

Betty Mae Jumper Honored As Pioneer



Betty Mae Jumper

By Emma Johns Brown

KISSIMMEE — “Pioneering has taken many forms throughout the ages. In the early days, Florida was sun, sand, mosquitoes, disease, swamp, and scrub land, and so it remains today, subdued greatly by time and by the brash conqueror’s who came to tame her wilderness.”

Those were some of the words spoken at this year’s dedication to Florida’s early pioneers.

One of our most respected elders, Betty Mae Jumper, was one of three pioneer women honored at this year’s Annual Osceola County Cracker Day and Ranch Rodeo.

This year’s theme for the Cracker Day festivities was “Year of the Woman.” Betty was awarded a beautiful plaque that listed many of her fine accomplishments such as being the first Seminole to graduate high school, the first female Tribal Chairman in the United States, editor of the first Tribal newspaper, and was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree from Florida State University in 1995.

These are only a few of Betty Mae’s many accomplishments, and they truly define what a remarkable woman she is. It was an honor to be there when Betty received this award, which deemed her one of Florida’s most respected Female Pioneers.

When I asked Betty Mae what she would like to share with members of her Tribe, she said without hesitation, “Get out and work hard for your education, work at home and help your people.”

Let the words of this fine Seminole woman be wisdom to all! Congratulations Betty Mae, on being honored as a true Florida hero, you truly are a role model for all Native Americans.

Snake Road Safety Improvements

Submitted by Libby Blake

BIG CYPRESS — With 74 crashes and seven fatalities on Snake Road between 1997 and 2001, safety was a major concern among the Seminole Police officers.

Recently, that concern was lessened with the re-striping and installation of raised pavement markers along a 13-mile stretch of the road.

The improvements came about, in part, through a grant from the Empowerment Alliance of Southwest Florida Community Development Corporation.

Crissie Carter of the President’s Office worked with the Alliance and the Big Cypress community to identify what area(s) of the reservation could benefit the most from the grant.

According to the Alliance program, Benchmark 24, the money was set aside to “reduce crime, improve safety, and calm traffic patterns” in Southwest Florida communities. The money must be used by the communities for these specific reasons, or it is returned to the state.

Carter approached several departments on the Big Cypress reservation and asked them to “brainstorm” for ideas on how the money could best serve the community. The Seminole Police Department’s concern for safety along Snake Road came up the winner as a top priority. Sgt. Barb Akin coordinated the project for SPD.

The re-striping and markers project cost \$76,194.12. The Alliance grant was for \$40,000. Carter obtained the additional \$36,194.12 needed to complete the project from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Trutwin Industries completed the job in mid-February.

Sgt. Akin said that the improvements along Snake Road have helped, “but if there is ever more money available we could really use guard rails along the canal, especially with the widening and dredging going on.”

While Akin admits that guard rails would not stop a semi-truck from landing in the canal, they would “slow down the cars from ending in the water and give us and Emergency Services possibly ten more minutes, which could mean the difference between life or death.”



Photo Courtesy of Billie Swamp Safari

Billie Swamp Safari employees help lower the Sam Jones statue onto Rock Mountain.

Sam Jones Statue Up At Safari

Submitted by Libby Blake

BIG CYPRESS — In mid-February, the Sam Jones statue was installed atop the rock mountain at Billie Swamp Safari. A crane had to be brought in to assemble the massive structure, which depicts not only the legendary Jones, it includes the eight clans of the Seminoles as well.

Brad Cooley, an artist from north Florida, was commissioned to create the memorial. The sculpture is made up of four separate parts – a Bear, a Panther, a Deer,

and Sam Jones.

Cooley used an eagle to represent the Bird clan. The Wind clan is represented by the space between Jones’ hand and the eagle. According to Ed Woods, General Manager of the Safari, “it is what holds the bird in the air.”

Otter, Snake, and Toad – for Big Town – are also represented in the piece. Rock mountain is located behind the Swamp Water Café and is easily accessible by a bridge walkway.

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Comanche Indian Injured In Iraq

By Louis Gray

RED ROCK — A parent’s worst nightmare is to receive a phone call from the military to tell them something about their son or daughter. For Joyce Plumely of Red Rock, mother of Army Cpl. Charles Eatmon, 32, the call came from her distraught granddaughter.

“When I heard, I cried and cried, and I hurt. I prayed every night that something like this wouldn’t happen...that he wouldn’t get hurt, then I had to stop and realize that he’s alive and he’s coming home,” said Plumley.

What she heard was her son had been shot in Iraq.

Eatmon is a member of the 3rd Brigade/3rd Infantry Initial Task Force Armored Regiment, Ft. Benning, GA.

He was shot southeast of Karbala, Iraq on March 26, and his family was notified on March 30. The bullet entered his neck and exited under his shoulder, leaving a 3-inch hole. Eatmon also sustained shrapnel injuries to his face and chest.

He was leading his squad 40 feet behind their Bradley Fighting Vehicle when they came under fire. Eatmon was hit, but

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Seminoles Participate in FSU Days

By Alexandra Frank

TALLAHASSEE — On April 2, Seminole Tribal citizens Max Osceola, Stephen Bowers, Timmy Johns, Louise Gopher, Charles Hiers, Miss Seminole Rachel Billie, and Carla Gopher participated in FSU Days at the state capitol.

The event was also a welcome event for the new FSU President T.K. Wetherell. Hollywood Council Representative Max Osceola presented a Seminole jacket and skirt to Wetherell, and shared some words about the Seminole Tribe’s relationship with FSU.

Back in the 70’s, FSU representatives approached the Tribe about using “Seminoles”, the university also added a mascot depicting Chief Osceola.

Osceola stated that the Seminole Tribe does not find the use of the Seminole name, or the depiction of Osceola, as derogatory or demeaning. Max also noted that the Tribe is proud of the relationship they have with FSU.



Max Osceola and FSU President T.K. Wetherell.

Osceola noted some of the connections the Tribe has with FSU such as:

In 1994, Tribal member Betty Mae Jumper was given an honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters for her educational, political and social accomplishments.

Every summer, Seminole high school students attend a two-week summer youth program, which is directed by the Florida Governor’s Council on Indian Affairs, on the FSU campus. A number of students who attended the program later went on to become college graduates, some from FSU.

Every year, the reigning Seminole Princess has always been a prominent figure at the Homecoming games. The Princess usually bestows the king’s turban and the queen’s crown, which are provided by the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

According to Osceola, the interaction between the Seminole Tribe and FSU has created strong ties over the years, and those ties have helped promote education to the Tribal youth.

Jo-Jo Osceola, Broward’s Elite

LAUDERHILL LAKES — On April 4, private school students attended a Track and Field event called “Broward’s Elite,” the one-day event was a gathering of Broward Counties best runners, high jumpers, and shot putters.

The Seminole Tribe had one young lady enter the event, Jo-Jo Osceola. Jo-Jo, 16, is the daughter of Joe Dan and Virginia Osceola. She lives on the Hollywood reservation, and is a member of the Bird Clan.

Jo-Jo is a tenth grader and attends University High School. Jo-Jo’s older sister, Mercedes, ran track in school, and this inspired Jo-Jo to be a runner. She has run cross-country since the seventh grade, and recently began competing in track. On this day, she ran a relay race and the 1600-meter run.

During the school year, runners and other field event participants earn points during their meets in order to participate in “Broward’s Elite” meet.

Jo-Jo’s team placed third in the relay race, while Jo-Jo herself placed fourth in the 1600-meter run. Congratulations Jo-Jo, keep up the good work and be the best that you can be.



Alexandra Frank

Jo-Jo Osceola after her 1,600 meter run.

Hopi Tribe: Pfc. Lori Piestewa, at Peace

By Stewart Nicholas, Tutuveni Editor

When Wayland Piestewa received a call from his father telling him that Lori was ready to be returned home, it started to rain. “It started to rain: that steady gentle rain,” said Piestewa, “I knew she (Lori) was at peace.” The steady, gentle rain to the Hopi is the female rain.

Lori Piestewa’s body came home on April 12, a day short of three weeks from the time she was reported “whereabouts unknown”. Three weeks of anguish and sorrow for her family. Piestewa is believed to be the first Native American woman in the U.S. military killed in combat on foreign soil. Her unit, the 507th Ordnance Maintenance Company out of Fort Bliss, Texas, was ambushed in southern Iraq on March 23.

Following her traditional burial at Moencopi on the Hopi Reservation, the community of Tuba City gathered to remember Lori with music, tears and words of happiness and freedom.

More than 5,000 people including . Governor Janet Napolitano and leaders of many Arizona tribes were present for the four-hour long “celebration of life” ceremony at the Tuba City High School Pavilion.

Among the tribal leaders were Hopi Tribal Chairman Wayne Taylor, Jr., Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley, San Carlos Chairman Raymond Stanley and Chairman of the White Mountain Apache Tribe Dallas Massey.

Piestewa was remembered as a loving sister, daughter, devoted mother and a “fiery young woman born and raised here.”

Gov. Napolitano said, “Lori was many things to us. Arizona and all of America know she was a warrior and a brave patriot. The Hopi Tribe knew her as her as one of their own. Lori Piestewa was all of these things and it is up to us to make sense of her loss and carry on the legacy she left behind.”

The governor then received a standing ovation when she said she would petition on Monday to have Squaw Peak in Phoenix designated as a landmark and have its name changed to Piestewa Peak. She received a second standing ovation when she said she would petition to rename Squaw Peak Freeway as Piestewa Freeway.

Gov. Napolitano continued, “Arizona and the nation came to know Lori Piestewa and two things happened, we swelled with pride and we felt our anguish grow. And when the news of Lori’s death came, I shared with her mother, that mix of pride and great sorrow.”

Napolitano presented the family with a flag that had been flown over the Capitol in honor of Lori. Lori’s mother and father, Percy and Terry sat on the left side of the stage adorned with flowers, flags and photographs of the young

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Ignoring Indian Dropouts

***Dr. Dean Chavers**

For years I have been trying to bring attention to the problem of Indian dropouts. It is a very difficult issue to get people to pay attention to. It is even more difficult to get people to tackle.

Yet it is one of the easiest of the many problems to rectify. People in Washington, New York, Arizona, Minnesota, and elsewhere have cut their dropout rates for Indian students from 60% and higher to below 10%. All it takes is determination.

In the meantime, many institutions are totally ignoring this problem. One of the worst is the University of New Mexico. Let me report here a case study in benign neglect by three presidents of this university.

In 1988, Dr. Ted Jojola documented that the cumulative dropout rate from UNM was 83%. Ted at that time was Director of Native American Studies; he has since returned to the Department of Architecture and Urban Planning.

He and his wife Delia Alcantar studied the academic success of every Indian student who entered UNM for a ten year period. They had over 4,600 students in their sample. No one can argue with the results from such a 100% sample. Only 3 out of 1,000 Native students finished their degrees in four years. The results are irrefutable.

Armed with this information, I led a small delegation of three Indian educators in July 1991 to see the UNM President, Dr. Richard Peck. We told him about the Jojola study, and the fact that this high dropout rate had been true at UNM for as long as there had been a significant number of Indian students on the campus.

I had accidentally been invited to a graduation dinner in 1981 when I was in Albuquerque to advise a doctoral student from UCLA.

As I walked down the hall of the hotel, Roxanne Dunbar, who had replaced me at Cal State Hayward in 1974, invited me to the dinner. She was a visiting professor at UNM, and interim director of the Native American Studies program.

When I got to the dinner, there were over 200 people in attendance. To my surprise, I learned that only 20 students were being graduated that night, out of a total Indian enrollment of over 1,200. I knew instantly that something was wrong.

UNM has had one of the largest enrollments of Indian students in the U.S. for some 35 years. But the output has been measly, to say the least.

So when our delegation went to see Dr. Peck, we were looking over the bodies of more than 15,000 Indian students who had been mangled by the system. The total now is over 20,000—the total that have failed, withdrew, or been kicked out of UNM since the late 1960s. The total number of graduates is under 2,000.

He told us that he would deal with this problem. In fact, he said, it would be the top priority for his new incoming Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Orcilia Zuniga-Forbes. We waited all summer for some word, and none came.

Finally, in October I called her office. When she got on the line, she told me how glad she was that I had called,

because they were scheduling a meeting for the first week of December. They were just getting ready to send the invitations, she said. I thought that if I had not called, no invitations would ever have gone out.

In any case, there was a meeting in December. It lasted two or three hours, with some of the tribal higher education directors threatening to route their students to other colleges if UNM did not do something to fix the high dropout problem.

I left the meeting with my usual frustration at such affairs, which I have been instigating now for 35 years. You have to understand that I am one of the "Alcatraz kids" and that the spirit of Alcatraz still lives in me, and always will. When something is wrong, I feel we as Indian people have to fight to fix it. No one else is going to do it for us.

The upshot of this meeting is that another meeting followed it a few months later. In the next two and a half years, I learned later, the university called seven more meetings! They were having one meeting every four months.

But since I was the little boy that said "The king has no clothes," I was not invited to any of these meetings. That is the bureaucracy's version of the mushroom theory—keep them in dark And keep pouring shit on their heads.

When I accidentally learned about the ninth and final all-day meeting, in the winter of 1994, I determined to attend. There were over 300 people there from all over Arizona and New Mexico. Arizona was represented because the Navajo Nation sends many dozens of students to UNM each year, from both states.

The President, the Provost, the Vice Presidents, the Deans, and many other dignitaries were present. When we broke for lunch, and went to the lunch they were serving for everyone, I sat down with some of my friends, having said nothing in the morning meeting.

Before I could get comfortable, however, Orcilia came and insisted that I sit with her and Dr. Peck. Their theory is like the Mafia: keep your friends close, and your enemies closer. At the same table were two Navajo state senators, Thomas Atcitty and Leonard Tsosie.

Before lunch was over, Sen. Tsosie volunteered to get some money in a line item for an American Indian recruitment and retention project. Sen. Tsosie, who is one of the top leaders of the New Mexico legislature, went and got \$840,000 for this project within three weeks. He was as good as his word.

When the funds came through, the University put together an Indian advisory committee of 15 people. The only time a UNM rep has ever visited me was right after this committee was formed. Orcilia sent her staff person to see me, and he proceeded to tell me about the appropriation and the committee, including names.

When he was through, I asked, "Pete, how many of these are Indians?" "Well, none of them," he answered.

"You mean to tell me you have put together an Indian committee and there are no Indians on it?" I asked.

"Yes," he said.

"You had better put some Indians on it, or all hell will break loose," I said.

They then went and found two Apple Indians, ones none of us had ever heard of, a man and a woman, and put them on the committee. None of the original delegation was invited to sit on it, or notified of the meetings. The money, which I thought would have been used to deal with the high dropout rate, instead got chopped up and distributed among the schools and colleges of the university. Much of it went to the members of the committee.

The state Higher Education Commission, which had been mentioned in the legislation as being responsible for accountability for the project, called for hearings on the results in late 1995. The university reps went and testified and said they did not have any results to report right then, but would have some later.

After another two years of this kind of hanky-panky with the money, Sen. Tsosie got mad and pulled the appropriation. In the meantime, nothing had happened to change the situation.

When I want to see the new President, Dr. Bill Gordon, two years ago, he apparently did not believe me when I told him that the dropout rate was 85%. He had one of his staff to dig up the numbers and found that the class of 1990 had an 83% dropout rate by 1996, and the class of 1992 had an 87% dropout rate by 1998.

Nothing had changed in the whole decade that the high Indian dropout rate had supposedly been one of the priorities of the UNM administration.

Dr. Gordon told me initially that if we had any problems to deal with in Indian affairs, we would bring in his right hand Indian man, Benny Shendo. I know that Benny had left UNM for Stanford in the early 1980s. But I also knew, as a Stanford alumnus, that before the end of his second year he was asked to leave Stanford. He was not getting the job done.

He returned to UNM, bringing a huge grant from the Kellogg Foundation with him, which is why he was so welcome at UNM. When I asked the Indian programs on the campus about him, however, they were surprised to learn that he was Mister Big as far as Indian affairs were concerned. They told me they never saw him. They didn't even know where his office was.

Benny remains a man of mystery, traveling to China, Russia, all over the U. S., and other places, holding himself up as a national leader of higher education for Indians. At the same time, the university that employs him has a shameful dropout rate.

In the meantime, Dr. Gordon has left UNM to return to his alma mater, leaving the presidency in the hands of another interim person. We are waiting until the regents select a new president. Then we will try again. What is the moral of this story?

One, college administrators would rather play games of power and back scratching than deal with issues.

Two, if they can find an Indian toady, they will use this person to seem to put a solution in place.

Three, the administrators are brazen in their manipulations, defying state legislators, higher education commissions, tribal leaders, and tribal education directors.



Thank You

The family of Mary Parker Bowers would like to extend its gratitude to all those who offered comfort and solace during our time of loss.

Thanks you for your prayers and encouragement during the times of her illness and untimely passing.

We miss her sorely but her wisdom and guidance remains with us along with the precious memories that we have of our Mother, Grandmother "Grammy", Aunt and Clan Mother.

Eugene, Pat, Truman, David, Gwen, Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren, and the Snake Clan

American Indian College Fund Scholarship For Piestewa Children

DENVER — The American Indian College Fund announced it has established a college fund in honor of Army Pfc. Lori Piestewa, who is believed to be the first American Indian woman killed in combat.

Piestewa, a Hopi Indian from Tuba City, Ariz., died in southern Iraq. She was a single mother with a son, 4, and a daughter, 3.

The scholarship will go toward any remaining unmet financial needs for college that her children have when they become college age, after taking into account other scholarships that have already been established for them.

Any remaining funds will be used to underwrite an annual scholarship to a tribal college or university for a female American Indian military veteran.

The American Indian College Fund said it will designate all donations from its own employees over the next five years to the Lori Piestewa Memorial Scholarship Fund, plus it will use other organizational money for a one-time match of up to \$2,000 to those employee contributions.

Employees of the Fund annually donate about \$2,000 of their own salaries - through payroll deduction - toward scholarships for American Indian students.

It is likely the Piestewa Memorial Scholarship Fund will total \$4,000 by the end of this year from employee contributions and the match, and approximately \$12,000 by the end of the five years, and it will earn compounded interest until Piestewa's children are of college age.

In announcing the memorial, Richard B. Williams, president and CEO of the American Indian College Fund, noted that the idea came from the organization's own employees.

"They wanted to do this as a symbol from our own employee group, all 36 of us, as a way of honoring her and remembering her sacrifice. Thus, we are not actively seeking general public contributions to this memorial but, of course, outside donations would certainly be accepted if made in her name," he said.

Established in 1989, the American Indian College Fund (www.collegefund.org) has spent more than a decade helping increase educational opportunities for Native students. The organization supports more than 6,000 students each year.

The Fund also supports endowments and developmental needs at the nation's tribal colleges, as well as public awareness.

SPD and Tribune Gang Up

Beginning June 2003, the Seminole Department of Law Enforcement along with the Seminole Tribune will provide the community with a monthly crime, drug, and arrest report.

The information provided will show what type of crimes and how many are occurring on each reservation. We will

also be providing Crime Prevention Tips to assist community members from becoming the victim of a crime.

In addition, look for Safety Tips to help keep your reservation safe. We look forward to providing the community with this useful information.

Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Job Openings

Good news, the new Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Job Descriptions Summary Booklet is here and ready for distribution! On May 1st, 2003, representatives from the Human Resources Department of Gaming Operations will be at each reservation to distribute booklets and to answer any questions. Booklets will also be available at the Tribal Headquarters and in the Chairman's Office at each reservation.

If you have any questions or would like to request a booklet, please contact Kathy Rybar, Sr. VP of Human Resources, at (954) 364-4167 or Jean Faccadio, Director of Human Resources, at (954) 364-4167.

****In accordance with Employment Preference Policies, first preference in hiring, training, promoting and all other aspects of employment will be given to members of the Seminole Tribe who meet the job requirements.**

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Editor:

I am inquiring if anyone out there knows the whereabouts of Susanna Billie.

I went to school with her in Salt Lake City, Utah at the intertribal inter-mountain boarding school in 1974 or 1975, All I know she was Seminole from Hollywood, Florida.

We had so much fun!!!
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Editor:

I just read that Max Osceola of the Seminole Tribe says it is okay for Florida State University to continue calling its sports teams "The Seminoles". I think that's great.

I am very far from a native American (second generation Dutch, actually), but I have always thought naming sports teams after native Americans was a compliment to them and their spirit.

I could not understand the objection, although of course each tribe has the right to feel however it wants about this.

Anyway, I just wanted to say I salute your tribe and will root for Florida unless they are playing UCLA or USC.

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Editor:

I am trying to locate Bobby Henry and his wife. My husband and I were married in the Tampa Museum before they tore it down.

Mrs. Henry made my dress and when we were there this past November, we felt incredibly sad to see that the museum was gone (happy to see progress on the Res) but nevertheless, we felt like a piece of our history was no more.

Is it possible for you to help us? Our information is listed below if you feel more comfortable passing it on.

Thanks and God Bless,
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Hello,

My name is Vicky from the Six Nations Reservation in Canada, Ontario. I

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am writing to you about information about a Softball Tournament(NASA) that is going to be held in Florida.

I am not sure where it is going to be held. If you have any information about this, could you please e-mail me.

Last year it was held in Mississippi. If you have any information on this it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you,
Vicky
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Vicky, the NASA Fast Pitch Tournament will be held on May 23-24 at Osceola Park in Hollywood. For more information, please call Bo Young of the Hollywood Recreation Department at (954) 989-9457.

Mr. Max Osceola,

I want to thank you and your tribe for standing up against so much of the political correctness that is flowing through this country.

I have been an FSU fan since I was born (although I ended up going to Auburn University), and have recognized from day one that FSU chose the 'Seminole' as their mascot because of the bravery and strength most Native American tribes are recognized for.

I truly believe (and you apparently do also) that it is a great honor to your tribe when Chief Osceola rides onto the field and plants his flaming spear.

War Eagle!
Jeff Laubaugh
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To the Editor,

I had the opportunity of working with some outstanding people last week during the First Annual Mens Wellness Conference.

This conference was absolutely wonderful. Ralph Billie, Helene Buster and Suzanne Davis were the brains behind the whole thing. And, many already know already the work that Helene does for the Wellness conference that is held every summer so her expertise came in handy.

Suzanne brought her energy, her ability and her personality and, quite frankly, it was a joy to work with her. And Ralph was great. We teased each other about my driving but don't believe a word of it.

Thank you for giving me this

chance. The Health Department can know that they have two wonderful employees still working for them. And the retired one (Ralph) is just as much fun.

Regards,
Maureen J. Vass
Employee Relations Director

Editor:

Hello. I used to live in Hollywood and became very fascinated by the Seminole Tribe and I would like to know if there is a web site in which I could purchase things (blankets, dream-catchers, etc.).

I would really appreciate any help that you could give me.

Thank You.
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Melissa Sherman, Graphic Designer for the Seminole Tribune, replies:

Hello Steven, yes, we do have a secure website that sells Seminole products, it is called the Marketplace. Go to www.seminoletribe.com and click on Marketplace.

We sell a variety of authentic products such as sweetgrass baskets, patchwork clothing, potholders, beaded items, palmetto husk dolls and even a subscription to the Seminole Tribune. Good Luck!

Dear Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum,
Thank you so much for participating in Youth Leadership Broward's History, Urban & Environment Day. The event was wonderfully successful and well received by all who attended.

We at Leadership Broward are extremely proud of our youth participants and we thank you for showing such confidence in their programs.

Leadership Broward's success would be limited without the continued help of our friends. Please know how much our efforts are appreciated, not only by the staff of LBF, but also by those whose lives are changed forever through their participation in Leadership Broward.

Sincerely,
Nikki Blakely
Special Events & Programs Coordinator
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Mitchell Cypress and the Seminole Employees at the BC/Immokalee Youth Career Conference.

B.C. & Immokalee Youth Career Conference

By Paula Cassels
TAMPA — On April 10-13, the Big Cypress & Immokalee Youth Career Conference was held at the Embassy Suites in Tampa.

The theme for this year’s conference was “I Can Make a Difference”, and the Seminole students had the opportunity to meet career-oriented people.

For two days, the students listened to representatives from the health, medical, computer science, law enforcement, fire rescue, and educational fields, as well as other vocational areas.

The career conference helped the youth learn about many professions and career opportunities. The conference also provided an opportunity to open doors and making dreams come true.

The students were able to interact and visualize themselves in different occupations, such as trying on firefighter equipment and police safety gear.

The Big Cypress Youth Career Conference committee encouraged the students to ask questions and talk to the guest speakers about their experiences.

The Tribal Officials who spoke asked the students to succeed in school and go on to choose a career. The Tribe would assist them in attending colleges or vocational tech schools, receive diplomas and degrees. After graduating, they were encouraged to come back and work within the Tribe.

Guest speaker Lee Zepeda, Principal of the Ahfachkee School on the Big Cypress reservation, told students he is a member of the Panther clan; his grandparents are Tahama and Doug Osceola of Big Cypress.

His great grandfather, Cory Osceola, always spoke of the importance of education and how it would prepare him to work in the world.

Zepeda, who graduated from Stetson University and attended Stetson College of Law, said he worked at the Ahfachkee School as a high school teacher for six years, which led to his position as Principal.

Zepeda said that he enjoys working with the schoolchildren, meeting the parents and his responsibilities as a Principal. He told the students to not let the bad things that happen in life stop them from getting an Education or making further dreams from coming true.

He asked the students to think about who they are and what kind of career they would enjoy working at, and find out

what kind of education they would need to be successful at that profession.

Later that night, the Seminole students, parents and career conference attendees toured the Museum of Science, which featured the Saunders Planetarium, Wonders of the Universe, High Wire Bike, Virtual Simulator, a movie “Coral Reef Adventure” and an awards dinner.

Special thanks to Big Cypress Council Representative David Cypress, Big Cypress Board Representative Paul Bowers, Immokalee Council Liaison Elaine Aguilar, Immokalee Board Representative Norita Yzaguirre, President/Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Health Director Connie Whidden, and Director of Housing Joel Frank.

Extra Special thanks to Debi Hamilton and Edna McDuffie for the Big Cypress/Immokalee Youth Career Conference Program Book.

The Big Cypress/Immokalee Youth Career Conference Committee: Barbara Akin, Helene Buster, Danielle Jumper Frye,



Big Cypress/Immokalee Youth Career Conference welcome committee.

Lynn Himebauch, Mary Jene Koenes, Nery Mejicano, Peggy Reynolds, Carmen Arango, Jeannette Cypress, Jack Gorton, Salaw Hummingbird, Yolanda Liesdak, Armando Negrin, Chris Scanlon, Nina Blanchard, Suzanne Davis, Jeanne Hatfield, Jackie Jones, Shannon McKeown, Maxine Pumpkin, Lee Zepeda.

Breast Cancer Awareness Program Focuses On Native Women

By Paula Cassels
HOLLYWOOD — On April 22, Cancer Control Program Manager Alison Carner presented the Circle of Life program in the Hollywood clinic conference room.

The Circle of Life is a breast health program for American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN).

It is an American Cancer Society program designed by AI/AN women. There are 217 Native languages spoken by AI/AN people, and most indigenous languages do not include a word for cancer.

Guest speaker Lucille Jumper talked about her experiences with cancer, and how important early detection of breast cancer can save your life.

Here’s how it works: volunteer outreach workers visit five or more friends and relatives to talk about breast self-examination and ask them to get a mammogram. One-on-one outreach within the volunteer’s circle of friends is used, because women are more likely to listen to someone they know and trust.

The American Cancer Society recommends women age 40 and over to get annual mammograms. Annual clinical breast examination by a doctor or nurse at ages 20-39 and start monthly breast self-examination at age 20.

Most Medicaid and private health plans cover the cost of mammograms; low cost mammograms are available in most communities.

The procedure requires that you undress above the waist and a wrap will be provided by the facility for you to wear.

A technologist will be present to position your breast for the mammogram. The procedure takes about 20 minutes and the breast compression only last a few seconds. You may feel some discomfort when your breast is compressed, but shouldn’t



(L-R) Lucille Jumper, Shannoh McKeown and Alison Carner.

feel pain. Mammography facilities are now required to send your results to you within 30 days.

In the near future, the American Cancer Society and the Allied Health Department will present Native Men’s Cancer Awareness, which is important for all Native men to know.

For more information, contact the Health Educator Shannon McKeown at 954-962-2009 ext.113.

Special thanks to Lucille Jumper, Alison Carner and Health Educator Shannon McKeown for presenting the “Circle of Life” program, which was sponsored by the Seminole Tribe.

Meet Police Officer Jody Truelove

By Paula Cassels
TAMPA — Patrol Officer Truelove answers calls for the Tampa Police Department emergency services. While on duty, he also conducts criminal investigations.

Truelove started working with the Seminole Police Department on the Tampa reservation on November 26, 1991.

Truelove graduated from the correction academy in June 1991, and went on to complete the cross over training for Law Enforcement in October 1991.

During Truelove’s police career, he has

attend schools like Tactical Narcotics Training in Miami, and Officers Field Training School in St. Petersburg.

Truelove said he enjoys working with his fellow officers at the Tampa Law Enforcement Department, and said it has been a pleasure to serve and protect the Tampa community and the Seminole Tribe.

Truelove has been living in the Tampa Bay area for almost eleven years with his family, three miniature Dachshunds and a Boxer.

When Truelove isn’t on his tour of duty, he loves going to the beach, fishing and spending time with his family.



Patrol Officer Truelove

Cypress Receives Diabetes Award

By Alexandra Frank
NORTH PALM BEACH — On April 8, Mitchell Cypress received an award for Patient Recognition from the Comprehensive Conference on Diabetes: “Past, Present, Future.”

The four-day event, held at the Marriott Hotel by Conference Director James J. Schell, MD, covered topics such as “New Frontiers in Diabetes Management,” and “Impaired Healing in the Diabetic Wound.”

On the night of the awards presentation, Michael Bliss, Ph.D. from the University of Toronto gave excerpts from his book about “The Story of Insulin.” The presentation was given orally with photos of some of the first recipients of insulin.

Rojean Williams, VA Patient Educator, Conference Organizers, The American Diabetes Association, and Dr. Schell from the VA Hospital.

Sally said that Mitchell is a U.S. Army Veteran, a member of the Seminole Tribe of Florida Color Guard, and a strong advocate for the tribe in “Waging the War



Sally Tommie and President Mitchell Cypress with his Patient Recognition Award.

Insulin did not arrive in the medical field until the 1920’s. Before then, diabetic patients were given 1 to 2 months to live. In some cases, a few lived for about a year or so.

They lived that long only by literally starving themselves to death. As you know, foods contain their own sugars and these foods contribute towards uncontrollable sugar levels.

To combat this predicament, foods were triple boiled and given in small amounts. It is only through the discovery, development, and testing of Insulin did a cure become known to the medical world.

The award given to current patients is to recognize individuals who strictly adhere to the rules one must live by in order to have a long and healthy life with diabetes.

Awards were given out to individuals who have surpassed the 50-year mark of living with Diabetes. These individuals serve as a positive testimony to living with insulin and following the rules for healthy living for long periods of time.

These individuals not only keep themselves healthy but also serve as an inspiration to their relatives and community.

Sally Tommie, Board Administrative Assistant, spoke on behalf of Mitchell Cypress. She first thanked

Against Diabetes” in Indian Country.

His request was to be known as a role model, but to show to all tribal citizens that living a good life with Diabetes is possible if it is something you want and is serious about.

Mitchell was diagnosed a Diabetic in 1983. His cholesterol, triglycerides and weight were all high. He attributes his success to God, exercise, better eating habits, no drinking, and no smoking.

In 1995, his HbA1C was at 14.4. Over the years, personal trainer Vicky has had a huge role in his training program, as well as Suzanne Davis, the Tribe’s Health Educator.

Today, Mitchell Cypress boasts a HbA1C of 6.4. The tribe is very proud of Mitchell and all that he has accomplished in his 20 years with Diabetes.

With these final words, Mitchell was presented with a plaque from the American Diabetic Association and the Department of Veteran Affairs. There is no doubt that this award will be a welcomed addition to the other awards bestowed upon Mitchell. Congratulations Mitchell, for all your hard work towards conquering diabetes.

Foreign Animal Disease and Bio-terrorism

Submitted by Libby Blake
BIG CYPRESS — The Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. has entered into a cooperative agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), and Veterinary Services (VS).

The agreement provides \$50,000 to the Tribe through Federal funding under the Homeland Security Act for fiscal year 2003. The agreement designates that \$10,000 of the money go toward a seminar on foreign animal disease and bio-terrorism.

The rest of the monies will go toward the purchase of two 24-foot cargo trailers to be utilized as an emergency response trailer fully stocked with supplies needed to provide emergency response in the field. Big Cypress and Brighton reservations will each receive one trailer.

Supplies include spill containment, material handling, personal protection, and safety equipment, generators, emergency lighting, communication equipment, portable water tanks, portable panels and gates for quarantine of animals.

Crissie Carter, President’s Office, is coordinating the seminar, which is scheduled for May 15 at the Big Cypress Rodeo Arena.

Richard Bowers, President of the Intertribal Agriculture Council, has already conducted seminars on Indian reservations in New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Minnesota, California, and Montana.

Bowers stated that the Navajo’s were the first to implement the agreement, which required a memo of understanding

from the four states on which the reservation spans.

“While the seminars and the monies are specific to Indian reservations, each has to work with the surrounding communities to implement a disaster plan that involves not only tribal workers but also the emergency services of the county or counties on which the land sits,” said Bowers.

“We (Seminole Tribe) have to enter into agreements with Hendry, Broward, Collier, Glades, Highland, and Charlotte counties because of where our reservations are located. But this also enhances our working relationship with these counties.”

Bowers adds that invitations have been sent out for the free seminar to all emergency services workers in the above counties but everyone is invited to attend.

Because of his activities with the IAC, Bowers is the Tribe’s designated representative responsible for collaboratively administering the activities under the agreement with USDA, APHIS and VS.

David Knowles, Big Cypress Emergency Services Director, says the trailers are greatly needed. “If we have any kind of disease come through, even if not caused by an act of bio-terrorism, we will now have the facilities to rapidly remove and isolate the infected animals from the rest of the herd.”

“The first rule in dealing with a contagious disease is to remove, isolate, and contain the infected from the uninfected,” adds Knowles.

For more information on the seminar contact Crissie Carter at (863) 902-3200 ext. 1240 or email her at crissiecc@semtribe.com.

Hollywood DSO News

Apply for Broward County Library Cards Online Today!

As a staunch supporter of the Broward County Library System, I urge every Tribal member to take advantage and apply for a free Broward County library card.

Simply go to www.broward.org/library, click SERVICES, at the next page, click the letter "L". Look for the word "Library Card" and enter. Scroll down and on the right-hand side, click Apply Online.

There are instructions also to apply at the nearest Broward County Library. You can pick up a free application at the DSO Library any time.

Hollywood Youth Center
Starting April 22, the

Hollywood Youth Center will provide free snacks (hotdogs, chips, drinks, etc.) for after school students. The goal is to give children a chance to relax, refresh, and enjoy a tasty treat.

Students then can tackle their homework and seek assistance from any of the FOUR After-School Tutors at the DSO Library.

The Youth Center provides all types of video game systems, a movie room, arts and crafts, and much more. The gym will provide structured exercise programs such as basketball and kickball for students as well.

— *Submitted by Michael Kelly, Hollywood Reservation Librarian*

High School Students, Prepare for College and for Life as Well

Courtesy of PAC parent Holly Tiger

Brooks school is a co-educational independent boarding school that accepts every year 350 students, grades 9 through 12 to prepare them not just for college, but also for life.

The school is located in North Andover, Massachusetts, and 30 miles North of Boston. On its 242-acre lakeside campus, students develop a sense of responsibility and individuality in the classroom on the playing field and on the daily lives.

If you are interested in more information, please see Dora Bell at the

Department of Education or call at (954) 989-6840. Or try www.brooksschool.org for more information.

Northfield Mount Hermon (NMH) is a coeducational college preparatory boarding school in Western Massachusetts, enrolling 1100 students, grades 9 to 12 and postgraduate.

Please come to the Department of Education and get some more information on NMH education, admission, athletics, news and events, parents, services, summer, and technology.

Please see or call Dora Bell at (954) 989-6840, ext. 1311.

Good News For High School Juniors and Seniors

By Maria Rumbaitis

Every Summer Harvard offers a Summer Secondary School Program from June 22 - August 15. This is an extraordinary chance for Seminole juniors and seniors to sample college, meet students from around the world, take trips to other colleges and take courses taught by

very fine professors.

Live in a Harvard dormitory and select two courses from a list of 45 regular offerings in liberal arts.

If you are interested, please see Dora Bell at the Department of Education or check: www.ssp.harvard.edu/2003/about/

Summer Educational Opportunities

Southeast Region Native American and Wildlife Society Natural Resources & Cultural Awareness Summer Youth Practicum

By Dora Bell
June 21-27, 2003, Louisiana
Army National Guard, Camp Beauregard, Pineville, Louisiana.

The Summer Youth Practicum (SYP) is designed to provide Native American Students an opportunity to gain hands-on experience in what to expect while they continue their education in order to seek degrees, and pursue careers in the natural resources and cultural fields. The Wildlife Society, a co-sponsor, believes in a re-awakening of the traditional values of Indian-to-environment relationships that are needed for tribes to make effective and sound natural resource and cultural management decisions.

The program provides an academic experience in Central Louisiana with the experience of Ancient Indian Mounds and flavored with Cajun cooking.

SYP is open to incoming 9-12th grade for fall 2003 Native American students who are interested in the preservation, protection and enhancement of natural resources and protection of our cultural traditions. Students must be in good physical conditions since physical activities are part of the practicum.

Interested? Hurry! Applications must be postmarked and mailed by May 10, 2003. Come to see Dora Bell at the Department of Education, call for an appointment at (954) 989-6840, ext. 1311.

The Southeast Summer Youth Practicum sponsored by the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society will be held in central Louisiana in partnership with the LA Natl. Guard, USFWS, USFS, and others. If you have or know interested youth, see Practicum info on the NAFWS web address below:

Alan Dorian, Tribal Relations Program
USDA Forest Service, Southern Region
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The Native American Fish & Wildlife Society (NAFWS) is accepting applications to attend its annual Summer Youth Environmental Practicum. It is a great opportunity to learn from Native professionals about natural science careers. In past years, NAFWS has sponsored all costs to attend.

Call Sally Carufel Williams at 303.466-1725 for more information. The deadline for applications is April 30, 2003 and application forms are on the website.

Culture Department News

Starting April 22, Jane Eshkibok will be assisting Marcella Green in the Culture Department teaching patchwork to after-school students from 3-5:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday.

Jane is an Ojibwa Indian from Ontario, Canada. She studied Fashion Design at Fanshawe College in London, Ontario. Her designing skills include: patchwork, dressmaking, and design. Jane has also taught sewing to children of all ages.

Education Meeting

The **Department of Education** held a meeting today, April 15th, 2003 to review the Seminole Higher Education Grant Program applications for the summer term.

Present at this meeting were professionals from all reservations, the Hollywood PAC Chairman, Virginia Osceola and the Chairman of the Education Advisory Board, Moses Jumper.

The Committee agreed to sponsor 53 higher education students who have chosen to continue non-stop with their studies.

Hollywood Summer Weight Loss Contest

Weigh in will begin at the Hollywood Gym April 28, 29 & 30th (7:00 am-9:00 pm)

Weigh out will be held at the Hollywood Gym
June 30 (7:00 am-9:00 pm) -
July 1 (7:00 am-12:00 noon sharp)
Lunch & Awards will be held July 1st at 12:00 noon.

Weight Loss Categories:

- Hollywood Community Tribal member men
- Hollywood Community Tribal Member Women
- Hollywood Community Tribal Member Senior Men
- Hollywood Community Tribal Member Senior Women
- Hollywood Employee Men
- Hollywood Employee Women

For more information, contact Kenny Bayon at the Hollywood Gym at (954) 989-9457

2003 Seminole Youth Basketball Program

The Seminole Recreation is having a banquet to honor our youth basketball program. For the past few months all of the children have showed remarkable improvement. Attitude, ball handling, shooting, defense, and understanding the game are just a few obvious fundamentals they are beginning to master.

Anyone who has attended a game on a Saturday morning has seen the excitement and intensity the kids display on the court. Not to mention their day to day progress in practice.

Hard work, discipline and determination on the court is the major reason for their improvement, but the support from family and the community, plays a major role in their commitment.

This banquet is to honor and recognize all the practices, push-ups, running, sweating, tears and focus it takes to become a better player, and a better person.

We would like to invite the community, friends and family to our banquet in honor of our youth. May 24, 2003 at Dave & Busters at 6:00 p.m., there will be a buffet and awards ceremony.

2003 Season in Review
10 & Under Coed: Runner-up Howard Tiger Memorial Youth Tournament, 3rd Brighton Youth Tournament, 3rd Big Cypress Youth Tournament; **13 & Under Coed:** Champions Howard Tiger Memorial Youth Tournament, 3rd Brighton Youth Tournament, 3rd Big Cypress Youth Tournament
17 & Under Girls: Champions Howard Tiger Memorial Youth Tournament, Champions Brighton Youth Tournament
Congratulations!!!!!!

Hollywood Career and Health Fair, "Exploring Your Future — A Family Event"

June 5, 2003, 4 - 8:00 p.m.

For event information, contact:
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David Jr., benches his way to 1,080 lbs.

Alexandra Frank

David Anderson, Jr. Lifts 1080

PLANTATION — On April 6, at American Heritage Field House, David Anderson, Jr., and teammates gathered to help raise funds for their football team.

Like any fundraiser, team players got to obtain and pledge for every pound they lift. Anderson, who is 15 years old and stands at

around 5'8", also plays baseball and was a recent participant in the 2002 Indigenous Games held in Winnipeg, Canada.

Anderson lifted a total of 1,080 pounds, a record that netted him a top place among his peers. Good work David, in your quest to help out your football team, keep up the good work.

Hollywood Easter Golf Tournament



Charlie Cypress

Paula Cassels

By Paula Cassels

WESTON — On April 19, the Bonaventure Country Club hosted this year's Hollywood Easter Golf Tournament.

Bonaventure's East course is one of the top courses in Florida with the most challenging layout and has been rated in the top ten. It has hosted the prestigious Tigre Amateur Tournament, where players such as Dixie Woods, Sergio Garcia and Jesper Parnevik competed before they turned professional.

The challenging West course has tricky holes that require a good tee shot and water on 14 different holes. The championship courses are set over 300 acres of trees, lush vegetation and lakes inhabited with a variety of wildlife.

The tournament featured a 2-Man bring your own partner tournament, which had Men, Women, Senior and Co-Ed divisions.

Long Drive- Max Osceola, Mitch Osceola, Marcella Green

Closest to Pin- Hole #3- Charlie Cypress Hole #5- Men's- Charlie Frye Hole #8- Mike Micco, Harry Kennedy Jr. Hole #11- Brett Green, Max Osceola Hole #15- Mike Micco, Lawrence Osceola Hole #17- Paula Bowers Sanchez, Lawrence Osceola, Marl Osceola

Women- 1) Paula Sanchez/Jackie Thompson
Co-Ed- 1) Max Osceola/Dorian Lange 2) Marcella Green/Bob Green

Senior- 1) Harry Kennedy Jr/Moses Jumper Jr. 2) Leroy King/Joe Billie Jr.

Most Honest- Ricky Doctor/Billy Cypress

Men- 1) Marl Osceola/Charlie Fry 2) Lawrence Osceola/Mitch Osceola 3) Charlie Cypress/Salaw Hummingbird 4) Maxie Tommie/Huff 5) Harry Kennedy/Josh Harrison.

Seminole Youth Fishing Clinic

By Ernie Tiger

HOLLYWOOD — On April 14, the Seminole youth were treated to a weekend of festivities with Professional Bass Fisherman Marty 4Killer.

Marty, who competes in both FLW and B.A.S.S Tournaments, has several Top 5 finishes under his belt. 4Killer has also qualified for the FLW Championship tournament, Red Man All-American and made the elite Ranger Millenium Top 10.

The first excursion on the three-day agenda was Islamorada for a full day of offshore fishing.

Getting up at first light, they were off to the marina, where they split into two different groups aboard separate Charter fishing boats. When they left out of Whale Harbor Marina into about just 50 feet of water, the crew put out a chum block and the Captain taught the youth how to catch Yellow Snapper.

After a short troll in a circle to get the chum slick started in the area, it wasn't long before Speedos and other Baitfish began to trickle into the drift behind the boat. The fish were followed by a large school of snapper, which seemed to just hang around the boat until every youth angler on the boat were able to catch at least five of their ten fish limit.

After landing about 40 snapper, the captain changed up the rigs of the poles for larger sized fish. Youth waited anxiously for a possible Wahoo or Kingfish hookup.

Not long after, an airborne Kingfish struck the line and screamed off with the line on the spin reel. Lee Stewart anxiously snatched up the reel and started what turn out to be a 15-minute battle. With coaching from Marty on how to coax the king, Stewart landed the fish successfully into the cooler within a short time.

After two more kings were caught and the fish bite began to slow down, it was off to a nearby area where a reported weed-line had been holding in

the color change up most of the morning.

After a couple of trolls, and no catches, it was time to go back to the barn with a cooler full of more than 40 yellow snapper, three kings and smiles all around for the ones that didn't get away.

After returning to the dock, they were greeted by the other youth that had been out in the same water. The other group had landed more weight than the quantity, with two nice grouper in the 20-pound range and five nice kings. The girls won the bragging rights for that day of fishing.

On Tuesday morning, the next destination was Big Cypress, where the youth enjoyed ATV rides throughout the reservation's hammocks and sloughs.

On Wednesday, the youth traveled to the I.G.F.A Fishing Hall of Fame and Museum in Dania, where Marty 4Killer gave a lesson on how to catch and reel the Big One.

During the day's lesson, one lucky youth, Kenny Descheene Jr., caught a nice sized channel catfish out of the pond. Although the young man wanted to keep the fish, Marty explained the purpose of why it is good to practice the safe catch and release of any fish

After catching a variety of fish, the youth took a quick lunch break at the Subway located inside the I.G.F.A facilities. Afterwards, they toured the IGFA's many displays, such as the wetlands walk, where the youth got to view alligators, egrets, and other aquatic animals and reptiles that inhabit the wetlands.

Afterwards, they were off to the Catch Gallery, where the youth tried to reel in a potential IGFA World Record on the simulated virtual reality fishing game.

At the end of the three-day fishing clinic, Marty went over the prior lessons and received an authentic handmade Seminole Jacket for volunteering his time to the youth.

19th Annual Herman Osceola Basketball Tournament

BIG CYPRESS — The 19th Annual Herman Osceola Basketball Tournament brought out the best and most talented Seminole ball players to the gymnasium named after Herman Osceola, a Seminole warrior killed while serving his country as a Marine.

The 11 men's teams and 8 women's teams gathered at the Herman Osceola gym to play through three days of heat, rain, and mosquitoes.

In this tournament, which saw an increase in

champions, paid a visit to Florida to see if they could take the title of tournament winner.

The Hurricanes battled 10 other teams to make it to the championship game. After defeating teams such as Brighton, Celtics, and NDN's, the two teams finally faced each other.

As some of you may know, the Hurricanes can put the pressure on when needed and they had to when they faced Chatas. Chatas started the first few minutes of the game with a lot of scores and fast plays.

It looked like Chatas were going to be the tournament champions. The Hurricanes fell behind by 10 points and made a few costly fouls against themselves.

Maybe it was the thought of defeat on their own home turf that motivated the Hurricanes. With cheering fans backing them up, the Hurricanes began to chip away at the lead.

Chatas tried to hang on to their lead, but it soon became apparent that the Hurricanes were on a



Alexandra Frank

The Hurricanes are the 2003 Herman Osceola Tournament winners.

team participation, the two top women's teams were Hollywood and Lady Seminoles.

The Hollywood had to battle their way out of the loser's bracket to face the Lady Seminoles in the championship game.

Both teams played well, and were almost equal in respects to playing style, but Hollywood had a number of 3-point shooters on their team.

Hollywood and the Lady Seminoles kept pace with each other for most of the game.

Ultimately, one team always pulls ahead and this time it was the Lady Seminoles. Try as they might to keep up with the aggressive Lady Seminoles, Hollywood soon began to fall back in respects to their points.

Lady Seminoles went on to defeat Hollywood, 65-35. The Lady Seminoles are this year's champions of the 19th Annual Herman Osceola Basketball Tournament

This year's tournament witnessed a different threat in the men's division. Chatas, this year's NASA



Alexandra Frank

The Lady Seminoles pose with their jackets.

Seminoles Claim Top Spots In Tulsa Tourney

Submitted by Libby Blacke

TULSA, OK — Seminole Tribal members cleaned up at one of the largest all-Indian pool tournaments ever, held at the legendary Magoo's Restaurant & Billiards on April 5 - 6.

The tournament was held to promote the Tribe's 4th Annual Memorial Day Weekend Sports Festival, and increase the participation of Native Americans from Oklahoma.

The turnout was tremendous, over 250 pool players and spectators showed up for the singles 8-ball event held on Saturday. Every player had to show verifiable proof, along with a picture ID, of Tribal affiliation.

133 men and 46 women participated in the singles event. Seminole Tribal member Elrod Bowers went undefeated in the men's singles division. Brighton's Theresa Nunez Boromei placed the highest among the women, coming in third.

Other Tribal members placing in the money included David Nunez - 5th and Dustin Tiger - 17/24th. Among the women were Phalyn Osceola - 5/6th and Virginia Billie - 9/12th.

B.C. Recreation Director George Grasshopper placed 17/24th.

The team event was held on Sunday. 17 male teams and 13 female teams participated. The men's team was composed of five players while the women's team only had three.

The Seminoles placed 4th in the men's division, while the Lady Warriors came in 3rd in the women's division.

The Seminoles team included David Cypress, Elrod Bowers, O.B. Osceola Jr., David Nunez, and George Grasshopper.

The Lady Warriors were Theresa Nunez Boromei, Dale Grasshopper, and Shirley Mitchell.

During the tournament, Oklahoma participants were asked to provide their addresses for the Sports Festival mailing list. After the tournament, over 100 addresses were given to B.C. Recreation; packets with registration information will be sent to them soon.

Many attendees said they planned to participate at the Festival. Many said they had been unaware of the event and were glad the Tribe came out to promote it.

"Thank you" was the most repeated comment when they learned that the Seminole Tribe of Florida had come to Oklahoma to put on the pool tournament. By all accounts, the tournament had the largest turnout of Indians ever.

Cheryl Backward (Cherokee) who came from Wichita, KS, said, "No tribe or anyone else has ever done anything like this for the Indians out here." Comments like Cheryl's were repeated all weekend long.

Jim McDermott, owner of Magoo's, said he and his staff were very pleased with the event and would like to see it continue on an annual basis.

Complete results, with Tribe affiliation, follow:

Men Singles: 1) Elrod Bowers (Seminole) 2) Jay Echohawk (Pawnee) 3) Trent Holland (Cherokee) 4) Fred Bear (Creek) 5/6) David Nunez (Seminole), Tom Spencer (Cherokee) 7/8) Sonny Tiger (Creek), Daniel Littlebear (Creek) 9/16)

Dominic James (Cherokee-Choctaw), Josh Downs (Cherokee), Kenneth Sixkiller (Cherokee), Fi Davis (Osage-Pawnee), Lloyd Nickols (Kiowa), Jerry Bridges (Creek), Allan Jimenez (Kiowa), and Lee Springwater (Cherokee), 17/24) Rick Spencer (Cherokee), Charley Brumpley (Cherokee), Jim Cass (Osage), George Grasshopper (Cherokee), Loren Littlecrow (Otoe), Dan Fox (Creek), Dustin Tiger (Creek), and Les Gourd (Cherokee).

Women's Singles: 1) Cheryl Backward (Cherokee) 2) Aron Allen (Choctaw) 3) Theresa Nunez Boromei (Seminole) 4) Laura Beaver (Sioux-Creek) 5/6) Kim Tyer (Cherokee), Phalyn Osceola (Seminole) 7/8) Joye Lewis (Choctaw), Revina Teague (Kiowa) 9/12) Lisa Fritzer (Crow), Stacy Clark (Choctaw), Sherry Rader (Creek), and Virginia Billie (Seminole).

Teams/Men: 1) The Sixkillers: Kenneth Sixkiller (Cherokee), Joe Carson (Pawnee-Otoe), Art Black (Navaho), Lloyd Nickels (Kiowa), Mike Spainard (Creek), Billy Brown (unk) 2) 51 Club: Les Gourd (Cherokee), Trent Holland (Cherokee), Frank Henry (Pawnee), Bobby Whitewater (Cherokee), Leroy Springwater (Cherokee), Web Dick (Cherokee) 3) The Oklahomas: Jay Echohawk (Pawnee), Tommy LaSarge (Creek), Sonny Tiger (Creek), Daniel Littlebear (Creek), Sonny Johnson (Creek)

4) Seminoles: David Cypress (Seminole), Elrod Bowers (Seminole), David Nunez (Seminole), O.B. Osceola Jr. (Seminole), George Grasshopper (Cherokee) 5) OKC Travelers: Donald Harjo (Seminole), Sidney Sourweiner (Comanche), John Carney (Seminole-Choctaw), Victor Bohannon (Choctaw), Randy Dalley (Otowe-Seminole), Bobby Lena (Seminole) 6) 727 Club: Dave Newrider (Pawnee), Jim Chalakee (Creek), Eddie Stanke (Creek), Jerry Swarer (Cherokee), Ray Bohannon (Choctaw)

Teams/Women: 1) Wild Onions: Cheryl Backward (Cherokee), Aron Allen (Choctaw), Laura Beaver (Sioux-Creek) 2) Three Musketeers: Lila Walker (Cheneyne), Mary Scheer (Osage), Stacey Clark (Choctaw) 3) Lady Warriors: Dale Grasshopper (Seminole), Theresa Nunez Boromei (Seminole), Shirley Nutchee (Creek)

4) Indian Girls: Diana Rice (Pawnee), Wisey Givens (Creek), Suzie Hamilton (Osage) 5) Mixed Crew: Marie Berryhill (Creek), Jennifer Jumper (Seminole), Linda Tinsley (Creek) 6) East Side: Kim Guevana (Creek-Yuchi), Carlene Smith (Keetoowah), Teeda Bible (Creek).

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Fit & Fast Food

By Kenny Bayon, C.PT

Think back to this morning. If you're the typical ever-rushed businessmen, it might have started like this ... It's 7, and your stomach, which hasn't been catered to since last night, is sounding off like a gorilla.



Breakfast at home? Yeah, right -- you're out of OJ, the milk's green, and the pantry's as bare as a grocery-store shelf the day before a hurricane hits. Now it's 8, you're rushing to a meeting, and almost digesting your innards along the way.

Suddenly, you spot salvation ...

McDonald's. You order a sausage and egg breakfast biscuit with hash browns.

Now reflect on lunch. Burger with fries? Taco and burrito? Loaded sub and chips? And dinner ... Pizza? Buffalo wings? Beer? All of the above? The meals are fast, cheap, convenient and -- whoa! -- about as nutritious as fried lard. (That li'l breakfast biscuit alone puts you back a whopping 520 calories and 35 grams of fat, while the hash browns serve up 130 calories and eight fat grams.)

Face it: Today's businessman needs to eat on the run. Whether it's on the way to the office, between appointments, or while rushing through the airport, a fast-food joint or convenience store is often the best option.

But take note: Fast food doesn't have to mean calorie-packed, fat-filled, sodium-soaked snacks. Unlike years of yore, most modern menus offer more healthy, sensible varieties than your mother's Pritikin cookbook. Better yet, the fit food often out-tastes the grease.

You just need to know where to eat and what to ask for (as well as what to leave off). We'll give you the knowledge, but the choice is yours. Eat like a chump, feel like a chump. Eat like a champ, feel like a champ. It shouldn't be a tough decision.

Breakfast

It's no lie: The morning meal is the most important. It affects your energy level for the rest of the day and, best of all, should allow you to hold off those lethal late-night binges. Perhaps the best bet here is cereal or oatmeal with skim (or low-fat) milk, which you can grab at almost every morning joint on the planet.

Together, fortified cereal/oatmeal and milk provide a great mix of carbohydrates, protein and little fat, as well as an assortment of vitamins and minerals. Even IHOP and Waffle House offer a healthy alternative. Stop there for a bagel with eggs.

If possible, order mostly whites since the yolk contains all the egg's fat and cholesterol, while the white is almost pure protein. Request no added butter and, if available, an

omelet with vegetables.

Try to avoid bacon, ham, sausage, hash browns, home fries, pancakes, biscuits, cream cheese, butter and heavy syrup.

Skip the coffee or soda and order OJ or other citrus juices, which are loaded with antioxidant-rich vitamin C. Fresh fruit, which probably can be found at your local quickie mart, is great for starting the day. Trust us: Tell your server that you're in a rush, and you can be fed and paid up in less than 15 minutes.

Lunch and Dinner

Don't even think about visiting a buffet, unless it's for salad. That said, there are so many places that offer quick 'n' healthy options, the problem might be deciding where to eat. Any sandwich/sub shop is a sure winner.

Order light meats such as turkey, chicken or lean roast beef or ham; stay away from the fat-loaded Italian meats and salad spreads such as tuna, egg or chicken, which are usually swimming in mayonnaise. Also be wary of cheese, salt and oil; instead, load up on mustard, pepper and veggies. For a side item, if needed, opt for pretzels or baked chips.

At a burger joint, skip the red meat and order a chicken sandwich -- just make sure it's grilled and not fried. Wendy's, for instance, offers a chicken sandwich with just seven grams of fat, as long as you leave off the honey mustard sauce.

Also, Wendy's is one of the few burger chains that stocks baked potatoes, a much healthier option than French fries or onion rings. Almost all the major chains also offer entree-sized salads (use reduced-calorie dressing). Even pizza can be turned into a sound meal by degreasing the cheese with a napkin and loading up on veggies.

One often overlooked option is Chinese food (there are express restaurants everywhere these days), which is often loaded with fat, calories and sodium -- unless you desire it not to be. Almost any item can be cooked with little or no oil, MSG and corn starch. Spices should keep the food tasty.

For beverages, water is the obvious choice. It offers endless body benefits, including cleansing and helping with organ function. Also, drinking ice cold water actually helps burn calories as your body tries to heat itself up. If you absolutely need a caffeine kick, always pick diet soda before calorie- and sugar-laden regular.

Snacks

The most obvious strategy is to buy your own snacks and transport them with you. If not, almost all corner stores and gas stations offer nutritious bits. Try Balance bars or any of the other assortment of nutrition bars. Other solid choices include low-fat granola bars, fresh fruit, low-fat frozen yogurt or even dry cereal.

So what will it be: Champ or chump? *This article was written with the contribution of Darren Liebman. Darren is a freelance writer and personal trainer living in Tampa, Fla*

As we all know life is all about choices a person makes and the impact it can have on ones life. There are going to be times when there is nothing for mile and miles such as a trip from Hollywood to Brighton. It's early in the morning and the only thing around to eat is a fast food restaurant with golden arches. A decision has to be made whether to have something to eat or just starve. We all know in our minds that we must get something to eat. Now is where another choice has to be made. What to eat? Here are some tips to help.

*Try to drink water instead of soda or milkshakes.

*Always order lettuce, tomato, onions and all veggies that can be put on.

*Order food without mayo, sour cream, butter, guacamole and other sauces and gravies.

Here are some examples of the Good and the Bad (The bad is in shaded area)

Kentucky Fried Chicken			
	Calories	Fat (g)	Sat. Fat
Tender Roast w/o Skin			
Breast & Thigh	275	9.8	2.9
Corn on the Cob	150	1.5	0
Original Recipe Breast & Thigh	650	42	10.5
Potato Salad	230	14	2
Biscuit	180	10	2.5

Burger King			
	Calories	Fat (g)	Sat. Fat
Garden Salad w/o Dressing	100	5	3
BK Broiler	530	26	5
Whopper w/ Cheese	760	48	17
BK Big Fish Sandwich	720	43	9
Onion Rings—Medium	380	19	4

Subway (6 inch Sandwiches)			
	Calories	Fat (g)	Sat. Fat
Turkey Breast Sandwich	273	4	1
Subway Club	297	5	1
Classic Italian BMT	445	21	8
Tuna	527	32	5
Meatball without Cheese	404	16	6

Taco Bell			
	Calories	Fat (g)	Sat. Fat
Chicken Soft Taco	200	7	2.5
Chicken Gordita (Baja)	320	15	3.5
Taco Salad w/ Salsa	850	52	15
Mexican Pizza	570	35	10
Big Beef Nachos Supreme	450	24	8

Wendy's			
	Calories	Fat (g)	Sat. Fat
Grilled Chicken Sandwich	310	8	1.5
Baked Potato (Plain)	310	0	0
Big Bacon Classic	580	30	12
Spicy Chicken Sandwich	410	15	2.5
French Fries (Medium)	390	19	3

McDonald's			
	Calories	Fat (g)	Sat. Fat
Fruit Parfait w/ Granola	380	5	2
Lowfat Apple Bran Muffin	300	3	.5
Bacon, Egg & Cheese Biscuit	470	28	8
Sausage w/ Egg McMuffin	440	28	10
Hotcakes w/ Margarine & Syrup	570	16	3

Cool Sites; Colic

By Melissa Sherman

In the dictionary, the definition of Colic is: *the onset of unexplained crying in an infant 3 months or younger...* in my book it means: *instant insanity!*

Take a break, put the little darling down in a safe place, pop in some ear-plugs and get on-line for some help.

Here are a few websites that may help you make it through the never-ending night of screaming.

Colichelp.com

Web mom and colic veteran Vickie, the owner of the site, offers instant help at **colichelp.com**. Both of her children suffered from colic until six months of age.

"It is my hope to provide the stressed and helpless moms and dads out there a place to receive support and understanding for one of the most trying times in your and your baby's relationship," says Vickie, on the website.

At **colicahelp.com**, you can find articles, colic remedies and a message board and even shop for colic remedies.

Once you are at the site, venture towards the colic articles, there are topics such as A Parents Guide to Surviving Colic, Colic and Breastfeeding, Colic and Chiropractic Treatment, offering plenty of knowledge on the topic.

I found the message boards the most helpful. In some strange way, it is comforting knowing you are not the sole owner of a colicky baby. Lots of parents and veterans of colic offer their best advice and companionship.

www.infantmassage.com.au/colic.htm

Some people believe colic is caused by trapped gas in the baby's intestines, **www.infantmassage.com.au/colic.htm** primarily is a website that sells videos and message oils for the colicky baby, it also shows basic massage techniques believed to relieve the gas trapped in the abdominals.

drspock.com

Dr. Benjamin Spock also offers his "educational" advice at **drspock.com**. This website was created by doctors and parents, delivering articles and answers to parents questions.

Simply go to the website and type in colic in the search field, and a bunch of articles will pop up in the search results. Some of my favorite articles were: Things to try for a Colicky Baby, A Parents Reaction to Colic, and Colic: If Nothing Works.

This website is equipped to help with almost any health issue, from newborns to school age kids and even expecting mothers. You may also sign up for a newsletter personalized for your child's age or join the discussion about your kids on the message board.

If, at anytime, you feel out of control, put the baby in his crib or any other safe place and take a ten-minute break, and remember, never-ever shake a baby!



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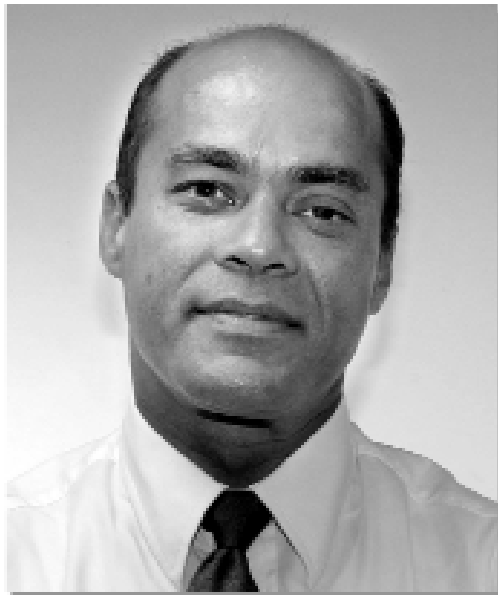
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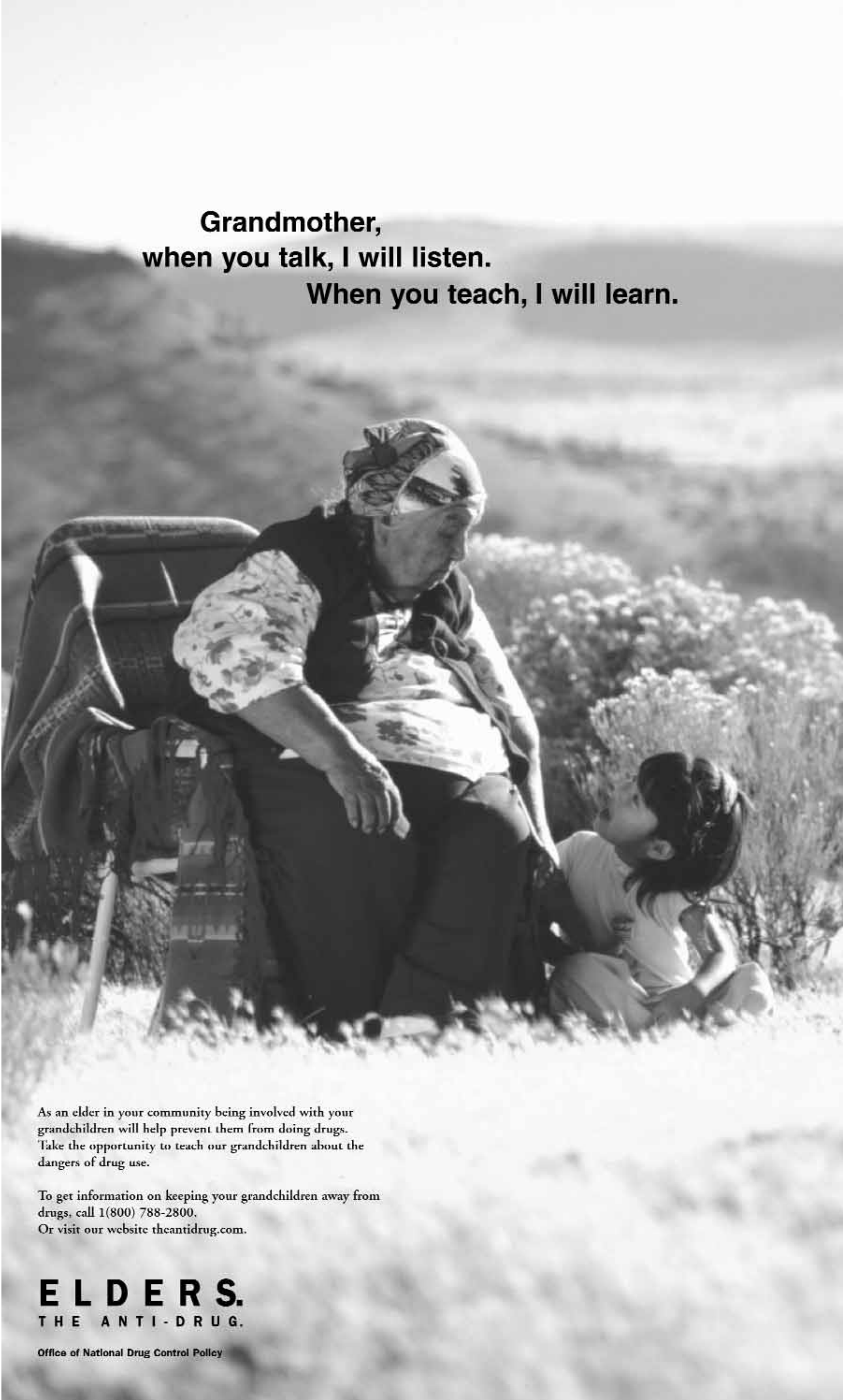
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Birth

Letter



Today I'm down, but what about tomorrow? Chances of me seeing the sunrise is always narrow.
I believe all will be fine,
So the doubt I have is all in my mind.
I will give it time, these are feelings from the heart & the mind
I seek & find light in my darkest of times.
The ruff tracks of life make my feet weary but never my mind.
I'm the past like yesterday, present as the day is, & I am tomorrow's keeper.
I feel hand-picked like cotton to inspire & wake up the now & future generation of bright thinkers.
My soul is righteous, my spirit is mighty, my mind is triumphant & my heart is fearless.
I'm destined to be a beacon of hope.
I write with artistic accuracy.
My physique is that I'm a tower of power.
By the laws of nature, I consider & love each man as a brother.
So as the river swells its banks, the sea meets the sand, I dream of the day we al can stand hand in hand with our fellow brother man.
I will forever speak & let my minds voice be heard.
I cast away all the anger & concluded that Love is the most powerful word.
After each sunrise, I believe ther is a whole new day ahead.
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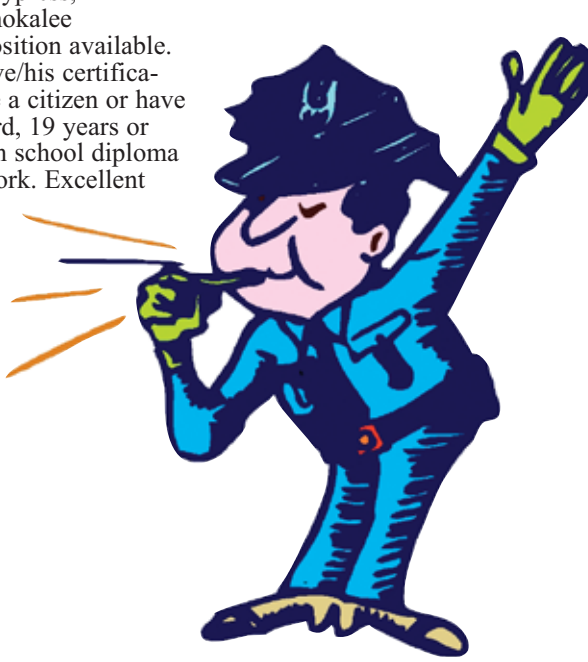
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Mila Osceola hopped down the bunny trail totaling 110 hops.

By Emma Johns Brown
BRIGHTON — Everybody’s different, nobody’s perfect. Some kids can’t run as fast as others can. Even though they get where they’re going, it takes them more time to get there. Their legs are weak, and they have a hard time jumping, running, climbing stairs, or just keeping up when they are playing with other kids. This is called muscle weakness and it’s caused by a disease called muscular dystrophy.

To benefit those with muscular dystrophy, the Brighton pre-school participated in this year’s Hop-A-Thon for “Jerry’s kids.”

During the event each child was given a 2 minute time period in which they could hop (the younger ones jumped), and could feel good about helping those with neuromuscular disease.

After the Hop-A-Thon, each child was given a few days to ask their community members for support, by sponsoring them by the amount of hops they completed, or by making donations.

With the money raised, our pre-schoolers will be helping “Jerry’s kids” and the Muscular Dystrophy Association assist in the purchase and repair of wheelchairs and leg braces, provide medical care at St. Mary’s Medical Center, send children between the ages of 6-21 to a week-long summer camp, and give hope for tomorrow through MDA-funded research at the University of Miami School of Medicine.

Below is a list of participants, and how many jumps they completed to help improve the quality of life for children and adults with neuromuscular diseases.

Trevor Thomas- 19 Hops, Mila Osceola- 110 Hops, J-Wayco Billie- 36 Hops, Cheyenne Fish- 0 Hops, Aiyana Tommie- 90 Hops, Pernell Bert- 100 Hops, Ruby Buster- 67 Hops, Blake Baker- 0 Hops, Rylee Smith- 47 Hops, Erik Garcia- 192 Hops, Jermaine Bennett- 11 Hops, Joshua Madrigal- 132 Hops, Yopalakiy Osceola- 132 Hops, Michael Garcia- 134 Hops, Imillakiy Osceola- 207 Hops, Diamond Shore- 148 Hops, Kailin Brown- 251 Hops, Courtney Texton- 118 Hops, Trista Osceola- 285 Hops, Donavine Tiger- 151 Hops, Kaylen Buster- 2 Hops, Drayton Billie- 115 Hops, Ruben Burgess- 2 Hops.



Kaitlyn Osceola hunts eggs at the Wind Clan egg hunt.

Hotmeals Easter Gathering

By Emma Johns Brown
BRIGHTON—The Brighton Hot meals staff held this year’s Easter gathering on Thursday, April 17th at the hot meals center on Brighton.

The festivities began with the Easter Bonnet contest. This is the time when the seniors are able to display their artistic abilities by designing their own custom-made Easter bonnet.

The judges had a tough time this year choosing winners because they all did a great job.

The winners were as follows:
Men- 1) Wonder Johns 2) Billy Micco 3) John Pigeon 4) Sammy Gopher
Women- 1) Mary Johns 2) Rosie Billie 3) Wanda Tommie 4) Alice Snow 5) Josephine Villa 6) Addie Osceola 7) Agnes Jumper 8) Mable Haught

After the bonnet contest, the seniors were provided with a wonderful lunch prepared by the hot meals staff. They were given their choice of baked chicken or ham, with all of the fixings.

During lunch, the Seniors visited with each other, and those that joined them from other reservations.

President Mitchell Cypress said hello and wished everyone a Happy Easter. After lunch, the real contest began. The Easter eggs had been hidden and the “hunt” was on. The eggs were hidden in and around their new state of the art putt-putt



1st place Easter bonnet winners Wonder Johns and Mary Johns.

golf course, and took them all of about four minutes to hunt them.

After the Easter egg hunt, everyone was free to socialize, play shuffleboard, or putt-putt golf. The hot meals staff did a wonderful job providing a fun-filled afternoon for the seniors.

Pre-school Easter And Cultural Luncheon



Brighton pre-schoolers cheerfully greeted Peter Cottontail.



Jayce Smith found the Easter Bunny’s secret egg stash.

By Emma Johns Brown
BRIGHTON — The Brighton Pre-school held this year’s annual Easter gathering at the Brighton Community’s culture camp. The pre-school staff and parents arrived before the children to hide literally hundreds of eggs to be hunted.

When the children arrived at the culture camp, they were amazed by the blanket of rainbow colors that covered the grounds. While the children were lining up for the hunt, they had a surprise visit by the Easter Bunny who stayed and entertained them for a while.

After the activities were over, and the Easter Bunny had departed, lunch was served. Indian hot dogs were provided by the Brighton Language staff, and ice-cold watermelon was served for dessert.

Brighton pre-school staff and parents did a great job providing the children with a fun-filled Easter.

Easter Lunch And Egg Hunt

BIG CYPRESS — On April 18, an Easter Luncheon was held at the Herman Osceola Gymnasium. Tribal citizens, employees, and friends of the community gathered together to a buffet of ham, pork ribs, chicken, and fixings that accompany a delicious lunch.

Paul Buster and his Cowbone band played some of their own brand of music and some country hits. The Easter Bunny was on hand to take photos with babies and anyone else in the Easter mood.

Tribal officials Mitchell Cypress and David Cypress were on hand to send out an Easter greeting. They wished everyone a safe and happy holiday and hoped that everyone have fun over the Easter weekend with friends and family.

The luncheon was by no means the only event on the B.C. rez. The Wind Clan held a community Egg Hunt contest that had prizes such as baby chickens, Easter baskets filled with goodies, and cash prizes.

Adults who participated in the egg hunt were able to win gift cards from Wal-Mart. The event also featured a home cooked early dinner for all of the participants.

Listed below are the winners of the egg hunt.

Ages 0-5: 1). Kaitlen, 2). Arnold, 3). Ranice, 4). Carlee, 5). Nia, 6). Serina, 7). Dayra, 8). Matthew, 9). Grayson, 10). Michelle, 11). Jasmine, 12). Janessa.

Ages 6 on up: 1). Danny J, 2). Michael, 3). Kira, 4). Alene, 5). Trent, 6). Anna, 7). Ian, 8). Tequeta, 9). Bradley, 10). Marissa, 11). Quinton, 12). Ricky Joe.

Women: Lorraine, Rosie, Nina, Donna, Beverly.



Paula Cassels

Big Cypress senior Tommie Jumper won the door prize .

Big Cypress Seniors Easter Party

By Paula Cassels
BIG CYPRESS — On April 16, the seniors from the surrounding reservations went hunting for Easter eggs at the B.C. baseball field. Prizes were awarded to those who collected the most eggs.

After the Easter egg hunt, the Hot Meals staff hosted the seniors’ Easter party and Jonah Cypress and Joe Billie Jr. provided the party entertainment.

Attending the affair were B.C. Representatives David Cypress and Paul Bowers; they welcome the Seminole seniors and said Happy Easter to everyone.

The Easter Bonnet contest was first on the agenda. Many of the senior women came to the party wearing Easter Bonnets they had designed themselves.

Cecilia Solano presented 19 senior women and their Easter Bonnets as they walked one by one in to the Hot Meals room.

The judges all agreed that it was hard to chose the best Bonnets because they all had their own great style.

The Bonnets were beautifully hand-made, some had Easter bunnies on them or Easter chicks and grass, and others had flowers and ribbons.

After the Bonnet contest, the Hot Meals staff and the C.C.E staff served lunch.

The Easter Bunny made an appearance in the B.C. Hot Meals, hopping around shaking hands and posing with seniors for pictures.

During lunch, David Cypress called out numbers for the door prizes. Winners had their choice of stuffed Easter bunnies, plates, cookie jars and ceramic bunnies.

The Easter party sponsors were President/Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Council Representative David Cypress, and Board Representative Paul Bowers.

Easter Egg Hunt- 1) John Billie- 88 eggs 2) Billie Johns-84 eggs 3) Jenny O. Billie-73 eggs 4) Effie Billie-68 eggs 5) Mary Sanchez-64 eggs

Easter Bonnet Contest- 1) Alice Tigertail 2) Mary Johns 3) Patsy Billie 4) Agnes Cypress 5) Sally Tommie.

Seminole Tribal Election ❖ May 12, 2003

Tribal Council Candidates

Chairman

Andrew J. Bowers, Jr.



My decision to run for election for the tribal chairmanship was not made overnight. Over the past several years, I watched our Tribal Council operate with certain practices. Apparently those practices did not work

out. Otherwise, our Council would not have ended up the way it did. I believe we need A NEW BEGINNING, and I can provide that. My background as an attorney would not hurt me or our tribe.

Josiah Alan Jumper, Sr.



Wesley Guston Garcia



Dear Tribal Members,

Hello! To those of you who don't know me, my name is Wesley G. Garcia. I belong to the Panther Clan. I've resided on the Brighton

Reservation for the past (5) five years with my family. My longtime girlfriend, Rita J. Gopher, and I are the proud parents of (2) two young boys – Michael Jeffery and Erik DeSoto Tiger Garcia.

I am writing this letter to announce to all Tribal members that I am seeking the office of the Chairman of the Seminole Tribe of Florida. First and foremost, I believe the line of communication between our Tribal leaders and the individual Tribal Members has broken down. If I am elected Chairman, I would like to try and meet with all Tribal Members within the first eight-

een months of my term. I believe this is a big statement. But I believe it can be done.

My main concerns are as follows: Health Care (Nursing home for the elderly) Education – Children are our future

Homes (For Tribal Members on the Reservations) Economic Business Development (on the Reservations) Higher Dividends I will announce my campaign dinner schedule for Hollywood, Big Cypress, Brighton, Immokalee, Fort Pierce, Tampa and Naples communities. Please come and ask questions or just come out and eat diner with my family and me. If you have any questions or concerns please call my cell phone at (863) 634-3125.

Sincerely,
Wesley G. Garcia

Danny Tommie

Hello Tribal Members,

We have come upon a very important time in the Seminole Tribes history. Since I have been of voting age, in my opinion this is the most important election ever. We have a “**chance to make a positive difference**” in our future as a Tribe come **May 12, 2003**. You as voting members control that future because you have an opportunity to exercise your right as members in having your voice being heard with nothing or no one stopping you except yourself.

I know it is time that the people once again become an active participant in the Tribe. Leadership has to understand that their role is an employee of the people which means being available and accountable at all times, in addition to exercising positive work ethics. It also means keeping the people of the communities and the Tribe informed before crucial decisions are made on a consistent basis. Creating policy that will be consistently upheld for the wellbeing of the Seminole Tribe and its' members as opposed to making arbitrary laws to address situations as that arise. We must plan and prioritize our needs as a Tribe because our future depends upon us addressing our educational needs, maintaining our traditions and culture, not forgetting from where we came, and taking time to be reminded of that from the few true elders we

still have left.

After working in the Tribe for nearly the last twenty years which began in Gaming in 1983, and ended in Gaming in Dec. of 2001, I have had the opportunity to enrich myself in different areas from Program Director and Manager, Building and Developing, being involved in Marketing and Promotions, Youth Program coordinator as well as Professional Athlete. And I have taking the time to be involved with youth while coaching Pop-Warner football and Little Baseball the last ten years as well as being a responsible Father to six children.

I know I have the practical knowledge and ability to do a responsible job as **Chairman** for the People of the Seminole of Fl. I understand we are all **equal** as members and no one is above any one. We have fallen short in executing fairness amongst our people and now is “**Our Chance To Make A Positive Difference**” on May 12, 2003, I encourage everyone to go cast your vote and be heard.

Candidate for **Chairman**,
Sincerely,
Danny Tommie

William Edward Johns



The Time For Change Is Right Now

Hello, My Name is William Johns. I am running for the Tribal Chairman position. I am from the Long Hair Wind Clan, I have six children

and we resided on the Hollywood Reservation. My Parents are the Late Cecil Johns, Seminole Tribe Board President (83-87), and Alma Johns (Cherokee Tribal Member).

I am asking you for your help and support in my campaign. For over 20 years, we as Tribal Members have been put in the dark. Now is the time to turn on the lights, and just see where we are and what we are being fed.

I know every candidate is promising an increase in the Dividends. They are making you feel as if soon as that New Candidate is sworn in, that they will automatically increase our dividend ten fold. Well Tribal members, If you believe that then you are being lead down that same old path that we are trying to get away from. Look people the time for change is now! No more should we allow money to control our action or silence us!

If we keep allowing our elected officials to freely spend our money on whatever they choose, or whoever they choose "Tribal or Non-Tribal members"! Then where do we stand? We are not a bank. We are not a credit

union, and we as a tribe, do not have an endless supply of money. We need to start taking control of our spending because if we don't, we will start spending our childrens' future.

We as Tribal members have become spoiled and we have forgotten what our priorities are. We are trying to live as society dictates. We drive big expensive trucks and cars. We wear designer clothes, and we expect the Tribe to provide all of this for us. The spending must be controlled, with all this money that's supposed to be available then why don't we put it back into our programs like our Health, medical needs and housing programs cause as we grow, so will our needs for medical and housing will grow.

We need to amend or update our constitution, these bylaws were set up long ago. If we plan on moving forward, our constitution needs to be updated to keep up with our growth.

We need to start planning for the future, and stop living for today. We need to invest in ourselves, or that of our children. I am talking to young men and women from the ages of 18 - 30 years of age, If you keep letting this happen to you, You won't have a future, because the money that it takes to run a Tribe will all be gone and so will our Tribe. Now is the time to take control of what is ours. So on May 12, 2003 I am asking for your vote to be your next Chairman of the Seminole Tribe of Florida. Thank you for your support, William Johns

NOTICE

SEMINOLE TRIBAL ELECTION MAY 12, 2003

In accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Corporate Charter and Bylaws of the Seminole Tribe of Florida; Inc.; a General Election is called for the following offices on Monday, May 12, 2003. Candidates who have qualified for each office are listed.

SEMINOLE TRIBE OF FLORIDA TRIBAL COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN:

1. Andrew Bowers, Jr.
2. Mitchell Cypress
3. Wesley Guston Garcia
4. William Edward Johns
5. Josiah Alan Jumper, Sr.
6. Danny Tommie

HOLLYWOOD REPRESENTATIVE:

1. Elton Carl Baxley
2. Vivian Angela Delgado
3. Theodore S. Nelson
4. Max B. Osceola, Jr.
5. Richard Lyle Osceola
6. Edna Bowers Sharp
7. Gordan Oliver Wareham

BIG CYPRESS RESERVATION:

1. David R. Cypress
2. Jeannette B. Cypress

BRIGHTON RESERVATION:

1. Rosie J. Billie
2. Sandy Billie, Jr.
3. Donnie Gore
4. Allen Huff
5. John Wayne Huff, Sr.
6. Willie Johns
7. Wonder Johns
8. Reno A. Osceola
9. Roger Smith

SEMINOLE TRIBE OF FLORIDA, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT:

1. Richard Bowers, Jr.
2. Joel M. Frank, Sr.
3. Theresa Nunez
4. Jacob Osceola, Sr.
5. Joe Dan Osceola
6. Moses B. Osceola
7. Tony Sanchez, Jr.
8. Manuel M. Tiger

HOLLYWOOD RESERVATION

1. Mark Billie
2. Yvonne Courtney
3. David DeHass
4. Christopher Osceola

BIG CYPRESS RESERVATION:

1. Clifton L. Billie
2. Paul Bowers, Sr.
3. Mary Jean Coppedge

BRIGHTON RESERVATION:

1. John Wayne Huff, Jr.
2. Norman E. Johns
3. Johnny Jones
4. Rodney Osceola
5. Jack Smith Jr.
6. Elbert Snow

Those members voting "ABSENTEE" will be furnished upon request with ballots. If voting by mail, please request absentee ballots at once to allow enough time for ballots to be mailed to you and be returned to the Secretary/Treasurer on or before May 12, 2003. Mark your ballots at once and return them so they can be included in the count for this election. All eligible voters are requested to cast their ballots at established polling places on the three (3) reservations or by absentee ballots.

VOTING LOCATIONS:

*Hollywood Reservation:
Executive Office Auditorium, Hollywood, Florida*

*Big Cypress Reservation:
Investment Center, Big Cypress, Florida*

*Brighton Reservation:
Education Department, Brighton, Florida*

Polls will be open 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Eligible members and shareholders are urged to exercise their right to vote in this election.

Chairman (continued)

Mitchell Cypress



Mitchell Cypress For Chairman

As a candidate for Chairman of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, 2003-2007, I offer my experience of eight years as President of

Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc., Vice Chairman of the Tribal Council, and for the past eighteen months, I have assumed the day-to-day responsibilities of the Chairman's Office.

Throughout my years of political service, I have faced many community, financial and governmental (legislative) decisions. Some have been made with a heavy heart, but all of the decisions have been made to ensure the well being of the Seminole Tribe and its members.

We are experiencing an explosion of growth, expansion, and tremendous opportunity for all Tribal members. While we have made tremendous progress, with responsible leadership, our future will be even brighter.

This is a crucial time for the Seminole Tribe of Florida, it is critical to elect a Chairman whose experience affords him knowledge of all Tribal

departments and enterprises.

A Chairman who makes decisions with input from the Tribal Council and is motivated by true love for his people . . .

I, Mitchell Cypress, am and will be, such a Chairman.

Political Accomplishments

Review of Tribal Businesses

Along with the Board of Directors, formal criteria has been established to periodically review tribal businesses enabling the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. to make a dividend distribution for the past 2 years to its Shareholders.

Investment Profitability

New threshold of 25% has been established as the minimum rate of return for new tribal investments.

Discontinuation of Businesses

Tribal departments and businesses, which have not performed, have been discontinued.

Reorganization of Tribal Gaming Department

Initiated representation for non-residents so they could receive their rightful benefits.

Have helped create a fun and lively environment to promote healthy living for Senior Citizens on all reservations.

Political Goals

I will revitalize the Chairman's Office with a focused commitment toward servicing all Tribal members, residents and non-residents

I will continue to seek qualified individuals for key positions so that Tribal members may learn from top industry professionals. Tribal members will continue to take over these departments, enterprises and operations.

I will continue to work with the Tribal Council on all projects. (No secret projects or major investments without Council approval.)

Governmental integrity is essential, the Chairman's office will work with the Tribal Council to ensure that there are checks and balances in the system once again. I will dedicate my term to establishing trust with the people of the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

At this time, the Tribe is in need of a Chairman who will provide stability and fiscal responsibility, and of equal importance, to ensure prosperity for future generations. As Chairman, I can provide these things and will settle for nothing less than the best for the people I serve.

Vote Mitchell Cypress For Chairman

Hollywood Representative

Max B. Osceola, Jr.



Hi, my name is Max B. Osceola Jr. and I am announcing my candidacy for the Hollywood Council Representative. It has been an honor and privilege to serve you as your Council

Representative for the last two year term. I am asking you to vote for me on May 12, 2003 to continue the progress and prosperity that we have achieved by working together. To earn your vote I will go over my education and work history which will show that I am qualified for your vote in the upcoming election.

Education

Stirling Elementary	Hollywood, Florida	Grades 1-6
1956-1962		
Driftwood Junior High	Hollywood, Florida	Grades 7-9
1962-1965		
McArthur High	Hollywood, Florida	Grades 10-12
1965-1968		
University of Tampa	Tampa, Florida	Attended
1968-1969		
N.E.O.A.M. Junior College	Miami, Oklahoma	Attended
1969-1970		
Broward Junior College	Davie, Florida	Associates of Arts Degree

Liberal Arts

1970-1972		
University of Miami	Coral Gables, Florida	Bachelor of Arts Degree

Political Science

1972-1974

Work History

After College I worked in the education department for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Seminole Agency from 1974-1976. I then accepted the position as Education Director for the Seminole Tribe of Florida from 1976-1978. For the next four years, 1978-1982, I worked as the Administrative Officer for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Seminole Agency in Hollywood, Florida. During my tenure I served as Acting

Superintendent and approved the first lease for the tribe which started Seminole Bingo on the Hollywood Reservation. Since 1982 I have been involved in private business. In May of 1985 I was first elected to the office of Hollywood Council Representative. It has been a privilege to serve the Hollywood Reservation and the Seminole Tribe of Florida in this position for the last 18 years.

Now that you know my education and work history I would like to explain what I stand for. As your Councilman I have worked to improve the HEALTH, EDUCATION and PROSPERITY of the Seminole Tribe of Florida. Many Health related programs have been established and funded through the Tribal Council budget. Everything from a Pediatrician for your children to a new Senior Center has been provided. Programs have been started to provide proper Health care and nutrition to maintain a healthy lifestyle for all tribal members.

Since the Tribe adopted a formal Constitution in 1957 EDUCATION has been the number one priority. Our Elders knew that for the Tribe to go forward and succeed our children will need to receive the best education possible. To that end the Council has established funding for students to attend private schools, so they can be prepared for higher education upon High School Graduation. Seminole students receive 100% scholarships to attend any College or University of their choice. These scholarships include any tuition, books, fees, housing and subsistence. I have established an additional scholarship for Hollywood resident students to help them complete their educational goals.

The direct impact for Tribal members has been the approval of revenue sharing for tribal members in the form of a monthly income, which is a result of the Seminole Tribe of Florida's PROSPERITY through economic businesses. We are entering into a new era of gaming that will allow us to double our income by the construction of the new Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Tampa and Hollywood. During a budget meeting the late Fred Smith asked the council if we could increase the revenue sharing for tribal members to \$1,000 for the month of December. At that meeting I

suggested we increase it to \$1,000 per month, and that was the beginning of the monthly income we all receive today. We have been able to raise that amount to the current figure and with the expected increase of income from our new venture we will INCREASE the monthly income.

Another element of our prosperity is HOUSING. We have purchased land that was formerly the Oasis Truck Stop and will develop that for commercial use and housing for the Hollywood Reservation. In 1955 Florida Power and Light received a 50 year easement to install High Power Tension lines through the Hollywood reservation. At that time I am sure there was plenty of undeveloped land for these lines off the Reservation, but they chose not to bother the non-Indian property owners and installed them on our land instead. Therefore I am asking the council not to renew this easement because we can establish close to 100 new home sites on the Hollywood Reservation. This will also remove a potential health hazard from our community.

During the last two years I have had numerous community meetings and have met with organizations like the PAC committee, Recreation, Health, Family Services and Police departments in addition to individual tribal members. I know that some members may have questions about our government, I am more than happy to meet and discuss any questions with anyone, anytime at anyplace. I can be reached at the following numbers and address:

Cell Phone-	(954) 647-5515
Home-	(954) 961-5469
Office-	(954) 966-6300 ext. 1414

3301 N.W. 63rd Avenue
Hollywood, FL 33024
In closing I invite you to my campaign dinner on Thursday, May 8, 2003 6:00 p.m. at the Hollywood Gymnasium. I want to thank you for all the support, encouragement and prayers that I have received during my terms as your Councilman.

Thank You,
Max B. Osceola Jr.

Hollywood Representative (continued)

Elton Carl Baxley



Hello,

Tribal members & Hollywood Residents my name is Elton Carl Baxley. I am a candidate for the Hollywood Tribal Council Representative. Most of you know me as “Carl”. In the past I have served as the

Hollywood Board Representative for the total of 8 years. With your strong support and efforts during that time, we were able to make a lot of changes for the Tribe and the Hollywood Community. Together we can make it happen. Let us bring back fairness & equality for all tribal

members!

I hope this information helps you make the right choice on Election Day!

Vote for Elton Carl Baxley for Hollywood Tribal Council Representative.

Gordon Oliver Wareham



Hello,

My name is Gordon Oliver Wareham and I am running for the Hollywood Council Representative. I am 31 years old and a member of the Panther Clan. I graduated from Broward Community College with a degree in Business Administration which includes courses in accounting, economics and beginning business law, but I also took courses in state and local government, national government, computers, and American History. For over 10 years I worked for the Seminole Housing Administration as

a data processor and billing clerk. Now, I am working as a consultant for the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki museum as a photographer and video camera operator, documenting the museum events and video taping the oral history of our elders.

Dividends have become one of the major issues that have been brought up during this election, mainly about the amount and whether there should be an increase. Until the casino in Tampa and Hollywood are built, and operating and the loans are being paid can we be sure that an increase in dividends will not have a negative effect on important programs like health care, housing, and education. Because so many of us rely on the dividends to pay bills, food, and clothing we should never be threatened

or worry about the dividends being taken away. That is why the Council should be working with the Board in finding new businesses and investments.

Health care, housing, education, culture, and senior programs are the major responsibility of the Council. New business and investments belong under the Board. The dialogue between Council and Board needs to be improved so the tribal members can get the full benefits from both originations.

My campaign dinner will be held at the Hollywood Gym on May 6, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. Together, we can improve our government and community. Thank you.

Brighton Representative

Johnny Wayne Huff, Sr.



Sandy Billie, Jr.



Estonko!

My name is Sandy Billie Jr. I am a member of the Panther Clan and I am running for the seat of Council for the Brighton Community. My intentions for running are to improve our community with businesses, respect, and honesty to the community members. I am a very fair, honest man. I would like to see better com-

munication with the community members. I will be available to the community members 24/7. Just look for the John Deer Tractor. My five main issues will be elders, education, allocations, dividends, and business. In order for us to move on, I will need your vote and support. My campaign dinners for Tampa will be Saturday, May 3 from

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Brighton will be Sunday, May 4 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. So come out and express your opinions. Representative—based on, or constituting a government in which many are represented by person chosen from among them usually by election. Mvto! Sandy Billie Jr.

Wonder Johns

Working together for community

The Brighton community needs a leader with a vision for the future as well as a leader who cares about both the physical and spiritual needs of the residents. It is time to put our resources back into our community. We need to have more developments because Brighton has fallen behind the other reservations. This commu-

nity needs a leader who is concerned with the needs of all ages as well as a leader who feels that both residential and non-residential members should be treated equal and both should benefit from the allocation funds as well as understands why non-residents may need to move closer to town. We also need a leader who is interested in helping Tribal members start their own new business-

es in the community and will delegate responsibilities to responsible members.

Always remember to credit God for all our resources and accomplishments. If you help me I will help you. May God continue to bless you & our community.

Pastor
Wonder Johns



Allen Huff



I, Allen Davis Huff, am announcing my candidacy for Council Representative for the Brighton and Tampa communities.

My agenda will include my past experiences as well as what I can do for you as your representative in the future. Dates and times for campaign dinners will be announced to answer any and all questions about our future together.

I'm also a single parent with three children; one working as Manager

Reno A. Osceola

Well, it's that time of the year again, when we as individuals can exercise our Rights as community Tribal members to vote for the person you think is the most qualified to be your Council Representative.

I, Reno Osceola, feel that I am fully capable of filling this position. I have been a lifelong resident of this community. I've seen the changes we've had through two administrations and I believe that we still have a ways to go before we can all be satisfied as a community and individuals.

I feel that I can talk and work

with all community members, any age, male or female, whether it's addressing issues as a group or individual. I think that we should be able to count on our Representative to keep us fully informed and updated on the issues concerning our Reservation and our Tribe.

Over the last couple of years, I have been involved in several business ventures that were profitable but due to lack of support from Community Leaders they were just brushed off. Right now, I have two eighteen yard dump trucks that work in Big Cypress, and have been for the past year and a

half.

I have coached the kids T-ball teams in Moore Haven for the past couple of years. I've played on various community teams: softball, football and basketball and participate in rodeos throughout the Tribal communities.



Roger Smith



Stonko- My name is Roger Smith, son of Jack Smith Sr. and the late Leona Smith. I am seeking the seat of the Brighton/Tampa Council Representative.

I am a member of the Bird clan, have been married for 29 years, 4 daughters, 9 grandchildren of the Panther clan. I have lived on the Brighton reservation all my life.

I served 4 years on the Board of Directors for the Brighton Community from 1995 to 1998. As the representative, I helped push issues that others neglected to do in the past, that were accomplished. I am also a cattle owner and have held the position of the Cattle Committee Chairman.

If elected, I will hear and voice the concerns of the members and keep the community members informed of issues that are taking place within the tribe with community meetings.

Some areas of concerns are:

- Better communication with the community and programs, so that

we can see what the needs of the Brighton and Tampa Reservations are.

- To see that the community members are treated equally.
- Job opportunities for our tribal members. I would like to work on educating our people with Technical education assistance, so that they can become self-sufficient for those that want to get the training.

I will do all that I can to see that these issues are accomplished.

Make your vote count, come out and vote.

Mvto.

Richard Lyle Osceola



Recognize

Hello. For those of you who may not know me, my name is Richard Lyle Osceola. I was born and raised here on the Hollywood reservation and I belong

to the Panther Clan.

I'm writing this letter to inform you, the Hollywood community, that I will be seeking office this term for Hollywood Council Representative.

I'm not here to talk about who's right or wrong. I'm here because I believe in giving the power back to

you, not to monopolize. I'm looking toward unifying our people to better our tribe.

One of my ideas is to motivate the young adults to interact with and learn from our Seniors about how important it is to preserve our culture. They are the future of our tribe and I would like to see them be more involved with our self-government.

I could ramble on about changing this or that but I would rather not talk or write about it.

On May 12, 2003, let's walk the walk and talk the talk. Please vote for yourself by voting for me.

Yours Truly,
Richard Lyle Osceola
In Red We Trust

Vivian Angela Delgado

Dear Seminole Tribal Members,

My name is Vivian A. Delgado. I am announcing my campaign to run for the position of Hollywood Council Representative.

My first and foremost concern is that every tribal member's voice and concerns are heard.

As a community, I feel we can work together on our ideas and concerns, such as Health, Drugs and Alcohol Abuse, and Education. These

are a few of my concerns for the community.

I am willing to work for you and do my best for the Seminole Tribe.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,
Vivian A. Delgado



Theodore S. Nelson



Theodore Scott (Teddy) Nelson

OBJECTIVE: Hollywood Tribal Council Representative
QUALIFICATIONS: Long Time Resident, Stability, Accessible, Commitment, Experienced, Fair-Mindedness, Accountable, Informed, Focused, Will Work With You.
EDUCATION: Bachelors Degree in Social Work, 1995, Union Institute Masters Degree in Social Work, 1997, Barry University

Ph.D Candidate, 2000 to present, Barry University
Licensed Clinical Social Worker, State of Florida
EMPLOYMENT: 2001-2003 Clinical Administrator, Alternate Family Care, Inc.
2002-2003 Youth Emergency Services Clinician, Henderson
Mental Health
Henderson Mental Health, Internship, Walk In Counselor and Mobile Crisis Clinician
Education Counselor, Hollywood Reservation
Owner/Operator Seminole Smokes
1977-1978 Alligator Wrestler, Okalee Indian Village

Edna Bowers Sharp



Big Cypress Representative



David R. Cypress

Jeanette B. Cypress

Dear Tribal Members:

I would like to take a moment of your time to introduce myself as I will be running for the Big Cypress Council Representative position during the upcoming election. My name is Jeanette B. Cypress and I have resided on the Big Cypress Reservation most of my life. Big Cypress is such a close-knit community that I'm sure that most community members know me and the values I possess, but please let me take a moment to put them in writing.

First of all, I feel that I have been a mother most of my life, not only to my children, but to any child I felt that needed someone to be there for them. I guess that's why I have deep concerns for all our children as they possess the future of us all because our Seminole blood is eternal through them. Therefore, I have been an active member of the Higher Education Committee, Seminole Princess Committee, Youth Conference Committee, Youth Career Conference Committee, Public School Parent Advisory Committee, Ahfachkee Parent Advisory Committee, and I serve as the Vice President of the Education Advisory Board. I realize that our Tribe and the society we live in has changed so much that our children need to take advantage of every opportunity that lies before them so that they will be prepared to take on any obstacle they may face. When I say our children I don't hold my own children exempt from those expectations, I have always stressed to my children to get an education and to learn from the mistakes I have made. I myself have taken the opportunity to attend college and I have graduated from high school 6 of the 8 children I have raised and gave them two options: college or work.

Not only do I believe in a formal education, but I believe in preserving our traditions and culture because without them we are no longer the 'Unconquered Seminoles' and we need to remember the adversity our ancestors

overcame to bring us to where we are today. I have been involved with archiving and filming some of our traditions as well as teaching interested members what traditions I know so that they may pass it down. I am also a member of the Save Our Language Committee and other language projects because our language is an important aspect of our culture.

As for our concerns with tribal policies and the problems we face as a Tribe, I am confident that I can help steer us back to a common unified goal. If elected I am your Voice, therefore, your concerns will be a priority. I don't want to be a prosperous Tribe for the next two years, but a long time to come. The welfare of our Tribe depends on decisions we make now and the values we instill in our children as well as the example we exemplify. I believe that the Council position can be used as a tool to make so many positive changes to ensure a productive future and that I have worked 20 years at a local level in the community as well as the Tribal Administration. Therefore, I am ready to take a step up where I feel I can make a significant difference for the community, because I am not above volunteering my own time to see that things get done.

In closing, I would like to express the importance of casting your vote on May 12, 2003. Whether you vote for me or another candidate of your choice, remember that the decisions you make now affect the future of your Tribe and that the biggest mistake you can make is to not vote, because **No Vote = No Voice.**

Thank You For Your Time
Jeanette B. Cypress
For
Big Cypress Council Representative



Donnie Gore



Hello, My name is Donnie Wayne Gore. I am a candidate for the office of Brighton Council Representative. I am also a Panther Clan members and have been a life-long resident of the Brighton

Reservation. First and foremost, if elected I feel that our elders need to be taken care of. I feel that the children should be next with health and education. Education is my biggest concern. If elected, there will be a positive change for all Tribal members and your voice will be heard! Your vote counts on May 12, 2003 and be heard.

Rosie J. Billie

To All Brighton Reservation Voters I am Rosie J. Billie and I am seeking to get elected to the position of Brighton Council Representative. I have served as your representative before and am asking for your support and your vote to be allowed to serve in that position again. I promise fair representation to all Brighton Community members and will strive to increase your monthly revenue amount. I know that the financial affairs have changed for the Tribe since I was in office and I would like the chance to work for you in better management and to keep a better watch on

expenditure of the Tribal funds. I feel that I am qualified, and willing, to serve in the Brighton Council Representative position. I will establish an office which will be open to each of you at all times to discuss any Tribal matters of concern, as well as any personal concerns or needs. Thank you for your vote for Rosie J. Billie for Brighton Council Representative.



I am WILLIE JOHNS, age 52. I belong to the Panther Clan, and I am fluent in the Cow Creek language. I graduated from Moore Haven High School in 1971 and received my B.S. in history at Palm Beach Atlantic College. I am presently employed by the Seminole Tribe of Florida in the Culture Department and serve on the Economic Development Council Board of Glades County. I am running for the office of Tribal Council on the Brighton Reservation. I believe in giving the people back their rights to govern themselves on the local reservation and I be their representative at the Tribal Council Meetings. I plan on having community meetings on a regular basis in order to keep Tribal Members informed on issues and developments. I feel it is important to establish an open line of communication between the community and their representative. What are the issues of a reservation?

Willie Johns

We need to establish, as a community, a more fair and equal distribution of community allocations. The Constitution and By Laws need to be brought up to date. Our election needs to be reorganized. I feel there needs to be a local run-off election and term limits to each office. The Constitution and By Laws should be for the people, by the people, not for the elected few to read and misinterpret. We have a very good Education Department, however, our community needs to become involved and encourage our students to complete their education rather than drop out. Health Department -The community needs to be more aware of the diseases that attack our people such as diabetes, heart disease, and weight issues. Police & Fire Rescue - The community needs to start a Crime Watch Program. We need to report suspicious activities and become more involved with our police in protecting others property. The Culture Program and the Save Our Language Program are trying to preserve our language, but they need the support of our community as well.

They also need financial funding to make sure this program can exist for future generations. Housing Program - Housing is a problem for our people. I was informed that we have a need for one hundred homes. I plan to address this issue with high priority. Highway 721 - I would like to address the issue of the 60 mph speed limit that has been authorized upon the completion of repairs on Highway 721. We all know it is too dangerous to be driving through our community at this rate of speed. I support the Golf Course Development. It will create jobs, provide entertainment, and provide revenue for our community. These are a few programs our community can get involved with, so we can help secure our future and the future of generations to follow. The Tribe needs each one of you to make a difference in this election by voting for the candidate of your choice. Check them all out, listen to them, weigh out the pros and cons, and if you support my ideas, vote WILLIE JOHNS on May 12th for BRIGHTON TRIBAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE.

Board of Directors Candidates

President

Joe Dan Osceola

"VOTE FOR OUR FUTURE" ELECT JOE DAN OSCEOLA FOR PRESIDENT OF THE SEMINOLE TRIBE OF FLORIDA INC. VOTE - MAY 12, 2003 Experienced Leadership and Successful Businessman (Owned and Operated Family businesses over 20 years) Economic Development "I will promote putting aside the petty politics and encourage the tribal council and board to participate in a process that focuses on solutions. Increase Dividends (achieved through accountability of gaming funds) \$5,000 per month per capita. Sovereignty ("I have always been a strong advocate for Sovereignty. We must always stand together to Protect and promote our sovereignty. We must always be aggressive in the protection of our rights, and I will Work with Congress and the federal Government to develop sound Policies concerning tribal issues before they become court cases. Protect and preserve the welfare of our Tribe through self-sufficiency")

Youth "what we do today will determine where our children will be tomorrow" Fiscal Accountability "where are our tribal MONIES spent" Strong Family and Traditional Values (Speaks both Creek and Miccosukee) Advocate for Education (we need to get our children the help they need) Enhance Senior Citizens Program (increased crafts, culture and activities) Accessibility to President's Office 24-hour accessibility by establishing a nationwide 800 number because your problems do not stop at 5:00 p.m. Please come to my campaign dinners on the following dates: Naples Sunday-May 4th @ 5:00 p.m. Big Cypress Monday-May 5th @ 6:00 p.m. Immokalee Tuesday-May 6th @ 6:00 p.m. Miccosukee Wednesday-May 7th @ 6:00 p.m. Hollywood Friday-May 9th @ 6:00 p.m.



Che Hun Ta Mo Tribal Member, My name is Manuel Mondo Tiger and I would like to take a moment and introduce myself. I am running for Tribal President. I was born and raised in Big Cypress Reservation. I left at the age of 12 to go to school at Seneca in Oklahoma, from there I attended school at Sequoyah High School in Oklahoma and finished my education at OSU. I have spent all of my adult life in the construction business in some form or another. Some of that time owning and operating my own business. I returned home to Big Cypress 11 years ago and got into the cattle program hoping to improve the program by introducing the Tribe to Black Brangus cattle. Since then, the Tribe has changed the cattle from Beefmasters to Black Brangus cattle and are now well on their way to being one of the leading Black Brangus breeders in the country. I also teamed together with

Manuel M. Tiger

Tribal Council to start Blue Top Construction for the Tribe. I was Director for 6 years. In building the company my main goal was to employ and train Tribal members in all aspects of construction, from office work to the actual land development and building of structures. We earned a very good reputation all over southern Florida. I served two terms as Big Cypress Board Representative, and in doing so made many community changes, and brought many business opportunities to the Board. Many were voted down by co-Boards men and our current President. My goal as your President is to do my part to help bring the Board out of the dark ages and bring profitable businesses to the Board. I am also very education oriented. I strongly believe in the education of our children and our adults. I will do everything in my power to encourage our children to stay in school and also encourage our adults to

always continue their education. I am sure you are aware of the troubles that our Tribe has been experiencing lately. I would like to ask for your vote in an effort to help remove the current administration and to see if we as our own governing body can put our government back together with people working to improve all of our futures. I would like to thank you for your very valuable time and your much needed vote, to help our Tribe move to a much needed change for the better. And a future that I hope will bring a Board that will prosper as much or more than our Council. Thank you, Manuel Mondo Tiger



Moses B. Osceola



Hello. My name is Moses B. Osceola; many of you know me as "Moke". I'd like to take this opportunity to let you know that I am a candidate for the Office of the President of The Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. I am a member of the Bird Clan; my parents are Maggie and the late Jack Osceola. I reside on the Hollywood Reservation. I am a graduate of Florida International University, Miami, Florida, with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Business Administration, with a major in Management. My studies Included Business Law, Accounting, Real Estate, Statistics, Operations Management, Psychology, Business and Technical Writing, Economics, and Accounting for Management Control. I am a member of the First Seminole Indian Baptist Church of Hollywood, and help with the Miccosukee area Indian Trail Baptist Chapel. I enjoy sports of all kinds including bowling, pool, basketball, softball, and football; I also enjoy reading, t.v. documentaries, and Internet researching. I also do a lot of deep sea fishing, and enjoy family, friends, fellowship, and travel. I have also served in the United States Marine Corps with overseas duty in the Caribbean and Latin America. I have worked for our Tribe in various departments and am currently employed as Director for The Employment Assistance and Training program. I have also owned and operated my own businesses including a tobacco shop, and full service c-stores with gas sales. I currently operate a mail order Seminole/Native American arts, crafts, and clothing business including family clans and other original logos which are available in printed, or embroidered form. I am in the process of developing a website for Internet sales of my merchandise. The operation of these businesses has resulted in much experience in planning to the development of those businesses to operational status in accordance with business plans. Planning, as many of you know, includes sales, income, operating expenses, net profits, etc., for sound and successful business management. I continue to educate myself in Tribal sovereignty, gaming regulations, and tax issues affecting our Tribe so that the most advantageous positions for our Tribe can be promoted

in business deals and agreements. I understand and fully support individual business ownership. Having experience in Tribal employment and private business has allowed me to gain valuable insight into what it takes to serve our people, and to obtain success in the business area. Not everything I've tried has resulted in success, and I have learned from my mistakes what to avoid, and what to do better, this will help me to do my best for our Tribe. I am prepared to help the Board of Directors continue its mission of economic development and management of existing corporate businesses. This means recognition of new opportunities and bringing them on line as soon as possible! I am prepared to develop new businesses immediately; one will be a convenience store with gas sales system for the Brighton, Big Cypress, Immokalee, and Hollywood Reservations; another will be the purchase of a wholesale gaming supplies operation that presently sells to all the gaming operations in the State of Florida including casino boats, dogtracks, horse-tracks, and other betting businesses. This business can then be expanded to wholesale to all gaming operations in the U.S., both Indian, and non-Indian. A facet of this business involves the production of gaming table covers, or "layouts" by computer and printers; this will allow our artists, and other creative Individuals to use their artistic, and computer skills in the design and production of these layouts. New jobs will be created from these new ventures. I would also like to see the Board cattle operation expanded into one of the biggest herd operations since it benefits all Tribal members! Another business that must be revived is the arts and crafts business of our people; we are the only ones who make Seminole designwork and it is recognized all over the world as an exclusive art of our Tribe. Those who sell our crafts are well aware of the demand for them but these crafts need to be properly marketed and production encouraged! The Board will be operating a store in the new casino complex, and it has to be stocked with merchandise-so, artisans get ready! Your merchandise will be sold in the store, at special events across the country, and on the Internet! Seminole clothing, artwork, woodwork, dolls, beadwork, and other products will be needed on a regular basis! I have experience with this business, know the sales potential of our crafts, and am prepared to promote it. Existing businesses will be examined for profitability, and any that are marginal will be reviewed for continuance. Any successful business

operation calls for reduction of operating expenses and maximum production in the form of sales, and net profits. I am prepared to work long and hard for our Tribe to insure that our Board businesses are successful so that our Tribal members can be proud of it as well as benefit from it in the form of dividends! All business opportunities must be looked at for investment and development, and we must keep an open mind. Real estate projects, buying existing businesses, developing Internet web sites for sales of Board products, improving existing Board enterprises for maximum profitability, and development of goals and objectives must be incorporated in order to achieve the best results for the Board. As a Vice-Chairman of the Tribal Council, I will work to resolve many issues such as housing needs, especially in Hollywood, Ft. Pierce, and Tampa; if new land is required, we need to move to meet the needs of our people! Non-residency status and services, and the delivery of services in general need to be improved. I will work to eliminate the current system of Tribal member access to the Hollywood headquarters building-it needs to be re-oriented to a user-friendly facility for our people so that they will feel welcome! I would like to see dividends increased, marginal businesses discontinued, money saved wherever possible, and a Tribal savings-investment account established so that if gaming is ever lost, our Tribe would have a cash reserve to operate on. I am also prepared to promote the development of a new gaming operation; there is a city in Dade County that wants our Tribe to establish an operation there, the city is prepared to provide roads, water, and other services including support for the Federalization of lands for this purpose. The city has already issued a letter of support, and several of our sitting Representatives have already met with city officials including the Mayor. This is an opportunity that should not be lost, and I refuse to let it fall by the wayside since it would greatly improve our cash flow and benefits! I believe in strong leadership and am ready to deliver that for the benefit of our people; I know that there are many other issues that concern our people, and I will work hard to resolve them for you. I hope that you will consider voting for me on May 12, to be your next President of The Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. I consider it an honor to serve our Tribe! If you have any questions, call me anytime at 954-294-5247. Thank you and God bless you.

Theresa Nunez



Our ancestors set the path, our elders followed the path and opened more paths. It is time now for the younger people to make new paths and continue the journey. Hello, I am Theresa Nunez, daughter of Alice Johns Sweat, granddaughter of late Barfield Johns and

Julia Billie and I am a member of the Panther Clan. I am running for President so that I can help improve the financial future of our Seminole Tribe and the well-being of our people. I ask for your vote on May 12, 2003. Thank You For Your Support, Theresa

Richard Bowers

Richard Bowers Candidate for President Greetings, Seminole Tribal Members, My name is Richard Bowers and I am seeking votes for the position of President for the Seminole Tribe of Florida Inc. My father and mother are Dick Bowers of Brighton and Marion Cypress Bowers who is originally from Big Cypress. I am of the Panther Clan and a full blooded Seminole. My Grand Parents are Eli and Lena Morgan of Brighton and Wilson and Ruby Cypress of Big Cypress. I grew up on the Brighton Reservation also I lived on the Hollywood Reservation. In the last twenty years, I have resided on the Big Cypress Reservation. I have been an Alligator Wrestler, a Cowboy, Professional Fire Fighter and Bingo Hall Manager. But in the past 10 years I have been employed by the Seminole Tribe of Florida Inc. in the Tribes Natural Resource Department. I have gained experience in all aspects of Tribal Government. Also I am proud to represent & serve as delegate for Seminole Tribe as a member in the Intertribal Agriculture Council (I.A.C.) for the past 6 years. I.A.C. is a national organization with different Indian Tribes as members from across the United States. With the support of the current President and Board of Directors of the Seminole Tribe, I was elected President

in 1999 of I.A.C. as I still serve in that capacity today. Also in the last 9 years I have been the Big Cypress Cattle Committee Chairman. I believe the Seminole Tribe of Florida Inc. have taken steps in the right direction by providing share holders with dividends during the Christmas holidays. If elected I will continue to distribute dividends as often as we can to you the share holders. I would be proud to serve you as your President, which I will focus on these three main concerns; First: Distribute more dividends. Second: Creating more businesses that generate money towards our Economic Stability for our tribe. Third: Preserving and Maintaining our Seminole Culture and Lands. These are only a few of my priorities as there are many to lead our tribe towards Economic Stability. Thank You, for the opportunity to run for President of Seminole Tribe of Florida Inc. I will be seeking your support and please vote. Candidate for President, Richard Bowers. THE BEST IS YET TO COME.



Joel M. Frank. Sr.



President (continued)

CAMPAIGN PLATFORM
Jacob Osceola

My name is Jacob Osceola and I ask for your support as I run for President of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. ("The Board"). I believe that the Board should be taking a more proactive approach in increasing the economic opportunities available to both it and the Tribal membership. Seeking out and developing these opportunities requires both governmental and business skills which I believe I possess and can apply on your behalf as the result of my prior experiences on the Tribal Council; as a past manager of Tribal programs; and as a cattle and smoke shop owner. The opportunities that are available can be found by expanding upon what we already have; by seeking new opportunities; and doing so in a way that is both responsive to you and financially responsible. Among the items that I seek to promote are:

Jacob Osceola, Sr.

- Vertically integrate the cattle operation: Currently, participants in the cattle program occupy the bottom steps of the economic ladder. We simply raise cattle and sell the same to the feed lots, who in turn sell the cattle to the slaughterhouses, each of which make a higher profit than we do. The Board should explore the opportunity of acquiring its own feed lot so as to increase the profits available to it and the membership.
- Vertically integrate the citrus program: Currently, the Board only grows the citrus products. Others pack and sell it, taking away from the profits that can be made. We have the facilities on the reservations to pack and sell on our own, and we should do so.
- Cigarettes: The Board's profit from cigarettes is limited by supply and demand. We need to increase the demand for the product in order to increase the revenue available to the membership. This can be accomplished by reducing the price by which the

Board sells the cigarettes to the retailers. The retail operators can then reduce the price of the cigarettes, which in turn should attract more customers from the surrounding areas to the smoke shops. By increasing the demand, we can increase the revenue available to the membership.

4. Accountability: The Board serves the Tribal membership. The Board should operate in a manner which efficiency serves and responds to your needs as well as being financially responsible to you. I intend to make sure that happens.

It is my goal to explore these opportunities to increase the opportunities available to you, and to do so in an efficient manner. Please vote for me on May 12th.



Tony Sanchez, Jr.

Dear tribal voter:
Do you want a president that will be accessible to you? Do you feel it is time for a sweeping change in your board? Do you think it is time to have a board leader that has proven business knowledge and experience?
Would you like to know on a monthly basis what your board is doing for you? Do you feel that the board should pursue projects that insure the economic viability of the tribe?
Do you want leadership that represents you and all tribal members rather than a select few and who has the good of the tribe at heart without personal gain or motivation??
Do you want a board leader who as council vice chairman will be concerned about and will take action on workable programs such as;
• small business counseling
• co-partnerships with tribal business owners
• youth career paths and intern programs

- elderly care
 - education
 - preservation of our culture • rehabilitation
 - health care
 - youth counseling
- Experience
• casino general manager
immokalee, 4 years
• tribal gaming commission administrator/director, 3 years
• immokalee reservation sports youth director, 2 years
• total tribal employment, 19 years
• graduated from st. Edwards university, 1982
Do you want a board president that really listens and will take firm action on your concerns?
I care about all of the above and want to be your voice on your board.
If you share my views and you are ready for positive leadership please cast your ballot for me as board president.



Hollywood Reservation

David DeHass



Hello, I am David D. DeHass, I am the Hollywood Board Representative and I am from the Panther Clan. My mother is Frances T. Tigertail.

The past year and a half, I have been working for people and the Seminole Tribe. I attended high school at Cooper City High and received my GED from Nove Adult Education Program in 1998.

I am currently working for the Hollywood Recreation Program as Manager for the Horse Club and Rodeo

Team. In addition, I am the Director of Bull Riding for the Florida Junior Rodeo Association.

Prior to becoming a Board Representative and working for the Tribe, I worked for 20 years in roofing construction work in various states and countries.

As the Hollywood Board Representative, I have implemented the Secretarial Election for the Charter; Board Dividends/per capita; new storage facility; more community meetings.

I also successfully worked with the Hollywood Council Representative and Tribal members on the Architect design plan for the new Hard

Rock/Casino to ensure that the Okalee Village and Museum were included.

I am currently working with the Hollywood Council Representative on the Florida Power & Light for a lease for usage of land.

Lastly, I have been involved with the two Hollywood Youth Conferences for our community. I have been working hard for the Hollywood Community and I will continue to work harder for people and the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. I appreciate the opportunity to work for the people.

I need your vote to keep working.

Christopher Osceola

Hello,

My name is Christopher Osceola. I am 34 years old and a Hollywood community member all of my life. I am currently the Director of Security for the Hollywood Casino and I do have a lot of management experience. I

will be seeking the office for the Hollywood Board Representative. I feel I will bring a lot of much needed energy and motivation to the position. I also feel, as a Hollywood community member, that a change is much needed which is why I am seeking office,

however, I cannot do this without your support. I promise you, the Hollywood community, that the job can be done better and will be done better if you vote for me.

Thank you for your consideration.



Mark Billie



Greetings Seminole Tribal Members. My name is Mark Billie and I am announcing my candidacy for the office of the Hollywood Board Representative. I am very proud to be a full blooded Seminole and a member of the Panther Clan. I was born in Broward County and as a child lived on the Brighton reservation and grew up on the Hollywood rez. I also lived in Tampa for ten years and am familiar with the other Seminole communities.

I attended two years at St.

Petersburg Jr. College in Florida. Took classes in Human Services, Drug and Alcohol counseling.

Worked at Tampa Bay Academy, Treatment center for youth, and was able to work with some Seminole youth that were client there.

Worked in a detoxification center in Clearwater, Florida.

Worked at Miccosukee treatment center as a counselor.

The Seminole Tribe has come a long way and I feel that under good leadership we can move forward and further in the business world and more importantly, grow as a Seminole People. I mentioned leadership because that is

what my idea of what a representative should be. Someone who watches out for his people, whether it is the corporation or the individual's and the environment that they live in. The board has a different role than the council, but as your board rep. I will push for the safety of our community as well as seeking to invest in land and businesses. My time in Tampa has allowed me to experience the many opportunities outside of the Seminole Tribal perimeters. So for a new experience with your representative, vote Mark Billie on Election Day!

Thank you Sincerely

Yvonne Courtney

Yvonne Courtney for Hollywood Board Representative

I would like to encourage and challenge you to vote for a change. I am running for the position of Hollywood Board Representative for the following reasons:
To represent the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Incorporated in all aspects of businesses with dignity and wisdom.
To give equal opportunity to each tribal member to be heard and explore ideas that will benefit the tribe individually and as a whole.
To watch out for the tribe that it does not

get taken for by non-Indians and our own tribal members.
To seek new businesses to bring income to the tribe.
To seek programs for the youth that will motivate them to boost their self esteem.
To bring back the self-determination drive of those who once led the tribe under God's grace in the early 1950's.
To bring back strength in warriors and pride back for the future.
To examine the existing programs and to enhance or dismiss that, which is not profitable.
To work for and with the people, not

against them.
A sincere love for the people, to live life more abundantly and happy.

I am success oriented with high positive energy of spirituality, a positive mental attitude, and a strong sense of responsibility and self-motivation in developing programs that will enrich the lives of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Incorporated. I await your vote for a positive change.



Mary Jean Coppedge



Brighton Reservation

Rodney Osceola



Community members,

I am writing this message in support of my candidacy to the office of Brighton Board Representative. My message is this: I wish to provide equal representation to all. In my opinion, the Board Program with all its entities, seems to be heading in the right direction.

For the last two years, we have received a per capita check from the

Board. They had only been once a year, but if you recall, the Council was few and far in between when they started issuing checks to Tribal members. I wish to expand on that, it will not be easy, but nothing is. I am willing to work towards that goal. A few things in my mind are a Board-operated casino and a motel in Brighton.

The Board-operated casino, I've been told is possible. Whether it's true or not, we owe it to ourselves to check that possibility. The motel will support events at the Rodeo Arena, other tribal members who come for various ball tournaments, and all the weekend

fishermen and women who overflow Lakeport at times.

At this time, I am currently employed with the Board Program. I operate equipment at the shell pit. I have a family of seven. I have a keen interest in the future of the Seminole Tribe of Florida. As I stated earlier, I believe the Board Program is on the rise. I just want to do all I can for you, the community and our future on the Brighton Reservation.

So please, get to the polls and vote Rodney Osceola as your next Brighton Board Representative.

Norman E. Johns

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to any individuals who may not know me. My name is Norman Eric Johns, better known around Brighton as "Bubba or Eric". I am seeking the office of Brighton Board Representative. I have worked for the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. since my high school

graduation in 1993. I am currently working for the Board Programs as the Assistant Cattle Foreman/Herdsman. I am familiar with the programs that are under management of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. both on and off the Brighton Reservation. I will be making home visits to Brighton Community members in

the coming weeks. I want to share my visions for future enterprises and receive input from Community Members on what they see as current and future needs.

Thank you for your consideration as your next Brighton Board Representative.



Elbert Snow

Hello!

My name is Elbert Snow. I am a member of the Bird Clan. I am running for Board Representative of the Brighton Community.

I will seek more business opportunities for our community, open and honest communication with community members, and community meetings that really answer the questions that are asked.

My special interest are the

Seniors, Culture and Language, Education, and increased Board Dividends. With your help and support I think we can all work together to make our community a better place to live.

Thank you for your support, Elbert Snow



Johnny Jones

I am Johnny Jones and a member of the Panther Clan, son of Shule Jones and the late Ollie Jones. I have been a lifetime member of the Brighton reservation.

I will listen and be

fair and honest in addressing your concerns and dealing with issues pertaining to our reservations. I will strive to do the best that I can if elected for the Board of Directors.



John Wayne Huff, Jr.

Jack Smith, Jr.

