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Vincent Micco Graduates from Police Service Aide Academy

By Adelsa Williams
DAVIE, FL — After five and a half weeks of training, tribal citizen Vincent Micco, Panther clan, graduated from the Police Service Aide Academy in Davie. The ceremony was held at the Broward Community College Institute of Public Safety on Wednesday, Oct. 13.

Micco's family, as well as Hollywood Council Representative Max B. Osceola Jr. and Hollywood Board Representative David DeHass, showed their support by attending the graduation.

Micco stated that the most exciting part of the academy was the first responder training session. During this time, he had to simulate a traffic accident scene and learned how to assist the situation, which included performing CPR on a victim, among other procedures.

Soon after graduation, Micco commenced working for the

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Adelsa Williams
Proud graduate Vincent Micco with wife Loretta Micco.

Second Annual Keith Osceola Memorial Car Show Reigns Supreme



Michael Kelly
Richard Osceola's entry in the Indian Car category won first place.

By Michael Kelly
HOLLYWOOD — Last year when Vivian Delgado was preparing the first memorial event for her late son, Keith Osceola, she recalled how little time she had to prepare. This year, Delgado began preparing months in advance to make sure the Keith Osceola Memorial Car Show would be special. And despite the occasional shower, it was.

This growing memorial is a testament to how much Keith Osceola was loved, and how a whole community shared in his passion for cars, barbecuing with family and friends, and love for his fellow citizens. Delgado was extremely grateful for the large turnout.

Once again, the Osceola baseball field was transformed into a sea of classic cars, trucks, custom SUVs, and bikes. The barbecue rib contest grew from eight entries last year to 13. Seminole arts and crafts lined many tables; the vivid colors of patchwork skirts and jewelry were easily seen from far away. There was music from the Andy Buster Band, Paul Buster and his Cowbone Band, and a special performance by Native Roots, a Native American band from Albuquerque, N.M.

Elaine Mile, actress and comedian, was a special guest of Trail Seminole Liaison William Osceola. She made jokes about her stay here in very hot and humid South Florida. She was especially afraid she might become dinner to Florida's most recognizable reptile—the alligator.

Miles, a member of the Umatilla tribe, starred in the television show Northern Exposure, playing receptionist Marilyn Whirlwind. She's also appeared in films, such as "Smoke Signals" and "Skins."

In the early afternoon, community members enjoyed lunch under a chickee, and included the best fresh squeezed lemonade, courtesy of Dwayne Martin.

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Felix DoBosz
President Bush's National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice addresses the AIPAC conference.

Condoleezza Rice Gives Speech at Seminole Hard Rock

By Michael Kelly
HOLLYWOOD — From Oct. 24–25, the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino played host to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee's (AIPAC) Annual Summit. This year's keynote speakers included Condoleezza Rice, National Security Advisor for President Bush, and former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Richard Holbrooke.

Rice, who spoke at the AIPAC four years ago in Washington, DC, received a thunderous ovation. She reiterated the Bush administration's commitment to Israel and the need to spread democracy throughout the Middle East.

Rice reiterated the need to fight the enemy abroad, and not on the shores of the U.S.

"For some, it is a limited engagement—to go after bin Laden and al Qaeda. They

see this as a narrow struggle against a narrow enemy," said Rice. "But the terrorists only have to be right one time. We have to be right 100 percent of the time...and so the president believes this is a fight we've got to fight in the offense."

Holbrooke, who worked for the UN during the Clinton administration, addressed the AIPAC on Sunday.

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2004 NCAI Conference Focuses On Native Votes

By Iretta Tiger
FT. LAUDERDALE, FL — The 61st Annual Convention for the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) stands out as one of the most memorable. The focus of this year's conference promoted Native Vote 2004 and their aim is for one million native votes—votes that can make a difference in election results.

In his opening statement NCAI President Tex Hall encouraged tribal authorities to support native voters as best as they can such as giving employees the day off to go vote or to provide transportation. For those who plan on slacking, Hall asked them to consider "Are we as Indian people better off now than we were four years ago?"

Some may say yes monetarily but remember that our sovereignty is still in danger and think about this next bit of information.

NCAI's Eastern Oklahoma Regional Vice President Jefferson Keel, Chickasaw Nation, presented a disturbing audio tape of Oklahoma representative Tom Coburn making anti-Indian comments, including "Indian tribes [are] a joke."

Coburn also swore not to support the Five Nations Indian Land Reform Act when in fact he had promised the exact opposite when he met with tribal leaders. Coburn's meeting with the tribal leaders had happened before he had made the comments.

Coburn has also accused the Oklahoma Cherokee tribe of donating \$150,000 to a candidate when in fact they have not given any money to a candidate. If this is not bad enough Coburn ran for the U.S. Senate.

This was only the very beginning of

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Teresa Heinz Kerry met with Chairman Mitchell Cypress and other officials before giving her speech to the NCAI General Assembly on Monday Oct. 11.



Iretta Tiger

German Tourists Treated To a Seminole Tribe Adventure



Adelsa Williams
Grand prize winner Doris Dolgner and her party from Germany enjoyed the airboat ride at the Billie Swamp Safari in Big Cypress.

By Adelsa Williams
HOLLYWOOD — During the "See Native America—One Nation at a Time" cultural exchange trip to Germany last April, the cultural exchange program held a family adventure vacation contest where Berlin, Germany native Doris Dolgner was randomly selected. She was selected out of an entry pool of more than 5,000 registered persons.

The vacation package included a round trip for Dolgner and three of her friends to Fort Lauderdale, compliments of Delta Airlines, a complimentary car rental from Dollar-Rent-A-Car, five-night stay at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, \$1,000 gift certificate for a shopping spree at the Sawgrass Mills Mall in Sunrise, world class Mai Kai dinner and show as well as a tour of the Big Cypress reservation.

Dolgner and friends made their way to Florida on September 30, where they hit the slots at the casino, dined at the Hard Rock Café and did a little shopping at the Seminole store located in the premises.

"The hotel is very nice," said Dolgner. "It reminds me of Las Vegas."

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Seminole Tribe and Ft. Lauderdale Housing Authority Receives Grants From HUD



Iretta Tiger

(L-R) HUD Assistant Secretary Michael Liu, Housing Department Director Michele Thomas, Grants Department Director Joel Frank Sr., Chairman Mitchell Cypress and Tribal Treasurer Mike D. Tiger.

By Iretta Tiger
FT. LAUDERDALE, FL – In a special session held on Oct. 14, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Assistant Secretary Michael Liu presented grants to the Seminole Tribe and the Ft. Lauderdale Housing Authority. The special session was at the request of Liu, who wished to personally announce the news to the recipients before he announced it in his scheduled presentation at the National Congress of American Indians conference.

A \$2,840,593 Indian Housing Block Grant was awarded to the Seminole Tribe. The funding from the grant can be used for numerous housing activities such as home improvements, crime prevention and technical assistance.

Liu also expressed his support for the tribe's recent decision to pass a resolution that would allow Seminole

families to use the Section 184 Program anywhere in the State of Florida. In removing the tribal land only restriction from the loan program more tribal citizens will now be able to become homeowners.

Liu then called Chairman Mitchell Cypress to come and witness the signing of the grant and presented him with a check.

Seminole Housing Director Michele Thomas then presented Liu with a Seminole basket.

The Ft. Lauderdale Housing Authority also received a grant for \$690,975. The grant would demolish old public housing so that new community development could be developed.

The housing authority will eventually receive an additional \$6,000 to assist local families in purchasing homes.

For more information about HUD or any of its programs, please visit their website at www.hud.gov.



Regular Meeting of the Seminole Tribal Council

By Shelley Marmor
BIG CYPRESS — In the absence of Chairman Mitchell Cypress at the Oct. 20 council meeting, an acting chairman had to assume the position. After a unanimous decision by the present council members, Big Cypress Councilman David Cypress stepped up as acting chairman for the meeting.

In addition to Mitchell Cypress, Fort Pierce Liaison Sally Tommie and Tampa Liaison Richard Henry were absent from the meeting. However, atypically present was a group of high school students from the Ahfachkee School, who received a round of applause.

The consent agenda followed the Ahfachkee students' recognition. Executive Administrator Ken Fields read the 15 item agenda, adding one resolution that he said was "left out inadvertently" from the printed agenda. This resolution was the approval to obtain a liquor license at The Blue Point, one of the newly-opened restaurants in the Seminole Paradise complex.

Other consent agenda items included: a service agreement with Nextel Custom Network Solutions, as well as two other resolutions involving Nextel. The council also approved an agreement between the tribe and Broward County Sheriff Ken Jenne II for "automatic and mutual aid of fire rescue services," as stated on the agenda.

The Tribal Council unanimously approved the consent agenda.

Utilities Director Susie Kippenberger spoke on the first item on the regular agenda. This resolution called for a change order of an additional \$1.4 million for construction costs for the Fort Pierce Trust Property. Kippenberger said the additional costs will be used for things including muck removal, the irrigation system and extensive underground work.

Concerned about the high cost of this change order, President Moses Osceola voted against the resolution. However, David Cypress, Max Osceola and Brighton Council Representative Roger Smith all voted in favor of it, thus passing the resolution by a majority vote.

Another resolution approved the appointment of Gordon Oliver Wareham to the Tribal Gaming Commission. A spot was left open in the five member commission after Commissioner Billy L. Cypress passed away in April.

Wareham said he gave careful thought to taking the position after a nomination and encouragement from Moses Osceola.

"It's an honor to be chosen for this position," Wareham said.

The council unanimously approved Wareham's appointment. Max Osceola also offered some congratulatory remarks to Wareham, calling him "the right man for the right job."

The Tribal Council then heard a resolution that would bar anyone who has been removed from an elected office, either by citizen petition or by the council, from ever running again. General Council Jim Shore presented the resolution. He explained the specifics of the resolution, which is titled

Amendment IV to Election Ordinance C-01-64.

"This resolution doesn't change the way an elected office can be removed... and it doesn't change the reasons why an elected official can be removed," Shore said. "These are all the same. The only addition, or the only amendment... is that anyone that is removed by the Tribal Council, that person can not ever run again for any elected position."

David Cypress said this resolution will act as a way of "policing us up here; us guys," as well as all future council members.

"If I did something and y'all impeach me, y'all shouldn't get me back in there to screw it up again," Cypress said.

After some dissenting opinions from audience members, Cypress informed them that they have a 21 day ordinance to challenge the decisions of the council. Max Osceola said he will bring this issue to the community via a meeting and also offered to assist any members of the Hollywood community if they needed help with the appeal process.

Moses Osceola abstained from this vote, and David Cypress, Roger Smith and Max Osceola all voted in favor. The resolution passed by a majority vote.

The final resolution and ordinance dealt with financial matters and were presented by Tribal Treasurer Mike Tiger. Both passed unanimously.

The first resolution was for approval of the 2005 fiscal year budget. As an aide to audience members, the budget was displayed on a large projector outlining where monies would be spent. Absent from this projector presentation were the specifics of the budget. Tiger said any tribal citizen who would like to see the specifics of the 2005 should contact his office in Hollywood.

Finally, the council adopted the gaming revenue allocation plan ordinance. As stated in the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, a portion of all money allocated from gaming revenue must be placed in a bank account for minor children, invalids and incarcerated persons. For more information on the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, please visit http://www.nigc.gov/nigc/nigcControl?option=LAWS_IGRA.

After all resolutions were read, Ken Fields introduced Housing Director Michele Thomas who brought up two employees from her department for recognition. Barbara Butera and Clarence "Tiny" Harrell were presented with plaques for outstanding service in the housing department, especially during the month of September during the hurricanes that hit Florida.

"I did want you guys, the Tribal Council and the tribal people, to know that their service and their dedication to their position in the housing department... did not go unnoticed," Thomas said. "We appreciate it and they will sorely be missed by the housing department."

Sadly, Thomas had to also inform the council that both employees would be leaving the department. After 15 years with the tribe and seven years in the housing department Tiny will be moving back to his native-Oklahoma. Butera will stay with the tribe but work in another department.

Rice

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The AIPAC Summit also touched on other important issues including Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons, the recent upsurge in anti-Semitism around the globe, U.S.-Israel cooperation on homeland security, and the fight against international terrorism and terror funding. AIPAC is a nonpartisan group and does

not endorse either democrat or republican candidates.

According to AIPAC spokesman Andrew Schwartz, the two day event was the largest ever, even surpassing last year's event, held in Phoenix, Ariz. AIPAC works throughout the U.S. to improve and strengthen relationships by supporting U.S.-Israel military, economic, scientific and cultural cooperation.

This event was so important Fox News, CNN, AP, NBC, C-SPAN, and *The*

Miami Herald, were just some of the news outlets covering the summit.

The Seminole Hard Rock & Casino has already earned a reputation as being a first class resort, but now major organizations such as AIPAC are eager to utilize the facility for important conferences, meetings, concerts, and other functions. Beginning in November, the 18th Annual Indian Agricultural (IAG) Symposium will be held at the Seminole hard Rock as well.

Public Notice

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

The monies obtained through this grant will be applied to the construction of Phase I of the Boys and Girls Club facility in the Hollywood Seminole Indian reservation.

Any questions or comments are welcomed and should be directed to the office of Joel M. Frank Sr. in Hollywood at (954) 966-6300, Ext. 1290.

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The Seminole Tribe of Florida cordially invites you to attend the 17th Annual VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION and tribute to Major Billy L. Cypress's family at the Big Cypress Indian Reservation Big Cypress Entertainment Complex Tuesday, November 9, 2004 10:00 a.m.

DIRECTIONS: An easy drive from Miami, Ft. Lauderdale or Naples, take Alligator Alley (I-75) from either Ft. Lauderdale or Naples Exit 49 (Service Plaza), go North 22 miles to the Veterans Day Celebration.

For further information, contact: the Chairman's Office, Seminole Tribe of Florida, at (954) 967-3900.

ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS and EMPLOYEES ARE WELCOME!

Letters & E-mail

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To all the beautiful women who attended the last Women's Wellness Conferences,

I regret to inform you that there will be no Women's Wellness Conference this year. The Tribal Council has stopped and re-directed the conference to be under health department. I've been told by the health department that the council will add two more days to the Marco Island Women's Wellness Conference in July 2005.

It has been my pleasure in

serving you, the beautiful women of the Seminole Tribe of Florida. Also I would like to thank the Tribal Council for this wonderful opportunity you gave me the past three years to manifest God's wonderful love and peace through Jesus Christ to every woman and a special blessing on Alice Snow. Above all, I give glory to God.

I leave with you this scripture: I trust in your unfailing love, my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, for he has been good to me. Psalm 13: 5-6.

Again I say, be blessed and be happy in the Lord,
Yvonne Courtney, Coordinator

Correction

The photo of the damaged airport hanger in the Oct. 15 issue of *The Seminole Tribune* was not from Big Cypress as the photo caption said, but actually a hanger in Ft. Pierce.

Seminole Hosts Taiwanese Exchange Student

By Adelsa Williams
HOLLYWOOD — Tribal citizen Paul Buster and his wife Meg are hosting their second foreign exchange student in the past two years. Seventeen year old, Porama “Fai” Jeeradig from Thailand settled into the Buster’s residence in the Hollywood reservation in August.

The Buster’s have raised two beautiful daughters, Jessica and Melissa, who no longer live at home. Since their departure, the Buster’s decided to get involved in the student exchange program after seeing an ad in *The Seminole Tribune*.

Fai currently attends Hollywood Hills High School where she will complete her junior year before returning home. After graduation, she plans to attend college to study business administration and eventually land a managing position in a clothing factory her aunt owns in Thailand.

Paul and Meg have taken Fai to visit Marco Island, Fla. and Sarasota, Fla. and plan to visit the Florida Keys, Orlando, Fla. and Nashville, Tenn. in the months to come. The Buster’s have taken Fai to tour many local attractions including the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in

Hollywood and the Big Cypress Reservation.

In Big Cypress, they showed her how to drive a car, practicing around the area and also attended Big Cypress Representative David Cypress’ birthday bash.

“I met so many people but my

and the Cowbone band during the Indian Day festivities in Hollywood.

Fai enjoys drawing, playing tennis and shopping for Roxy clothes.

She says that her main objective while participating in the exchange student program is to master the English language. As a bonus, she has also

learned a few words in the Miccosukee language. She is also enthusiastic about learning more of the Seminole culture as well as different foods. Her favorite is the Seminole pumpkin bread.

Fai is an advocate of the Pacific Intercultural Exchange (PIE) program. The program facilitates exchanges for high school students from almost every corner of the world.

In order to become a host family/parent, one must pass a thorough screening. Students are also screened before their acceptance. They are selected based on their academic excellence and extracurricular interests. Interviewers identify individuals who demonstrate a curious, responsible, outgoing and adaptable nature.

If you are interested in participating in the PIE program, you may visit them at www.pieusa.org or call (888) 743-8721.



(L-R) Meg Buster, Porama “Fai” Jeeradig and Paul Buster.

Adelsa Williams

favorite part of the party was the Rod Stewart impersonator,” Fai said.

She also enjoyed singing the “Baby don’t go” song with Paul Buster



Susan Etxebarría

Christie with her husband Earle and son Hunter.

Meet the Tribal Smoke Shop Management Department

By Adelsa Williams
HOLLYWOOD — The tribal smoke shop management department is located on the third floor of the Hollywood headquarters building and is managed by tribal citizen Elsie Bowers, Snake clan. Tribal citizen Judy Jones and dedicated fellow co-worker Kathy Gutierrez serve as her assistants.

In 1979, the first smoke shop was opened in the Hollywood reservation. Since the inception of this board enterprise, operations have grown steadily and there are eight smoke shops today. The department supervises about 45 full time and part time customer service employees who work throughout the smoke shop locations.

The tribal smoke shops also handles the vending machines in the Coconut Creek Casino, Hard Rock Casinos and Hollywood, Brighton and Immokalee Casinos.

The successful venture into the cigarette business has been exemplified by the lucrative returns of the Davie Boulevard and Sample Road shops. The remaining shops contribute to this success, but, do so on a nominal scale. As a whole, the tribal smoke shops account for a large percentage of the board’s total income.

The smoke shops are successful enterprises and will continue to be such for the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc.



(L-R) Kathy Gutierrez, Judy Jones and Elsie Bowers.

Adelsa Williams

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Seminole Police department and has been placed temporarily in the front desk

at the Hollywood headquarters building to train with co-worker Larry Hamilton.

“The Seminole police department has received me well and we’re excited that a tribal member wanted to work with them,” said Micco.

Next week Micco will be training with a sworn police officer in a patrol car and he will be visiting the Broward County jail to experience and learn how the Broward Sheriff Office handles their situations.

Prior to becoming a police service aide, Micco owned his own flooring business and also worked for about seven years at the Housing Department, handling the maintenance repairs to properties on the reservation and considers working for that department “a learning experience.”

Also, during the strenuous hurricane season in South Florida this year, Micco joined the group of volunteers who worked with the hurricane response team. He transported Seminole senior citizens to and from the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel for shelter.

Micco is married to tribal citizen Loretta Micco, assistant to board representative David DeHass, and is the proud father of one son, Jerome Jumper, who currently resides in South Carolina.



Adelsa Williams

Hollywood Council Representative Max Osceola Jr., Seminole Police Service Aide Vincent Micco, Seminole Police Service Aide Fran Poux, BSO Sheriff Officer, and Hollywood Board Representative David DeHass.

Seminole Sheds Light on New Business Venture

By Susan Etxebarría
BRIGHTON — Christie (Gopher) Strickland and her husband, Earle, said they made a business decision last December that has changed their lives. Christie, a 37-year-old mother of three who was also a two-time Brighton Princess in her teens, and who worked 15 years for the tribe, has gone out on her own.

Now she and her husband are the proud owners of a fabulous home interiors store in Okeechobee City, Fla. called Fantasy Lights. The store itself is a trendy boutique infused with the warm glow of fabulous lamps and lights. Its mesmerizing atmosphere inspires ideas about decorating a home with one of the beautiful brand name lamps that hang in artistic clusters from the ceilings.

Strickland, a member of the Panther clan, worked hard for three months designing and building a powerfully appealing store interior before opening the doors in December 2003. She and her husband created an atmosphere where you want to buy the minute you walk in the door and Strickland’s warm smile and friendly personality makes you feel at home.

The light bulb that switched on in the couple’s heads to open a lighting store in Okeechobee City came from having to make numerous long trips to Home Depot in Fort Pierce while they were building their own home. When they wanted special lighting, it was a trip to the coast.

“There was nothing like this in Okeechobee,” said Strickland.

She admits to following in her sister Selena Billie footsteps. Billie also started a business in Okeechobee City in June 2003 called The Grind, a skateboard shop.

Strickland knows there are just a few Brighton Seminoles in the retail business and she wants to succeed and hopefully even expand some day to owning a chain of stores.

“I do this for my family,” she said. “I hope one of the kids will take over a successful business one day.”

She remembered her first job as a child at the age of 14 working for the tribe under the Jobs Partnership Training Act. Becoming an entrepreneur is a big step forward in her life. However, the young couple

has bet that hordes of people building luxury homes in the Lake Okeechobee region will want to buy their lights as long as they offer competitive prices.

Right now it is hard times for all the stores in Okeechobee due to many hurricane closures.

“We were doing very well before the hurricane, but we had to close part of August and we were only open six days in September,” said Strickland’s husband Earle.

Strickland said she really enjoys owning the business, but it is also stressful. She said the money and energy they have invested has been an enormous risk, but they have things you can’t find anywhere else, including: original pieces, top brands, and high-quality décor. It is known as a “lighting and fan showroom” and many of the items are special ordered out of catalogs.

In the past, Strickland has worked at the tribe’s fish farm, at the preschool, the recreation program and her most recent and longest lasting job, as a school bus driver. But, she came to the point where she wanted a job that would give her more flexibility as a mom, to be able to take her kids to their sports practices and go to their games. Owning her own business has allowed her that freedom.

She said she is very happy working indoors on the store accounts, ordering merchandise, and greeting customers. At the store she can also keep closer to her three youngsters, all of whom attend local Okeechobee Schools and come each day to the shop after school is out. This way she can keep an eye on the kids who are grown up enough to spend most of their time there doing their homework until it is time to pack up and go home with mom and dad for the dinner hour.

Her husband Earle works electrical jobs besides attending to shop matters so he is in and out during the days.

This is not a story about a business. It is as story about some people taking life a step forward in their personal and economic growth. Christie Strickland’s is an example of spreading light in many ways.

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Birthday girl Keyah Osceola, 18, makes a wish and blows out the candles.

Iretta Tiger

A Hard Rock Birthday Bash To Remember

By Iretta Tiger

HOLLYWOOD — “I feel like I’m at my own wedding,” said Keyah Osceola, as she cut her impressive birthday cake. “All I’m missing is the groom.”

One can certainly understand why she’s feeling like a bride. To celebrate her 18th birthday, Osceola’s family threw her a pool side birthday party at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel that could easily pass for a wedding reception.

Tables were beautifully decorated in purple and pink with unique centerpieces of flowers and feathers. It sounds like it could be over-the-top girly but you’d have to see it to understand. Huge letter balloons read Happy Birthday Keyah decorated the stage and tables area. There was also a lounge area with tables, lamps and square platform beds with cushions.

Another interesting detail is the chocolate covered strawberries, instead of using dark or milk chocolate Hard Rock chefs used white chocolate and several layers of chocolate. Each layer was a different color and a part of each layer was exposed the result was a strawberry with a coat of Seminole colors!

Native American rapper Quese kicked off the party with an energetic performance. Quese can also break dance, which is what he did during the next performers’ show.

Closing the evening was the one and only Elvis, well the next best thing anyways, an Elvis impersonator complete with costume changes and dancers. He had the women, yes even Seminole



Keyah Osceola receives a birthday kiss from Elvis.

Iretta Tiger

women, swooning. Though some tried to play it off they were giddy when receiving a scarf from him.

Elvis gave the birthday girl a teddy bear, which she cuddled during the party. In the words of Elvis himself; happy birthday to a beautiful and special girl.

Bright Future Ahead for Graduates Curtis and Austina Motlow

Story by Judy Weeks

IMMOKALEE — In front of an auditorium full of family members and friends, Curtis and Austina “Tina” Motlow received their high school graduation diplomas along with their fellow classmates on Sept. 29.

They both attend the Mel Blount Private School in Vidalia, Ga., which held its commencement program on the campus of nearby Southeastern Technical College. The students wore blue caps and gowns with blue and white tassels as they marched to Pomp and Circumstance. The stage was beautifully prepared with massive ferns and blue and white decorations.

Curtis Motlow is the son of Virgil Benny Motlow of Immokalee and Gladys Guzman of Tampa. Both of his proud parents attended the ceremonies with his siblings and grandfather, who despite the long trip, would not have missed this opportunity for anything in this world.

Tina Alexis Motlow is the daughter of

Bonnie Motlow from the language and culture department in Hollywood. Tina was also a member of her Uncle Robert and Aunt Jo North’s extended family with whom she spent a great deal of time during her youth. She said it meant a lot to her to have her mother, Aunt Jo, grandmother, brother Austin and other siblings present for this special event in her life.

The Mel Blount School not only meets the academic needs of its students, but offers a full support system round the clock. It is a small school in intimate surroundings on the outskirts of town. The students

sometimes share with classmates but often enjoy their own rooms. When they are not in class, they all have their assigned chores around the school which teaches them responsibility and self-sufficiency.

Everyone attends therapy and group sessions where they help each other deal with life’s daily challenges. Residents range from fourth through twelfth grade with the older students mentoring the younger children whenever appropriate. As one enormous family, it is not all work and no play. They attend sporting events, movies, community activities, shopping sprees, and pursue their own interests and hobbies.

Because of the school’s size and curriculum, they are unable to offer an organized sports program. However, they do have forms of recreation and the students entertain themselves with impromptu games during their free time.

Tina enjoys watching most sports, but is partial to soccer and also routes for the Miami

Hurricanes. Curtis has always enjoyed both playing and watching football and calls the Tampa Bay Buccaneers his team.

When it comes to academics, surprisingly enough, both Curtis and Tina found math to be their favorite subject. Even though it wasn’t always easy, Tina said she enjoyed the challenge that math offers. Curtis believes business math is not only interesting but he will put it to good use in his planned career.

Extra curricular activities went in different directions for both students. Curtis was not only into sports and reading, but achieved the position of Youth Chairman and served his companions well.

Tina is intrigued with various forms of art and has done a considerable number of sketches. She recently produced a picture of the world depicting the eight clans. It was placed on display in Hollywood at the Indian Days celebration. Tina shows great potential and we look forward to seeing more of her work and possibly sampling some of her poetry.

With graduation behind them, Curtis and

Tina are enrolled at the Southeastern Technical College and will continue their residency at Mel Blount School for the present. Tina is pursuing a degree in criminal justice and looks forward to becoming an attorney. She will probably complete her basic education courses at Southeastern and then transfer to a larger university to obtain her law degree.

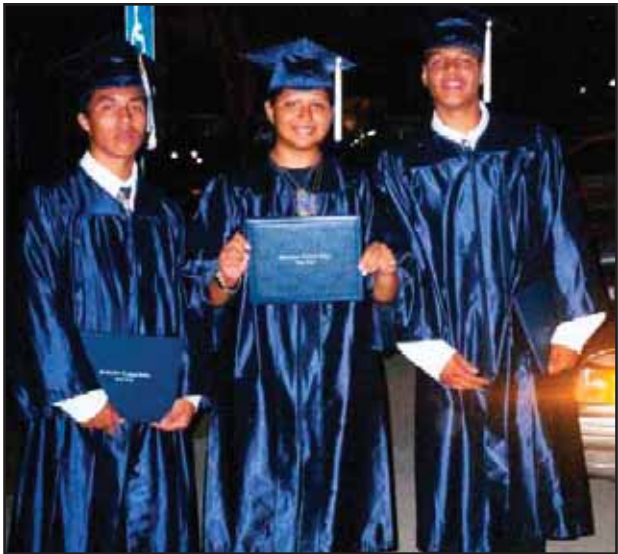
Tina’s ultimate goal is to fill a legal position with the Seminole Tribe. Curtis is enrolled in marketing management where he will examine all phases of the business world before settling into any specific field of industry.

He also expects to transfer at some later date to a larger university.

Upon receiving his degree, he would like to acquire business experience with an established corporation such as the Seminole Tribe. His ultimate goal would be a financial venture to secure his future and that of his fellow tribal members.

Both students have the intelligence, determination and integrity to achieve their goals. Neither of them are concerned with the hard work ahead and in fact, look forward to the future. Curtis and Tina want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who have supported them.

They are very grateful to the staff at Mel Blount and cannot express enough how much they appreciate the difference the school has made in their entire outlook on life. Having their families present to share in their graduation, gave them an overwhelming feeling of pride and accomplishment and a reason to continue in their new life style.



Benny Motlow

(L-R) Curtis Motlow, Austina Motlow and fell classmate proudly display their diplomas.

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Elsie Bowers (left) and other tribal citizens review voting information about polling sites, dates and times.

Hollywood Community Prepares for Presidential Elections

By Adelsa Williams
HOLLYWOOD — On Tuesday October 26, a group of organized tribal citizens held two voting counseling sessions in the Hollywood reservation. These sessions were coordinated in hopes to reach out to tribal citizens and stress the issue of making the native vote count.



Hollywood Council Representative Max Osceola Jr.

Tribal citizen Gloria Wilson explained to attendees the names of the candidates running for president of the U.S., senatorial seats, and discussed

the significance of each of the eight constitutional ballot initiatives. Seminole preschool language instructor, Herbert Jim, assisted by translating to tribal citizens in the Miccosukee language. During a luncheon at the hot meals building, tribal senior citizens were counseled on the choices they have on Election Day. Discussions began with presenting the options of making an absentee vote or simply asking for assistance to make it to the polls.

Tribal citizen Jo-Lin Osceola assisted seniors during the presentation and volunteered to assist those who decided to make an absentee vote. Wanda Bowers also volunteered to accommodate anyone needing transportation assistance.

The Hollywood community was addressed as well on the same day during the evening hours at the Hollywood headquarters' office auditorium. During both events, a video demonstration of the voting machines that will be used during the election was conducted, to avoid any technical confusion at the voting polls.

Flyers were distributed with information on the voting poll sites, dates and time for the early voters and understanding the registration card.

In attendance were Hollywood Council Representative Max B. Osceola Jr., Board Representative David DeHass and Travis Trueblood, General Counsel to The Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc.

Surprise Birthday Party For Sally Tommie

By Jaime Restrepo
HOLLYWOOD — Oct. 15 was a day of surprise for Sally Tommie as she walked into what she thought would be a staff lunch meeting at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. Instead, Chairman Mitchell Cypress and his staff orchestrated a surprise luncheon for Sally in celebration of her birthday, which passed a couple of days ago. Fifteen people attended the luncheon presided by Chairman Cypress. Also attending were Vice Chairman Moses Osceola, Big Cypress Council Representative David Cypress, as well staff members and advisors from the Chairman's Office. Sally showed surprise as she entered the meeting room, which was the perfect setting for the occasion. Her friends and co-workers were already there, waiting to greet her with a big, warm "happy



Chairman Mitchell Cypress says a few nice words about birthday girl Sally Tommie.



(L-R) Shawn Henderson, Sally Tommie, and President Moses Osceola.

birthday." The Chairman greeted and thanked all for attending, and proceeded to commemorate Sally's birthday, further adding how key a role she has played in the office, for the Tribe, as well as her wonderful and well-spoken ability to represent the Tribe. Each person present took the opportunity to express their feelings and friendship to the birthday gal, citing her graciousness and steadfastness. Sally was overwhelmed by the show of affection and thanked everyone for sharing the moment with her. She is a true believer in long and steady friendships, and expressed her deep gratitude for the wonderful moment and to be surrounded by her close friends. Happy birthday Sally!

Seminole Police Department Crime Statistics

September 2004

Classification of Offenses	Total Number of Offenses	Total Value Property Stolen	Total Arrests	JUVENILES		ADULTS		RACE			
				Male	Female	Male	Female	Caucasian	Black	American Indian	Asian
Murder											
Sex Offense	1	0									
Robbery	4	4940	3	1		1	1		3		
Aggravated Battery											
Battery	23		22			20	2	15	3	3	1
Burglary	3	\$1,528									
Larceny	27	\$13,966	4			3	1	4			
Motor Vehicle Theft	4	\$83,000				1			1		

Classification of Offenses	Total Arrests	JUVENILES		ADULTS		RACE					
		Male	Female	Male	Female	White	Black	American Indian	Asian		
DUI	4			3	1	3		1			
Stolen Property	2			2		2					
Weapons Violation											
Liquor Law Violation	1			1		1					
Miscellaneous	23	1		19	5	18	1	5			
Drugs (Possession / Sale)	26	1		21	4	15	3	8			

Narcotics Confiscated During Arrests		
Drug Type	Amount	Value
Marijuana (grams)	102.8	\$588
Cocaine (grams)	6.69	\$102
Crack Cocaine (grams)	2.6	\$25
Alprazolam / Xanax (pills)		
Oxycodone (pills)		
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Crystal Methamphetamines		
Other Narcotics (pills)		

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By Alina Viera
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Tournament play occurs in the club, Thursday and Friday Dec. 2–3 from 10 a.m.–5 p.m. and 6 p.m.–11:30 p.m. with doors opening at 9 a.m.; Saturday Dec. 4 at 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., with doors opening at 2 p.m. and Sunday Dec. 5 at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., with doors opening at 10 a.m.

Tickets went on sale Friday Oct. 29 at noon. Prices are \$10 for general admission and \$20 for VIP on Thursday and Friday and \$15 for general admission and \$30 for VIP on Saturday and Sunday.

Entrance passes/tickets include all day admission for both sessions daily. No four-day, all event passes will be sold. Tickets for the September 9-12 tournament are redeemable for the same corresponding day. Event dates, details and ticket prices subject to change without notice. All tickets subject to applicable service charges and can be purchased at the Seminole Hard Rock Box office (hours are Tuesday–Saturday 12 p.m.–7 p.m., Sunday 12 p.m.–4 p.m.), through all Ticketmaster outlets, online at www.ticketmaster.com or by calling (954) 523-3309 in Broward, (305) 358-5885 in Miami-Dade or (561) 966-3309 in Palm Beach.

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Celebrate Native American Day at UM

Festivities will take place Tuesday Nov. 16 at the University of Miami. Schedule of events: 10 a.m., welcome from the office of admission, 11 a.m., optional campus tour, 12 p.m., lunch hosted by UM, group performances including Inca Spirit, and 2 p.m., spoken word event “Share your Peace.” “Share your Peace” is an open

mic event for all to share their expressions through storytelling, poetry, song and/or dance. Interested parties, please contact Kandice Ezell at kezell@miami.edu or (305) 284-5714.

For details and to RSVP for the tour and lunch, please contact Nikki Chun in the Office of Admission at nchun@miami.edu, or (305) 284-5722.

Tickets on Sale Friday Nov. 5th for Shows by Hall & Oates

By Gary Bitner
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 Thursday Dec. 30 at 9 p.m. and Friday Dec. 31 at 10 p.m.

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, Penn., Hall & Oates launched a new album on Oct. 26. “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. 30 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 12 p.m.–7 p.m. and Sunday from 12 p.m.–4 p.m.

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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.

Calling All Vendors for Music Festival

Submitted By Peggy Osceola
Food, singing, crafts, basketry, doll making, woodcarving, canoe making, leather work, patchwork, beadwork for demonstration and sale are needed for the South Florida Folk and Acoustic Music Festival on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 15–16.

The festival will take place at Easterlin Park, 1000 NW 38th St, Oakland Park, Fla. There is no cost to be a vendor. If interested or have questions, please call the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum development department at (954) 965-2424, Ext. 151, ask for Peggy.

For more information, please visit: www.south-floridafolkfestival.org.

Happenings at the Seminole Coconut Creek Casino in November

Nov. 5: Comedian Lewis Black
Nov. 6: “Disco Divas Reunion” featuring the First Ladies composed of members from several 1970s super-groups, including Chic (“Le Freak” and “I Want Your Love”), Sister Sledge, (“We Are Family” and “He’s The Greatest Dancer”), and singers Anita Ward (“Ring My Bell”) and France Joli (“Come To Me”).

Dec. 9: Back by popular demand The Chippendales all-male review.

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Singer/Songwriter Lee Greenwood Celebrates Veterans Day with Patriotic Concert at Hard Rock

Submitted By Julianne Carelli
HOLLYWOOD — Join singer/songwriter Lee Greenwood in celebrating Veterans Day with a free patriotic concert at the Hollywood Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino on November 11, begins at 7 p.m., and is free and opened to the public.

Best known for what has become one of the most recognizable patriotic songs in the nation, “God Bless the USA,” Greenwood is one of the most acclaimed artists internationally. Greenwood’s new album, “Stronger Than Time,” is his 24th album.

His earlier songs including “It Turns Me Inside Out,” “Ring on Her Finger,” “Time On Her Hand,” and “Ain’t No Trick” became hits in the country music industry.

Greenwood has won numerous awards including the Country Music Association’s Male Vocalist of the Year Award, a Grammy for Best Male Country Vocal Performance, the American Country Music Male Vocalist of the Year award and Song of the Year by the Country Music Association for penning the words and music to “God Bless the USA.”

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Brighton Clinic Sponsors Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon

By Susan Etxebarría

BRIGHTON — “The second leading cause of death among Native Americans is from Cancer,” said Marlene Rivera, community outreach worker for the Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute. “There are five breast cancer survivors among the Brighton community, which is quite a few for a community this size.”

Rivera, and her medical associate Aileen Rodriguez, came from their Tampa offices to talk about a serious health problem that scares most women. They spoke with Brighton women, and a few men, attending the Oct. 7 Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon hosted by Brighton Health Clinic to encourage Seminole women to learn about detecting breast cancer early.

“This is not to instill fear. This is to instill knowledge,” said Rivera. “With cancer, we do not have any signs until it is advanced so that is why early detection makes a difference.”

She added that breast cancer is one disease that can be diagnosed early enough to save lives.

The goal of the invited speakers from this prestigious Tampa clinic was to convince Brighton women of all ages to take mammograms yearly and do self-check ups monthly.

“We know that early detection of cancers saves lives. Among minority women, whether they are Indians or Hispanics, one of the things we find is that the survival rate is less because they catch it late,” said Rivera.

She said 80 percent of tumors found are not cancerous. However, breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer among women in the U.S. Rivers added that as a woman ages, her risk of breast cancer increases.

At the luncheon, the speakers from Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute handed out facts



Leanna Billie learns some important facts at the luncheon.

Barbara Boling

sheets and materials while the excellent meal was served to a full house. They also demonstrated how to do a monthly breast self-examination.

“With cancer you do not have any signs until it is too late so that is why early detection makes a difference”, said Rivera.

To assist Brighton women, the health clinic had arranged for Moffitt’s mobile mammogram bus to come with their x-ray technicians to take exams right there in the clinic’s parking lot. By noon, 23 women had taken advantage of the opportunity to get checked and protect their health.

This extremely interesting event was organized by Brighton Clinic Health Educator Barbara Boling as a Breast Cancer Month activity. If you missed this vital information and want to learn what you can do to practice early cancer detection, please contact Boling at the Brighton Health Clinic at (863) 763-0271.



Addie Osceola (center) with Moffitt Cancer Treatment Center out-reach staff.

Barbara Boling

Beware of E. coli, a Food Bourne Illness

By Hristu Chepa, Environmental Health Specialist

E. coli is an illness that affects hundreds of Americans every year. The name E. coli refers to the Escherichia coli bacteria. Although most E. coli lives in the intestines of healthy humans without any danger, a specific strand of this bacterium does cause illness.

The strand that has brought all the attention to this bacterium is the E. coli O157:H7. According to Center for Disease Control (CDC) this strand causes about 73,000 cases of infection and 61 deaths in the U.S. alone.

E. coli O157:H7 can be contracted from several different sources. The most common source is from beef. This organism is found in the intestines of healthy cattle and can contaminate the meat during the slaughter. Other sources of contamination are non-pasteurized milk and cider, salami, sprouts, lettuce, and swimming in or drinking sewage contaminated water. E. coli can be passed from person to person if proper hand washing is not practiced.

E. coli O157:H7 infection most often causes bloody diarrhea and abdominal cramps. However, in children young that five, elderly persons, and immunocompromised people, it can cause a more severe condition called hemolytic uremic syndrome, in which the red blood cells are destroyed and the kidneys fail.

There are also long term effects due to this complication. In a small percentage of people that have had hemolytic uremic syndrome, high blood

pressure, seizures, blindness, paralysis, and bowel removal is experienced in this sensitive group of people.

Despite the dangers of this illness, the prevention can be executed with a little knowledge. Ground beef should always be cooked until it reaches 160 degrees Fahrenheit, or if a thermometer is not available, until the meat is completely brown. However, note that one in four hamburgers brown before it has cooked to a safe internal temperature.

Purchasing a thermometer will ensure the recommended 160 degree temperature is reached and bacteria are completely killed.

The consumption of non-pasteurized milk and juices should be avoided. Always keep the raw meat away from ready to eat food in the kitchen to avoid cross contamination. Hygienic methods, such as washing and/or scrubbing hands for 20 seconds with soap and hot water, should be practiced regularly to avoid person-to-person spread of the bacteria.

The detection on this infection can be easily tested at the doctor’s office. The patient should request that a stool sample be taken if a sudden bloody diarrhea is noticed. However, only two to seven percent of infections lead to serious complications.

Since the human body is equipped with an excellent immune system, most people recover without antibiotics or other specific treatment in five to 10 days.

The Basics of Booster Seats

By Officer Angie Margotta

I know, I know. Getting a six year old, who has been riding in the car like a “big kid,” back into a child seat is no easy task. But now there’s considerable evidence that keeping older kids in booster seats until they reach a small-adult size reduces injuries and saves lives.

When children wear adult safety belts too soon, their internal organs can be injured if the belts ride up and slice into their stomachs in a crash. If shoulder belts are put behind their backs, their torsos can jackknife forward, increasing the chance of head and abdominal injuries.

More than 80 percent of four–eight years in 30,000 car crashes studied by State Farm Insurance and Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia were improperly restrained in adult-size safety belts. And the

results were often tragic.

Booster seats rise children up off the seat to position them in adult belts properly. These special seats are recommended for kids who weigh 40–80 pounds and are intended for use in the back seat of vehicles that have a three-point lap/shoulder belts.

Children can usually safely use adult belts in the back seat once they reach a height of four feet nine inches and weigh 80 pounds. Remember, children younger than 13 should never ride in the front seat of a car that has air bags.

Booster seats are available at many major department stores that carry children’s products. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Seminole Police Department Officer Angie Margotta at (954) 967-8900.

Rez Hosts Potluck Dinner and Fire Safety Presentation

By Billie Napper

IMMOKALEE — On Wednesday Oct. 20, the Immokalee reservation had its potluck dinner at the gym with a presentation by the Seminole Fire Department on fire prevention and safety. Various community members brought home-cooked food for the potluck dinner.

Fire Inspector Dave Logan stressed the importance of having smoke detectors and making sure they are in working order. This means if the smoke detector is battery operated, the batteries should be replaced twice a year.

He suggested replacing the batteries when you set your clock ahead or back. Logan also encouraged community members to review their escape plan and make sure all children know the escape plan and a designated meeting place, so it is easy to verify that everyone is out of the house. He reiterated that no one

should ever go back into a burning building.

Logan emphasized that there is no belonging worth risking your life, and that it is the Fire Department’s job to go in and get people out. The fire fighters are equipped with breathing equipment, which is critical since most fire related deaths are really due to smoke inhalation.

The two fire fighters, Michael Mirabile and George Auscencio, showed the children how to use a fire extinguisher to make it the most effective. They also allowed the children to use the fire hose so they could see the strength of the water. After the presentation, all the junior firefighters were given fire hats, which they wore proudly.

The community potluck dinners have been well attended and seem to be fun for the community members who participate.



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July	Wellness Conference



Adelsa Williams

Doris Dolgner (second from left) and friends with their Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki guide and goodie bags.

❖ Tourist

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She was also very excited to be able to bring her 14-year-old grandson along as it was his first visit to the U.S. and said he was "very nervous" during the first ever plane ride.

The next day, Dolgner and her party were greeted by Cindy Malin, communications manager and Tom Gallaher, Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum development and promotions coordinator, who gave them their schedule of activities for the next few days.

During their tour of the Big Cypress reservation the Dolgner party were treated to various cultural activities, starting with a tour of the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum, airboat and buggy ride at the Billie Swamp Safari, critter, snake, bird and alligator wrestling shows as well as the night stay in the safari's guest house.

Conveniently for the Dolgner party, Buddy Novak of Gatortrax Adventure Tours was recruited as a translator during the tour.

At the museum the visitors were each presented with a gift bag full of Seminole goodies. They also enjoyed a few meals at the Swamp Water Café where they got to try one of the native items in the menu, the tasty gator bites.

The Florida Seminole tourism department sponsored the trip to promote travel to Fort Lauderdale and the Seminole tribal landmarks.

Billie Swamp Safari Marketing Director Lucy Evanicki said she considers these promotions very successful as they reach out to potential visitors to increase traffic at the Seminole attractions and the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino.



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The Dolgner party enjoyed their stay at the Hollywood Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino.

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Billy L. Cypress Honored At Sixth Annual American Indian/Alaska Tourism Conference



Photo courtesy of Peggy Osceola

(L-R) Sandra Necessary, Tom Gallaher, Jerry Rayala, Lee Tiger and Leslie Kedeltz.

Submitted by Peggy Osceola

GREEN BAY, WI — The development department of Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum, a member of the American Indian/Alaska National Tourism Association (AIANTA), was a sponsor at the American Indian Tourism Conference on September 27-29, at the Oneida Nation Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The Oneida Nation, Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. and the Native American Tourism of Wisconsin co-hosted the conference.

Each year the AIANTA organization strives to create a signature event where Indian tourism professionals can gather to network, develop their professional capabilities, share information, and leverage resources for tourism development in Indian Country. The tourism industry is a viable form of economic development for tribal communities striving for economic self-sufficiency.

AIANTA attempts to expand Indian business opportunities in international and domestic tourism markets, promote potential benefits of tourism to tribal communities, expand a collective voice on Indian tourism issues, create a unified effort and understanding for tourism within tribal communities, create a collaborative partnership between the Indian tourism industry and the international tourism industry to promote quality experiences and services to tribal lands, provide technical assistance to tribal groups interested in tourism development.

As tribal nations, we have the unique opportunity to participate in an industry where we can promote our cultural heritage, tribal homelands, entrepreneurs, and enterprises to a worldwide audience without compromising our traditional values.

Some notable achievements for Indian tourism over the past year include the establishment

for the warmth and hospitality extended to our family."

Peggy D. Osceola, Development Specialist of Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum, presented a moving presentation of Billy's life to the conference delegates. Dr. David Gipp, president of United Tribes Technical College in Bismarck, North Dakota, also spoke about his work with Billy on the AIANTA board of directors.



Photo courtesy of Peggy Osceola

NCAI President Tex Hall spoke at the AIANTA conference.

Tom Gallaher, on behalf of Billy Cypress, accepted a prestigious award from the United States Department of Commerce, U.S. Commercial Service, an Export Achievement Certificate presented to the Seminole Tribe of Florida for Recent Accomplishments in the Global Marketplace!

The closing reception continued an AIANTA tradition of having next year's host close out the conference. The closing reception was presented by the Seminole Hard Rock, 2005 Conference Host, to give a sneak preview of what's in store for the 2005 conference in Hollywood, Florida. Ingrid A. Schenk, from the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, coordinated the wonderful closing reception. A Kenney Rogers guitar and a Seminole vest were raffled off, as well as gifts given to AIANTA organization key staff. A local band played rock and roll music as the attendees sampled some South Florida cuisine. An exciting video of the construction and clips of TV news releases of the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino was shown to entice attendees to come to Hollywood, Florida for the next 2005 AIANTA conference.

"The Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood is honored to serve as the host of the 2005 AIANTA conference, scheduled for Sept. 25-29, 2005," said Doug Pattison, President of Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino.

"We are confident that AIANTA members will enjoy the many exciting activities on property, including the restaurants and shops of Seminole Paradise, Hard Rock Live, and the Seminole Museum and amphitheatre. Our team looks forward to partnering with the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum in delivering a successful and memorable conference next year," added Pattison.

Many excited Tribal attendees from various tribes all over the United States commented that they have been waiting to come down to South Florida and now have a reason to!



Sam Hutchinson

Miss Indian Nations XIII Bobbi Rae Sage greets members of Billy Cypress's family. (L-R) Sonya Cypress, Agnes Motlow, Sally Buster, Diane Buster, Ms. Sage and Mike Metoxin, Oneida Nation of Wisconsin.

of the Oneida Tourism Department, Oneida, WI, the opening of the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood and Tampa, Fla., the See Native American Program at ITB-Berlin, Germany, organized by the U.S. Department of Commerce, and the Dine Tourism Corridor Project, funded by the Small Business Administration, Navajo Nation.

Some of Florida's attendees were delayed by the recent hurricane Jeanne. Among them were Peggy D. Osceola and Tom Gallaher. Osceola, of the Development Department of Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum, presented a slide presentation of Billy Cypress' life to the AIANTA attendees who have known Billy since the organization's inception. Many friends of the late Billy Cypress, including the former President of AIANTA, gave gifts in his honor to members of his family who were in attendance.

Billy was on the board of the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association since its beginnings in 1999, and served as president in 2002 and 2003. Members of Billy's family included his daughter Sonya Cypress, his sisters Agnes Motlow-Billie and Sally Buster, and his niece Diane Buster.

"I thoroughly appreciated meeting Billy's associates and friends in Green Bay," said Sonya Cypress. "Thanks to them



Penn State University Offers Fellowship

Submitted by the American Indian Leadership Program

UNIVERSITY PARK, PA — Penn State University is offering graduate fellowship to American Indian and Alaska Native students interested in becoming school principals. Participants will earn a masters degree in educational administration with principalship certification.

The fellowships are affiliated with Penn State's nationally recognized American Indian Leadership Program. The program is supported by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The primary purpose of this project is to prepare American Indians and Alaska Natives, throughout the course of three years, to be effective school principals in schools that serve significant numbers of Indian students. Students will be recruited nationally and take principalship jobs through out the country.

The three-year project will include two years on the campus of Penn State University completing the requirements for a master's degree in education administration with principalship certification followed by a year

of induction services in the field.

Students will attend seminars, take courses, and participate in internships that prepare them to be school principals. Emphasis will be on being an effective principal in schools that serve a large number of American Indians and Alaska Native students. Leadership development will be a constant focus. Induction activities during the third year will help ensure a successful and effective transition from the Penn State academic program to being a principal in a school.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2005 spring semester. The fellowships include a monthly stipend of \$1,775 per month, dependency support, tuition, textbooks and relocation allowances.

For more information contact Dr. Tippeconnic, American Indian Leadership Program, Suite 300 Rackley Building, University Park, Pa. 16802, or at (814) 863-1626 or jw7@psu.edu by e-mail. Dr. Susan Faircloth from the American Indian Leadership Program can be reached at (814) 863-3775 or sef2@psu.edu by e-mail.

You're Invited to Our Book Fair

By Yudit Lam, Branch Librarian

HOLLYWOOD — Parents, mark your calendars so you will not miss our Scholastic Book Fair. We are celebrating "Read, White and Blue-Reading is All American" from Nov. 15-19 at the Dorothy Scott Osceola Memorial Library.

Our book fair gives you and your children the opportunity to buy books and products at affordable prices. You'll enjoy all of the excitement. Some of the books offered at our fair include "Duck for President" by Doreen Cronin and Betsy Lewin, "The Slippery

Slope" by Lemony Snicket and "Hatching Magic" by Ann Downer. We would love for you to come and make your choices in person.

At our book fair, we're offering you the chance to give the gift of reading. You can share the joy of reading with our special gift certificates program. They are perfect for your children, teachers, and friends.

Our Scholastic Book Fair will be a great event for everyone. We invite you to attend and look forward to seeing you. Happy Reading!

Important Information for New and Expectant Parents

Having a baby is a wonderful occasion. It is also a very busy time. Therefore, the health department would like to remind you that it is necessary for you to register your newborn for health services as soon as possible after the baby is born.

The payment of the medical bills will be delayed until the registration process has been completed. Please bring the following documents to one of the health clinics listed below to register: Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, Seminole Tribe of Florida membership card/letter, and the parent's Seminole Tribe of Florida Membership card

Since some of the required documents may be unavailable at the time of birth, the Health Department will allow registration of your newborn and will provide health services to your child from birth to 6 months of age

pending receipt of these documents.

Non-resident tribal members may telephone one of the health clinics to request a registration package be mailed to them.

If you need assistance, please contact the patient services coordinator at the health clinic in your area. The patient services coordinator will be happy to assist you and guide you through the registration process.

Here is a list of the reservation clinics and contact persons:
Hollywood Health Clinic, 3006 Josie Billie Avenue, Hollywood, Florida 33024, Karen Lee, (954) 962-2009; Big Cypress Health Clinic, HC61 Box 40A, Clewiston, Florida 33440, Wendy Powers, (863) 983-5151; Brighton Health Clinic, Route 6, Box 589, Okeechobee, Florida 34974, Gail McClenithan (863) 763-0271.



To All Seminole High School Seniors

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We will attend a football game against Langston University

For more information please call your reservation education advisor or Dora Bell, Higher Education Advisor, at (954) 233-9541 or (954) 989-6840, Ext. 1311.

John Thorpe Osceola Receives Student Award

By Linda Knee, Education Advisor

HOLLYWOOD — John Thorpe Osceola, kindergarten student at Gloria Dei Lutheran Academy, has been awarded the academic and all-around student for the month of October. He had perfect attendance and excels in Spanish.

Osceola's teacher, Ms. Talbot, said he comes to school with a smile on his face, and is Mr. Popularity. In addition to his school work, he will be starting tennis lessons this month.

John is a very caring brother and watches over his sister Faith Audrey Osceola who is in Pre-K 3. His dad Gem Thorpe Osceola and mom Linda Osceola are very excited about this award.

The education department would like to congratulate his parents, Gem Thorpe Osceola and Linda Osceola, who have taken an active role in his school preparation. A solid foundation will benefit their son throughout school and is reflected in his kindergarten performance.

Congratulations go out to Gem Thorpe Osceola and Linda Osceola for their outstanding parenting skills; and of course John Thorpe Osceola for his outstanding performance. We look forward to many more.



Gem Thorpe Osceola
John Thorpe Osceola displays his award with his teacher Ms. Talbot and school Principal Robert H. Sanger.

Debra Johns: Enjoying Life at the Library

By Susan Etxebarria

BRIGHTON — When Debra Johns, 49, was hired in 1992 by her former boss, Library Director Norman Tribbett, to work at the Billy Osceola Memorial Library on the Brighton Reservation, she never thought she would end up running the library 13 years later.

After Tribbett retired, Johns was promoted to head up the library. While she does not possess a degree in library science like her colleagues at major public libraries, has earned all the credentials one needs to maintain this first rate library. Learning on the job and attending many job-related conferences and seminars, Johns is now the assistant library director under the supervision of Librarian John Frasier, who oversees all of the five libraries established by the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

"The tribe has always been great organization to work for," said Johns. "I was green when I started, but I was given a lot more opportunity than I would have had working somewhere else on the outside. This is not a stagnant position. I have been able to grow in a career; to have real professional growth."

Working for the tribe as an assistant librarian has much personal meaning for her. Married to Norman Johns and mother of three children, Norman Eric, Jo "Boogie" and Holly Osceola, she says as their own kids grew up they were taught to value an education.

"I have always known that education is the key to everything; to me the library is a central key to getting that education," she said.

Johns said there has been a "remarkable increase in adult use of the library in the last 10 years" and that more kids are coming to the library during the summer months.

The Brighton library, founded in 1976, was the first branch established by

the tribe. It is also the repository of rare books found nowhere else.

"We have a lot of Native American learning and research materials and an extensive Seminole collection," Johns said. "Universities and libraries send researchers to us. We have quite a number of authors that have acknowledged the library in their research."

What Johns enjoys the most is exposing the children to the library and enthusing them about reading books. The school kids in the Pull-Out Program

at no expense to the tribe. The United Methodist Volunteers in Mission that built the original library provided the addition. The library also has eight internet connections so computer technology is available for everyone.

Johns said she is grateful for the wonderful staff that works with her at the library: Shirley Sampson, Denise Girtman, Betty Billie and Willie Johns.

"It takes everybody here to run this library efficiently," she said. "Each has their own library specialty."

Johns is a graduate of Moore Haven High School and was born and raised in Lakeport, Fla. before marrying Norman. Her life in Brighton has been a full and happy one. As a family, they have been very involved in rodeos with her kids excelling in the sport. In fact, her daughter "Boogie" is competing in the National Finals in break-away and roping in October.

With five grandchildren, and one on the way, she said she likes to sew for the grandkids. Johns said she has always enjoyed reading, books, people and kids. That is why Johns is good at what she does.

When she attends workshops and library conferences, she is surprised to discover that she does it all. While some librarians specialize in certain

areas, like being solely a children's librarian, she says that this smaller library has made it possible for her to learn every aspect of the field, from being a researcher, a story teller, maintaining the catalog, to ordering the books, and more.

"I will always be grateful to Norman Tribbett because he gave me a chance," she said.

Johns said once she apologetically told Librarian John Frazier that she did not have the degree. He replied to her, "anyone who has worked in the library field as long as you have is a librarian."



Susan Etxebarria
(L-R) Assistant Librarian Shirley Sampson and Assistant Library Director Debra Johns.

attend a history class at the library with Willie Johns on Fridays and the Brighton Preschool Program brings the young tots over for a story hour almost daily.

"We actually wrote into the library budget money to bring in a magician, a story teller, clowns form Lake Placid," she said. "That's the best part of my job. Many kids I have had in the past for story telling are graduated from school now."

Johns worked on the expansion of the library when several years ago the 800-square foot addition doubled the size

2004-2005 Hollywood PAC Meeting Schedule

November 11 at 12 p.m.

December 9 at 6 p.m.

January 13 at 12 p.m.

February 10 at 6 p.m.

March 10 at 12 p.m.

April 14 at 6 p.m.

May 12 at 12 p.m.

June 9 at 6 p.m.

Meeting locations will be announced ahead of time. Please be advised that sign in sheets will be collected after the first 20 minutes of the meeting.

Parents please be sure to sign up for volunteer work during the Halloween Carnival and Parent/Teacher Appreciation Dinner.

For more information on PAC meetings please contact PAC President Robert Frank (954) 914-0682, Vice President Janine Osceola (954) 605-0868, Secretary Leah Osceola (954) 444-3900, or the education department (954) 989-6840.

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Judy Weeks
(L-R) Susan Davis, Cris Marrero and Maria Billie enjoying a friendly game.

Scrabble Tournament Draws Many Players

By Judy Weeks
IMMOKALEE — The library and education departments in Immokalee joined forces to produce a Scrabble Tournament on Friday Oct. 15. As hosts, they planned an educational, fun-filled afternoon and evening with tables of Up Words, and junior, youth and adult Scrabble games.

The recreation department graciously funded the entire event.



Judy Weeks
Nehi Roberts checking out his favorite part of the Scrabble tournament.

Because of the enthusiastic turn-out of contestants, organizers selected the gym for the tournament. The activities started as soon as the students returned from school and enjoyed a quick trip to the refreshments. The buffet table included pizza, pork and gravy, rice, fedeo, beans, and home-made tortillas.

Librarian Cris Marrero monitored the events, distributed awards and armed with a huge dictionary handled all challenges. Norita and Jaime Yzaguirre, Gale Boone, Rhonda Nunez and Maria Billie helped set up the game tables and oversee the youth competition.

Results of the tournament are listed below.

Junior Scrabble
Kindergarten: Jon Jimmie,

Jillian Rodriguez, Destinee Jimmie and Ozzie Holdiness, Dennis Gonzales.

Up Words

Grade 1: Lauren Pasada,
Kenny Davis Jr., Nehi Roberts.
Grade 2: Alexis Jimmie,
Vanessa Billie, Ashley Faz, Jade Tapia and Larissa Delarosa.

Youth Scrabble

Elementary, Table 2: Taylor Boone, Jessie Holdiness, Troy Davidson.

Elementary, Table 5: Jennifer Holdiness, Trey Boone, Julissa Arreguin.

Elementary, Table 8: Chad Motlow, Jordan Rodriguez, Taylor Fulton, Alexis Aguilar.

Middle School, Table 7: Jasmine Holdiness, Randy Osceola, Tyler Davidson, Mallori Sanchez.

Middle School, Table 3: Joseph Rodriguez, Bonnie Davis, Mela Billie, Rebecca Osceola.

Middle School, Table 4: Spencer Jock, Allen Venzor, Allen Hernandez, Cody Motlow.

Middle School, Table 6: Anthony Hernandez, Jessica Osceola, Cassandra Jimmie, Dee (Dante).

High School, Table 1: Mark Arriaga: Jonathan Rodriguez, Josie Davis, Daniel Yzaguirre.

Adult Scrabble, Table 1: Mark Jock, Gale Boone, Maxine Jock, Michelle Osceola.

Adult Scrabble, Table 2: Jimmy Wayne Holdiness and Maria Billie, Lorraine Posada, Susan Davis.

Adult Scrabble

Table 3: Jamie Yzaguirre, Norita Yzaguirre, Dennis Gonzales and JD.

Table 4: Ray Yzaguirre, Eric Grimaldo, Roy Garza Jr.

Table 5: Cecilia Pequeno, Jennifer Ramos, Lazara Marrero, Elsa Zamora.

Late Comers Table: Kenny Joe Davis and Mario Posada, Cris Marrero and Brenda Martinez.

Top Scorers

Youth: Joseph Rodriguez.
Adult: Cecilia Pequeno.

First Annual PCA Rodeo and Barbecue/Chili Cook-Off

By Judy Weeks

IMMOKALEE — The Immokalee Seminole Youth and Livestock Ranch was the host to the First Annual Professional Cowboy Association (PCA) Rodeo and Barbecue/Chili Cook-off on Sept. 17-18 at the John Jimmie Memorial Arena. As their first major production, it was a definite success.

Activities got underway Friday evening at 6 p.m. with Noe Anzualdo and his Country Band entertaining the crowd while watching the children's foot race. Approximately 30 youngsters entered the arena and competed in three age groups for prizes.

Two-year-old K. J. Davis was too young to compete, but delighted everyone as he ran the full length of the arena twice trailing behind the racers and cheering for himself. Each age group received awards through third place.

The foot races were held again Saturday evening prior to the rodeo. Al Curry served as announcer and assisted

mouth watering entries were ready for the judges. It was a hard job, but somebody had to do it!

The judges, Javier Jimenez, Tim Lanham, Jean Martinez, George Asencio and Judy Weeks, were presented with one rib at a time from each entry and asked to evaluate it in secret. All of the entries were extremely moist, tender and had a flavor all their own. Some had sauce and others relied on seasoning to enhance that flavor.

After careful consideration, the winners were as follows: 1. Russell Spriggs, 2. Paulette Bowers/Ciscero Osceola, 3. Adam Sanchez.

When the decision had been announced the entrants were identified for the first time. Despite every effort imaginable they could not be persuaded to divulge their secret ingredients.

The chili cook-off had only one entry and therefore an obvious conclusion. Diane McInturff took first place. The judges agreed that this was unfortunate because after tasting her chili, it was obvious that she would have given any competition a run for the money.

The PCA Rodeo was a two day event that took place on Friday and Saturday evenings with slack being run on Saturday morning. The PCA territory covers the Southeastern United States with approximately 3,000 members. Marki Rodeo Company was the stock contractor for the performance and Marty Johns is the PCA rodeo producer in South Florida.

A special attraction for both evenings was Damon Wilson, the 2003 Southern Pro Bull Riders Funny Man of the Year.

Wilson, who had come all the way from Osark, Ala. entertained the audience with his antics and jokes both nights.

The rodeo performance started with Junior East Indian Rodeo Association Queen Shelby Osceola carrying the American Flag while the crowd stood for Johnny Cash's rendition of "Old Glory." Former EIRA Queen Ayeze Henry led the grand entry parade around the arena.

The announcer, Mike Barkley, kept the audience informed both nights and provided assistance to Damon Wilson while he entertained.

There were numerous entries in all categories with the following results: steer wrestling: Omar Anito, Robbie Chalfont; break-away roping: Ashley Booth; girl's barrel racing: Lara Dewees, Andrea Cannon, Ashley Reed, Jamie Long; bareback racing: Steve Vause, Heath Crum, Thomas Raulerson; saddle bronc riding: Issac Diaz, Andy Neil. calf roping: Clay Loftos, Gene Fulford, Kevin Peaden;



Judy Weeks
Russell Spriggs shows off his first place trophy ribbon and cash reward in the barbecue rib cook-off.

Jaime Yzaguirre in judging the races.

At 7 p.m. a table was set up beside the bleachers for a hot dog eating contest. Armed with a tray of hot dogs and a bottle of water, the contestants were allotted two minutes to consume as many hot dogs as possible.

They were divided into three age groups with the winners as follows: 6-9-years-old: Jordan Rodriguez, Joshua Puente and Kenny Joe Davis Jr.; 10-13-years-old: Kevin Chainey, Bonnie Davis and Javier Avilla; 14-16-years-old: Josie Davis and Allen Hernandez.

When the contest was over, everyone had come to the same conclusion: no hot dogs for a very, very long time!



Judy Weeks
Damon Wilson, Souther Pro Bull Riders Association 2003 Funny Man of the Year, entertained the crowd with his antics both on Friday and Saturday.

Saturday morning at 10 a.m. the Barbecue/Chili Cook-Off got underway. Each contestant provided their own grill, meat and condiments. By 1 p.m. the



Judy Weeks
Gary McInturff holds the winning chili cook-off trophy for his wife, Diane, as she accepts her ribbon and cash award from Benny Motlow.

team roping: T.J. Smith/Blain Taylor, Chance Wright/Joe Hipp, Blain Taylor/R.T. Harrington, Brent Aldoff/Ranch Brown, Danny Garcia/Derek Davis; bull riding: Jake McIntyre, Cody Brugh, Buckshot Morrison.

The Immokalee Seminole Youth and Livestock Ranch and 4-H Club want to thank the Immokalee Seminole Casino and the Tribal Council and Board of the Seminole Tribe for making this weekend of activities possible through their sponsorship. A portion of the proceeds was donated to the hurricane relief effort and the balance went to the 4-H program.

Additional Sponsors were: B & L Hardware and Tire, Jack Queen Construction, Inc., Spooner Insurance Agency, Inc., Langford Ford, Buddy's



Judy Weeks
Immokalee 4-H presents hurricane relief check to Red Cross representative Diane Martinez (center).

Home Furnishings #3, Florida Community Bank, Florida Drilling, Inc., and Taps Automotive.

On Oct. 15, members of 4-H Club met with Diane Martinez of the Immokalee Red Cross and presented her with a check for \$400 to assist the hurricane victims. Martinez expressed gratitude on behalf of the Red Cross and she offered her services to 4-H for future educational clinics, which could include CPR instruction and baby sitting protocol.

Youth Ranch Director Benny Motlow was instrumental in organizing the entire operation and supervised its production. The whole event could not have taken place without the volunteer efforts of the 4-H participants and their parents.

Immokalee Council Liaison Elaine Aguilar was extremely pleased to see the wonderful community involvement. Youth members operated the drink facility and helped with the counter in the concession stand. They collected admissions, handled gates, helped with trash pickup and ran errands. These fine young people provided an abundance of assistance both days.

The 4-H parents supervised the youth effort and volunteered in all key positions. They accepted responsibility for food preparation and supplied adequate help in the concession stand and worked as custodians on the grounds.

Annual Native American Sports Association Meeting Replays

By Felix DoBosz

HOLLYWOOD — The Seminole recreation and sports department held their annual conference and board meeting for the Native American Sports Association (NASA) and Native American Youth Organization (NAYO) on Oct. 8 at the Seminole Hard Rock Casino & Hotel. The sports committee is made up of five different tribes, which make up the board. They belong to NASA, who gathered to discuss business issues facing the association.

Moses "Big Shot" Jumper Jr., Bo Young, Stan Frischman, and Steve Young from sports and recreation acted as principles, hosting this annual sports association conference.

"Unifying our tribes through athletics" was the motto of the five tribal board member groups assembled at this year's meeting, representing the Cherokee, Choctaw, Poarch Creek, Seminole and Seneca tribes.

The morning meeting generated discussions on NAYO events and followed in the afternoon with NASA events. Most of the discussion focused on rules, schedules and logistics for sporting tournaments sponsored by this sanctioning body.

A considerable amount of time

was dedicated to a proposal for expansion to more tribes and more sports activities, such as volleyball and soccer, since they seem to be increasing in popularity. Some of the other topics of concern included voting on eligibility rules and establishing and enforcing a uniform code.



Felix Dobosz
(L-R) Recreation Department employees Bo Young, Stan Frischman and "Big Shot" Jumper Jr. at the sports association meeting.

Some of the invited guests from the Hollywood recreation department spoke to the sports association board members about the coaching and administrative activities they enjoy performing daily on behalf of the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

Another big topic for NAYO was: What should youth sports focus on? Moses Jumper Jr. discussed how

tribes have to be federally recognized to join the association and other eligibility requirement issues. After these issues were presented and discussed with many viewpoints considered, they took a vote from the board members.

After all the business had been concluded, Moses Jumper Jr. introduced a video called "Biggs, Bloopers, Blunders and Wrecks," created by the Seminole broadcasting department. It included several video clips of live action rodeo shots. The footage included youngsters riding on top of fast-charging mutton sheep, and showing a few of their tumbles.

Then it was time to show the big bull riders and bronco-busters performing like real champions do at the big rodeos, only there were more big chills, thrills, and spills. These videos were especially entertaining because the soundtrack that was chosen was superb and matched the action of the rodeo video clips.

After the conclusion of the video, that everyone attending seemed to enjoy, it was decided unanimously by the board to adjourn until the next meeting, which will be held in Alabama, in Oct. 2005.



Upcoming Southeastern Circuit Finals Rodeo

Reminder to everyone, the Southeastern Circuit Finals Rodeo will be held Nov. 12-14 at the Fred Smith Arena on the Brighton Reservation.



Ready, set, hike! The Seminole Panthers take on the Miami Dolphins.

Michael Kelly

Seminole Flag Football Team Shows Promise

By Michael Kelly
PEMBROKE PINES, FL — With the help of head coach Terry Tartsah and his assistant coaches, the Seminole Panthers flag football team is off to a running start. The eight-game season begins in October and runs through late-November.

This collection of young football players is poised and eager to show off their football skills to family and friends. The team plays in the Pasadena Lakes Optimist League in Pembroke Pines. The finely manicured field is located about 10 minutes from the Hollywood reservation and is a great place to watch the children play.

The team currently wears the blue, black and white trimmed uniforms of the NFL's Carolina Panthers, the Super Bowl runner-ups from last season. Next year, the teams will switch to college uniforms, and guess what uniforms the Seminole players have chosen? The Florida State Seminoles of course!

The team is made up of 16 children, ranging in age from 6-8-years-old. The 2004 Seminole



Michael Kelly

Patricia Wilcox with son Neko Osceola (left) and Ethan Cypress.

Panthers are: Ethan Cypress, Rayce Noah, Neko Osceola, Cameron Osceola, Kenny Descheene, Devan Bowers, Ty Pierce, Whiteriver Dillon, Kyler Bell, Tous Young, Rhett Tiger, Luke Baxley, Timmy Cox, Dorian Jumper, Eden Jumper, and Tyson Osceola.

Neko Osceola played a terrific game, scored two touchdowns. The speedy running back raced 35 yards for one score and seven yards for another. Patricia Wilcox, Neko's mother, was even more excited after her son scampered to the end zone.

"Neko loves all sports," Wilcox said. "He plays football, basketball, and baseball. He's fearless out there on the field and really enjoys it."

Although the Panthers come up a little short in this particular game, coach Tartsah was encouraged at what he saw.

"I'm proud of all of you tonight," said Tartsah. "You played hard and didn't give up."

If you are interested in watching these young gridiron stars play, please contact Coach Terry Tartsah at (954) 605-5098 for the team's schedule.



Cheering on the Panthers.

Michael Kelly



Michael Kelly

The Panthers get ready to call a play.

2005 Rodeo Queen Candidates Sought For Championship Rodeo

Submitted By Susan Neuman

HOMESTEAD FL — The Homestead Rodeo Association invites girls to throw their Stetson in the arena to compete for the rodeo queen title for the 56th Annual Homestead Champion Rodeo.

To be eligible, rodeo queen must be between 15-21 years of age. Sign-up day will be Saturday Nov 13, between 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Doc DeMilly Rodeo Arena at Harris Field, U.S. 1 and SW 312 Street.

Rodeo Queen Contest Coordinator Brenda Tyre will be available to interview candidates and answer questions about the contest.

The candidate who sells the most advanced tickets to the rodeos on January 28, 29, and 30 is named rodeo queen and reigns over the rodeo,

rodeo parade, and all Homestead Rodeo Association events all year until a new rodeo queen is chosen the following year.

Organizations sponsoring rodeo queen hopefuls will receive 10 per cent of their candidate's ticket sales.

"We like to encourage clubs, civic organizations and other non-profit organizations to sponsor a candidate," Tyre said. "This is an excellent way for them to raise funds and help their girls."

In addition to reigning over the rodeo events, the winner receives scholarship money, a trophy belt buckle, western clothes, jewelry, and flowers.

For more information call Brenda

Tyre at (305) 247-3515.



1st Annual Randall Huggins Memorial "Strictly Business" Car/Bike Show

Open Competition

Saturday, December 18, 2004

Hollywood Baseball Field

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Hollywood, Florida

No Registration Fee



Cash Payouts & Trophys

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Judging: 5:30 p.m.

For More Information

Contact Norman Huggins

(305) 333-2861

1st Annual Randall Huggins Memorial "Big Ballers" Basketball Tournament

All Indian

Friday and Saturday
December 17 and 18, 2004

Hollywood Gymnasium

3090 NW 63rd Avenue

Hollywood, Florida

Entry Fee: \$250.00

Deadline: Wednesday, December 15, 2004

Men's and Women's 1st Place

\$3,000.00

Men's and Women's 2nd Place

\$2,000.00

Men's Slam Dunk Contest

3-Point Contest
Male and Female

For More Information Contact:

Seminole Recreation (954) 989-9457

Norman Huggins (305) 333-2861



Behind the Scenes: A History of



Marki Rodeo Company Staff prepare a bronc for the arena.



Paul Bowers Jr. sets the flank strap as the rider adjusts his rigging in the bull competition.



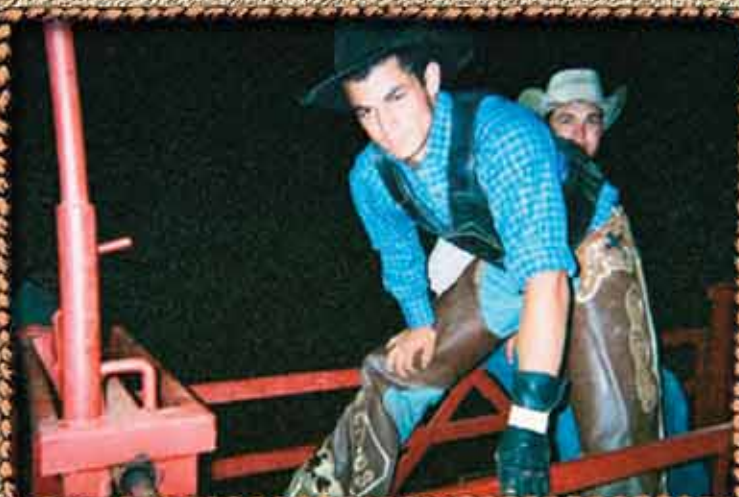
Wanda Billie carefully tabulates the winner's points and prepares the payoff.



Heath Crum checks his tack before mounting up in the saddle bronc event.



Announcer Mike Barkley removes his hat in respect for the American and Seminole flags.



Jake McIntyre straddles the bull in preparation for his winning ride.

By Judy Weeks

IMMOKALEE — Rodeo has had deep roots in the history of Native Americans for the past hundred and fifty-plus years, and the Seminoles are no exception. Some of the Creeks who migrated south into Northern Florida acquired a few cows along the way and began to make good use of the wild Spanish Cracker Horses.

Unfortunately, as they were driven further into the swamps of South Florida by the encroaching white settlers, they had to either abandon or eat the majority of their livestock. By the end of the Seminole Wars, those still remaining in Florida were living in small villages in the swamp lands from Lake Okeechobee south and were scattered across the water world of the Everglades.

Cattle re-entered the Seminole economy during the 1920s and slowly grew in importance during the next 40 years. Herds were established at both Brighton and Big Cypress reservations. Meanwhile, Seminoles from Immokalee, Hollywood, Ft. Pierce and the Tamiami Trail often left their homes to support their families by working as cowboys on some of the larger ranches in south Florida.

Today, the Seminole Tribe's cattle herds are recognized throughout the U.S. for their superior quality and bring top prices at the market.

During the time before fast moving vehicles, mass transportation, movies, television and the many new forms of entertainment that have evolved across this nation, life took a simpler turn. Small communities gathered and developed competitions derived from their daily livelihood. Out of this need for people to socialize and entertain themselves, rodeo was born.

Events were based on the skills developed while working livestock, breaking and training horses and the physical competitive nature of human beings. Crowds flock to rodeos across our nation filling the stands to watch the men and women work hard to use all their skills and timing to achieve winning scores in each event.

They laughed at the clowns' antics, many of them never realizing that his fast action and agility can often make the difference between a good exhibition or a tragedy in the arena. The clown's ability to distract the livestock provides precious seconds to the riders as they scramble to safety. Timing and athletic skills are probably the most critical movements within the arena.

Few people have any idea what goes into providing a couple of hours of pleasure and thrills for the crowd. The real show takes place behind the scenes where the audience never goes and the work begins weeks in advance. Preparation for a production of this size does not take place overnight.

I had the pleasure of interviewing a tribal member from Brighton, Marty Johns, of the Marki Rodeo Company. As the stock contractor and producer of the PCA Rodeo held at the John Jimmie Memorial Arena in Immokalee on Sept. 17-18, he allowed me to view all phases of the operation on a first hand basis.

Naturally acquiring and maintaining livestock for a rodeo company takes considerable time and requires continual re-evaluation of the stock. Marki has its own herd of bucking stock for the bronc events, some steers and the bulls.

Paul Bowers Jr. has joined Marty Johns in raising some of the area's best bulls for competition. In addition to the regular Marki stock, animals such as sheep and roping steers are leased for the events to insure that each participant receives a fair opportunity to compete with fresh stock.

The rodeos are booked at least a month in advance and the bookkeeping organized to cover events, registration and time sheets as well as awards and paycheck percentages. Advertising for the rodeo must be arranged and flyers distributed to attract the competitors. Arena help, announcers, clowns and any additional entertain-

ment must be contracted. Call-ins take place a week prior to the show in order to establish a program.

Finally the big day arrives and the semi-tractor trailers roll in with the livestock. In many cases a public address system and electronic scoreboard must be set up. Sign up and entry fees must be tabulated and numbers are drawn to determine which animals will compete with each contestant. Tack must be checked and rechecked to prevent as many accidents as possible. Safety is the primary issue.

While the audience is filling the bleachers, the rodeo crew and participants gather behind the arena for a few words of inspiration from a preacher, Cowboys for Christ or local layman. They ask God for his protection for not only the riders and livestock but the audience and a safe trip home for everyone.

The entertainment gets underway with the national anthem or a patriotic song, carrying of the flag and the grand entry parade of participants. Prior to the rodeo Johns placed me in the capable hands of his assistants, Sonny Whidden, Bobby Yates and Joey Sullivan.

From my position on the catwalk behind the bucking chutes, I was able to interview and photograph the entire operation. I met some very polite, energetic and dedicated rodeo enthusiasts, who one minute are competing against each other and in the next instant, are cheering for their competitors. What a brotherhood!

They helped each other prepare for the ride, lent equipment where needed and assisted each other when entering the chutes. As the riders hit the clay in the arena, the men around me made sounds as though they too had fallen.

This fine group was watching over me every inch of the way. I was leaning over a chute to photograph a rider being lowered onto a bull, when the bull reared up in the air. Suddenly I was shoved backward as a man dove in front of me. Before I could catch my balance a strong pair of arms grabbed me from behind, steadying me and a voice said, "You're okay. I'm right here." What a relief!

Just before opening the gate in the bull rider's competition, an enormous bull went down in the chute pinning his rider's leg. I have never seen so many grown men move so fast in my life.

They flew over the sides of the chute in one swift movement. Two men worked to get the animal off the wall while another locked his arms around the rider's chest. At the slightest shift of the bulls' weight, the man snatched the rider into the air to freedom. It took approximately ten minutes to get the bull back in position, after which all the rigging had to be checked before the rider could proceed with his run. A young man's voice yelled over the noise, "Come on. Let's get this show on the road."

Suddenly, it got so quiet you could hear a pin drop and a growl came from down in the chute. "If you're in a hurry... Bye. Before anybody opens a gate, everything has to be right if it takes all night."

A few minutes later, I said to the man next to me, "I see he's still here. He must not have been in a hurry after all."

He replied, "Aw, he's new and got a lot to learn." Then he laughed, "There's a lot of teachers around here. He'll be okay."

As the night wore on I watched Marty Johns compete in the roping events as well as oversee every other operation on the grounds. At one point, I watched him in a sweat soaked shirt with red clay streaks on his face move from chute to

chute checking every rider. He and his men work like a well oiled machine, anticipating each other's actions. I would hear him shout orders only to see that the job was already half done.

All the activity was not outback. In the arena the pick up men were hard at work, helping the riders and clearing out the livestock. The clowns, John Copsey and Clint Howard, were running their legs off, dodging from side to side blocking the fallen riders. Arena help were setting up barrels, operating the heading and stripping chutes as well as pushing up cows.

During an intermission, I had an opportunity to interview Brighton's, Sidney Gore. As a veteran bronc and bull rider, he has seen it all. I couldn't help but inquire why he would leave the safety of the ground to ride



Smith is carefully lowered onto the bull as Bobby Yates readies the gate.

on a wild animal determined to plummet him into the dirt. He replied that when things are right, it's a smooth ride. I looked at his wife in disbelief and she said, "It really is. He'll tell you about it."

To summarize our conversation, he explained riding both broncs and bulls is all a matter of knowing how to ride. You have to be relaxed, comfortable and ride with the animal. Don't fight him. It's all in the timing. Let yourself become a part of him. When things are right, you'll know it. He'll talk to you with his body. You can feel his neck stiffen or head lower as he gathers his legs beneath himself in preparation for a buck.

If he strengthens one side and fades on the other, you know where you're headed next. When his hip muscles bunch up, you know he's going to come up. You have to know when to ride and when to leave. If you're going off, prepare for the ground.

He smiled and said, "If it's right, it's smooth, real smooth. It's just like calf roping. When the calf goes off balance for just a second as his leg moves back, you'll feel the shift in your rope. You have to act right away, sweeping him off his feet, before you miss your chance. Your horse feels your movement and reacts like he is part of you and together you complete the job. Timing is the key and it becomes smooth, real smooth."

It was apparent that he loves the ride and has developed the skills that make it all worthwhile. When the rodeo was over and the crowd was headed home, the next phase was beginning for Marki. In the announcer's booth, Wanda Billie and Sonya Maggard had been operating timers and tabulating scores all night.

Now they had to double check their figures, record how the contestants placed and prepare the paycheck envelopes. The riders gathered for the payoff while the livestock was being loaded into the trailers for the long ride home.

There is one thing for sure. If I were to enter rodeo competition, I would want to know that Marty Johns and the Marki Rodeo Company were there to see me through to the end. And of course, never underestimate the protective hand of God!

Seminole Hard Rock Holds Night of Championship Boxing



Adelsa Williams
Heavyweight Kendrick Relford wins by unanimous decision.



Adelsa Williams
Pawloski punishes Mills.



Adelsa Williams
Welterweight Steve Walker loses to Osorio by TKO in round three.



Michéal Kelly
Canes player Charlie frye goes up strong.

Oscar De La Hoya Presents: Boxeo De Oro

By Adelsa Williams
HOLLYWOOD — The newly developed Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood hosted another successful boxing promotional event on Thursday Oct. 28 that was aired live on HBO Latino Boxeo de Oro, Spanish for “Gold Boxing,” boxing series.

Oscar De La Hoya’s Golden Boy Promotions in association with Warrior’s Boxing Promotions, promoted the seven bout card that drew a massive crowd and brought much excitement to the fans.

The announcer recognized the Seminole Tribe of Florida’s Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Big Cypress Council Representative David Cypress and Hollywood Council Representative Max B. Osceola Jr.

The boxing event attracted many members from the World Boxing Organization’s (WBO) convention, which was going on that week at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel.

In attendance were WBO heavyweight champ Lamon Brewster, WBO Junior Middleweight Champ Daniel Santos, Welterweight Zab Judah, Middleweight Daniel Edouard, Heavyweight Lance “Mount” Whitaker, International Boxing Federation (IBF) Light Heavyweight Champ Glen Johnson, Cruiserweight O’Neill Bell, Daniel Ponce DeLeon, WBO Strawweight champ Ivan Calderon, and actor Steven Segal.

Undisputed Champ Bernard Hopkins and hall of famer Oscar De La Hoya sat side by side during the show. The two fought a competitive match last September in a showdown in Las Vegas, Nev.

The opening bout was between Light Heavyweight Daniel Judah from Brooklyn, New York and Ray Barry from New Brockton, Ala. Judah defeated Barry by technical knockout in the sixth round.

In a four round bout, Junior Welterweight Tom Mills of Vero Beach, Fla. challenged Johnny Pawloski of Philadelphia, Penn.

Mills came out of his corner like a pit bull with no bite, attacking Pawloski fiercely but was surprised when Pawloski came back at him landing blow after blow. Mills seemed startled by the retaliation and did not react as fierce as he came out, forcing the referee to stop the fight.

Pawloski won his first match by technical knockout in the first round.

Warrior’s newly-signed Welterweight Francisco Osorio from Barranquilla, Colombia battled Steve Walker from Hannibal, Mo. After some solid work, Osorio beat Walker by TKO in round three. The overwhelmed Colombian threw himself on the ground when the fight was stopped, realizing he had won his first ever fight in the U.S. after just being here for two weeks.

Another Colombia native, Lightweight Felix Lora from Miami, Fla. fought to a draw against Meacher Major from the Bahamas.

Canadian Cruiserweight Dale Brown defended his North American Boxing Organization (NABO) title against Jermell Barnes of Rochester, N.Y., to a match that lasted all 12 rounds.

Brown is the North American Boxing Federation and NABO champion and is ranked second by the WBO and World Boxing Council (WBC).

The main event featured Mexico’s Super Middleweight Rene Arostegui against Kingsley Ikeke from Nigeria. Both fighters weighed in at 163 pounds, respectively.

An even competitive match, both fighters landed their own combination of jabs. Ikeke managed to cut Arostegui over the right eye in round five, sending him to the canvas soon after that. Referee Jorge Alonso stopped the fight in the same round making Ikeke the winner by TKO.

Ikeke improved his record to 21-1 (11) and Arostegui dropped to 23-5 (20).

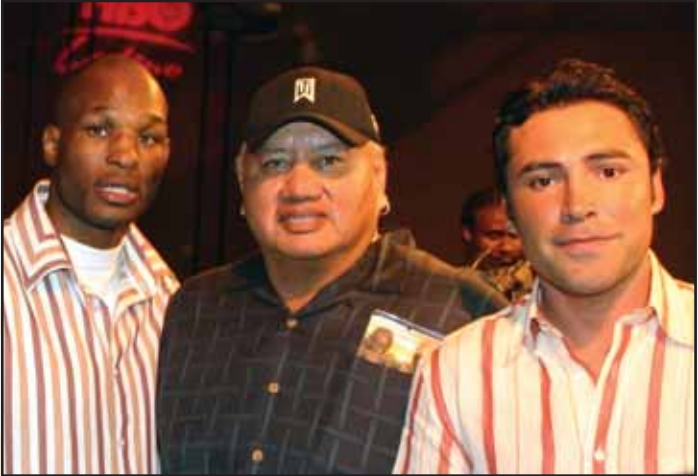
The co-feature was between Kendrick Relford of Forth Worth, Texas and Miami’s Elicer Castillo, originally from Cuba.

This match was considered a slow dance, lasting the whole 12 rounds, of what was considered an even battle. The rage of both fighters was clearly obvious when Castillo did not stop hitting Relford with low blows after being warned twice by the referee. Furious Relford over reacted by punching Castillo after the bell rang in round seven. Both fighters were penalized for their conduct.

Despite the busy last three rounds, Relford won by a unanimous decision with the scores of 116-111, 115-113 and 114-113.



Adelsa Williams
Welterweight Francisco Osorio from Colombia was determined to win.



Adelsa Williams
(L-R) Bernard Hopkins, Max Osceola Jr., Oscar De La Hoya.



Adelsa Williams
Actor Steven Segal chats with a ring girl.



Adelsa Williams
Light-Heavyweight Daniel Judah from Brooklyn, NY defeated Ray Barry in the opening bout.

Fourth Annual Adam C. Billie Memorial Basketball Tournament

By Kenny Bayon
HOLLYWOOD — The Fourth Annual Adam C. Billie Memorial basketball tournament was finally held Oct. 22-23, 2004 in the Seminole gymnasium. Due to a string of hurricanes and tropical storms, the tournament was postponed from its original August date. Hurricanes Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne prevented out of state players from making the original tournament deadline.

However, the postponement proved to be well worth the wait, as tournament director Jason Don Billie did an excellent job of recruiting new competition to Florida and challenge our men’s and women’s basketball teams. There were teams in attendance from North Carolina, Mississippi, Washington and Oklahoma.

The tournament got underway Friday Oct 22 and was filled with intense action, and exciting games from start to finish. This proved to be one of the better tournaments of the year, due to the new faces and great sportsmanship amongst the players. The two-day event featured several highlights on both the men’s and women’s brackets.

Here are some of the highlights from the tournament.

Women’s division: The women’s bracket was highly competitive, but was a breeze for the Cherokee women’s team. The Cherokee women traveled to South Florida from North Carolina and they made a huge impression once they stepped onto the court. They’re average margin of victory of 14 points throughout the tournament earned them a first place finish.

Although the women’s side of the bracket proved to be stiff competition, no one was able to slow down the Cherokee women on their route to the championship game. The women’s championship game was between the Cherokee Women who defeated the Outlaw Women 41-30.

Lady Seminolas also competed in the tournament, in which they received third place, losing to the Outlaw Women 32-17. JoJo Osceola led the Lady Seminolas with eight points. The Lady Seminolas had better success against the Outlaw Women in the first round of the tournament, beating the Outlaw Women 33-29, thanks to the great shooting of Mercedes Osceola. Mercedes led all scores with 17 points.

Here are the results from the women’s bracket: 1. Cherokee Women (North Carolina), 2. Outlaw Women (Florida), 3. Lady Seminolas (Florida).

Men’s division: The men’s bracket proved to be truly a classic, as each game was filled with intensity and breath-taking plays. The competition level was at an all time high with each game. There were nine men’s teams in town to participate in this long waited event, and once the action started each team did what they came to do.

The game that would eventually be the talk of the tournament is when the Canes met up with the Choctaw team from Mississippi in the second round of the tournament. Choctaw dominated the entire first half of the basketball game leading at halftime 27-15. The Canes scored two field goals the entire first half and seemed to be headed to the loser’s bracket, but with a late surge in the second half the Canes began to look like the team of old.

The game would go back and forth in the last seconds of the game until the Canes took a permanent lead in the closing seconds; the Canes would escape the second round contest with a 48-45 win. Amos Huggins had a game-high 16 points, Tony Heard added 12 points, and Marl Osceola contributed 11 points.

After several games of gut wrenching

action, the same two teams would meet up in the championship game, were the Choctaw team would have a shot at revenge against the Canes. However, this time the Canes would not underestimate their opponent, the canes romped the Choctaw team 66-48.

Tony Heard led all scores with a game-high 38 points, Marl Osceola added eight points, and Pete Osceola contributed seven points. The Canes walked away champions, as they used this as a tune up for the upcoming NASA basketball tournament in which they will be defending their title from a year ago.

Here are the results from the men’s bracket: 1. Canes (Florida), 2. Choctaw (Mississippi), 3. Ghost Dancers (Washington).

After attending this year’s Fourth Annual Adam C. Billie Memorial basketball tournament I must say it couldn’t have happened on a better weekend, outside of the tournament there were festivities taking place around the Seminole gymnasium to keep the fans around for the entire tournament.

The festivities consisted of a barbecue cook-off and the Keith Osceola Car Show, which had an excellent turnout. All and all this was an all-around great event, and I was honored to be a part of it. Next year’s event is predicted to be just as good.

Here are some of the featured basketball tournaments, so you can come out and support your local Seminole athletes: Cindy Osceola Memorial Basketball Tournament, Nov. 4-6, Hollywood Holiday Basketball Tournament, Dec. 3-4, and Big Ballers Memorial Basketball Tournament, Dec. 17-18. All tournaments take place in the Seminole gym.



Bikes lined up at the starting point—Everglades Holiday Park.



These pre-ride snacks got participants ready for the memorial ride.

Second Annual Jerry Micco Memorial Bike Ride

By Jaime Restrepo
FT. LAUDERDALE, FL — More than 30 bikers converged at Everglades Holiday Park in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. on a beautiful, cool and sunny Saturday morning to participate in the Second Annual Jerry Micco Memorial Ride. The ride was organized by Micco's son Vince Micco and his

wife Loretta. Two Seminole police motorcycle officers escorted the riders and provided traffic control. Chairman Mitchell Cypress and Hollywood Councilman Max B Osceola Jr. joined the riders at Holiday Park. The bikers headed north on highway 27, through South Bay, Fla. Belle Glade, Fla. and made their way north to

Lake Okeechobee's eastern shore. Upon reaching the town of Okeechobee, the riders continued through the Brighton reservation before stopping at the cemetery in Ortona, Fla. to pay their respects at Jerry Micco's gravesite. Prayers were said and flowers laid in memoriam to Micco. The riders then proceeded to

the Big Cypress reservation and completed the tour at Chairman Mitchell Cypress's residence for a barbecue. Various stops were planned throughout the ride to allow for fuel refills, and restrooms breaks. The weather stayed on the cool side throughout the day, perfect for a suntan in total comfort. The chase vehicle car-

ried ample snacks, water and other refreshments. The tour was approximately 280 miles long as it circled Lake Okeechobee and traversed through various counties. For anyone who enjoys motorcycle touring, this ride is perfect way to visit Florida's interior towns and scenic roads.



Jerry Micco's memorial cake.



Max Osceola Jr. getting ready to ride.



Officer James Boudaux (center) briefs riders.

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Happy Birthday



Happy belated birthday Little Dyami “Dee” Nelson on Oct. 8. Hope for whatever you wished for comes true. We love you!

Love,
Momma Daddy Kayla Keyana Lance Hunter and Tehya

8-BALL, 9-BALL, SCREW-BALL... No it's **Rita Ball**. **Happy birthday** to the world's best daughter, sister, cousin and friend. We love you with all our hearts.

Forever,
The Peanut Gallery

Happy birthday Uncle Troy and Egoosh.

Lots of love,
The Otter Gang

Happy 6th birthday to Kyrell K. Josh on Nov. 19. I hope you have a great day.

Love,
Mom (Anna)



We would like to wish our son **Matthew Osceola, Jr.** a **happy 4th birthday!**

We love you so much.
Love Mommy and Daddy

Happy birthday to Matt A.K.A. “Milk Weed.” We love ya, and hope you have a great birthday
Love, **Your wife and son.**

New Kids



Tehya Leigh Howard was born Sept. 8. She was 7 pounds, 10 ounces, 19-and-a-half inches. Proud parents: **Larry and Danielle Howard**; Proud grandparents: Minnie and Jesse Howard, and Sam and Cindy Nelson.



Mitch and Brett Osceola would like to welcome their new son **Byron Osceola** to their family. He was born on Sept. 19 and weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces. He joins his big brothers Ryan and Conchade Osceola.

Lost and Found

Found: Multicolor beaded barrette. Call SPD Officer Margotta at (954) 967-8900.

Important Information About Submissions

When submitting a birthday, baby, or marriage announcement, you must include the names of both parents, grandparents, and/or other family members. Also, please use the actual name of the person you are referring to. Include your address so we can mail your photos back to you. Thank you.



Happy birthday sweet little **Shana Aquilah Balentine**. You make us so happy just having you around. We are so proud of you and can't believe you will be 3-years-old on Nov. 24.

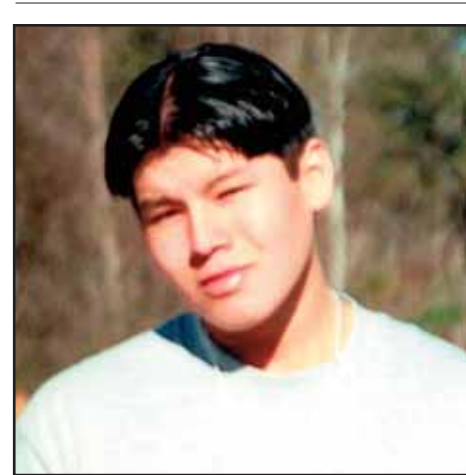
Love,
Mom Tasha Bowers, Dad Jerry Balentine, Big sister Sierra, Big brother Ethan and Grandma Glynnis Bowers



Happy birthday to Little Miss Shana Aquilah Balentine on Nov. 24. We can't believe you are almost 3 years old. You are still grandma's baby girl and little princess. You are growing up so fast and so beautifully.

We love you lots and always,
Grandma Glynnis Bowers and your sister Siena

Congratulations



Congratulations to our handsome and intelligent son, **Tony A. Tommie** on your graduation from high school. You are the greatest Seminole warrior in our time. We love you and are proud of you. You are a gift from God.

Love,
Bryan and Mom



Congratulations to our daughter **Marlys Primeaux** for achieving her diploma. You can accomplish anything you want when you put your mind to it!

With love from your whole family.

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Bonnie Motlow, Jo Motlow North, Onnie Osceola and family

Last to Leave

Who is it that is the last to leave
Maybe a hurt that still wants to grieve
Who is it that is last to leave
Maybe a rock that will budg with another heave
Who is it that is last to leave
Maybe a fool who wears his heart on his sleeve
Who is it that is last to leave
Maybe a heart that wants to believe

—**Leslie J. Gopher**

I Put Your Picture Away

I put your picture away
In sweet memory it will stay
Through the bad, our hearts still found time to play
I put your picture away
Should it speak, a thousand words it would say
You could turn night into day
I put your picture away
When the stars are high, I can see your face as I lay
I say goodnight, even though you're gone, it'll be okay
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For land that was taken, our ancestors fought proud
Now it's drinking, smoking and running with the wrong crowd
But what we are now is a far cry from then
Just saying you are does not make you Indian
We must learn our past and traditional ways
And respect the ones' who got us here today
Teach our children to be proud and strong
They will be the ones to carry on
When all elders are buried and gone

—**George Barry Micco**
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All To Blame

I'm sitting here staring at these four walls
I can't wait to get out
Out into the world
Will the storm clear up?
Probably not for me
Cuz I have no such luck
I just can't believe we use to be so close
It's not so simple, they say
Talking won't always help
(What they say never works)
(Can't, won't, don't listen to what they say)
(Lies to me they tell)
(I will never heal)
What do they whisper to you about me?
Everything's gonna be alright
Okay already I've began to lie
I try to tell you about my life

You ignore me
As if I intended to bore you
How many times do I have to tell you before you get it?
Pretty soon you'll regret it
(What they say never works)
(Can't, won't, don't listen to what they say)
(Lies to me they tell)
(I will never heal)
Never will you see the real me
It's always hidden from the truth
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Well that's just great, so you can't see the truth
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Don't worry we're all to blame

—**Brittany Huff**
Eighth Grader, Ahfachkee School

Strange Word

We are strangers, how could that be
Similar but with great indifference
Without you there would be no me
You wrote that we all make mistakes
Visualize your path
If it's right, do what it takes
You say put your life in God's hands

He'll do the rest
I tried and failed, Pop, I did my best
There are two things I'm proud of the most
My children and you Pop, I gladly boast
Doing my time, I recall your word
A breeze in the wind an echo is heard

—**Leslie J. Gopher**

In Memoriam

Dear Friends,

We would like to thank the following people for their continued support throughout Joe Don's final 40 months following his motorcycle accident and disabling injuries:

The biggest thanks would be to Chris O'Donnell, for her unwavering love and support throughout the most trying times anyone should have had to endure. Also, thanks go to the health department, including: Connie Whidden, MSW, Terry Sweat, Lisa Allen and Dr. Van Gelder, MD. Even though you knew medically he was never going to really recover you all supported his every effort.

Thank you insurance department—Mimi Sawabini, Angela Lambert, Cindy Cozier and their crew—for your continued efforts in keeping Joe Don's medical bills paid.

Joe Don spent most of his last days in and out of multiple hospitals and even a nursing home due to the complexity of his condition. Reflecting this is a final thank you to the untold number of Doctors, Nurses, Nurse's Aides, Physical Therapists in and out of these hospitals who were not only there to help him in recovery but also maybe more important became his friends.

Then Joe Don died...
We want to thank everyone for their help, time, and support to us, his family during our time of mourning. If we forgot anyone please forgive us but know that we appreciated you being there and couldn't have done it without you.

The Chairman's Office,
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Sincerely,
Mabel Frank, the Billie Family, the Billie-Bevenue Family and the DeHass Family

In Loving Memory
Joe Don Billie
January 17, 1950—September 14, 2004

I'm Free
Don't grieve for me
For now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that place at the close of the day
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss; Ah, yes
These things I too will miss
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow
My life's been full
I savored much
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief
Lift up your heart and share with me
God wanted me now
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Show

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The colorful shirts that were handed out to participants in the car show were designed by Delgado herself. Even her granddaughter got in the act, creating the drawing for the children's shirts.

"I asked my granddaughter Kailyn to draw something for the car show," said Delgado. "I surprised her when I showed the t-shirts with her drawing on it."

Betty Osceola, Maggie Osceola and Mabel Osceola were just some of the talented crafters displaying patchwork dresses, potholders, Seminole dolls, and more.

"I like doing the sewing, making shirts, dolls, and bracelets," said Betty. "I can make a shirt with a patchwork design in a day."

Pat Bowers kept Betty Osceola company throughout the day, and even helped out will some sales. Mabel Osceola created some beautiful draw-string bags with patchwork, and added she likes sewing the patchwork the best. Mabel, who previously worked for the culture department, still volunteers there when she can.

Delgado was especially happy for all the friends and family that assisted her, especially her brother Dan "Chucky" Osceola Jr.

"He really helped me out with everything," said Delgado.

Delgado wanted to include a barbecue cook-off with the car show because her late son loved to barbecue with friends. He was always ready to set up his grill and have tailgate parties at Miami Dolphin



Michael Kelly

Tony Bert stands with his custom-painted Harley Davidson Fat Boy motorcycle.

"Some of that old recipe is just as good today as it was a long time ago," he said.

Second place went to Danny Jumper's tangy ribs, while Keith Condon took third place with a uniquely chili flavored entry.

After the barbecue rib contest, it was time for the car show. Vehicles of all shapes, sizes and colors started arriving in the late afternoon. With nearly 100 entries, registration took more than two hours.

With a dozen and a half categories, needless to say judging the show was a real adventure. Some of the top autos from show included: Mike Tiger's 1973 Pontiac Catalina 400, Moses "Bigg Shot" Jumper's 1955 Chevy 3100 blue truck, Tony Bert's Fat Boy Harley Davidson motorcycle, and a 1927 Ford Coup. There

was even a fully designed Spiderman bicycle for sale, with an asking price more than many cars alone are worth.

Stephan Brown, who owns the antique Ford Coup, said he spent ten years restoring the one of a kind vehicle.

"I could probably sell it for \$60,000, but I love the car," said Brown.

One of the reasons for cherishing the car is that his father built the engine—a Buick 231 V6.

Tony Bert recently rode his custom painted Harley on a 300 mile trip during the Second Annual Jerry Micco Memorial Ride in early October. He called the ride a "great experience."

Cody Bert entered his uniquely designed 2003 Harley Davidson V-Rod. The new look motorcycle is unlike any other bike Harley has produced.

In the "Anything on Wheels" category, young Marissa Osceola captured first place with her rugged looking golf cart.

After all the awards were given out Delgado was finally able to catch her breath, saying she was "hanging in there." It was long, eventful day for both her and her family, but one that was extremely fulfilling.

Once again, the Hollywood community paid tribute to Keith Osceola. With more and more people participating in the car show, next year could be a tight squeeze out there in the baseball field. In fact, Delgado is hoping that this ever growing memorial can take place at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. Delgado better start planning now.

Top three winners of the Second Annual Keith Osceola Memorial Car Show: Stock Car: 1. Trudy Osceola, 2. Marlon Tommie, 3. Mike Tiger; Custom Car: 1. Andre Maharaj, 2. Mark Anthony, 3. Natoshia Osceola; Classic Car: 1. Stephan Brown, 2. Peter Chevere, 3. Moses Jumper; Custom Classic Car: 1. John and Debra Keenan, 2. John Spadone, 3. Charles Mione; Stock Truck: 1. Ruggy Jumper, Bonnie

Motlow, 3. Melissa Metcalf; Custom Truck: 1. Moses Billie, 2. Chris T. Osceola, 3. Robin Osceola; Classic Truck: 1. Margaret bacon, 2. Moses Jumper; Stock SUV: 1. Mercedes Osceola, 2. Tasha Osceola, 3. Leslie Osceola; Custom SUV: 1. Tony Has, 2. Marlon Tommie, 3. Remus Griffin; Low Rider: 1. Brian Gambino, 2. Angel Roman, 3. Christopher Jones; Indian Car: Richard Osceola, 2. Joe Dan Osceola, 3. Ruggy Jumper; Anything on Wheels: 1. Marissa Osceola, 2. Paul Buster, 3. Melissa Metcalf; Motorcycle Cruiser: 1. Cody Bert, 2. Tony S. Bert, Gwen Kennedy; Motorcycle - Sports bike: Moses Jumper; Bicycle: 1. Matt Westenhiser, 2.



Michael Kelly

Treasurer Mike D. Tiger displays his 1973 Pontiac Catalin 400.



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The popular Escalade.

Anthony Gentry, 3. Jason Dodd Tiger; Sound Off!: 1. Remus Griffin, 2. Marlon Tommie, 3. Antillis Stockton.



Michael Kelly

Car show spectators saw a rare treat—this vintage 1927 Ford Coupe.



Michael Kelly

Barbecue cook-off winners: (L-R) Paul Buster, Danny Jumper and Keith Condon with Vivian Delgado.

games, she said.

Thirteen participants fired up their grills in hopes of being named the top grill on the Hollywood reservation. Words like tender, sweet, smoky, tangy, and even citrus, were used to describe the tantalizing pork ribs.

Paul Buster, who played music and then tended to his ribs, won first place. He said he found the oak he used to barbecue with in Big Cypress. Buster added that he learned the art of barbequing from family elders.



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Actress/Comedienne Elaine Miles entertained the car show crowd.

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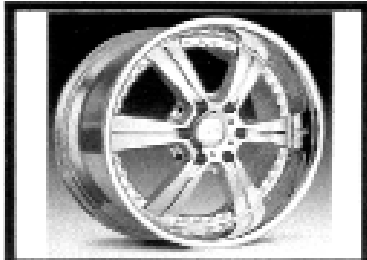
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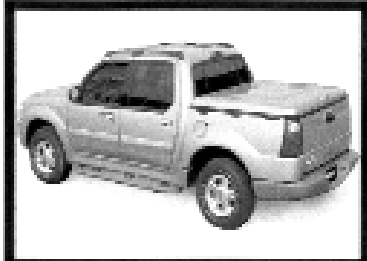


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PAC II: Public and Private Schools:
President Vera Herrera, Vice President Renee Tigertail, Secretary Cathy Cypress and Treasurer Shelly Tigertail. Meetings are held the third Monday of each month, alternating from 11 a.m. one month and 5 p.m. the next month. The Nov. 15 meeting is scheduled at the Learning Resource Center at 5 p.m., Dec. 20 at 11 a.m., Jan. 17 at 5 p.m., and Feb. 21 at 11 a.m..

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There meetings are held the first Tuesday of

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President Bobby Frank President, Vice President Janine Cypress and Secretary Leah Osceola.

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The officers are Acting President Rhoda Nunez and Acting Vice President and Secretary Chris Marrero. They are in these positions until PAC elections are held.

Tampa
Currently there is no one in Tampa.

If you need any more information, please contact Preschool Director Leona Tommie-Williams at (954) 989-6840, Ext. 1305 or Education Advisor Assistant Sharon Williams at Ext.1317.

Why Am I Needed as A Foster Care Parent?

By Theodore Nelson and Anne Stephenson, Family Services Department
Many Seminole Indian families have struggled to overcome historical trauma as well as adjustment difficulties resulting from negative boarding school experiences, urban relocation, or other life-changing events. As a result, many Seminole Indian children are vulnerable to violence or neglect and often require temporary placement outside of their homes until therapeutic intervention can take place.

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Who can apply? Anyone can apply that is enrolled in the Seminole Tribe, or from other American Indian tribes, regardless of religion, gender, marital status, etc. We need homes, which will be culturally supportive and make every effort to keep the child engaged in traditional values and activities

as appropriate to that child's tribe(s).

How do I apply? Simply contact the family services department at (954) 964-6338 and tell them that you are interested in becoming a foster care parent. Someone from family services will assist you to complete a foster family home application and foster family survey.

What is involved in being certified? Once the application is complete, you will be asked to complete a hand screen for your fingerprints in the human resources department and complete a background check. Background checks will need to be completed by all people living in your house over the age of 18.

Also, the family services counselor must determine that your home is a safe and healthy environment. This includes having a written disaster plan, working smoke alarms, an agreement prohibiting the use of corporal punishment, and other similar requirements, all of which we will help you complete.

Open your heart and home to an Indian foster child today!

Stamp Design Competition for Native Artists

Submitted By Debra Utacia Krol
There is a design competition for the "Renewable Energy on Tribal Lands" fund-raising postage stamp campaign. The chosen original artwork will be submitted with the application to the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee of the United States Postal Service.

If issued, the proceeds from this stamp will fund scholarships and grants to Native American students working toward development of renewable energy on tribal lands. The competition is open to all Native American students across the country. The design theme is: "Renewable Energy on Tribal

Lands."

To enter your original artwork request complete information and application by email: Kathryn.clegg@colorado.edu. Please type "Stamp Design" on the subject line or mail your address to: K. Clegg, CB 450 UCB, Boulder, CO 80309. Artwork must be submitted and arrive by Dec. 5.

For more information, please contact Debra Utacia Krol, Project Specialist, Arizona Commission of Indian Affairs, at (602) 542-3123.

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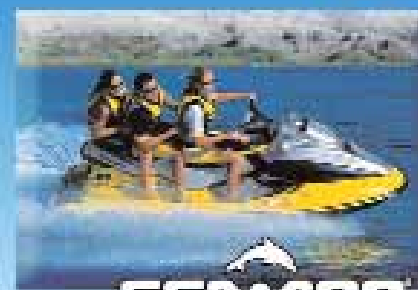
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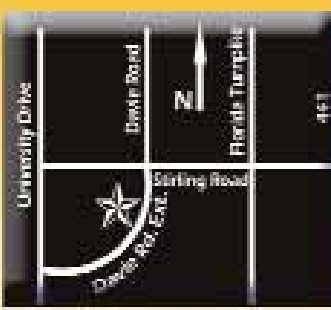


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The Ahfachkee school float promoted learning.



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The Big Cypress Community Center float.

Red Ribbon Week Closes with a Bang

By Shelley Marmor
BIG CYPRESS — On Thursday Oct. 28, members of the Big Cypress (BC) community, as well as tribal employees, gathered along Snake Road to watch the last Red Ribbon week event—the parade. The annual parade marked the end of a week’s worth of activities tied to this year’s Red Ribbon Week theme: “We are the Future, Let’s Make it Drug Free.”

Parade Grand Marshall and BC Councilman David Cypress opened the parade. Cypress rode shotgun in a Seminole Police Department (SPD) vehicle screaming things to the spectators including “We need some donuts in here,” making his driver Sergeant Powell Morris laugh.

Besides SPD, many other departments made floats and sent representatives to the parade. The aviation department, family services, Seminole motocross, Hot Meals, Big Cypress Rock Pit, the clinic, the preschool department, Ahfachkee School, chairman’s office, cattle and range and the building department, to name just some, also had floats in the parade.

A special float was created for the oldest living Seminole, Tommye Jumper. The sign on the 101-year-old’s float—a magenta Ford Thunderbird—read “Ms. Tommye Jumper ... Believes in a Drug Free World.”

As emcee and Assistant Director of Recreation, Stan Frischman announced the arrival of the floats, many riders on the floats also threw candy into the crowd. One department thought health consciously and threw tangerines to the crowd instead.

To accommodate for the parade, SPD had to close off Snake Road beginning at the Bingo Hall and heading west. The driver of a Brinks security truck, as well as several other vehicles, heading east on Snake Road towards I-75 got stuck behind the parade.

As the Brinks driver passed the spectators



Shelley Marmor

The family services’s float carried messages of “Power” to stay drug free.

outside the BC Family Investment Center they tried to get him to throw some money out, just as the other parade participants had thrown candy and tangerines. Needless to say, the driver did not throw any money to the spectators.

Several tourists making their way to one of the attractions had to stop at the arts and crafts store



Shelley Marmor

David Cypress (left) and Powell Morris rode in the first vehicle in the parade to make its way down Snake Road.

so the parade caravan could pass. They made the best of the situation, some of them even filming many of the floats as they made their way to the stopping point at the Rodeo Grounds.

The Red Ribbon: The Story Behind the Symbol

Submitted by Family Services Department

Enrique “Kiki” Camarena grew up in a dirt-floored house with hopes and dreams of making a difference.

Camarena worked his way through college, served in the Marines and became a police officer. When he decided to join the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, his mother tried to talk him out of it.

“I can’t not do this,” he told her. “I’m only one person, but I want to make a difference.”

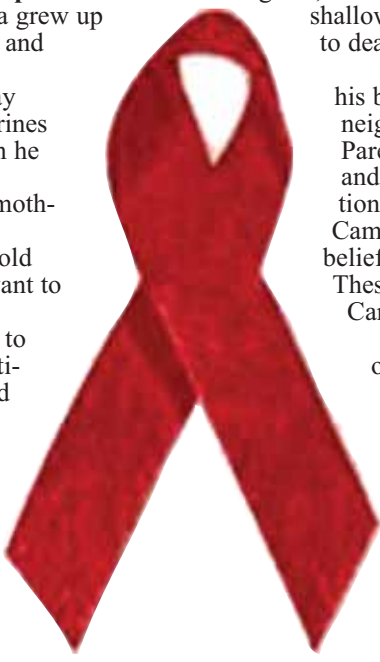
The DEA sent Camarena to work undercover in Mexico investigating a major drug cartel believed to include officers in the Mexican army, police and government. On Feb. 7, 1985, the 37-year-old Camarena left his office to meet his wife for lunch.

Five men appeared at the agent’s side and shoved him into a car. One month later, after a search by more than 500

agents, Camarena’s battered body was found in a shallow grave in Mexico. He had been tortured to death.

In honor of Camarena’s memory and his battle against illegal drugs, friends and neighbors began to wear red badges of satin. Parents, sick of the destruction of alcohol and other drugs, had begun forming coalitions. Some of these new groups took Camarena as their model and embraced his belief that one person can make a difference. These coalitions also adopted the symbol of Camarena’s memory—the red ribbon.

The National Family Partnership organized the first Nationwide Red Ribbon Campaign in 1988. Since that time, the campaign has reached millions of children across the country. Please join the millions who have already acted in the memory and honor of Kiki and do your part to educate children about the dangers of drugs and the tragedies drugs inflict on countless men, women and children across the country.



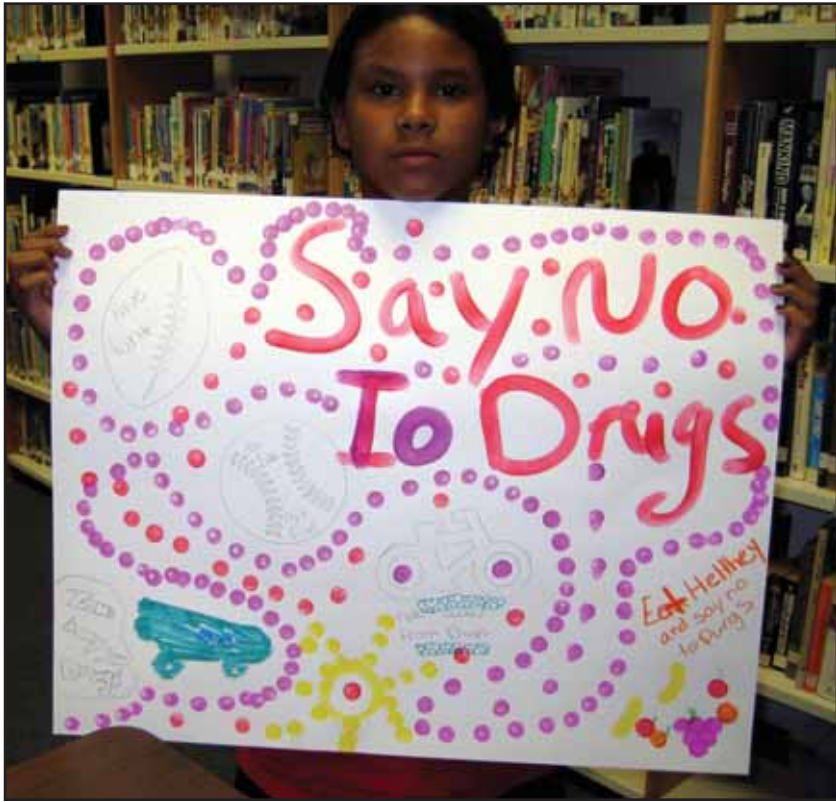
Red Ribbon Week Poster Contest Held at DSO Library

By Tony Roberts
HOLLYWOOD — On Oct. 25, the family services department held a poster contest in the Dorothy Scott Osceola (DSO) Library. The contest was held in conjunction with the annual Red Ribbon Week campaign. The participants were instructed that they could create their own poster involving a drug free theme.

The participants put forth a great effort in creating many different types of posters. There were participants of all ages, and everyone had a very enjoyable experience.

There were nineteen participants for the contest, and everyone was a winner. Each participant received a red ribbon T-shirt, as well as a gift bag filled with red ribbon materials.

Family Services would like to thank all the participants of the poster contest. You all did a wonderful job!



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Whitney Osceola says no to drugs.

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Red Ribbon Week

Save-A-Life-Tour Hits the Rez

By Felix DoBosz

HOLLYWOOD — Red Ribbon Week got off to a fast and furious start on Friday Oct. 22nd in the Hollywood tribal auditorium.

The highlight was a drunk driving, state-of-the-art interactive simulator that allowed participants to actually feel like they are impaired while driving. Tribal citizens and employees gathered around to try out this new popular attraction.

The message was quite clear: drunk driving prevention through education.

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Every driver is given a simulated citation after their driving performance is evaluated. Most participants trying the five minute simulator seemed to enjoy the experience, but there were a few people who complained of nausea and could not complete the course due to motion sickness.

Family services, in conjunction with the building services department, hosted this fun and educational event.

“We thought it

would be a great idea to bring something of this caliber to the reservation, it gives you a chance to see what it would be like driving while your intoxicated at the time of actually being sober, so we think this was a great idea to have the people of the reservation



Felix DoBosz

Ruggy Jumper takes the wheel in the drunk driving simulator.



Felix DoBosz

Melissa Atkins from the travel department warms up on the practice simulator.

experience it,” Tony Roberts, case worker and coordinator of Red Ribbon Week in Hollywood said. “The simulator can create different weather conditions and traffic conditions as you would experience while driving.”

Eric Bricker, Addictions Program Administrator for the Families Services Department, agreed.

“We have seen over time, a large number of drunk driving fatalities on the different reservations,” Bricker said. “This is part of an ongoing effort by family services department to raise awareness as to the dangers of drunk driving in attempt to target some of the younger tribal members to show them the potential hazards of drinking and driving.”

The Save-A-Life tour will tour all Seminole reservations during Red Ribbon Week to educate citizens on the dangers of drunk driving. The tour continues thereafter nationwide focusing on schools and colleges where many young people can benefit from this outstanding program.

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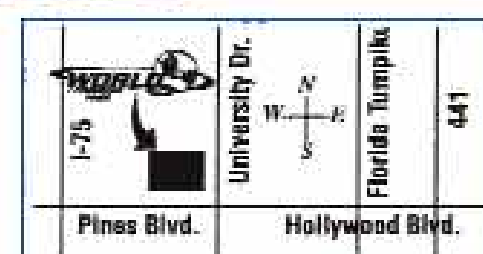
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This was only the very beginning of the first day of the conference.

In a powerful speech Congressman John Lewis (D-GA) recounted the struggle of the civil rights movement, incidences which he has been a witness to. Listening to Congressman Lewis one is reminded that for minorities the right to vote is a right that came with a heavy price and should not be taken for granted.

“This is probably the most important election of our lifetime” said Lewis “The wind may blow, the lightning may flash and the rain may fall, but this is still our house. Don’t let anybody divide us. Don’t be intimidated.”

At the end of his speech NCAI President Hall invited Congressman Lewis to join the Native American Caucus.

Following Congressman Lewis’ speech, former principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation Wilma Mankiller introduced someone who is being honored by NAJA; *USA Today’s* founder Al Neuharth.

Neuharth has been at the forefront in promoting Native journalism. In 1984, he helped to secure money to create what was first called the Native American Press Association, now called NAJA. This is only one of his accomplishments; he has been involved with numerous programs and continues his efforts for Native journalism.

NAJA’s executive director Ron Walters presented Neuharth with a medicine shield made of buffalo skin. Upon receiving the shield Neuharth wished he received sooner because he joked that he really needed the shield during his days as a journalist.

Joking aside, Neuharth noted the serious lack of Native journalists in daily newspapers throughout the U.S.

“Natives are the most under represented group in journalism in this country” said Neuharth “It is my strong belief that Native Americans in



Iretta Tiger
NCAI President Tex Hall presented retiring Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell with a gift.

the newsrooms makes the news better equipped and sensitive in covering Native news.”

In 1954, the Indian Termination Act was in effect and the U.S. government was acting swiftly to dissolve Native American tribes. In a special segment titled “Recognition of 50 years since the ‘Declaration of Indian Rights’” at NCAI’s Emergency Conference Against Termination, Vine Deloria Jr. sent a taped message.

“The only weapon the Indians had was voting. The Indian vote was responsible for a big change in the west” said Deloria Jr.

What saved tribes from termination was their ability to organize themselves

and work together as one voice.

The next speaker drew the attention of the local news media. Originally invited and scheduled to speak on the third day of the conference was presidential candidate and Senator John Kerry. Though he had accepted the invitation he was unable to attend and his wife Teresa Heinz Kerry spoke in his place.

President Bush was also invited but sent Congressional Representative J.D. Hayworth (R-AZ) to speak in his place.

Kerry recently spoke at the Unity Conference in Washington, D.C. while Bush has chosen to ignore another invitation to speak in front of Native Americans; he was also invited to the grand opening of the National Museum of the American Indian—he was a no show.

During the week the conference broke off into workshops which covered a wide range of topics. All topics were equally important in regards to native issues especially on a governmental level. However, there was one topic that stood out because of its importance to Native sovereignty.

In 2001, after the loss of two court cases, both affecting Native sovereignty, NCAI and the Native Rights Fund created the Tribal Supreme Court Project. The project helps tribes with Supreme Court cases in numerous ways; from soliciting and preparing amicus briefs, a legal brief written by one who is not involved with the case but has an interest in the outcome, to coordinating a review of tribal briefs by Indian law experts.

Since its inception the project has assisted on five cases and has lost only one.

At the beginning of the project there seemed to be an almost anti-Indian sentiment within the Supreme Court. To abate the sentiment the project arranged for the justices to tour several tribal courts. Since the tour there has been a change in the attitudes of the justices.

One morning was set aside for health and fitness which included a two mile walk. Leading the walk were NCAI president Tex Hall, Seminole Chairman Mitchell Osceola, Seminole President Moses Osceola and profes-



Iretta Tiger
Hollywood Representative Max Osceola Jr. (left) and Chairman Mitchell Cypress (right) present Tex Hall with a Seminole jacket.

carpet for NCAI. The ballroom was beautifully decorated in Seminole colors and demonstrations of Seminole craft making were set up.

Tex Hall was presented with a Seminole



Iretta Tiger
NCAI officials gave Senator Nighthorse Campbell several gifts as a token of appreciation for the work he did in the promoting native causes in the U.S. Senate

jacket and a guitar signed by country musician Kenny Rogers. Flutist Sonny Nevaquaya gave a beautiful performance and several tribal citizens sang gospel songs for the evening entertainment.

The conference concluded with a gala banquet honoring Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R-CO).

“We are truly in debt to this remarkable leader for his tireless efforts to uphold federal obligations to our people” said President Hall.

On behalf of NCAI, Hall presented Senator Nighthorse Campbell with several gifts.

Though the senator will be retiring he said he intends on staying abreast and involved in Native issues.

“I have no intention of giving up the fight for Indian people” he said “We’ve come a long way but we still have a long way to go.”

One last unexpected presentation was made at the end of the dinner. The Sokaogon Chippewa Community of Wisconsin has been fighting against zinc sulfide mining for years. The mining would devastate the tribe’s water and wild rice beds.

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Presidential Candidates Send Spokespeople to NCAI Convention

Teresa Heinz Kerry and J.D. Hayworth attend on behalf of Kerry and Bush, respectively

By Shelley Marmor

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL — On Monday Oct. 18, the first day of the week-long 61st Annual National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) convention, two keynote speakers addressed the crowd.

Teresa Heinz Kerry attended on behalf of her husband and democratic presidential nominee Senator John Kerry and Congressional Representative J.D. Hayworth (R-AZ) spoke on behalf of the republican incumbent, President George W. Bush.

Heinz Kerry spoke to convention attendees first. As she approached the stage she received a standing ovation from near-capacity crowd in the Broward County Convention Center’s largest ballroom—the Grand Floridian, which seats about 3,300.

Campaigning for her husband, Heinz Kerry discussed the native-specific changes Kerry said he will implement in the U.S. government if elected.

Among these changes, Heinz Kerry said Kerry will “support the creation and funding of an office of the Department of Energy dedicated to energy issues in Indian Country” since about 15 percent of Native American households don’t have electricity.

She criticized the current administration’s No Child Left Behind policy, saying “my hunch is that all children are being left behind.”

Heinz Kerry said she suspects No Child Left Behind it is not working because the statistics, especially relating to American Indians and Alaskan Natives, speak for themselves. She said 57 percent of native fourth graders were reading below basic achievement levels in 2000.

“The Kerry/Edwards administration will leave no Indian child behind,” she said.

She then went immediately into outlining Kerry’s plan dealing with trust reform. Heinz Kerry admitted this is a difficult issue because “there is no one side



Teresa Heinz Kerry

Adelsa Williams

have a seat at the table as we cut through the bureaucracy” and assured the audience that the funds from the sale of tribal lands will go where they are needed most, as determined by tribal leaders.

“The Kerry White House will organize a meeting with tribal leaders and other Native Americans to work toward meaningful and accountable trust reform within its first 100 days,” she said.

Before closing her speech, Heinz Kerry reiterated a message that would be perennial during the NCAI convention: every vote counts. She commended the work of NCAI and Native Vote 2004 and their pledge to turn out one million voters in the 2004 presidential election.

She recalled two instances where the native vote was the deciding factor for two democrats in governmental elections. The first example was a 2002 gubernatorial in Arizona when Navajo voters helped “tip the election” by only 2,200 votes. She then reminded the audience about the 2002 senatorial race in South Dakota where Tim Johnson “won the closest fought race for re-election... by votes from the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.”

“In many key states the Native American vote represents the margin that can mean victory for a candidate,” Heinz Kerry said.

Representative J.D. Hayworth followed Heinz Kerry. Hayworth is a current Congressional representative, who represented the Navajo Nation in Arizona for nearly a decade until a redistricting mandate removed the reservation from his constituency.

He said many Navajos appealed to the state’s independent redistricting committee requesting him to remain their representative; however, he no longer represents the Navajo Nation.

Hayworth spoke on behalf of President Bush and informed the audience about the president’s record involving Native Americans. He discussed tribal sovereignty, saying, it is upheld by the president as well as himself.

“In our Constitution, a document of limited and enumerated powers, there

listed, Article 1, Section 8, is the sovereignty that is your basic right,” Hayworth said. “And it is a sovereignty supported, not only by this member of Congress from the fifth congressional district of Arizona, but by the president of the United States.”

Hayworth admitted that mentioning Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution respecting sovereignty is useful for discussion and legalities, however, noted “words are wonderful; words can persuade; but ultimately, actions speak louder than words.” He said President Bush’s action have benefited native tribes as well as tribal citizens.

He mentioned that the president: signed the Executive Memorandum Upholding Tribal Sovereignty and Consultation on April 30, designated a representative within the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to serve as his liaison to Indian Country and signed an executive order on American Indian and Alaskan Native education to establish a tribally-based group to implement his No Child Left Behind policy.

In addition to these executive orders, Hayworth said President Bush has allocated funds for the establishment of 19 new Bureau of Indian Affairs schools and 25 major school improvement projects. He further commended the president’s action regarding funding of Native American health-related issues.

“The president’s budget request for 2005 requests 3.7 billion for the Indian Health Service; an increase of over \$500 million since 2001,” Hayworth said.

While many accolades were given to both speakers, NCAI President Tex Hall expressed disappointment that neither presidential candidate attended the NCAI convention. Hall said both nominees should be focused on the 19 swing states, of which Native Americans account for a sizeable population in as many as 12—including Washington, New Mexico and Arizona.

“If people knew that 70 electoral votes were on the line John Kerry and George Bush would have been here,” Hall said.

He, however, said that regardless of neither candidate attending, Indian Country will turn out one million voters. Though he admits many people are skeptical, he called the one million voter goal “completely possible.”



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or all-solution when it comes to trust reform.”

Heinz Kerry promised that with Kerry as president Native Americans “will

NCAI Youth Commission Hold General Assemblies, Elects New Leaders

By Shelley Marmor

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL — As the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) held regular general assemblies, planning sessions and other seminars; the NCAI Youth Commission conducted their own similar meetings.

On Monday Oct. 11, the Youth Commission held their first general assembly meeting. Their general assemblies would continue through the week until the convention's closure on Friday Oct. 15.

NCAI Youth Commission Co-Representative Shilo Smith from the Maricopa Indian Community in Arizona opened Monday's meeting with an overview of the week's planned activities. These included: a historical overview of NCAI, leadership training, a review of the NCAI by-laws and charter, a discussion of Thursday's election for the new NCAI representatives and an introduction to the two peer facilitators, Robert Johnston and Jennifer Villalobos, who would assist the commission during the 61st annual conference.

Smith then introduced the NCAI Chair of the Resolutions Committee Juanita Ahtone, from the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma. Ahtone read the preamble to the NCAI Constitution aloud to the youth committee.

She said, as a mother of eight, that she knows children very well. Ahtone said the NCAI respects the work of the youth committee, saying "we are learning from you."

"NCAI knows that there's benefits in teaching our youth," Ahtone said. "We know many of you want to be a part of your tribal council."



Shelley Marmor
Co-Representative Shilo Smith addresses the NCAI Youth Commission General Assembly.

help the NCAI. Ahtone said assistance is especially needed in areas including computer assistance, where some of the older folks who are not as computer savvy as younger people.

General assemblies much like this one continued throughout the week, culminating in Thursday's general assembly when the candidates seeking to be 2004-2006 youth commission representatives. Several members of the youth commission made enthusiastic arguments as to why they would make good representatives.

Ultimately, one male and female co-representative and one male and one female alternate co-representative would be chosen. Of the four current co-representatives and co-alternates, only Smith was able to attend the convention.

Before inaugurating the new representatives, Smith gave a brief farewell speech, saying she "could not have asked for a better experience." Youth Commission Coordinator Jeri Brunoe-Samson, the members of the youth commission and the two youth peer facilitators presented her with gifts, though Smith was attempting to keep her farewell short and unemotional.

After graciously accepting the gifts, Smith reminded the other members why the NCAI Youth Commission is so important. Smith said that not continuing with commitments to the youth commission will only harm young Native Americans in the long run since without the youth commission, "our voice will be gone."

As it states in the NCAI Youth Commission by-laws, a current NCAI representative must inaugurate the new representatives. NCAI's First Vice President Joe A. Garcia and Tlingit and Haida Central Council President Edward Thomas attended for this purpose.

After careful review by an electing committee, Garcia and Thomas called for the new representatives to come up. Alyssa Dixon was appointed the female representative, however, no female alternate was appointed. Dewayne Lopez and Michael Ennis were selected as the male youth representative and alternate representative, respectively. All three come from the Gila River Indian Community in Arizona.

Garcia further reiterated what Smith said about the impact NCAI Youth Commission is having throughout Indian Country and in the actual NCAI general assemblies. He encouraged them to stay involved because "you're making an impact in there."

After the 2004-2005 Youth Commission representatives swore in with their right hands raised repeating the oath that their predecessors have also said the other commission members formed a receiving line to congratulate the three.

For more information on the NCAI Youth Commission, please visit http://www.ncai.org/main/pages/ncai_profile/youth.asp, or contact Youth Commission Coordinator Jeri Brunoe-Samson at (602) 795-6202 or (202) 446-7767.

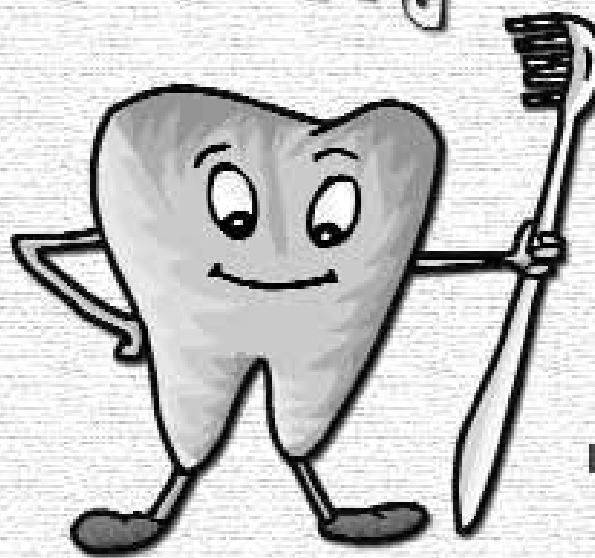


Shelley Marmor
The newly-elected NCAI Youth Commission Representatives, (L-R) Michael Ennis, Dewayne Lopez and Alyssa Dixon, swearing in.

Ahtone encouraged the youths to remain active members of the commission—especially the females. She told them that there have been two female NCAI presidents, Veronica L. Murdock and Susan Masten.

She said, however, that all young people can

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Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum, Billie Swamp Safari Exhibit Booths at NCAI Convention

By Peggy Osceola
FT. LAUDERDALE, FL — The 61st Annual convention of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) was held on Oct 10–15, 2004 at the Greater Fort Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center.

The theme of the conference this year was, "Renewing the vision: Setting a New Course for Indian Country." The organization commemorated the 50th anniversary of The National Congress of American Indian's fight against termination that began at a 1954 emergency conference.

NCAI was essential in helping the host tribe, the Seminole Tribe of Florida to retain their federal status when the U.S. government was considering them for termination as a tribe. NCAI successfully honored that fight and victory in Florida this week.

This event was a week full of informative and stimulating sessions such as the power of the Native American vote. Teresa Heinz Kerry and J.D. Hayworth presented their respective platform for American Indian issues, speaking about critical issues in health, education, homeland security, and trust reform.

Three very special evenings were held throughout the week. One, Sunday evening a welcome reception was held at the lobby of the Floridian Ballroom in the convention center. A beautiful array of South Florida tastes and delights were graciously and artistically provided. NCAI President Tex Hall spoke a few words introducing the Miss NCAI contestants. Each beautiful young lady was dressed in her traditional attire and spoke on their goals and aspirations

Our very own beautiful Miss Florida Seminole Princess JoJo Osceola represented the Seminole Tribe of Florida proudly. Everyone there had a chance to mingle and visit with the individual princesses, old friends and make new ones.

A cultural dinner and entertainment were held on Wednesday night at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. Many attendees commented on how much they enjoyed themselves at the impressive building and how tasty the cultural food was, especially the alligator.

On Thursday night, a Gala Banquet was sponsored by Bank of America honoring retiring Native American Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell. A NCAI video tribute was shown to recognize the senator's lifetime commitment and service to Indian Country.

The NCAI tradeshow gave the native artisans, businesses and non-profit groups an opportunity to showcase their respective displays and disseminate information.

The Seminole Tribe's Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum and Billie Swamp Safari received significant attention with ooohs and ahhs and a few screams here and there during picture taking with the animals. Billie Swamp Safari Falconer Ray Bacerra gave educational talks about the safari and its animals. Museum Director Peggy Davis Osceola gave information about Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum and gave educational talks about the cultural crafts and educational items at the museum gift shop.

After the conference on Friday, several attendees took a bus to Big Cypress to tour the museum and safari.

Several attendees went out on their own to Big Cypress and we received many nice compliments about the Big Cypress enterprises and the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino.

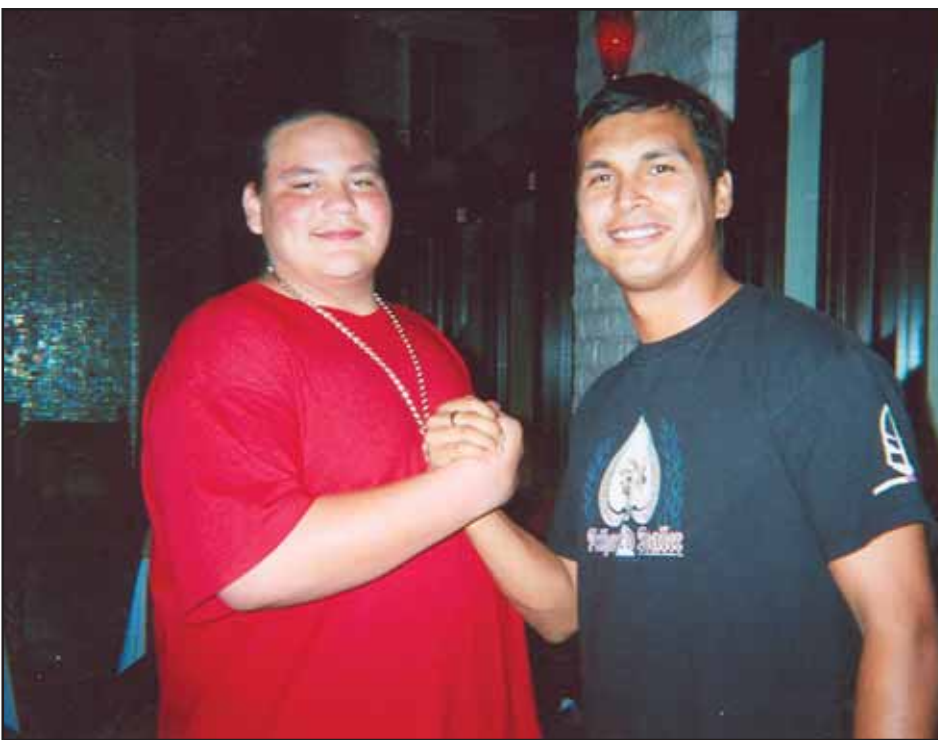
"The rooms here at the Seminole Hard Rock are much nicer than the ones at the Las Vegas Hard Rock Hotel," said tourist Patrick V. Murphy from Albuquerque, N.M.



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Seminole Princess JoJo Osceola at the convention.



Photo courtesy of Ah-Tah-Thi-Museum staff
Billie Swamp Safari General Falconer RayBecerra, NCAI President Tex Hall and Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum Director Peggy Osceola.



Wanda Bowers

(Above) Casey McCall proudly shakes hands with actor Adam Beach, who was also a judge in the Miss National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) pageant, during the 61st Annual NCAI Conference held in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Oct. 11–15.



Wanda Bowers

(Center) Christine McCall proudly stands with Miss Indian Nations XIII Bobbi Rae Sage, 17. She is Mandan, Hidasta, Arikiki all the way from Mandaree, N.D. Sage is one of the many who attended the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. McCall showed Miss Indian Nations around her neck of the woods. First Sage attended a banquet hosted by the Seminole Tribe at the Hard Rock Hotel. Then she took a walk on Ft. Lauderdale beach, and after went down to Bayside in Miami. Sage said she loved the tribe's hospitality and can't wait to come back.

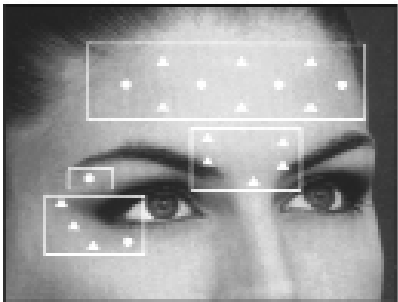
Everyone was in awe of how the NCAI was received—with nothing but open arms and kind words. The next day, the beautiful banquet was all that was talked about, especially the awesome entertainment and guest speakers who were honored to be part of the evening.

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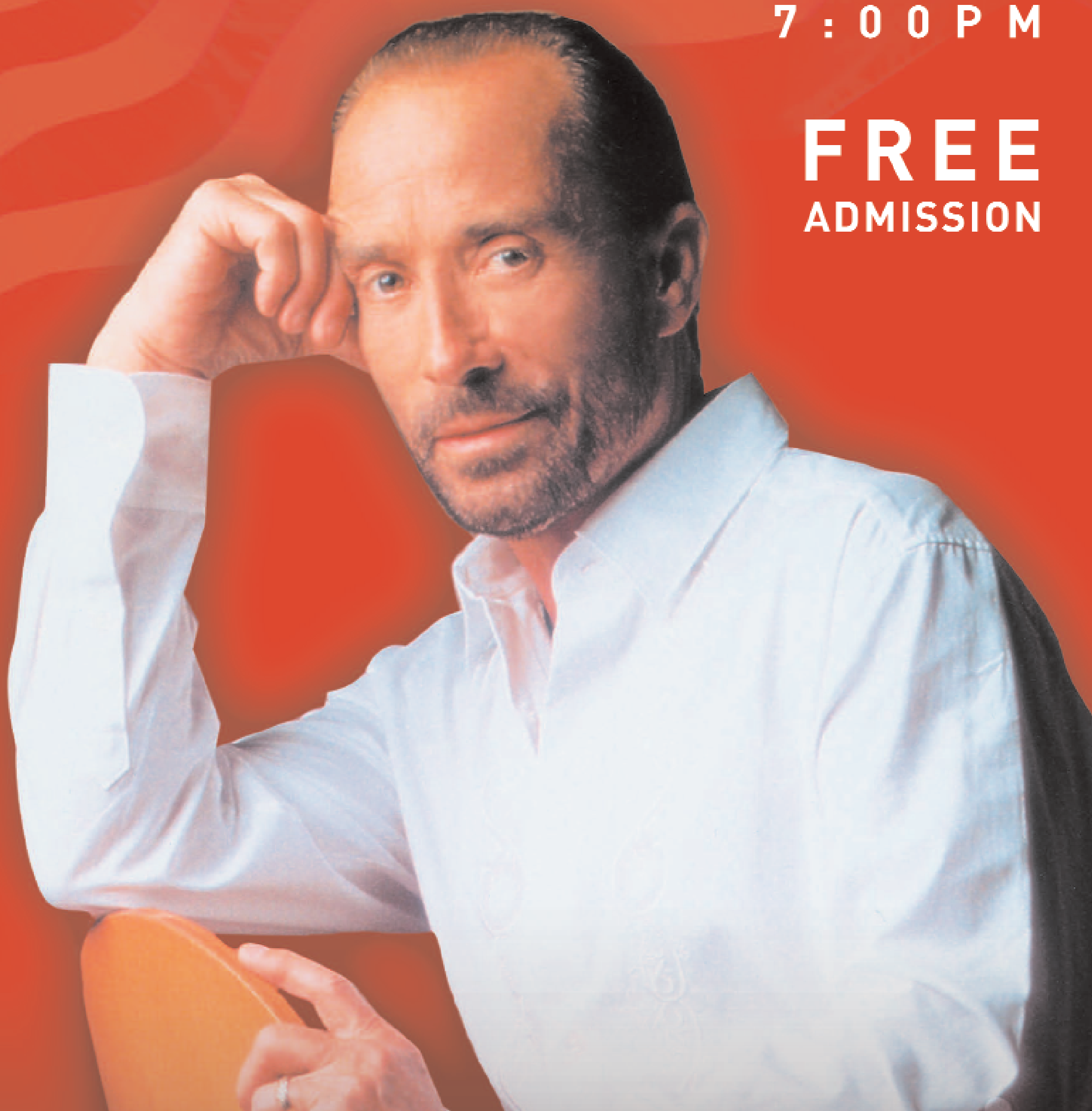
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