. It's yours. Make your goals something you truly desire to accomplish for you, and not because someone else thinks you should.

COMPLIMENT MORE
CRITICIZE
LESS:

WATCH LESS TV
EXERCISE MORE

SHOVE LESS, OR QUIT

SHOVES MONEY

SHO

Resolutions ideas posted at the Big Cypress Family Services office.

Set specific goals – Have a step-by-step plan for how to achieve your goals.

means it makes sense, realistic means it is likely to happen.

Pace Yourself. The number one reason why we often fail to meeting

goals is because we try to do too much too soon. When we don't see immediate results or when the effort seems too difficult, we get discouraged and quit.

Think Success! When you believe in yourself from the start, the biggest battle is already won.

Write down your goals.
Committing them to paper solidifies them and makes them more real. Also, place your written goals where you can see them often, which will help you remember what you want and need to be doing.

Record your successes/accomplishment in a journal. There's nothing more encouraging than seeing the actual results.

Be consistent. The number two reason we often fail is because we procrastinate. When changing habits or life styles, remember how much time went into developing that which you want to change. Realize that it takes 30 days for a change in behavior to become a habit, and six months for a habit to become a natural part of your personality.

Never give up! If you suf-

fer a set back, it's not over. Failure comes when you

Don't hesitate to ask for help when you need it.

Happy New Year from the Family Services Department.

stop ... not when you stumble.

Be realistic. Don't confuse reasonable with realistic. Reasonable