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Hard Rock Live! Sign Installed



Felix DoBosz

New Hard Rock neon sign seems to almost float high in the air above the Seminole Paradise.

By Felix DoBosz

HOLLYWOOD —

On a hot June 17 afternoon at the Seminole Paradise, a large truck crane moved its hoist closer to the massive metal globe. Work crews connected the hooks, and the new Hard Rock sign made its six-story ascent above the Paradise midway.

The Art Sign Company of Ft. Lauderdale created and installed the

For more information on the grand opening of Hard Rock Live, please see Page 17.

3,000 pound, 12-foot high, 3-D blue sphere with the Hard Rock logo on top of the roof. This new eye-catching attraction, attached to a tall metal pole, will be a landmark seen for miles in every direction.

It will light up in bright neon colors high above the new state-of-the-art concert venue, the Hard Rock Live! The venue is expected to be completed and operating in early July with many big stars already scheduled to perform.

In addition to the new Hard Rock sign, the Art Sign Company made all the signs at Seminole Paradise.

Thunderstorm at The Creek

By Adelsa Williams

COCONUT CREEK — On June 16, Warriors Boxing Promotions, Inc in association with the Seminole Coconut Creek Casino and Golden Boys Promotions brought "Thunderstorm at The Creek," another successful promotional event for the delight of the boxing fans.

Ironically, there was thunder and lightning that night due to the bad weather causing a major flow of traffic at the casino's valet and self parking lots, delaying the event for over an hour. The storm also caused a Goodyear Blimp to crash near the casino on Sample Road in early hours of that evening. Luckily no one sustained serious injuries.

Regardless of the pouring rain, the boxing dome especially arranged adjacent to the casino was jammed packed with anxious fans awaiting the start of the first bout.

For starters, there was a four rounder exhibition fight where both boxers wore the usual boxing gear along with an additional head protector. The exhibit warmed up the massive crowd prior to the scheduled thunderstorm in the ring.

The night's feature was an International Boxing Federation (IBF) Lightweight elimination bout between Puerto Rican Ricky "Showtime" Quiles against Javier Jauregui from Mexico.

During the first few rounds Jauregui took the offensive role chasing Quiles around the ring. Quiles defensively reacted with more uppercuts until the fifth round where he began landing more body shots.



Felix DoBosz

Javier Jauregui throws a strong left jab at Ricky 'Showtime' Quiles in the headline fight at the Thunderstorm at the Creek.

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Iretta Tiger

Moses Jumper Jr. (top left) and the 2005-2007 Board and Council.

Council, Board Reps. Sworn In

By Iretta Tiger

HOLLYWOOD — On June 6, the inauguration of the 2005-2007 Seminole Tribal officials was held under the Council Oak on the Hollywood reservation.

Betty Osceola led a group of Tribal citizens in singing two gospel songs in Miccosukee. Tribal citizens from everywhere came to witness this event; the *Sun-Sentinel* also covered the inauguration.

"After the installation today, it's going to be a brand new day for the Seminole Tribe," said Chairman Mitchell Cypress. "I'm hoping we can all work together for the next two years, and I hope that we accomplish what we strive for."

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Superintendent Anna Townsend swore in the officials.

Outgoing officials Roger Smith, former Brighton Council representative and David

DeHass, former Hollywood Board representative, thanked the Tribe for the opportunity in serving their respective past terms. The two also welcomed the incoming officials.

Each incoming official had the opportunity to greet the Seminole Tribe. At the closing of the ceremony Tribal citizens, Tribal employees, friends and family shook hands with the officials both incoming and outgoing.

The 2005-2007 Seminole Tribal Council is: Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Hollywood Representative Max B. Osceola Jr., Brighton Representative Andrew J. Bowers and Big Cypress Representative David R. Cypress.

The 2005-2007 Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. is: President Moses B. Osceola, Hollywood Representative Gloria J. Wilson, Brighton Representative Johnnie Jones and Big Cypress Representative Paul Bowers Sr.

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Arledge and Osceola head to FSU

By Emma Brown

BRIGHTON — Bryan Arledge and D'anna Osceola have both been accepted into the Florida State University, home of the Seminoles. Both students are from the Brighton reservation and have always been very successful in school.

Arledge and Osceola recently visited the university to meet with administrators of the CARE program, a program designed to serve as a safety net for students during their studies at FSU.

The program is designed to ensure academic success in such a large university and to make the students feel safe and secure in all aspects of university life. For those of who have not attended a university of this size, it can be an overwhelming and intimidating experience.

Thousands of applications are reviewed for this program, but only 300 are accepted and the Brighton Education department is proud to let the Brighton community know that Bryan Arledge and D'anna Osceola are two of those students that will be a part of this program.

Both students began their college career in June and need all the support they can get.



Emma Brown

D'anna Osceola and Bryan Arledge

Council Approves FSUs Use of Mascot

By Janice Billie

BIG CYPRESS — On June 17, the Seminole Tribe's special Tribal Council Meeting was held at the Herman L. Osceola gymnasium. After all Council members, invited guests and Tribal citizens were seated; Chairman Mitchell Cypress called the meeting to order. Joe Osceola Sr. gave the invocation.

After roll call, Executive Administrator Ken Fields announced that the first item on the agenda. This item was a resolution to officially grant permission to Florida

State University (FSU) to use the name "Seminole" as well as various Seminole symbols and images. The resolution was passed by unanimous vote.

It is a notable resolution, considering that many native Tribes are on the opposing end of this issue. Not to mention the National Collegiate Athletics Association's (NCAA) examination of FSU's use of the name Seminole.

It is attested to in the resolution that

❖ See FSU, page 4

Chairman Speaks at IHS Conference

By Nery Mejicano

HOLLYWOOD — On June 16 the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino hosted the "Improving the Quality of Patient Care through Best Practices and Patient Safety" conference. The Nashville Area Indian Health Services (IHS) sponsored the conference, which addressed multiple health issues, including domestic violence, suicide, depression, cardiovascular diseases, women's health, diabetes, and patient health education.

Allied Health Manager for the Seminole Tribe Suzanne Davis introduced Chairman Mitchell Cypress to the audience. Davis delineated Cypress' journey through his health problems, motorcycle accident and the indomitable spirit that helped him achieve his recovery and health to become a model to his people and a symbol of health and wellness to Indian Country.

Mitchell provided a very touching and relevant testimony regarding his own struggle to overcome addiction, obesity and disease. He impressed upon those attending the importance of having a comprehensive wellness program, a well-trained staff, and a personal commitment to one's own health.

Upon concluding his talk, the audience of mostly health professionals, applauded and praised him for his courage and determination.



Nery Mejicano

Chairman Mitchell Cypress



Can you guess who this man is? Find out in the next issue of *The Seminole Tribune*.



Can you guess who this Brighton resident is? Find out in the next issue on July 22.

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Letters & E-mail

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A letter of gratitude to my people,

I would like to start by saying that I'm very elated that my uncle Andy Bowers won the election in Brighton for Council representative. To me, my uncle stands for everything that our people dearly believe in, which is Integrity, moral values, most important a voice.

With that being said, I feel I have a greater responsibility in my recovery, so I also can be accountable.

I would also like to thank Gloria Wilson for winning her election. Gloria is the new Board representative on the Hollywood reservation. I'm very happy for my cousin Gloria; she is very deserving of this position. She's honest, trust worthy, business minded, and most importantly I feel Gloria is one of the most down to earth person that I know.

But my Uncle, man! That means a lot to me. This man has been able to live both sides of life—life in mainstream society, a lawyer by trade, as a father to his son, and a husband to his wife. To the other side he is able to live his traditional life proudly.

As Indians we are all very spiritual people. To being a Seminole Indian—like my uncle, my cousin and myself—it is very important that we carry our tradition and spirituality forward to those who come after us.

In closing, some people might say that change is a brave thing to do; but I say it's the right thing to do. Especially when you were brought up to believe or act a certain way. One thing that's for sure about change, it starts with you.

Who you want to be. What matters to you. What are you going to stand for?

Yours Truly,
Norman A. Bowers
 Snake Clan

Dear Editor,

I am looking for Heather Burney, a stated Seminole re-enactor. There is an event in Winter Park, Fla., where a quality re-enactor is desired.

Forest Gray Michael, President
 Central Park Foundation, Inc.

Dear Mr. Michael,

I am unfamiliar with Heather but there are several re-enactors across the state who provide various forms of programs. *The Seminole Tribe of Florida's Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum has an exquisite community outreach program and they visit festivals and special events and set up their displays to educate the public about history and Seminole culture.*

Tina Osceola, Executive Director
 Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum

Dear Editor,

My wife and I would like to visit, and look around the reservation. We need to know who may be able to show us around if or when we visit. I have an interest in the different Florida plants and their healing properties. I know that the plant life on the reservation is more in its natural states, so that is where I would like to start looking.

John and Gloria Wall

Mr. and Mrs. Wall,

Thank you for your interest in the Seminole Tribe of Florida and our natural environment that we are so dependent upon. Currently, the Seminole Tribe of Florida does not have a formal program that provides the information and/or services that you are looking for. *The Seminole Tribe of Florida, however, does have a Tribal Museum, the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum, that is located in Hendry County, Florida on the Big Cypress Indian Reservation.*

In addition to an extensive amount of artifacts and information-sharing, the museum hosts a mile and a half of boardwalk through a pristine cypress dome. Along that walk, there are various plants that are marked with explanations on their traditional uses and historical significance. For more information on how to get to the museum, you may visit the Tribe's website, www.seminoletribe.com.

Tina Osceola, Executive Director
 Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum

Dear Editor,

What is the naming ceremony for the Indian girls?

Thank you,
cghuddle@burke.k12.ga.us

Dear cghuddle@burke.k12.ga.us,

The details of Seminole ceremonies are not for public dissemination. What we can say is that the "ceremony" for Seminole Girls is conducted by a traditional medicine man and their name is not shared with the non-Seminole public.

Tina Osceola, Executive Director
 Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum

Dear Editor,

I have children that are Tribal members that stay on the Big Cypress reservation and I would like to submit a couple of things for them in your newspaper. Their names are Precious Louise Jimmie and Barbara John Jimmie.

Precious Jimmie's Birthday is coming up May 22 and I would like for you all to put something in from me, and I also wrote a poem for both of them. I would like to thank you in advance.

Donald Boyce

Dear Editor,

I recently took a ride through your beautiful reservation. I was amazed at how pretty your land was. I stopped to get gas, and found *The Seminole Tribune*. How wonderful and colorful this paper was, and such a joy to read.

I am full Sioux Native American, born and raised on the rez. I recently moved to the Naples, Fla. area, and would love another paper, could you, would you, be so kind to send me one? I have purchased the April 8 one.

Running Water
 Medicine Woman

Dear Editor,

Hello, my name is Ronna and I am looking to learn from a Seminole their ways. I am not a quarter Seminole, nor do I have proof of it in my bloodline; my great-grandfather—so I am told—was a Seminole.

I read your FAQ's about how to "claim" being a Seminole and the criteria. But I do not want to be on council or negotiate or make decisions. I just want to learn from an actual "human" because I can read all I want, but it is not the same. I want to learn because of personal reasons.

Do you know how I can learn from someone? Maybe the government office for the tribe would have info? I live out in California, and have had a hard time finding someone. It is important because this has been weighing on my heart for a very long time, to the point where I have to research harder.

If you have any ideas or advice, please email me back and let me know. Also, is it possible to have a mentor? Like through the e-mail? That might be easier, yes?

Ronna Alexander

Dear Ms. Alexander,

Thank you for your interest in our Tribe and our culture. What you seem to be looking for is a mentor to take you under their wing and teach you the ways of our Tribe. Unfortunately, this is not something that we can offer.

It is important to understand that searching for a mentor, especially from Native Tribes, is not an easy task. These are usually opportunities that are afforded to folks who happen to cross paths with someone willing to share their time and their stories. That is usually why seeking this information is called a journey.

Tina Osceola, Executive Director
 Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum

Dear Editor,

Do you have progressive Mega Bucks slot machines in your casinos?
DRNolletti@hotmail.com

Dear DRNolletti@hotmail.com,

We do not have slot machines. We have gaming machines that are based on bingo, and we do have progressive pots. We do not have Mega Bucks.

Edward Jenkins, Director
 Compliance and Regulations,
 Gaming Department

Dear Editor,

I am wondering if Buffalo Jim is alive. I am working on a film on prophecy and I would love to make contact with him.

Bruce

Dear Bruce,

Thank you for your inquiry and inclusion of one of our Tribal members as a source in what sounds like an incredibly interesting project.

Unfortunately, Buffalo Jim, a resident of the Big Cypress reservation, passed away. If you need more information please contact us.

Tina Osceola, Executive Director
 Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum

Dear Editor,

I have recently learned that the Florida black bear is considered an endangered species. Please tell me what the Seminole word is for this animal.

Thanks,
Carl Cording
 Cataloger, Neil Hellman Library
 College of Saint Rose
 Albany, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Cording,

The Seminole Creek word for the black bear is No-ko-se lvs-te; that's spelling it with our alphabet. Phonically, would be no-ko-see las-tee.

Lorene Gopher

Dear Editor,

I am a public information coordinator in the Collier County government's communication and customer relations department. I have been tasked to come up with a couple of potential names for the new North Naples water park. I thought it would be nice to name it using a Muskogean word.

Do you have anyone who can help me translate the following words: bubbling stream, great falls, splash, grand rapids, hurricane harbor, powerful lagoon and pushing rapids?

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,
Sandra Arnold

Dear Ms. Arnold,

Bubbling stream: Hvt-cu-ce mul-lv, great falls: We-pa-lvt-kv rak-ko, splash: We-a-fes-ke-tv, grand rapids: Hvtce fi-nv rak-ko, hurricane harbor: Ho-tv-le rak-ko- we-wv, powerful lagoon: Hvk-ha-se rak-ko; and rushing rapids: Pvf-ne fi-nv.

Lorene Gopher

Dear Editor,

Have I missed the Green Corn Dance ceremony this year? When will it be and at which reservation? Must I be full-blooded Indian to participate?

Thanks,
Robert Rutherford

Oakland Park, Fla.

Dear Mr. Rutherford,

Thank you for your interest in our culture and religious ceremonies. *The Seminole and Miccosukee people of Florida do not believe in advertising the dates that are chosen for the Green Corn ceremonies in so much as the non-Indian public is not permitted to attend or participate.*

To learn more about the Seminole culture please visit the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum on the Big Cypress Indian reservation. For directions please call (863) 902-1113, Tuesday-Sunday.

Tina M. Osceola
 Executive Director
 Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum

Dear Editor,

Will there be too many mosquitoes and deer flies to visit your facility in the summer? When is the best time of the year to visit—when it is not too hot, and not as many bugs?

Thank you for your time.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

deescp@hotmail.com

Dear deescp@hotmail.com,

Thanks for your interest in visiting the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum located on the Big Cypress Indian reservation. *I may be biased, but there is no "bad" time to visit the museum.*

Each season brings its own picture of beauty to the Everglades. The mosquitoes are not bad during the day and a bit of insect repellent will take care of those that are around. I would advise you to plan on being inside by dusk to best avoid mosquitoes.

The deer flies are not an issue on the Big Cypress reservation. A great itinerary would include a stop at the Billie Swamp Safari for lunch and an air-boat or swamp buggy tour. The Safari is located three miles from the museum.

I hope your plans to visit are fulfilled and have a wonderful time.

Tina M. Osceola
 Executive Director
 Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum

Dear Editor,

I am a graduate of Florida State University (FSU), and recently read an article in which the NCAA is contemplating instituting legislation that would either prohibit the use of American Indian Mascots or would penalize in some fashion those schools that did use such depictions.

At first I was furious. But after taking some time to think about the issue I came to the conclusion that since I am not an American Indian perhaps I did not have the required perspective on the issue.

I have read much of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee, or MOIC, recommendations and conclusions. In order for me to better understand the specific issues involved in the controversies of American Indian mascots in collegiate athletics, and to form an educated opinion, I believe that I should at least attempt to understand the perspective of those directly effected by the controversy.

Towards that end, I am interested in how the Seminole Tribe views FSU's use of Seminoles as the team nickname? And how the Seminole Tribe views the use of Chief Osceola and Renegade as Team Mascots? Is the nickname offensive? Is the use of Seminole imagery as a mascot offensive?

I have read articles regarding other universities use of American Indian imagery and how those Tribal leaders viewed the imagery. There seems to be a wide range of feelings within the American Indian community regarding these issues, from outrage, to honor, to indifference.

As a proud FSU grad, I am trying to understand if I should also be a proud Seminole grad. For that reason I am trying to find out if the Seminole Tribe has an official stand on this issue, and if this stand has been communicated to FSU, and the NCAA?

I thank you in advance for any help you may provide me in this matter,
 Very sincerely,
John L. Burns

Dear Editor,

Thank you! I am so proud of my southern Seminole Indians for not allowing the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) or other outside associations attempt to remove the Seminole name from the Florida State University. I see it as such an honor and show of respect to the great Seminole Indians to be able to carry their namesake as its mascot.

Sincerely,
Shawn Kilpatrick
 Yucca Valley, Calif.

Photo Quiz Answer



The Seminole youngsters seen here are (L-R) "Ruggy" Jumper, "Rusty" Tiger DiCarlo and Scarlett Jumper.



Susan Etzebarria

Forty three Brighton youngsters got to ride the swamp buggy while at Billie Swamp Safari.

Brighton Kids Visit Billie Swamp Safari

By Susan Etzebarria

BIG CYPRESS — Despite the summer heat, Billie Swamp Safari was bustling with tourists on June 16. The parking lot was full at noon. It was hard to get a place to sit at the Swamp Water Café. The gift shop was busy.

On top of all that, the Brighton Recreation department brought 43 kids to this famous Everglades Eco Tour for a day of summer fun.

Divided into groups, the kids and their chaperones toured the outdoor exhibits such as the reptile enclosures, the alligator pit, the birds of prey, and the herpetarium. On the top of their list of favorite things to do, the children mentioned seeing the gators, the snakes, the panther and red tail hawk.

"I like looking at the nature," said Rosa Urbina.

After lunch, the kids boarded a gigantic swamp buggy. They were really excited that they would see native and exotic wildlife and, according to the brochure, discover a "fascinating world that has evolved for thousands of years and see an authentic Seminole encampment." Recreation department staffer Salina Dorgan organized the field trip.



Susan Etzebarria

After their meal at the Swamp Water Café the kids toured the grounds.

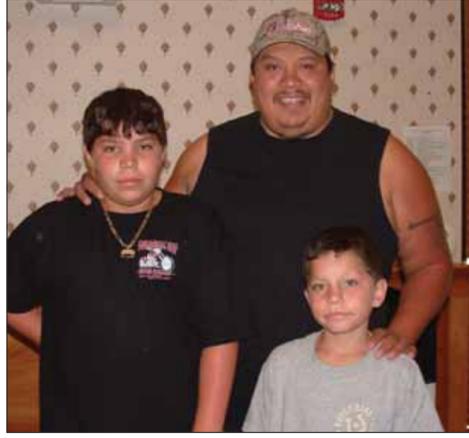
Brighton Community Honors Fathers

By Emma Brown

BRIGHTON — Lydia Child said, "Blessed indeed is the man who hears many gentle voices call him father." A father is someone every child should be thankful for.

On June 16, the Brighton community gave tribute to the fathers by cooking breakfast and inviting them to celebrate and thank them for being dads. It was a chance for many fathers to come together and shoot the breeze with long lost buddies they otherwise don't have a chance to visit. Some fathers brought their wives and some brought their children, and some came alone to enjoy the special meal and event planned in their honor.

Brighton Council Representative Andy Bowers and Brighton Board Representative Johnny Jones, along with other departments, staff members, and mothers did a great job helping to create a special day for all of the dads from the Brighton reservation.



Emma Brown

(L-R) Ty Huff, Frank Huff, and dad John Huff Jr.



Emma Brown

Albert Snow with his daughter Desiree Snow.



Emma Brown

(L-R) Richard Osceola, Brighton Tribal Council Representative Andy Bowers Sr. and James "Magoo" Madrigal at the breakfast.

Seminole Travel Cross-Country to Attend 2005 Red Earth Pow-Wow

By Judy Weeks

OKALHOMA CITY, OK — In the early morning hours of June 2 Tribal citizens traveled by charter bus and airplane to attend the 2005 Red Earth Native American Cultural Festival and Pow-Wow. The group included approximately 42 Tribal citizens and chaperones.

With two drivers, Mike and Joe, taking turns at the wheel, the charter bus carried the travelers as far as the Sheraton Hotel in Birmingham, Ala. by the first evening. Picking up where they left off the next morning, they continued on to their destination at the Crown Plaza in Oklahoma City.

During the following days, the group enjoyed the exhibitions of the pow-wow dancers, who put on a terrific performance. The arena came alive as the dancers in their colorful and elaborate attire competed before an appreciative audience. One young, four-year-old performer was a real show stopper and delighted the crowd with his abilities.

Between performances the days were filled with trips to the local mall and of course, the vast assortment of Tribal vendors. One afternoon they had an opportunity to pose with some of the pow-wow dancers in a cultural setting.



Angie Arreguin

(L-R) Linda Beletso and Mary Frances Cypress at lunch.

An outstanding side trip took the group to Indian City USA in Anadarko, Okla. While there they visited the museum, gift shop and other cultural points of interest, such as a steep walk up the incline and a herd of buffalo.

One member of the group stood out above the rest. Tommie Billie had fallen in a hole just before leaving for Oklahoma. By the time they arrived, his foot was badly swollen and discolored and needed medical attention; X-rays proved that his foot was broken.

In a cast and on crutches, Billie refused to fly home. He completed the entire trip without missing anything. That's the kind of stamina that warriors are made of and his ancestors would be proud.

Big Cypress Seniors and Hot Meal Director Cecilia Solano did a wonderful job of organizing and coordinating this adventure. Under her guidance everything ran smoothly, which is no easy task with a group of this size.

Senior Massage Therapist Tracey De La Rosa traveled as a chaperone and brought her portable massage chair. This was a welcome diversion for several of the seniors at the end of a long, strenuous day of activities.

Happy, but tired, the travelers boarded the bus for the long trip home and took advantage of the opportunity to catch up on some well deserved rest.



Angie Arreguin

This four-year-old (left) stole the show.



Iretta Tiger

Litefoot (center) and Trail Liaison William Osceola (third from left) at the Boys & Girls Club.

Boys & Girls Club Surprised by Special Visitor

By Iretta Tiger

HOLLYWOOD — June 7 was like any other day at the Boys & Girls Club on the Hollywood reservation. Austina Motlow and Cindy Adair were playing foosball. Several boys were playing pool.

Then in walked Litefoot. Litefoot is an actor, rap artist and Nammy's 2005 Artist of the Year.

Trail Liaison William Osceola accompanied Litefoot and it was Osceola who helped to set up the surprise visit. Litefoot was a special guest at the preschool graduation a few days earlier and it is his commitment to native youth that brought him to the Boys and Girls Club.

"Inside you is a power that is strong," said Litefoot. "Don't quit or ever settle for second best or less. Some of you guys might be the next Miami Heat player or Tribal leader."

In his speech Litefoot reminded the children about our ancestors and what they had to sacrifice for the tribe.

Litefoot posed for pictures

with the children and hung out with them. RC North played for Litefoot on an acoustic guitar.

Litefoot said he would like to return for a visit when his schedule will allow.



Iretta Tiger

RC North plays guitar for Litefoot.

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Tribune Interviews FSU President During Visit

By Janice Billie
BIG CYPRESS — On June 17, the Seminole Tribal Council received Florida State University (FSU) President Dr. Thomas Kent "T.K." Wetherell. Accompanying him to BC were FSU Assistant Vice President of Community Relations Donna McKuen, Co-Chairman of the Board of Trustees Andy Haggard, Assistant Vice President of University Relations & Director of Communications Frank Murphy and Seminole Boosters Director Joel Padgett.

Wetherell came to address the council at what was called a historic and momentous occasion. The council passed a resolution to officially give FSU permission to use the name Seminole, as well as the use of various Seminole symbols and images.

The resolution will put in writing a unofficial agreement between the Tribe and FSU. The resolution says that the Tribe does not take offense to FSU's practices concerning the use of the Seminole name.

In an interview with the *Florida State Times*, Chairman Mitchell Cypress stated, "We could give Tribal members tangible items that could possibly one day be taken away from them. But Florida State can give education to our people and that is something that no one can take away."

"One of the things that Florida State gives us is a sense of pride. FSU could have chosen anyone else to portray and use as its mascot. We are proud that a university as prestigious as Florida State decided to use us," Cypress said.

The Seminoles' support of FSU will certainly impact the

National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) recent examination of the school's use of the Seminole name—to what degree remains to be seen. The NCAA is also looking at 30 other NCAA member universities that use Native American names and nicknames.

Wetherell and his entourage were met in Tallahassee, Fla. by Seminole Tribe Liaison Steven Bowers and Education Director Louise Gopher. They flew to BC on the Tribal jet and ate at a luncheon before being introduced to the council.

Wetherell is the first FSU president to be invited to a council meeting. In his address, he spoke of the longtime positive relationship between FSU and the Tribe. He expressed his gratitude for the resolution and the Tribe's support.

On the plane ride back to Tallahassee, President Wetherell granted *The Seminole Tribune* the following interview about the resolution and what it was like to make this historic trip.

The Seminole Tribune: Would you talk more about the relationship between the Seminole Tribe and FSU and the university's contribution to the people.

Wetherell: We've had a long and what we consider a positive relationship with the Tribe. It's been very special for us in that we've been allowed to share in the history and the traditions of the Seminole Tribe. To try and bring them into a university and expose their culture 250,000 alums that have graduated and thousands and thousands of alums around the world is something that we take seriously.

It's a special ongoing relationship that has been going for 50 years. We've always had this kind of informal agreement, there have been a number of speeches and resolutions in the past but never really formalized and we just thought it was time to do that.

It's important also that we highlight more than just symbols and athletics. We try to point out the academic programs that we've initiated and scholarship programs. There's the relationships we want to build with the Tribe, for instance with the Brighton school, as they move ahead with some of their negotiations with the state, we want to be helpful.

We try and highlight on campus the history of the Tribe from their perspective through our Legacy Walk Program, through athletics, through having the Tribe at all official functions. So we try to build that kind of relationship and I feel it continues to improve.

Some of the problems that others have encountered we simple have not had. We and I think the Tribe believe that what we do in terms of our relationship is our business and it isn't the business of the state of Florida or the NCAA or somebody else. We're very happy, they're very happy. We both want to exercise our independent judgment and do what we believe is in the best interest of both and that's our relationship.

The Seminole Tribune: Councilman Andrew Bowers, in so many words, said this decision did not mean we disagree with others and their efforts to make their views heard. Is that what you are saying also?

Wetherell: I think Andrew's point was that we have developed a relationship that is good for us in terms of the university as well as the Tribe. That's our business and that's the way we want to do it. If there are others, then let them work out their agreements or disagreements. We don't disrespect some other people's beliefs and we want them to respect ours.

The Seminole Tribune: There was a time in the past; Councilman Max Osceola mentioned this, when Howard Tommie as chairman of the Seminole Tribe asked that a character being used by FSU be done away with. It was felt that this character was offensive. Are you familiar with that reference?

Wetherell: At one point years ago, and this would have been back in the 70s, Florida State had a less-formal relationship with the Tribe and I don't think they were maybe as sensitive as they should have been. They created a symbol called "Sammy Seminole" and it was this cartoon character. The Tribe found that offensive as did some of us at FSU.

Part of this whole thing evolved with 'Lets get together and say what do you like and what don't you like.' The Tribe made it real clear: we don't mind a symbol if you want a symbol whether it's Osceola or Renegade or whatever but that one's not the one.

So the university in conjunction with the Tribe created what we call a Seminole logo. That has always been accepted.



Janice Billie

Wetherell caught a ride to the meeting in the Tribal jet.

The Tribe appreciates it and we do too. We've gone to great lengths not to try and create variations of that. Whenever we did, we did it in conjunction with them.

Years later we created the pre-game show with Renegade and the spear. We came down and talked with the Tribe, we got the official dress, we got the official headress and got a spear that the Tribe made. We chose an appaloosa because it was a native horse. The Tribe was all a part of that. So our commitment to them is to stay true to those things that we agree on.

The Seminole Tribune: You mentioned earlier programs that are in development and others already implemented like the scholarship program, can you elaborate on some of those?

Wetherell: We're doing a number of things, first is the scholarship program for any member of the Tribe that comes to Florida State. It pays about 85 percent of the scholarship and really by the time you put everything else to it, it's pretty much a full scholarship.

We're developing a course in Florida history that is written by the Tribe's perspective and we're using them as our resource in terms of history, etc. Parts of the history books portraying Desoto's landing in Florida is one thing, the written version if you will. The Tribe's perspective is a totally different deal. The books talk about a land they conquered when there were a million people here. A lot of students grew up with these history books that are inaccurate.

We have dedicated a room, a conference room in the president's suite, that has display cases of items such as Seminole clothing, head-dresses, etc. We are doing the same thing over in our Alumni Center. At our athletic program we've obviously got the Seminole logos and we are dedicating a wall over there with the history of the Tribe and our relationship and what it's all about. We also want to branch out into other areas.

The Tribe is discussing building a charter school and we would like to be involved in that, if you want us to. We could send interns and student teachers down. As far as the negotiations with the state and the Seminoles, I think we could be helpful in that as a partner in some of the philanthropy issues. We try to do as many things as we can right now and continue to develop others. We provide special counseling for the students.

As a result of our recruitment efforts, we will have four new Seminole students this fall. We hope Christine McCall will choose to go out for basketball.

The Seminole Tribune: Your visit to the Tribal Council meeting and the passing of this resolution was historic. Your remarks there were quite eloquent. To conclude this interview can you share a little of how it feels to visit the land of the Seminole?

Wetherell: The hospitality today was just outstanding. We were planning to come down in a caravan, come down one day and go back the next. Instead the Tribe sent a plane up, and not just a plane but *the* plane. We land and have a more or less traditional dinner. The food was outstanding and the company was outstanding.

We came down to thank you and we almost got overwhelmed with your generosity, so it's just been a great day for us and a very pleasant trip. Our board chairman came over from Miami to show his support.

We want the Seminole Tribe to know we were extremely honored to be here and we thank them again.



Janice Billie

FSU President T.K. Wetherell (third from right) with the Tribal Council.

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the Seminole Tribe has an established constructive relationship with FSU that they wish to maintain and develop. The Seminole Tribal Council does not consider FSU's tradition disrespectful; on the contrary it is seen as homage to their strength and resilience.

Preceding the vote on this particular resolution Director of Education Louise Gopher was called to the podium to introduce to the Council to the FSU President Dr. Thomas Kent "T.K." Wetherell. On behalf of FSU, he eloquently expressed respect for the Seminole Tribe of Florida and appreciation for its support.

He spoke on the mutual

honor and trust in the longstanding relationship between the Tribe and FSU, and the university's commitment to build on this foundation. Before concluding his remarks, Wetherell presented the Council with a framed cast of the FSU.

Following a break, the last two items on the regular agenda were voted on and passed. The first of these two was a resolution to appoint authorized agents with respect to the expansion of the Coconut Creek Casino.

The last was a revision of the already instituted revenue allocation and per capita distribution plan. This was in reference to the trust plan implemented for Tribal citizens under the age of 18, incarcerated or mentally incapacitated.

The next council meeting is scheduled for July 15, in Hollywood.



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In Appreciation of Our Mothers

Story by Judy Weeks

IMMOKALEE — The Immokalee seniors observed Mother's Day in a very special way this year. Joining guests from Big Cypress and Brighton in the gym, they were treated to a Mother's Appreciation Day on May 20.

The Recreation department entertained the group with various forms of bingo throughout the morning. Wal-mart



Judy Weeks

Tommie Jumper and therapist on the left Tracey De la Rosa

gift cards were distributed to winners: Mabel Jim, Tommie Billie, Pete Aguilar, Mabel Frank, Violet Jim and Grand Prize Louise Osceola.

Each guest received a raffle ticket to become eligible to win a vast array of door prizes provided by the Recreation department. Tickets were drawn at various times throughout the day and the delighted winners were: portable DVD player-Mabel Frank, slim profile CD [layer-Mary Johns, foot massager-Mary Sanchez, digital camera-Louise Osceola, radar detector-Mabel Jim, camcorder-Elizabeth Oleo, jumbo socket set-Alan Jumper, combo tool set-Lucille Jumper and sewing machine-Delores Jumper.

After the games, Immokalee Council Liaison Elaine Aguilar took the microphone and declared, "This Mother's Day is dedicated to a very special woman who has had an impact on the lives of everyone in this room. Tommie Jumper is possibly the oldest living Tribal member at this time and should be considered a Seminole treasure."

Mrs. Jumper made one of her rare public appearances and was placed at the table in the center of the room. Photographs taken during her lifetime were on display as well as a large portrait by Guy LaBree titled "Oh, The Changes I Have Seen."

At her one hundred-plus years, she is still very alert, has a generous appetite and appears extremely healthy for her age.

Following the blessing by Elaine Aguilar, refreshments were served. The luncheon banquet was comprised of numerous home cooked dishes which had been prepared by women throughout the community. Dessert was a beautiful cake displaying a picture of Mrs. Jumper and carried the message, "In Appreciation of Our Mothers."

Following the meal, Elaine



Judy Weeks

To Tommie Jumper in appreciation to our mothers.

Aguilar returned to the microphone. Laying a hand on Mrs. Jumper's shoulder she began an afternoon of tributes by saying, "I know better than to offer this woman an apple pie. I dropped one off at her house one day and her daughter, Delores, told me afterward, 'We have to be careful, she ate the whole pie.' Despite her age we can't say she's lost her appetite for food or life."

"She was a very special part of my mother's life in her advanced years. They would visit frequently. I asked 'What did you talk about?' she replied, 'People, the Bible and we prayed.' After mom was gone, she got up early, took her shower and said, 'Today is the fourth day my friend is gone. She was an important part of my life.'"

Feeling the emotion evoked by the memories of her mother, Elaine fought to continue.

"We need to take time out of our busy lives to visit people and learn to love each other. These are the important things when life is over. Throughout my life, my mom didn't say 'I love you' or give hugs, but I know she cared. She used little tokens everyday to show her love and I will carry these with me always," she said. Overcome with emotion, Elaine reached beneath the table and withdrew a

silver plate engraved with a poem titled "Someone Special" written especially for the occasion by Anna Puente. The poem said: I want to let you know that you will always be a special person in our lives. From the first, so long ago, until this very special day, I see you standing firm in a world that's changing everyday. To us you are a link between our past and our future, the wisdom of a friend, a teacher and a mother, someone we admire, respect and love. It's qualities like these that keep up aware of who we are, has made us very proud to have someone as precious as you in our lives.

There was not a dry eye in the room, as through tears, Elaine attempted to read the inscription. Everyone was flooded with memories of their childhood, mothers and the wonderful women who had influenced their lives.

Jumper's son, Alan, came to the rescue. Taking the floor, he talked of his mother's life.

"My mother was born in the woods east of Copeland around the turn of the century, 1900 that is, with a whole century gone, we have to be specific. She was born Tommie Roberts and became the wife of my father, Harry Jumper. Together they had twelve children, with seven still alive today."

"All but two of her kids were born at home," said her daughter, Delores. Pointing to her sister, Lucille, she added, "She is one of the younger kids and probably one of the last born in the woods. It has been so long that it is hard to remember."

Alan continued, "My mother is of one language, one culture and one husband. Following available work, we lived in Ochopee, while my parents worked in the tomato fields. Then it was on to Royal Palm Hammock, back to Copeland and Rock Island, which is near I-75 on SR 29. My father was the superintendent of the Indian crews for Lee Tidewater Cypress for many years, working a railroad logging crew. When the logging shut down, he worked for the railroad along SR 29, walking 12 miles in each direction from our camp inspecting the line."

Mrs. Jumper motioned that she had something to say. Translating for her, Delores said, "She wants you to know that she never smoked, no alcohol and only one husband."

Delores added, "She is a member of the Panther clan and has over 125 descendants spanning five generations at this time."

Indicating his mother, Alan said, "When our elders speak, we should listen. It is the traditional way. She, like all of our mothers and their mothers, have known great happiness, stress, sadness and tragedy. With a family as large as ours, my mom has seen sickness, broken bones and the loss of some of her children and finally her husband. The strength to survive these things is what our mothers pass on to us."

Laughing, Alan said, "I have caused some of those stresses. I moved around a lot and I know she worried. I stayed for a while in Tampa and Naples. When I had trouble with my heart, I was in Naples and she was at Big Cypress. People would tell me she was bothered because she couldn't be near me, so I moved to Big Cypress to be close to her." Chuckling he said, "Almost immediately she moved to Immokalee."

"Everywhere I go, she is well known. They all say, 'How is Mom?' She helped a lot of people. They came to her for medicine and herbs; comfort and understanding," Alan said with pride.

Nancy Motlow recalled memories of Mrs. Jumper.

"As children we would go to visit," she said. "When the car turned into Tommie's Camp, we were always happy. We knew there would be a lot of fun and she would have food no matter how bad times were. I was sent to Indian Boarding School with her daughter,

Delores, in Oklahoma. We were there several days and she never stopped crying. The people were concerned and came for me in the night to comfort her. I couldn't get her to stop. She wanted her mother but they wouldn't send her home. I didn't see her after that but I heard they moved her to another school, Sequoyah, to be with her brother. Tommie's children were always very close to her."

Mabel Frank remembering, said, "I would sit with Tommie and the other girls when we were young and talk about Boys.

We would hide, because this talk was not allowed. We would say what we wanted in a husband and how he would be. Then we moved apart and when I saw her, she had a man and three children. I said, 'Is this

what you thought it would be?' She just laughed. Now we are old women and what do we talk about? Boys and what became of them."

Matt Tiger from Oklahoma came



Judy Weeks

Tommy Jumper's family (L-R) Alan Jumper, Tommie Jumper, Delores Jumper, standing Lucille Jumper



large portrait by Guy LaBree titled "Oh, The Changes I Have Seen."

Oh, the Changes Tommie Jumper Has Seen

Story by Judy Weeks

IMMOKALEE — When Guy LaBree painted his beautiful portrait of Tommie Jumper, he enhanced the background with scenes from her life. The painting's title "Oh, The Changes I Have Seen" could not have been more appropriate.

Reflecting on Tommie Jumper's lifetime, it is almost impossible to imagine the changes she has witnessed. At the time of her birth, in the woods east of Copeland, in Southwest Florida was an untamed wilderness inhabited by Seminole Indians and a few very small white settlements along the Gulf coastline.

Chokoloskee, Everglades, Naples and Suwanee, now called Bonita Springs, were small villages accessible only by boat. Allen's Landing, now known as Immokalee, Corkscrew and LaBelle were reached by dugout canoe, ox cart or on foot.

As a child born circa 1900, Tommie Roberts' only contact with the white settlers would have been an occasional trip by dugout to Smallwood's Store at Chokoloskee. The only other place to trade was Boats Landing, later known as Brown's, located east of Immokalee. This trading post was at the head of canoe navigation on the western edge of the Everglades.

Travel to inland Immokalee, or the "frontier," by 1909 was a sandy trail for horses and ox teams with wagons circling the sloughs.

When Tribal leader Charlie Tigertail started a trading post in 1910 on a canoe run at the head of Rock Creek, which joined Lostman's River, trade goods came much closer to the Robert's camp. Life was going to make fast changes for Tommie's family and other Seminoles in the next 10 years.

Construction began in 1913 on the 14 mile Deep Lake Railroad through the swamp to Everglades, passing close to Tommie's home.

A Ford automobile home on a four wheel carriage powered the train. Seminole Indians in the area took their first jobs building this rail line through the swamps to provide a way to take produce and logs into Everglades City.

The area was too remote and the road was quickly abandoned. By 1917, the trail from Ft. Myers to Immokalee was graded for a short distance and log bridges were constructed to make way for the new Model T Ford automobiles.

In the wet season, travelers and merchandise still had to go by boat on the Caloosahatchee River to Ft. Denaud, and then overland by horseback or wagon to Immokalee.

Adequate transportation or communication in the Immokalee area did not occur until the Atlantic Coastline Railroad finished its tracks from LaBelle in 1921. The frontier was beginning to open. In 1923, Southwest Florida comprised the one single largest county in the U.S. east of the Mississippi River. Dividing the territory into three parts, Lee County became Lee, Hendry and Collier Counties.

Tommie Jumper became an adult, married and was having children by 1927 when the Deep Lake Railroad reopened. Logging camps were established

and fields of produce planted for market. Economic changes took a vast turn for the Seminole Indians.

Prior to this, Seminoles hunted, fished and raised a few cows and numerous pigs. Each family depended on fields of corn, sweet potatoes, squash, melons, bananas, cowpeas and sugarcane planted in the hammocks deep in the swamp. They had traded skins, furs and feathers for iron pots, beads, cloth, thread, guns and ammunition.

Tommie's family took jobs on the logging crews, working in the white man's new fields, and helping to construct roads and rail lines. After 13 long years, the Tamiami Trail opened on April 25, 1928 for traffic across the Everglades linking Southwest Florida with Tampa and Miami; Florida's frontier was beginning to disappear at a rapid rate.

As the Tamiami Trail provided new sources of merchandise, it also brought the tourists. Tommie and her husband, Harry Jumper, moved to a village along the Trail at Royal Palm Hammock to sell the souvenirs she made. This brought Harry Jumper closer to available work.

They were no longer dependent upon growing their own food and were becoming more involved in the commerce of the white man. With the coming of roads, automobiles became prevalent.

The U.S. government established reservation lands in an effort to move the Seminoles off the pieces of land they had always inhabited, but which were now being claimed by white landholders. The government encouraged Seminoles to send their children to schools with the thought that education would help to assimilate the Indians into the white society.

Moving his family back to Copeland along the Deep Lake Railroad, Harry Jumper went to work for the Lee Tidewater Cypress Co., where he acted as superintendent for the Indian labor force. Tommie and her family worked in the fields near Copeland, Deep Lake and Ochopee as they strived to support themselves.

During the 1940s and early 50s, the camp at Copeland, where the Jumpers lived, was the largest single off-reservation community of working Seminoles in the state. Between logging and winter vegetable farming, employment opportunities were abundant. This also allowed them to live close to nature, as they had always done.

When the logging and sawmill operation closed, Harry took a job on the railroad which now linked Immokalee to Everglades and his family moved to Rock Island to be more centrally located for his job. Once a week, he would walk 12 miles in each direction from his home to survey the tracks. Their camp was very close to what is now Interstate 75 or Alligator Alley interchange at State Road 29.

Since the birth of this little baby girl in the swamps of what is now Collier County, the Seminoles have been acknowledged as U.S. citizens, incorporated as their own entity and become self-sufficient with their own business ventures. Oh, the changes Tommie Jumper has seen!

forth and said, "I know she is from the old way and grew up with the Creek songs. I am going to sing one for her." She smiled as he stood beside her and chanted an old familiar song. Finishing, he offered a prayer in Creek. You could see she was very happy.

A succession of people took this opportunity to come forth and spend a few minutes with Mrs. Jumper and talk to her of their long forgotten memories.

Alan said, "I would like to share something else with you. We all know how old people express what they see. When I played football, we took her to a game. Afterward I said, 'What did you think?' She replied, 'It was all right, but I didn't like the man that cheated.' I couldn't imagine what she was talking about until she explained, 'Everybody would bend over and look at the ground or the ball, but one man and he was watching the others so he could get a head start.' She sure had it in for the quarterback."

"She was a loving mother who always cared for her children. I came to visit once and remarked that I needed some new pants because mine had holes in them. I went off to town and when I returned, she had patched all the holes in my clothes. This is something that you do not see today." Alan stated as he looked lovingly at his mother.

In conclusion, Benny Motlow said, "I am so happy that Elaine and the community have honored Tommie here today. The Seminole Tribe has come a long way during her lifetime and holds a bright future. However, it is good to listen to our elders who remind us with pride about our humble beginnings."

Chairman Mitchell Cypress expressed his Mother's Day thoughts vividly when he said, "Unfortunately I was unable to attend your Mother's Appreciation Day because of a prior commitment. However, I was present in the spirit of the moment and am honored to have this opportunity to show my respect."

"By dedicating this day to Tommie Jumper, one of the oldest members of the Seminole Tribe, you are placing special recognition on all of our mothers, who are the roots of our culture. Tommie is representative of the strong willed, determined, self-sacrificing women who have kept the Seminole Tribe alive during the hard times. Our young people today owe their existence and future to these women."

"They bore their children in the woods, fed and cared for them off the land and taught them how to be self-sufficient and responsible. When I look at Tommie, I see my mother, grandmother and great-grandmother squatting barefoot by the fire, preparing our food. A meal from meat they cleaned themselves, vegetables they grew and corn they roasted and ground by hand as their mothers did before them. I see them hunched over a sewing machine, weaving a basket or carrying firewood."

"These tasks are no longer performed today. It is because of the character and determination they have passed on to us, that we can prosper in today's world. No matter how far we go, we should always remember where we have come from. Our past helps to shape our future."

From Your HR Consultants

By Angel A. Torres, Acting HR Director

First, thank you Editor-In Chief Virginia Mitchell for granting the Human Resources (HR) department a permanent column in *The Seminole Tribune*. We promise to use this space in a judicious and informative manner providing the latest information on HR issues that affect our valuable employees. In every issue we will bring to your attention and share with you readers, exciting and new HR information.

I was pondering whether the role of HR, as we are known throughout the Seminole Tribe of Florida (STOF) organization, is really known and understood. Considered by many to be a senior citizen or a dinosaur, in terms of HR years in the field, I can tell you that more often than not we are very misunderstood.

Human resources has been evolving and continues to do so. It has grown in complexity requiring a certain degree of specialization in employment, management and administration.

Once considered cut and dry and a not very exciting career, HR now is considered a full partner in all organizations that are successful and thriving like the STOF. Even the name has been evolving. Baby boomers will remember the ole "Office of Personnel or the Personnel Office." The very title was ominous when you were called and told to report to that office. Cold sweat would run down your back for you had an inkling you were being canned like a sardine that very

day.

After some 40 forty years or more, we changed the name to human resources. That sounded better but also sounded like some kind of mining operation. Well, in essence that's one of our functions—to mine for the best talent and the best minds for the money. I recall once a prospective employment candidate asking me where the office of natural resources was. After that, I decided not to hire that person. However, 40 years later I still wonder; did I do the right thing?

Now in the 21st century we have changed our name again. Human capital is the politically correct term to describe the ole human resources department and what we do. HR consultant, excuse me, human capital consultants like me dream of these fancy names to impress the clients. The next name change will find me in heavens HR office, I hope.

No matter the name change we still do the same basic function. Our main function is to support management in all their human capital endeavors and by so doing ensure the prosperity of the organization.

What are some of the things we do? We recruit, we staff the different offices, we train, we resolve conflicts through employee relations—the ole employee removal office—we pay, we manage benefits, we classify positions, i.e. determine what you should get paid. And yes, Virginia there is a Santa Claus, we are also the folks that provide the employee lunches for the birthday celebrations.

HR Dept. Sponsors Birthday Luncheon

By Adelsa Williams

HOLLYWOOD — On June 15, the Hollywood staff congregated at the Hollywood auditorium lobby to celebrate the June and July birthday babies' special day.

Building and Grounds associate Joann O'Connell gave a word of prayer prior to the group meal. Ken Bonawitz, also from the Building and Grounds department, then welcomed everyone to the newly-renovated lobby, which was closed down during construction for a few weeks prior to the celebration.

Among the birthday babies were: Denise Carpenter, Director of the Purchasing department; Brian McLees from the Utilities department; and Sandy Selner from the Chairman's office.

Many smiles filled up the room during the convivial celebration. Everyone got a chance to break out of his or her routine daily lunch hour.

After a few months without birthday luncheons, the Human Resources (HR) department took on the commitment.

"This is one way that the Tribe shows their appreciation and makes sure that employees understand that the Tribe appreciates what they do for them. Is also a morale booster, our employees are one of the richest assets," said Acting HR Director Angel

A. Torres.

"The Tribe is very caring of the needs and welfare of its employees," he continued. "Another reason is that it brings together employees from dif-



Employees dined on delicious chicken francese at the luncheon.

ferent departments to get together and converse and gives them a chance to meet the face behind the voice."

The HR department also coordinates and conducts staff birthday luncheons at the other Seminole reservations.

Seminole Water Commission Meets

By Rhonda Roff

BIG CYPRESS — On June 1 the Seminole Water Commission held a regular meeting at the Big Cypress Family Investment Center. After establishing a quorum, the commission approved the April 19 meeting minutes.

The first new agenda item was a new building at the Big Cypress Rock Quarry. The commission looked at information for surface and sub-surface water considerations. The surface drainage will go to the existing mine pit, which can accommodate the new minimal addition.

The Seminole Water Commission approved the project after incorporating the recommendation that the well and septic be placed on opposite sides of the new structure.

The second agenda item was the expansion of the Coconut Creek Casino.

Phase I will include a restaurant and administrative offices with a drive up entrance. The new roadway will be along the edge of the existing lake and require a retaining wall. A new retention pond will drain to the existing lake.

The Water Commission approved the project. However, the Seminole Gaming Commission and the city of Coconut Creek will both need to approve it before construction can begin.

The last new item on the agenda was the Immokalee lake drainage modifications. The original lake behind the existing homes discharges to a wetland at the northeast corner with the help of a lift station. The pump cannot accommodate the heavier flows, so a gravity flow structure is proposed for the southwest corner which will handle heavy rain events.

A new 90 foot run of 18 inch culvert will carry the primary flows to the existing discharge point from the new drain. The lift station pump will main-

tain the lake level during less extreme events.

The commission approved the project. Following this, they tended to an old business—the new Brighton Water Treatment Plant. Utilities Director Susie Kippenberger presented information to the commission regarding the treatment plant. A representative of Jordan, Jones & Goulding, the design engineers, joined Kippenberger.

According to the two, the new plant will be located on the south side of Tucker Ridge Road, east of CR 721. Groundwater will be treated by membrane filtration, as opposed to just current aeration and chlorination. This will provide drinking water with less sulfur, iron and manganese to the community.

The two asked the commission to consider the management of filtration byproduct, which will be diluted with three times its volume of canal water, then sprayed onto select native pastures in 12 zones. In the event the fields are too wet to spray irrigate, 21 days of storage capacity is planned for the plant.

Overall design capacity of the plant is two million gallons per day with possible expansion to three megagallons (mgd) per day. Brighton's current usage is 360,000-400,000 mgd.

The commission approved the project for the South Florida Water Management District review with the following four conditions: placement of a pump station at the drainfield, placement of culverts along the rock road serving the plant to allow flow, maintain appropriate fencing that will not hinder cattle grazing of pasture and restrict the impact to nearby wetlands to one foot of drawdown, as compared to the calculated three feet at the edge of the wetland.

Once the plans are approved, Kippenberger said she estimates between one-and-a-half and two years to construct. She said she intends to continue the planning process with the cattle owners.

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 Jazmine Billie: Perfect Punctuality for the Year, Perfect Punctuality for the Fourth Quarter, Letter and Sounds Recognition, Counting Award
 Elisah Billie: Counting Award, Letter and Sounds Recognition
 Troy Cantu: Letter and Sounds Recognition, Perfect Punctuality for the Fourth Quarter
 Dayra Koenes: Letter and Sounds Recognition
 Trinity Williams: Letter and Sounds Recognition
 Mazzy Robbins: Letter and Sounds Recognition
 Annabelle Whiteshield: Perfect Punctuality for the Year, Perfect Punctuality for the Fourth Quarter, Letter and Sounds Recognition, Most Improved Penmanship
 Jared McInturff: Most Improved Penmanship
 Abraham Tigertail: Most Improved Penmanship

Kindergarten, Ms. Schyvinch
 Roderick Bert: Excellence in Math and Reading
 Corbin Billie: Excellence in Math and Reading
 GraySun Billie: Excellence in Reading
 Jothaniel Brooks: Excellence in Math and Reading, Perfect Attendance for the Fourth Quarter, Perfect Punctuality for the Year
 Dasani Cypress: Excellence in Math and Reading
 Stanley Cypress: Excellence in Math and Reading
 Ahnie Jumper: Excellence in Math and Reading, Perfect Attendance for the Fourth Quarter
 Trevor Marks: Excellence in Math and Reading
 John Robbins Jr.: Excellence in Math and Reading, Perfect Attendance for the Fourth Quarter
 Ignacio Rodriguez: Excellence in Math and Reading

First Grade, Mrs. Parish
 Arnold Billie: Most Improved
 Tyrus Billie: Good Citizenship Award
 Sierra Bowers: Perfect Attendance for the Fourth Nine Weeks, Perfect Punctuality for the Fourth Nine Weeks, All A's and B's for the Fourth Nine Weeks, Perfect Attendance for the Year
 Perfect Punctuality for the Year, All A's and B's for the Year, Super Reader Award
 Channey Curry: All A's and B's for the Fourth Nine Weeks All A's and B's for the Year, Perfect Punctuality for the Year
 Top Point A.R. Award with 73 points
 Michaela Cypress: All A's and B's for the

Fourth Nine Weeks, All A's and B's for the Year, Super Reader Award, Top Point A.R. Award with 75 points, Super Speller Award
 Ethan Hummingbird: Perfect Punctuality for the Fourth Nine Weeks, All A's and B's for the Fourth Nine Weeks, All A's and B's for the Year, Top Point A.R. Award with 70 points, Super Reader Award, Math Excellence Award
 Oalton Koenes: All A's A B's for the Year

Second Grade, Mrs. Gibson
 Leauna Billie: A Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter, Perfect Attendance for the Fourth Quarter, A/B Honor Roll for the Year
 Gloria Brooks: A Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter, A/B Honor Roll for the year
 Michelle Timmie: A Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter, Perfect Punctuality for the Fourth Quarter, Perfect Punctuality for the Year
 Mika Lopez: A Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter, Perfect Attendance for the Fourth Quarter, Perfect Punctuality for the Fourth Quarter
 Kaitlin Osceola: A Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter, Perfect Attendance for the Fourth Quarter, Perfect Punctuality for the Fourth Quarter, A/B Honor Roll for the Year
 Sabre Billie: A/B Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter, Perfect Attendance for the Fourth Quarter, A/B Honor Roll for the Year
 Candy Landin: A/B Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter
 Silver Wolf: A/B Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter, A/B Honor Roll for the Year
 Katherine Bert: A/B Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter, A/B Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter

Third Grade, Mrs. Iglesias
 Rashaun Jim: Perfect Attendance for the Fourth Quarter, Perfect Punctuality for the Fourth Quarter
 Quenton Osceola: Perfect Attendance for the Fourth Quarter, A/B Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter
 Sarah Osceola: Perfect Attendance for the Fourth Quarter, A/B Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter, A/B Honor Roll for the Year
 Savannah Tiger: Perfect Attendance for the Fourth Quarter, Perfect Punctuality for the Fourth Quarter, A/B Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter, Perfect Punctuality for the Year
 Echo Wolf: Perfect Attendance for the Fourth Quarter, A/B Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter, Top A.R. Points, with 56.4 points

Lariah Balentine: Perfect Punctuality for the Fourth Quarter, A/B Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter, A/B Honor Roll for the Year, Top A.R. Points with 48.1 points
 Andre Landin: Perfect Punctuality for the Fourth Quarter, A/B Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter
 Derrick Tiger: Perfect Punctuality for the Fourth Quarter, A/B Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter
 Terri Baker: A Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter, A/B Honor Roll for the Year, Top A.R. Points with 60.4 points
 Justin Roff: A Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter, A/B Honor Roll for the Year, Top A.R. Points with 167.4 points



Malari Baker: A Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter, A/B Honor Roll for the Year, Top A.R. Points with 51.8 points
 Levi Billie: A/B Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter
 Destiny Robbins: A/B Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter, A/B Honor Roll for the Year

Fourth Grade, Mrs. Grismore
 Tequesta Tiger: A/B Average for the Fourth Quarter, Perfect Attendance for the Fourth Quarter, Perfect Punctuality for the Fourth Quarter, A/B Average for the Year, Perfect Attendance for the Year, Perfect Punctuality for the Year
 Bradley Osceola: A/B Average for the

Fourth Quarter, Perfect Attendance for the Fourth Quarter, Perfect Punctuality for the Fourth Quarter, A/B Average for the Year
 Rodni Mercer: A/B Average for the Fourth Quarter
 Cypress Billie: Most Improved
 Korliss Jumper: Highest A.R. Points with 43.4 points

Fifth Grade, Mrs. Lee
 Jessica Lopez: A Honor Roll for the Year, A Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter, Most Outstanding Student
 Malachi Baker: A/B Honor Roll for the Year, A/B Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter
 Anthony Balentine: A/B Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter, 110% Award
 Jalen Cypress: A/B Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter
 Nauthkee Henry: A/B Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter, Top Reader Award
 Mario Osceola: A/B Honor Roll for the Year, A/B Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter, Best Attitude Award, Most Outstanding Student

Sixth Grade, Mrs. Martinez
 Alfred Billie: Perfect Attendance for the Fourth Quarter, Perfect Punctuality for the Year
 Dannee Billie: Perfect Attendance for the Fourth Quarter, Perfect Punctuality for the Year
 Kahna Jumper: Poetry Award
 Eagle Billie: Poetry Award
 Tony Micco: Science Award
 Ashley Escobar: Most Improved Award A.R. Award
 Tia Osborne: Most Improved Award
 Catlen Tommie: A.R. Award

Seventh Grade, Ms. Hager
 Jon Ross Billie: Perfect Punctuality for the Fourth Quarter, Perfect Punctuality for the Year
 Chebon Gooden-Harden: Perfect Punctuality for the Fourth Quarter
 Kelcie Jumper: Perfect Punctuality for the Fourth Quarter, B Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter

Keifer Bert: B Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter
 Breanna Robbins: B Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter

Eighth Grade, Ms. Hager
 Brittany Huff: A Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter, A Honor Roll for the Year

Ninth Grade, Ms. Whiteside
 Benny Hernandez: Perfect Punctuality for the Year

Twelfth Grade, Ms. Whiteside
 Meredith Bullard Billie: B Honor Roll for the Year

Mrs. Grotsky's Class
 Anthony Cypress: Straight A's in Math All Year, A/B Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter, Excellent Story Writing Award
 Jon Ross Billie: A/B Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter, Spelling Excellence Award
 Trisha Walker: A/B Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter, Math Excellence Award
 Ronnie Billie: A/R Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter, Math Excellence Award
 Ricky Joe Alumbaugh: A/B Honor Roll for the Fourth Quarter, Perfect Attendance for the Fourth Quarter, Straight As in Reading, Language and Spelling for the Year
 Steven Frank: Math Excellence Award, Perfect Attendance for the Fourth Quarter, Spelling Excellence Award
 Levi Billie: Reading Excellence Award
 Bionca Acosta: Straight A's in Reading All Year, Math Excellence Award

Culture, Ms. Lenora Roberts and Ms. Jeannette Cypress
 Proud Generation Award: Tony Micco, Rashaun Jim, Meredith Billie, Breanna Robbins
 Seminole Culture Dedication Award: Jessica Lopez
 Best Manners: Savannah Tiger, Andre Landin
 Good Conduct: Kaitlin Osceola, Michelle Jimmie, Jazmine Billie
 Best Indian Humor: Cypress Billie
 Fastest Stickball Players: Karen Cypress, Justin Willis
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4th Annual Hollywood Youth Conference of the Seminole Tribe of Florida July 7th – July 12th, 2005

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4. Must participate in all activities
5. All children must submit a paragraph or two toward the end of the trip.
6. Parents must accompany children at all times.
7. Must return completed application by Tuesday, June 21, 2005 at 5:00pm.
8. Substance free activity

During this year's 2005, the Hollywood Youth Conference participants will be traveling to Castillo De San Marco in St. Augustine, Florida. They will also travel to Charleston, South Carolina to visit Fort Moultrie. This trip is to give our youth a brief history into our past and we encourage the youth who meet the requirements to apply. There are limited spaces available, so this will be on a first come first serve policy. Youth are to be accompanied by an adult, and maximum of two adults per family will be allowed to attend. Lodging and food will be paid for, but families must cover all other expenses.

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Howard Madrigal

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Brantley Excels in 5th Grade

By Emma Brown

BRIGHTON — Stevie Brantley was a shining star in the 2004–2005 school year. Stevie is the daughter of Theresa Boromei from Brighton and has just completed the fifth grade at Central Elementary in Okeechobee, Fla.

Brantley has always been an excellent student with this year being one of her best. She finished the school year with a 3.8 GPA and was accepted to compete in the Jr. Miss Pre-teen pageant because of her outstanding GPA. Brantley also received a letter from President George W. Bush and was honored with the Presidents Education Award for her over the top academic performance.

Stevie's family wishes to congratulate her on all of her accomplishments and let her know how proud they are of her.

Other awards earned by Stevie for the 2004–2005 school year: student of the week, two red awards, two silver awards, one gold award, safety patrol honorable students, student council president outstanding student, two good behavior awards, Earth Day appreciation award, jump rope for heart certificate, first place science fair, first place Tropicana speech in class, second place overall Tropicana speech for school.

Congratulations, High School Graduates



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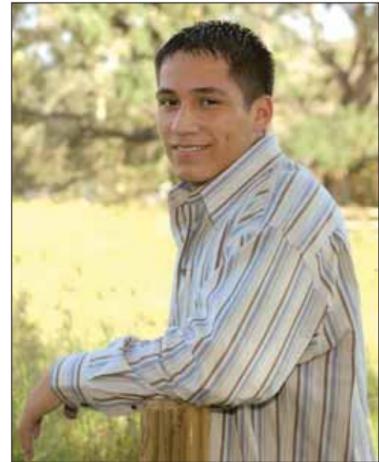
Graduates D'anna Osceola and Bryan Alredge with their mothers.

By Emma Brown

BRIGHTON — The Brighton Education department wishes to congratulate all of their high school seniors for completing their final year of high school. This year's graduates: Bryan Arledge, Adam Osceola, D'anna Osceola and Alyssa Willie.

The four of them have achieved

a goal that they have worked for nearly their entire life. Each one of them have set



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Bryan Alredge



Adam Osceola

an example for the students of the Seminole Tribe, and have sent the message that it can be done.

All four students are unique in their own way and have so much potential to offer this great big world. Good luck graduates! Your community and Education department are proud of you and support your success.

Madrigal is Accepted to UM

By Emma Brown

BRIGHTON — Howard Madrigal is the son of Leah Minnick from the Brighton reservation. Not only is Howard succeeding at fatherhood, but he has recently received his associate of arts degree from Indian River Community College with an overall GPA of 3.4.

Madrigal was interested in the University of Miami (UM) and visited the campus with Higher Education Advisor Dora Bell. Next thing you know, Howard's perseverance paid off with an acceptance letter to the university.

As many may know, being accepted into a university such as UM is no cakewalk and you are up against a very competitive group of students hoping to be accepted as well. The Brighton community and Howard's family are proud of Howard's accomplishments and wish him all the best.

Snow Girls Receive Academic Awards



Mckayla Snow



Desiree Snow

By Emma Brown

BRIGHTON — Desiree and Mckayla Snow had an outstanding school year this year and walked away with several awards to show for it.

Desiree, the daughter of Albert and Judy Snow, just completed fourth grade at South Elementary School. Desiree has made leaps and bounds in her reading this year and has astonished her teachers and parents.

Mckayla, the granddaughter of Albert and Judy Snow, and Laurie Snow, just completed second grade at South Elementary School.

Both girls have worked with great diligence this year and the grades and awards they achieved for the year serve as proof for their hard work and dedication. The families of both girls are extremely proud and wish to share their children's success.

Desiree's Awards: Perfect attendance, two homework hero, three write on awards, two terrific kid awards, principals award, Kiwanis terrific kid award, citizenship award, two music awards and eagles award; Mckayla's Awards: Computer award, two write on awards, terrific kid award, music award and social studies award.



Alyssa Willie

Provided by Emma Brown

Willie Prepares for College

By Emma Brown

BRIGHTON — Alyssa Willie is due to wrap up her associate's degree this December. How is that possible if she just graduated?

Alyssa has been participating in dual enrollment classes with Indian River Community College while in high school and has earned enough credits to nearly have her associates. Willie is currently attending Indian River Community College and plans to transfer to the University of South Florida since she has earned her associate's degree.

Alyssa has received a Brighton Futures Scholarship and has won several other scholarships and awards for her perseverance in education.



D'anna Osceola

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Education's Kindergarten Program Begins

By Emma Brown

BRIGHTON — On June 13, any student headed to kindergarten in the fall was invited to be a part of the six-week kindergarten program offered by the Brighton Education department.

This program was designed to prepare students for kindergarten. The students are taught daily by certified teacher Jane Ehrhart, along with teacher's aide Efrain Ochoa.

The summer kindergarten program teacher works along with the local elementary school to devise lessons based on items students will need to know to be successful in kindergarten. The students are given breakfast and lunch each day and spend the day simulating an actual kindergarten classroom.

This is the second year for the summer kindergarten program and it is off to a great start with 13 students enrolled.

Bus Staff Celebrates the End of the Year

By Emma Brown

BRIGHTON — The Brighton Bus staff celebrated another successful year that has come and gone at Benihana's. The Bus staff consists of three drivers, three monitors and the Education department office staff.

Without these people it would not be possible to safely transport our students more than 30 miles one way to school. It takes a great deal of hard work and patience to travel such a far distance every day and to deal with day to day issues that arise, such as breaking down more than four times on the side of the road in one year with a bus full of kids.

The Education department greatly appreciates the hard work by the Bus staff, and lunch at Benihana's was a small token of appreciation.



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Five Grads Receive High School Diplomas

Story by Judy Weeks

IMMOKALEE — A new milestone occurred this year in Immokalee when five students graduated from high school. It was a proud moment for the students, their parents and community as they marched across the stage.

Immokalee High School held its commencement proceedings at the Harborside Convention Center on the evening of May 20. After the processional, Immokalee High's Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) did the presentation of colors, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem.

Dressed in red caps and gowns with white tassels, the graduates filled the entire front of the auditorium which was decorated in class colors and white roses. A short video presentation preceded the commencement addresses of the class salutatorian and valedictorian.

In lieu of delivering a speech, Principal Armando Touron sang an inspirational song in honor of the occasion. In recognition of their academic achievements, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Cecilia Bates, Chief Academic Officer Dr. Cynthia Janssen and Principal Touron presented diplomas to approximately 280 students.

An emotional reading of the class poem by Joanna Valdez and Leticia Ramos was followed by the tassel ceremony. The class of 2005 then joined senior class sponsor Misty Gonzalez in singing the school's Alma Mater.

During the event three Seminole Tribal citizens received their diplomas: Lazara Lanae Marrero, Clarissa Michelle Garza and Manuel Joshua Garza.

Commencement proceedings took place at the same time at Labelle High School where Daniel Yzaguirre walked down the aisle with his fellow



Lazara Marrero

in business. Frank and Cris Marrero have every reason to be extremely proud of their daughter, **Lazara Lanae Marrero**. She maintained a high grade average throughout high school while attending accelerated classes and was nominated for the National Honor Roll.

Her accomplishments include 10 years of 4-H, where she twice raised the club steer and swine. In addition to her own entries, she also assisted her brother Frankie with his 4-H projects. For two years, she attended the United Southern and Eastern Tribes' (USET) Close Up Program in Washington, D.C. and the Florida Governor's Council in Tallahassee, Fla.

Last year she accepted the invitation of Lead America and went to California's L.A. Occidental College,



Clarissa Garza

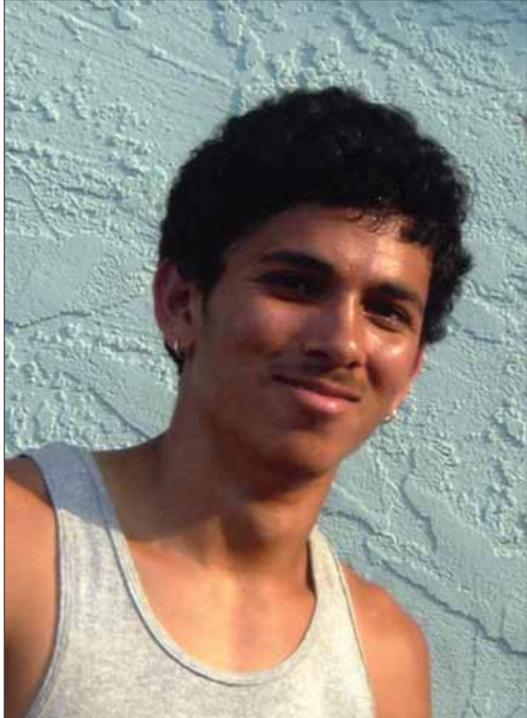
graduates to the traditional "Pomp and Circumstance." In caps and gowns they listened intently to the addresses of the Hendry County superintendent of schools, principal, salutatorian and valedictorian, prior to receiving their respective diplomas.

Daniel Yzaguirre, 18, is the son of Patricia Yzaguirre and stepfather Ray Franco. He has been working at the Youth Center after school and said he hopes to continue to work for the Seminole Tribe while he explores his education options.

The Redlands Christian Migrant Association presented it's diplomas during the month of May and among the recipients were Miguel Mata. The son of Virginia Mata and stepfather Raymond Garza said he hopes to explore the possibility of attending school in Orlando, Fla. to prepare for a career as a golf instructor.

Upon receiving his diploma, **Manuel Joshua Garza**, 18, said he is making plans to pursue a career as an automobile mechanic. The son of Manuel Garza and Sandra Ramirez would like to attend the Lorenzo Walker Vo-Tech School in Naples, Fla. to study mechanics and business courses.

Graduate **Clarissa Garza** is an inspiration for the young people in her community. The daughter of Roy Garza and Angela Aviles has worked on afternoon jobs for a couple of years while attending high school. It is no easy task to maintain a high grade average and remain employed at the same time. Having received her diploma, she will enter Southwest Florida College in Ft. Myers, Fla. and major



Daniel Yzaguirre



Miranda Motlow

Bentley College in Boston, Mass. and Harvard Medical School for introductory presentations.

Lazara has enrolled at Jacksonville University where she will major in English as she prepares for a long-term education in corporate, business and criminal law.

Chairman Mitchell Cypress would like to take this opportunity to address the graduates of the class of 2005.

"I am very proud of the fine group of young adults who have received their certificates of graduation," he said. "I know how much hard work and determination it takes to reach this most important stage in your lives. It is so easy to fall into the trap of distractions and temptations that can prevent you from achieving your goals. You have proven that by coming this far, you have what it takes to succeed in whatever course you choose to follow."

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Community Youngsters Move on to Next Grades

By Judy Weeks
IMMOKALEE — Education has been a primary issue in Immokalee for the past month as the 2004-2005 school year draws to a close. Family and community members congratulated the students as they climb the educational ladder.

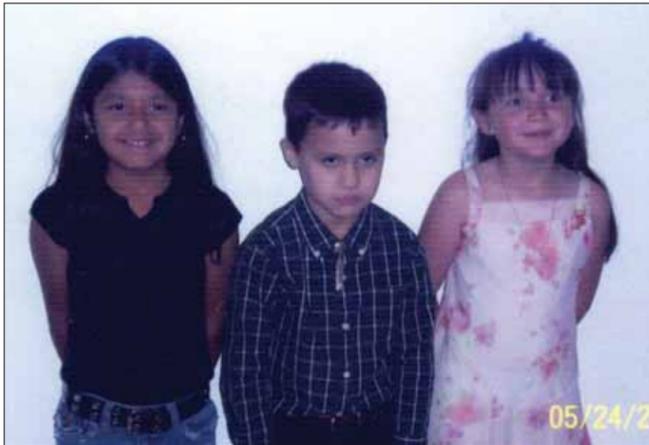
With five high school graduates, it has been an exceptional year for this small community. Looking at the statistics, there is an opportunity for this number to climb in the future. School enrollment is good with youngsters from the community attending five high schools, six middle schools and nine elementary schools.

As the report cards rolled in, Director of Immokalee Education Norita Yzaguirre tabulated the scores, congratulated the students on their promotions and prepared for this year's incentive awards.

She said, "We have more students enrolled than ever before and I am very proud of our graduates. Most of them are planning to continue their education and I welcome the opportunity to assist them. As I help these youngsters move through the school system from pre-kindergarten to college, I can't help but feel a sense of pride and accomplishment on behalf of the Seminole Tribe."

Awards programs were held at each individual's school and will be acknowledged during the up-coming Immokalee Incentive Awards presentation.

Immokalee's preschool



(L-R) Ashley Faz, Trystan Yzaguirre, Chelsey Ford received awards from LaBelle Christian School.

students, Cartaya Billie and Crystal Garcia, joined other graduates in a commencement ceremony at the

Hard Rock in Hollywood. They both will be entering Village Oaks Elementary in the fall.

The Learning Center provided a festive graduation ceremony for their pre-kindergarten students. In a hall decorated with red and white balloons, the student body performed for their parents before receiving their diplomas.

The group included the following community members: Edward and Cindy Aguilar's son, Edward, Jr., Amey Garza's daughter, Haylie Hollaway, Gil Yzaguirre and Aralia De La Rosa's daughter, Allison.

The Community Christian School in Labelle, Fla. held an elaborate awards celebration on May 24, at which time they acknowledged three community members for their achievements.

Chelsey Ford, daughter of Michelle Aguilar Ford, was on the A/B honor roll, received the A Bible Honor Award, Certificate for Wonderful Penmanship and has been promoted to the second grade.

Trystan Yzaguirre, son of Cleofas and Donna Yzaguirre, was on the A Honor Roll, A Bible Honor Award, Certificate for Thoughtfulness and Helpfulness and was promoted to the second Grade.

Juanita Pequeno's daughter, Ashley Faz, has been promoted to the third grade.



Photo provided by Judy Weeks

(L-R) Allison Yzaguirre and Edward Aguilar Jr. were among the Pre-K Graduates at the Learning Center in Immokalee.

Please Mark your calendar and plan on celebrating your child's academic success at the annual Hollywood Incentive Award Ceremony

Tuesday, August 2nd,
 Seminole Hard Rock
 Registration at 5:30 p.m.
 Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Special raffle for eligible students per grade and a grand prize raffle.

For your child to be included in the Incentive Award Ceremony, **report card** and other school awards must be turned in to the Hollywood Education office by **Tuesday, July 5th.**

Check your mail and the Seminole Tribune as more information becomes available.

Next incentive award planning meeting, Thursday, July 7th, 10 a.m., DSO Building, 3rd floor conference room.



Photo provided by Judy Weeks

Haylie Hallaway graduated from Learning Center in Immokalee.

Dear Seminole Tribe of Florida, I am a coordinator for Oklahoma's 2005 Seminole Nation Days Celebration and we would like to invite all our relatives in Florida to come celebrate with us.

Thanks,
 Emman Spain

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY AUG. 4, 2005	6:30 PM SEMINOLE PRINCESS PAGEANT
FRIDAY AUGUST 5, 2005	7:00 PM-MIDNIGHT GOSPEL SINGING 7:00 PM-10:00 PM TALENT SHOW FINALS ALL DAY VENDOR SET-UP
SATURDAY AUG. 6, 2005	7:00 AM REGISTRATION FOR SK WALK 7:30 AM SK WALK 8:30 AM ASSEMBLE FOR PARADE 9:00 AM REGISTRATION FOR LITTLE OLYMPICS 9:00 AM FAST PITCH SOFTBALL 9:00 AM REGISTRATION FOR HORSESHOE TOURN. 9:00 AM REGISTRATION FOR VOLLEYBALL TOURN.
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11:00 AM LITTLE OLYMPICS	5:00 PM HEADSTAFF DINNER
11:00 AM OLD TIMERS' SOFTBALL GAME	7:00 PM CONTEST POW WOW GRAND ENTRY
11:30 AM TALENT SHOW SECOND PLACE PERFORMANCES	
12:00 PM BASKETBALL 3 ON 3 TOURN.	
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2:00 PM STICKBALL GAMES	
2:00 PM TALENT SHOW WINNERS PERFORM ON MAIN STAGE	
3:00 PM TRADITIONAL STORYTELLING TRADITIONAL YELL TRADITIONAL DRESS CONTEST	
4:00 PM ALL WINNERS ANNOUNCED	
4:00 PM RED DAWN BLUES BAND	
5:00 PM TRADITIONAL DINNER	
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10:15 PM FIREWORKS	
SUNDAY AUG. 7, 2005	10:00 AM ARCHERY SHOOT
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	7:00 PM CONTEST POW WOW GRAND ENTRY

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Tribe Welcomes New Massage Therapist

By Judy Weeks

IMMOKALEE — Striving to improve our health is not only a wise decision but requires individual attention. In an effort to assist Tribal citizens in finding healthy solutions, the Seminole Tribe has endorsed Lifestyle Balance classes, provided workout equipment and counseling.

Recently Tracey De La Rosa, a licensed massage therapist joined the Senior Program in Immokalee. De La Rosa, 24, is a Florida native, born 24 years ago in Sarasota. Her mother, originally from Naples, married a Texan. During her early years, she traveled with her parents but eventually returned to Collier County where she completed her education.

Graduating from Immokalee High School in 1999, she took jobs in the health care and education fields. Ever since the sixth grade, when she developed a keen interest in massage, she has read whatever material was available on the subject, always hoping to make this her career.

In January 2004 De La Rosa completed the Florida Academy of Massage and Skin Care. For the next eleven months she studied History, Anatomy and Business along with the manual and mechanical manipulation of the soft tissues of the body. The course introduces other types of Modalities such as Thai massage, Tai Chi, Yoga, Chinese medicine, Reiki, biotherapy and hydrotherapy.

On March 26, she successfully passed her state board exam and received national certification in therapeutic massage and bodywork. Always interested in expanding her knowledge, she is continuing her studies with aroma therapy and paraffin wax dips.

Paraffin wax is designed to soothe, soften and renew the skin. It is generally used on hands and feet to deal with skin, calluses, arthritis and carpal tunnel problems.

On June 1, Chairman Cypress visited the temporary senior massage facilities in the Immokalee Gym. He had the opportunity to be the first person to use the new hydraulic treatment table following a

to me. I could do anything I wanted and still live forever. Several years ago, reality kicked in and I had a rude awakening. I had developed diabetes and with sky-rocketing cholesterol levels, I had become a walking time bomb.



New Immokalee massage therapist Tracey De La Rosa adjusts the chairman's neck during a session.

Judy Weeks

"Unlike the houses in which we live, you can not trade for a new body when you wear the old one out. Each person is allotted only one in a lifetime and without it, you become history.

"Following my wake up call. I began a rigorous regime of controlled exercise and a healthy diet, while eating in moderation. Following last year's motorcycle accident, I had to add therapy to my daily schedule. It took dedication and a concentrated effort for me to change my lifestyle. I enlisted the help of a personal trainer and later a physical therapist to get me back on track.

"It had taken years to get me into my dangerous physical condition and this could not be reversed safely overnight, and certainly not without instruction.

"A daily workout, walking and new eating habits have become not only my lifestyle, but enjoyable. Feeling good is contagious and I hope others will want to catch the feeling."

With peaceful, soothing music playing in the background, De La Rosa gave him a massage designed to relax his muscles, provide relief of lower back discomfort and tightness in the neck and shoulders. Upon completing the session, she asked his reaction to the treatment and he replied with a smile.

"I will have to check my schedule so that I can make another appointment," he said.

Laughing she said, "Thank you. I accept that as a favorable endorsement."

Continuing she pointed out, "I am trying to impress upon the seniors the fact that with age, they are no longer as active as they once were and their muscles need stimulation. Circulation to their hands and feet becomes diminished with the slow down in activity, often noticeable by tingling, numbness or a cold sensation. Not only does massage help with this problem, but it has psychological and physiological benefits."

The Seminole Tribe is providing her services to the elders during the day by appointment. She is currently working out of an office in the gym and making home visits, while waiting to move in a few short weeks to the new modular facilities.

When not serving the seniors, she is available for hire after hours to the general community.

When Our Spring is Gone

By Cathrine Robinson, LCSW, Immokalee reservation

[Editor's Note: Cathrine Robinson is a licensed clinical social worker employed as a senior counselor in the Family Services Department. She earned her master's degree at the University of Georgia and has been a therapist for 15 years. Her article will address women's issues and concerns and appear monthly in The Seminole Tribune. Questions and comments can be e-mailed to her at CatherineRobinson@semtribe.com. The opinions expressed here are her own.]

"...Cathrine, just don't ever get old..."

Granny would say to me every time I would ask her if there was something more I could do for her. I was never sure, during that time, if Granny was giving me a command or asking me to commit to a promise.

But now that the spring of youth is passing for me, I finally realized that Granny was just trying to share with me her discomfort with the inevitable process of aging.

Many of us enjoy the relative comfort of having some sort of maneuvering control over the over the choices and decisions we make in our lives. We choose our educational endeavors, career paths, social and romantic relationships, material possessions, lifestyles, and the like.

We meet with a variety of successes and failures with the challenges of our pursuits, but we enjoy the capacity to move forward at a self determined pace. We continue to have the impression that time is always on our side, until one day we wake up, and realize we are middle aged. Some of us start to become reflective regarding past mistakes or missed opportunities.

Others may be more focused on physical changes such as feeling the tug of body parts giving in to gravity, increased aches and pains, or needing that extra nap on the weekends. Still others might choose this phase of life to reassess financial status or honor commitments to children and grandchildren. However, as the population gets older, many of us in our 40s, 50s, and even 60s, are also caring for our aging parents. Time becomes a precious commodity as we watch and experience new physical, emotional, and social challenges brought on by advancing age.

Senior citizens, on the whole, experience more chronic and acute pain, chronic illnesses, memory loss, sleep disturbances, vision and hearing problems, than their younger counterparts. Health problems can be exacerbated by social isolation and social stressors. A variety of studies have shown that loneliness and isolation can weaken an already compromised immune system among the elderly.

Here on the Immokalee reservation, 90 percent of our seniors are women. On the whole, women tend to live longer than their male counterparts, thus they are more likely to face the loss of a spouse. The outlet of companionship can further be thwarted when lifelong friendships and social circles deteriorate as friends die, become ill, or move away. Such inevitable life events can produce feelings of grief and loss, and ultimately depression.

Depression is a medical and psychiatric illness that is characterized by persistent sadness, discouragement, and low self worth. A person who is depressed may have lowered energy, poor concentration, increased sleep problems, decreased appetite, possibly weight loss or weight gain, and increased physical complaints. Seniors who exhibit depression, are at high risk to abuse alcohol and prescription medication and are susceptible to foster suicidal ideation.

Assessing depression and other emotional problems among many of our seniors can be difficult. Some cultures have historically dealt with pain under

oppression, slavery, or poor economic times. Thus, individuals in certain cultures may believe addressing pain with controlled emotions may be a sign of strength and endurance.

Also, for some, depression and repressed anger has become so interwoven in their state of being, such painful emotions are accepted as normal. Lastly, people are simply used to going to physicians for physical complaints. For many, emotional concerns are considered private matters that should stay within the family. There is no denying there are evident limitations as one ages. Meeting tasks with speed and agility can no longer be a priority.

After my father retired, his favorite advice to his impatient children was "take your time." He knew that slowness did not prevent movement. At 80 years of age, my father is still actively involved in family affairs, the upkeep of his home, and personal hobbies. Like my father, there are so many ways in which we can enhance our quality of life as we get older.

Here are some suggestions:

1. Choose a positive outlook to life. People like to be around people who are positive. We can affirm ourselves daily with positive statements and goals. We can use our imagination to explore limitless possibilities in pursuing new opportunities and resolving to persistent problems. We can mentor our children in how to be positive and solution focused, so that they in turn, can model these behaviors to their children.

2. Make mundane tasks, interesting. Retirement and unemployment can yield one to boredom and inactivity. Try a new recipe, invite someone over for a meal, write a letter to an old friend or relative, start a new hobby, or complete a project you have been procrastinating around the home.

3. Choose to be alone, but not lonely. Studies have shown that people who are involved in social activities such as church, volunteer work, or regularly scheduled group outings, experience less problems with depression and mood fluctuations.

4. Nourish spiritual needs and traditional values that have historically brought comfort. Associate with individuals who compliment your faith and values. Share cultural and spiritual values, knowledge, stories, and experiences to children and grandchildren.

5. Stay nutritionally and physically fit. Walking, cycling, swimming, or exercising parts of the body that are mobile are ways one can increase physical activity. Physical activity, Folic acid, Fish high in Omega 3 fatty acids (tuna, salmon, sardines), and multivitamins have been suggested to slow down memory problems, such as Alzheimer's disorders.

6. Stay mentally active. Just as body weakens when it is not properly taken care of, so does the brain. Play board or card games, improve on reading and writing skills, paint, or take a continuing education course. There are a variety of ways to keep mentally fit.

7. Seek the help of a medical or mental health professional. Sometimes the weight of a burden can feel so heavy that one can feel immobilized by despair or helplessness. Making decisions or engaging in activities can appear overwhelming. No one has to be alone in a crisis. Call family services, a local mental health professional, medical doctor, or 911 for assistance. Help is always available.

From spring's dawn to winters dusk, today's seniors can be proud that they have complimented their longevity, with wisdom and endurance. No doubt their personal sacrifices and insurmountable struggles have fortified them with a strength and wisdom they can pass on for generations. As we learn from our seniors, we can embrace each phase of life with honor and integrity.



Judy Weeks

Chairman Mitchell Cypress gets a paraffin wax hand treatment from De La Rosa.

paraffin treatment of his hands.

Exercise, as it relates to the seniors, is a very important issue and the Tribe is constantly looking for ways to promote and enhance programs that would benefit them.

Chairman Mitchell Cypress reminisced about his own personal experiences.

"Like most young people, I grew up thinking I was indestructible," he said. "Nothing could happen

Health Fair Provides Women-Specific Info



Adelsa Williams

Nutritionist Doris Mir does a body fat percentage analysis on Liliana Nicolosi from Accounting.

By Shelley Marmor

HOLLYWOOD — On June 10, the Seminole Tribal Health department hosted a women's health fair in the auditorium of the Hollywood Headquarters. The fair lasted from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., with a complimentary lunch of fajitas, sandwich wraps and salad served at 12 p.m.

Many Tribal citizens and Tribal employees made their way to the fair, stopping at various booths to pick up informational pamphlets and/or get take various health-related tests.

Some of the tests offered included: body mass index, cholesterol, blood pressure, hearing, lung capacity and blood sugar. Upon entry into the health fair, attendees received a brochure that had spaces inside to record the results from all these tests. Those receiving a minimum of 10 signatures for any 10 booths were eligible to enter a raffle for various prizes. Celia Arcia, Dawna Bowman, Betsy Franco and Wanda Faye all took home prizes.

Several representatives from various organizations including the Memorial Hospital Health Care System, American Heart Association, the March of Dimes and Planned Parenthood also attended the fair.

Alesha Smith, director of public affairs and community education for Planned Parenthood of

South Palm Beach & Broward Counties, Inc. handed out brochures for women and young girls on sexuality. She said her organization is constantly in jeopardy of funding cuts due to the "current administration." Smith added that the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion could be overturned at any time by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The March of Dimes, an organization the focuses on babies and infant mortality reduction, had various pamphlets about the importance of folic acid. The March of Dimes recommends all pregnant women have 400 micrograms of folic acid per day. Good sources of folic acid include black beans, avocados, certain cereals, beets and broccoli.

Two of the most popular booths was the massage therapy stations. At one station, people sat upright and the massage focused mainly on the neck, shoulders, lower and middle back. At the second station Licensed Massage Therapist Sha Alf from the Miccosukee Tribe's Health department had fair attendees lay on their stomach for a full body massage.

Alf said she does massages for Seminole Tribal citizens by appointment only. She works from the Hollywood reservation on Tuesdays and Fridays. To contact Alf, call (305) 801-3655.

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Dear Counselor,
I am a 27 year old Seminole woman. I have been dating the same man for more than eight years. We have a great relationship. We love each other very much and we are saving to get married.

My boyfriend is 34 years old and is very patient with me. I realize every relationship have arguments and disagreements.

My boyfriend tells me that I am very emotional at times. I don't want this to be a problem in our relationship or marriage.

When I was child I remember my mother being very emotional. I blame her for my emotional state of mind.

Signed,
In Love

Ask The Counselor



Basil Phillips
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Letters of interest from the community

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about your emotional behavior, denial, blaming and finger pointing. In Love, it is important for you to realize that there are no qualities inside of you that don't have a purpose some where or at some time.

You have fear so that you will know when you need to protect yourself. Fear tells you when it's not safe to walk down a dark street or when to lock your door. You have anger so that you will know when someone has violated you or crossed your boundaries. Your sadness enables you to feel the pain of loss; otherwise, how would you know that you miss someone or something? Joy tells you that your soul is being nourished, while discontent tells you that something is missing from your life.

Every quality you posses has its polar opposite close by waiting to come into balance. Emotional growth is the acknowledgement

and integration of all of your emotional behaviors. Rational behavior is brought about with communication. Work on communicating with your boyfriend and share your feelings when you feel stress.

In Love, here is a word of advice from the Counselor: When you handle yourself, use your head, when you handle your boyfriend, use your heart.

Signed,
Counselor

Dear In Love,
Taking responsibility that this is your life and you are responsible for becoming free from your pain and your relationship success is important. As long as you continue to blame someone else, you're stuck in the illusion that you are powerless over your condition.

Until you take total responsibility for the circumstance you find yourself in, you remain powerless to change them. Once you embrace your part in your circumstances, you can begin to face and change what is within you.

You embark on this journey by taking an inventory of your relationship and being honest

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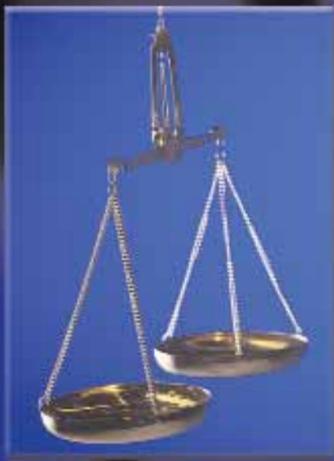
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Ten Things to Know About Mold

As Florida approaches the rainy season, homeowners should safe-proof their homes against moisture intrusion

Submitted by Patrick Peck, Environmental Health Department

1. Potential health effects and symptoms associated with mold exposures include allergic reactions, asthma, and other respiratory complaints.

2. There is no practical way to eliminate all mold and mold spores in the indoor environment; the way to control indoor mold growth is to control moisture.

3. If mold is a problem in your home or school, you must clean up the mold and eliminate sources of moisture.

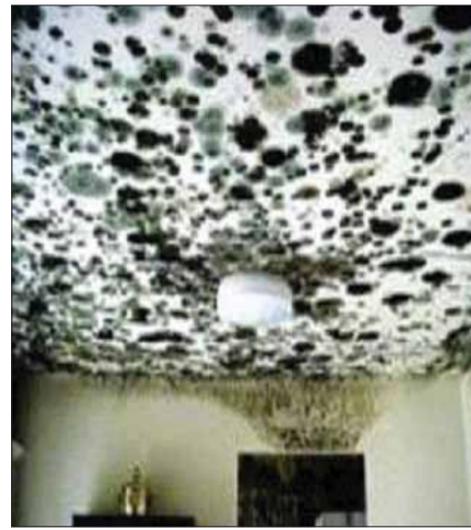
4. Fix the source of the water problem or leak to prevent mold growth.

5. Reduce indoor humidity by 30–60 percent to decrease mold growth by taking the following measures: venting bathrooms, dryers, and other moisture-generating sources to the outside, using air conditioners and de-humidifiers, increasing ventilation and using exhaust fans when cooking, dishwashing and cleaning.

6. Clean and dry any damp or wet building materials and furnishings within 24–48 hours to prevent mold growth.

7. Clean mold off hard surfaces with water and detergent, and dry completely. Absorbent materials such as ceiling tiles, that are moldy, may need to be replaced.

8. Prevent condensation: Reduce the potential for condensation on cold surfaces (i.e., windows, piping, exterior walls, roof or floors) by adding insu-



Molded ceilings can spread rapidly throughout the house if left untreated.

lation.

9. In areas where there is a perpetual moisture problem, do not install carpeting (i.e., by drinking fountains, by classroom sinks, or on concrete floors with leaks or frequent condensation).

10. Molds can be found almost anywhere; they can grow on virtually any substance, providing moisture is present. There are molds that can grow on wood, paper, carpet and foods.

Anyone suspecting a mold problem should please call the Tribal Housing department to request

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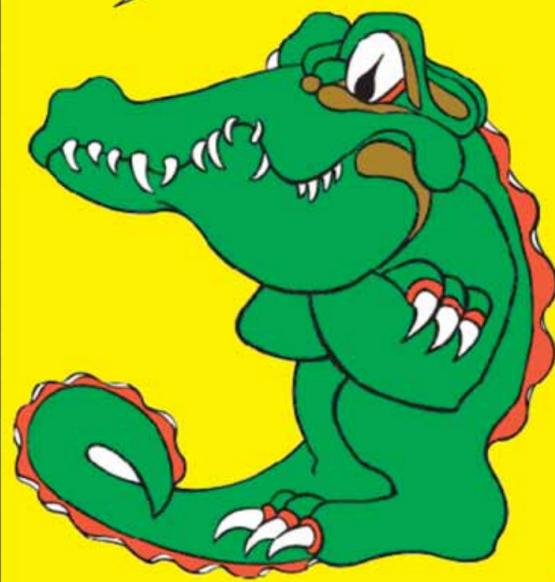
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A Message from Police Chief Mike Floyd

Every 40 seconds a child is reported missing in the U.S.

Submitted by SPD

Children are our most valued asset and the future of the community. The Seminole Police Department (SPD) and its members are dedicated to the safety and well-being of all our children. SPD aims to protect this precious asset through education and technology.

SPD has joined with A Child is Missing, a national program, and the only program of its kind in the country. A Child is Missing is a public/private partnership and is devoted to assisting law enforcement in search and early recovery efforts during the initial hours after a child or elderly person's disappearance. This is accomplished using a rapid-response neighborhood notification system and utilizing a high-tech telephone program.

A Child is Missing works in conjunction with Amber Alert and all safety programs. However, A Child is Missing should not be confused with the Amber Alert, which is designed for stranger abductions and geographically removed from the area of disappearance.

A Child is Missing has very few restrictions and can be activated by one simple phone call. An A Child is Missing technician records an individual alert message, which is phoned out to the area where the child/elder was last seen. With its high-tech telephone, they can place up to 1,000 calls in 60 seconds.

In a little more than three years, law enforcement has credited A Child is Missing with 99 successful recoveries. The average recovery time has been 90 minutes from placing alert calls.

On behalf of all the employees and members of SPD, I'd like to thank you for your continued support, trust and respect.

Be safe, buckle up and God bless!

Safeguard Yourself: Tips for Women

Submitted by Sergeant Al Signore, SPD, Crime Prevention Unit

Purse Snatch
Do not carry a bag that makes you a target. A bag that dangles from the shoulder can be easily yanked off your shoulder from someone coming up behind you.

Do not carry your bag in such a manner that you can't let it go if you have to. Many women have been injured because their own bags acted as handcuffs as a purse snatcher yanked it away.

Do be aware of your surroundings and carry your bag close to your body, i.e. tucked in the bend of your elbow.

Do minimize the amount of money and credit cards that you carry with you on a daily basis. Divide your money between pockets and bags.

If you are a victim of a purse snatch do not fight to hold onto your bag, especially if there is a weapon(s) involved.

Coming Home Late
Avoid shortcuts that are not well traveled or well lit.

Know what reputable stores are open in the neighborhood late at night. If you suspect that you're being followed stay away from lonely quiet locks and head for the store you know to be open.

When walking to your car or on your way home, keep your keys in your hand until you are safely inside for added protection.

If someone drops you off at home by auto, ask the driver to wait until you are safely inside.

If a motorist bothers you while you are walking turn around and walk in the opposite direction of the car. Do this as often as necessary and the motorist should get discouraged.

If You're Driving
Keep windows rolled up, except for a small ventilation space and keep your doors locked.

If someone attempts to force you off the road, don't panic and blow your horn constantly to attract attention. If you are forced over, as soon as you stop put your car in reverse and back away. Keep blowing your horn and moving the car as much as possible.

Try to park your car in a well lighted area this is not only good from the standpoint of discouraging a personal attack on you but also for the reducing chance of auto theft. Look around before you get into your car.

Before getting into your car look inside first to make sure no one is hiding in the back seat. When leaving your car make sure it is locked.

At Home You Should
Have your keys ready before you walk in the front door.
Make sure your entrance area is well lighted.

If you have an apartment, don't be polite and hold the lobby door open for a stranger that has been waiting.

List only your last name and first initials on your mailbox.

Don't buzz someone inside unless you know them.

If a stranger wants to use your phone for any kind of call do not permit them to. You may keep them outside and make the call for the person. Any problems or doubt, call the police.

If you arrive home and find your door open do not go inside call the police from a payphone, cell phone, or neighbors house and ask them to meet you.

Don't get on the elevator with a stranger if your good judgment warns against it need an excuse to avoid embarrassment say something like "Oh, I forgot my mail."

I You are A Victim of Rape
Report crime immediately to police, call 911

Do not wash or douche
Have a medical exam and internal gynecological exam as soon as possible, accompanied by a police officer preferably

Inform doctor of exact acts committed upon you and have him note any medical evidence of them

Seamen smears must be taken by the doctor

Doctors should note any bruises or injuries (bleeding, lacerations, etc) external or internal

Have the doctor test for venereal diseases and pregnancy later if relevant.

Inform the police of all details of the attack however intimate and of anything unusual you may have noticed about the attacker remember what he said and how he said it may lead to his arrest

Show police any external bruises or injuries however minor resulting from the attack also show them to a friend or relative who might be available as a corroborative witness at the trial

Give the undergarment to the police for semen analysis

Give any torn or stained clothing to the police

When calm make note of events of attack unusual details, etc.

For more information for safeguard yourself tips, call Sergeant Al Signore with the Seminole Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at (813) 623-5748.

Open Letter to Parents from SPD Regarding ATVs

Submitted by SPD

Dear Parent or Guardian,

As summer vacation draws near, the Seminole Police Department (SPD) would like to impress upon parents and guardians the importance of all-terrain vehicle (ATV) safety. Even if you personally don't own an ATV, your friends and neighbors might.

As parents and guardians, you literally hold the key to your children's safety. Every ATV has an ignition key, and when you control the key, you control the use. Parental supervision is a key element to your child's safety; children under the age of 16 must be supervised at all times when riding an ATV.

Even if your family does not own an ATV, there is a chance that your child has friends or acquaintances that do. It is important to address this by setting rules and discussing them with your child. You might also want to make a call to a friend's parents if you are unsure about whether or not this might be an issue at the location or event your child is attending.

Another point to note is that ATVs are designed for a single operator and no passengers, so your child should never ride on an ATV with someone else at the controls. Again, adult supervision is the key.

ATVs are not one size fits all. Nearly 90 percent of all youth ATV-related incidents are the results of a youth riding an adult-sized ATV, meaning an ATV with an engine size greater than 90 cubic centimeters.

timeters. No child younger than 16 should be permitted to ride an adult-sized ATV.

The ATV industry provides the following recommendations regarding the size of the ATV and the age of the rider.

If your child is six years and older they should ride an ATV that has an engine size of less than 70 cubic centimeters. If your child is 12 years and older, they should ride an ATV that is less than 90 cubic centimeters. It is only when

your child is 16 years and

older, should they ride an ATV that is of more than 90 cubic centimeters.

Even though a child is of the recommended age to ride a particular size ATV, not all children have the strength, skill or judgment needed to operate an ATV. You should supervise your child's operation of the ATV at all times and allow continued use only if you determine

that your child has the ability and judgment to operate the ATV safely.

More than 90 percent of all ATV-related fatalities are caused by behaviors that the ATV industry strongly warns against. There are eight rules of ATV safety that address these behaviors: always wear a helmet and other protective gear, take an ATV rider safety course, supervise riders younger than 16—ATVs are not toys, ride only on designated trails at a

safe

speed, never ride on public roads—another vehicle could hit you, never ride under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, never carry a passenger on a single-rider vehicle and ride an ATV that's right for your age.

To reiterate, the guidelines for determining what size is right for which person are:
Age 6 and older, under 70 cubic centimeters; age 12 and older, 70-90 cubic centimeters; age 16 and older, more than 90 cubic centimeters

SPD's primary goal is to promote the safe and responsible use of ATVs, thereby reducing accidents and injuries that may result from improper ATV operation by the rider.



Crime Prevention Recommendations for Senior Citizens

Submitted by Sergeant Al Signore, SPD, Crime Prevention Unit

Senior citizens currently represent the most rapidly growing segment of the population in the U.S. Currently, one in every eight Americans is age 65 or older, a total of more than 35 million. By year 2030 as baby boomers age and life expectancy increases, this number increase to an estimated 64 million.

Personal Safety At Home: Safety at the door

1. When someone knocks at your door, don't open it unless you know our visitor. / Have a through-the-door viewer installed on each exterior door.

2. If the person is a representative, salesman, etc., ask that identification and credentials be slipped under the door or through the mail slot. Call the employer to verify the name and business. Refuse to deal with anyone who won't comply with this request.

3. Someone may knock at your door and ask to use your telephone to make an emergency call. Never open the door, take the message and make the call for them.

4. If someone comes to your door that you do not trust or who you believe might be dangerous; call your local police or sheriff's department immediately.

Returning Home

1. If you find your door ajar or if you hear unusual sounds inside, don't go in.

2. Go to the nearest telephone and call you police or sheriff's department

3. If your home has been burglarized, don't touch anything until law enforcement arrives.

4. If you enter your home and find a burglar there, leave if you can.

5. If the intruder is armed, sit down quietly and obey instructions.

6. Do not resist or fight.

7. Observe the intruder closely to obtain a description for the responding law enforcement officer.

8. When the intruder leaves, call your local police or sheriff's department immediately.

Telephone Safety

1. If you receive frequent wrong numbers calls, hang up calls, late night calls from strangers, or other nuisance calls, call the security representative at your local telephone company.

2. If a telephone call is obscene, hang up the telephone but don't slam the receiver down.

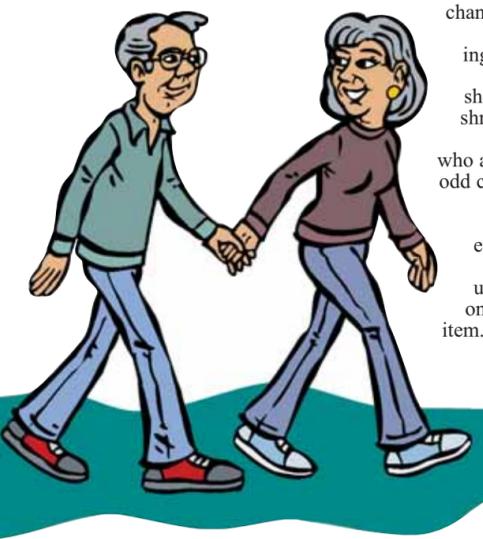
3. If a telephone call is threatening, contact your local law enforcement agency immediately.

4. Never allow yourself to be drawn into a conversation with an unknown caller in which you reveal your name, address, marital status or anything to indicate you are alone.

5. Don't let a caller know you are angry or upset. This is the reaction they want and will often encourage them.

6. Don't play detective and extend the call attempting to find out who is calling. This may be the reaction the

caller wants or needs.



7. Don't try to be a counselor. The annoying or malicious caller probably needs professional help, but he/she may only be encouraged by your concern and will continue calling.

While You Are Out: Detering the Street Criminal Purse Snatches, Pickpockets, and Muggers

1. Purse snatchers are most frequently teenagers who prey upon persons in crowded places.

2. The pickpocket attempts to steal a wallet when the owner is distracted in a crowded.

3. The mugger looks for victims in out-of-the-way and secluded places.

Recommendations

1. Carry as little cash as possible and carry credit cards in a concealed coat or chest pocket.

2. For a woman with a purse, carry it close to the body, preferably in front. If the purse has a clasp, cover it with your hand. Don't wrap the strap of the purse around your wrist. Never leave a purse unattended.

3. If you carry both packages and a purse, put the purse between your body and the packages.

5. Avoid carrying a wallet in a back or side pocket.

6. If a robber attempts to snatch your purse: Don't resist. Give the robber what he/she wants. Sit down to avoid injury. Observe the robber as closely as possible to get a description for the police. Never pursue the attacker. After sitting down, make noise by calling for help. Carry a whistle and blow it repeatedly.

When Walking

1. Plan your route and stay alert to your surroundings.

2. Never exhibit or flash large sums of cash or other valuables.

3. If you must walk at night, choose the busiest and best-lit streets.

4. Walk with a companion, when-

ever possible.

5. Greet familiar people, merchants and vendors.

6. Stay away from buildings and walk next to the street.

7. Avoid dark places, short cuts, alleys, thick trees and shrubs and sparsely traveled areas.

8. Be wary of strangers who attempt to start meaningless or odd conversations.

In Stores

4. Don't display cash except in small amounts.

2. Don't leave a purse unattended, in a shopping cart or on a counter while examining an item. Don't get separated from a

purse in a crowded restroom.

3. If you are purchasing something and opening your purse, don't allow yourself to be distracted. Close it as quickly as possible.

4. Always make sure you retrieve a credit card from a clerk after using it.

When Using Public Transportation

1. Don't wait alone at a transit stop any longer than necessary.

2. Carry exact change in your hand.

3. Stand in view of other passengers.

4. Sit in the front of the vehicle near the driver or in the middle of the car away from doors.

5. When arriving by taxi, ask the driver to wait until you are inside before driving away.

Safety in Your Car

1. Keep your gas tank full and your vehicle's engine well maintained to avoid breakdowns.

Always lock your car doors, even when you're inside, and keep your windows rolled up.

2. Lock packages and other valuables in the trunk. Do not leave them on the back seat or on the floor of the vehicle where potential thieves can see them.

3. When you return to your car, always check the front and back seat before you get in.

4. Never pick up hitchhikers.

5. If your car breaks down, pull over to the right as far as possible, raise the hood, and wait inside for help. Do not get out of the car or roll down the window till the police arrive.

6. Don't leave your purse on the seat beside you when driving. Place it on the floor.

7. When you arrive home, keep the headlights on until you have the car in the garage and the house is unlocked.

8. Although they are an expense, it is recommended you have a portable cellular telephone in your motor vehicle. They can be invaluable if you have mechanical problems, are involved in or witness an accident, feel threatened, etc.

9. If you purchase gas or go inside to pay for it, take your vehicle keys with you.

10. Don't keep your car keys on the same ring as your house keys. If your

car is stolen with the keys in it, you don't want the thief to also have the keys to your home.

11. When stopped at traffic lights, be aware of diversions. A criminal may try to sell a vehicle driver something or perhaps beg money, while a second criminal reaches in a window or enters the vehicle from the passenger side.

12. Do not rent vehicles that are clearly marked as rental vehicles. Thieves often target rentals because they believe tourists who carry a lot of money drive them.

For more information on Crime Prevent Tips for Senior Citizens, call the Seminole Police Department Sergeant Al Signore with the Crime Prevention Unit at (813) 6235748.

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News From Indian Country

National Center & UIDA Business Services 2005-2006 Calendar of Events

Submitted by UIDA Business Services, A Native American Procurement and Technical Assistance Center

February 6-9, 2006:
20th Annual National Reservation Economic Summit Conference & American Indian Business Trade Fair (RES) at the Las Vegas Hilton, Las Vegas, NV. For more information contact Maryl Hamilton, (480) 545-1298, (800) 462-2433, Ext. 228 or events@ncaied.org

April 2006:
3rd Annual Native American Business Leaders Awards Luncheon in Atlanta, GA. Contact Chandra Newby at (770) 494-0117 or chandra.newby@uida.org for more information.

May 8, 2006:
18th Annual National Center Golf Classic Tournament at the Hacienda Golf Club in La Habra Heights, CA. For more information contact Maryl Hamilton, (480) 545-1298, (800) 462-2433, Ext. 228 or events@ncaied.org

Questions? Call: (800) 4-NCAIED, Ext. 243, Fax: 480-545-4208, e-mail: events@ncaied.org and visit either www.ncaied.org or www.uida.org.

NAJA Receives Grant for Capacity Building

Submitted by the Native American Journalists Association

VERMILLION, SD — The Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) received a \$25,000 grant from the Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation (EEIJ), the Ford Foundation, and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation for capacity building. The building will allow NAJA to better serve its more than 500 members.

"We're very happy with the support we've received from EEIJ, Ford and Knight," NAJA President Dan Lewerenz, Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, said. "In many ways, NAJA is still growing as a nonprofit, and this will help us position ourselves to do a better job of raising the money necessary to support our mission and continue working for our members."

The Challenge Fund for Journalism allows media organizations to boost their fundraising efforts by encouraging the organizations to target individual donors. The Fund for Journalism provides one-to-one matching grants, and offers workshops and consultation on fund-raising strategies.

"This project will increase the fund-raising capacity of organizations that

work to ensure diversity in the news media," said Jon Funabiki, deputy director of the Media, Arts and Culture unit of the Ford Foundation. "The program will also encourage the organizations to target individual donors, including journalists, as a source of new funds."

Lewerenz issued a challenge to NAJA members and organizations looking to contribute to the cultivation of the growing number of Native journalists.

"NAJA's mission is to empower Native journalists through programs designed to enrich the field and promote Native cultures, in addition to increase representation of Native journalists in mainstream media," Lewerenz said.

"We only have one year to meet this grant. However, with the support of our members and the supporters both in the industry and in Indian Country, I'm confident that we can meet this challenge and continue to grow as an organization."

NAJA plans to kick off the "NAJA Challenge: Helping Journalists Succeed" campaign during the 21st Annual Convention Aug. 11-14 in Lincoln, NE. For information about the conference, "A Free Press; A Free People," please go to conv2005@naja.com.

NMAI Sculpture Design Competition

Submitted by NMAI

WASHINGTON, DC — The Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) is pleased to announce a call to distinguished artists for a site-specific outdoor sculpture commission. The museum is looking for a work of art that symbolizes "welcome" and "home" to visitors as they first enter the grounds. The museum will take a broad approach to selecting an artist.

Call for Submissions
NMAI is seeking submissions from professional artists who wish to be considered for the commission of a contemporary outdoor sculpture for long-term public display on the museum's grounds. The work will welcome millions of visitors every year and become a signature piece, visually representing the museum to the rest of the world.

There are two phases to the selection process. The first step is this call for submissions. From a review of artists' previous work, the selection committee will choose up to five finalists to advance to the next phase. In the second phase, finalists will be invited to the museum to meet with the selection committee. Finalists will be asked to develop a site-specific proposal and a maquette.

The selection committee will review the proposals-presented in person by the artists-and select the work to be commissioned. The museum will provide financial support to the finalists during the second phase, including travel to and from Washington, D.C.

Final selection is expected to be announced in April 2006; installation is planned for September 2007. Submissions should consist of images of the artist's work that reflect: i) the artist's experience; ii) the artist's ability to complete a large-scale commission; and iii) the aesthetic quality of the artist's work and its compatibility with the museum's mission, architecture, and landscape.

Specifications of the Work of Art
The work must be an original piece made for the NMAI, never before displayed or incorporated into previous work. The work must be consistent with the landscape and the architecture of the museum in its scale, materials, and subject matter.

It is the intent of the NMAI to

have the work on outdoor display for five to 10 years, accessible to a curious public. Therefore, the piece must be sturdy and stable; suitable for the climatic conditions of Washington, D.C.; and safe for visitors.

The work will be placed at one of the following sites: the museum's South Entrance, the East Entrance, or along the North Walk. The final location will be determined by the commissioned artist and the selection committee.

Procedures and Guidelines for Submissions

Please read all instructions carefully. Materials not submitted in the proper format will not be considered. No electronic or faxed submissions will be accept-

artist's name, Tribal affiliation (if applicable), telephone number(s), and email address. Please do not exceed four pages.

• One-page artist's statement that addresses the following: how the artist's work relates to the museum's project, what interests the artist about the project and the artist's past experiences that are relevant to the project.

Please type all responses. Please do not submit additional materials or original artwork; the museum will not return slides, CDs, or other submitted materials. Unfortunately, the museum cannot be responsible for lost, missing, or damaged materials. All materials will be photocopied for the selection committee. Please do not staple or bind submission materials, and use only plain letter-size paper.

Send Completed Submissions To

Via FedEx, UPS, or Other Courier: National Museum of the American Indian, 4th Street and Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20024, Attn: Machel Monenerkit, Design Competition

Via Regular (USPS) or International Mail: National Museum of the American Indian, P.O. Box 37012, MRC 590, Washington, DC 20013-7012, Attn: Machel Monenerkit, Design Competition.

Materials submitted to the NMAI during all phases of the competition will become the property

of the NMAI and will not be returned. Materials submitted by the finalists during the selection period, Phase 2, including maquettes, may be used by the museum for all standard nonprofit uses. By submitting materials to the NMAI for this competition, the artist agrees to these terms.

For more information please call Machel Monenerkit at (202) 633-6667 or e-mail monenerkitm@si.edu.

Estimated Project Timeline

Aug. 1: Submission postmark deadline; Oct. 3: Notification of finalists; Oct. 10-14: Site visit to the NMAI by finalists; March 13-17, 2006: Final judging review by the selection committee, finalists will present proposals and maquettes at the NMAI; April 3, 2006: Notification of artist selected for commission; August 2007: Commissioned work shipped to the NMAI; September 2007: Installation and public unveiling of commissioned work.



Jones & Jones, SmithGroup, Polshak Partnership
Site plan of museum's ground level and surrounding landscape.

ed. Incomplete or late submissions will not be reviewed. All submissions must be postmarked by Aug. 1.

Each submission must include the following:

- A plastic slide sheet containing 12 slides (35 mm) of recent 3-D pieces that are representative of the artist's work. Each slide must be labeled with the artist's name, arrow or words top and front indicating the top of the image, and a number that corresponds to an annotated slide list, see below. A CD of digital images may be substituted for slides. No film or video please. Blurred, out of focus, too dark, or otherwise unsuitable entries for judging and scanning will hinder the artist's chances of being selected.

- Annotated slide or CD list, including each work's title, medium, size, date, corresponding number, and a brief description of the project.

- Current resume including the

Native American Leaders Join to Deliver Trust Reform and Cobell Settlement Principles to Congress

Submitted by Katie Martha

WASHINGTON, DC — In a historic union, prominent Native American leaders joined with the lead plaintiff, Elouise Cobell, in the landmark Cobell v. Norton case on June 20. Leaders presented the Trust Reform and Cobell Settlement Workgroup Principles as the basis of legislation that would resolve the nine-year court battle.

The court case covers the federal government's admitted failure to account for trust funds held for Native Americans and reform the national trust management system that continues to plague Indian Tribes and individuals who own cattle, timber, crops, oil and gas, and other resources.

The trust funds belong to an estimated 500,000 individual Indians—monies that the government received for the proceeds from sales and leases of resources from the Indians' lands. The principles also set out a number of standards and principles for tribal and individual trust management.

Tex G. Hall, Red Tipped Arrow, president of The National Congress of American Indians and chairman of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation and Jim Gray, chairman of the Inter-Tribal Monitoring Association, and principal chief of the Osage Nation along with Elouise Cobell, formed and led a national working group comprised of national native leaders, organizations, and individuals who collectively drafted the Principles.

In addition to Hall, Gray, and Cobell, other Native American advocates such as Sharon Clahchischilliage, executive director of the Washington, D.C. office of the Navajo Nation and

John Echohawk, executive director of the Native American Rights Fund, joined with them today to announce that Indian Country stands in unity behind the principles.

All are in strong support of an effort by Congress to write legislation following the Principles roadmap that would put in place reforms to the deeply troubled management of Indian land, resources, and monies and also settle the Cobell v. Norton class action litigation.

The principles demand needed accountability, enforceable legal standards, and fairness from the government in exchange for ending the historic court battle. They were drafted in response to a request by Senator John McCain (R-AZ), chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, Senator Byron Dorgan (D-ND), vice chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, Representative Richard Pombo (R-CA), chairman of the House Resources Committee and Representative Nick Rahall (D-WV), ranking member of the House Resources Committee, who approached the Tribal leaders seeking a permanent solution to the trust scandal.

The lawmakers asked Indian Country to speak with a unified voice and provide a set of principles that would guide the lawmakers' drafting of legislation to provide for a prompt and fair resolution of the trust issue. In the process, Native American leaders were careful to seek out the advice of Congressional staff of both Committees. They will transmit the Principles to Senators McCain and Dorgan, and Representatives Pombo and Rahall today.



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Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum at Okalee Village Grand Opening

The second grand opening celebration of the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum at Okalee Village took place May 17 at 6 p.m. for the general public and invited guests. Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau President Nicki Grossman (center) joined Chairman Mitchell Cypress (right) and Hollywood Council Representative Max B. Osceola Jr. (left) for the ribbon cutting. The trio used specially-made golden machetes to cut the ribbon, the same machetes were used in the first grand opening.

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A Big Night for All at 4-H Banquet

By Susan Etxebarria

BRIGHTON — The end of the 2004-2005 year for Seminole 4-H came to a close with a fabulous banquet attended by Big Cypress and Brighton families at the Cattle & Land Operations in Brighton.

The auditorium filled up with children, parents and even grandparents like Elaine Aguilar, of Immokalee, who was present to watch her grandchild receive her check and T-shirt designed for 4-H.

Tables decorated in green and white and lots of matching balloons created a fun atmosphere as a hearty chicken dinner was served. Tribal Extension Agent Michael Bond emceed the banquet.

While addressing the attendees, Bond introduced Brighton's new Tribal Council Representative Andy Bowers, who told the kids that the annual Seminole 4-H Show & Sale is one of his favorite times of the year to volunteer. Bowers assists in the judging at the 4-H show every year, and he promised that his new job as a councilman will not stop him from returning again next year to help out.

"This is an exciting night for the kids when they get recognition for their hard work," Bowers said.

The children received their completion pins and merit awards at the banquet and their record books were returned with a grade.

Bond had the job of grading the record books that are turned in at the end of the year.

"It was a lot of fun," he said. "Some of the books were really outstanding."

One of the tasks, the 4-H members performed was a project story. The judges selected Big Cypress's Danni Jae Tommie's story as one of the standouts.

Bond also recognized the efforts of three people who work year round to make 4-H a success: 4-H Coordinator Polly Hayes Osceola, 4-H Assistant

Dionne Smedley and Programs Assistant Candy Mancil. Osceola then recognized two Tribal ranchers, Minnie Bert and Patty Waldron, who donated cattle for many of the 4-H steer projects.



Susan Etxebarria Programs Assistant Candy Mancil and Clint Bowers

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Hard Rock Receives AAA Four Diamond Rating

Submitted by Wayne Schaffel, M. Silver Associates Inc.

HOLLYWOOD — The American Automobile Association (AAA) has bestowed its prestigious Four Diamond rating to the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood, Fla. Each year, more than 55,000 properties are evaluated by AAA, and fewer than 3.5 percent earn a rating of Four Diamonds or higher.

According to President of the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Michael Bloom, the AAA rating underscores the property's commitment to quality, excellence, and customer service.

"In just our first year of operation, we've made an extraordinary impact in the South Florida market. We have strived to put together a first class operation, and to be recognized by the leading travel organization in the United States lets us know that the efforts of our 2,500 employees have not gone unnoticed," Bloom said.

AAA guidelines define the Four Diamond rating as accommodations that

are progressively more refined and stylish. The physical attributes reflect an obvious enhanced level of quality throughout. The



fundamental hallmarks at this level include an extensive array of amenities combined with a high degree of hospitality, service and attention to detail.

The amenities that came under scrutiny at The Seminole Hard Rock Hotel

& Casino included the property's 481 rooms, four acre tropical lagoon/pool, complete with rock waterfall and man-made beach area and volleyball court, 24,000 square feet of meeting space, Seminole Paradise, a 300,000 square foot upscale retail/dining/entertainment complex, and 120,000 square foot casino.

This summer, Hard Rock Live, a 5,500 seat arena/theater will open, bringing a new level of entertainment offerings and meeting space to the property.

"Whether it's hard rock, country, comedy, association meetings or live sporting events, we'll be able to provide a state-of-the-art facility that both performers and audiences will appreciate," Bloom added.

For further information please contact Wayne Schaffel, M. Silver Associates Inc., at (212) 754-6500, by e-mail at wayne@msilver-pr.com or Advertising and PR Manager Julianne Carelli with the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino at (954) 327-7504.

Hard Rock Live Grand Opening and Concert Schedule

Submitted by Alina M. Viera, Bitner Goodman PR

HOLLYWOOD — South Florida's newest and greatest entertainment venue—the 6,400-seat Hard Rock Live indoor arena—will open July 12 at 7:30 p.m. with a triple play of powerhouse classic rock.

Doors for all concerts open one hour before the show. All seats are reserved and may be purchased at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Box Office, open daily from 12–7 p.m. If tickets are purchased at the casino box office, no service charge will be incurred.

Tickets also are available at all Ticketmaster outlets and online at www.ticketmaster.com. Charge by phone: Miami-Dade (305) 358-5885, Broward (954) 523-3309, and Palm Beach (561) 966-3309. Parking is free. **Styx, REO Speedwagon and The Outlaws** Tickets for the grand opening event are priced at \$30, \$45 and \$60 and went on sale June 17 at noon through Ticketmaster or the Hard Rock Live Box Office.

Kenny Loggins and Jim Messina Tickets went on sale June 24 at noon for Kenny Loggins and Jim Messina reunion performance on September 29 at 8 p.m. at Hard Rock Live. Tickets cost \$45.

Def Leppard Tickets went on sale on June 10 for the Def Leppard concert at the Hard Rock Live at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. On July 22 at 8 p.m. Def Leppard will perform. Ticket prices are: \$55, \$75 and \$85.

Tim McGraw Tickets went on sale June 18 for Tim McGraw's performance at the Hard Rock Live at the

Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. McGraw will perform on August 25 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$50, \$100, \$150 and \$200.

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Upcoming Tampa Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Events

July 1: Morgan Stone, 3 p.m.–7 p.m., Lobby Bar, No cover.

Sunset Nights: Poolside Happy Hour, \$4 Bacardi and Bacardi flavor drinks, \$4 Level vodka, complimentary hors d'oeuvres, musical entertainment, 4 p.m.–10 p.m., at the pool, No cover. Entertainment starts at 3 p.m., drink specials start at 4 p.m.

Floyd's seafood dinner buffet entertainment with Theo Valentin, 6 p.m.–9 p.m., Floyd's, \$19.99 for Player's Club and \$24.99 for non-members.

Push at Floyds, featuring the hottest DJs spinning smooth South Beach-style hip hop, R&B and Top 40, go-go dancers, shadow dancers and fire breathers and a sexy burlesque performance by Risque' Sinful Dancers, 11 p.m.–6 a.m., Floyd's, 21 and up only, \$4 U-Call-It drinks and \$2 bottled beer for the ladies. For VIP table reservations call (813) 627-7703.

DJ Joey Jam, 1 a.m.–6 a.m., Lobby Bar, No cover before 3 a.m., \$20 after.

July 2: Sophomore Jynx, 3 p.m.–7 p.m., Lobby Bar, No cover. Quick Shot Paulo, 8 p.m.–11 a.m., Lobby Bar, No cover

Summer Sessions at Floyd's, 21 and up only. Free entry and \$1 cocktails for the ladies until 12 midnight; \$4 Level vodka and Captain Morgan until 3 a.m.; \$2 Heinekens for everyone. For more information contact (813) 627-7676.

DJ Joey Jam, 1 a.m.–6 a.m.,

Lobby Bar, No cover before 3 a.m., \$20 after.

July 3: Green Room Brunch with Theo Valentin, 11 a.m.–3 p.m., The Green Room, No cover.

Acquiesce, 3 p.m.–7 p.m., Lobby Bar, No cover.

London Que, 8 p.m.–1 a.m., Lobby Bar, No cover.

July 4: Tom Patten & Dwight Champagne, 6 p.m.–11 p.m., Lobby Bar, No cover.

July 5: Stacey Knights, 6 p.m.–11 p.m., Lobby Bar, No cover.

July 6: Sam & Cleo, 6 p.m.–11 p.m., Lobby Bar, No cover.

July 7: Chase Vaccaro, 6 p.m.–11 p.m., Lobby Bar, No cover.

The Art of Rock & Roll "Only In America" art exhibit and wine tasting, featuring photography by David Lubin, Dan Higgins, Ishini Wright, David Audet and Lori Ballard. Hors d'oeuvres created by Chef Rachid El Yamani, wine samplings and specials courtesy of Premier Beverage Americana. Sounds by DJ Maestro. Commemorative autographed poster available with a donation to A Gift For Teaching. Ballroom, 6:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m., Free admission with complimentary invite, \$10 otherwise; 21 and up only.

July 8: London Que, 3 p.m.–7 p.m., Lobby Bar, No cover.

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Independence Day at Seminole Paradise

Submitted by Fran Folc, Bitner Goodman PR

HOLLYWOOD — Seminole Paradise will hold a Rock & Roll Block Party Independence Weekend, July 2–4. A variety of free special events and fun-filled activities will take place from 1–5 p.m. daily.

Fireworks will take place at Seminole Paradise at 9 p.m. on July 3.

The weekend will include appearances by the Florida Marlins Interactive Street Team with ticket giveaways and games, Billy the Marlin and the Marlins Mermaids, animal displays by Okalee

Village & Museum and magic and acrobat shows. Other highlights include a Hollywood Choppers bike show and a ragergarage.com classic car show on July 4.

All three days will feature live music, a sidewalk sale, strolling models, street performers and family fun activities including a bounce house, face painting, snow cone giveaways and more.

Additionally, several of Seminole Paradise's restaurants will be hosting outdoor barbecues throughout the afternoon. Community Blood Centers of South Florida will also be on-hand collecting blood donations.

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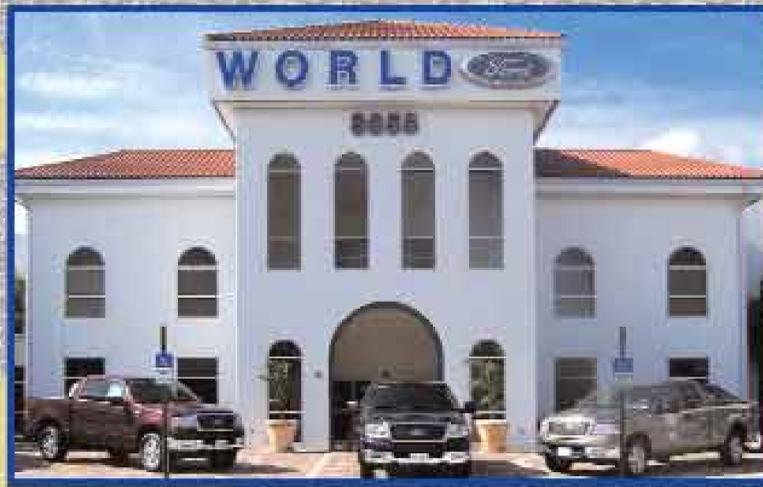
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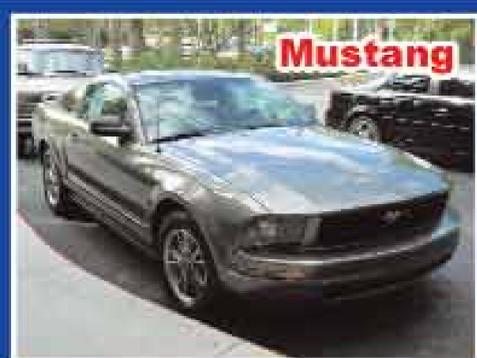
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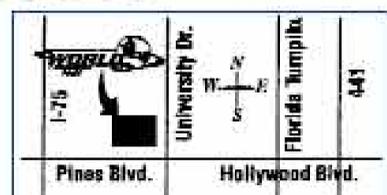
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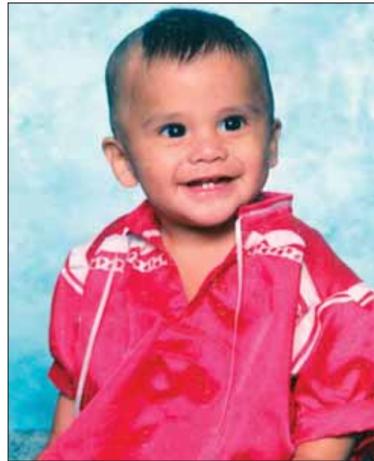


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Happy Birthday



Happy birthday on July 12 to my mama Racheal J. Billie. You're the best!

Love always,
Your #1 brat, Alliyah

Happy 12th birthday to my little Cuz Racheal Justine Billie on July 12. Have fun.

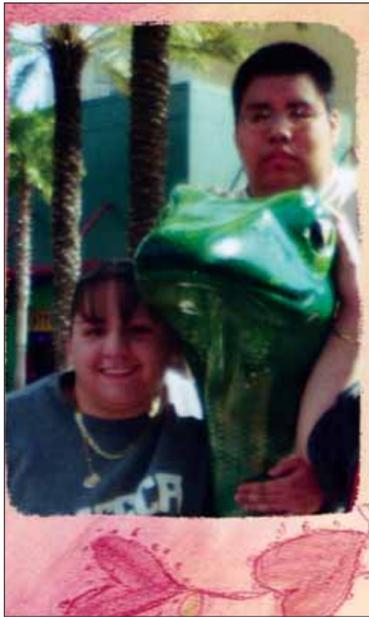
Love,
Oppy

Happy birthday Uncle Floyd. Love you always,
Oppy and the Otter gang

Corrections

In the June 10 issue of *The Seminole Tribune*, Brighton Tribal Council Representative Andrew J. Bower Jr. was misidentified as Andrew J. Bowers Sr.

In the June 10 issue of *The Seminole Tribune* Norman A. Bowers' poem and letter to the editor were not printed correctly. The correct version of the letter and poem appear in this issue.



In Memoriam

Roger Jumper (November 16, 1981-June 30, 2003)

Sitting here thinking, wishing you were here with us. It has been two years since you've been gone; missing and loving you very much.

We all thank you for everything that you've done for us. We will bless all the wonderful memories that we had together. You'll forever be in our hearts.

We love you forever,
Dad, Mom, Sara, Crystal,
Alexis, Kiauna, Aaron and Junior

Roger was very special to me. We shared many times together and not a day goes by that I don't think of him and his smile that warms my heart. I miss you Roger.

Love,
Nadia



Jameson McKinley Osceola Cypress turned nine on June 22. We would like to wish you a very big happy birthday.

We love you always,
Mom, Trey, Jon, Litlit, Obee,
BonBon and your little sister Coco

Announcements

To Roderick Buster,
Hope you're hanging in there. We're all missing you and we're doing OK. Be good and send a postcard.
Love and miss you Cuz,
Cheyanna & the crew of Thug Mansion

Poem

Reasons Why?

Why do I choose to live this lie?
I sit and ask myself, why do I cry?
I know I must give myself a try
If I want to remain alive
I know if I try, God won't let me be denied
So when that day came, I'll be able to fly,
Like a butterfly, with my wings spread wide,
Flying high into the sky
Knowingly I chose to live and not to die
That's my reason why.

—Skeeter
Norman A. Bowers
Snake Clan

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Tribe Celebrates the 6th Annual Sports Festival

By Jaime Restrepo

HOLLYWOOD — The 6th Annual Sports Festival included pool, bowling and golf and it ran from May 26-30. All competition occurred at three locations, Hollywood Dog Track, Don Carter Lanes, and the Raintree Golf Resort. Open to Tribal citizens and invited guests from throughout the U.S. and Canada, it was the best of the best playing in both team and individual competition.

Billie, Randy Clay, Elrod Bowers, Jimmy Clay, Daniel Gopher.

Women's Teams: 1. Melting Pot: Karla Bagley, Diane Peters, Cheryl Backward, Naomi Williams, 2. Lady Warriors: Juanita Osceola, Phalyn Osceola, Laurie Clay, Jane Doctor, 3. Brighton Board: Theresa Nunez, Oneva Jones, Dale Grasshopper, Shirley Pigeon, 4. Lady Predators: Connie Williams, Virginia Billie, Janel Billie, Linda Billie, 5. 3 Deer and 1 Panther: Miranda Tommie, Martha Jumper, Crystal Smith.

8 Ball Competition—Open Women: 1. Virginia Billie, 2. Theresa Nunez, 3. Karla Bagley, 4. Naomi Williams, 5. Phalyn Osceola; Senior Women: 1. Laura Clay, 2. Stan Tourangeau, 3. Les Gourd, 4. Elrod Bowers, 5. Stan Tourangeau, 2. Stan Tourangeau, 3. Les Gourd, 4. Elrod Bowers, 5. Jimmy Clay;

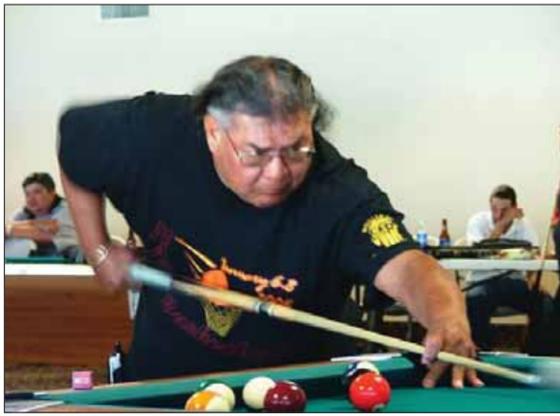
Senior Men: 1. David Cypress, 2. Billy Brown, 3. Glen Harjo, 4. Jack Billie, 5. George Grasshopper; Scotch Doubles: 1. Les Gourd and Theresa Nunez, 2. Ralph Gray and Shirley Pigeon, 3. Stan



Chairman Mitchell Cypress attended annual Seminole Sports Festival.

Tourangeau, Naomi Williams, 4. Randy Clay and Martha Jumper, 5. Joe Carson and Karla Bagley.

9 Ball Competition—Men's: 1. Stan Tourangeau, 2. Joe Carson, 3. Jimmy Clay, 4. Jack Billie, 5. Les Gourd; Women's: 1. Theresa Nunez, 2. Cheryl Backward, 3. Jane Doctor, 4. Janet Billie, 5. Emma Jane Urbina.



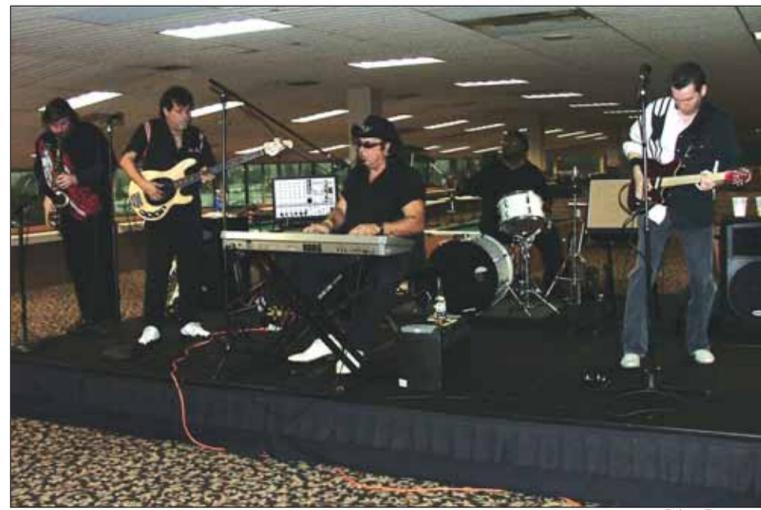
Albert Snow sets up a difficult shot in this years 8-ball matches.

The festival, sponsored by the Big Cypress Recreation department, began with a banquet at the Hollywood Dog Track on May 26. There were door prizes and ample time to brush up on the pool skills in the third floor pool hall at the track. The five member band played tunes from the classic past and there was plenty of food.

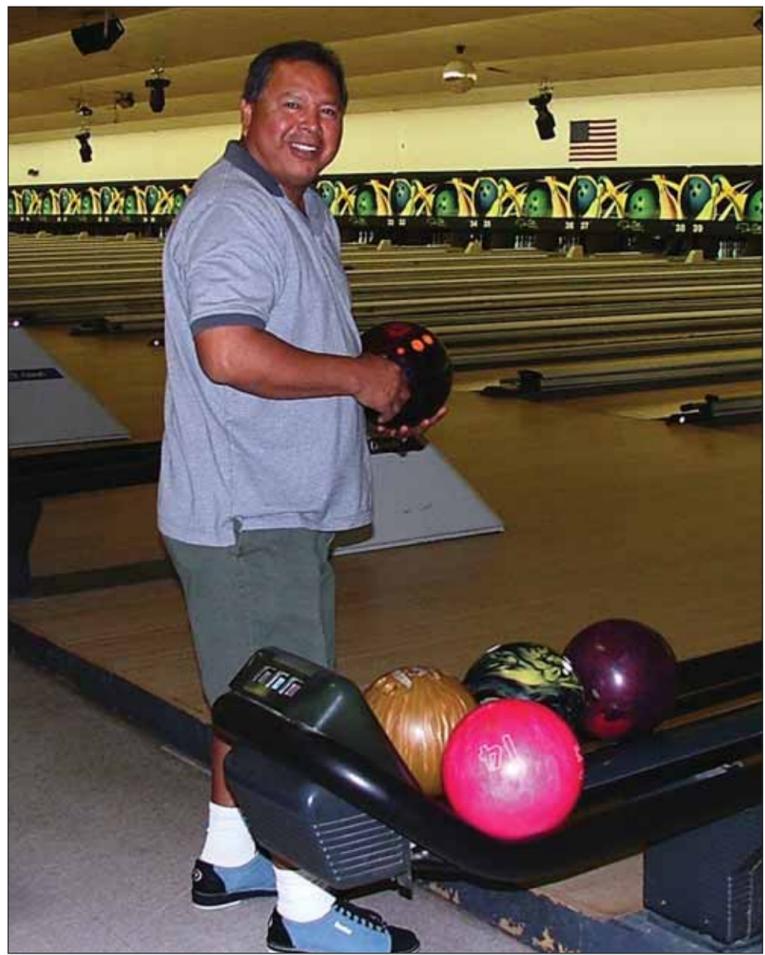
On Friday, the pool and bowling tournaments began with men and women's 8 ball and doubles bowling. Competition went on throughout the day. Saturday brought more of 8 ball with team bowling. Sunday was a busy day for competition with 8 ball, singles bowling and golf. The pool and the bowling wrapped up on Saturday while golf continued through Monday.

The Recreation department provided its scoring expertise throughout the event and provided the following results from the pool competition.

Pool Tournament Results
Men's Teams: 1. All In: David Cypress, OB Osceola, Stan Tourangeau, Phil Tourangeau, George Grasshopper, 2. Magoos Guys: Glen Harjo, Eric Woodard, Gene Harjo, James Kinbrough, 3. 51 Bar: Les Gourd: Leroy Springwater, Ralph Gray, Joe Carson, Rocky Pigeon, 4. J'd Up: Jack Billie, Jamie Smith, Joey Micco, Jerry Smith, 5. Seminoles: Tony



The rock band played classic pop tunes to entertain the guests at the sports event.



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Russell Osceola takes a winning shot.

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❖ Thunderstorm

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By the sixth round Quiles switched roles by catching Jauregui a few times against the ropes. Quiles sparked up the bout with an exciting and fierce attack on Jauregui at the end of round 10 and during round 11 again against the ropes. Quick-wit Jauregui always managed to make quick bail from Quiles' against-the-rope attacks successfully preventing any chance of a knock-out.

Quiles from Warriors has been training with former Heavyweight Michael Moorer who was in his corner coaching him during the important match.

Quiles defeats Jauregui by unanimous decision as the judge's cards read 117-111, 116-112 and 115-113. With this victory, Quiles steps up to the IBF's #1 spot and puts himself on the line for a world title shot against present world title champ Lavender Johnson, a match that will take place within the next six months.

Another spectacular show was between Colombian Middleweight Edison Miranda who battled Nicaraguan Jose Varela to the full 12 scheduled rounds. It was Varela's US debut following Miranda's own at the Hard Knocks at the Hard Rock series that was held on May 20.

The exciting match between the two newcomers kept the crowd on its toes as



Adelsa Williams

Quiles turns things around in the 6th round to take on a defensive posture.

the cheers grew louder and louder, as the fighters gave them a high energy show constantly moving inside and out covering the whole ring. Many cheered on for Miranda

for a quick knockout to end things early as he did during his last match.

Varela impressively showed strong defense during the second round but was dropped by Miranda's nasty left jabs near the end of the third round. With hardly any body hits and still strong left uppercuts Miranda drops Varela once again during the fourth round and scores a few sucker punches during round five.

Varela showed much heart hanging on with obvious exhaustion during the last two rounds but still loses to Miranda to a unanimous decision. The judges scored the fight for Miranda, 120-107, 109-108 and 120-107.

In the opening bout Heavyweight Kendrick Releford breaks his hand during the tenth and final round while punching Philadelphia's Robert Hawkins only to lose to a Judge's split decision.

The next night of thrilling professional boxing is scheduled for Aug. 19 at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood at the newly developed Hard Rock Live! arena a month after its grand opening.



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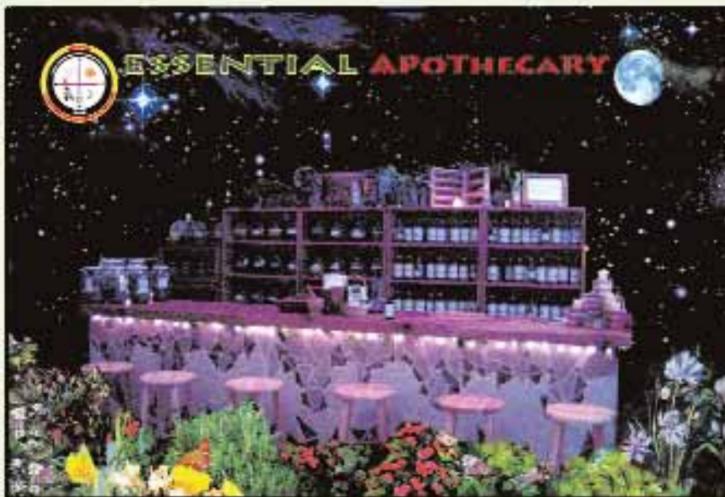
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2005 Seminole Tribe Sports Festival Golf Tournament

By Felix DoBosz

PEMBROKE PINES, FL — On May 29-30, the Seminole Tribe of Florida sponsored its annual two-day event for all Seminole citizens and families at the Raintree Golf Resort.

A beautiful 18-hole golf course had all the top amenities expected at a South Florida resort. Competitors played hard for a shot to win top cash prizes for this grand event hosted by Big Cypress Assistant Recreation Department Director Stan Frischman and his top crew from BC.

The golf sport event was followed by a delicious buffet in the resorts clubhouse banquet hall. Everyone gathered to hear the results of their scores and receive valuable prizes for the top competitors.

The following is a list of this events golf scores and winners as compiled by Stan Frischman.

Sunday May 29 score results:

Doubles: 1. Marcy Osceola & Mitch Osceola, 110, 2. Andrew Bert & Terry Willie, 118, 3. Jeremy Harrison & Terry Tartsah, 118, 4. James Tommie & Jason Tommie, 120, 5.



Terry Tartsah takes a hack with his new driver down the fairway.

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Sandy Pembleton & Ron Whaler. Women's Senior Division: Closest to the Pin: hole # 17 Francine Marshall.

Hole #5 David Osceola.

Women's Division:

Closest to the Pin: hole #4 Salina Todome, #8 Virginia Billie, #17 Salina Todome; Longest Drive: hole #5 Salina Todome.

Men's Senior Division: Closest to the Pin: hole #4 Max Osceola, #8 Alan Jumper; Longest Drive: Hole #5 Max Osceola.

Men's Division: Closest to the Pin: hole #4 Mitch Osceola, #8 Kyle Doney, #17 Kyle Doney; Longest drive Hole #5: Derrick Thomas

Monday May 30 score results:

Teams: 1. Jeremy Harrison, Mabel Doctor & Gina Osceola, 62, 2. Kendal Whaler, Lee Springwater and Les Gourd, 62, 3. Dwayne Whaler, Joe Kippenberger, Roy Poole and John Madrigal, 62, 4. Elliot Young, Lawrence Osceola, Terry Tartsah, Terry Willie, 63, 5. Mitch Osceola, Alan Osceola, Ralph Gray, Ronnie Doctor, 63.

Women's Senior Division: Closest to the Pin: hole #4 Virginia Billie; Longest Drive: Hole #5 Gina Osceola.

Women's Division: Closest to the Pin: hole #4 Virginia Billie, #8 Jackie Thompson, #17 Doreen Osceola; Longest Drive: Doreen Osceola.

Men's Senior Division: Closest to the Pin: hole #8 Sandy Pembleton, #13 Gene Harjo, #17 Gene Harjo.

Men's Division: Closest to the Pin: hole #4 Al Tigertail, #8 John Madrigal, #13 Kyle Doney, #17 Jason Tommie; Longest drive: Hole #5 David Osceola.



Raymond Garza checks the fairway before yelling "Four!"

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All-Indian Memorial Basketball Tournament

By Felix DoBosz

HOLLYWOOD —The Second Annual All-Indian Memorial Basketball Tournament got off to a great start on June 2 at the Hollywood Seminole gym. There was a large crowd to enjoy the sports competition and to honor Ike "Hot Dogg" Jumper who passed away a couple of years ago.

Family and friends all seemed to agree, he was a well liked kid who enjoyed playing round ball. He especially liked to play three-pointer games with all his friends on the court. But how did he get the nickname Hot Dogg?

"When Ike was about three-years-

old they wanted to give him a little nickname," said Rosetta Jumper, Ike's mother. "One of my nieces yelled down the hallway, why don't you call him 'Hot Dogg?'" Everyone laughed, but we all liked that name and it stuck." Loretta Micco,

"I would just like to say that I miss my nephew very much and he was just like a son to me. I appreciated all that participated in this basketball tournament whether it was playing or keeping the scores. I want to thank all the sponsors, Mitchell Cypress, Max Osceola, Jr. and the entire Recreation Department."

A table was set up against the gym wall, with several framed color pho-

tos of Hot Dogg that his proud mother Rosetta and family members showed to everyone who was there. Loretta Micco, the family spokesperson, added, "Everyone's participation was appreciated and for everyone to remember 'Hot Dogg' makes his memory live. Thank you."

Free T-shirts of the event were given out to everyone who attended this memorial basketball event. While Sonny's Famous Hoagies catered the tournament and provided their delicious food to keep everyone energized.

Annie Jumper, Hot Dogg's grandmother, announced at center court to the fans before the games started, "I'm glad everyone remembered him, thanks for coming out!," as she lofted the basketball into the air.

The crowd of basketball fans applauded as the kid's basketball teams got their game underway.

On Friday, June 3, the adult basketball teams started playing. In the first game, women's team Seminole Rec. took on the Trailblazers. Stefanie Huggins scored 23 points and Lila Osceola scored 20 points for the Seminole Recreation team for a 69-47 win over the visitors.

After the women's champs were awarded prizes and team jackets, it was time for the men's basketball tournament to start with team War United going up against NDN.

Pete Osceola scored an unbelievable 36 points and Tony Billie who had an additional 14 points in this decisive win over NDN. The leading scorer for NDN, Adrian Baker had 27 points, contributing to the final game score of 78-46 in favor of War United.



Adelsa Williams

(L-R) Marie Tommie, George Grasshopper, Anthony Young, Raymond Garza.

Hard Rock One Year Anniversary Golf Tournament

By Adelsa Williams

HOLLYWOOD — On June 18, the Seminole Tribe of Florida's Hollywood Recreation department sponsored a golf tournament to commemorate the one year anniversary of the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. The Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino officially opened its doors to the public on May 11, 2004.

The event drew more than 60 golfers to the Emerald Hills Golf resort in Hollywood where they enjoyed the outing that was opened to tribal members and associates. Under a rainy afternoon followed by a humid heat wave, players gathered to enjoy the 18 holes of play. The format of the game was a four person blind draw.

Although everyone who played in the tournament was paid, the top five teams were paid more than the rest of the field.

Following the exciting outing, players gathered for dinner at the Seminole Hard Rock Casino, just a few miles from the golf resort where the prizes were awarded during a banquet ceremony. Many then enjoyed the many entertainment venues at Seminole Paradise as well as some play at the commemorative establishment.

On May 11, 2004, the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino officially opened its doors to the public with several lavish celebrations that have brought much entertainment to South Florida and also attracted an immense number of tourists to its location.

Several months after grand opening day, the Seminole Hard Rock has continued with the grand opening of Seminole Paradise, an additional entertainment venue located outdoors adjacent to the casino. Seminole Paradise offers many shopping, dining and clubbing experiences that cater to visitors of all ages. Scheduled to open this summer is yet another masterpiece to the estab-

ishment, the Hard Rock Live! Arena, which will attract top live entertainment.

Congratulations to all who placed, below are the golf tournament results.

Closest to the pin: #3 Men, Joe Kippenberger; #3 Senior Men, Bob Green; #6 Men, Joe Grasshopper; #6 Senior Men, Bob Green; #6 Women, Francine Marshal; #14 Men, David Osceola; #14 Women, Jackie Thompson; #17 Men, Jeremy Harrison; #17 Women, Dorian Lange.

Long Drive #12: Men, Marcy Osceola; Senior Men, Joe Osceola Jr.; Women, Jackie Thompson.

Fifth place, Score 70: Rusty Billie, Andrew Bert Jr., Doreen Willie and Michael Begay; Fourth place, Score 69: Earnest Riley, Scarlett Jumper and Brett Green; Third place, Score 63: Stephen Bowers, Mondo Tiger, Josh Harrison, Josh Cooper; Second place, Score 62: Jeremy Harrison, John Madrigal, Jackie Thompson and Ronnie Doctor; First place, Score 61: Marcy Osceola, Damon Carroll, Rufus Tiger and Joe Kippenberger.



Adelsa Williams

Steven Bowers putted on the green and placed third.



Felix DoBosz

(L-R, front row) Reina Micco, Jade Micco, Deija Baxley, Aleina Micco, (L-R, second row) Joey Micco, Regina Thinn, Rosetta Jumper Rhodd, Loretta Micco, Annie Jumper, (L-R, back row) J.R. Thinn, Nolan Rhodd and Janine Cypress.

'Hot Dogg' Youth Basketball Tournament

By Kenny Bayon

HOLLYWOOD — The Second Annual Dwight Ike "Hot Dogg" Jumper youth basketball tournament was a huge success as the event crowned champions in the 12 and under coed division and 17 and under boys and girls. It took place at the Hollywood Gymnasium on June 2.

The 12 and under coed championship game was between Hollywood and Big Cypress.

The first half was a battle between two scrappy teams that were giving it there all to but on a show. Chris Hunter started the game out strong by hitting some lay-ups and Hunter Osceola was aggressive by scoring a free throw, a three pointer and a 10 foot jumper, as they both scored six points in the first half. Jonathan Robinson scored six points to aid Big Cypress take the first half lead 18-16.

The second half was a different story as the Big Cypress defense put the clamps on Hollywood to limit them to 11 second half points. Big Cypress was directed by Deforest Carter's nine points.

However, it was a team effort with Daylon Hall passing out assists and running the break while scoring six points, Rashaun Jim's rebounding and scoring four points, Anthony Baltine scoring three, Lariah Baltine's court savvy and Jonathan Robinson's game high 13 points to give them the 47-27 victory.

Hunter Osceola led Hollywood with 11 points and Chris Hunter chipped in 10 points to keep the game within reach.

The girls 17 and under championship game pit the Lady Seminoles against the Lady Shooters. The Lady Seminoles were just as balanced as they were experienced as seven players are on high school or middle school teams and it showed as they exploded in the first half to take a 39-9 lead.

Led by Demetria Tigertail's 14 points, Krystle Young's nine points, JoJo Osceola's six points and Lacey Jordan's five points, the stifling defense triggered the high octane fast break that led to many uncontested lay-ups. Sisters Jeannie and Kei-ya-lee Osceola rebounded tough and handed out many of the first half assists.

The second half was much of the same as Lacey Jordan's four points headed the charge and the defense that was swarming helped by Chelsea Mountain

Piloted by high school sensation Jerome Davis, the high-flying Wood was off and running as all five starters scored within the first seven minutes. Jasper Tommie and Marlon Foster rebounded well and Tyler Harjochee was all over the court making plays and setting up teammates. T.J. Farrior scored 13 to help The Wood take a 34-12 halftime lead.

Big Cypress was led by the young star Greg Carter, who scored five points and showed his all-around game to show



Felix DoBosz

Youth tournament first half was a battle between two scrappy teams from Hollywood and Big Cypress.

and Megan Osceola held the Lady Shooters scoreless in the second half and put the mercy win in hand with a 50-9 victory.

The boys final was suppose to be the climax of the tournament with The Wood (Hollywood) and Big Cypress but the first half was anything but as The Wood came out like gang busters and showed that this was going to be a track meet from the beginning.

he is one of the young bright players in the state.

The second half saw a comeback as Greg Carter and Robert Osceola rallied hitting shots and playing tough defense with the play of Byron Billie to cut the deficit to 15, that's when Tyler Harjochee hit two three-point baskets and Jerome Davis seemed to catch his second wind to score 12 points and pace The Wood to an easy 59-33 victory.

Back-to-Back Sunshine State Champs

By Kenny Bayon
PLANTATION, FL — The Seminole Tribes' 10 and under basketball team will evoke memories of dominance and will be forever remembered as they repeated as the Sunshine State Games gold medalists. They did it with almost a new team; Hunter Osceola and Rashaun Jim were the only two holdovers from last year's team.

The team is largely made up of Big Cypress youth, but has two starters from different reservations: Hunter Osceola of Hollywood and Phillip Jones of Brighton. The team was even more dominant than last years as the closest game they had this time was a 35 point victory in the final.

This year's team was: Hunter Osceola, Rashaun Jim, Chief Cypress, Johnny Jackson, Phillip Jones, Korliss Jumper, Oshaane Cypress, Kayleen Cypress, Karleto Wagolet, Cypress Billie and Malakei Baker. They began their season competing throughout the state Florida in leagues such as the Youth Basketball of America, or YBOA.

Coach Eddie Redd, basketball coach out of Big Cypress, said he was not surprised at the outcome and their chances to repeat.

"They have been working hard since the beginning of the year and they have really come together," he said. "With only Hunter and Rashaun coming back, I knew the rest of the kids would have to step up and they did. We stress defense and that's what really our strength became."

"I hope next year we will have a chance for the three peat. We get some of this year's team back and maybe we can pick up a few on the way, so everyone should feel free to contact me to sign up."

The championship game was held in Central Park in Plantation on June 19. Their opponent was Homestead PAL and the team from Miami was looking for an upset as Team Seminole was undefeated so far in the tournament.

At first, the game was a struggle as both team were cold at the outset. That's when experience came to play as Rashaun Jim started the scoring with an offensive rebound that led to a sky hook for the first points of the game.

Rashaun then spotted up at the left wing and drained a three pointer, John Jackson made back driving lay-up and Hunter Osceola made two free throws to help the Seminoles take a commanding 14-2 first quarter lead.

The defense made the Seminole

jumper and also hit three free throws by driving aggressively to the basket.

Phillip Jones was all over the place getting rebounds and hustle plays which included high flying steals from the other team's tallest player who was almost six foot tall. Cypress Billie drained a three pointer to finish the second quarter and take a commanding 31-4 halftime lead.

The second half saw the same action as the Seminoles kept running and pressuring at will. John Jackson hit a driving lay-up, Karleto Wagolet hit a 15 foot



Big Cypress Coach Eddie Redd, and his Back-to-Back Sunshine State Champs two years in Row Gold Medalist.

engine run as the pressure was nonstop and, no matter what five players were on the floor, they all hustled and dove for every loose ball. John Jackson began the second quarter with a flying lay-up, followed by a Hunter Osceola a four foot

jumper and Cypress Billie hit consecutive three pointers to put the crowd to its feet and help take a 43-5 third quarter lead.

With a 30 point lead going into the fourth quarter, time would not stop and Homestead had nothing left for a comeback as Team Seminole won their second consecutive gold medal in as many games with a shot for a third considering the games will be held in Dade County in 2006.

Noteworthy Medalist in the 2005 Florida Sunshine State Games that were held in Broward County:

The Big Cypress 12 and under basketball team won a bronze medal with the help of Deforest Carter, Daylon Hall, Anthony Baltine, Jonathon Robinson all contributed and all should be back on next years team.

Don Osceola and Joel Frank Sr. won gold medals for the Seminole Tribe in archery.

Joel Frank Sr. won his gold medal in 3-D shooting. That is when the archers shoot at life-like animals such as deer, turkey and coyotes from five to 25 yards in distance.

Don Osceola won his gold medal in the 900. That is when archers shoot 90 arrows each—30 from 40 yards, 30 from 50 yards and 30 from 60 yards at an Olympic round target with bulls-eyes.

It was the first time Osceola ever competed in the event, which made it even more remarkable. He also won a bronze in the 3-D animal shooting.

Tips on Staying Hydrated this Summer

By Kenny Bayon
 Those steamy hot Florida days can drain a person during the summer months and it's time to start thinking about preparing for the heat and humidity. Exercising regularly during the summer heat brings an increased risk of dehydration, which occurs when the body loses excessive amounts of water and important blood salts like potassium and sodium.

There's a good reason that your parents and gym teacher warned you about dehydration. Not only can it hurt athletic performance, but it can lead to other heat-related illnesses such as heat exhaustion, heat stroke, and in severe cases, death.

There are many potential causes of dehydration. The most obvious are strenuous activity with excessive sweating, and prolonged exposure to the sun or high temperatures coupled with not drinking enough fluids.

Also, beware of overusing of diuretics, including alcohol and caffeine, or other medications that increase urination, as well as vomiting and diarrhea.

Other causes of dehydration include: diabetes, kidney disease and liver disease.

There are three stages of dehydration: mild, moderate and severe.

The mild phase occurs when there's a loss of no more than five percent of the body's fluid. Some of the signs include thirst and a slightly dry mouth. Some of the accompanying symptoms include low blood pressure, lack of energy, general weakness, and rapid breathing.

Drinking plain water may be all the treatment needed, but if that doesn't work try fluids with sodium and electrolytes, such as Gatorade® and Powerade®. Mild dehydration rarely results in complications.

Moderate dehydration occurs when the body loses between five—10 percent of its fluids. Some symptoms include a very dry mouth, sunken eyes, and skin that doesn't bounce back quickly when lightly pinched and released. In infants, beware of a sunken fontanel, or soft spot, on the head.

Be sure to drink fluids with sodium and electrolytes. In teenagers and adults with moderate dehydration, careful home treatment can be safe, but phone contact with a physician is advisable. Children younger than 10 who experience moderate dehydration should see a physician, though hospitalization usually isn't necessary.

The most dangerous phase is severe dehydration, which occurs when the body loses 10-15 percent of its fluid. The signs include those in the moderate zone, as well as a rapid resting pulse of more than 100 beats a minute at rest, rapid breathing, cold hands and feet, and blue lips.

Another telling point is if the person has confusion and lethargy, and

cannot be easily aroused. In this situation, the person must be rushed to the hospital immediately. Intravenous fluids, or IVs, can quickly reverse dehydration, and often save the lives of young children and infants.

Other heat-related trouble that can occur:

*Heat cramps (involuntary muscle spasms) occur during or after activity, usually in the specific muscles exercised. They're probably caused by an imbalance of the body's fluid and electrolyte concentrations. Muscle spasms can occur if the electrolytes aren't replaced. The best way to treat this is to rest, drink fluids with electrolytes, and add salt to foods.

*Heat exhaustion is caused by reduced blood volume due to excessive sweating. Blood then pools in the extremities, and the person may faint or feel dizzy. The symptoms of heat exhaustion also include nausea and fatigue. Treatment should include resting in a cool place and drinking fluids containing electrolytes. Medical attention may be required.

*Heat stroke is a medical emergency requiring immediate action. In this scenario, the body's temperature-regulating processes stops functioning, sweating usually stops, the skin becomes dry and hot, and the person's rectal temperature rises to more than 105 degrees Fahrenheit.

Other symptoms include disorientation, vomiting, headache, and unconsciousness. If untreated, death occurs due to the circulatory collapse and central nervous system damage.

Aggressive steps must be taken immediately to lower the person's body temperature. Until medical help arrives, cover the afflicted person with ice packs, immerse in cold water, and/or rub with alcohol.

The most obvious way to avoid trouble is to stay hydrated, preferably with water. This is crucial for everyone who takes part in outdoor activities, from morning walkers to weekend warriors to world-class athletes.

For most of us, being aware and prepared is the easiest way to prevent dehydration. On hot humid days, an active person can become dehydrated in about 15 minutes. Drinking during exercise is essential to prevent the detrimental effects of dehydration on the body temperature and exercise performance.

The American College of Sports Medicine recommends that a person should drink 20 oz. of fluid about two hours prior to exercise to promote hydration and allow time for excretion of excess ingested water. The person should drink five—10 ounces of cool fluid every 15—20 minutes during exercise to replace sweat losses.

This summer, be sure to get plenty of exercise and, of course, water and other fluids.



The Big Cypress 12 and Under Basketball Team won bronze medals.

6th Annual Sports Festival Bowling Tournament

By Iretta Tiger
DAVIE, FL — For Seminole bowlers, this was a big weekend. As part of the Seminole Sports Festival, the 6th annual bowling tournament was held at the Don Carter Bowling Lanes, just down the road from the Hollywood Rez.

The temperamental weather did not affect the bowlers until Saturday when storms caused a power outage. However, not long after, the bowlers resumed play.

It was a long day for the bowlers; they started at 1 p.m. and played until about midnight.

The winners are as follows:

Men's Singles: 1. Derrick Tomas, 2. Bobby Frank, 3. Emery Fish, 4. Rufus Tiger, 5. Elton Shore; Women's Singles: 1. Monica Cypress, 2. Denise Billie, 3. Dora Tiger, 4. Alfreda Muskett, 5. Jackie Thompson.

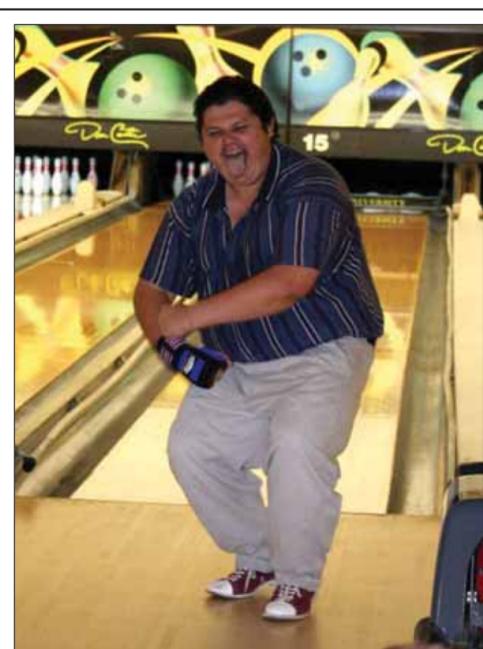
Mixed Doubles: 1. Margaret Wilcox and Elton Shore, 2. Patricia Wilcox and Moses Osceola,

3. Terri Frank and Bobby Frank, 4. Pamela Jumper and Dwayne Billie, 5. Jamie Smith and Crystal Smith.

Women's Doubles: 1. Margaret Wilcox and Patricia Wilcox, 2. Jackie Thompson and Terri Frank, 3. Denise Billie and Terri Frank, 4. Erin Buster and Alfreda Muskett, 5. Trisha Osceola and Diane Smith.

Men's Doubles: 1. Charles Osceola and Eric Osceola, 2. Amos Billie and Emery Fish, 3. Neil Baxley and Danny Jones, 4. Derrick Thomas and Marcellus Osceola, 5. Ollie Wareham and Bobby Frank.

Teams: 1. Andrea Holata, Johna Smith, Mike Micco and Brande Clay, 2. Margaret Wilcox, Patricia Wilcox, Kevin Tommie and Moses Osceola, 3. Monica Johns, Alfreda Muskett, Emery Fish and Amos Billie, 4. Trisha Osceola, Marcellus Osceola, Farrah Jones and Elton Shore, 5. Monica Johns, Emery Fish, Joyce Jumper and Rufus Tiger.



Oliver Wareham celebrates a strike.

Ninth Annual Edna Cypress Memorial Pool Tournament

By Judy Weeks
IMMOKALEE — Pool enthusiasts from Immokalee and surrounding communities gathered on June 11 for the Ninth Annual Edna Cypress Pool Tournament at Andy's Place.

Edna Cypress, together with many of her friends, frequented Andy's Place in Immokalee for many years. She was well liked by everyone and could often be found with her friends at the pool tables.

Andy Sanchez, the owner of the establishment, joined forces with her close friend, Delores Jumper, and put together a tournament in her memory. For the past eight years it has been held at Andy's.

However, this year it had to relocate because of a slight structure problem. The Little Star Tavern was selected as an alternative site.

Chairman Mitchell Cypress and Big Cypress Council Representative David Cypress sponsored this year's event in honor of their sister. Delores Jumper enlisted the help of Esther Buster and Nina Frias in preparing paperwork, coordinating schedules and compiling results.

Immokalee Council Liaison Ralph Sanchez, who has participated annually, said, "This is one of those events that everyone looks toward. Not only for a good game of pool, but it gives an opportunity for old friends to meet, relax and enjoy each other's company."

The all day event started around 9:30 a.m. with play lasting about three hours. Taking a break for lunch, the contestants enjoyed a Mexican food buffet. The afternoon session continued into the early evening.

Men's teams played regular 8

Ball on four tables, while women's teams did the same on two additional tables. At the conclusion of play, teams were formed for scotch doubles.

As always in competitive sports, anything can happen. For instance, Glen Olson was a favorite to win until Raymond Mora sent him to the loser's bracket and Dino finally took him out.

Forty-two men and 15 women participated in the games. The tournament results are as follows:

Men's 8 Ball: Jose Ayala, Dino, Glen Olson, Rodolpho, and Adam Garza; Women's 8 Ball: Libby Blake, Juanita Osceola, Louise Jim, Trish Walker Rodriguez, Gwen and Delores Jumper; Scotch Doubles: Mario Posada and Esther Buster, Abel Salago and Dora, Geanna Garcia and Leo, Rodolpho and Juanita Osceola, Alan Jumper and Angie.

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Seminole Gymnasts Compete in AAU Championships

By Kenny Bayon
ORLANDO, FL — The Seminole Tribe was a major factor at the 2005 Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Age Group Level Gymnastic National Championships. This competition took place at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex.
 The competition started on June 8 and ran through June 12. More than a 1,000 competitors from around the country competed at this year's event. All partici-

pating gymnasts that qualified for the AAU Age Group Level Gymnastics National Championships did so by competing at their local AAU district championship and qualifying for this prestigious tournament.
 Seminole Tribal citizen Adahma Sirota showed why he is one of the up and comers in the sport. He placed in the top 10 in every event. He topped off this overall accomplishment with a magnificent vault that placed him second in the nation,

as well as fourth place on the floor exercise. Other top notable performances came from Mariah Bowers, who took a second place on the vault and Anahna Sirota brought a fifth place on the balance beam. Also, both Braudie Blais-Billie and Natamah Robbins place fifth on the vault.
 Below are the results of the 2005 AAU National Championships
 Adahma Sirota competed in Level 4B and had a fourth place on the floor exercise with a score of 9.65, second place on the vault with a score of 9.8, seventh on the parallel bars with a score of 9.55, ninth on the high bar with a score of 9.05, seventh place on the horse with a score of 8.5 and a seventh place on the rings with a score of 9.6, which gave him an all-around score of 56.15 and a sixth place finish.

Anahna Sirota, competed in Level 3 and had a 12th place on the floor exercise with a score of 8.925, seventh place on the vault with a score of 9.075, seventh on the bars with a score of 9.15, fifth on the beam with a score of 9.5, which gave her an all-around score of 36.65 and an eighth place finish.
 Mariah Bowers, competed in Level 2 and had a seventh place on the floor exercise with a score of 9.025, second place on the Vault with a score of 9.3, 12th on the bars with a score of 8.15 and a seventh place finish on the beam with a score of 9.025, which gave her an all-around score of 35.55 and an eighth place finish
 Braudie Blais-Billie, competed in Level 4 and began with a fifth place finish on the vault with a score of 9.9, 11th place on the floor exercise with a score of 9.275, ninth place on the bars with a score of 9.15 and a 16th place finish on the beam with a score of 9.25, which gave her an all-around score of 37.775 and a 11th place finish
 Natamah Robbins, competed in Level 2 and placed fifth on the vault with a score of 9.1, 19th on the floor exercise with 8.725, 10th on the bars with a score of 8.9 and a 11th on the beam with score of 8.65, which gave her an all-around score of 35.375 and a 12th place finish.
 Tia Blais-Billie competed in Level 4. She began with a ninth place finish on the vault with a 9.8, then a 26th place in the floor exercise with a score of 8.95, 21st on the bars with a 9.075 and finished with an 18th place on the beam with a 9.275. This gave her a 20th place finish in the all-around with a total of 37.075
 Brittany Leah Cox, compet-

ed in Level 4, placed 21st on the beam with a score of 8.9, placed 19th on the vault with a score of 8.475, 21st on the bars with an 8.8 and a 14th place on the floor exercise with a score of 9.1, which gave her an all-around score of 35.275 and a 17th place finish.
 Audriahana Sirota, competed in Level 2 and had 14th place finish on the vault with a score of 8.5, 16th place on the floor exercise with a score of 8.725, 14th on the bars with a 7.7 and a 17th on the beam with a score of 7.4, which gave her an all-around score of 32.325 and a 17th place finish.
 Anissa Osceola, competed in Level 3 and began with a 25th place on the floor exercise with a score of 8.375, 11th place on the bars with a score of 9.25, a 10th place finish on the beam with a score of 8.7 and a 8.375 on the vault which placed her 22nd and gave her an all-around score of 35.3 and a 21st place finish.
 Ashley Osceola, competed in Level 2 and had a 17th place on the floor exercise with a score of 8.7, 15th place on the vault with a score of 8.4, 17th on the bars with a score of 7 and a 13th on the beam with a score of 8.650, which gave her an all-around score of 32.75 and a 15th place finish.
 Carson Knaby, competed in Level 2 and had a 26th place on the floor exercise with a score of 8.7, 21st place on the vault with a score of 9, 28th on the bars with a score of 8.4 and a 27th on the beam with a score of 8.275, which gave her an all-around score of 34.375 and a 27th place finish.
 Devon Bowers competed in Level 4B and had a 12th place on the floor exer-



Natomah Robbins

cise with a score of 9.2, 14th place on the vault with a score of 9.4, 14th on the parallel bars with a score of 9.1 and a 22nd on the high bar with a score of 7.8, a 22nd place on the horse with a score of 4.2, a 19th place on the rings with a score of 8.95, which gave him an all-around score of 48.65 and a 22nd place finish.
 Aaron Osceola, competed in Level 4B and had a 14th place on the floor exercise with a score of 9.3, 16th place on the vault with a score of 8.7, 14th on the parallel bars with a score of 8.55 and a 16th on the high bar with a score of 7.45, a 13th place finish on the horse with a score of 7.15, a 16th place finish on the rings with a score of 7.5, which gave him an all-around score of 48.65 and a 16th place finish.



Ashley Osceola and Mariah Bowers

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On the Trail of the Traveling Tribal Exhibit

By Susan Etzebarria

MARCO ISLAND, FL — There's 23 pieces that make up the backdrop of the Seminole Tribal Exhibit that have to be assembled at least an hour before the exhibit opens. Then there are pictures to hang and flyers, brochures, informational materials, give-a-ways, and copies of *The Seminole Tribune* to arrange on the booth's tables. It takes two people about an hour to set up the booth. When the exhibit doors finally open, the

tions at the Seminole booth about the Tribe's new cattle ID program.

Now, before assuming how cushy it is to travel to a place like Marco Island, take this into consideration. When asked what the funniest thing that ever happened to them while exhibiting was, both ladies drew a blank. Hayes chuckled and said good-naturedly "Who has time for fun? It's work!"

Standing in a booth all day, talking to hundreds of people, sometimes three

She said she tells people about the cattle, citrus, sugar cane, the Trading Posts, the museums and Billie Swamp Safari. She also tells strangers to the Tribe about the history of the unconquered Seminoles and their accomplishments in teaching the Tribe's culture to the youth, its excellent health programs, senior centers, libraries and community schools, its rodeos and festivals and she invites them to come visit the museums.

Hayes and Osceola take the exhibit on the road about six or seven times a year to Trade Shows, pow-wows, conferences and conventions. They change the pictures to match the type of event. For instance, they have a political theme with pictures of the Council and Board representatives when they take the exhibit to Tallahassee for Florida's Capital Days.

They switch pictures and create a casino theme when they go to gaming conventions, and they display a little bit of everything when they visit other Tribes. For the cattle convention they had many photos of the Tribe's cattle program.

Hayes and Niles have been to Connecticut, South Dakota, Idaho, and California among other places. Some days they work 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and they trade off times man-

ning the booth so each has time to eat and take a break.

Hayes said every year there are more and more requests to take the exhibit on the road since she began the program about 4 years ago. The traveling Tribal Exhibit fills up a big space but it can be quickly compacted in about an hour into four large boxes and stored for the next trip.

The Tribe's Council or the Board of Directors cover the expenses depending on the event.

"We get a lot of requests to set up exhibits but this is very time consuming," said Niles, "And we have our jobs, too."

Niles works full time in Hollywood at the Health department and Hayes heads up 4-H for the Tribe. But, they are ready to hit the trail anytime the Tribe needs them.

Tribe's Cattleman Recognized as Industry Leader

By Susan Etzebarria

BRIGHTON — The Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. was in the spotlight at the 2005 Annual Florida Cattlemen's Association Convention held at Marriott Marco Island, Fla., June 15-17.

One of the hottest topics at the convention was the Tribe's creation of the state's first electronic identification (EID) program that can source verify Seminole beef. Then, in a surprise that made all the Tribe's cattlemen proud, Director of Natural Resources Don Robertson was honored by the Florida Cattlemen's Association and Farm Credit of Florida with the prestigious Rancher and Leader Award.

The cattlemen's association held many seminars and meetings during the three-day convention and Assistant Director Alex Johns was asked to speak and answer questions about the new EID program. The questions come at a time when cattlemen are anxious about the USDA announcement June 6 of a possible new case of mad cow disease in the U.S. Tests continue while the markets remain jittery.

EID is being recognized as the most effective way to trace back the source of a cow afflicted with such a disease, and prevent an outbreak that could destroy herds and bankrupt ranchers. As it stands now, only a handful of cattle ranches that have adopted the EID for their entire herd as the Seminole ranchers have done. EID is expected to be mandated into law by 2009.

Johns said the Tribe has received a lot of credit for its leadership in this new program but the ultimate recognition came at the banquet Thursday evening when Robertson was called up before the 2,500 people in attendance to accept his award.

"I will cherish this award the rest of my days," said Robertson.

He has worked for the Tribe 15 years and was previously a ranch manager for one of the world's largest

ranches, the Kings Ranch of Texas. For a man who has worked in the cattle industry for 50 years, the award has special meaning. A man can work all his life and never receive this kind of recognition.

"I have never done anything but work in the cattle industry," he said. "It is a business I have been dedicated to all my life."

Florida newspapers and television media have identified Robertson and the Seminole Tribe as visionary in helping Florida and the nation with food safety issues. Robertson is well known as a quiet man, but a leader. He has been the president of the Glades County Cattlemen's Association for the past six years; he served on the board of directors of the FCA for 11 years and he served four years on the marketing committee of the National Cattlemen's Association.

"The Extension Indian Reservation Program and the Florida Cooperative Extension agents consider Don as an invaluable resource of cattle and range management practices and have asked him to present his works at the national Extension Indian Reservation/USDA program's annual 2005 meeting," said Michael Bond, the Seminole Tribe's extension agent.



Larry Wells of Lakeland Animal Nutrition, Linda Tommie, Paul Bowers.

Susan Etzebarria

Seminole Tribe is ready for the crowd.

The Tribal Exhibit has traveled all over the U.S. and the producers of the exhibit go with it. They are Polly Hayes Osceola and Luwanna Osceola Niles. The two gal pals make up a great team. Both love to talk to people and people like talking to them. Both are very knowledgeable. These goodwill ambassadors represent the Tribe admirably.

Following the trail of the Traveling Exhibit the two ladies were found working the Trade Show held June 16, at the Florida Cattlemen's Association Annual Convention at the Marriott Hotel in Marco Island, Fla. Cattlemen and women from all over the state of Florida attended the conference including many Tribal cattle ranchers.

There were approximately 100 booths at the Trade Show and Hayes reported that there were quite a few ques-

and four days on end, can be grueling once in awhile; like the time last year when they set up the exhibit at the United Southern and Eastern Tribes (USET) Conference in Ft. Lauderdale for four days and immediately had to tear down the booth and head out the next day to set it up at the Marco Island Marriott.

So, what motivates these two seniors who seem to have more pep and go than a lot of younger women?

"We always hope we are doing a good thing for the Tribe letting other people know about the Tribe," said Niles.

Hayes said a lot of people tell them all they know about the Seminole's are the Tribe's casinos. They don't know much else, she said.

"We are proud to inform them that the Tribe has many other business ventures that are successful as well," said Hayes.

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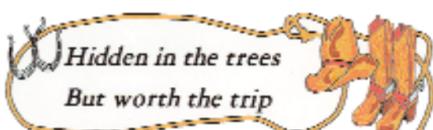
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