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Osceola Competes In Miss Indian World Contest

By Alexandra Frank

ALBUQUERQUE, NM—During the Gathering of Nations pow-wow, contestants representing 24 tribes from the United States and Canada competed for the Miss Indian World title. All of the contestants were the current reigning princesses of their respective tribes.

This year, the Seminole Tribe of Florida's own Miss Seminole, Mercedes Osceola, competed in the contest. Mercedes is the daughter of Joe Dan and Virginia Osceola of the Hollywood Reservation.

The family made the trip to Albuquerque to watch Mercedes compete in one of the most sought after titles in Indian Country. The event is highly publicized and one of the main attractions of the Gathering of Nations Pow Wow.

Mercedes, along with 23 other contestants, went through three days of activities, including Personal Interviews, Public Speaking, a Talent Contest, a Dance Competition, and reception dinner. The three days culminated into the final night: the crowning of Miss Indian World 2002-2003.

The Talent Contest, an event that drew in family friends and tribal citizens, featured the very talented young women. Many contestants showcased their dancing and story telling skills, while others gave cultural demonstrations.

Osceola's talent was to be a presentation on patchwork designs. Created by Seminoles, the art is a distinctive mark of the Seminole culture.

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Miss Seminole Mercedes Osceola and Miss Indian World 2001-2002 Ke Aloha May Cody Alo.

Museum Gives Free Admission On International Museum Day

FORT LAUDERDALE—In honor of International Museum Day, the Seminole Tribe of Florida is offering free admission on Saturday and Sunday, May 18 and 19, at both of their cultural centers.

At the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum, on the Big Cypress Reservation in south central Florida, visitors will see exquisite displays of Seminole life in the 1800s, rare artifacts on loan from the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, and Seminole war militaria. Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki also features a recreated native village, an informative and entertaining film, and a boardwalk nature trail.

At the Okalee Indian Village and Museum in Hollywood, visitors will see a historic overview of Seminole patchwork clothing, two galleries of paintings, and a montage of photographs of Seminole life in the 1900s. Okalee also features wildlife shows and crafts demonstrations presented by Florida Seminoles in an exotically landscaped village-like environment.

“One of the goals of Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum is to share our unique culture

with the non-Indian community,” said Billy L. Cypress, Executive Director. “We believe that International Museum Day is a great opportunity to invite others to see some things they can't see anywhere else in the world.”

Created by the International Council of Museums (ICOM), International Museum Day has been celebrated since 1977. ICOM believes that museums are an important means of cultural exchange, enrichment of cultures and development of mutual understanding, cooperation and peace among peoples.

Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum is open from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday. It is located between Fort Lauderdale and Naples, north of I-75 Exit 14 on the Big Cypress Reservation.

The Okalee Indian Village and Museum is open from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, and 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. It is located at 5845 S. State Road 7 (Highway 441) just north of Stirling Road on the Hollywood Reservation.



Frank King of Merrill Lynch hands \$315 million dollar check to the Tribal Council.

Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Resort “Official Signing” Ceremony

By Alexandra Frank

HOLLYWOOD—On May 13, under the Council Oak, the Seminole Tribe of Florida held an “Official Signing” ceremony, beginning the first phase of construction for the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Resort projects for both Hollywood and Tampa reservations.

Gathered under the Council Oak were tribal officials, tribal citizens, and various organizations involved with launching the long-awaited projects.

After the Invocation by Joe Osceola of Big Cypress, Master of Ceremonies Moses Jumper, Jr. introduced the Seminole Pre-school children, who recited the Pledge of Allegiance in the English and Miccosukee languages.

Mr. Jumper read a poem he wrote in honor of the Council Oak, the

tree that has become a symbol of the Seminole Tribe's humble beginnings. It was under the Council Oak that the Seminole government was established by the founding fathers of the tribe.

It was only fitting to have the “signing ceremony” take place under the Council Oak to begin the hotel and resort projects.

Jumper then introduced Board Representatives David Dehass (Hollywood), Alexander Johns (Brighton), and Paul Bowers, Sr. (Big Cypress).

Jumper then introduced Tribal Councilmen Max Osceola Jr. (Hollywood), John Wayne Huff Sr. (Brighton), and David Cypress (Big Cypress).

Also recognized were Tribal

Council Liaisons O.B. Osceola, Jr. (Naples), Elaine Aguilar (Immokalee), Norita Yzaguirre (Immokalee), Richard Henry (Tampa), Sally Tommie (Fort Pierce), and William Osceola (Tamiama Trail).

Secretary-Treasurer Priscilla Sayen was also given recognition. Other dignitaries attending the ceremony were Gail Lawson, representing Senator Bill Nelson; Hollywood Mayor Mara Giuliani; Senior Vice President of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau Denny Edwards.

Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress shared a few words with the group of about 200 people. Cypress said that it was a good day in some respects, but also a sad day in others. A day earlier, Smawley Holata of the Brighton Reservation had passed away, so many of those who attended, including Cypress, were in a somber mood.

Cypress also said the whole country was awakened by the events of September 11, and that it is important to have the military protecting this country. Cypress then introduced a newly graduated Marine, Amos Moses Billie of the Big Cypress Reservation.

Cypress said that Moses was setting a good example by joining the Marines. He noted that there were other young Seminole citizens considering signing up for the Marines or other military branches of the US armed forces. He congratulated Moses on making the life-changing decision to be a Marine.

Cypress also spoke of the days when traveling from reservation to another was not an easy task. To travel from Big Cypress to Hollywood, they

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Hollywood Porte Cochere

Nick Tiger Promoted At Lyman Ward Military Academy

CAMP HILL, AL — Nick Tiger, the son of Sue Tiger, teacher at the Ahfachkee School in Big Cypress, was recently promoted at the Lyman Ward Military Academy.

Nick is currently in the 12th grade, and is an ES/First Sergeant with a GPA of 2.62. Nick first entered the academy in August of 1999, and started as a Private in the 10th grade.

The promotion for Nick would be to that of Sergeant Major. The Lyman Ward Military Academy is located in Camp Hill, Alabama. LWMA is a boys military boarding school of distinction and tradition that offers students from around the world with a quality military prep school experience and outstanding character education since 1898.

Congratulations to Nick on his latest promotion and we hope you succeed in your future endeavors towards your education and military rank.



Nick Tiger

Tribal Members Join Avon Breast Cancer Walk

By Ernie Tiger

BOCA RATON—On April 19, four Tribal Members, along with some 2000 participants, joined the Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day walk. They got off to an early start from the Florida Atlantic University campus on Friday morning.

Tribal members Marsha Cypress, Helene Johns Clay, Lucille Jumper, and Elsie Bowers were encouraged early with the other participants with inspirational cheers from the volunteer Pallotta Teams Works staff.

The staff rallied up the 2,000-plus walkers that morning, to prepare them for the thirty-mile march that day to the Florida Stadium and City Festival Grounds in Fort Lauderdale, with a variety of exercises to help prevent unwanted injuries.

The three-day walk, which would take participants through the communities of Pompano Beach, Fort Lauderdale, Hollywood and finally to Bayfront Park in Miami Florida. Would help raise a total two million dollars in this event that would go towards help making care available to individuals who can not afford care. And to the researching in finding a cure for breast cancer.

“The walk was not really that bad, it was just hot. Luckily, we had a pretty good breeze all three days of the

walk which helped to cool us down,” said walker and fundraiser Elsie Bowers, after completing the race.

“Volunteer staff of the event were stationed in tents every two miles that provided walkers with refreshments, and if any walkers had problems during the event, other walkers were always stopping to make sure everyone was ok.”

The Avon 3-Day Walk, which is part of eight other marches and bike rides under the Pallotta Groups fundraiser treks, are used to help raise money for Cancer, AIDS, and provide funds in helping youths without homes.

“The fact that the money is going towards Breast Cancer Prevention and making it available to those who can not afford it is great. I just like being part of something like this. I had a stress fracture the last day of the walk, but I still managed to finish, which for me, was all worth it knowing that individuals who can not afford care will receive it,” said Helene Clay.

“Also, it was good to see other Tribal members involved in the walk. A lot of our members are affected each year, and most of them might have been prevented if they were made aware. Also, I want to make sure that I

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Consequences Are Inevitable

*** Virginia Mitchell**
Day after day we either hear, or say, how proud everyone is of each other. Using these words of encouragement, and dedication, let us continue to nurture our heritage and culture.

I've seen many events where speakers express that we, as a Tribe, need desperately to regain, and have more influence on, our culture. If this were so, if you see the demand, then there is a need to enforce our cultural practices to the fullest.

Don't just say it is necessary – go and address everyone- not just the children, but adults as well. There are many young adults who want to abide by some rules and not all of them.

Every Indian law ever given was just that: a law to live by, all the way, not halfway.

Just because we live in a modern world doesn't mean we set aside our faith until we decide we want to follow the rules. We were born of this fantastic culture; therefore, we should graciously carry it on. Not just when it is convenient, or until something devastating occurs to make us realize the importance of its

preservation.

We should be proud of the achievements of our past, celebrate the present and anticipate the future. Remain proud, strong and forever spiritually active.

We were always taught that there are many consequences to consider. Many of which you can not alter just for your own benefit – once the law was given, that was what you accepted.

Some young mothers today feel they can use our traditions only to a certain degree and change them for their own purpose. When an elder has explained what is expected, that is how you are to comply. These laws were here way before we existed, laws carried from generations before us.

No matter what you get into, there are many consequences and, really, aren't we well aware of what may occur? So, this isn't any different, just pay close attention and be prepared.

Does all this make sense? Of course it will when you respect, relive and reward our precious background.

On another note, the end of school year approaches, have you turned

in all your children's report cards into to the Education department?

It's the time of year to make sure all progress reports, certificates, etc. are in your child's files to be processed for Incentive Awards. There are consequences here if you, the parents, aren't on the ball. No awards! Not very fair to the children who have been working hard all year.

Before your attention span zizzles out, please make a note that a Parent Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21 for Noon in the Hollywood auditorium lobby.

At these meetings we talk about the concerns and needs of our Seminole students and get involved with their education. We need more parents to participate at these gatherings, which are every month, on behalf of our students. Lunch is always served during these meetings, so make plans to attend and voice your opinion.

Even with consequences to sacrifice, there is peace to follow. Peace.

—Virginia Mitchell is the Editor in Chief of the Seminole Tribune.

Hard Rock

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had to use a cattle truck and take a road to Clewiston through Devils Garden.

From there, they continued to Dania (present-day Hollywood) so the founding fathers of the Seminole Tribe could meet and discuss strategies in order to gain sovereignty and a government for the Seminoles.

Cypress also mentioned the trip he had taken to New York with Max Osceola to sign contract documents with the Hard Rock Corporation. He said this venture will benefit the future children of the Seminole Tribe and he thanked everyone for attending the event.

Jumper then recognized Acting Superintendent Joe Frank of the Seminole Agency Bureau of Indian Affairs. Also attending the historic event was the Honorable Congressman Peter Deutsch,

Member of the House of Representatives. After Congressman Deutsch's speech, Jumper introduced Frank King, Managing Director of Merrill Lynch. Mr. King then presented the Tribal Councilmen with the \$315 million dollar check in order for the construction of the hotel and resort projects to get underway.

Mr. Kind said Merrill Lynch is more than bullish on the idea of helping the Seminole Tribe start a dream of creating and owning the hotel & resort.

After all the speeches were finished, and the ink had dried on the sign that announced the start of construction, lunch was served and provided by Catering by Joyce.

Signing ceremony attendees were given commemorative pens, T-shirts and a chance to sign the construction notice.

Construction will begin in two weeks, and soon all of South Florida will be able to visit the much-anticipated Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Resort.



Congressman Peter Deutsch.

Elrod Bowers



Virginia Osceola

Where in Albuquerque is Mercedes Osceola? The first person to find her will win a free *Tribune* T-shirt.

Gathering

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Mercedes, dressed in a beautiful modern/traditional dress, appeared on stage with the Seminole Flag and outfits created with Seminole patchwork.

Mercedes' presentation and appearance were flawless; the sound system, on the other hand, was not. Mercedes opened her presentation in the Miccosukee language, and launched into the history of patchwork very smoothly.

When it became apparent that her microphone was not on, people in the audience yelled out that they could not hear her. Some audience members started yelling out for the soundman. The soundman quickly dashed on stage to fix the problem and Mercedes finished her presentation like a pro.

While Mercedes received a round of applause from the audience, her presentation was not the only one plagued with technical difficulties. Other contestants had to improvise during their talent presentations because of the sound problems.

Many of the young women did well showcasing their talent, which helped to boost the appreciation level of the audience. One such presentation was Tia Smith of the Six Nations Reserve Ontario, Canada. She performed an interpretive dance of both traditional and modern form from a song by her people.

Watching these young women from varied backgrounds and cultures come together to give the audience their best performance was truly delightful.

Many audience members were filled with pride watching the lovely young women who are the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of a people who refused to be let the invasion of their lands, and lifestyles, become erased.

This was even more apparent

when the 2001-2002 Miss Indian World, Ke Aloha May Cody Alo, performed a dance from one of the three nations that make up her background. Miss Alo is White Mountain Apache, Hawaiian and Samoan.

In fact, her Hawaiian countrymen performed several dances to the delight of the audience. Many had never seen that type of dancing, and many of the Hawaiian dancers had never attended a powwow, so it was a nice exchange of cultures to witness.

The Talent Show was just one of the highlights of the Miss Indian World contest. The Miss Indian World crowning is probably the most highly attended event at the Gathering of Nations Pow Wow. The crowning is held at the powwow grounds, immediately after the evening's "grand entry."

Before presenting the 24 contestants of the Miss Indian World contest, the committee for Miss Indian World bid a final farewell to 2001-2002 Miss Indian World Ke Alo.

The Hawaiian dance troupe that performed at the talent contest two nights before, performed again for the powwow crowd, and they appreciated the exhibition. Miss Alo also performed a Hawaiian farewell dance and took a final lap around the dance floor with traditional Apache dancers leading her.

Miss Alo shared a few parting words, giving thanks to everyone involved with the Miss Indian World contest. She also thanked everyone who supported her during her year as Miss Indian World and said it had been a privilege to represent Native People.

Miss Alo wished the next Miss Indian World the best, and hoped that whoever wins the crown would have a great time and enjoy all that the title of Miss Indian World had to offer.

It was now time for all 24 contestants to be introduced to the powwow crowd. All 24 contestants formed a

circle, and names and tribes were announced as they walked to middle of the circle and waved to everyone.

The awards were announced for Best Public Speaker, Best Interview, Best Traditional Presentation, and Best Dancer.

Tia Smith of Ontario, Canada won awards in two categories: Best Public Speaker and Best Interview.

Tewa Blue Sky won an award for Best Traditional Presentation. Michelle White won an award for Best Dancer.

The Congeniality award went to Teresa Santos of the Shoshone Bannock of Fort Hall, Idaho.

The time had come to announce 2nd Runner up, 1st Runner Up and the much awaited Miss Indian World title. 2nd Runner Up went to Tewa Blue Sky of the Sandy Lake First Nation Ontario, Canada.

1st Runner Up went to Teresa Hoskins of the Colville Confederated Tribe of Coulee Dam, Washington.

The new Miss Indian World 2002-2003 is Tia Smith of the Cayuga/Iroquois Tribe from the Six Nations Reserve Ontario, Canada.

The new Miss Indian World was crowned by the outgoing 2001-2002 Miss Indian World Ke Alo. The new Miss Indian World Tia Smith received a bouquet of roses and a sash with her new title Miss Indian World written upon it.

The Miss Indian World did a victory lap with family and friends as well-wishers from the pow wow congratulated her. Congratulations to the new Miss Indian World 2002-2003 Tia Smith.

Congratulations to Miss Seminole Mercedes Osceola for participating in this year's Miss Indian World. Your efforts in the contest and your representation of the Seminole Tribe were well done.



Hemheyian tahteshken shontahtohhekom. Chickee frame ready to be thatched with cabbage palm leaves.

Letters & E-mail

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Dear Editor:

The American Indian Pageants Council, Inc. (AIPC) is pleased to submit this request for your review. We are a not-for-profit charitable corporation (EIN: 01-0663491). We look forward to your partnership in our cooperative efforts to sponsor the Miss Indian Rodeo America Program (MIRA). The AIPC supports the MIRA Program through volunteer membership, and public donations.

The Miss Indian Rodeo America Program will focus on young women of Native American descent from ages eight to twenty-two. The program includes the MIRA-Annual Pageant, Queen Clinics, and Youth Workshops.

Our ultimate goal is to provide funding for youth in underserved commu-

nities and allow their participation in the program events at no cost. Your ongoing investment in our organization will enable us to effectively serve the program and light the way for America's youth.

Thank you for your interest in the American Indian Pageants Council and the Miss Indian Rodeo America Program. We envision building upon our collaborative success by developing our youth programs through your assistance. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Sincerely,

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A-LEN-CHE (BLANKET) KO-LO-PE (PAINT)
AN-TE (COOKING POT) 'A-BE (PICTURE)
ESH-MOL-KE (FRYING PAN) E-MA-HE (POLES FOR FRAME)
AA-PE (HANDLE) A-YOO-CHE (SMALL TABLE)
CHE-KE (HOUSE) KO-T'AA-SHE (SPOON)
AN-TOO-CHE (LITTLE COOKING POT) A-YE (TABLE)
AA-POO-CHE (LITTLE HANDLE) TOO-PE (TABLE)
'AA-BOO-CHE (LITTLE PICTURE) SHA-HOH-KE (WALL)
KO-CHO-NE (METAL)

Solution to Food Words

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Seminole Youth Perform In Play

By K.B. Schaller

HOLLYWOOD—"We can use a red bulb in the strobe light, drill a hole in the hamper and run a cord through. When we lift the lid, it'll look like flames," said Gus Baker, a veteran performer of several productions of the Resurrection Ensemble Theatre of Chickee Christian Academy.

Baker's suggestion is for a fiery pit for a production, "Mr. Presence." The one-act play will be held on Wednesday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m., and again on Thursday, May 23 at 1:30 p.m., in the Chickee Baptist Church Auditorium.

"Gus comes up with some very creative ideas for technical effects," states KiKi Schaller, the theatre's director, who also wrote the production.

The play uses a bit of comedy to deal with some hard issues. Robby, the central character (Gus Baker and Nick DiCarlo), has dropped out of school. His doting mother (Talena Castillo and Lauren Lyttle) is unaware that her son is a truant, and that he has some unsavory character traits: lying, and drug and alcohol experimentation.

Robby's buddies, Marty (Spencer Battiest) and Clint (Levi Battiest), have second thoughts about their lifestyle. It seems that their friend, Lena (Allyson Billie and Austina Motlow), has shown them Biblical principles that, to Robby's dismay, is beginning to work in his pal's lives.

Things take a sharp turn in Robby's life, however, when he meets a strange old man (Mr. Presence) who delivers a gentle message from the Bible. Robby scoffs at him. But later, the old man appears in Robby's dreams, with a stern and terrifying warning!

Most of the players – Gus Baker, Talena Castillo, Spencer Battiest, Zachary Battiest, Austina Motlow, Allyson Billie, and Lauren Lyttle have been members of the theatre since its first performance, "That Morning After", in April 2000.

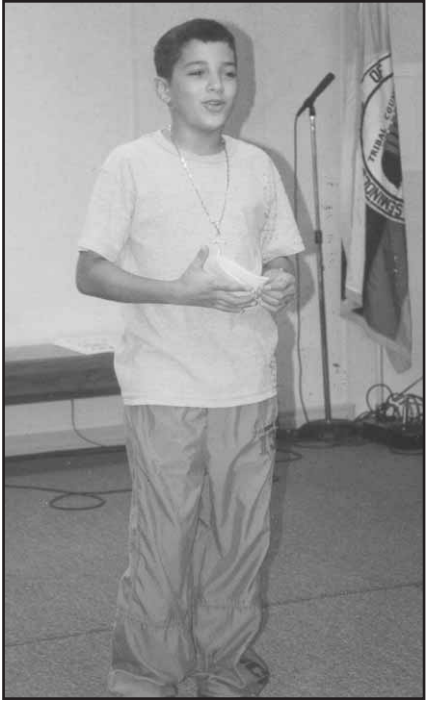
Newcomers Levi Battiest, Roy Stewart, and Nick DiCarlo are quickly "learning the ropes" from the veterans.

"RET is a drama ministry designed to help kids to focus on issues that impact their lives," Schaller states. "It is further designed to encourage our youth to minister to one another."

"Mr. Presence" is free to the public. Those desiring to contribute to the ministry, however, may donate to Chickee Christian Academy, designating it for Culture Programs. It is the umbrella for drama, art, yearbook and journalism.

The production will be held on two separate dates to allow different students to perform in key roles. Chickee Baptist Church is located on the corner of 64th Avenue and Josie Billie.

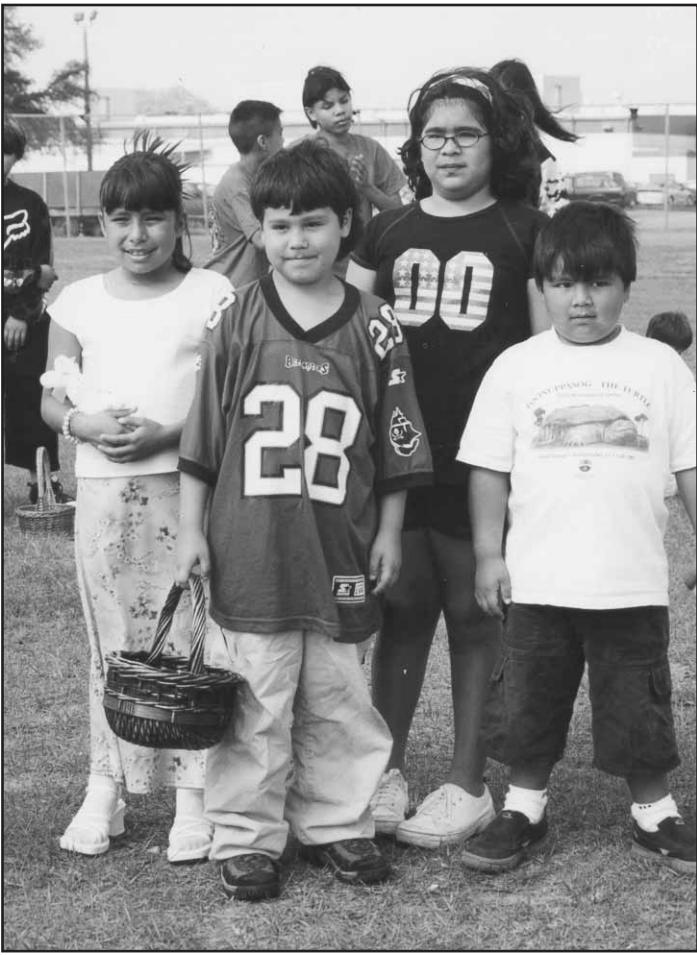
For further information, call Rev. Arlen Payne, pastor of Chickee Baptist Church at (954) 894-5651.



Gus Baker had the lead role.



Lauren Baker, Spencer Battiest, Gus Baker, Allyson Billie, and Talena Castillo have been members since inception.



Stacy Smith, Joel Foret, Tiffany Foret and Ethan Smith.

Tampa Community Easter Celebration

By Gary Padgett

TAMPA—On Mar. 31, the Tampa community held their annual Easter celebration. To celebrate, there were Easter egg hunts and competitions in 9-ball, golf and horseshoes. Even with the competitive nature of these events, about half of the youth were able to find prize eggs. All of the kids popped balloons, played ring toss and won prizes. The adults were also able to compete and win prizes, making a fun day for all.

Youth 10-17 9-ball tournament: 1) Kyle Henry 2) Josh Smith 3) Teddy Osceola 4) Kaylin Henry.

Seniors Easter Egg Hunt: 1) Annie Henry 2) Bobby Henry 3) Linda Henry 4) Susie Doctor 5) Peggy Cubis 6) Nancy Frank.

Seniors Closest to the Pin: 1) Bobby Henry 2) Susie Doctor 3) Linda O. Henry 4) Peggy Cubis.

Adult Men Closest to the Pin: 1) Chris Jimmie 2) Phillip Smith 3) Ramsey Harjo 4) Jimmy Osceola.

Adult Women Closest to the Pin: 1) Carol Foret 2) Debbie Henry 3) Joanie Henry 4) Colleen Henry.

Men's Horseshoe: 10 Jimmy Osceola 2) Bobby Henry 3) Ramsey Harjo 4) Ricky Dillion

Women's Horseshoe: 1) Debbie Henry 2) April Baker 3) Joanie Henry 4) Nancy Frank

Men's 9-Ball: 1) Ramsey Harjo 2) Blaine Thomas 3) Jerry Henry 4) Ricky Dillion

Women's 9-Ball: 1) Andrea Holata 2) Susie Henry 3) Carla Gopher 4) April Baker

Tampa Liaison Richard Henry, on behalf of the community, would like to thank Alex Johns and John Wayne Huff, Sr., for their support in making this a successful event.

Jeanette Hanna Named Director Of BIA Eastern Oklahoma Regional Office

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Interior Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Neal A. McCaleb today announced his selection of Jeanette Hanna, currently Director of Planning, Budget and Management Support for the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), as his choice to be the new director of the Bureau's Eastern Oklahoma Regional Office located in Muscogee, OK. The appointment is effectively immediately.

"I am delighted Ms. Hanna has accepted the directorship of the BIA's Eastern Oklahoma Regional Office," said McCaleb. "With her in-depth knowledge of Bureau operations, experience with tribal governments and unparalleled work ethic, Jeanette is a valuable member of my management team and will be a strong advocate for the eastern Oklahoma tribes."

Hanna, a member of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, has almost 20 years of Federal service. Her professional career began in May 1983 when she joined

Representative Wes Watkins' Washington, D.C., office as a staff assistant. She eventually became Legislative Director. In December 1990 she left Watkins' office to join the Interior Department's Office of the Budget as a budget analyst, where she served for two years until taking a senior budget analyst position in the BIA's Division of Program Development and Implementation.

In August 1994, Hanna became the Area Budget Officer for the BIA's Phoenix Area Office, as the regional offices were formerly known, where she served 42 Federally recognized tribes in the states of Arizona, Nevada and Utah. As Area Budget Officer, Hanna was responsible for negotiating with tribes on self-governance compacts and funding levels for P.L. 93-638 contracts. In 1997, she served as Acting Area Director until December of that year when she returned to Washington, D.C., to become the BIA's Deputy Budget Director. Hanna was made Budget Director in November 1998.

"As the BIA's budget chief, Jeanette handled her tough job with aplomb," said McCaleb. "Throughout her career, she has worked in areas of the Federal government that typically don't see many professional American Indian women. Her experience has made her well-equipped to meet the challenge of helping shape the BIA into a modern service agency for the tribes and their members."

Hanna has overseen the BIA's \$2 billion budget and agency-wide planning efforts to implement mandates of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA). She also has served as key staff to a number of Federal/Tribal workgroups on reorganizing the BIA, the Tribal Priority Allocation (TPA) process and other issues.

Jeanette Hanna has a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration-Management from East Central State University in Ada, OK. She received her degree in May 1983.

The Seminole Tribe of Florida Sports Festival 2002

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Health and Education ❖

Meet Big Cypress's Aerobic Instructor

By Paula Gannon Cassels

Vicky Barogiannis is a certified aerobics instructor and personal trainer, at the Big Cypress Recreation gymnasium.

She also works at Brighton clinic two days a week and Big Cypress clinic two days a week. Licensed in 1999 as a Dental Hygienist, Barogiannis studied at Broward Community College in Davie.

The aerobics classes are Mondays at 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. Her classes contain low-impact step and abs workout.

Vicky has been an aerobics instructor for seven years and taught classes in places like Spa Lady, Living well Fitness, and Bally's. Her class is easy to follow and the more you work out the better you feel, everyone is welcome to come in.

Barogiannis also offers personal training for the community, contact Big Cypress recreation/gymnasium at (863) 983-9659 for more information.

An easy way of starting your exercise regimen, the hardest thing about the aerobics class is getting there.



Vicky Barogiannis (front) certified aerobics instructor at Big Cypress recreation.

1st Annual Seminole Diabetes Conference: Together We Can Manage Our Diabetes

By Alexandra Frank

MARCO ISLAND—On April 15-19, Seminole citizens and staff from the Seminole Health Department and Family Services gathered together for a 3-day conference.

The motto for the 1st Annual Seminole Diabetes Conference was, "Together We Can Manage Our Diabetes." The focus of the conference was to help Seminole citizens living with the disease or a family member understand that managing diabetes is significant to living a long healthy life.

Motivational speaker Lester Brown presented the conference, many Seminole citizens know Mr. Brown from the motivational seminars held in the Keys for Tribal employees.

This conference followed the same format, only that the issues dealt with a life threatening disease that, if controlled, can slow or stop the onset of the debilitating aspects of Diabetes.

Some of the insight into the negative aspects of diabetes we heard about were retinal damage that causes blindness, heart disease, liver damage, and kidney damage.

Lester Brown and his wife Carolyn Brown presented the information in an insightful, well thought-out and honest approach.

The presentation, titled, "Independent Thinking Skills for Diabetes Management," was presented in a visual and cognitive manner. The exercises used to get across the message about Diabetes Management required everyone's attention and participation.

The conference attendees went through visual techniques and verbal exercises. The visual technique tested how attendees view certain objects, the point of this test is to learn how a person's perception of an object is formed.

The verbal exercises help attendees remember helpful and important thoughts and ideas in dealing with diabetes management. Attendees were also required to do writing exercises to reinforce important independent thinking skills critical for diabetes management.

There were many testimonies from Seminole tribal citizens living with diabetes, and spouses and family members living with a diabetic. Some individuals spoke of being in denial about the disease and how they continued to abuse substances, such as alcohol or drugs.

Others chose to ignore the fact that they were diabetic and continued to eat what they wanted and to drink what they wanted. They chose not to exercise or try to lose weight.

Some individuals said that diabetes has started to show up in their children and grandchildren. They are becoming alarmed at this trend and want others to start talking about healthy eating and exercise to their children and grandchildren.

A "group activity" was held to see what ideas attendees could come up with together as a community to manage diabetes. Attendees were asked to focus on areas of concern that they could share with others and their community.

There were six areas of concern: kids, losing weight, improving community nutrition, helping women during pregnancy, dealing with their medications, and helping people with their medications.

There were questions concerning the six areas: When will I get started? Who are the key people in my community that I need to help me? What is the first step? What resources will I need to pull this off?

Attendees were separated into six groups, and each appointed a spokesperson who generated ideas within the group about the six concerns given to them.

The groups could choose one or more than one

concern to focus on. The room was filled with ideas, and solutions were combined together, to create answers to the questions given in the group activity.

Most groups focused on more than one concern and did a great job answering those questions important to the concerns given. The group activity highlighted how, as a community, we can work together on specific goals.

It also showed some areas of concern that many attendees viewed as important enough to address to get them to work together.

Although the conference had attendees gathered in a ballroom during the 3 day event, daily exercise activities were offered at 6:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Attendees could walk or use a personal trainer (a tribal employee) in the weight room located on the hotel grounds.

Attendees ate healthy foods, catered by the hotel. The health staff was also on hand to take blood sugar readings and pass out information on diabetes care.

The conference was an excellent way to not only an epidemic that is not only occurring among Florida Seminoles, it has affected many tribes across the United States.

Many American are being affected with diabetes. Recent numbers show that 16 million are currently diagnosed with Type II diabetes. The statistics for future diabetics are staggering, mostly due to high fat intake and low exercise maintenance.

Many concerned diabetics at the conference voiced their concern for the future generations. Many want to set a good example within their families by talking about eating the proper foods (vegetables, fruits and meats), as well as educating them about high cholesterol and exercise.

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Mitchell Cypress, Joe Billie, and Jeanne Hatfield check blood sugar levels.

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The conference committee, along with Lester and Carolyn Brown, succeeded in reaching attendees in an educational and therapeutic format. This conference is the first of its kind, Lester remarked that the Seminoles are ground breakers in organizing an event like the diabetes conference and that we should be proud of this accomplishment.

Many attendees said they were already looking forward to next year's conference. Thanks goes to Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress for helping to promote the much needed conference.

Special thanks to the Health Department staff for their tireless efforts to keep the Seminole Tribe up-to-date on issues regarding diabetes and treatments.

A very big thank you to Lester and Carolyn for their critical work with the Seminole Tribe, and for delivering the conference presentation in a community-type atmosphere.

The attendees need to be thanked, without their participation the conference would not have succeeded in getting out the word that diabetes issues need to be faced in order to combat this life threatening disease. Shonabisha to everyone at the conference, see you at next years event.



Paul "Cowbone" Buster and his wife Meg presented a Diabetes community wide project.

SEMINOLE MUSCLE

Walking For Life!

By Kenny Bayon

Whether it's taking a stroll down the street, or on the beach, walking is probably the easiest, least expensive and most beneficial physical activity that can be done on a daily basis. To help maximize your time in motion, we've designed a walking program that's guaranteed to help you get fit and toned while having fun.

First, here are some basic tips to help keep you in stride:

- *Stand up straight and look directly ahead. Imagine that a string is attached to the top of your head and is lifting you from the ground. Keep your shoulders back and relaxed, chest lifted, and tailbone pointed down to the ground.
- *Relieve the stress points. Relax your shoulders and shake out any tension from your arms and wrists.
- *Keep an even stride and maintain a steady pace. Keep your steps short and fast; the faster you move, the better your cardiovascular workout. Swing your arms naturally as you walk, but try not to let your hands extend above your chest
- *Maintain a heel-to-toe-motion. This is the motion that is important to walking. Your heel should be the first part of your foot to hit the ground. Roll through the ball of the foot and push off with your toes. This motion reduces the risk of shin splints and tendon pulls.
- *Stretch after walking to help cool down and relax the body, and to increase muscular flexibility. As your heartbeats returns to its pre-workout rate, you will feel refreshed and energized rather than tight and tired. To get the full benefits of stretching, hold each one for at least 30 seconds.

If it's cold outside, stretch indoors, away from drafty areas. Breathe deeply while doing your stretches and ease into them — never force or jerk any movements.

Here are some easy stretches you can do after hitting the trails:

Lying Leg Tuck

Muscles Stretched: Lower back, hips, buttocks.

Starting Stance: Lie on back with one knee bent and the other leg straight.

Execution: Pull bent leg to chest while keeping other leg and lower back pressed against ground, then switch. **Advanced:** Pull both knees to chest.

Lying Trunk Twist

Muscles Stretched: Lower back, abdominals, butt.

Starting Stance: Lie flat on back with right knee bent over the left, keeping left leg straight.

Execution: Pull right leg across with left hand and look in opposite direction of stretch. Do same stretch with other leg. **Advanced:** Keep leg straight while pulling it over.

Lying Abdominal/Back Stretch

Muscles Stretched: Abdominals, lower back.

Starting Stance: Lie on stomach with

elbows pulled in by side.

Execution: Elevate upper body by pushing off elbows. Advanced (only if free of lower-back problems): Push off hands.

Lying Hamstring Stretch

Muscles Stretched: Hamstrings (muscles in back of thighs).

Starting Stance: Lie on back.

Execution: Keeping legs straight and back flat, lift one leg at a time and pull toward chest. Alternate to other leg. **Advanced:** Use towel or rope for extra pull.

Standing Quadriceps Stretch

Muscles Stretched: Quadriceps (muscles in front of thighs) and hip flexors.

Starting Stance: Stand facing a wall or other solid object (to be used for balance).

Execution: Bend leg backward, grasp ankle and pull heel toward butt. Alternate legs. **Advanced:** Hold ankle with both hands, which also stretches the chest and shoulders.

Wall Lean

Muscles Stretched: Calves (and Achilles tendon).

Starting Stance: Stand a few feet in front of a wall.

Execution: Stand about one foot from wall and lift a leg off ground. Keeping other foot flat, slowly lean into wall until chest almost touches. Hold for 20-30 second, then repeat with other leg.

For a different angle, position the ball of your foot against the wall with the heel on the ground. Place your other leg behind you. Press some of your body weight over your right foot until you feel the calf stretching. Repeat with the other leg.

Just as important as form and stretching is safety. Your muscles work more effectively when they're well saturated, so make sure to drink enough fluids (especially in this hot Florida sun). When walking outside during the day, always carry a water bottle.

Listening to music can be a great way to pass time and keep a steady pace, but first make sure you're familiar with your surroundings. Headphones could be dangerous while walking at night, on an unfamiliar path, near traffic, or on bike paths. If listening to music, have all of your other senses alert and engaged.

Most importantly, never ignore pain. If you feel pain in your legs, back, or anywhere else when you walk — stop!!! You may be able to relieve minor aches by double checking your form, increasing your warm-up, or adding shoe inserts. For chronic problems, consult your doctor.

Now you are ready to walk. A general guideline is to try walking for at least 20-30 minutes, 3-4 days a week. Remember to take it slow, and don't push yourself if you feel the need to rest (we should all know about proper sleep habits by now). Drink plenty of water, and stretch after every walk.

For a personalized plan, met with your local fitness trainer so he or she can write out a training program and help monitor your progress. Soon, you'll be walking for 45 minutes at a time. Good luck!

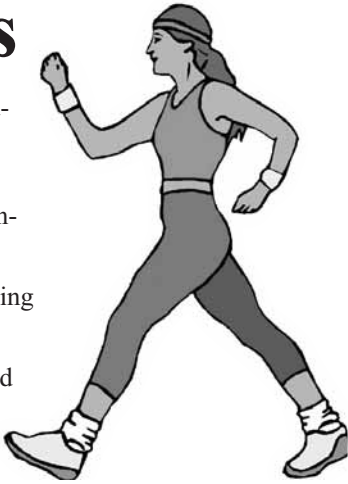
Buying Walking Shoes

Before you vigorously hit the pavement, trails or treadmill, make sure you have a comfortable pair of walking shoes and some well-cushioned socks. When shopping for shoes, remember that your heel is the point of first contact with the ground - so look for shoes with at least one-quarter inch of cushioning under the heels.

Also, the shoe soles should be supportive and flexible.

And be sure to test the shoes before buying. While taking a practice lap or two in the store, ask yourself: Is there enough room to wiggle my toes? Do the shoes rub against my heels?

Don't buy shoes that need to be broken in. They should feel comfortable enough when you leave the store that you're ready to just keep on walking!



Weight Loss Contest Results

By Kenny Bayon

The recent spring time weight loss program was a success, after eight grueling weeks of sweat and work, with the culmination being the awards luncheon.

A total of three hundred thirty-one and four-tenths pounds were lost during this weight loss contest. Hopefully, we will surpass that total after the next one.

Remember ladies and gentlemen, it's not that you lose the weight, but to make sure that you keep it off.

The winners were:

Tribal men: 1) Tracey Smith, 19.9 lbs 2) Anthony Frank, 18.7 lbs 3) Truman Bowers 3.0 lbs
Tribal women: 1) Katie Cypress, 15.2 lbs 2) Francine Osceola, 14.2 lbs 3) Iretta Tiger 8.4 lbs
Employee men: 1) Ken Bonawitz 26.6 lbs 2) Glenn Derrick 25.4 lbs 3) David Anderson 10.1 lbs

Employee women: 1) Eida Rives 15.8 lbs 2) Johnnie Van Desande 15.7 lbs 3) Martita Santana 14.8 lbs.



Weight loss winner Tribal Citizen Anthony Frank 2nd place, Kenny Bayon personal trainer, and 1st place Tracey Smith.



Tribal Citizen Francine Osceola 2nd place weight loss contest winner.

Managing Your Health Care Bills

By Ken Goosens and Robert North

[Editor's note. Ken Goosens works for the Tribe in Housing Finance and counsels Tribal members on loans and credit. Robert North works in Health Administration. The opinions expressed in this column are their own.]

One of the best benefits of being an enrolled member of the Seminole Tribe is the health care plan. With no deductibles and no charge for the plan, the Tribe pays for most of your health care that is "in network," after Medicare or other insurance pays.

In contrast, the average American gets health care only through an employer, though some get coverage from Government sponsored programs. The sad truth is that many people end up with no health care plan. Government programs typically serve only a very limited group, such as the elderly or very poor. Many jobs do not provide health care benefits, many people lose health care when they do not work, and many people do not qualify for health care after they retire.

These other health care systems also are more costly to their members. They usually require the person to pay up front for the plan. In addition, the patient pays for a significant portion of the expenses actually incurred. Seminole tribal members get better coverage at a lower cost, and qualify regardless of age, income, or employment.

If the Tribe takes care of the health bills, you might think there is nothing you have to do personally to manage them. No matter what you may have even been encouraged to believe at one time, you also would have made a serious mistake.

Unfortunately, the brutal fact is that by doing nothing, you may have years of delinquent health bills that are enough to ruin your credit. Outside lenders will often deny you a mortgage loan, or at least demand that the delinquent bills be paid before you can qualify. You may pay 19% interest rate on automobile loans instead of 7%. Your automobile insurance may be higher. Banks may deny you a checking account. In addition, potential employers can use your credit history to deny you a job.

That's not fair, you protest, to hold me responsible for unpaid bills when the Tribe is responsible for paying my medical claims! However true this is, the medical profession holds you responsible regardless. Read those medical admission forms you signed for medical care. They clearly state that you agree to be responsible for any bills not paid by a third party, like medical insurance or the Tribe's health plan.

But the Tribe is responsible for paying the full bill, you protest, so I don't have any additional responsibility! Maybe in an ideal world, but not this one. You are responsible not only for any portion of the bill the Tribe does not pay, but seeing to it that the Tribe does pay, and further, you are responsible for the bill's being paid in full and on time. In short, *you co-sign for your medical bills.*

The hard fact is that delinquent medical bills (along with delinquent credit card payments, collection accounts, bad debts, etc.) count against your credit rating, and will continue to lower your credit score even after they are eventually paid.

You may get angry with the Tribe for not paying the bills on time and thereby messing up your good credit. But the tough truth here is that many bills are already delinquent before the Tribe gets them or have special problems, such as being out of network, that make paying them difficult or slow.

Getting angry does not help. What does help is making sure that your medical bills are paid on time and never become delinquent in the first place. *The solution is to personally manage the payment of your medical bills.* What can you do?

1. Stay within the network providers of medical care, i.e. the medical providers who are an approved member of the medical plan. These plans include Beech Street, Community Health Partners, Dentemax, and SAV-RX. There are two reasons to stay in network.

First, these medical providers provide care at a pre-negotiated price that generally saves the Tribe significant money.

Second, the Tribe is not obligated to pay for medical care outside the network. You may be able to get medical care paid outside the network if special services are required, but this requires special approval, which you should try to get in advance.

Getting approval after the fact may slow down payment and result in bills that become delinquent or go into collection.

2. Obtain referrals from the local Seminole Health Center or Clinic in order for health services to be approved and paid for (if you are a qualified descendant of the Seminole Tribe). In an emergency, proceed to the nearest emergency or hospital. Be sure to notify the STOF Health Plan or one of the Health Centers within 72 hours after the emergency treatment.

3. Inform every provider of medical service that the Tribe covers you, and show the provider your Seminole Health Plan card and any other coverage you may have (such as Medicare) so bills will be sent to the right place. Inform them up front, before you receive the service. Realize that there may be multiple providers for a medical service, like an operation, and some of them may fail to get the right billing information and send you a bill directly.

4. Send medical bills that you receive directly to the claims department listed on your Seminole Health Plan card, even if you get repeated bills. The worst thing you can do is to ignore or throw away bills. The "clock" for when a bill has to be paid starts when the bill is sent out, so you should try to respond so that the bill gets paid within 30 days. However, always keeps a personal copy of any bill sent you.

The place to send bills currently is Seminole Tribe Health Plan, 5385-B Stirling Road, Davie, FL 33314. To speed things up, *send bills directly to the STOF Health Plan address, rather than taking them to the local Tribal Health Center and/or Clinic.*

When the Health Department receives the bills internally before 1999, giving the Tribe the bills made sense. Now, bill processing is contracted out. The Health Centers on the reservations simply collect these bills and eventually forward them to the STOF Health Plan. Each manual step introduces a delay and is an opportunity for the bill to get lost.

5. If you have an unpaid medical bill but for some reason do not possess a copy of the bill (for example, a bill collector or something on your credit report), the bill will have to be researched first in Health Administration to get a full bill and to make sure it was not already paid. This is done in Hollywood at the Health Administration.

Unfortunately, this work is time consuming and slower than the bill collection process. You can help the process by providing as much information as possible, including where and when the service occurred, what doctor did the service, and what service was provided.

Your credit report lists your history of paying on your debts. We have seen credit reports which are excellent except for half a dozen delinquent medical bills over three years. One composite credit score was a dismal 515, which meant that all the other good credit made no difference.

Most lending programs want a minimum score of 620, which about 80% of Americans achieve. The lower your score, the more down payment a lender demands from you, the higher your interest rate is, and the larger your fees will be.

The Tribe's system for paying health bills can occasionally fail to perform properly and to pay a bill on time, like any human system. But there is a great deal you can do personally to help ensure that your health bills will get paid on time.

When you go outside the network without authorization, ignore health bills you get, throw bills away, procrastinate sending bills to the Tribe, or don't send bills directly to the Tribe's health bill processing center, you risk messing up your good credit for years, with no one to blame but yourself.

If you have delinquent health bills, work now with Health Administration to get them paid so that you can start to dig yourself out of the sinkhole of bad credit.



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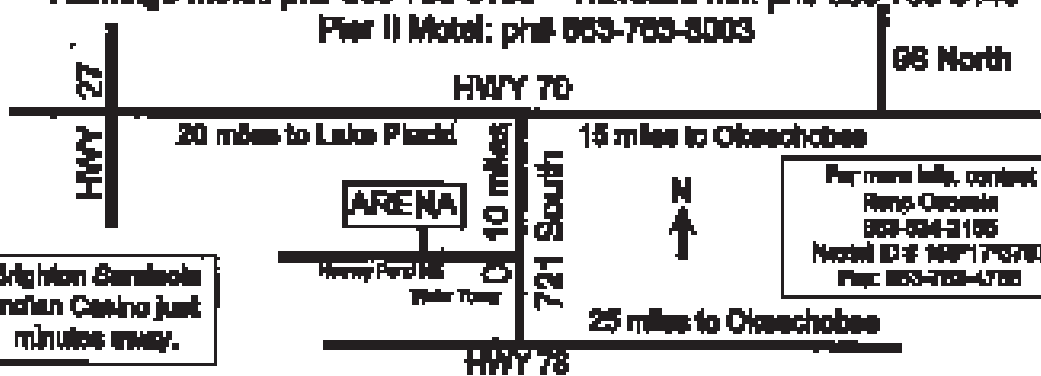
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EIRA “Cinco De Mayo” Rodeo

By Paula Gannon Cassels
IMMOKALEE — Competition was hot on Saturday, May 4. Starting off with the youngest cowboys and cowgirls, Andre Jumper, Everette Youngblood and Kelton Smedley put their fear aside and their protection gear on to show they were ready to ride the Mutton Bustin event.

Pony riders Willam Bearden, Kane Bettleyoun and Justin Aldridge had winning rides. Ethan Gopher and Brandtley Osceola held on for the full time in calf riding event, and young cowboys Seth Randolph and Dayne Johns won the steer riding event.

Beginner Barrels participants Taylor Johns, Nauthkee Henry and Andre Jumper turned their horses around the barrels for the win. As the evening sun set, and the dust started to kick up, the sanctioned events began.

The cowboys and cowgirls were raring to go,

Non-Sanctioned Events

Mutton Bustin’		
1, Andre Jumper	20.04	10 pts
2, Everette Youngblood	10.79	9 pts
3, Kelton Smedley	5.34	8 pts
Pony Riding		
1. William Bearden	44	10 pts
2/3. Kane Bettleyoun	43	9 pts
2/3. Justin Aldridge	43	8 pts

Calf Riding		
1. Ethan Gopher	2.3	10 pts
2. Brandtley Osceola	1.7	9 pts

Steer Riding		
1. Seth Randolph	45	10 pts
2. Dayne Johns	4.0	9 pts

Beginner Barrels		
1. Taylor Johns	22.92	10 pts
2. Nauthkee Henry	24.01	9 pts
3. Andre Jumper	27.39	8 pts

Sanctioned Events

Bareback Riding		
1. Adam Turtle	73	10 pts
2. Shawn Best	66	9 pts

Steer Wrestling		
1. Naha Jumper	14.85	10 pts
2. Jason Grasshopper	20.24	9 pts

and the bareback riders, steer wrestling, and saddle bronc riders when into action. Naha Jumper, Josh Jumper and Happy Jumper had the jump in the calf roping event, in which they all placed in the money.

It takes real talent to compete in the women’s breakaway roping, which was displayed by Theresa Bowers and Shelby Osceola.

Barrel racing is tough, but Cheyanna Osceola, Shelby Osceola and Clarissa Bowers got it done. The Novice Barrel division had the fastest winning times, thanks to Jade Braswell and Leanna Billie.

Long into the night, after the last barrel racer and just before the bull riding competition, there was a blackout: fifteen minutes of darkness. This didn’t stop the bull riders, when the lights came back on the cowboys were ready to ride. Shawn Best and Koty Brugh tied for first place in the bull riding event. Good job to all the cowboys and cowgirls.

Saddle Bronc Riding		
1. Shawn Best	71	10 pts
2. Robert Youngblood	59	9 pts

Calf Roping		
1. Naha Jumper	15.15	10 pts
2. Josh Jumper	29.38	9 pts
3. Happy Jumper	34.38	8 pts

Women’s Breakaway Roping		
1. Theresa Bowers	4.833	10 pts
2. Shelby Osceola	5.497	9 pts

50 & Over Breakaway Roping		
1. Rudy Osceola	5.464	

Team Roping		
1. Josh Jumper/Naha Jumper	7.210	10 pts
2. Reno Osceola/Rodney Osceola	18.93	9 pts
3. Moses Jumper, Jr./Happy Jumper	22.36	8 pts
4. Joey Henry/ Rudy Osceola	23.27	7 pts
5. Cicero Osceola/ Shawn John	31.27	6 pts

Barrel Racing		
1. Sheyanna Osceola	18.646	10 pts
2. Shelby Osceola	18.664	9 pts
3. Clarissa Bowers	19.290	8 pts

Novice Barrels		
1. Jade Braswell	18.323	10 pts
2. Leanne Billie	18.523	9 pts

Bull Riding		
1. Shawn Best	76	10 pts
2. Koty Brugh	76	9 pts

Avon

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Since the first Avon Breast Cancer walk in 1998, the Pallotta Team Works group has netted and provided \$222 million to AIDS and breast cancer charities since its inception in 2001. Pallotta Team Works said it has already contributed \$115 million in net proceeds towards breast cancer education and research alone.

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Elsie Bowers and Helene Johns Clay walked from Boca Raton to Miami.

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Big Cypress All-Indian Pool Tournament

By Janice Billie
BIG CYPRESS — The atmosphere was one of focused intensity as pool players from various reservations met at the Herman Osceola Gym in Big Cypress on April 26-27 for the All-Indian Pool Tournament. Limited to Tribal members, except for the 9-Ball tournament, the tournament was attracted many spectators and players.

Beginning Friday evening with children and seniors, the tournament ended Saturday evening with Adults 8-Ball, 9-Ball and Scotch Doubles competition.

Sponsored by Big Cypress Recreation and Councilman David Cypress, the event was successful in bringing out people from Brighton, Naples, Immokalee, Hollywood and beyond for friendly competition and sportsmanship. With cash prizes ranging up to \$500 dollars, the competition was not taken lightly.

Which would explain why the Elvis impersonator who showed up and performed a lengthy set was not the center of attention. Turns out he was scheduled to perform at a birthday party somewhere



Amy Johns Ashley, 2nd place, women’s 9-ball.

else on the reservation, but got lost.

Winners and finishers were as follows:
8-12 Boys – 1) Nathan Billie, 2) Greg Carter, 3) Tommy Benson.
8-12 Girls – 1) Deidre Hall, 2) Erica Mata, 3) Jessica Osceola.
13-17 Boys – 1) Ray Yzaguirre III, 2) Josh Garza, 3) Tommy Bowers.
13 – 17 Girls – 1) Ronnie Billie, 2) JoJo Osceola, 3) Nina Garcia.



Dale Grasshopper, 3rd place, women’s 9-ball.

Seniors-
8 Ball – Men – 1) Joe Billie Jr., 2) Ronnie Doctor, 3) Sammy Nelson, 4) Keno King, 5) Alan Jumper.
Women – 1) Annie Jumper, 2) Mable Osceola, 3) Betty Osceola.
Scotch Doubles – 1) Keno King/Betty Osceola, 2) Mabel Osceola/Ronnie Doctor, 3) Annie Jumper/ Joe Billie Jr.
Adults-
Scotch Doubles – 1) Linda Billie/Woody Wilson, 2) Jack Billie/Alice Billie, 3) David Cypress/Laura Clay, 4) Raymond Garza/Virginia Billie, 5) Louise Jim/Elrod Bowers.
8 Ball – Men- 1) Eugene Tiger, 2) Raymond Garza, 3) Jack Billie, 4) George Grasshopper, 5) Jack Masters.
Women – 1) Alice Sweat, 2) Brenda Cypress, 3) Laura Clay, 4) Carlene Osceola, 5) Linda Billie.
9 Ball – Men – 1) George Grasshopper, 2) Randy Clay, 3) Woody Wilson, 4) Raymond Garza, 5) Elrod Bowers.
Women – 1) Virginia Billie, 2) Amy Johns Ashley, 3) MaryJean Koenes, 4) Dale Grasshopper, 5) Alice Sweat.

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- Non-Tribal Members or Tribal Employees will pay \$20.00 entry fee per individual, with \$20.00 For Big Fish Optional
- Weight inn will be at 3:00 South Bimini (Bimini Sands) for each day of the two day tournament
- No Bimini start, Anglers will be able to leave at first light
- Teams will consist of 3 individuals
- Five Fish limit for each day (official regulation measurements inforced)
- Winners will be decided on total weight for both days
- Fish accepted to be weighted in will include: Snapper, Kingfish, Tuna, Dolphin
- 1lb. Penalty Per Minute for Late weight-in

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Casino News ❖

Think how much fun it would be to play bingo FREE on a SUMMER PASS

It's no secret that every bingo player's favorite fantasy is to play bingo everyday for free! Some very lucky players are going to get that opportunity when they participate in **Summer Pass**. Every time you play any Regular Session from May 1 through May 30, you will get a drawing slip. Hang on to it until **Friday, May 31**, then bring it to any Regular Session on that day.

In each of the four Regular Sessions that day we will have ten drawings. Six of the winners will get two single session Free Plays to use during the summer. One person will win **2-weeks Free Play** (which will be valid June 2-15). One person will win **4-weeks Free Play** (which will be valid June 2-29). Another person will win **6-weeks Free Play** (which will be valid June 2-July 13). And the big winner in each session will win **13-weeks Free Play!** The 13-week free play will be valid June 2-August 31.

Winners in Matinee I will win their Free Play sessions for Matinee I; Matinee II winners will win their Free Play sessions for Matinee II. Evening winners will win their Free Play sessions for Evening, and Nite Owl players will win theirs for Nite Owls.

In Matinee and Nite Owls, winners will receive a Combo Pack for their Free Play. In the Evening Session, winners receive Level I pack for each of their Free Plays. Free Plays are valid each day for the length of time won. Winners may not extend their Free Play beyond the expiration dates noted above. Only the person who won the Free Play may use them.

Evening players may upgrade their Level I pack to Level II or Level III (when available) but must pay the difference. Matinee winners who wish to upgrade to Stay and Play on Mondays and Wednesdays, or to Super Saturdays on the second and fourth Saturday of each month may do so but must pay the difference. **The above upgrades are available only to the 2-4-6 and 13-week winners.**

Participants must be in the Bingo Hall at the time of the drawings, and their drawing slips must have been deposited by the time announced by the callers. Once the drawing drum is closed, no further slips will be accepted. Drawing participants must have valid photo ID and their JPC Membership Card with them. **Only one drawing prize per person per session will be allowed. NO COUPONS OR PASSES WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR ANY SESSION ON MAY 31.** In addition, no immediate family members of Seminole Casino-Tampa employees may participate in the drawings nor may any Tour Operators, their agents or employees.

Drawing slips deposited for Matinee I will remain in the drum for Matinee II. All other drawing slips will be removed following the drawing in each session.

You can play free all summer long if you are the winner of Summer Pass on Friday, May 31. It could be a wonderful summer for you!

Memorial Day 2002

Monday, May 27 will be a very special day at Seminole Casino-Tampa. As we salute our armed forces as is the tradition with Memorial Day, we will also salute all of the heroes from this past fall.

A free BBQ will be served between Matinee I and Matinee II, and again from 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. In addition we will have a Dixieland band playing in this lobby from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

This is going to be a very special day. Please celebrate America with us.

Special News About the E-Do-Its

During the past few weeks, we have had to disqualify several of our traditional Do-It-Yourself cards, something that we hate to do. After all, when you win a game, we want you to enjoy your winnings!

Please remember that an "X" is the only acceptable mark on the traditional Do-Its, and it must not be formed anyway but with two diagonal lines which have not been written over. In addition, no part of the "X" may touch another number on the card. We also had a disqualification due to too few numbers selected on the card.

This is one of the reasons we have introduced the E-Do-Its. The system will never let you choose less than or more than the eight numbers you need to win. You don't have to worry about an improper "X", or touching another number. And you don't have to make certain to get it in the box at the end of your table on time!

If you haven't checked out the E-Do-It, why not do so on your next visit? We're sure you'll love it!

JPC Members, You're Off to the Races

Jackpot Club members don't have to head



for Kentucky this month for great racing action. They'll find it right here at Seminole Casino-Tampa when we present our annual event-the Seminole Derby!

When you come in to any session on your Special Day, you'll get a discount of \$3, \$4, or \$5 off your pack when you present your JPC Membership Card before your purchase. On the bottom of your receipt will be instructions to go to the table next to the Pull Tab booth to get your "Race Ticket."

Sometime during each session, we will have the race! (For those of you who have never played the Derby, Bingo Bob will explain it fully before the race in each session.) The "horse" that comes in first in Matinee I, Matinee II, and Nite Owl will pay **\$2,000**, and the Evening winner will pay **\$4,000!** In the event of multiple winners, the prize will be equally divided among everyone holding a winning ticket.

Members must be in the hall at the time the race is run in order to participate, and they must have used their JPC Card at the time of purchase. Immediate family members of Seminole Casino-Tampa employees may not take part in the playing of the game.

Members whose last name begins with the letters **A-K** (or those who have switched to this group) will have their Special Day on **Tuesday, May 14**. Members whose last name begins with the letters **L-Z** (or those who have switched to this group) will have their Special Day on **Tuesday, May 21**. **NO COUPONS OR PASSES WILL BE ACCEPTED AT ANY SESSION ON EITHER DAY.**

When they are running for the roses in Kentucky this year, we'll be running for the money at Seminole Casino-Tampa Bingo! Don't you dare miss it!

Have A Memorable May with A New Car!

No matter where in the casino you play, you'll have the chance to win a **new 2002 Saturn** on **Wednesday, May 29!**

Every time you win a Bingo Game, you will receive a drawing slip. Win a \$1,200 or more Jackpot (or special win) on a gaming machine, and you'll win a drawing slip. Win any portion of a Special Game in Decision Bingo, and you will win a drawing slip. Come in first, second or third in a Poker Tournament (including mini-tournaments) and you will win a drawing slip. Have any single win of \$50 or more in Pull-Tabs and you will win a drawing slip.

After you have played-and won!-in May, be sure to be here on Wednesday, May 29 for the drawing. You will be able to deposit your tickets from the end of Matinee II until 9:40 p.m. The drum will close promptly at 9:40 p.m. and after five minutes of spinning, the winner will be selected.

Winner must be present at the time of the drawing and have valid photo ID and Social Security card with them. When the ticket is drawn, the name will be announced throughout the Casino and that person will have ten minutes to come forward. If no one comes forward in ten minutes, the ticket will be considered void, and a new name will be drawn. We will follow this procedure until we have a winner.

No coupons or passes will be accepted in the Evening Session on Wednesday, May 29. In addition, no immediate family members of Seminole Casino-Tampa employees may participate in the drawings, nor may any Tour Operators, their agents or employees.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: At the time you receive your drawing ticket, your name will already be on it. This ticket is for your use only. Any changes, whiteouts, deletions, or obliterations of any type will result in the ticket being void. Please **PRINT** all of the information requested on the ticket. Your address portion must be included to have a valid winner. Rubber stamps or labels will be allowed. Each ticket is checked for compliance before it is deposited.

The more you play in May, the better your chances to win a new Saturn!



separate drawing for \$100 will be held for Free Roll Tournament players only and a separate Bingo Jackpot is available to be won for a royal flush. *Complete rules available at the Casino Poker Room. You must register for this tournament by 6:30 p.m. the day of the tournament, No Exceptions!*

New Ideas Are Blooming!

Spring . . . a time for refreshing and renewing. It is spring and new ideas are blooming at Seminole Casino - Brighton! Watch for new entertainment, new games in Bingo and new games in Video Gaming. There is also a new menu in the works for the Josiah Restaurant that is sure to please! Come visit us soon, see all of your old friends and see the improvements that are being made at Seminole Casino Brighton.



Coconut Creek Casino News

May 26th- Center Stage from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., back by popular demand, Cachet - this high energy driven band will entertain the Coconut Creek customers with their multi talented performance of Latin, Swing, Jazz, Big Band and Dance music.

We'll be giving away a Red Dragon Vespa ET2 to one of our Lucky Winners at 4pm. The Vespa is one of the hottest and in high demand of Motorbikes on the bike scene today and it's at Coconut Creek.



FLORIDA INDIAN YOUTH PROGRAM POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The Florida Indian Youth Program (FIYP) is a program of the Florida Governor's Council on Indian Affairs, Inc., Employment and Training Program. The FIYP is held on the campus of Florida State University in Tallahassee, July 13th through July 27th, 2002. The positions of Counselor and Counselor-Nurse described below are full time positions with the FIYP where the people hired live in the dorm with the students (single rooms with private bath) and are with the group 24 hours a day for the entire two weeks. Transportation, room, board and everything related to the program is provided for the Counselors and students at no cost. Salaries are competitive with other summer camp programs.

Call 1-800-322-9186 for applications

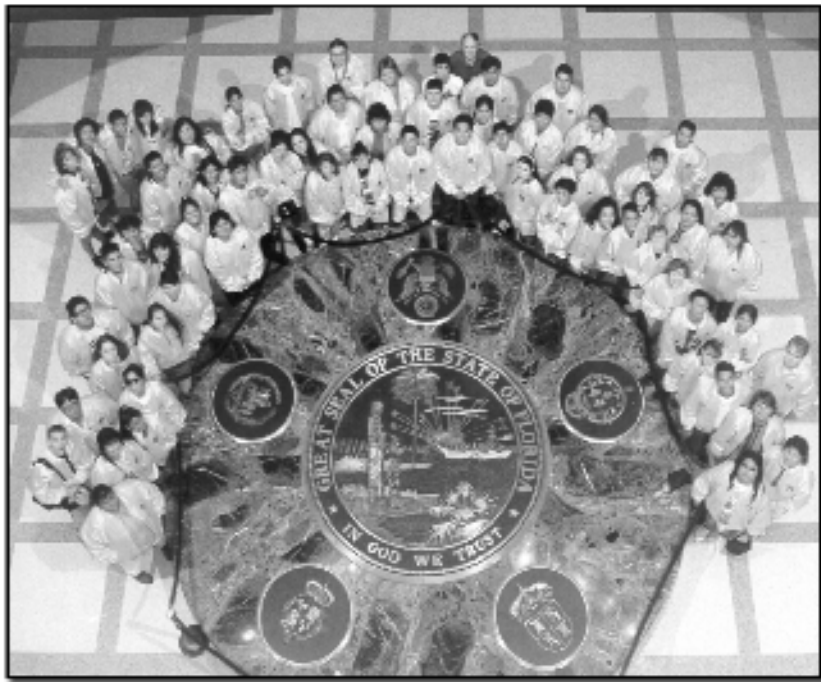
Counselor-Nurse - Applicants need to be at least 25 years of age, have either an RN, LPN, or EMT certification and 2 years medical experience. Must be interested in assisting Native American young people in their educational and social development.

Counselor - Applicants need to be at least 25 years of age and must be interested in assisting Native American young people in their educational and social development.

Transportation Chaperones - We are looking for at least 4 adults to accompany students on the FIYP bus to Tallahassee on Saturday, July 13th. All meals will be provided as well as a room in Tallahassee and transportation back home on either Sunday or Monday, July 14th or 15th.

Call 1-800-322-9186 for applications

2002 Florida Indian Youth Program



**Saturday, July 13
through Saturday, July 27**

The year 2002 marks the 22nd year of the Florida Indian Youth Program and promises to be the best program ever.

Eligible Students that complete their application by June 10, 2002 can earn up to \$100. Eligible students meeting this requirement will earn a \$50 completion bonus and will have another \$50 deposited in their Florida Indian Youth Program bank account when they arrive in Tallahassee for the program.

See your Education Counselor for an application
or Call 1-800-322-9186

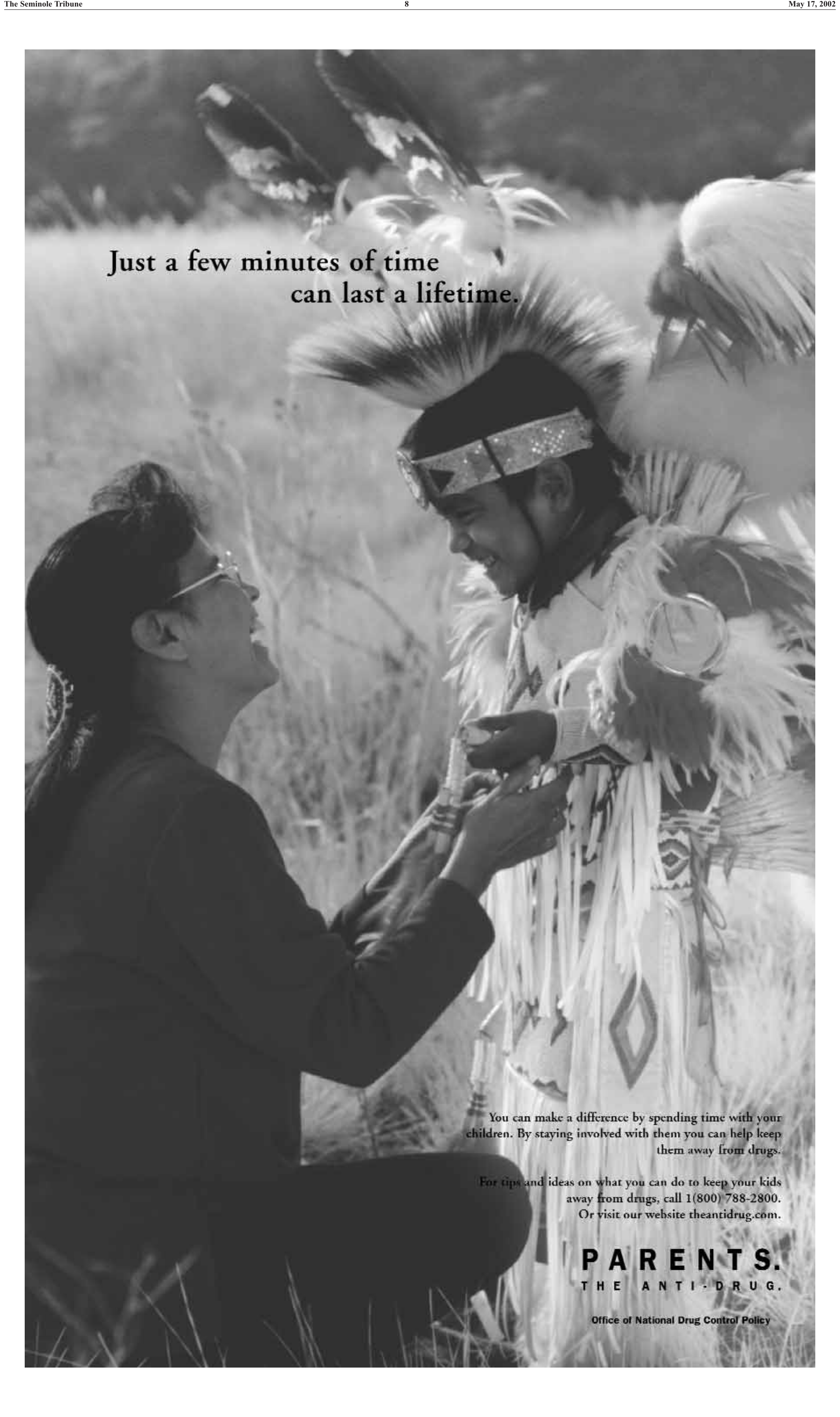
Brighton Casino News

Memorial Weekend Specials, Sunday, May 26

BBQ Pork Sandwich- with French Fries and Corn on the Cob, \$5.95. **BBQ Combo-** Chargrilled Top Sirloin and Boneless Chicken Breast, each topped with a Florida Citrus BBQ Sauce, \$13.95. **Lobster & Shrimp Scampi-** Oven Broiled Cold Water Lobster Tail topped with Sautéed Gulf Shrimp in a Garlic Butter Herb Sauce, \$15.95.

Free Roll Poker Tournament

Poker players continue collecting stamps this month for entry into the **Free Roll Poker Tournament** scheduled for Thursday, May 23, at 7:00 p.m. Poker players that buy-in for any main tournament will receive a card that is stamped at the time of purchase. After a player has a full card (10 stamps), he or she is eligible for **free** entry into a **Free Roll Tournament** and a chance to win part of **\$1,000 Cash!** Mini-tournament players receive a separate card in which they receive a stamp on Wednesdays and Thursdays when they buy-in to a mini-tournament. When a mini-tournament player has received a full card (25 stamps) he or she will also be eligible for entry into the **Free Roll Tournament** and their chance to win part of **\$1,000 Cash!** The **Free Roll Tournament** contains Brighton's three most popular games, **No Limit Texas Hold 'em**, **No Limit 5 Card Stud** and **No Limit 7 Card Stud**. A



Just a few minutes of time
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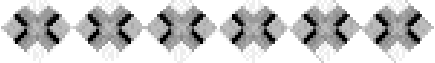
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Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday **MIGATHE**, I remember when you were just a baby, small enough I could carry you around in my arms. Now all I've got of those times are memories and pictures. Time seems like it has slipped by and now you are past my shoulders. I have watched you grow up before my eyes. Sometimes I wish that you'd stay that small forever, because I don't want you to go through any hardships in life. I always want to protect you. You have so much energy in you and have a personality that can't help but shine through. Everyday of your sweet life I wish you the best and hope that life brings you all the goodness that you deserve. Remember, no matter how old or how big you get, you will always be my baby brother. I am always going to be there for you everyday, always, I love you so much and happy birthday. Your sister, Lea Osceola



To my beautiful children, **Jarrid** (5-18-85) and **Stephanie** (5-1-89).

Happy Birthday !!! My heart explodes with pride and joy! From day one, you two have always made me so proud to be called "Your Mom". Teenagers now, almost time to go out and make your mark in this world. *Know this: Near or Far, Mom will always be with you. Turn around, I'm there Pick up the phone, I'm there I love for me, I'll be there I love you my "May" babies!!!* Camellia Smith Osceola

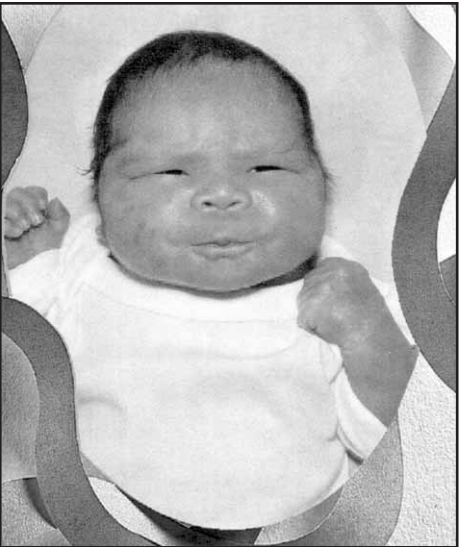
Madisyn Raye Osceola. Today, May 23rd, is a wonderful day. As I recollect this past year, I wonder what we would do without you? You've been one year into our lives, it's been incredible, and that's only the beginning. Grown men don't cry everyday, but one year ago, you took my breath away, you've brought this family to a full circle and as the song says, no the circle won't be broken. Happy Birthday, **Madisyn**. Momma's little angel. I guess God knew when to send you to join the family. It's hard to believe that it's been a year since you were born, but I'm sure glad that you were. I sit here watching you play and the words just can't express the love and joy that you bring in the house. Baby girl you are something else. Happy Birthday!!! Love you so much, Daddy, Momma, Kari, Reba, Dayne, Randel

Congratulations

Tribal member **Carl Osceola** just earned his motorcycle safety license. He completed his course at Riverside High School. His instructor's name was Sonny. Watching his father, Mitchell Cypress, and Max Osceola motivated Carl. Carl stayed with the course and completed with great expertise. Congratulations, Carl!

Computer Announcement

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



Leo Joel Osceola was born to parents Jamie and Michael Onco on April 15, 2002 at 8:30 p.m. At time of birth, Leo weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces.

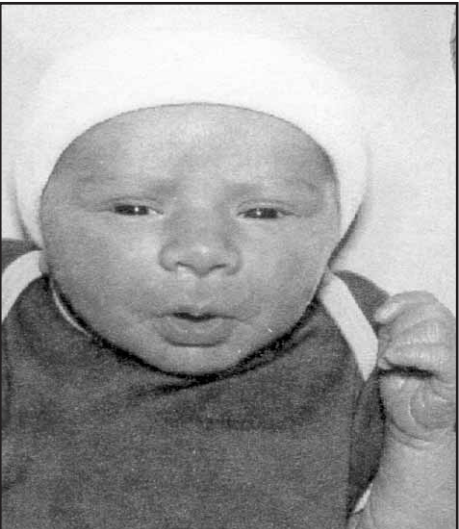


This goes out to three very special cousins: **Alyke Teico** – 5/24 at 10:56 a.m. **Alicia Jennie** – 5/24 at 7:39 p.m. **Jaylen Jason** 5/25 at 12:57 a.m. Even though y'all 3 are the same age and family, you are very different and special. So to you three cuz's: Happy 1st Birthday !!

Happy 1st B-day to **Alyke** and **Jaylen Baker** Aunt Miah and y'all cousin Lil Rob, Quise and Alicia

Happy 1st Birthday to our "**Baby Doll**" **Alicia Fudge**. Love always, Mom and Dad and your 2 big brothers, Lil Rob and Quise

Happy Very Special Birthday to our baby brother, **Alyke Teico Baker**. We love you baby bro. Love always, Jaryaca, Kiylier, Ivess and Lanie and Lahna, too.



Dana James Born April 22, 2002 at 1:35 p.m. 8 pounds, 4 ounces, 20 inches James and Mary Holt

Mabel Tiger Frank
Lillian Johns Bowers
Juanita Billie
Mary Billie Waggeber
Jennie Snow
Wonder Johns
Rachel Billie
Sally Tommie Billie
Mable Johns Haught
Howard Ernest Tommie
Betty Tigertail
Lottie Jim
Gladys J Bratcher
Josephine Huff Villa
Louise Jones Gopher
John Wayne, Sr. Huff
Nicodemus Billie, Sr.
Doris Osceola
Alice Tucker
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Roy Snow
Ricki Osceola
Vernon Winfield Tiger
Anita Osceola
Wanda Lee Billie
Susanne Billie
Aranita Mae Tiger
Eugene Douglas Roberts
Adam King Osceola
Linda Marie Frank
Rebecca Jane Yzaguirre
Amos Billie
Constance Williams
Barbara Ann Garza
Richard Henry
Christopher Buster
Diane Dede Hall
Camellia Lynn Osceola
Rodney Adrain Osceola
Trudy Jo Osceola
Charlie Cypress
Richard Billie Fewell
Charlotte Willa Burgess
Howard J Madrigal
Claudia Malisa Olivarez
Paul Ferlin Buster
Jerry Henry
Iretta June Tiger
Miriam Pizana
Toka Carrie Doctor
Joseph Quinn Tiger
Jeffery Sam Willie
Doreen Michelle Osceola
Bobbie Jamie Whitecloud
Marcus Joel Osceola
Noella Dyan O'Donnell
Michelle Lynn Osceola
Eric Macy Cypress
Claudine Candy Cypress
Clorine Cathy Cypress
Sonya Ruby Cypress
Marl Anthony Osceola
Monica Marie Cypress
Debbie Marie Henry
Nanette Cypress
Maggie Lara
Daniel E Osceola Santiago
Anthony Kevin Maus
Allen M Billie
Peter Michael Anderson
Andrea Kay Cypress
Lisa Billie
Jason Tommie
Stella Marie Tommie
Tous Jumper Young, Sr.
Sheila Joyce Billie
Quannah Mark Bowers
Willie McKinley Osceola
Jamie Tulane Smith
Blue Jay Jumper

Leona Toni Smith
Lillian Toni Smith
Cheyenne Bobbie Billie
Perrie Brett Brugh
Tanya Marie Baker
Michael Jean Cypress
Sunshine Frank
Caryn Elizabeth Pelkey
Lewis Osceola Felton
Tommi Agnes Billie
Amanda Earlene Cypress
Gil Lee Yzaguirre
Valerie Holata
Dawn Marie Osceola
Karie Jo Osceola
Chisa Ann Sisneroz
Marianne Ruby Billie
Janel Chastity Billie
Lydia Lee Hernandez
Anthony Edward Pacheco
Margie Tess Billie
Jason D. Osceola
William Kenneth Osceola
Holly Nicole Johns
Diane Lena Sanchez
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Stephanie Nicole Dixon
Calvin Lee Tiger, Jr.
Nickolas Ryan Doctor-Jumper
Joseph Curtis Hughes
Jordan Ollie Jones
David James Nelson
Hillard John Gopher
Emily Ann Cortez
Robert Blackfox Cypress
Derrick John Tiger
Jack William Turtle
Tony Clint Micco
Charles Reggie Cypress
Dillon Joe Cypress
Deidra Julia Hall
Alyssa Lauren Bowers
Ryan Andrew Tiger
Kegan Shaun Cypress
Jason Thomas Dodd
Corey Garcia
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Christopher Leon Joe, Jr.
Jesse James Caldwell
Nathaniel Aaron Doctor
Joshua Luke Tiger
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Brenna Jade Walton
Neynay Osceola
Johnny Wayne Boone, III,
Kayla Little Seminole Billie
Martina Lareece Tubby
Deandra Bryce Osceola
Brittany Diane Oakes
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Leauna Rae Billie
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Janay D'Lyn Cypress
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Donavin Howard Tiger
Alycia Kea Mora
Sean Bryant Osceola
Raylene Chanel Stewart
Brent Kyle Frank
Journey Young
Brady Osceola Latchford
Leeonna Alice Pichardo
Tavis Cowaylon Jumper
Dynah Susan Denise Sedotal
Joshiynn Paige Micco
Camryn Candee Thomas
Aaliyah Celine Mora

Poem

"God's Eternal Love"
(dedicated to Tiffany and Paige)

God took children into his arms
To bless them and show us
That if we come in a child like faith
His presence we will know

For it matters not how large or small
Your what really seem to be
But what really counts is whom you trust
In life uncertainty

For in times of great adversity
Resources nearly gone
Through faith in God a Christian can
Triumphantly go on

We all know we have abundant life
Not one of desperation
As we walk closely with the Lord
And flee from sin's temptation

For we don't know how long we have
Till time for us is past
So let us live as if this day is going to be
Our last

With the Glory of God
In the face of his son
To us who we behold him
In Heaven our life has just began

John Harjo

Public Notice

The Seminole Tribe of Florida is applying for financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG).

The monies obtained through this grant will be applied to the construction of an Elder Care Facility on the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation.

Any questions or comments are welcomed and should be directed to Joel M. Frank, Sr., Housing Director, Seminole Tribe of Florida Housing Department in Hollywood at (954) 967-3804.

Education Notices

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

Coming Soon This May 14-24

1st Annual DSO Library Scholastic Book Fair. All new books and educational products for sale. Partial proceeds go to the DSO Library, to purchase books, CD-ROMs and art supplies.

Buy a book and help support the DSO Library!

For more information, please call Michael Kelly at the DSO Library (954) 989-6840 x1226.

Notices

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

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

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

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

In Memoriam

John 14:1-3
Let not your heart be troubled: Ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: If it were not so, I would have told you.
I go to prepare a place for you, and if I come and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, you may be also.
In view of the loss we have sustained by the loss of our friend and realizing to the fullest extent the still heavier loss sustained by those nearest and dearest to her; be it resolved that the caregivers tenderly convey to the family and her loved ones our heartfelt sympathies in the poem titled:

The Last Request
Please don't say that I gave up, just say that I gave in.
Don't say that I lost the battle, for it was God's war to lose or win
Please don't say how good I was, but that I did my best.
Just say that I tried to do what's right, to give the most I could, to do to less.
I received many flowers, so do not talk in harsh tones.
Don't be concerned about me now, I'm well with God. I'm just at home.
Don't talk about what could or should have been, it's over and done.
Just see to all my family's needs and my battle will be won.
When and if you draw a picture of me, don't paint me as a saint.

I've done some good, I've done wrong, so use all your paint.
If you must do something, then I have one Last Request
Forgive for the wrong I've done and with the love that's left,
Thank God that I've been blessed.
Thank God for all who loves me.
Praise God who loves me best.

In memory of Pocahontas Jumper, 1905-2002
For those of you who were there during our time of bereavement at my mother's house or at the gravesite in Big Cypress; I would like to thank you for your care and concern. Your presence was very much appreciated.
For the many flowers – very beautiful – thank you, each and everyone who sent them.
Thank you Mitchell, David, Paul for all your help and many others who brought food and who were just there for support and love.
Thank you Mrs. Louise Billie, Louise Osceola, Almira Billie and Edna McDuffie for cooking for us.
Many thanks, we love you
Daisi Jumper and family of Pocahontas Huff Jumper


Caregivers, thank you so much!
Ms. Evelyn Joyner, Ms. Wylene, Ms. Margarita

Mother's Day Messages

Mom, just the thought of all the sacrifices you've made for me I'm forever indebted to you eternally I know that you do not wish anything in return
But you will always have my love and respect, and if these two things were not given they damn sure would be earned Man, oh man, I do not know where I would be without you in my life I know Daddy must have been proud when you took his hand and became his wife
I hope my kids share the same bond with their mom that is shared between us two And if anybody wants to see the "Best Mom in the World" all they have to do is look at you
Happy Mother's Day Mom (**Addie Osceola**), We love you. From your son, Billy Osceola and grandkids Toy (Trent) Ni-Hoy (Lauren) and the Oz-man (Ozzy)

I also would like to say Happy Mother's Day to the "Best Mother's Day" in training to my wife, **Angel Osceola**. From your husband, Billy Osceola, and your son, Ozzy Osceola

I would also like to wish a Happy Mother's Day to **Stephanie Osceola** and letting us all still be a part of each other's lives. From Bill, Toy (Trent) and Ni-Hoy (Lauren)



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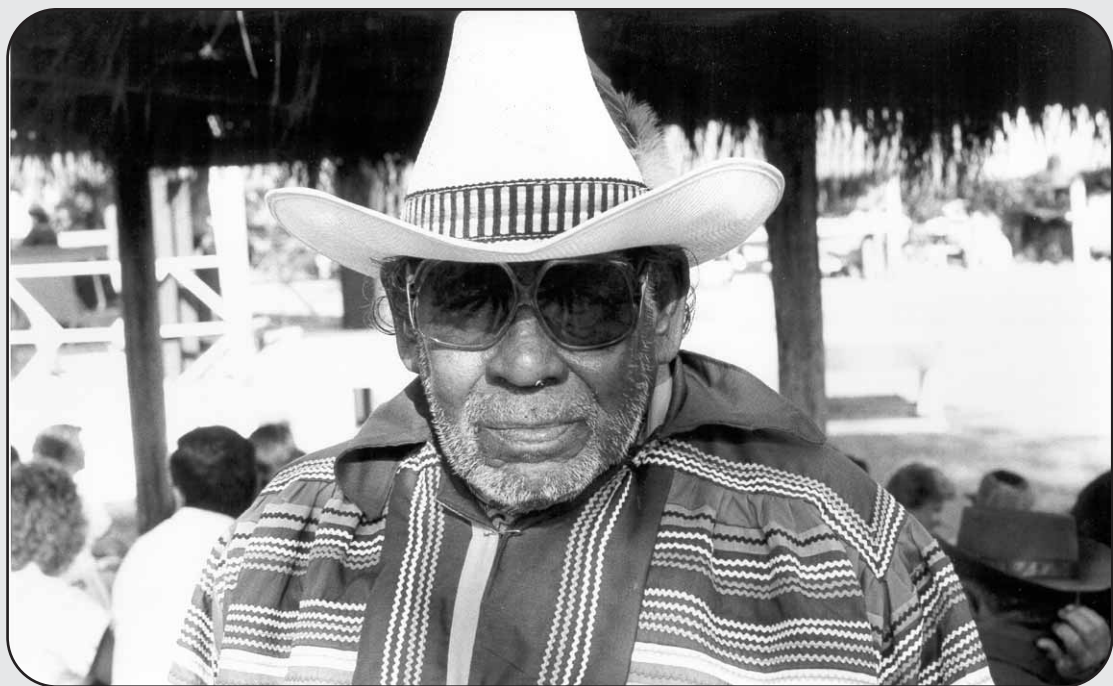
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Corinna was awarded with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science, which falls under the Math, Science, and Technology field. Corinna's family, both from the maternal and paternal side, came to give support and cheered when her name was called. Fiancé Chris Sanchez, along with his mother and father, also attended the event.

Corinna, daughter of the late Bobby Frank and mother Edna (Tucker) Frank, has three siblings who reside on the Hollywood reservation. Corinna's family wishes her the best,



Corinna Frank with mom Edna Frank at NSU commencement.

hopes she will continue on with education and they will always stand behind her.

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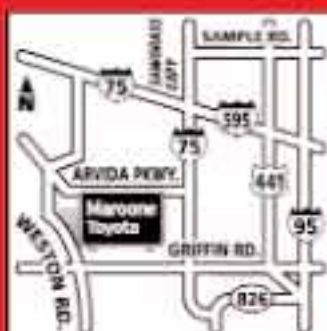
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