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Malcolm Johns from Brighton celebrated his Halloween just clownin' around at the annual Brighton carnival.

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Big Cypress Borad Representative Paul Bowers Sr. stands in one of the tribe's many citrus groves.

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Members of Billy Cypress's family gather around the portrait painted by artist Don Renner to honor Cypress' memory. The portrait will permanently hang in the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum.

Cypress Honored at American Indian Arts Celebration

By Nery Mejicano

BIG CYPRESS — On Saturday Nov. 13, during the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum American Indian Arts Festival, the late Billy Cypress was honored and recognized for his contribution to the cultural heritage of the Seminole Tribe of Florida and as a father, husband and warrior.

Cypress was executive director of the museum from 1989 until his death on April 12, 2004. Under his watch, the museum became a reality and is now one of the best American Indian Museums in the nation with a large repository of Seminole history, culture and tradition.

His contributions were many, having served in the military in North Korea and achieving the rank of major; serving as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, as Educational Officer and Specialist for the Bureau of Indian

Affairs, Tribal Coordinator for the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act as well as serving in multiple capacities throughout the state in efforts at preserving native history and culture.

Moses Jumper Jr. introduced Don Renner, an artist and long time friend of Cypress. Renner honored Cypress's memory by presenting a wonderful portrait of Cypress to his family. The portrait will be a permanent exhibit at the museum in honor of his contributions to the preservation of the Seminole Tribe of Florida history and culture through his work at the museum.

Present during the ceremony were Cypress's daughters, Sonya Cypress; Carla Cypress, and their children, his sister, Louise Osceola, Board President Moses Osceola and Museum Executive Director Tina Osceola.

Second Annual Cindy Osceola Memorial Basketball and Bowling Tournament

By Michael Kelly

HOLLYWOOD — From Nov. 4-6, the Hollywood Gym was filled with the sounds of bouncing basketballs, cheering fans, and community members paying tribute to the late Cindy Osceola. Donna Turtle, who organized the whole event, spoke of her late sister.

"She would know everybody here at the tournament," Turtle said. "She loved playing all types of sports, especially basketball."

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Osceola, Cindy and Donna's mother, was pleased that so many family, friends and participants came out in remembrance of her daughter.

A beautifully framed portrait of Cindy, painted by artist Jimmy Osceola, was hung behind the scorers table for all to see, while four proudly displayed Seminole jackets served as first place trophies.

Before the tournament, Turtle presented her mother with a glass plaque with a photograph of her late daughter. Paul Buster, who played in the legend's tournament, addressed the crowd.

"We are all here to have a wonderful evening in memory of Cindy Osceola," he said.

As the bleachers began to fill, the legend's tournament got underway. With the scent of Tiger Balm permeating the Hollywood gym, the 35 and older basketball players took the court.

Tribal citizens of all shapes and sizes, some not in the best of shape, and some even barefoot, played in the tournament. Players ran up and down the court, at least for a while. A host of spirited games lasted until after midnight, with the championship game finishing at 1 a.m.

The Hollywood recreation team took on the N-D-N's team to kick off the tournament, with the N-D-N's prevailing 40-25. Team Eric's played the team from Trail, losing 20-16.

In one of the early women's games, Trail

defeated BC 29-21 as Shirley Clay poured in four three-pointers. Beverly Alumbaugh stole the show though as she hit a miraculous three-point shot. The feisty player took the court minus her sneakers, preferring to play barefoot.

Between tournament games, a three-point and free-throw contest was held. Trail resident Alberta Huggins hit five three-pointers to lead the women's field, while Kenny Tommie poured in 10 in a 60 second span to capture the men's group.

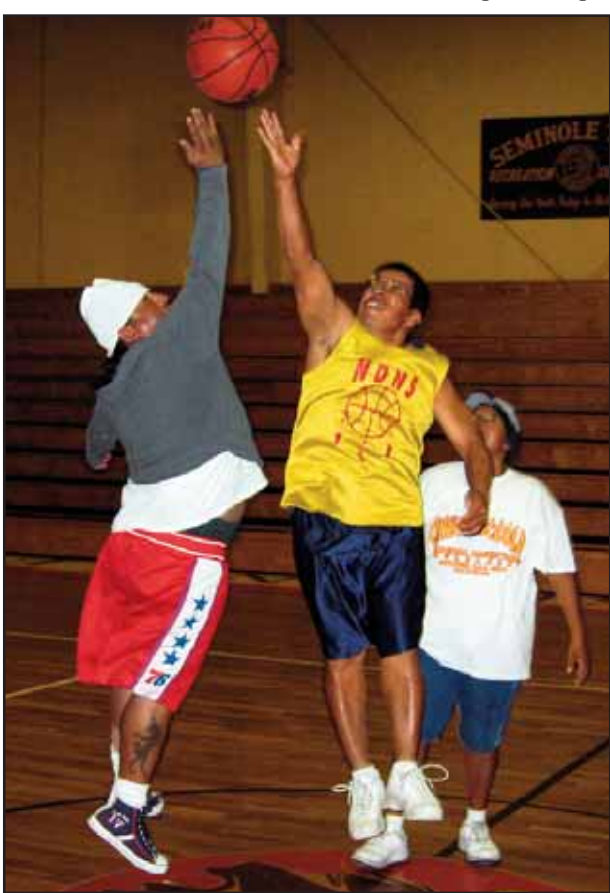
Chucky Osceola's clutch shooting earned him the title of best men's free-throw shooter and Susanne Billie won on the women's side. The sharp-shooting Billie said she has always played basketball and loves to play as much as possible.

In the men's semi-final game, the N-D-N's handed the Eric's a tough overtime loss, 29-22. In the waning moments of regulation, the N-D-N's had a chance to win it, but turned the ball over. In overtime, the N-D-N's hit key free-throws to seal the victory.

In the women's championship game, the Trail Women prevailed 20-9 over Trail. Vanessa Poole, game MVP, lead the champions scoring 11 points. In the men's championship game, Clifton Huggins led Trail to a razor thin victory over the N-D-N's, 27-25. In the second half, Trail build up a six-point lead, only to see the N-D-N's come back to tie it. In the end, key free-throws and some stingy defense earned Trail the win.

On the second day of the tournament, the youngsters took over, playing a handful of games from early morning until the evening.

President Moses Osceola spoke about Cindy before the starting tip off, saying how much her family



Michael Kelly

Richard Osceola (left) and Jeramiah Hall (right) competed in a legends league game.

Miss Seminole and Jr. Miss Seminole Attend FSU Homecoming



Iretta Tiger

The FSU homecoming king and queen walk down an isle of blaring trumpets towards Miss Seminole and Jr. Miss Seminole, who will crown them as part of the ceremony.

By Iretta Tiger

TALLAHASSEE, FL — As part of their homecoming celebrations, Florida State University (FSU) invited the reigning Seminole royalty to attend and participate. Held on Nov. 5, Miss Seminole JoJo

Osceola and Jr. Miss Seminole Krystle Young flew in to Tallahassee to represent the Seminole Tribe of Florida at the event.

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Seminoles Tour University of Miami on Native American Day

Student receives acceptance letter hand-delivered by University of Miami President Donna Shalala



Shelley Marmor

Tony Bert holds his admissions letter and packet, which UM President Shalala (left) personally delivered to him. Shortly after, Bert accepted the invitation to attend the school.

By Shelley Marmor

CORAL GABLES, FL — Wednesday Nov. 16 marked the University of Miami's (UM) Third Annual Native American Day. Native American Day coincides with American Indian and Alaskan Native Heritage Month, which occurred in August from 1990-1995, and then was moved to November in 1996.

About 20 Seminole students from various schools, including Ahfachkee, along with students from the Miccosukee Indian School participated in a campus tour from 10:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m. The buildings highlighted on the tour included: the School of

Business Administration, the Department of Theatre & Drama, the School of Law and the library.

Festivities moved to the University Center Breezeway for a luncheon. The breezeway is located next to the school's Olympic-sized swimming pool and coincidentally students from the dive team were practicing, which entertained the crowd. A second surprise came minutes later for tribal citizen Tony Bert.

Bret was approached by UM President Donna Shalala, who had an admission packet in her

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Ex-Addict Shares Her Story at Red Ribbon Fair

By Susan Etzebarria

BRIGHTON —

Billie Tiger, an alcoholism counselor at the Dunklin Memorial Church recovery program, came to the Brighton Red Ribbon Fair with a purpose. She wanted to share her story with her people about her own recovery from drug and alcohol addiction. She reminded everyone that an addict can cause so much harm because

"hurting people hurts people."

Tiger, 27, bravely stood up on the stage at the Monday Oct. 25 Red Ribbon banquet at the Brighton Casino and spoke to a large gathering. She said when she was five years old she lost her parents due to alcohol and then her brother when he was 22.

When she went off to college she really got into

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Susan Etzebarria

Alcoholism counselor Billie Tiger, 27.

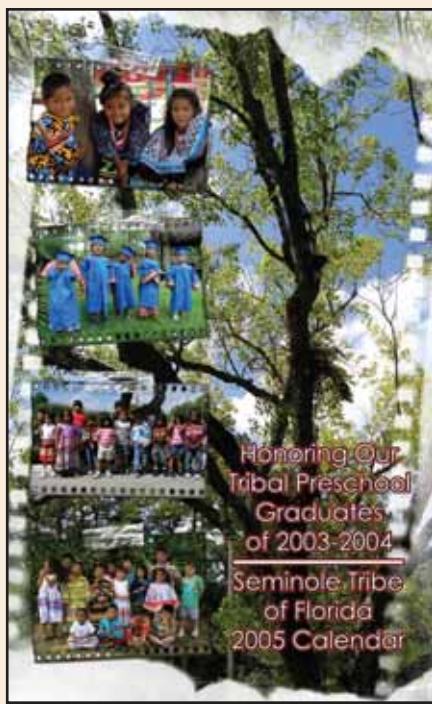
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2005 Seminole Tribal Calendar

The new 2005 Seminole Tribal Calendar is almost here! This year's theme is "Honoring Our Preschool Graduates" and showcases the 2003-2004 preschool graduates. In past calendars, Seminole elders, both men and women, were prominently featured.

Advertising space is available for approximate business card (1/16 page for \$90, 1/8 for \$180) sized ads. This may include announcements, pictures, birthdays, wedding anniversaries, Mother's Day messages, etc., and will be limited to a first come, first serve basis.

Those interested in placing ads or announcements, please contact *The Seminole Tribune* by Dec. 3, at (954) 967-3416.



Notice to Seminole Tribune Readers from the North Pole

Santa has requested *The Seminole Tribune* to publish all Christmas wishes, letters to Santa, and winter drawings from tribal citizens and employees in the Dec. 17 issue. All entries must be submitted by Dec. 6.

Be sure to include your mailing address if you would like your entry returned. Entries can be mailed to *The Seminole Tribune*, 6300

Stirling Road, Hollywood, Florida 33024 or emailed to mlucare@semtribe.com with "Seminole Christmas" in the subject line or stop by and see us and we will be happy to scan and return your entry while you wait.

For more information, please call Editor Michael Kelly at (954) 966-6300, Ext. 1267.

Seminole Paradise Grand Opening V.I.P. Extravaganza Dec. 16 to Benefit Dan Marino Foundation

HOLLYWOOD — Seminole Paradise at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Hollywood, will host a special V.I.P. charity event on Dec. 16 from 6 to 11 p.m. to benefit the Dan Marino Foundation, a non-profit organization that supports programs and intervention services for children with medical, emotional and behavioral needs. The event is part of the retail and entertainment complex's grand opening activities.

The special event will be emceed by WHYI-FM, Y-100's "Footy" and will feature a selection of fine food and spirits from Seminole Paradise's restaurants and nightclubs, a silent auction, local and national celebrities, illusionists, live Reggae and Calypso bands, comedy and more. During the event, representatives from the Seminole Tribe of Florida, The Cordish Company and the Dan Marino Foundation will cut a ceremonial ribbon, officially marking the opening of the complex. The evening will end in a spectacular animation and fireworks extravaganza.

The cost is \$50 per person and all proceeds will benefit the Dan Marino Foundation. Donations are tax-deductible.

Seminole Paradise offers 17 themed food and dining options such as Tequila Ranch, authentic Mexican cuisine complete with meandering mariachis and

a mechanical bull; Renegade Barbeque, savory Florida and Southwest favorites set in a unique American Indian environment; Tatu, a two-level Asian fusion and sushi restaurant; The Park Sports Club, a 15,000-square-foot stadium setting with 100 large-screen TVs and skyboxes; and the Bad Ass Coffee Company, one of the largest distributors of Kona coffee from Hawaii. Thirteen high-energy nightclub and entertainment venues include 88's Dueling Pianos, Jazziz Live, Pangaea, a spin-off the world-renowned celebrity ultra lounge in New York City and The Improv. Seminole Paradise's 24 distinct retail shops include Cache, Footworks, Funky Fish, Havana Shirt Company, Plantazia, Quiksilver Boardriders Club, Ritchie's Swimwear, Sunglass Hut, White House/Black Market and Xtra Lifestyle Accessories.

Located adjacent to the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, on State Road 7 (U.S. 441) north of Stirling Road in Hollywood, Seminole Paradise shops are open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For restaurants, hours of operation are from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Parking is free.

For more information and tickets, please call (954) 583-3681.

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To our Tribal members, employees and friends,

Thanksgiving is upon us once again. Let us give thanks to God for individual, as well as our Tribal blessings. I can remember when we as a people had to struggle to get by but today we enjoy a better standard of living.

Let us remember to be as safe as possible during the busy holiday season. Enjoy your family, friends and your Thanksgiving dinner.

My wish for each of you is to have a great Thanksgiving holiday. May God bless you and your family always.

Sincerely,

Moses Osceola
President/ Vice-Chairman



Thanksgiving Message from the Chairman

It's turkey time again and everyone is preparing Thanksgiving dinners for our communities. This holiday reminds us to be with our families, appreciate being with our children and just be happy spending time together.

I am thankful that I have survived and am doing well after my mishap with my Harley. I thank God for his kindness. We must say a prayer this year for all the young men and women fighting in Iraq. May they stay safe and come back home to their families soon.

We have a lot of places to go to celebrate the holiday. We can enjoy eating with our friends at church, at community dinners, have fun with the seniors at Hot Meals and most important, be with our families. We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to break bread with everyone.

From my home to your home, I wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving. This is the start of the holiday season, so remember, don't drink and drive. Let's look forward to a safe and happy holiday.

Mitchell Cypress, Chairman

Letters & E-mail

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Dear Editor,

Is bingo played at you facility?

Thanks a lot.

Gordon R. Thompson

Mr. Thompson

There is no bingo at the Seminole Hard Rock Casino & Hotel in Hollywood. Regular bingo is offered at the old Hollywood Casino and Seminole Hard Rock in Tampa. Lightning Bingo is offered at Coconut Creek and at the old Hollywood Casino.

Sincerely,
Edward Jenkins
Director of Gaming, Compliance and Regulations

Dear Editor,

My husband and I are interested in visiting the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum. We live in Lehigh Acres. Could you please give us directions to the museum from Lehigh?

Thank you,
Marilyn Samuel

Dear Ms. Samuel,

Your directions to the museum are as follows: take I-75 south to exit 49, follow 833 to the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum. Please be careful when traveling on SR 833, looking out for animals crossing.

Thank You
Shawna Trnka
Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum

Dear Editor,

Where in Alabama is the next EIRA rodeo? Is it on Thanksgiving day or Friday?

Thank you,
Melissa Metcalf
SeminoleWnd@bellsouth.net

Ms. Metcalf,
It is in Atmore, Ala., and takes place the day before Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,
Emma Brown
Education Advisor

Dear Editor,

I work with the Native American Rehabilitation Association of the Northwest, Inc. in Portland, Ore. I am interested in the newsletter you publish and was wondering if you have a program where you would be able to donate a subscription or two to our clinic.

We are a non-profit, native owned and operated agency which was started in 1970, originally as a substance abuse treatment center. We now operate a residential family treatment center, an outpatient treatment center, a family resource program and a primary health care clinic—where I work.

If you do have this type of donation program, we are interested in receiving one or two copies of your newsletter. If not, do you have a program where we could get a discount for two subscriptions for the price or one? Please let me know. I will look forward to hearing from you on this.

Sincerely,
Amelia Mainord
Clinic Manager, Native American Rehabilitation Association

Dear Editor,

I will attending a two day barrel race in Brighton and wondered if there were any hotels closer to you than Okeechobee or Lake Placid. Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,
Lisa

Dear Lisa,
Yes! At the Lakeport Lodge. Call them at (863) 946-2020.
Sincerely,
Jo Jumper, Brighton
Chairman's Assistant

Correction

Peggy Osceola was listed as museum director in "Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum, Billie Swamp Safari Exhibit Booths at NCAI Convention" from the Nov. 5 issue of *The Seminole Tribune*. She is the Development Specialist, David Blackard is the museum director, and Tina Osceola is the executive director.

Groundbreaking for New Administration Building

By Judy Weeks
IMMOKALEE — Wednesday Nov. 11 was the beginning of a new era for the Immokalee reservation. The groundbreaking took place for the long awaited Immokalee administration building on the 5.7 acres adjacent to the gym and field office.

The Tribal Council first initiated this project in the spring of 2001. It was their intention to construct a three story multipurpose facility during the first phase and allow for expansion during a second phase.

Director of Utilities Susie Kippenberger made the introductions for the ground breaking presentation and asked Reverend Salaw Hummingbird to open the ceremony with a word of prayer. After welcoming everyone, Kippenberger provided a short outline of the project.

The initial concept for the undertaking was turned over to the architectural firm of Ram Design, which completed the drawings by July 2002. Gulf Building Corporation was selected as contractor for the project and Jordan, Jones & Goulding is providing construction inspection services.

The three-story facility will encompass 28,000 square feet of air conditioned floor space. Kippenberger emphasized the fact that the complex is designed to serve as an emergency evacuation shelter for the entire community. This is a very important feature in light of the threats during the last hurricane season.

Kippenberger placed an enormous set of plans on the display table for the inspection of all interested parties. The first floor is designed to house the Hot Meals operation, senior programs and community meeting rooms. The library, cultural center, and educational counselors will occupy the second floor.

Office spaces are being designated on the third floor for the council and board liaisons, family services department, community health, housing department and conference rooms. The roof top will be equipped with a state of the art helicopter pad.

The total contract price is expected to exceed \$4.7 million, and the contract allows for 365 days to complete the construction of this enormous building.

Chairman Mitchell Cypress took the microphone and addressed the audience first in Miccosukee and then in English. He recalled how a few tribal women resided with their families in another portion of Immokalee many years ago. Eventually, a small piece of land was donated for their use and they moved to the present location of the Immokalee reservation.

From these humble beginnings more land was acquired and the Immokalee community came into existence.

“Our elders planted the seed and it produced what you see today,” Cypress said.

The chairman also expressed the importance of wearing a helmet and exercising extreme caution whenever riding a motorcycle. Referring to his recent accident, he told attendees he did not want them to “learn what I have the hard way.”

Cypress also noted the then-upcoming Veteran’s Day holiday, saying everyone should take a few minutes to acknowledge all the people who have sacrificed so much to protect and provide the U.S. Laughing, he said, “Of course, there was nothing

wrong with the country when the Indians had it.” He relinquished the microphone to Aguilar, who also spoke first in her native language and then addressed the gathering in English. She talked of the initial proposal to construct the complex which took place several years ago. She expressed her gratitude to Norita Yzaguirre, who has helped with the land use proposals and paperwork which made the whole project possible.

“When the wind comes, it will be good to be inside looking at each other,” Aguilar said. “The future holds plans for a second phase which will contain complete medical facilities, such as a clinic and dentist. We will no longer have to drive long distances for help.”

Aguilar reminisced about her move from Big Cypress in the 1960s. At that time, her mother and four other women were “squatting” on land east of Immokalee and raising their families by whatever means possible. In 1964 she moved to LaBelle, Fla. where she lived for the next 23 years before returning to Immokalee.

Meanwhile 3.8 acres of land had been donated for tribal use and additional property was later purchased. Eventually, the tribe had the property federalized and the reservation came into being and still strives today.

Board Representative Paul Bowers succeeded Aguilar at the podium where he announced,

“Today is the birthday of the Marine Corps, of which I am a proud member. This is an important day in the lives of all Americans who enjoy the freedom that our country provides.”

Bowers thanked the Gulf Building Corporation in advance for their efforts and said he knew they would do a good job on this project.

“This is a proud day for Immokalee and the Seminole



(L-R) Norita Yzaguirre, Elaine Aguilar, Joe Kippenberger, Paul Bowers, Craig Tepper, Susie Kippenberger break ground for the new building.

Judy Weeks



Representatives from the Gulf Building Corporation, architectural firm Ram Design, engineering firm Keith & Schnars, PA and site work contractors.

Judy Weeks

Tribe,” Bowers said. “Elaine and Mitchell have said it all.”

Kippenberger again took charge of the assembly and introduced President of Gulf Building Corporation John Collins, and his partner Sven Uellendahl. Kippenberger requested that the following individuals please stand as their names were called: Architect Robert McIntire of Ram Design, Ron Seibenhener of Jordan, Jones & Goulding, Dale Grasshopper and Joe Kippenberger of the Seminole Water Commission and Land Permitting, Jack Queen and W. Jackson site work contractors, Vanderbilt-Shell, and Norita Yzaguirre, who provided space for the numerous pre-construction meetings.

Following introductions, the ceremonies tent, which had been attractively decorated in tribal colors, was converted into the dining area. A generous buffet was supplied by Alicia’s Catering. Beautiful floral arrangements with hard hats and toolboxes had been provided by Hooray’s of Hollywood to form the center piece on each table. Kim Giles of Keith & Schnars, PA engineering firm did a fantastic job as event planner by coordinating the efforts of so many individuals.

After a relaxing lunch, the assemblage moved a short distance away to the construction site for the actual ground breaking ceremony. Using gold shovels provided for the occasion, ground was broken for the Immokalee administration building by Kippenberger, Gulf Building Corporation President John Collins, Board Representative Paul Bowers, Environmental Auditor and Co-Chairman for the Water Commission for the Tribe Joe Kippenberger, who stood in for Mitchell Cypress, Immokalee Council Liaison Elaine Aguilar, and Education Advisor Norita Yzaguirre.



Even the wheelchair-bound chairman (center) would not miss the administration building groundbreaking.

Judy Weeks

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Certificate of Appreciation presented Marty & Kim Johns

By Susan Etxebarria
BRIGHTON — The Seminole Police Department (SPD) recently presented a certificate of appreciation to Kim and Marty Johns for their assistance during Hurricane Charley. On Aug. 13, Brighton SPD staff was working through the storm without food since the local restaurants and convenience stores had been closed.

“I went to Brighton Seminole Casino, which had closed down due to the storm. I asked the manager, Marty Johns, if perhaps they had any food left over from the luncheon buffet that might go to waste. He said no, but he would provide us with whatever he could find in the kitchen,” explained SPD Sergeant Jerry Meisenheimer.

Marty and his wife, Kim, then packaged up cold cuts, cheese, bread, potato chips, pickles, lettuce, tomatoes, onion, and all the condiments for sandwiches. They also supplied 12 packs of soft drinks. There was enough food for all the officers and dispatchers, along with the fire/rescue personnel who had been called in.

“The sandwiches tasted great,” said Meisenheimer.

Meisenheimer said SPD is grateful for Kim and Marty Johns’ thoughtfulness and kindness.



(L-R) Sergeant Meisenheimer, with Marty Johns and Kim Johns, who proudly display their awards.

Susan Etxebarria

Seminole Tribe’s FEMA Kick Off Meeting

Monetary relief from the damage caused by Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne is on its way to the tribe to pay for structural repairs on various reservations

By Shelley Marmor
HOLLYWOOD — On Wednesday Nov. 3, Public Assistance Coordinator Julie Prevost from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) held a kickoff meeting in the Hollywood tribal auditorium.

The kickoff meeting is step five out of 10 steps that must be taken to get funds post-disastrous event. These steps are: disaster event takes place, an application for it is submitted to FEMA, the applicant is then briefed by a FEMA representative, a request is submitted, a kickoff meeting is held, project worksheets detailing what damage occurred are filled out, then small projects are validated, funding is allocated through FEMA, the money then goes to the state and finally reimbursement occurs.

Representatives from several tribal departments attended the meeting. Among them were Emergency Management Coordinator Laurie McRoy, Executive Administrator Ken Fields,

Purchasing Department Director Denise Carpenter and Director of Emergency Services Armando Negrin.

This meeting was for the tribe to recoup financial damages sustained on the various reservations during the four hurricanes, Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne, that hit Florida in August and September. Monies obtained from FEMA will go towards the repairs on all structures damaged during these hurricanes as well as payment to the workers who assisted in the repair efforts.

Of all tribal reservations, the Brighton reservation was hit the hardest during Hurricane Jeanne. Several buildings sustained extensive damage, including the Seminole Police Department, casino, preschool, and sewer plant. In addition, Ft. Pierce sustained some damage to the roof of an airplane hanger and other buildings.



Michael Kelly

Hollywood Branch Manager Yudit Lam bags some book purchases.

DSO Holds Scholastic Book Fair

By Michael Kelly
HOLLYWOOD — From Nov. 15–19, children of all ages rushed to the latest Scholastic Book Fair set up at the Dorothy Scott Osceola (DSO) Library. A host of books lined the many portable bookshelves, divided up by age group. Some of this year’s popular books included SpongeBob SquarePants, Clifford the Big Red Dog, Harry Potter, and more.

This year’s theme was “Read, White, and Blue.” There were many books pertaining to U.S. history. There were two books written by Lynne Cheney, wife of Vice President Dick Cheney titled “A is for Abigail: An Almanac of Amazing American Women” and “When Washington Crossed the Delaware: A Wintertime Story for Young Patriots.”

Hollywood Branch Manager Yudit Lam said she was happy with the turnout.

“The first two days were very busy,” Lam said. “The young children came in the morning, while the older kids stopped by in the afternoon.”

All pre-school students were able to go on a shopping spree, with each receiving a \$25 dollar credit to purchase all types of books, courtesy of the Preschool Parent Committee. Money was raised through various bake sales, raffles, and lunches, earning the preschoolers a

chance to buy some terrific books.

Committee President Mitch Osceola said he is a firm believer in having fundraisers.

“We [Preschool Parent Committee] want to do as much as possible to pay for these types of programs,” said Osceola.

This is the third year in a row the DSO Library has held the Scholastic Book Fair. It’s a great way to expose children of all ages to the joy of reading. The best part is that the Book Fair arrives right at the DSO Library’s doorstep.

In May 2005, the DSO Library will offer a buy-one-get-one-free Scholastic Book Fair. Purchase any book and receive a free book of less or equal value.

For more information about the DSO Library, please call Yudit Lam at (954) 989-6840, Ext. 1225.



Michael Kelly

Reading enthusiasts (L-R) Tiana Baker, Adrianne Bill and Borylys Cypress had a great time at the Scholastic Book Fair.

Seminole Tribune Editor Teaches Pumpkin-Making Class

Michael Kelly, *Tribune* editor and former head of the DSO Library, is also a paper maché artist, appearing on PBS, in *The Sun-Sentinel*, and even on the WSVN 7 show *Deco Drive*

By Melissa Sherman
HOLLYWOOD — Two weeks before Halloween a few young children got together one early



Melissa Sherman

Mailani Perez shapes her paper maché pumpkin.



Melissa Sherman

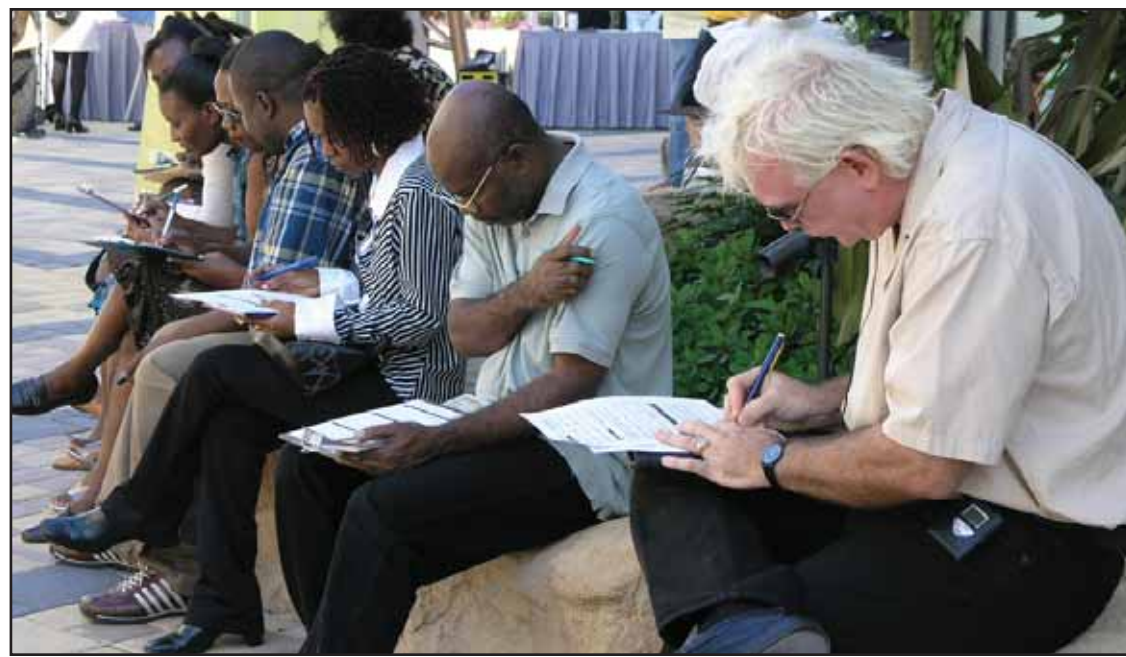
(L-R) Whitney Osceola and Katia Cerisme get ready for Halloween by making pumpkins.

evening at the Dorothy Scott Osceola (DSO) building to create paper maché pumpkins under the instruction of Michael Kelly, editor of *The Seminole Tribune*, who also moonlights as an artist.

With a wad of newspaper, masking tape and paper maché mix, the young participants magically transformed a ball of mush into a harvest pumpkin. Within an hour the first stage of the project was complete and the wet grayish pumpkins were placed on pieces of card board to dry for a week.

At the second class, the students completed the bottom of the pumpkins and once again left them to dry. Finally, a week later when the bottoms were dry the kids anxiously painted the pumpkins completing the last stage of there creations.

Kelly has often worked with the after school children, creating all types of art projects. He said he hopes to do a Christmas-themed class with the children, creating ornaments, snowmen, and maybe even a reindeer.



Adelsa Williams

Job-seekers like these joined the thousands of others who hope to work at Seminole Paradise.

Seminole Paradise Expected to Generate Thousands of Jobs

By Adelsa Williams

HOLLYWOOD — The Seminole Paradise at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino held a grand job fair on Tuesday Nov. 9 from 10 am-4 pm. The fair attracted thousands of people in search for an opportunity to join the new retail and entertainment complex, which is scheduled for its grand opening Dec. 16 of this year.

Vendors set up a loop of booths around the center fountain inside Seminole Paradise. Recruiters expect to hire experienced retail sales associates, food and beverage staff, hospitality, salon stylists and manicurists, custodial and security personnel at all levels to fill more than 1,200 positions.

Seminole Paradise offers 17 themed food

and dining options, 13 nightclub and entertainment venues and 24 distinct retail shops. Partially open are venues such as Johnny Rockets, Bad Ass Coffee Company and Brats, to name a few.

A couple of booths that seemed to be the busiest were The Improv Comedy Club, Tequila Ranch and Renegade Barbeque Company. Terence Clemmons, general manager of Renegade said that their booth accepted approximately three to four hundred applications.

Recruiters for Renegade conducted a two to three minute screening with each individual throughout the day and some qualified applicants were hired on the spot. The restaurant will be located on the east side with a view of the lake.

According to state statistics, the South Florida economy is experiencing a local unemployment rate of 4.5 percent in Broward County, 6.1 percent in Miami-Dade County and 5.7 percent in Palm Beach County, as of September of this year. Seminole Paradise hopes to have a positive impact to the economy with the generation of the numerous new jobs the complex has to offer.

Seminole Paradise marketing manager Julie Katz said that more than 1,000 people came out looking for jobs, making this a definite huge success. Anyone interested in a position at any of the locations at Seminole Paradise should visit the various businesses in the complex, as the hiring continues until opening day.



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Booths like the Renegade Barbeque Company were set up throughout the job fair for prospective employees to get information on the specific businesses.



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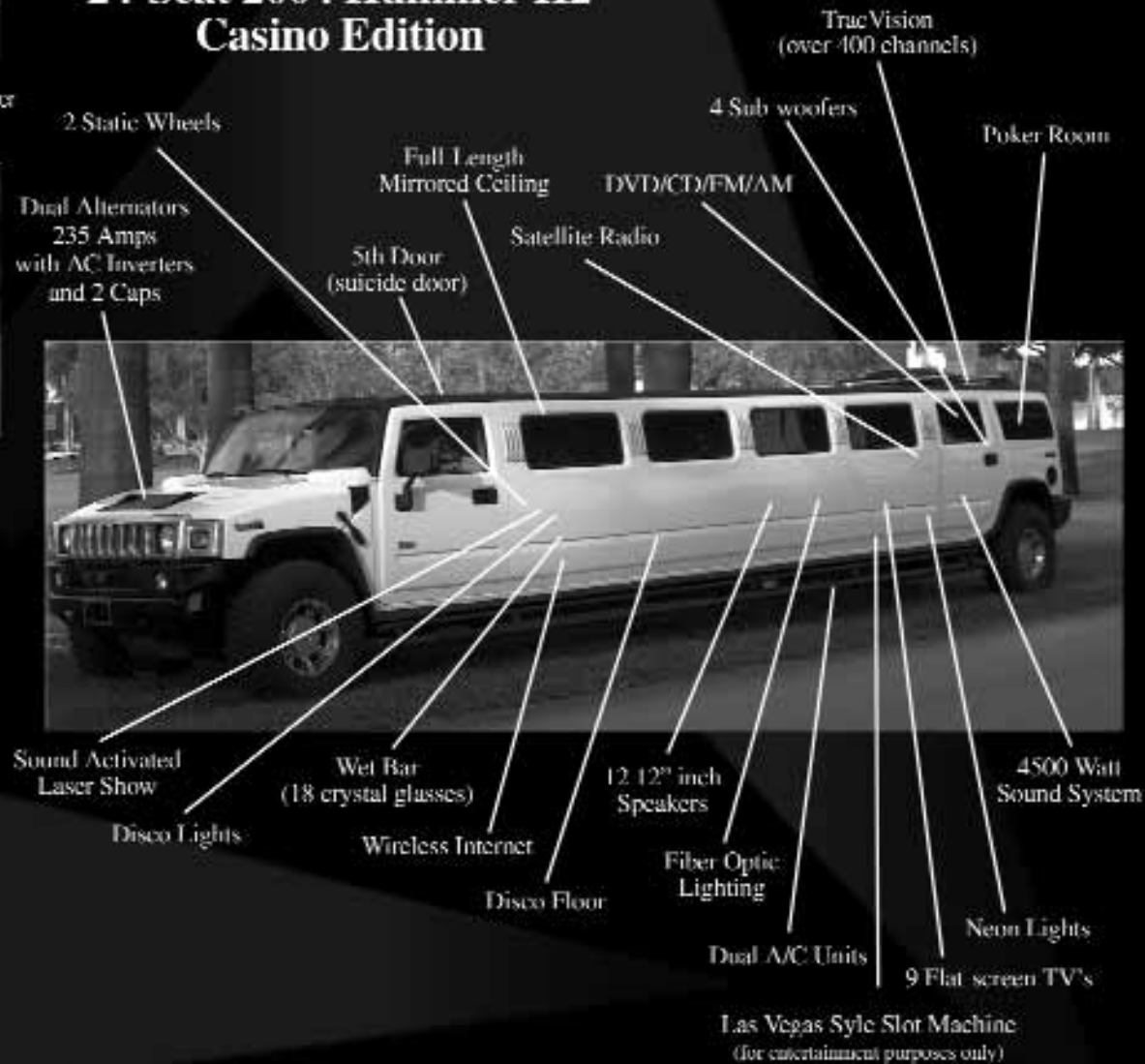
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Tribe May Turn To Organic Farming for Revenue

Board Executive Administrator Jim Talik proposes organic citrus farming

By Vida Volkert
BIG CYPRESS — Due to of harsh weather conditions, citrus epidemics and competition abroad, citrus growing in Florida is getting harder and becoming less profitable for the Seminole Tribe of Florida. This past hurricane season put Florida's citrus industry down at 30 percent—the worst decline in a decade.

With 750,000 acres used for citrus farming, Florida is one of the largest producers of citrus in the country—three-quarters of the nation's citrus is grown here. The loss of citrus crops set tribal administrators on a mission to find new outlets to increase tribal citrus revenues.

“The fact of the matter is that we have been losing money in citrus,” said Jim Talik, executive administrator for the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc.

The four hurricanes that hit Florida destroyed 50 percent of the orange crops in Brighton. At Big Cypress, orange groves were spared, but the lemon crop got impacted by heavy rains that prevented workers from harvesting a great amount of fruit.

The damage was significant. However, because most orange growers in Florida lost all or a great percentage of their crops, the tribe had an advantage and the surviving orange crop at Big Cypress were in high demand.

“Instead of having a loss, this time we could probably break even,” Talik said.

In Seminole land between Brighton and Big Cypress about 1,600 acres are used for citrus farming. While the tribe's citrus industry is considered a small operation, compared to other farmers in the state, the tribe produces more lemons than any other farmer in Florida.

“We are a big hitter when it comes to what we call the Florida summer lemon,” said Joe Tillman, the general manager for the Seminole Tribe Citrus Grove at Big Cypress. “We are harvesting our lemons at the time when California and Arizona are finished, so there is this little window of opportunity for us there and that's why



Big Cypress Board Representative Paul Bowers Sr. examines the damaged citrus crop.

be free of any synthetic pesticides for more than three years, and as a regular certification process growers have to have a third party auditor come in to check the land.

“The process of getting tribal groves certified is in its early stages,” Talik said.

The modification may help bring more revenues to the tribe, but there are tribal citizens in Big Cypress who are opposed to this practice fearing that it may come

with air pollution problems. Organic agriculture involves feeding the trees with natural fertilizers such as chicken or cow manure. Because a sector of the Big Cypress citrus grove is located across from the Billy Swamp Safari some fear the stench may scare visitors away.

“Tourist don't want to sit at the restaurant and smell of chicken manure,” said Paul Bowers Sr., Big Cypress Board Representative. “If it's going to pollute the air, we don't want it.”

The product has already been used at Brighton, according to tribal citizen Timmy Johns, the former administrator of the grove. About 233 acres were spread with chicken manure prior to the hurricanes, and the odor “was not that bad,” according to Johns.

“There is a smell, but it's not something that it's so offensive that people is going to be running around with their hands held up to their noses,” he said. “And organic fertilizers are probably safer than chemical fertilizers because they don't leech like chemical fertilizers do.”

Organic fertilizers come in different shapes, according to Marty Mesh, the executive director of Florida Organic Growers, a nonprofit organization that works on public policy evaluation and helps educate growers in Florida.

“If you get wet chicken manure, there is going to be an odor,” Mesh said. “Dry manure or a finished product certainly is going to cost more than raw manure, but it's more stable, there is no smell, and it's easier to work with.”

“If you buy something that is full of moisture, you are really paying for water weight, as supposed to manure weight. So it's in your best interest not

to buy water but to buy dry products.”

In the long run, chemicals are causing more pollution to the environment than natural fertilizers. Manure in the soil goes away very quickly, as opposed to the health and environmental effects of chemicals in intense agricultural practices.

“We are dealing with environmental effects of nutrient mismanagement all over the state,” Mesh said. “Dry products are more expensive but how much more money is going to cost us to clean the Everglades from nutrient run off and nutrient mismanagement, whereas with organic production you don't have that problem.”

Lake Apopka, for instance, was a very rich farming area in Central Florida. However, it has received massive nutrient pollution from the lake-side muck farms for almost one-half century and the lake is experiencing frequent fish kills and a general decline in environmental and economic value. Some also believed that Lake Apopka is contributing to the decline of water quality in lakes downstream.

A few years ago, most of the farmers in the area preferred to sell their lands to the state rather than try to regenerate the soil. Mesh said Lake Apopka is “an example of how intense conventional agriculture can destroy the environment.”

In addition to helping the environment, organic practices help consumers keep a healthier diet.

“There was a nutritional study that shows that organic oranges have more vitamin C than conventional oranges,” Mesh said.

As it stands now, the only recourse for consumers concerned about genetically modified organisms in foods, is to purchase certified organic products which explicitly forbid them.

Twenty-seven percent of Americans are eating more organic products than just one year ago, according to the 2004 Whole Foods Market Organic Foods Trend Tracker survey released Oct. 21. The survey also revealed that 54 percent of Americans have tried organic foods and beverages and nearly one in 10 use organic products regularly or several times per week.

More urban areas are boasting organic food outlets and more conventional supermarket chains, including Walmart® and Publix®, feature sections carrying certified organic produce and products.



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Many citrus groves suffered due to the recent hurricane season.

we are in the business.”

Since Florida is in a different time and climate than other major citrus producers in the country, citrus trees bloom and produce at a different time of the year. This makes the tribe a “little bigger player” when it comes to lemons, according to Tillman. But in a multi-million dollar industry where imports from Brazil, Chile, Argentina, the Bahamas and Mexico are beating citrus prices in the U.S., even tribal lemons are losing their value.

“We are trying to have the tribe diversify in many forms of economic development,” Talik said. “It's an old gaming, that we have other sources of income, but it's a struggle because the citrus is not returning very much to the tribe as it has in the past.”

In the market, organic products are becoming more popular every year, holding steady with increasing prices. Talik said he is pushing to get tribal groves to “certify for organic [farming], so that we can command a higher price for our product.”

“That's my mission now; to put out product into a better profit picture,” he said.

Under the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Organic Program, products certified to carry the label use no hormones, antibiotics, herbicides, insecticides, chemical fertilizers, genetic modification or irradiation. Organic agriculture uses methods that allows for crop rotation, and soil regeneration so that the land is not completely striped off its nutrients. For these reasons, organic agriculture and products are considered healthier for consumers, and better for the environment.

To get certified organic, however, the land has to



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Signs show the close proximity of citrus groves and other attractions.



Safety Tips for the Holidays

1. When in a public facility always supervise your child, and always accompany young children to the restroom. Make certain your children know to stay with you at all times while shopping and always check with you or the person charge before they go anywhere. It is important to know where your children are and whom they are with at all times.

2. If older children become separated from you while holiday shopping, have them meet you in a predestinated spot such as the sales counter of the store you were in or the mall's information booth. For younger children teach them to look for people who can be sources of help within the store or mall such as a uniformed security officer, salesperson with a nametag, the person in the information booth, or a uniformed law-enforcement officer. They should never leave the store/mall or go to the parking lot to look for you or your car.

3. Make visits to the mall opportunities for your children to practice these safe shopping skills. Teach them how to use a public telephone; locate adult sources of help within the mall or a store; and, for older children, go to the restroom with a friend. Practice having them check with you before going anywhere within a mall or store. Leave clothing with children's names displayed at home, as it can bring about unwelcome attention from inappropriate people who may be looking for an opportunity to start a conversation with your children.

4. Parents should not leave children alone at public facilities such as video arcades, movie theaters, or playgrounds as a convenient “babysitter” while they are holiday shopping. Never leave children in toy or specialty stores expecting store personnel to supervise and care for your children. They are not trained in this role, and it is not a function of their employment.

5. If you allow your older children to go to the mall or other activities without you, they need to take a friend. It's more fun and much safer. Older children should check in with you on a regular basis while they are out. Make certain a clear plan is in place to pick them up including where, what time, and what to do in case of a change in plans.

6. Nothing takes the place of your supervision when you are in a public place with your children. If you are going holiday shopping and feel that you will be distracted, make other arrangements for the care of your children. It's easy for you and your children to get distracted with all the sights, sounds, and crowds of the holiday shopping, so make certain they stay with you at all times.

For more information on child safety call Seminole Police Department Sergeant Al Signore with the Crime Prevention Unit at (863) 623-5748.

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Meet the Payroll Department Staff

By Adelsa Williams

HOLLYWOOD — The payroll department is located in the Hollywood headquarters building and has recently moved from the second to the third floor. The department serves more than 1,800 employees of the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc., but excluding the gaming employees.

The department is com-

posed of six employees, Diane Marks, Liliana Lamas, Beatriz Juliao, Barbara Lukas, Okolo Baptiste and Newton Muir. Marks has successfully managed the department for more than a decade.

Each member of the payroll staff processes entries that are submitted on a weekly basis by all the departments of the tribe. The increase in tribal revenues has pro-

duced new jobs throughout the tribal organization. The growth of employees and programs has required an upgrade in the way payroll is processed.

The recent conversion to the new Lawson system promises a more proficient process not only to the rest of the departments but especially to payroll.

“The new system is more restricted, everything that could be manually overwritten before will now have to wait until the following week,” said Marks.

The biggest challenge is to get payroll out every Friday. Staffers are not settled until every detail has been done. Their effort does not go unrecognized. These are the individuals responsible for getting everyone’s paycheck or direct deposit on time to everyone on pay day. Many thanks for their hard work and dedication.

You can reach the payroll department at (954) 966-6300 or (954) 967-3405 or by fax at (954) 967-3422.



Payroll department employees (R-L) Diane Marks, Liliana Lamas, Beatriz Juliao, Barabra Luckas, Okolo Baptiste and Newton Muir.

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Monthly Awareness: Project ChildSafe, Sponsored by SPD

By Felix DoBosz

HOLLYWOOD — Seminole Police Department (SPD) Sergeant Al Signore, from the Crime Prevention unit, was happy to give out free gun safety locks to tribal citizens and employees alike at the monthly awareness event held in the Hollywood auditorium lobby.

Along with the cable locks was information pamphlets with illustrations and plain text explaining Project ChildSafe. According to the information contained in the pamphlet, this is a nationwide program of the National Shooting Sports Foundation and its community partners to help ensure safe and responsible firearm ownership and storage.

The information contained showed how to handle firearms in a safe manner. Nearly all firearm accidents in the home can be prevented simply by making sure that guns are kept unloaded and locked up, with ammunition secured in a separate location.

A message SPD wanted to convey to children is: if you find a gun, don’t pick it up; just leave it alone, and go tell an adult right away. Hopefully,



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Sergeant Al Signore educated tribal citizens about gun safety.

these positive messages for gun safety will remind people how serious this issue is and help through education to finally eliminate firearm accidents nationwide.

For more information on Project Childsafe, please visit www.projectchildsafe.org/



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Some of the items up for auction included these colorful monkey statues, which were made in Thailand.

Crystal Vision Awards Gala Held at Hard Rock

Seminole Tribe Presented with Crystal Vision Award for Business Excellence in 2004

By Felix DoBosz

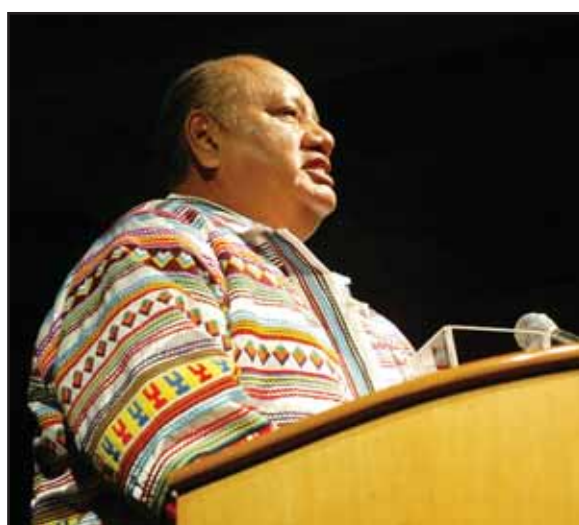
HOLLYWOOD— On Saturday night Oct. 30, at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, the sixth annual Crystal Vision Gala charity event took place, featuring the multi-talented entertainer, Jim Belushi and the Sacred Hearts Band.

The captains of industry, media, and local politicians were invited guests, dressed in black tie and gowns at this very swank and exclusive event to bid on artwork, jewelry and sports memorabilia for the Crystal Vision foundation. Every year, awards are presented to the truly worthy, to honor those individuals who have supported the arts through the Art and Cultural Center of Hollywood.

Top-rated artists exhibitions, dance troupes, and musicians from around the world to downtown Hollywood, Fla. were brought together to bring residents and visitors a unique and innovative vision of cutting edge art in the intimate settings of its gallery and theater center.

According to the playbill info booklet presented at the gala, the center also conducts educational programs and serves as a lifeline to school children whose access to arts education has evaporated in the face of budgetary restrictions. Adult education classes are also held at the Art and Cultural Center of Hollywood.

The first hour of the evening’s activities was devoted to the cocktail reception and silent auction.



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Max B. Osceola Jr. addressed the crowd after receiving the Crystal Vision award.

People milled around different auction items carefully appraising the ones that interested them the most

while sipping cocktails and conversing.

In the second hour it was time to enjoy an excellent gourmet dinner and marvelous entertainment. The opening act was the Private Stock Band that quickly got everyone in the mood for the evening’s entertainment to come. There were also costumed dancers prancing about and impersonators of famous movie stars such as John Travolta from the 1977 film Saturday Night Fever and an Austin Powers look-a-like character.

After dinner, it was finally time for the Crystal Vision Awards. Politicians spoke to the invited guests about the wonderful things that their support has generated for the Arts and Cultural Center in Hollywood. The Seminole Tribe of Florida was pre-



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Jim Belushi (right) and Sacred Hearts Band member Kim “The Princess” Nail sang heavy blues songs with a whole lotta soul at the vision awards.

sented with the Crystal Vision Award for business excellence in 2004. Hollywood Tribal Council Representative Max Osceola Jr. was honored to accept this prestigious award on behalf of the tribe. He kindly greeted everyone there in his native Miccosukee language and thanked the audience and the board for there wise selection and warm reception.

Then it was time for a quick treat. Osceola Jr., Gaming CEO Jim Allen, Cultural and Language Coordinator Jo North, Robert North and another half dozen or so Seminole citizens were treated and privileged to a rare personal visit backstage with Jim Belushi. He was kind enough to pose for lots of pictures and sign autographs with everyone.

The entertainment continued again when Belushi hit the stage like a human dynamo, with his Scared Hearts Band. They opened the night’s set and were wildly greeted with rousing applause and cheers from the black-tie crowd when they started doing some of the famous Blues Brother songs like “Sweet Home Chicago.”

The musical evening continued as Belushi did several back flips onstage to the delight of the crowd without missing a beat. He then jumped off the stage and into the grateful audience and danced wildly to the beat and moved around the tables like a professional Las Vegas-style lounge lizard.

It was a tremendous night and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the concert, but most importantly was the money raised for a worthy cause, the Art and Cultural Center of Hollywood. To learn more about the Art and Cultural Center of Hollywood call (954) 921-3274 or visit www.artandculturecenter.org.

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Grand Marshall Announced for Winterfest Boat Parade

Seminole Hard Rock sponsors this year's boat parade

By Iretta Tiger

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL — On Oct. 21 the thirty-third Winterfest Boat Parade grand marshal was announced. Amidst much excitement and much secrecy, this year's grand marshal is Miami Heat center Shaquille O'Neal. O'Neal will be riding the Southwest Airlines/Power 96 Grand Marshal Showboat with his family.

The announcement was made at a press conference at the Ft. Lauderdale Marina Marriott Hotel. Other exciting announcements were also made including naming the new Winterfest title sponsor, the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. The official title for the boat parade is now the Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade. This year's theme is "Rock And Roll FantaSea."

Seminole Hard Rock has signed on as the title sponsor for the next five years and the 2004 Winterfest Black Tie Ball presented by JM Lexus will be held at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel on Dec. 10.



Photo courtesy of Kathy Keleher, event director of Winterfest, Inc.
The seven-foot-one Miami Heat center will no doubt be the tallest Winterfest grand marshall in the parade's 33 year history.

The parade itself will be on Dec. 18 and will be shown live on WSVN Channel 7 with a one hour pre-parade show. The parade and pre-show will be rebroadcast throughout

the state on the Sunshine Network. The Winterfest Boat Parade has received national and international attention. Reader's Digest has ranked it as one of the "100 Best in America" and the International Festival and Events Association ranked it the top 20th parade in the world.

The grandstand viewing area—the best seats on land—will be at Hugh Taylor Birch State Park in Ft. Lauderdale. The viewing area will have games and various vendors including the Florida Marlins baseball game and the Florida Panther's slap shot game. The Seminole Tribe will host "The Outpost," an area for arts and crafts and native dancing.

Seat tickets for the grandstand viewing area are now on sale. Adult tickets are \$17 and children 10 and under are \$12. Tickets can be bought at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, or at the Winterfest website, www.winterfestparade.com.

Hall & Oates at The Club for December and New Years

HOLLYWOOD — Tickets go on sale Friday, Nov. 5 at noon for two December shows by Hall & Oates -- including a New Year's Eve Show -- at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. The shows are slated for 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30 and 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31.

Daryl Hall and John Oates are the most successful recording duo in history, selling more than 40 million albums and landing 29 singles in the Top 40. Their string of major hits dates to the '70s and includes "She's Gone," "Sara Smile," "Rich Girl," "Kiss On My List," "Private Eyes," "I Can't Go For That (No Can Do)," "One on One," "Maneater," "Out of Touch" and "Do It For Love." Originally from Philadelphia, Hall & Oates launched a new album this past week. "Our Kind of Soul" includes timeless classics like "Standing In The Shadows Of Love," "I'll Be Around," "Use Ta Be My Girl," and "Rock Steady."

Amazon.com says it "can't miss."

Tickets are \$75 for the Dec. 30th show and \$150 for the New Year's Eve show; seats are reserved and may be purchased at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Box Office, open Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 7 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Tickets also are available at all Ticketmaster outlets and online at www.ticketmaster.com. Charge by phone: Miami-Dade (305)358-5885, Broward (954) 523-3309, and Palm Beach (561) 966-3309.

The show is scheduled for The Club at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. Doors open one hour before each show. Tickets are available at Will Call two hours before each show.

Southland Mall November Holiday Events

Submitted by Anabel Llopis

Santa's Arrival with Radio Disney will feature toy testing, music, games, giveaways, cookie decorating, face painting and more on Nov. 20, from 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

Tiki's Strolling Holiday Carolers with holiday strolling carolers. Nov. 26, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

South Florida Parenting Holiday Event; come and meet Santa's friends from the North Pole, also, listen to music, and have fun and play games with the whole family! Nov. 27, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

"Trixie" The Holiday Elf will hold holiday storytelling and

face painting. Nov. 27, 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

Live performance from the Castaways Band, playing Top 40s music. Nov. 27, 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

No registration is required for any event. All events are appropriate for all ages. All events are free to the public. Southland Mall is located at 20505 South Dixie Highway, in Miami.

For more information, contact Anabel Llopis, Marketing Director (305) 235-8880, Ext. 102 or email anabel.llopis@mysouthland-mall.com.

Cheap Trick Show at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino

By Julianne Carelli

HOLLYWOOD — Tickets went on sale Friday Nov. 5 for a Monday Dec. 27 show by Cheap Trick at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. The show is slated for 8 p.m.

According to VH-1.com Cheap Trick mixed heavy riffs, big beats, catchy refrains, and wiseacre sneers. "I Want You to Love Me," "Surrender," "Heaven Tonight," and other great rock tunes came spilling out of Cheap Trick's discs.

Rick Nielsen, Tom Petersson, Robin Zander, and Bun E. Carlos were about fun and frolic as much as they were about rocking and rolling. In 1979 they made one of rock's most impressive concert discs, *Live at Budokan*. It opened with their signature salutation; a heavy guitar vamp called "Hello There," and closed

with their classic capper, "Clock Strikes 10."

The band's latest releases are a concert DVD titled *From Tokyo to You*, and a CD called *Special One*.



Tickets are \$50; seats are reserved and may be purchased at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Box Office, open Tuesday through Saturday from 12 p.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday from 12 p.m.-4 p.m. Tickets also are available at all Ticketmaster outlets and online at www.ticketmaster.com. Charge by phone: Miami-Dade (305) 358-5885, Broward (954) 523-3309, and Palm Beach (561) 966-3309.

The show is scheduled for The Club at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. Doors open at 7 p.m., one hour before each show. Tickets are available at Will Call two hours before the show.

Country Music Artists Andy Griggs and Carlo Smith to Perform at Seminole Paradise

By Gary Bitner

HOLLYWOOD — Popular country music recording artist Andy Griggs will perform at the Seminole Paradise at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino on Dec. 9 at 9 p.m. Arlos Smith, SESAC's country songwriter of the Year opens at 8 p.m. The free show is part of the retail and entertainment complex's new Seminole Paradise Live! concert series.

The award-winning Griggs will perform songs from his newest RCA Records release, "This I Gotta See," including "She Thinks She Needs Me," the album's first hit single, as well as "I Never Had a Chance," "If Heaven," and "No Mississippi," which features vocal collaborators Delbert McClinton and Bekka Bramlett.

Fans can also expect to hear favorites such as the romantic ballads, "Tonight I Wanna Be Your Man," and "You Won't Ever Be Lonely" and the rocker "I'll Go Crazy."

Raised in West Monroe, La., Griggs was exposed to country music at an early age by his guitar-playing father. Older brother Mason was a songwriter and musician working in a country-gospel band. After his dad died of cancer when Griggs was 10, he and his brother dealt with their grief by listening to their father's favorite Merle Haggard album. But when Griggs was 18, Mason died of a heart attack. In mourning, he picked up his brother's guitar and began to follow in his footsteps. The rest is history.

As he began to work on his debut CD, 1998's "You Won't Ever Be Lonely," Griggs looked back to his mentor and brother Mason, and began writing songs. Four of his works appeared on that collection, including his first two top 10 hits in 1999, the title tune and "I'll Go Crazy."

In 2000, the CD "She's More" became his third consecutive top 10 hit. "Waitin' on Sundown" and the top 20 success "You Made Me That Way" also emerged as radio favorites from his disc debut. His "Shine on Me" duet with Waylon Jennings and his ripping rendition of Rodney Crowell's "Ain't Livin' Long Like This" were also much admired. "You Won't Ever Be Lonely" was declared a Gold Record that Fall.

For "Freedom," his second CD, Griggs penned six cuts, including the title tune and "How Cool Is That," the collection's introductory single. "Tonight I Wanna Be Your Man" sailed into the top 10 in early 2002. It was followed by Griggs' co-written "Practice Life," to which Martina McBride lent her voice. Other guests on the album included David Lee Murphy, Union Station's Ron Block, and Cinderella's Tom Keifer.

Griggs stands out among his peers for his involvement in charity work. In his short career he has aligned himself with cancer survivors, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, MusiCares, Alzheimer's, Nashville READ, Crisis Center of Nashville, and The Tennessee Historic Commission. Inspired by the dramatic lyrics of "Waitin' on Sundown," he was the national spokesman of the Family Violence Prevention Fund in 1999-2000.

Opening act, Arlos Smith, was recently named SESAC's country songwriter of the year for the second time for his smash hit single, "Mayberry," recorded by Rascal Flatts. He earned the title back in 2000 with his John Michael Montgomery hit, "Home to You." A native of Parkersburg, W.V., Smith relocated to Nashville, Tenn. to pursue his songwriting dream in 1994.

With Randy Travis' wife/manager Lib Hatcher as his first landlord, Smith took residence in an apartment above the Randy Travis Gift Shop adjacent to Music Row and lived with a revolving roster of roommates that included at one time or another future country stars Michael Peterson, David Kersh, Daryl Singletary and Deryl Dodd.

In addition to his chart-topping hits with Rascal Flatts and John Michael Montgomery, Smith has had cuts with Michael Peterson and Canadian country singer Jessica Robinson.

Seminole Paradise, South Florida's newest retail and entertainment district offers 17 themed food and dining options such as Johnny Rockets, the All-American Diner, and the Bad Ass Coffee Company, one of the largest distributors of Kona coffee from Hawaii, 13 nightclub and entertainment venues and 24 distinct retail shops including Cache, Footworks, Funky Fish, Havana Shirt Company, Plantazia, Quicksilver, Ritchie's Swimwear and Sunglass Hut.

Located adjacent to the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, on State Road 7 (U.S. 441) north of Stirling Road in Hollywood, Seminole Paradise shops are open from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and from 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For restaurants, hours of operation are from 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and from 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Parking is free.

For more information, please call (954) 583-3681.

Tribal Christmas Party at Seminole Hard Rock December 17

HOLLYWOOD — The Tribal Christmas Party will be held at the Seminole Hard Rock Casino, Hollywood, December 17th. More information will be distributed closer to the date.

• **PARKING & ENTERING PARTY AREA:**

This MUST be observed. All participants must park at the old Koon's Ford (441). Transportation will be provided to take you to the Hotel. At Koon's Ford you will receive a Wrist Band to enter the Party area at the Hotel. No one will be allowed to enter the Party without a Wrist Band. (Handicapped only will be allowed to park at Hotel)

• **TRIBAL MEMBERS:** You must present your I.D. to receive a wrist band.*

• **TRIBAL EMPLOYEES:** You must present your employee I.D. badge to receive a wrist band.*

To be able to accommodate all Tribal Members and employees, only your immediate family, husband/wife/children come along with you as a guest. They, too, will receive their bands at the Koon's Ford area, after you present your I.D. The Wrist Band will be your ticket to the Door Prizes that will be given out at the party.

We are looking forward to a wonderful evening of Christmas Cheer!

(I.D.'s for Tribal Members are may be obtained in Gaming on the first floor in Hollywood. Employees must go to the I.S. Department in Hollywood on the second floor.)



Seminole Tribe Events Calendar

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| December | | | WPBA Cuetec Cues Florida Classic held at Hard Rock 1 <small>AIDS Awareness Day</small> | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| WPBA Cuetec Cues Florida Classic held at Hard Rock 5 <small>Last Quarter</small> | 6 | Tampa PAC Meeting 7 <small>Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day</small> | 8 <small>Chanukkah</small> | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 <small>New Moon</small> | 13 | 14 <small>Hollywood Bingo opens, 1979</small> | 15 <small>Sitting Bull killed, 1890</small> | 16 <small>Boston Tea Party, 1770</small> | Hollywood Christmas Party 17 <small>Wright Brothers Day, 1903</small> | Winterfest Boat Parade Miccosukee Christmas Party 18 <small>First Quarter</small> |
| 19 | Immokalee Community Christmas Party 20 <small>First Day of Winter</small> | 21 <small>Pilgrims Landed, 1620</small> | 22 | Ethel Osceola Huggins Christmas Party 23 | Tribal Office Closed 24 | 25 <small>Christmas Day Battle of Okeechobee, 1837</small> |
| 26 <small>Full Moon</small> | 27 <small>Attack on Major Dade, 1835</small> | 28 <small>Second Seminole War begins, 1835</small> | 29 <small>Massacre at Wounded Knee, 1890</small> | 30 | Tribal Office Closed | 31 <small>First Battle of the Withlacoochee, 1835</small> |



Tony Bert (center) stands with family members at the University Center Breezeway, where UM President Donna Shalala presented him with his acceptance letter.

❖ UM

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Festivities moved to the University Center Breezeway for a luncheon. The breezeway is located next to the school's Olympic-sized swimming pool and coincidentally students from the dive team were practicing, which entertained the crowd. A second surprise came minutes later for tribal citizen Tony Bert.

Bret was approached by UM President Donna Shalala, who had an admission packet in her hands. She hand-delivered Bert's acceptance letter to him and then asked if he was going to attend UM. Bert said he was and the small crowd around him, comprised of mostly family members, began to applaud.

Shalala congratulated Bret saying, "I know you've worked hard." Bret will now join the ranks of Seminoles Max Osceola Jr., who majored in political



Seminole Princess JoJo Osceola (left) strolls down the scenic pathways at UM with the tour guide.

science, and Marina Renee Tigertail-Sanders, a nursing major, and carry on the 'Canes tradition.

Following lunch, Miami's Trinidad & Tobago Indian Queen Catherine Hummingbird-Ramirez blessed the gathering, telling everyone "the Great Spirit is now here."

Seminole Princess JoJo Osceola followed Hummingbird-Ramirez with a brief address.

"Ignorance hurts," Osceola said. "I want to thank everyone for coming here with an open mind."

Following Osceola's speech, the Red Feather Dance Company entertained the crowd with traditional dances, songs and flute music. Peter Redbird, an Oklahoma Seminole/Creek, performed the men's traditional contemporary dance, Navajo Benjamin Sanchez performed the Grass Dance and also played flute music and Matt Atkins, a Chickahominy Indian, performed the man's Fancy Dance.

Old Florida Cracker Storyteller Butch Harrison then took the stage to tell the audience stories about Florida in the



Chickahominy dancer Matt Atkins performed the Men's Fancy Dance.

old days. He said the cattle industry started in Florida, though cattle are most commonly associated with states like Texas. Harrison also shared some interesting stories about his experiences living in the Everglades and his experiences with the Everglades' famed inhabitant—the alligator.

An open mic event titled "Share Your Peace" followed. Speakers included UM students Matthew Ward, Alissa Stone, Julie Armstrong and Nikki Chun. Following "Share Your Peace" the Seminole visitors made their way back to the bus to drive back to the Hollywood reservation.

For more information on the University of Miami, please visit www.miami.edu. To coordinate a trip to tour UM, please contact Native American Day trip facilitator and Higher Education Advisor Dora Bell at (954) 989-6840, Ext. 1311.



High school senior Lucas Kaine Osceola (second from left) took the UM tour, saying he hopes to attend UM after graduating high school.

BCC Graduate Receives Top Honors

By Shelley Marmor

DAVIE, FL — Kathy Frank, wife of tribal citizen Larry Frank, and her 21 other classmates graduated from Broward Community College's Institute of Public Safety on Wednesday Nov. 10. These graduates made up the 227th graduating class from the institute.

The ceremony began with the presentation of the colors, followed by the pledge of allegiance from 227s Class President Lora Denise Madison. Emcee and Associate Dean of Criminal Justice Training Joyce Ware announced guest speakers including Dean Edward T. Mandt and class Chaplin Rick Brasswell.

Sunrise Police Department Chief David T. Boyett gave the principal address. He told the 227 class that they are about to become part of another family, comprise of all police officers. He added they should also keep safety in mind for the sake of their real family.

"Make your badge shine for yourself, your families, your fellow officers and your community," Boyett said.

In addition, Hollywood Council Representative Max B. Osceola Jr., Seminole Police Department (SPD) Chief Mike Floyd, SPD Deputy Chief of Police Will Latchford and SPD Captain Robert McDaniel attended Frank's graduation ceremony.



Seminole Police Department Chief Mike Floyd places Kathy Frank's Honor Medallion around her neck as Dean Edward T. Mandt (right) of the Broward Community College Institute of Public Safety looks on.



Kathy Frank (fourth from left) with the 227 class.

Towards the end of the ceremony, Floyd took the stage at the request of Dean Mandt for what Mandt called the "most prestigious award" of the evening—the Honor Medallion. He called the medallion prestigious because both the students and faculty vote for its recipient.

The 227th class chose Frank as their Honor Medallion recipient. After the ceremony closed, Chaplin Brasswell told SPD Chief Floyd that "no one was more deserving" of this coveted award.

Bryan Arledge is Mr. Okeechobee High School

By Emma Brown

BRIGHTON — One of Brighton's star students, Bryan Arledge, was chosen as the 2004–2005 Mr. OHS, or Okeechobee High School. Arledge is a senior at Okeechobee High School and is the son of Shane and Arica Buck. Mr. OHS is voted on by the student body for outstanding athletic and academic excellence.

Arledge is a talented football and basketball player and excels in his academics. He plans on attending college after high school to study architecture, and someday work for the tribe. Arledge is a student with goals and ambitions, and is definitely one that doesn't take life's good fortunes for granted.

The Brighton education department is extremely proud to call Arledge "one of our own." Arledge is a positive peer that sets a fine example for the youth of our community. We look forward to wonderful things from Arledge and applaud him for his achievements.



Bryan Arledge (bottom center)

The Gates Millennium Scholars Program

Submitted By American Indian Graduate Center Scholars

The Gates Millennium Scholars program announced the launch of the 2005–2006 academic year nomination process. Eligible minority students who will be entering a U.S. accredited college or university as a full-time, degree-seeking freshman in the fall of 2005 can be nominated. They must also be a citizen or legal permanent resident and/or U.S. national, meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria, have at least a 3.3 GPA (on a 4.0 scale), and have demonstrated leadership through community service or other extracurricular activities.

The nomination process consists of three interdependent components: a nominee Personal Information Form to be completed by the applicant, a Nominator Form to be completed by an educator who is familiar with the applicant's academic ability and a Recommender Form to be completed by an individual who is familiar with the student's community service and leadership activities.

All three forms can be accessed, completed and submitted electronically at www.gmsp.org. Forms must be submitted online by the deadline of Jan. 14 by 12 a.m. EST, or postmarked no later than

Jan. 14.

To date more than 8,000 African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific Islander American and Hispanic American students have received the Gates Millennium Scholarship. Gates Millennium Scholars are from all 50 states and five outlying areas, and have attended over 932 colleges and universities across the U.S. For more information, logon to www.gmsp.org or call (800) 884-7007.

The American Indian Graduate Center (AIGC) is a nonprofit organization founded in 1969 to enhance the cultural and economic well being of American Indians/Alaska Natives through graduate education and services. AIGC has awarded more than 10,000 fellowships to American Indians/Alaska Natives graduates and professional students to pursue graduate degree in all fields.

In 2000, AIGC Scholars was created to manage the Native American component of Gates Millennium Scholarship Program in partnership with the United Negro College Fund, which administers the Gates program nationwide. For additional information about AIGCS, visit its website www.aigc.org.

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Hollywood Diabetes Fall Carnival

By Shannon McKeown, Health Educator

HOLLYWOOD — Come one, come all! Celebrate National Diabetes Month at the Hollywood reservation's Diabetes Fall Carnival. Learn ways to prevent and manage diabetes in a carnival atmosphere, that's fun for all ages.

Everyone who joins in the festivities will be given a pedometer. The pedometer gives everyone the chance to win a terrific prize in the carnival raffle, provided a participant walks 3,000 steps while at the carnival. Come early and start logging your steps right away. The later you come the fewer steps you might get.

Interactive education games like HbA1c archery, baseball throw, beanbag toss, bobbing for apples, the salt and sugar shell game and an assortment of other games all provide diabetes education. To play just answer two diabetes questions, everyone wins a prize. Those with the correct answers receive the chance to play for a grand prize.

Everyone who plays will to learn more about diabetes. For example: HbA1c is a blood test that diabetics

take every three months to see if there blood sugar levels have been on TARGET during the past three months.

A variety of active attractions for the young and the old alike will increase your metabolism and activity by jumping in the bounce house and climbing the rock wall. Many more attractions will be on hand for your enjoyment. Throughout the carnival, clowns will be painting hearts on faces and making heart balloon hats in order to call attention to the fact that heart disease is the leading cause of death among diabetics.

Healthy carnival snacks such as low-cal cheese popcorn, healthy carnival apples, healthy trail mix, and sugar free/alcohol free Jell-O® shots will be available in place of more traditional high fat, high sugar carnival foods.

Health Education will be sponsoring the watermelon race, the sack race and the obstacle course with first, second and third prizewinners receiving Sports Authority gift cards. For more information about this event, please contact Shannon McKeown or Doris Mir at (954) 962-2009.

Health Department Presents 'Lifestyle Balance Program'

Learn how to prevent diabetes, live a healthier life

Submitted by the Health Department

The Lifestyle Balance Program combines health and wellness support through lifestyle coaching and education sessions. These classes, sponsored by the health department will begin in November, just in time to provide support during the calorie laden holidays. Community members are encouraged to contact their local health educator or nutritionist to sign up for the Lifestyle Balance Program.

Being overweight causes many health problems. The number of people who are overweight keeps getting higher and higher. The number of children who are overweight is alarming. Overweight children often grow up to be overweight adults. More obesity means more diabetes.

The Lifestyle Balance Program has two main goals. The first goal is to assist Seminole community members in reducing body weight by 7 percent, which is about 17 pounds in a person who weighs 250. This is important because the risk of Type 2 diabetes is much greater if a person is overweight. The second goal is to increase the activity levels of each participant to at least two-and-a-half hours each week. An example of increased activity would be taking a brisk walk for 30 minutes on 5 days of the week.

The Lifestyle Balance coach will help participants in the program reach these goals at a pace that is right for each individual. The Holiday Wellness portion of Lifestyle Balance class began Nov. 22, and end Jan. 10, 2005. These classes will help people through the holidays. The focus of the class is help to reduce stress, keep working out and avoid eating way too much.

The core of the lifestyle balance classes will begin in January and will consist of 16 classes and last 24 weeks. During this time, each person enrolled in the program will be assigned a coach to help get on track and stay on track. Many people know the health information about losing weight but have trouble applying it in their everyday life.

The coach will help each person make behavior changes that can help lead to long term weight loss success. Phone calls will be made to those enrolled in the program to help check in and see how things are going between class sessions. Fat and sugar levels in the blood will be measured at the start

and at the end of the program. Weight will be measured each week. This will help show how small steps made by changing eating habits and increasing fitness levels will lead to big rewards in health.

It has been proven that making better food choices and becoming more active can help prevent or delay diabetes. The National Institute of Health's (NIH) Diabetes Prevention Study found that for every kilogram of weight lost, the risk of diabetes was reduced by 13 percent. The NIH study found that lifestyle changes reduced the risk of diabetes by 58 percent—meaning lifestyle change was even more effective than medication. This shows how much every day lifestyle habits affect health.

"Our children watch the things we do—they learn our lifestyle habits and then teach them to their own children," said Seminole Health Director Connie Whidden. "We will make a real difference if we develop a habit of walking 30 minutes per day and drink more water instead of soft drinks. It is important to learn about diabetes—the kidney you save may belong to your grandchild."

Additional Lifestyle Balance Program activities include a tribal wide pedometer contest ending in November, tribal wide health classes for youth, the Reservation Rally 5K race in January, weight room training and Diabetes Family Camp in the spring of 2005.

Diabetes is about two-and-a-half times more common in American Indians and Alaska Natives. Diabetes is an issue for all Seminole communities. Sugar can affect the heart, kidneys, eyes and nerves. It can lead to heart attack, stroke, kidney failure, blindness and amputation.

By learning about diabetes and teaching children healthy habits, it is possible to prevent so much diabetes in the community. Learning about diabetes will also help people who have problems with sugar understand how to take better care of their body and not get sick. The Lifestyle Balance Program will help teach about these topics.

To sign up for the Lifestyle Balance Program, please contact your local health educator or nutritionist today. Big Cypress Wellness Center, (863) 983-5798, Health Educator: Debra Ray (Hamilton), Nutritionist: Cari Saldin; Brighton Clinic (863) 763-0271, Health Educator: Barbara Boling, Nutritionist: Beth Skinner; Immokalee reservation (239) 657-6038, Health Educator/Nutritionist: Charlotte Porcaro; Hollywood Clinic (954) 962-2009, Health Educator: Shannon McKeown, Nutritionist: Doris Mir.

How to Get a Prescription Filled

Submitted by Connie Whidden, Health Director

When filling a prescription the health department encourages all Seminole Tribe of Florida Members to utilize Freedom Healthcare, the Seminole pharmacy on the Hollywood reservation.

Members on the Hollywood reservation may order and pick up their prescription directly from the Seminole pharmacy. Members at other locations may drop their prescription at their respective health clinic so that arrangements can be made with the Seminole pharmacy to fill the prescription.

If you are unable to use the Seminole Pharmacy, you may have your prescription filled at a participating Pharmacy Services Group, or PSG, pharmacy. The major participating PSG pharmacies are: Walgreens Drug Store, Eckerd Drugs, Publix, Target, Wal-Mart, K-Mart, CVS Pharmacy, Winn Dixie and Sam's Club.

If the pharmacy of your choice is not listed or if you need assistance locating pharmacy outside of the state of Florida, please contact PSG for assistance at (800) 774-2002.

So that you do not have any out of pocket cost, please remember to present your Seminole Tribe of Florida Member Health Plan ID card to the PSG pharmacy staff when dropping off your prescription. If you are experiencing difficulties obtaining your prescriptions from a PSG pharmacy, please contact Eligibility Coordinator Ana Cifuentes-Spivey at (954)962-2009, Ext. 147.

As always, the health clinic staff is always available to assist you. Please contact the patient services coordinator at the health clinic in your area if you have any questions. The phone numbers, addressed and contact persons are listed below.

Hollywood Health Center, 3006 Josie Billie Avenue, Hollywood, FL 33024, (954) 962-2009, Karen Robinson-Lee; Big Cypress Health Center, HC61 Box 40A, Clewiston, FL 33440, (863) 983-5151, Wendy Powers; Brighton Health Center, Route 6, Box 589, Okeechobee, FL 34974, (863) 763-0271, Gail McClenithan.



Group photo of Tribal citizens and employees outside the National Car Rental Center.

Michael Kelly

Seminole Tribe Participates in 'America's Walk for Diabetes'

By Michael Kelly

SUNRISE, FL — For the third year in a row, citizens from the Seminole Tribe of Florida participated in the "America's Walk for Diabetes," held at the National Car Rental Center. More than 50 Seminoles joined thousands of concerned South Floridians in the fight against diabetes, which is increasing across America.

A sea of eager runners, joggers, and walkers set out to finish the three mile course. Participants started just outside the sports complex, and then headed inside to walk a complete circle. After completing that, participants then followed the course set up in the mammoth parking lot.

"This was the largest group of participants we've ever had," said walk coordinator Edna McDuffie.

Big Cypress resident Samuel Tommie was one of the newcomers to the event.

"I went into Edna's office and she told me about Walk for Diabetes," said Tommie. "I thought it was a great idea to get involved."

As this event has grown, so has the amount of Seminole participants. McDuffie, the outreach liaison at the Big Cypress wellness center, recalled the turnout from just three years ago.

"We had 15 walkers and three in strollers the first year," said McDuffie. "The second year we had approximately 45 [participants] from three reservations; mostly tribal members. This year we had 55."

Tribal employees came out as well to support the walk.

McDuffie, a staunch supporter of these types of healthy programs, is also involved in the Rez Rally, which will be held on Jan. 22, 2005. Meetings are being held to determine which reservation will host the event and to work any other details.

McDuffie is extremely dedicated to her profession and wants to see as many tribal citizens participate, but her deep convictions towards eliminating this dreaded disease is how it affected her mother.

"I was interested in walking to raise money to find a cure for diabetes because my mother had suffered from diabetes for years and finally died from complications in 2001," said McDuffie. "I was planning my first walk with the group when she passed away."

Another person who is extremely involved with the health of the Seminole Tribe is Chairman Mitchell Cypress.

"Chairman Mitchell Cypress has been very supportive with the 'America's Walk for Diabetes'," said McDuffie. "I told him the numbers we had at the last walk and he was quite pleased to hear the number of tribal members who walked this time."

McDuffie has worked for the

health department since 2002. She started a walking program for herself due to high cholesterol and found she enjoyed the walking and what it did for her overall health.

"I also found others out there doing the same thing...walking/running; and that's how we got started getting groups together for fund raising walks. We've all helped/supported each other out in doing these walks. We've had great support from our Council Representatives David Cypress, Max Osceola, Roger Smith and of course Chairman Mitchell

Cypress," said McDuffie.

All this coincides with the Lifestyle Balance Program now being implemented in the Seminole allied health department. After sporting matching red T-shirts last year, the Seminole group wore white shirts. Inscribed on the back of each shirt was "walking together for better health."

"Anytime we have our people walking for their health we are very encouraged," said McDuffie. "This was a plus walk because we're helping to find a cure for diabetes."



Michael Kelly

Rubin Burgess cools down after the walk.



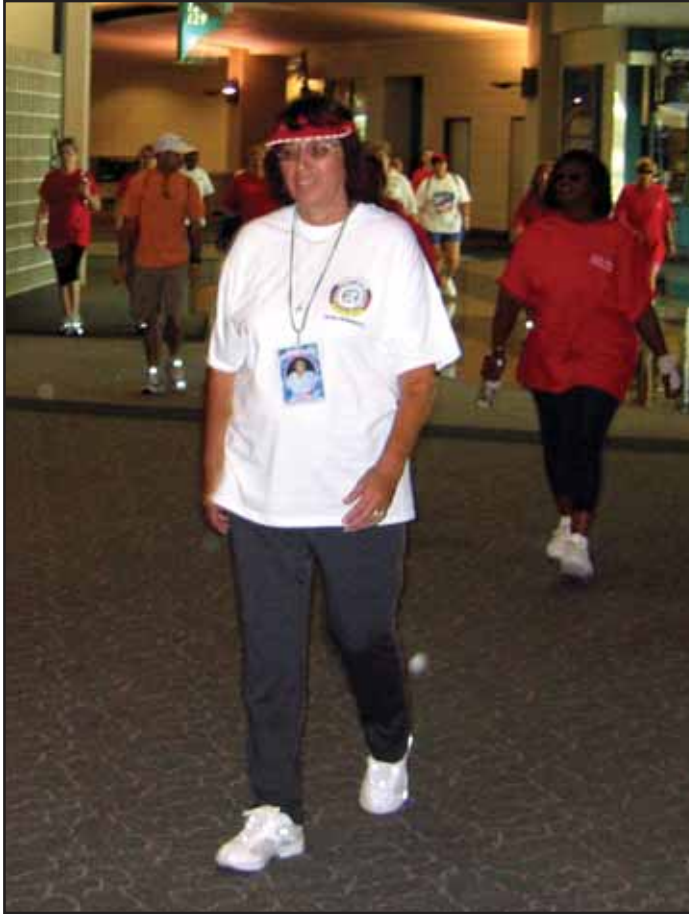
Michael Kelly

(L-R) Vicky Barogiannis, Suzanne Davis, and Shannon McKeown enjoyed assisting the participants.



Michael Kelly

Donelda Mercer and daughter Rodni enjoy their brisk walk.



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Edna McDuffie begins her trek inside the NCRC.

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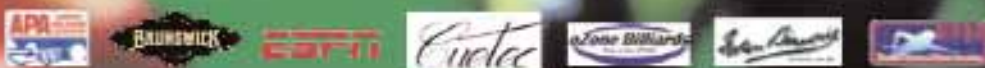
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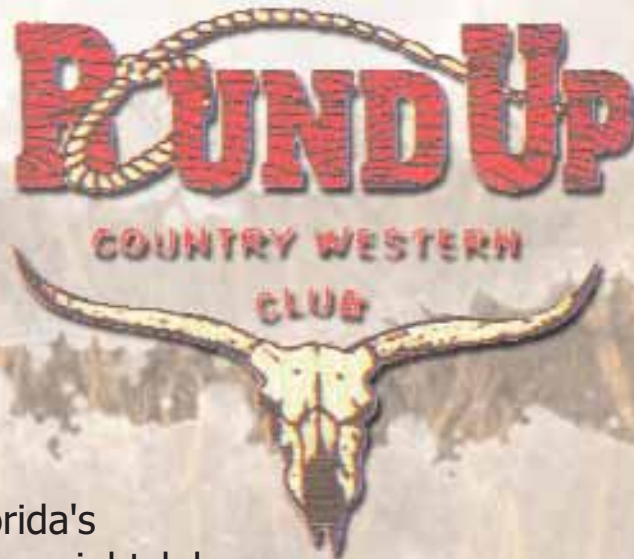


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Dionne Smedly and the Seminole 4-H Program

By Susan Etzebarria

BRIGHTON — Dionne Smedly has been appointed to the position of program assistant in the Seminole 4-H Program. Smedley works directly for 4-H Coordinator Polly Osceola Hayes at the Cattle and Agriculture Building in Brighton and oversees activities and functions for all the 4-H clubs at the various reservations.

"Being familiar with 4-H, Dionne has been a tremendous help," said Hayes. "She has gotten more parents involved."

Smedley had worked in the broadcasting department and then stayed home for a year raising four kids from the ages of six up to 18. Smedley said her days working with 4-H have been very busy lately with 25 kids in Brighton starting their steer programs and about 18 kids buying their swines.

This year the 4-H Program is doing something different holding monthly weigh-ins so that the kids have a better idea how their animal is doing. They also have been fundraising. The weekend of Oct. 22-24 they sold concessions for a barrel-racing competition held at the Fred Smith Rodeo Arena.



Susan Etzebarria

New 4-H Seminole Program Assistant Dionne Smedley.

Smedley said she enjoys working closely with the kids, especially getting to know them and working "on a one on one basis." She and her husband also own a fencing business.



Judy Weeks

Vice President Frankie Marrero in foreground, President Mark Arriaga, Sgt. of Arms, Ralph Sanchez, Treasurer, Cassandra Jimmie and Secretary Demi Garza.

Big Turn Out for New 4-H Season

By Judy Weeks

IMMOKALEE —

Members of the Immokalee 4-H Program attended a general meeting on Wednesday Oct. 27 at the Immokalee Seminole Youth and Livestock Ranch for election of officers, steer weigh-in and swine clean up day.

The steer weigh-in began promptly at 3 p.m. as the participants arrived from school. It was apparent that the youngsters have been spending a great deal of time with their livestock. The majority of the animals, while not totally cooperative, had lost much of their aggressive nature and entered the scales without mishap. The weight gain on all of the animals was considerable.

Steer participants immediately went to work on



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Alexis Aguilar and Jade Tapia load sand the hard way as they help Lazara Marrero.



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Diedra Hall places her steer Tony the Tiger in the scale for 4-H weigh-in.

cleaning their stalls while the stock was tied out. During the past month they had moved into their new facility which has made life much easier. Immokalee is raising eight steers this year.

The swine barn was swarming with youngsters and their parents as they prepared for this year's pigs. Drawings were held for each pen and again for the feeders in an effort to fairly satisfy everyone's preference.

Next was the big business—the election of officers. A great deal of discussion took place regarding possible candidates and Cris Marrero outlined the job descriptions. Ballots were cast by a raising of hands while the contenders turned their backs to allow voters to remain anonymous.

Our new officers are: President Mark Arriaga, Vice

President Frankie Marrero, Secretary Demi Garza, Treasurer Cassandra Jimmie, Sergeant of Arms Ralph Sanchez and Reporter Laci Sanchez.

4-H Program Director Candy Mancil took orders from the youth regarding their swine preference as to breed and color. She then made a trip to Morgan Farms in Georgia, which specializes in official show pigs. All of Morgan's swine are wormed, tagged and state certified. They are carefully selected according to conformation and weight.

Mancil, who made every effort to accommodate the participants' qualifications, arrived on Wednesday Nov. 10 with a trailer-load of potential winners, which were distributed among the competitors.



Judy Weeks

Raymond Mora helps his daughter Lilly select a swine feeder.



Adelsa Williams
WBO President Francisco Valcaceo, Oscar De La Hoya, Max Osceola Jr.

Boxer Teams Up With Council Representative For A Round Of Golf

By Adelsa Williams

DAVIE, FL — Boxer Oscar De La Hoya paired up with Hollywood Council Representative Max Osceola Jr. for a round of golf on Friday Oct. 29 at the Grande Oaks Golf Club in Davie, Fla.

They enjoyed an afternoon on

the popular course, formerly known as Rolling Hills Golf Club.

De La Hoya roomed at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood during the past boxing show, which was promoted by his company, Golden Boy Promotions.

Vickery Wins Billiards V Senior's Master Tournament

By Nery Mejicano

LAKE PARK, FL — Howard Vickery, originally from Sneads, Fla.

won the Fifth Senior's Masters Pool tournament sponsored by the Seminole Tribe of Florida. The tournament was held at Mizerak's Billiards in Lake Park, Fla., Nov. 2-6.

Fifty-seven of the world's best senior 9-ball players came together for this tournament. Vickery came out with self assurance and determination to defeat some of the best players, including Jose Parica, Nick Varner, Buddy Hall and finally in an 11-4 victory, he defeated Ray Martin for the \$10,000 prize. Martin took second place to win \$6,000, followed by Buddy Hall on third place with a \$4,000 purse.

Hall won second place in the 2003 Senior's by losing to Mike Siegel who walked away with first place.



Nery Mejicano
(L-R) Ray Martin, David Cypress, Howard Vickery, and Steve Mizerak.

Zachary Battiest: a Star On and Off the Football Field

Scores two touchdowns in 62-8 romp against Zion Lutheran Lions

By Michael Kelly

HOLLYWOOD — Zachary Battiest and his fellow Hollywood Christian Eagles celebrated their annual homecoming varsity football game with a resounding victory over the Zion Lutheran Lions, 62-8. Battiest scored on runs of three and 10 yards to lead the rout.

Battiest, a sophomore, is one of the most versatile players on the undefeated Eagles' team, playing on special teams, covering kick-offs, fullback, and linebacker. He, along with eight other players, ran for 269 yards, while quarterback Mike Savarese threw for 148 yards and two touchdown passes.

Coach Lance Picard loves the attitude and energy Battiest brings to the football field.

"Zachary is one of the hardest working players we have on the team," said Coach Picard. "He's very dedicated and enthusiastic."

After scoring his first-ever touchdown, an emotional Battiest dedicated it to his late grandfather, Pete Baker, who passed away last year. Battiest said he looks to inspire other Native American athletes to participate in sports at every level.

Although Battiest enjoys lead blocking for the offense, his favorite professional players are defensive players from the Miami Dolphins, including Zack Thomas, Jason Taylor, and Junior Seau. His favorite college team is the Oklahoma Sooners.

The high-flying Eagles are currently one of the highest ranked teams in the area, but just in case, Zachary's mother, June Battiest, wears

her good luck earrings.

"Last year I began wearing beaded eagle earrings to the games. And since then the team has not lost," said Battiest's mother.

Henry Battiest, Battiest's father, is excited about how well his son is playing, but knows there more to Battiest than just football.

"Zackary is also a top musician, playing drums," he said. "He could play professionally."

Unfortunately, Battiest's mother, June Battiest, could not attend the



Michael Kelly
Zackary Battiest hopes to inspire other Native Americans to participate in sports.

game. She was in Oklahoma, attending her father-in-law's birthday. However, both parents, including family and friend, want Battiest to know how proud they are of him.

Not only does Battiest excel at football—even during his first year of organized football—but also in the classroom. He's excels in his classes at Hollywood Christian, earning a GPA of 3.0.

Seminole Halloween Classic Golf Tournament

By Adelsa Williams

WESTON, FL — Some strange individuals gathered up for the Halloween golf tournament at the Bonaventure Golf Club on Saturday Oct. 30, amusing ongoing traffic along Bonaventure Boulevard as well as other golfers.

Some of the characters were Colin Powell, a distressed Jeff Gordon, a

Hard Rock construction worker and a blind umpire. All participants had to be in a costume to be allowed to participate in the classic event and could not wear the same costume from the year before. Also, each player had to select three golf clubs for the entire tournament.

Every year the recreation department coordinates this classic event, which in the past has featured gorillas, monsters, Elvis, and more. At the end of the tournament, the winners met at the club house for a brief social gathering, where the winners would be announced.

Here are the results. Longest Drive: Seniors: Hole 7 Max Osceola Jr., Men: Hole 7 Steve Osceola. Closest to the Pin: Seniors: Hole 3 Roy Butera, Hole 5 Max Osceola Jr., Hole 8 Lawrence Osceola, Hole 11 Max Osceola Jr., Hole 15 Lawrence Osceola; Men: Hole 3 Jeremy Harrison, Hole 5 Steve Osceola, Hole 8 Jeremy



Adelsa Williams
Joe Kippenberger breaks all the rules playing golf in his baseball costume.



Adelsa Williams
Lawrence Osceola as Colin Powell.

Harrison, Hole 11 Joe Kippenberger, Hole 15 Terry Tartsah, Hole 17 Terry Tartsah; Ladies: Hole 11 Kristin Duda.

Intertribal Agriculture Council Golf Tournament

By Felix DoBosz

DAVIE, FL — The Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC) Golf Tournament took place at Arrowhead Golf Course on Nov. 1. This golf tournament was part of the festivities at the IAC's 18th annual conference, which was held at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, on Nov. 1-5. Richard Bowers, President of the IAC Board of Directors, hosted the conference.

There were 22 competitors participating in this tournament, which was played on a pleasant and sunny afternoon.

The competitive golfers played 18 holes before retiring to the Arrowhead Clubhouse, waiting for the final round scores. A special thanks to Joe Frank for organizing and preparing the golf score results. The scores for the tournament are listed below.

1. Bo Young, Salaw Hummingbird and Raymond Mora, 2. Max B. Osceola Jr., Lawrence Osceola, Ricky Doctor and Gina Alydyce, 3. Mitch Osceola, Steve Osceola, Bob Penko and Miquel Mota, 4. Charlie Cypress, Kahane Osceola, Lizabeth Bates and Raymond Garza Sr., 5. Joe Billie Jr., Joe Frank and Jackie Thompson.

Most Honest Score: 1. Joe Kippenberger, 2. Mondo Tiger, 3. Raymond Garza Jr., 4. Steven Bowers.

KP's Closest to the Pin: #2 Bob Panko, #8 Lawrence Osceola, #10 Mitch Osceola, #12 Charlie Cypress, #17 Lizabeth Bates.

L.D. Longest Drive: Men: Miquel Mota, Senior Men: Bo Young, Women: Lizabeth Bates.



Felix DoBosz
Salaw Hummingbird aims for the green.

PRCA Rodeo Provides Great Entertainment

By Susan Etxebarría

BRIGHTON — The showdown of champions at the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) Southeast Circuit Rodeo hosted by Brighton Seminole reservation the weekend of Nov 12-14 was an exciting production this year. Only the top cowboys competed for prizes.

Families had it all to enjoy along with myriads of entertainment options throughout the glorious day. The rodeo was the icing on the cake Saturday afternoon after so many other wonderful entertainments was offered throughout the rodeo grounds. Crowds of people took in the performances at the outdoor stage during the day, enjoyed carnival rides and played the carnival games, strolled through the art exhibits and culture exhibits as well as ate a variety of delicious foods from one of the many food booths.

The Blue Earth Dancers, led by the drumming of Ric Bird, a Cherokee, and Otto Mahsetky, a Commanchee, performed traditional Native American dances as well as some newer ones that Bird said he has adapted from their frequent attendance at Pow Wows. Bird has raised his sons and their wives as well as his grandchildren in the dancing tradition and as the Blue Earth Dancers they travel most weekends performing.



Susan Etxebarría
Cherokee drummer Ric Bird, and Commanchee Otto Mahsetky.

Mahsetky's wife, daughter and son are also dancers. The entire troupe is comprised of 13 members. They always open their shows with a haunting prayer song that gives thanks to God and asks for His forgiveness which is in the tradition of his people. Bird explained that many of the dances have a spiritual message and he believes that they have something to say to the young people.

He said he especially likes to take the troupe to schools to explain the meaning of life to

children through dance.

"It's been my life. I enjoy this," he said.

Bird not only performed he was also the master of ceremonies for the shows that included alligator wrestling and the snappy Ramblin' Rebel Cloggers.

When it came to the cloggers there was a pleasant surprise as it was announced that the troupe's founder was dedicating their performance to Brighton elder Happy Jones.

"Happy Jones is the reason we are here. They have a long time friendship and they call each other sister," announced the dance troupe's instructor, Sandy Devorh.

The cloggers have been performing at Brighton for 20 years and every year it is Happy Jones who asks them to come. The founder of the troupe, also a clogger herself, is Kitty Bates of Melbourne, Fla. Bates and Jones grew up around each other as children when their fathers were hunters and trappers together.

This annual rodeo is one of the more sensational events sponsored by the Seminole Tribe of Florida with lots of volunteers helping out. Ellen Smith, who coordinates the event, is to be commended for organizing a weekend that is an extraordinary accomplishment.



Susan Etxebarría
This Blue Earth Dancer is one of 13 in his dance troupe.

❖ Cindy

Continued from page 1

meant to her, and how the tournament has grown. People of all ages packed the gym, greatly anticipating the championship games.

The sport of basketball really has become a part of the Seminole community. In between games, parents and grandparents watched their young children do their best at bouncing various colored basketballs.

In one of the early games, the Canes stormed past War Party, winning a mercy game, 64-33. On the ladies' side, Melissa Moskett led the Lady Seminoles with 19 points as they easily defeated United.

The Lady Seminoles kept the momentum going, rolling into the finals against the Outlaw Women. Playing a balanced, team offense and tenacious defense, the Lady Seminoles earned a mercy-rule victory, soundly defeating the Outlaw Women, 59-28. The first half was close, as Candace Blackbird kept the Outlaw Women within striking distance.

In the second half, spark-plug player and eventual MVP Tasha Osceola fiercely contested every rebound, inbound pass, and shot. She and her sisters Mercedes and JoJo Osceola were the perfect trio, all contributing to the championship win. Tournament scoring leader Melissa Mossett could have earned the MVP honors as well; her clutch scoring and enthusiasm were ever-present.

In the men's finals, Coach Clifton Huggins had the Canes ready to take on the Choctaw team from Mississippi. The Canes stormed out to a double-digit first half lead, which they never relinquished, and won 82-58. As usual, the Canes out-worked their opponents on both ends of the floor.

Throughout the game, the Canes played stifling defense, limiting the Choctaws to poor quality shots. Pete Osceola was a force on the offensive and defensive boards, and rarely did the Canes allow a second chance shot. On offense, Tony Heard and Carlos Adamson continually drove hard to the basket, drawing fouls and converting many 3-point plays.

With less than three minutes left in the game, the Canes were up by 20 points. Shaun Dougherty almost single-handedly kept the Choctaws close, launching three pointers and connecting on

off-balanced jump shots.

After the victory, trophies were handed out to the top three men's and women's teams. Championship MVP's Tasha Osceola and Carlos Adamson received hand-made Seminole jackets, while other players received black jackets and trophies.

On Sunday, the Cindy Osceola Memorial switched venues and headed to the Don Carter University Lanes in Davie, Fla. There, participants enjoyed the less strenuous sport of bowling. Raffles were held throughout the tournament, with the lucky winners receiving bowling balls, bags, towels, and more. All were courtesy of the president's office.

Results from the bowling tournament:
Scotch doubles: 1. Monica Cypress 224, 2. Alfreda Muskitt 221, 3. Trish Osceola 217, 4. Nadine Tommy 193, 5. Patricia Wilcox 187, 6. Beverly Tommie 176.

3-6-9: 1. Reina Micco and Chris Osceola 439, 2. Valerie Holata and Blake Osceola 410, 3. Rosetta Bowers and Marcy Osceola 406, 4. Wendi



The Canes stormed to the title.

Michael Kelly

Jurazec and Pernell Bert 394, 5. Nadine Tommy and Kevin Tommie 393, 6. Alfreda Muskitt and Mitch Osceola 393.

No tap: 1. Patricia Wilcox and Chris Osceola 561, 2. Margaret Wilcox and Kevin Tommie 532, Tie 3. Alfreda Muskitt and Joy Micco 469, Reina Micco and Blake Osceola 468, 4. Jennifer Tigertail and Albert Snow 433, 5. Rosetta Bowers and John Tigertail 384.

Women 60 and older: 1. Mabel Osceola 592, 2. Maydell Osceola 449, 3. Addie Osceola 438. Men 60 and older: 1. Damon Wilcox 551, 2. Dan Osceola 449. Women 50-59: 1. Mary Micco 419, 2. Vivian Delgado 412, 3. Judy Jones 357. Men 50-59: 1. David Jumper 562, 2. Moses Osceola 527, 3. Ronnie Doctor 419.



Iretta Tiger

Max Osceola Jr. enjoyed sponsoring the first place "Hit Squad" softball team.

The Hit Squad Surprises Councilman

By Iretta Tiger

HOLLYWOOD — On Sept. 27, the Hit Squad, the Seminole Tribe's co-ed softball team, held their end of season banquet at the Hard Rock Hotel. The dinner was not only to mark the end of the season; it was to also celebrate the team winning the first place trophy.

The Hit Squad had a surprise for the team's most ardent supporter. On behalf of the team, Captain Nicole Osceola presented Councilman Max B. Osceola Jr. the first place trophy.

"Max takes a personal interest in the team" stated one team member. "He always wants to know how the team is doing and wanted to meet with the team."

Osceola personally thanked each team member and reflected on the power of unity.

"Sports teaches us sportsmanship, you learn to play as a team," said Osceola. "Everyone learns what their strengths and weaknesses are and they learn to work together through their strengths."

Congratulations Hit Squad and congratulations Max for a job well done.



Iretta Tiger

Councilman Max Osceola Jr. holds up the first place trophy.

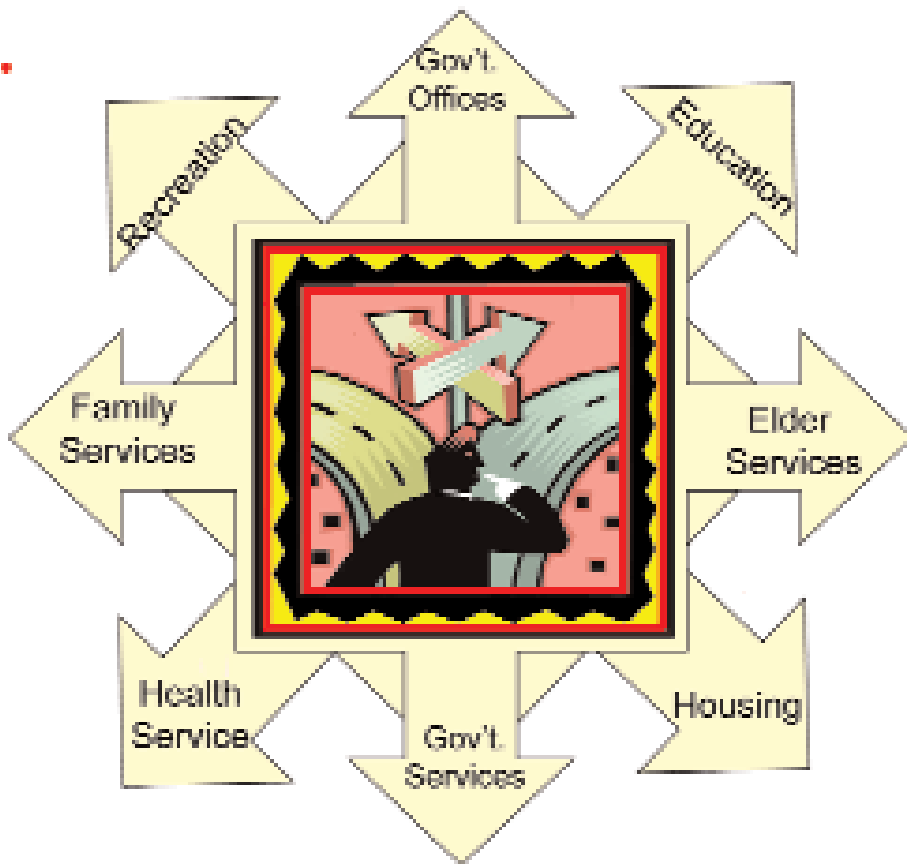
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Wyatt Webb Brings Positive Messages to BC

The author of two books gives tribal citizens 'Five Steps to Overcoming Fear and Self Doubt'

By Shelley Marmor

BIG CYPRESS — Family Services Director Crissie Carter said that when she became the department's director, Big Cypress Councilman David Cypress told her to "think outside the box" with her approach to serving the Seminole tribal community. She listened, bringing in Wyatt Webb.

Webb, 61, has seen a lot in this life. He is a former country musician who spent 30 weeks a year on tour, eventually turning his back on the music industry to work through his life-threatening substance abuse problems.

Webb recovered and went on to become a therapist, which he has been for 24 years, spending much of his early career directing a treatment center for adolescents. A decade into his therapy career, he started working with horses.

At the treatment center, Webb said he observed children interacting with horses in a program they had at the center. He eventually realized that they were acting out scenarios from their life through the horse.

"As I watched these kids interact with the horse, I had history on all of 'em; what they were doing was that they were recreating their life right before my very eyes," Webb said. "They were treating horses exactly how they learned how to treat people. And the relationship they were creating was pretty dangerous—which is how their lives had been."

"I thought 'this is just way too rich to let go of,'" he continued. "So at that moment in time, I said 'I want you to take this program and I want it to become people-focused.'"

His first book, 2002s "It's Not About the Horse—It's About Overcoming Fear and Self-Doubt" dealt with exactly what he noticed in how children were interacting with horses. Webb's second book was 2004s "Five Steps for Overcoming Fear and Self-Doubt: Journey into Present-Moment Time," which he spoke about in the seminar.

Webb says the five steps to overcoming fear and self-doubt are: admit your fear, evaluate how afraid you are on a one-10 scale, decide what the worst case scenario is, gather information and support that validates the worst case scenario and decide what level of fear you are then on from one-10, and finally celebrate the loss of the fear and self-doubt.

He said he believes the one reason humans have fear and self-doubt is because they want to be in control. Webb says, however, that controlling living things is impossible since they "were born to be free."

"There's a big slab of cement down by the corral where I work... but there's cracks in that cement," Webb said. "And I promise you that every year when the monsoons come, there's probably a seed under there somewhere that the water will get down to, and when it hits it, it will find the light in that crack."

"The next thing you know, about two days later, there's a weed coming out of it. It's got all this stuff sitting on top of it—you can't control something that lives," Webb added. "It's not set up for it to happen; it's against the law."

Webb currently lives in Tucson, Ariz., where he heads the Equine Experience at the Miraval Life in Balance™ spa resort—named the number one spa in the country by the readers of such well-known travel publications as *Conde Nast Traveler*, *Spafinders Magazine*, *Zagat Survey* and *Travel & Leisure*.

For more information on Webb's Equine Experience at Miraval, please visit http://www.miravalresort.com/act_adventure.php and click on "Equine Experience" under the "Horsemanship" section on the left side of the screen.

Wyatt Webb's Equine Experience

By Judy Weeks

IMMOKALEE —

The Wyatt Webb seminar completed a full day of conference room therapy on Nov 1 in Big Cypress and then traveled to Immokalee for a two day hand's-on experience. Family Services Department Director Crissie Carter arranged for Webb to hold his sessions outdoors where participants had an opportunity to interact with a horse. A round pen and seating were placed beneath the oak trees providing a peaceful setting in which to examine one's inner self.

Webb, who had recently arrived from Tucson, Ariz., began his presentation by exposing his background as a country music road lizard who suffered from alcoholism and chemical experimentation, which nearly killed him. Originally from Georgia, he grew up with self-doubts and fears that made him vulnerable to addiction by the time he was sixteen. Despite this stumbling block, he eventually attended West Georgia College and obtained degrees in both English and psychology.

Upon graduation, Webb perused a career in the music industry which proved to be self-destructive. He spent 20 years in Nashville, Tenn. where he married and later welcomed a son and daughter, while still performing with his own band and cutting records. However, having never faced his own fears and self-doubts, he was unable to achieve his goals. He blamed his failures on everyone and a family coping with his addictions could not last.

When Webb hit rock bottom he admitted himself to Cumberland Heights Rehabilitation

Center in Nashville. After three attempts he came to realize that he had to cope with his underlying fears if he were to change his life, since we each control our own destiny.

"I learned to listen and spent the next sixteen years growing up and preparing for my second marriage," Webb said. "It's been six years since I made the plunge and I am doing a good job of being a husband."

As part of his recovery, he acquired 8000 hours of Gestalt Therapy training and delved into the field of transference. In his 22 years as a therapist, he has worked with all age groups but enjoys teens the most. "They are more open minded and willing to accept change," he said.

"Everything we do in life is in preparation for the next thing," Webb said. "All behavior is logical if we examine where it comes from."

"Horses are pure and live in the present. Since all behavior is learned, we tend to copy what adults say and do, making up stories in our heads to cover our inadequacies or rationalize our behavior."

"With horses we send the message and they respond. You must learn to do the same with your body. It is your best friend and can't lie to you."



Wyatt Webb's informative therapy session drew an interested group of participants.

Using the horse to illustrate his concept of self-healing, he taught the group how to properly conquer their fears and approach the animal with confidence. Several members of the group were afraid of such a large animal, but eventually they were picking up and cleaning its feet.

"People are trained to minimize their fears so as not to look foolish in front of others," Webb said. "When you talk about your fear, you take it from a secret place and reduce it by half. Postponing things increases fear. You must meet doubt head on and in most cases, it will disappear. Working with the horse, you transfer your nervousness to him. As you build confidence and self assurance the horse responds and relaxes. Together, you and the horse

learn to cope with reality."

The entire presentation took only three



Family Services Director Crissie Carter invited Wyatt Webb to bring his unique therapy skills to Seminole Country.

hours in which time all eight of the participants individually handled the horse, leading it and picking up its feet, while talking about themselves and confronting their doubts. Everyone seemed to grow more comfortable as the class progressed.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Webb stressed one point above all others.

"A support group is the most important part of recovery," he said. "You can not succeed alone."

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Cody Motlow in the bull pen competition. Judy Weeks



Chad Motlow gets ready to ride. Judy Weeks

Bull Pit Ministries Comes to the Rez

By Judy Weeks
IMMOKALEE — The Bull Pit Ministry is a new concept in an effort to help young people make wise choices in their lives. It is designed to promote family values and help youngsters deal with the peer pressure they encounter daily.
Mike and Vicki MacDonald have worked with parents and community leaders to organize a monthly competition at the LaBelle Arena. Steers and bulls of all sizes are brought in and anyone wishing to try their hand at this rough and tumble sport are given an opportunity. Sheep are also available for mutton bustin.
It is expected that each contestant will bring their own gear and vest, but a first time rider can usually count on a loan for his or her ride, if necessary. Their motto is "No one shall be left behind." There is

an entry fee of \$10 per run and the turn out has been extraordinary. Everything appears well organized and safety is a primary issue.
Immokalee Seminole Youth and Livestock Ranch Director Benny Motlow took a group to the Bull Pit Ministries on Saturday Oct. 23 to see how it worked. Before the evening was over, Kenny Joe Davis, 6, had ridden a sheep and was bragging about riding steers as soon as he gets big.
Cody, 11, and Chad Motlow, 10, clad in new chaps and vests, tried out their new rigging on the steers. With butterflies in their stomachs they emerged from the chutes with high expectations. The ride was over before they knew it and they are also talking about next month.
Motlow said he plans to attend the next competition with an even bigger group in the future and make this a regular event in the Youth Ranch's busy schedule.



Kenny Joe Davis, 6, mutton bustin' at the rodeo grounds. Judy Weeks

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Ah-Tha-Thi-Ki Museum Director Tina Osceola spoke about former director Billy Cypress.

By Nery Mejicano
BIG CYPRESS
— The sounds of singing, of flutes, drums, and guitars, filled the air while the smell of fry bread and barbeque ribs engulfed the parking lot of Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum for the Seventh Annual American Indian Arts Celebration. This year, the festival honored the late Billy Cypress. Cypress was the former museum director, who passed away April 12, 2004.

Under a beautiful blue and sunny sky, Polynesian dancers entertained the audience with colorful South Pacific rhythms and some fun audience participation. Most of the participants were not cut out for such hip-shimmying moves, but they were good sports and brought about a great deal of laughter.

The Yellow Bird Indian Dancers from Mesa, Ariz. followed. This is a talented and creative family who moved the audience with their singing, poetry, and dance. Two sets of children demonstrated hoop dancing. The two older children are champion



One of two hoop dancer from the Mesa, Ariz. Yellow Bird Indian Dancers.



Seminole art and craft vendors had many beautiful items for sale.



Graphic Designer Melissa Sherman distributed free issues of The Seminole Tribune to celebration attendees.



Maybel Vitini, environmental activist and lead singer of As One.



Colorful dancers like this one filled the stage.

They wore colorful traditional Apache dress and all of them had a talent. One of the children is a recording artist, having two flute CD's to his credit.

The backdrop to these wonderful performances was created by the next entertainer, a wonderful and talented music writer, performer, muralist and environmental activist, Mabel Vitini. Vitini has performed for other tribal events such as the Big Cypress Youth Conference in 2002. She was part of American Pie, an all women's band and now plays in her new band, As One, which preformed.

Following As One's performance, a portrait of Billy Cypress was unveiled and presented to members of his family. The portrait will be permanently housed at the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki museum in honor of a great person, warrior and contributor to the cultural heritage of the Seminole Tribe of Florida.



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Tribal seniors were presented with a traditional wood carving.



Iretta Tiger

Fashion Show Finale: Participants lined up for on e last presentation of there beautiful clothing.



Iretta Tiger

Taiwanese male dancers had the crowd's full attention.



Iretta Tiger

Takiwatan presented David DeHass with a wood carving combin- ing images from both Seminole and Taiwanese cultures.

By Iretta Tiger
HOLLYWOOD — On Oct. 18, the Seminole Tribe of Florida welcomed some very special guests; the indigenous people of Taiwan. The group of 28 people came from several natives tribes in Taiwan.

Originally the group came to perform at the Indigenous Heritage Festival in Orlando and at the Dragon Boat Races in Miami. However, when they found out about the indigenous people of Florida, it was their wish to learn and experience everything they could about the Seminole Tribe and to share their culture as well.

Hollywood Board Rep. David DeHass, Hollywood Council Rep. Max Osceola, Jr., Charles Hiers Billie, and reporter Iretta Tiger, did what they could to make the cultural exchange happen.

The evening started with dinner prepared by Jo Motlow North, Bonnie Motlow and Cornelia Osceola. There was fry bread, pump- kin bread and the Seminole delicacy, spam and tomato over rice.

As we all ate dinner together, the Taiwanese inquired about Seminole clothing and the Seminole flag. Charles Hiers Billie explained the meaning and the history of these things. As he explained them to the group's translator, Philip Diller, and the group leader, Alice Takiwatan, she in turn explained them to the group. After dinner we moved into the auditorium for their per- formance.

Their regalia was so beautiful; they decorated the auditorium with banners and tribal art. The meaning

of each dance and from what tribe they belong to was explained before each performance.

During the show, the group presented David DeHass with a beautiful carving and photographs of the lost art of Atayal facial tattoos.

The photographs are of the last of the elders with facial tattoos. When these elders are gone, the cultural heritage of facial tattoos is forever lost. At one point, the facial tat- too had become so taboo that there were attempts at removing them by rubbing the face with acid.

The Taiwanese also gave Maggie Osceola and James Tiger, Sr. beautiful handmade blankets, which are made in the same way that Navajo blankets are made. They also gave a blanket to Tiger and her fiancé as an early wedding present.

At the end of the show, Takiwatan thanked the tribe and openly invited the tribe to come and visit

the tribes of Taiwan. Maggie Osceola joined them onstage for photographs and those tribal citizens that did attend the performance absolutely loved it. Their (tribal citizens) only disap- pointment was that only a handful of Seminoles were there to represent the tribe.

The next day, the group toured the Hollywood tribal office and present-

ed a gorgeous carving to the seniors of the tribe. It was wonderful to watch them as they toured the office. Everything little detail was so fasci- nating to them and nothing escaped their atten- tion. Following the office tour, the group was taken to Big Cypress where they toured the museum and Billie Swamp Safari.

For those of you who missed seeing this group, you might get to see them at the trib- al fair. David DeHass is working to bring them back.

It was an amazing thing to experience and had nothing to do with money or business deals. It was two groups of indigenous tribes sharing their cultures and finding out how simi- lar we are.

Thank you David DeHass and Max Osceola, Jr. for bringing this to the tribe. Thank you to Jo North, Bonnie Motlow and Cornelia Osceola for the wonderful meal you provided. You ladies are the greatest.



Iretta Tiger

The Seminole Tribe was presented with photographs of the last of the facial tatooed elders.



Iretta Tiger

Taiwanese weaving demonstration.



Iretta Tiger

Taiwanes coastal fishing village tribes performs traditonal dances.



Iretta Tiger

Colorful Taiwanese banners and traditionally dressed demonstrators transformed the Hollywood auditorium.



Iretta Tiger

The Taiwanese visitors put on a fashion show.



Iretta Tiger

Taiwanese coastal fishing village tribes display the diversity of there culture.



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A tradition Taiwanese garmet.

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Happy Birthday



To **Codene Jumper**. I would like to express my love for my daughter on her **belated birthday**. My, girl, you have grown. I would like to apologize for the ones I have missed. I love you lots, lots. Love you my girl.
Love,
Mom

To **Codene Jumper**. Hey girl! We want to wish you a **happy belated birthday**. Sorry we missed it but we hope you had fun. Well we love you and can't wait until next year.
Love you lots,
Ryan, Miranda, your niece
Ryanna



To **Cordey Jumper**. I would like to express love to my son on his birthday. Have a nice **happy birthday**. My son, I would like to apologize for missing your past birthdays. My goodness you have gotten big. Always know I love you lots. Love you son.
Love,
Mom

To **Cordey Jumper**. Well another year has gone by. We just wanted to wish you a **happy birthday**. I want you to remember that we will always love you. Happy birthday lil' bro!
Love always,
Ryan, Miranda, and your niece
Ryanna

To **Marshall Tommie**. We just want to wish you a **happy belated birthday**. You're getting so big. Sorry we missed it. But we still love you! We love you baby boy!
Love,
Ryan, Miranda, and your niece
Ryanna

To **Marshall Tommie**. I would like to express my love for my son. I apologize for missing your **birthdays** in the past. I will always love you,
Love,
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Happy Birthday **Brittany Yescas**. We love you!
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To Coleman Josh,
Happy birthday daddy!

You were the first man in my life to hold me in his arms
As you held me close keeping me safe and warm
I was your precious baby girl in a world so new
Cradled by my daddy who loved me true
Throughout all the years you watched me grow
And taught me all of the things you thought I should know
And even though my current path in prison is not one of your choice
I want you to know that even back then I listened to your voice
Despite my faults and mistakes I just want to say
You love and kindness made me into the woman I am today
I miss you daddy, miss you much
You introduced me to the Heavenly Father
And for that I thank the Lord
Now behind these lonely walls he's keeping me safe and warm
You are a great and awesome man of God
You bless each life you touch
I appreciate all you've done for me daddy

I love you and miss you very much
Your daughter,
Victoria Josh



Happy birthday to Information Systems Director **John Anderson**. He celebrated another year of life on November 17. His staff surprised him by decorating his office Luau style on his special day. May you have many more John!

From,
The Information Systems Department



Happy first birthday lil' sis!
Edie Beaux Robbins—I love you very much. Have a good birthday and enjoy your day along with many more birthdays that will come your way.
Love,
Big sis Breanna Robbins



Happy first birthday **Edie Beaux Robbins**! The 28th day of September, 2003 is the day you brought joy into our lives. You are truly a gift from God. Your smile and your joyfulness are the greatest gifts God has ever given you.
Mommy, daddy and big sister love you very much. Keep them smiles coming big girl—they sure brighten everyone's day.
With love,
From mommy, daddy and big sister Breanna
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In Memoriam

In Memory of Cindy

It seems like only yesterday, I heard her friendly voice and saw her smiling face
I can see her dribbling up the floor at such a frantic pace
I watched her grow from a young girl to a proud woman who always had a desire to win
She loved to play hoops and always practiced hard around the gym
When my days were down and I felt I was nearly at the end of my rope
She would say a word or two and it would give me hope
She could be outspoken if she felt there was something she had to say
I know her heart was kind for all could be forgotten the next day
Many times in a game I saw her give a ref a little piece of her mind!
Yet there was no other person I would rather have take the last shot from the line
I know toward the end her aches and pains must have been hard to bear
She loved life and she loved her boys and daughter with them she will always be there
I know it must have been hard for her to be in that wheelchair going down the road
Yet she would wave at friends, never showing the burden of a heavy load
She will be remembered as a good mother, daughter, relative and friend
Always keep that memory until we meet again
I know in her heart there was a tenderness that only God could have put there from

above
She spoke to me many times of the family she truly loved
I know she loved Jesus because of a grandmother who prayed for her day and night
Family, Friends rest assured we will meet her again in the morning light
And we will see her new body playing ball and dribbling toward that basket at a frantic pace
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We will see Cindy with that smiling face

—**Moses Jumper Jr.**

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Osceola is a member of the Wind clan and is the daughter of Ruth Osceola, who resides in Immokalee.

To **Deagan Rich Osceola**.
Congratulations on your new baby boy!
Love,
Ryan, Miranda, and Ryanna

Understanding

A walk in the shadows of unforgiving-ness
My destiny is death
But that's only the beginning
One should not take for granted the breath that one breathes
Or overlook the knowledge that a new day brings
Everyday is special but understanding it will set one free
And there you will sit like a bird without its wings

—**Lyle Vandell Billie**
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Almost 7,000 Americans were killed in action at Iwo Jima. Ira H. Hayes was one of several Marines who helped raise the flag on Iwo Jima a second time. Joe Rosenthal took the now famous photograph of the event which has become the symbol of

the war with Japan in World War II.

Events include a banquet, parade, massing of colors, wreath laying, dedication of new POW/MIA memorial, speakers, military fly-over. Lunch will be provided by the Women's Auxiliary Unit. Scheduled is Gourd dancing and a social pow wow.

For information, contact the Ira H. Hayes American Legion Post 84, P. O. Box 186, Sacaton, AZ 85247 or call (520) 562-8484, fax (520) 562-3297, or e-mail ihpost84@gilanet.net. For parade information, contact Robert and Josie Delsi at (520) 836-1022.

Seminole Host Annual IAC Symposium

By Iretta Tiger
HOLLYWOOD — From Nov. 1–5, the Seminole Tribe of Florida hosted the 2004 Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC) Symposium at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, located on the Hollywood Reservation. The theme of this year's symposium was "Healthy Land, Healthy Heart through Indian Agriculture."

Instead of using the standard logo, the local planning committee held a contest with the Seminole youth. The winner of the competition was Kaycee Jumper, a sixth grader. Jumper's work not only appeared on the cover of the conference schedule, but also on T-shirts commemorating the symposium and sold at the conference.

During the opening ceremony, Felicia Dawn Eldridge (Miss Shoshone Bannock XLI) performed a flute song to honor the late John Sunchild. Sunchild was the Chippewa Cree tribal leader who was well known throughout North America for his dedication and his accomplishments for improving the lives of not only his people, but for all Native Americans.

One of the first topics to be discussed was diabetes. Making the presentation was the Seminole health department staff. Big Cypress Health Department representative Helene Buster talked about her love of running and competing in marathons around the world.

Chairman Mitchell Cypress spoke of his struggle with diabetes. He also spoke about his recent motorcycle accident, appearing at the event in a

wheelchair.

"Women in Agriculture" was another big topic promoted by IAC. IAC President Richard Bowers enthusiastically encouraged women to become more involved not only in IAC, but in the agriculture field.

During the presentation "Aligning with a Brand," it was interesting to learn that natural beef is increasing in demand. The presenter cited Whole Foods Market as a fast growing market leading the call for the natural beef.

Additional presentation topics ranged from "Beneficial Omega 3 Acids" and "Navajo Animal ID Program" to "Healthy Youth, Families & Community." These featured the stories of three different native communities, which began a community garden. These gardens were a great success at bringing together their communities, and it was a great way for children to learn and enjoy themselves.

Special workshops were also offered but with limited space. The conference closed with an elaborate banquet in which essay and art work contest awards were presented.

During the banquet, IAC members were treated to a fashion show provided by the Miccosukee tribe.

The following day, IAC members were given a tour of the Big Cypress Reservation. They toured the museum and Swamp Safari where they spent most of the day riding the Seminole carnival rides—the airboat and the swamp buggy.

Florida Seminole Tourism Thanks Sponsors

By Cindy Malin
Florida Seminole Tourism Marketing Director Lucy Evanicki would like to thank the following sponsors for contributing to the success of the "See Native America—One Nation at a Time" cultural exchange contest held in Berlin, Germany in March 2004 during ITB, the world's largest annual tourism trade show.

Berlin resident Doris Dolgner was randomly selected as the grand prize winner of a special Seminole Tribe Adventure Family Vacation. More than 5,000 people registered to win at the Seminole Tribe's tradeshow booth.

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"Partnering with our tourism industry colleagues helps us build awareness of the Seminole Tribe of Florida's offerings by leaps and bounds," said Evanicki. "This historic event educated German children and their families about Native Americans and promoted the offerings of the Seminole Tribe of Florida including Billie Swamp Safari, the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum and the Hollywood Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino."



Jo Jo Osceola, 2004 FSU Homecoming Princess and Chief, and Krystal Young.

FSU
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The first appearance for the princesses was at the Homecoming Pow Wow. This huge event, which is what they call their pep rally, took place for the first time at the Leon County Civic Center; it was obvious to see why. The FSU crowd is huge! Not only were college students there, but whole families in attendance.

At the pep rally, the football team's defensive line was introduced by Head Coach Bobby Bowden.

Also at the Pow Wow, the 2004 – 2005 homecoming chief and princess were announced. The special guest for the rally was Larry the Cable Guy of Blue Collar TV, who I must admit was funny.

The following day the princesses had breakfast at the Alumni Center. Osceola and Young walked around and talked with alumni, the homecoming court, and FSU staff. The princesses also distributed *The Seminole Tribune* to everyone at the alumni center.

Then it was off to the stadium for the homecoming game, with FSU taking on Duke. The princesses were taken to the president's box where they relaxed and watched the game. Many people came up to the princesses and thanked them for coming. They also thanked the tribe for allowing the school to continue using the Seminoles to represent the school. Many people wore Seminole patchwork jackets at the game.

The princesses were taken to the field for half time where they were introduced. Miss Seminole and Jr. Miss Seminole crowned the new FSU homecoming chief and princess and stayed to pose for pictures.



The Princesses with "Osceola."

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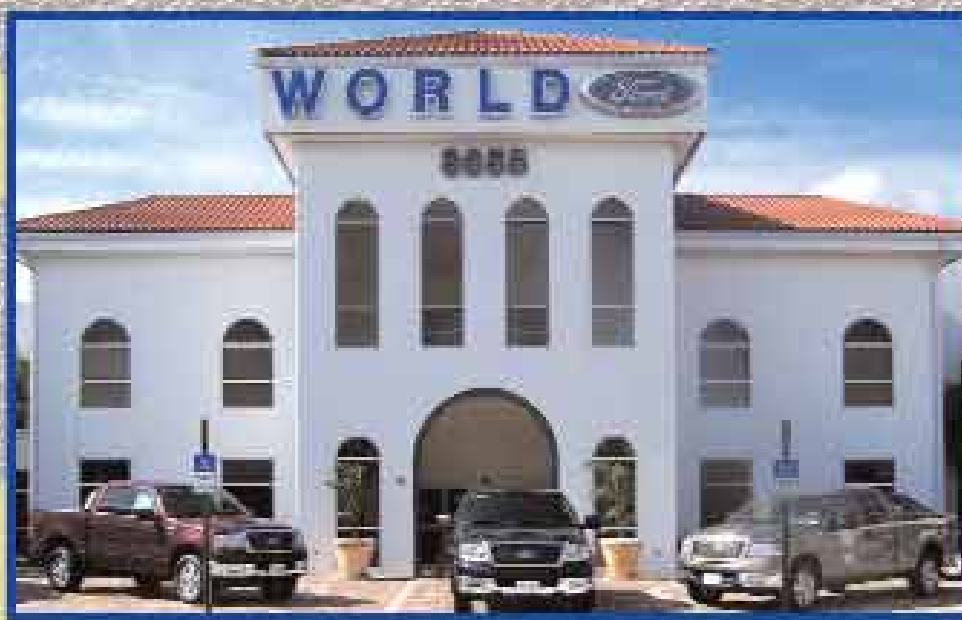
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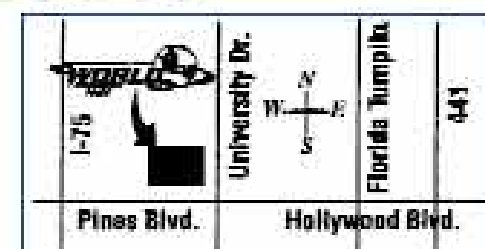
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Tribe Honors Billy Cypress on Veteran's Day

By Iretta Tiger

BIG CYPRESS — It was amazing. Who knew the B.C. Entertainment Complex could look like this? The interior of the building was draped in red, white and blue cloth. The tables had beautiful centerpieces of flowers of the same colors. Each year the Seminole Tribe outdoes itself when it comes to honoring our veterans, but this year the celebration was bittersweet.

The 17th Annual Veteran's Day Celebration was dedicated to the late Billy L. Cypress. Cypress' widow Carol Cypress brought several displays of Billy's time in the military, including a collage of old photographs and the medals he received.

Also on display were the military biographies of the Seminole Color Guard, which Cypress was also a member of. Several paintings and a bronze sculpture honoring the Seminole veterans was displayed throughout the complex.

The celebration began with the pledge of allegiance by some of the fourth grade students from Ahfachkee School. They were supposed to also say the pledge in Miccosukee, but were so nervous they ran off before anyone could catch them.

Carol Connors and Miss Indian World XIII Bobbi Rae Sage sang for the veterans. Sage ran into technical difficulties and had to sing a cappella. Moses Jumper Jr. composed and read the Veterans Poem and Ft. Pierce Liaison Sally Tommie read two poems. A display was created for the "Four Hats to Remember" poem.

Chairman Mitchell Cypress welcomed the veterans and distinguished guests who traveled from across the country to celebrate with us. Cypress reminded those American citizens who speak against our country to "remember the sacrifices the veterans have made and think twice before speaking."

Several Seminole youths read their essays about the meaning of Veteran's Day. What was touching was the fact that they realized the suffering the veterans have gone through during war and after war.

Special guest speaker T.C. Tso of the Navajo Nation shared his history of military service. Tso lost a nephew who was in the military; the nephew was the first Navajo to die in Iraq. Tso is a good friend of Steven Bowers, who presented Tso with a Seminole vest shortly before the celebration. Tso wore the vest during the celebration.

Bowers and Paul Bowers Sr. next presented Carol Cypress with a plaque honoring Billy L. Cypress. Carol Cypress, along with her grandsons accepted the plaque and shared some memories of Billy. Though at the beginning she cried from the pain of her loss, she laughed when retelling the many humorous incidents they had shared.

Also honoring Billy L. Cypress were several members of the Yakama Tribe. They tearfully remembered when Cypress celebrated treaty day with the tribe and presented Carol Cypress with a Pendleton blanket from the tribe.

"In memory of our friend Major Billy Cypress" they said as they wrapped the blanket around Carol's shoulders, and they also presented Carol with a beaded necklace with a medal.

Each and every Seminole veteran was recognized and presented with gifts. Closing the ceremony was Laurie Church, who sang a stunning version of "Amazing Grace."

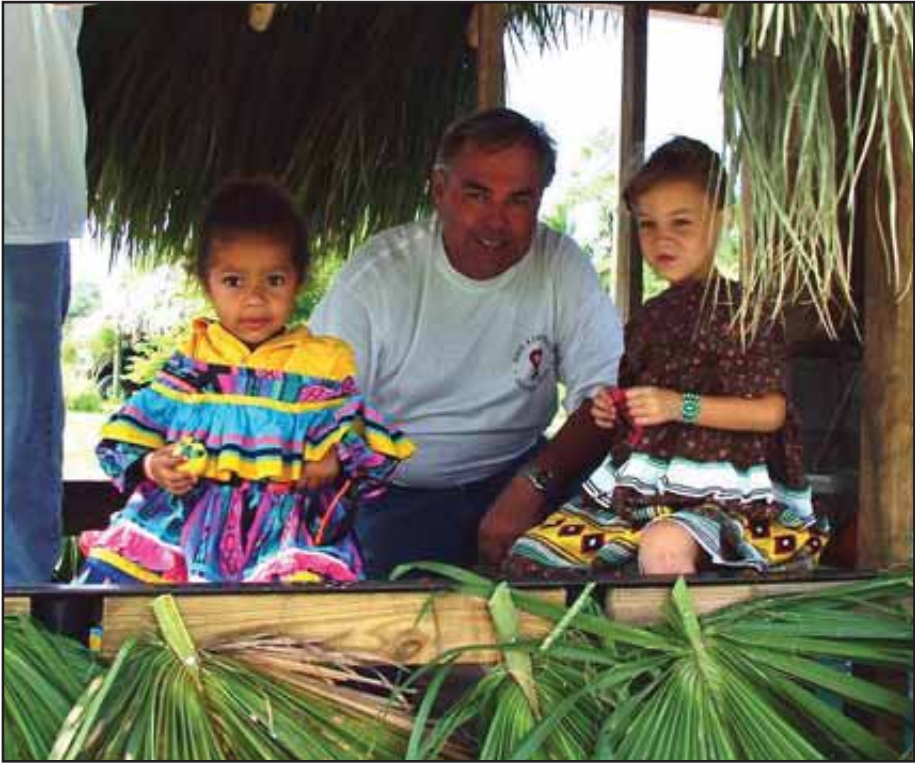
After the ceremony was over, there were a few other tributes and celebrations for the veterans. Even before the B.C. ceremony had begun, the out-of-town visitors were treated to a welcome dinner at The River House Restaurant in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Even the seniors paid tribute to the veterans with a sumptuous lunch at the Seniors Center.

"I look at you guys as freedom fighters," said Hollywood Councilman Max B. Osceola Jr. "Without you guys, where would we be; not only as a country but as a tribe. We can not thank you enough for everything you've done."



Red Ribbon Week



Jaime Restrepo
(L-R) Trinity Williams, Carter Clough and Dayra Teal Keones float on by.



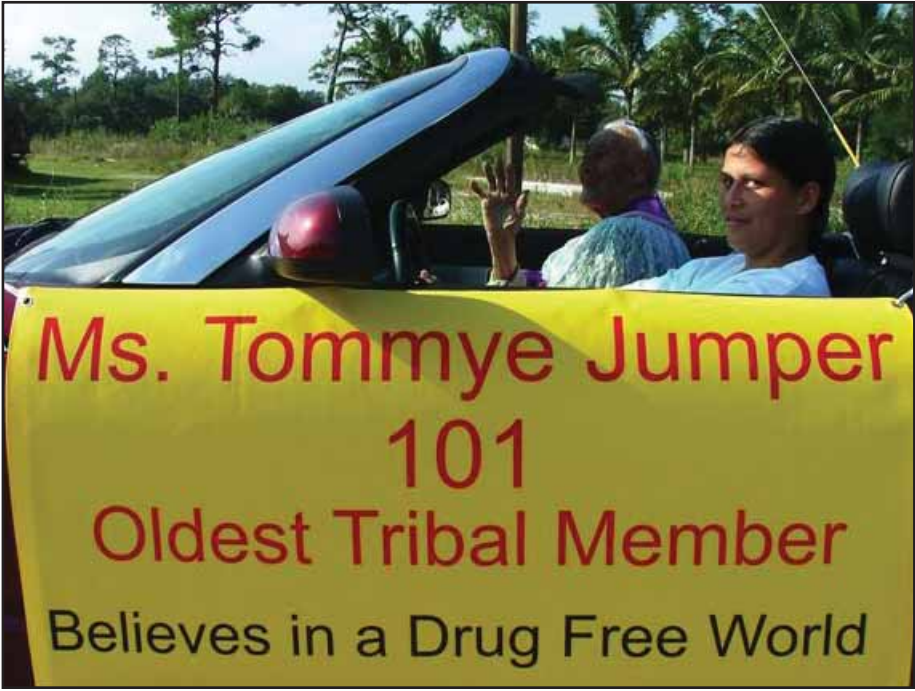
Jaime Restrepo
(L-R) Cody Bert and Tony Bert lead the way.



Jaime Restrepo
The Big Cypress Recreation float rolls along.



Jaime Restrepo
Members from the Aviation Department show off the Seminole helicopter



Jaime Restrepo
Tommye Jumper waves to the crowd.



Jaime Restrepo
(L-R) Rudy Osceola and Earl Strictland show off their horsepower.

Red Ribbon Week: Celebration and Parade

By Jaime Restrepo
BIG CYPRESS — Big Cypress celebrated national Red Ribbon Week and topped it off its best parade yet along Josie Billie Highway on Oct. 28. National Red Ribbon Week serves as a tribute to Drug Enforcement Agency Special Agent Enrique Camarena, who was kidnapped, brutally tortured and murdered by drug traffickers in Mexico.

Though the tragic event generated a huge outpouring of grief, it has also generated a sense of hope across America. Many Americans across the U.S., in particular our nation's youth, keep the hope alive, in particular, the tribal community in Big Cypress.

The future of the tribe is vested in its children. There is no better way to draw attention to the importance of drug prevention and healthy living than by celebrating Red Ribbon Week. In addition to commemorating the ultimate sacrifice made by Agent Camarena, focus is made on what a positive future holds and how good it can be with a clean, healthy and drug free approach to life.



Jaime Restrepo
Ahfachkee students show of their winning door design.



Jaime Restrepo
Carter Clough gets the Gatorade treatment.

This year, all departments and agencies located in Big Cypress participated in with a colorful and enthusiastic show of support. Everyone, from the children in pre-school, to the senior citizens of Big Cypress, took part in the celebration and parade. School hallways and classrooms, as well as office corridors and doors, were decorated with posters, artwork, and red ribbons in a unified show of support.

Contests were conducted to find who had the best decoration, poster and parade float. Everyone was a winner. The biggest winner was the community itself.

More than 30 vehicles and floats participated in the grand parade along Josie Billie Highway. Residents and employees alike worked feverishly all week long to prepare the best float and presentation possible. What a show it was.

With focus on the future, some floats proved to be creative as to how they connected the past with the future. Everyone assembled at the Bingo Hall site and followed the parade route southbound to the Big Cypress rodeo grounds.

Ahfachkee School won first place with its rendition of Seminole future



Jaime Restrepo
The first place winners from the Ahfachkee School.

through education and culture beginning at a young age. There were other excellent presentations, some complex, others simple but clear with their message: Don't Do Drugs—Invest in the Future.

One float featured married past and present with it's rendition of traditional chickee next to modern housing. Another float from Seminole aviation department emphasized modern technology, and the huge strides the tribe has made over the years. One notable participant in the parade was Tommye Jumper, the oldest tribal member at 101. She looked proud as she rode down the road, waving to all the onlookers.

After the parade, everyone was invited to the Herman Osceola Gym for an awards ceremony and lunch provided by Shorty's BBQ. Big Cypress Council Representative David Cypress addressed the crowd and thanked everyone for their participation and stupendous effort.

Tribal Chairman Mitchell Cypress was also present and addressed the audience. He too, was extremely impressed with the efforts put forth by everyone and was proud of the powerful anti-drug message conveyed by the Red Ribbon festivities.

Special thanks go to Carmen Arrango and the Red Ribbon committee, who helped coordinate this years' activities.

Red Ribbon Week

Pre-Schoolers and Seniors Attend Red Ribbon Fair

By Susan Etxebarría
BRIGHTON — Did any of the Red Ribbon Fair activities held Oct. 22-29 at Brighton make a difference? One week after Red Ribbon Week, Kay Begin, alcohol and drug counselor for family services, was still enthused.

“I think there has been some impact,” Begin said. “At least all the kids of the community know we’re here.”

Begin, a newly-hired counselor who works primarily with the tribal youth, said kids wave to her now, something that is important to her. She said that all the work everyone did to make the Red Ribbon Fair an important event is worth it if it just saves one child from addiction.

It was also evident strong community support for drug prevention is really growing. “The community really came together and departments came together,” she said.



Susan Etxebarría
Face painting was only at part of the fun at the fair.

for all the extra long hours they volunteered. They are: Nadine Tommie, Miranda Tommie and Ryan Osceola. But, there are also many others she said deserved thanks.

Red Ribbon Week activities involved the participation of the recreation department, broadcasting department, housing department, the library, education department, First Indian Baptist Academy, the Seminole Police Department,

Emergency Medical Services, Seminole Fire Rescue and Senior Center (Hot Meals).

The week kicked off with the McGruff the Crime Dog® bringing the “take a bite out of crime” message to several kids at the youth center and the library. On Monday night, Oct. 25 the entire bingo hall at the Brighton Casino became the staging for a night packed with entertainment and education.

A magician and a clown amused the smaller children but the Save-A-Life drunk driving simulator captured everyone’s attention and for those that took the test it was quite a challenge. The machine simulates how you would drive if you have alcohol in your system. Most people were shocked to see how bad their driving could be under the influence.

The dinner prepared and served by Cleve Baker was a big hit with his delicious barbeque ribs and chicken. Speakers informed the crowd of what alcohol and drugs can do to ruin your life and how their lives have changed staying clean and sober. There was a good gospel band from Big Cypress’s Baptist Church.

On Wednesday Oct 27, a large crowd gathered to watch the first skate board competition organized by the recreation department. Brighton Council Representative Roger Smith was on hand and spoke to the kids about drug prevention. The 17 children who entered the competition were fantastic. People were amazed at their skills and it was generally acknowledged that there should be more skateboard events in the future.

In the 6–9-year-old category, the prizes went to Devon Jones taking first place and Josh Johns coming in second. In the 10-year-old and up category first prize went to Jordan Jones and second to Daylon Youngblood.

Another event bringing lots of chuckles and attention was the parade held at the Senior Center on closing day of the Red Ribbon Fair, Friday Oct. 29. People decorated their bikes, golf carts, or scooters and then they paraded throughout the community with fire trucks leading the guard. After the parade the seniors showed off the hats they had decorated with a Red Ribbon theme.

The winner of the best-decorated bike was Virginia Tommie in first and Juanita Tommie coming in second. First place in the hat decorating for contest went to Onnie Osceola, and second went to Wonder Johns. The judges were two Lakeport, Fla. residents, Jerry Peavey and Jerry Gall.



Susan Etxebarría
First place winner Onnie Osceola shows off her hat.

Begin was responsible for organizing the weeklong Red Ribbon Fair. She said she was really happy with the turnouts and impressed by everyone’s interest, but made sure to thank the dedicated people



Susan Etxebarría
McGruff the Crime Dog® visited the kids at the youth center and library.

Billie

Continued from page 1

drinking and drugging. She said she was lonely and depressed.

“You name it, I tried it,” she admitted. “I hurt my family.”

Tiger said she eventually came to the conclusion she must take responsibility for her actions. She went into rehab and there she was able to quit drugs and quit alcohol.

“At rehab I met Jesus and I learned to lean on him,” she said. “I received healing from him and he delivered me from the trauma of my life. I had a new change in life and a new way of thinking.”

Tiger said she wants to reach out to tribal members and support anyone who wants to get clean and sober.

“Just getting clean isn’t everything. The world has a lot to offer. I am just glad to be alive. If it wasn’t for the lord, my family and other people who loved me, I would probably be dead,” Tiger said. “My whole family has been devastated by alcohol and now I can say I hate it. I just hope I can show others how to be free from the pain and hurt inside. I just want to help someone else now like I was helped.”

Brighton Red Ribbon Poster Contest Winners

Kindergarten–Second Grade: 1. Chastity Harmon, 2. Joshua Boromei, 3. Jonathan Boromei, 4. Kalgary Johns, 5. Daniel Nunez, Jr.

Third–Fifth Grade: 1. Alissa Dorgan, 2. Lois Billie, 3. Cameron Dorgan, 4. Stevie Brantly, 5. Delaney Osceola.

Sixth–Eighth Grade: 1. Amber Craig, 2. Britney Dorgan, Pierson Hunsinger (tied), 4. Justin Chalfant, 5. Ashton Baxley.

Ninth–Twelfth Grade: 1. Jennifer Chalfant, 2. Brittany Smith, 3. Codene Jumper.

2004 Red Ribbon Dinner and Talent Show

By Iretta Tiger
HOLLYWOOD — On Oct. 27 the 2004 Red Ribbon Dinner and Talent Show was held in the tribal auditorium. The show closes a week of red ribbon events, which included a Save-A-Life drunk driving simulator.

Before the show began Tony Roberts from family services told of how red ribbon started. Red ribbon was created in memory of murdered Drug Enforcement Agent Enrique Camarena, who lost his life trying to keep drugs off the streets.

The Billie North Band opened the show performing the song “Downfall.” This group of talented musicians recently performed at the Hollywood Indian Day celebration. They are from the Seminole Tribe and are available for performances.

Following the Billie North Band was Paul “Cowbone” Buster. Before his performance Buster shared some memories of his childhood and how he grew up in the old ways. Joining Buster onstage was his granddaughter Kirsten Metcalf who provided dancing entertainment. She was too cute.

Next the recreation dancers did a basketball themed number, which was choreographed by Patrice McCrea.

Eric Jumper gave a karate demonstration. Though initially shy, it didn’t take long before Jumper was busting out the karate moves.

The final performance of the evening was from the youngsters who attend Flairs Gymnastics in Davie, Fla. Many Seminole ladies attend this gymnastic school and they each took turns in performing routines on the balance beam, floor and a very long trampoline. The trampoline looked like so much fun. It was easy to see that the kids truly enjoy their time at gymnastics.



Iretta Tiger
Flair’s Seminole Gymnasts was in the house.

A special thanks to family services for the effort the put not only into Red Ribbon Week but for the true concern in trying to make the tribe drug free.



Iretta Tiger
The Billie North Band opened the show performing the song “Downfall.”



Iretta Tiger
Paul “Cowbone” Buster sang and played while Granddaughter Kirsten Metcalf danced.



Iretta Tiger
Recreation dancers performed a basketball theme number.

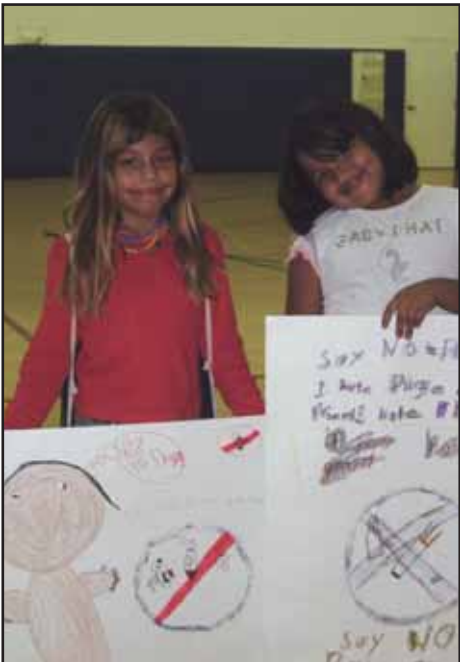


Billie Napper
Seven and under category first place winner Ethan Adams and ages 8 - 12 category first place winner Alexis Martin.

Rez’s Red Ribbon Poster Contest

By Billie Napper
IMMOKALEE — On Tuesday Oct. 26, the Immokalee reservation held its Red Ribbon Week poster contest in the gym. The only rules were that the posters had to be completed in the gym during the allotted time, no outside help was allowed, all artwork was to be original, and the theme had to relate to drug prevention.

There were 20 eager contestants ranging in age from four up to 18-years-old. The group was quite lively and very artistic. Contestants were split into three sub-groups, seven and younger, ages eight–12, and ages 13–18. Prizes were awarded for first, second and third place in each group.



Billie Napper
Solena Perez and Vanessa Billie.



Billie Napper
Vanessa Billie, Julitha Arreguin and Damian Frank.

The winners were: ages seven and younger: 1. Ethan Adams, 2. Chelsey Alvarado, 3. Jade Tapia; ages eight–12: 1. Alexis Martin, 2. Vanessa Billie, 3. Juliza Martinez; ages 13–18: 1. Nina Frias, 2. Josie Davis, 3. Mella Billie.

The recreation department provided snacks and entertained the youngsters who had finished their posters quickly. Seminole Police Department Officers John Hill and Thomas Vaughn were the judges. They agreed it was a tough decision as all the posters were great.



Billie Napper
Josie Davis’s earned second place.

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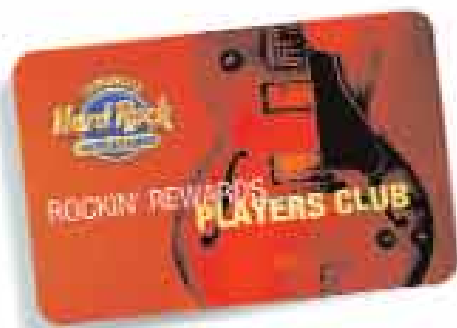
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HOLLYWOOD, FL

Halloween Celebrations

A Rez Fright Night to Remember

By Jaime Restrepo
BIG CYPRESS — The Red Ribbon week at Big Cypress culminated Friday night with a carnival, Big Cypress Fright Night, complete with rides, costume contests, arm wrestling, dunking tank, food and fireworks. Located at the Big Cypress ball field, people came from all over to enjoy the start of the Halloween weekend and tune up for Halloween night just two days later.

There were more than 10 rides, including a rock climbing wall, a sling shot, a super slide, a bounce house and yes, there was even a hay ride to a haunted house down the road. Attractions included a multitude of booths and attractions featuring ball tossing, a lost and found in the hay, and of course, a dunk tank, to test the arms and aim of anyone who wanted to dunk Seminole Police Officer Scott Akin. Prizes were abundant to all who participated, and then some.

Many booths offered Seminole specialties like sofkee, roasted corn and everyone's favorite, fry bread. One of the more popular attractions was the costume contest. Recreation Department



Jaime Restrepo
A beautiful Asian girl delighted the crowd.

Professional Billiards Association national champion and player of the year, was on hand to assist in the costume judging and the awarding of prizes. One gets the impression that the contestants planned for this event all year long. Turnout was fantastic.

Big Cypress Council Representative David Cypress stated that this was the largest carnival venue yet with a sizable attendance to match. As he stood by while they announced the winner of the 50/50 raffle, his ticket was a winner. In a gesture of statesmanship, he immediately donated the proceeds to the Head Start program.

Tribal Chairman Mitchell Cypress was on hand to take in the evening filled with food, competition and fun. He too was impressed with show of people and events on hand. This was a perfect evening to wrap up the week and mark the close of Red Ribbon Week.

As the evening wore on, fireworks were launched from the bingo grounds to start the colorful show. Lasting close to 20 minutes, the fireworks display offered a dazzling display of colors, with vivid hues and starbursts. The percussion of the exploding shells followed the light show seconds later as the sound traveled from the launch site to the ball field. The fireworks show exceeded most shows put on by other organizations or municipalities.

The evening continued with arm wrestling and the final rounds were coming into play. Men and women alike displayed brute force on the wrestling table.

If one were to choose a benchmark for a public event this is one of them. The evening was well attended, well contested, well participated, and above all, frightfully enjoyable. A perfect wrap up to an event and fun filled week.



Jaime Restrepo
David Cypress checks out the costumes.

Assistant Director Stan Frischman emceed the event. People came from all over the area, including the outlying areas to take in the food, fun, and the sites and yes, participate in the costume contests.

There were categories for tribal and non-tribal members. One thing for sure, regardless of which category the contestants were in, the quality and level of competition was extremely high and well thought out. The judges had a very difficult time differentiating one from the other since they were all so good.

Vivian Villarreal, "The Texas Tornado," and a former Women's

Pemayetv Emahakv Holds Costume Contest

By Emma Brown
BRIGHTON — Pretty princesses, cute clowns, and wicked witches attended the Pull-Out Program in Brighton on Friday Oct. 29. The teachers and directors of the program held a special costume contest for the students that attend.

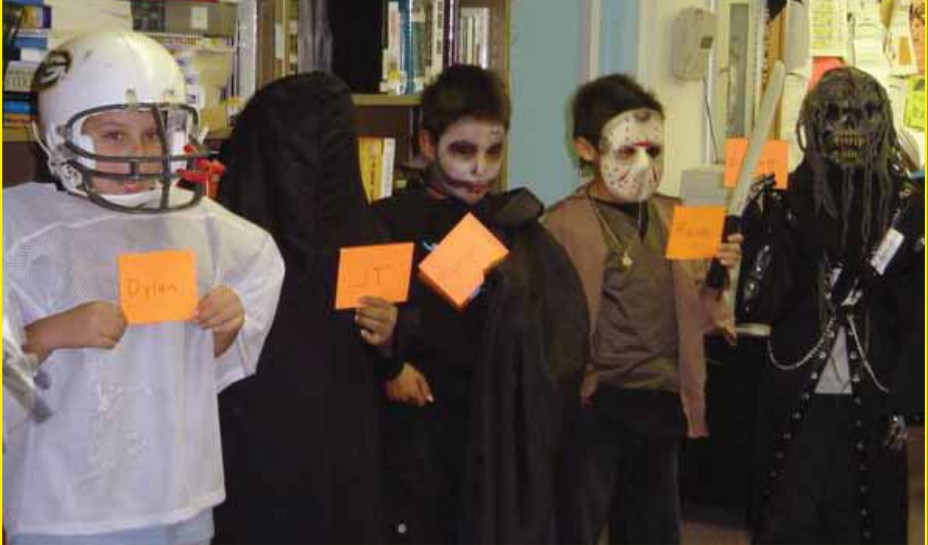
The judges had an extremely tough time choosing winners because all of the costumes were unique and special. It was a fun and exciting morning for the students and definitely set the mood for the Halloween weekend.

Here are the results from the costume contest: Kindergarten: Most Original: Erik Garcia, Prettiest: Bethany Billie, Scariest: Marquis Fudge, Funniest: Cheyenne Fish; First Grade: Most Original: Ashlee Gopher, Prettiest: Lahna Sedatol, Scariest: Robert Fudge, Funniest: Jonathan Boromei; Second Grade: Most Original: Lewis Gopher, Prettiest: McKayla Snow, Scariest: Layton Thomas, Funniest: Joshua Boromei; Third Grade: Most Original: Delany Osceola, Prettiest: Kiylier Baker, Scariest: Everett Youngblood, Funniest: Dylan Chalfant; Fourth Grade: Most Original: Garrett Huston, Prettiest:

Jaryaca Baker, Scariest: Emery Fish; Fifth Grade: Prettiest: Stevie Brantley.



Emma Brown
Ghoulish girl.



Emma Brown
There were creative and spooky costumes during the competition.

Community Hosts Annual Halloween Carnival

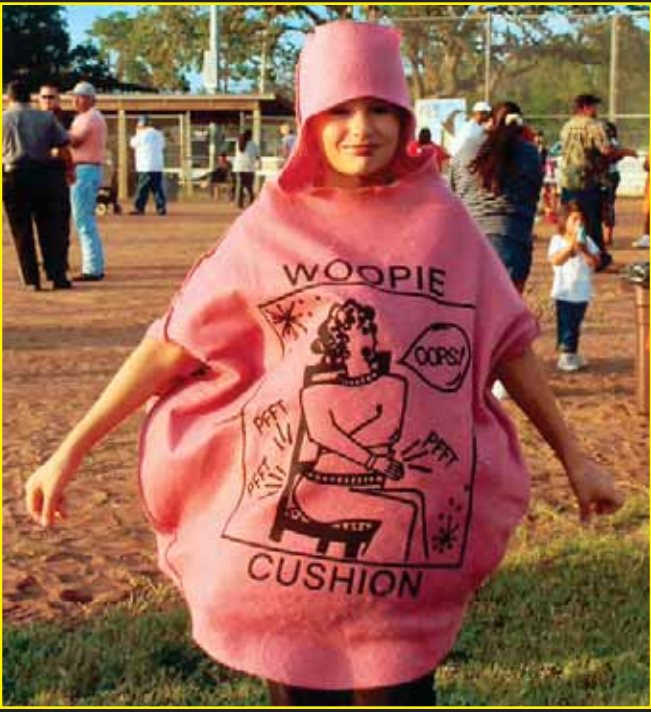
By Emma Brown
BRIGHTON — The beauties and the beasts were lurking about on Saturday Oct. 30 at the Brighton ball field complex hoping to join in on all of the fun and games

going on. There was food for everyone ranging from Indian fry bread provided by the culture department to hamburgers and cheeseburgers provided by the Brighton Parent Advisory Committee.

Each department from Brighton had something special for everyone to enjoy. Kids enjoyed games such as the hay scramble, dime toss and duck pond, went on hay rides, and much more. There were costume contests for ages up to 99-years-old with many people participating in the excitement.

John Madrigal, the official emcee for the evening, did a great job bringing out the laughter in people. The night ended with the annual king and queen contest, which was an absolute riot for everyone's

enjoyment. The annual Halloween carnival is looked forward to each year by the Brighton community and is a chance for everyone's inner child to shine. It was a



Emma Brown
Janae Braswell

successful event and thanks to all who helped to create such a night of family and fun.



Emma Brown
(L-R) Chastity Harmon, Kalgary Johns, Kailin Brown and Skyler Burke.



Judy Weeks
Immokalee preschool children trick or treat.

Preschool Trick or Treat

By Judy Weeks
IMMOKALEE — The preschool children and staff held their annual Halloween party on October 29. They paraded their costumes around the community as they went trick or treating to the Immokalee Casino, Seminole Police Department, field office, family services, broadcasting, culture, Community Action Agency, clinic/chairman's office, nutrition and board offices.

The children were ecstatic as they moved from place to place in anticipation of their next stop. They seemed to enjoy all the attention they were receiving as much as the treats. The preschool staff would like to thank everyone for their continued support of our children.

A costume contest was held for both students and staff. Immokalee family services Diana Rocha and broadcasting's Angie Arreguin, not only served as judges, but helped out with the trick or treating adventure.

The contest results were as follows: Caniah Billie (Dumbo) funniest costume, Marina Garcia (Princess Jasmine) best costume, K.J. Davis (Dumbo) funniest costume, Geneva Garcia (Snow White) best costume, Crystal Garcia (Belle) original costume, Lindsey Posada (Belle) original costume, Ms. Bay (Witch) scariest costume and Ms. Michelle (Cow) original costume. Over-all winners: 1. Mercedes Davis (Pumpkin), 2. Miah

Davis (Cat), 3. Neo Motlow (Mickey Mouse).

Upon returning to the center the students enjoyed a pizza party, games and two piñatas. Special thanks go out to Marlo Garcia who donated Halloween cookies for the occasion. The children concluded their scary, fun-filled day with two large bags filled with candy and Halloween prizes.



Judy Weeks
Ms. Ruby Garcia helps KJ Davis.

Halloween Celebrations



Hollywood seniors Betty Mae Jumper and Mary Tiger having a good time.

Seminole Seniors Celebrate Halloween

By Adelsa Williams

HOLLYWOOD — The Hollywood Seminole seniors came out in their costumes to participate in a Halloween luncheon that was held at the senior center on Wednesday Oct. 27. There were clowns and scarecrows among other characters during the costume contest that entertained everyone in attendance.

There was also a pumpkin carving contest where five winners were selected. Among the pumpkins in the contest were a Seminole pumpkin dressed up with a patchwork hat and a bead necklace, a pumpkin wrapped up with a bandana and a feather and a fancied up pumpkin with a hat, mask and beads, Mardi Gras style.

Cash prizes were awarded to all the winners. Below are the results.

Pumpkin carving contest: 1. Dorothy Tommie, 2. Lawana Niles, 3. Dorothy Tucker, 4. Maydell Osceola, 5. Cornelia Osceola.

Costume parade: Scariest: 1. Naomi Fewell, 2. Maydell Osceola, 3. Betty Osceola; Funniest: 1. Peggy Stivers, 2. Cornelia Osceola, 3. Dan Osceola; Most Original: 1. Leoda



Second place Most Original Pat Bowers.

Osceola, 2. Pat Bowers, 3. Lawana Niles.

A Howling Good Halloween Party

By Judy Weeks

IMMOKALEE — The moon was bright and the ghosts, ghouls and goblins were on the prowl Thursday Oct. 28 as the Immokalee reservation celebrated Halloween. The recreation department turned the entire athletic field into a carnival theme with a variety of rides to delight every age group.

Activities got under way at 5 p.m. with the opening of the gates to the carnival and by 6 p.m. the park had filled with a large group ready to commemorate Halloween. The community members gathered in the big chickee for the buffet, which had been prepared by Alicia's Catering and sponsored by the recreation department. Louise Motlow offered the evening prayer.

Within an hour, darkness began to fall and the celebrants started slipping away into the recesses of the night only to reappear transformed.

Just like a caterpillar turns into a butterfly, beautiful and handsome human beings became storybook and film characters, monsters, animals and indescribable creatures. In less than 30 minutes, the park had become a colorful array of flashing lights, outrageous costumes, laughter and screams of delight and horror.

Each adult received a raffle ticket which provided the opportunity to win one of the many door prizes provided by recreation department and Immokalee Council Liaison Elaine Aguilar.

At regular intervals throughout the evening, tickets were drawn for a 43-inch plasma screen TV, laptop computer, camcorder, Apple I-Pod 5000, cordless phone system, 20-inch TV, 32-inch TV, DVD player, home theater module, DVD/VCR combo, interactive games and \$300 in cash.

A popular booth was the cake walk. The 4-H Program parents donated baked goods and the lucky winners took home a sweet midnight snack. The 4-H Program also sponsored a 50/50 raffle which drew a considerable number of players.

Booths which remained busy throughout the evening supplied snow cones, popcorn, cotton candy, face painting and the water gun fun with prizes of a variety of stuffed animals, balls and hats. The carnival consisted of bounce houses, obstacle courses, a huge slide; kiddie cars and the tea cup ride for the younger set, rock climbing, tilt-a-whirls, Joisting and the swings were available for the more adventuresome.

The super shot tower, adrena-

line rush and super swings appealed to the dare-devils who couldn't seem to get enough. And of course, what kind of a carnival would it be without a haunted house and perennial favorite—the merry-go-round.

The costume contests were the highlight of the evening. There were so many entrants that it was difficult to judge, even though the competition was divided into age groups. We were fortunate to have an impartial panel of judges that included Anna, L.T., Tinker, Gary, Sasquatch, and LapTop. After much deliberation the following decisions were made:

3-years-old and younger:
1. Indian Brave (Carlos Bermudez), 2. Elvis Presley (Jack Aguilar), 3. Baby Clown (Rudy Martinez);
4-8 years-old:
1. Ghoul (Dennis Gonzalez), 2. Indian Chief (Kenny Joe Davis), 3. Harry Potter (Elisah Billie);
9-12 years-old:
1. Walking Dead (Alexis Aguilar), 2. Predator (David Billie), 3. The Cook (Jessica Lopez);
13-17 years-old:
1. Ugly Seminole Man and Woman (Mark Arriaga and Allison Garza), 2. McCracken's Plumbing (Nina Frias), 3. Big Tongued Monster (Diane McInturf);
18-49 years-old:
1. Zombie (Ralph Escobar), 2. Big Devil (Toni Hernandez), 3. Scarecrow (Susan Davis);
Super Seniors:
1. Raggedy Ann (Delores Jumper), 2. Hippie Monster (Elaine Aguilar), 3. Medusa (Nancy Motlow), 4. Cabaret Girl (Louise Motlow), 5. Pink Haired Lady (Mary Sanchez);
Employee Adults:
1. Cow (Michelle Ford), 2. Scarecrow (Susan Davis), 3. McCrackin's Plumbing (Dennis Gonzalez);
Employees' Children:
1. Hershey Kiss (Harlie Hollaway), 2. Princess (Alexis Jimmie), 3. Pink Witch (Allison Yzaguirre).

The pumpkin carving contest produced a vast assortment of entries. There were traditional carved, very artistic and painted face pumpkins. A great of time and skill went into their preparation and each one evidenced some winning qualities.

The final decisions were:
1. Skeleton Pumpkin (Virginia Garza), 2. Puking Pumpkin (Alexis Aguilar), 3. Trick or Treat Pumpkin (Laci Sanchez).
Before the evening was over, there was an opportunity for adults to shoot a game of pool, while the youngsters took basketball free shots, danced and played hula-loop games. As the festivities concluded, light sticks and glowing necklaces were distributed for protection while trick or treating over the weekend.



Costume contestants

Seniors Attend Halloween Lunch

By Jaime Restrepo

BIG CYPRESS — On Oct. 26, the seniors enjoyed a Halloween lunch, complete with a costume contest and pumpkin decorating challenge. Needless to say, quite a few of the seniors jumped on board with their enthusiasm and cre-

tainment. The staff encountered a contingent of entertainers from Northern Australia. Not just any entertainment group, but indigenous, aboriginal, performers. Their unique blend of music and dance are directly related to nature and the lands upon which they derive their existence. One of the dancers imitated the kangaroo as he performed and illustrated the close ties the aboriginal people have to the animal and their traditional survival.

Other performances included chants and dance rituals to address the afterlife and the protection of the soul against evil spirits. One unique instrument used by the troupe is called a didgeridoo. It is possibly one of the world's oldest musical instruments. The instrument is common to Northern Australia and is made of limbs and tree trunks hollowed out by termites. It is used to accompany chants and songs and is considered the sound of Australia.

Australian country music singer Megan Bowman performed as well. Her guitar playing encompassed background tones from the didgeridoo.

Bowman won the 2004 Australian Music Week Award in the category Blues/Folk/Country Song with her song "Lavender Girl."

This was a truly educational and entertaining event. All of the spectators attention was focused on the guest performers. The group is touring throughout the U.S. and happened to be camping in



Megan Bowman

ativity to produce a high level of competition among the contestants. Some outfits were devilish, others plain monstrous, while still others were bewitching.

The ultimate winners, however, were the entire group of seniors, contestants included, who enjoyed a lively and warm-hearted Halloween lunch. Coupled with the entertainment at the luncheon, many will find the costume contest hard to forget.

Big Cypress Council Representative David Cypress and Big Cypress Board Representative Paul Bowers were on hand to officiate in the festivities. Each took their time meeting with the lunch crowd, paying their respects, and reviewing the colorful and in some cases, very original costumes.

The pumpkin competition boasted some very creative entries. Some of the pumpkins sported wigs, while others used broccoli for hair. Other pumpkins had eyelashes and full-blown makeup. It was easy to see the quality and quantity of work that went into the both contests to produce such fantastic and creative entries.

Senior Center Director Cecelia Solano called the shots and introduced each contestant and coordinated the events. Musical entertainment was provided by Jonah Cypress, Tony Osceola and Powell Morris from the Seminole Police Department. No one knew he played the guitar. Now we'll know who to tap for future musical talent.

Not to be outdone, the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum surprised the entire gathering with a unique form of enter-



Aboriginee with didgeridoo.

Big Cypress when the museum staff discovered them—many thanks to the staff of Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki.

Big Cypress has a strong tradition in sharing special moments, whether it is the holidays, or birthdays, with its seniors. This year's Halloween lunch is just one of the many ways the community reaches out to its seniors and vice versa, to partake in fun, education, and good will.



Pumpkin entries

Halloween Celebrations

Basketball Tournament and Pumpkin Carving for Halloween

By Iretta Tiger
HOLLYWOOD — It's the most wonderful time of the year! This is the time of year where we can let our hair down, take off the masks and act out our fantasies. Well almost. This is Halloween, this is Halloween!!

For the Hollywood rez the festivities were done the night before Halloween so that the children could thoroughly enjoy themselves without having to worry about a bedtime. The celebration started with a small basketball tournament and several basketball oriented contests.

Starting off the evening's festivities was the pumpkin carving contest. The competition was fierce, especially among the seniors.

One pumpkin in particular stole the show. It was painted and carved by Imahaggi Tiger and his pumpkin was Gene Simmons of the band Kiss. It even had the tongue! Maybe next year Tiger will find a way for it to spit out fire. This pumpkin took first place in the 18-40 category.

There was a Zorro pumpkin, a mummy pumpkin and a really cute fairy pumpkin with wings which oddly did not place. These were only a few of the adult pumpkins. The children's pumpkins were too cute, some were gruesome, but the effort these kids put into their pumpkins was amazing.

An incident that needs to be mentioned here is that one of the children's pumpkins was stolen. What is that all about? If you really liked the pumpkin, offer to buy it off the person or just ask them if you could have it. Don't go stealing it!

The winners of the pumpkin carving contest are as follows: Seniors: 1. Ruggy Jumper, 2. Dorothy Tommie, 3. LaWanna Niles; 18-40: 1. Imahaggi Tiger, 2. Yvette Jumper, 3. Resha Doctor; 17 and younger: 1. Neko Osceola, 2. Dakota Tiger, 3. Alexis Jumper.

Booths were set up in the baseball field for games and food. As day turned to night the Halloween spirit continued to bloom. Little devils, pretty princesses and an assortment of ghouls came out to play and celebrate this wonderful holiday.

Now it was time for the costume contest and the winners are...

0-1 infant,

Scariest: 1. Raymond Osceola, 2. Jarred Cypress, 3. Diamond Jean Osceola; 0-1 infant, Prettiest: 1. Jahniyah Henry, 2. Clarice Demayo, 3. Shyla Holata; 0-1 infant, Most Original: 1. Conchade Osceola.

2-year-olds, Scariest: 1. Cedric Martin, 2. Julius Aquino, 3. Jessalynn Gumbs; 2-year-olds, Prettiest: 1. Italia Sisto, 2. Calena Doctor, 3. Jailyln Mowatt; 2-year-olds, Most Original: 1. Analyse Jimenez, 2. Talia Rodriguez, 3. Xiora Osceola.

3-year-olds, Scariest: 1. Mathew Osceola, 2. Jason Cypress Jr., 3. Sheldon Osceola; 3-year-olds, Prettiest: 1. Meleda Gentry, 2. Brook John, 3. Leonna Pidnardo; 3-year-olds, Most Original: 1. Teijo Smith.

4-year-olds, Scariest: 1. Francisco Rodriguez, 2. Donavin Spiva, 3. Aaron Olejaik; 4-year-olds, Prettiest: 1. Aleina Micco, 2. Kasera Cypress, 3. Elizabeth Frank; 4-year-olds, Most Original: 1. Drew Osceola, 2. Kaitynn Gorney, 3. Chahechom Osceola.

5-6-year-olds, Scariest: 1. Richard Primeaux, 2. Lorenzo Jones, 3. Daniel Rodriguez; 5-6-year-olds, Prettiest: 1. Mariah Bowers, 2. Marsha Osceola, 3. Taylor Jolhea; 5-6-year-olds, Most Original: 1. Arek Jumper, 2. Kiara Pichardo, 3. Brevon Cypress.

7-9-year-olds, Scariest: 1. Terrell Primeus, 2. Donte Osceola, 3. Jonathan Frank; 7-9-year-olds, Prettiest: 1. Shania Johns, 2. Tia Blais-Billie, 3.

Jasmine Murry; 7-9-year-olds, Most Original: 1. Timmy Cox, 2. Tiffnay Baker, 3. Elizabeth Wolf.

10-13-year-olds, Scariest: 1. Houston Osceola, 2. Tyler Harjochee, 3. Tayler Cypress; 10-13-year-olds, Prettiest: 1. Tianna Young, 2. Rhiannon Tiger, 3. Starr Sanchez; 10-13-year-olds, Most Original: 1. Neko Osceola, 2. Cindy Adair, 3. Deandra Tiger.

14-17-year-olds, Scariest: 1. Pedro Fuentes, 2. Jack Turtle, 3. Jonathan Fish; 14-17-year-olds, Prettiest: 1. JoJo Osceola, 2. Fallon Ford, 3. Phelicia Huges; 14-17-year-olds, Most Original: 1. Nick Picarlo, 2. Kyura Kippenberger, 3. Krystle Young.

18-49-year-olds, Scariest: 1. Ricardo Hernandez, 2. Casey McCall, 3. JD

Bowers; 18-49-year-olds, Prettiest: 1. Paula Sanchez, 2. Tasha Osceola, 3. Leah Osceola; 18-49-year-olds, Most Original: 1. Steve Osceola, 2. Lesley Osceola, 3. Marlon Tommie.

50 and older, Scariest: 1. Wanda Bowers, 2. Mable Doctor, 3. Mason Osceola; 50 and older, Prettiest: 1. Lucille Jumper, 2. Dorothy Tommie, 3. Betty Tucker; 50 and older, Most Original: 1. Joe Dan Osceola, 2. Vivian Delgado, 3. LaWanna Niles.

The evening did not end there. Following the costume contest was a pie eating contest. The first up were the women and it was not a pretty sight. Only three women competed, but they ate faster than the men.

With several pies left, a children's category was created. It was a bit much for one youngster who wound up throwing up, poor thing. Thankfully

the children did not have to eat the whole pie only the whipped cream topping.

Finally it was time to go home and rest and prepare for tomorrow night's trick-or-treating. Happy Halloween everyone!



Iretta Tiger

Contestants for 7-9 year olds.



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Dakota Tiger's pumpkin placed 2nd in 17 and younger.



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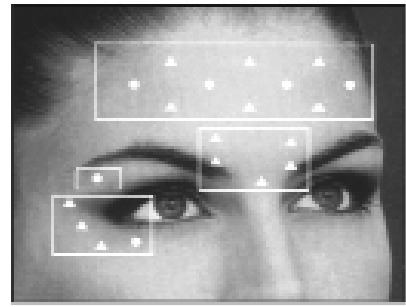
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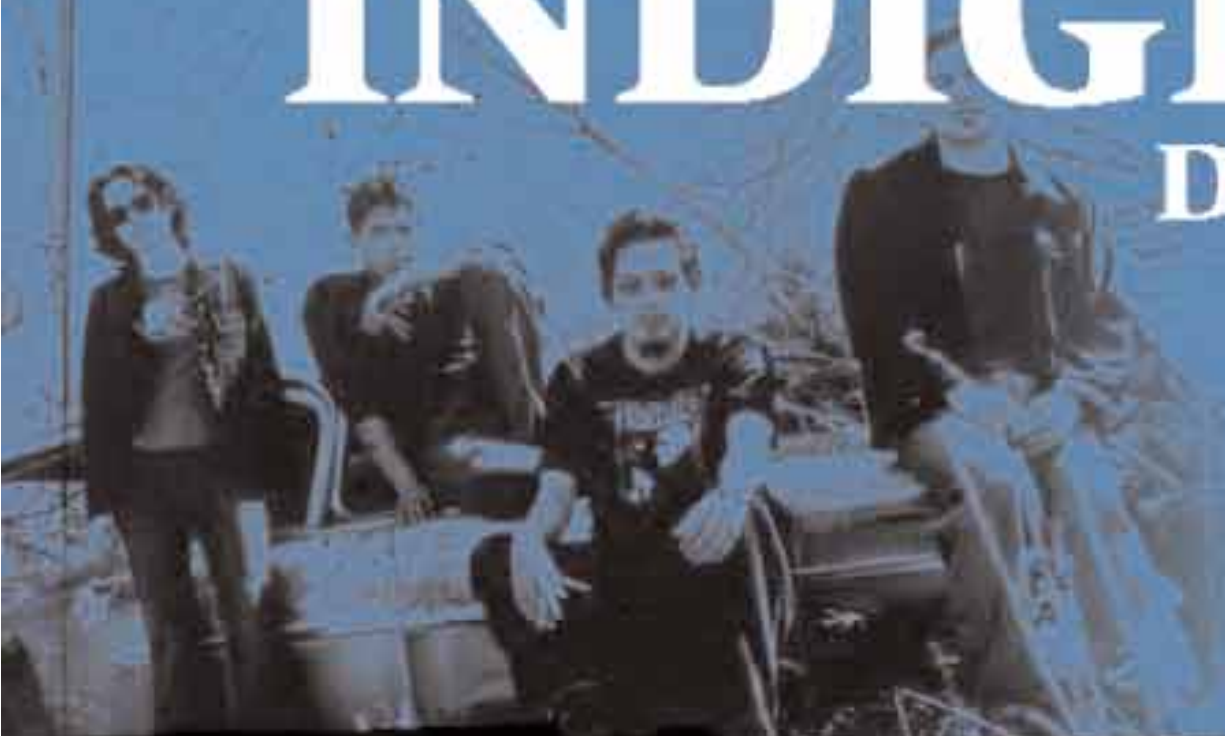
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