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Safari Donates Alligators To IGFA Museum



By Paula Cassels

DANIA BEACH — On Oct. 24, the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame and Museum received five South Florida alligators, straight from the Big Cypress everglades. The alligators were a gift to the International Game Fish Association from the Billie Swamp Safari and the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

The Billie Swamp Safari is the Tribe's wildlife attraction, located on the Big Cypress Reservation. It features alligator and snake shows, airboat rides, and swamp buggy eco-tour rides.

Safari alligator wrestlers Jonathan "Cattail" Bazques and Gus "One Bear" Batista said they have been working for Billie Swamp Safari for about 6-10 years and love working and handling the alligators.

Keith Davis, James Grant and Ed Woods of the Safari also helped them bring the first of the five alligators, a 600-pound 11 1/2-foot alligator, through the IGFA building to the naturalized pond designed for them.

The IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame, located on Griffin

Road and I-95, is a unique museum that provides comprehensive assemblage of sportfishing information, and ongoing exhibits, educational classes and fishing demonstrations.

When visitors walk in to the museum's main entrance, there are 170 species of game fish suspended overhead with information on the date of the catch, anglers, where the fish was caught, and more.

The museum also features a natural habitat area with turtles, birds, fish, and now, alligators.

Executive Director Richard Black of the IGFA said the Fishing Hall of Fame and Museum is developing a relationship with the Billie Swamp Safari to bring visitors to both locations.

One aspect to this relationship is the donation of the five alligators, which will be a featured exhibit. The five alligators were placed in an exhibit modeled after their natural habitat, the Florida Everglades. This exhibit is to enlighten visitors about the true natural environment of south Florida and the animals that live there.



Prince Albert presented President Mitchell Cypress with a commemorative coin from Monaco.

Prince Albert Visits Big Cypress

BIG CYPRESS — On Oct. 25, the Big Cypress community hosted a royal visit by Prince Albert of Monaco and his uncle, Dr. Liston D. Bochette. The two were flown out to the remote reservation via helicopter.

Prince Albert was visiting South Florida with Dr. Bochette, who is on the World Olympian Association based in Coral Gables.

The WOA is for the alumni of the Olympics, Dr. Bochette is the WOA Secretary General. Prince Albert was in Miami to host a fund raising event for the WOA.

The WOA contacted Tom Gallaher, who met WOA representatives at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia. The WOA had contacted the Prince about visiting the Seminoles he agreed to visit a Seminole Reservation upon his next visit to Florida.

The tribe initially planned to bring Prince Albert to the Hollywood Reservation, but he wanted to visit the Big Cypress Reservation.

The visit included stops at the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum and the Billie Swamp Safari, where the Prince enjoyed a lunch featuring traditional Seminole foods.

Upon the Prince's arrival to the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum, a crowd of tribal dignitaries, citizens, employees, and museum visitors greeted him with gifts and welcome remarks.

Tribal dignitaries, the five 2002 Indigenous Games medal winners, 2002-03 Miss Seminole Ida Osceola, and 2002-03 Little Mr. Seminole Erik Garcia were introduced to the Prince.

President/Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress presented the Prince with a satin patchwork jacket made with the national colors of Monaco.

Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum Director Billy Cypress welcomed the Prince to Florida and the Big Cypress Reservation. Brian Zepeda, Operations Manager, led the Prince and his entourage on a tour of the museum.

The museum visit was followed by a visit to the Billie Swamp Safari that featured an alligator wrestling show and an airboat ride.

Dr. Bochette thanked the Seminole Tribe for the hospitality shown to the Prince and expressed his gratitude by giving gifts to the tribal dignitaries and an open invitation to contact the WOA for future visits by Olympic alumni.

Prince Albert presented Mitchell with a commemorative coin from Monaco and thanked the tribe for hosting and introducing him to a culture steeped in tradition.

Prince Albert was glad to have had a chance to visit and meet a tribe he had only heard about and hoped his visit was the beginning of a great friendship. The Prince invited the Seminoles to visit his country soon and wished them well.

Seminole Hockey Players Cody, Darren Bert



L-R: Cody Bert, Jennifer Tigertail and Darren Bert.

By Libby Blake

BIG CYPRESS — About three years ago, Cody and Darren Bert went to their first Florida Panthers Hockey game.

After that first game, both boys knew they wanted to play hockey. It didn't matter that neither one of the boys had ever worn on a pair of ice skates.

After three month of ice skating lessons, the boys' aunt, Jennifer Tigertail, took them to Kendall Ice Arena to try out for the hockey league.

Cody wanted to be a goalie. Unfortunately, there was a two-page waiting list of kids in his age group.

Undeterred, Cody tried out for the team and made it. He not only plays on the Inhouse Kendall Hurricanes' team for the 17 and under age group, he also plays on the Adult "C" team defense and subs for the Adult "A" and "B" teams when they need a goalie.

Darren was too young for the "Pee-Wee" division, but convinced the coach to let him try. Little Darren impressed the coach and made the team, soon moving up to the "Squirt" division for 8-10 yr. olds.

Darren's team is the Inhouse Kendall Capitals, where he plays the winger and forward positions. He has been

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Seminole Cowboy Robbie Chalfant in the INFR Steer Wrestling event.

By Paula Cassels

Soboba Reservation — On Oct. 10-13 the Soboba Band of Mission Indians hosted the 27th Annual Indian National Finals Rodeo.

The best of the EIRA competed against all around world champion cowboy Ed Holyan and all around world champion cowgirl Mandy Whitford, as well as Professional Indian Rodeo Associations from across the United States.

The Soboba Casino and

Reservation are on the crest of beautiful San Jacinto Mountains in California. There is a Huge "S" carved near the top of one mountain, which can be seen from miles away.

Willie Johns, Secretary/Treasurer for the Seminoles of Okeechobee, President of the Eastern Indian Rodeo Association and commissioner for the INFR was present on the rodeo grounds and a source of endless help and support for the Indian

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Hollywood Youth Health Conference

By Elrod Bowers

ORLANDO — On Oct. 17-20, the Hollywood community participated in the Seminole Youth/Health Conference at the Hard Rock Hotel at Universal Orlando.

The two day conference was sponsored by the Tribal Housing Department out of funds provided by the HUD Economic Development and Supportive Services Grant.

Speakers at the conference included Professional Speed Skier Ross Anderson (Cheyenne/Mescalero/Apache), Robert H. Sheinberg and Fernando Moya of the South Florida Institute of Sports Medicine Doctors, Frank Carreras and Susan A. Gallo of Nova Southeastern University, Micheal Tiger (Seminole) of Indian Health Service, Lisa Tiger (Shawnee/Cherokee/Seminole), and employees of the Tribe's Dental,



Native American Professional Skier Ross Anderson displays his custom designed helmet.

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Caught In The Income Trap

By Dr. Dean Chavers

I pity the poor pampered Indian student who has both parents working. That student is the most likely one to get caught in the income trap and have no money to go to college. I run into these students on a weekly, sometimes daily, basis.

What I mean is this: If you are poor, you can get Financial Aid to go to college. If you have middle class or higher status, meaning your total family income is \$50,000 or more, you can not get Financial Aid. If your income is \$100,000 or higher, you can not even get the low-interest loans to go to college.

One of the coaches at Window Rock High School called me with this problem 15 years ago. "I have a student here," he said, "who needs help. He has great ability, but did not really apply himself. As a result, he had a B average in high school, just under 3.0. Can you help him with a scholarship?"

"We can help him," I answered. "But he needs much more than we can give him. Our maximum amount of scholarship is \$5,000. If he is going to Harvard or Stanford, he will need much more than that. He will need to apply for every scholarship out there that he can find."

"Can he win scholarships with a 3.0?" the coach asked.

"It will be really hard," I told him. "He can win between 10% and 20%, if he tries hard and writes a really good essay. If, on the other hand, he had a 3.8, he could win over 80% of the scholarships he applies for."

"How many can he find?" the coach asked.

"He can find between 20 and 40 scholarships if he makes a minimum effort," I answered. "If he is an engineering student he can find at least 40. If he is a fine arts student he will have to try hard to find 20. But all students can find some."

"What can this student do?" he asked. "Does he have to rely only on his parents for college funds? They both are working, but they have two other children, plus her mother and a cousin live with them."

"What you should have him to do," I told the coach, "is to go to Dine' College for a year and improve his grades. He can catch the bus in Window Rock every morning and ride it to Tsaile, and ride it back home every afternoon. After a year of this, if he has raised his grades to a 3.5 or higher, he can compete for scholarships successfully and go to any college in the U. S. that he wants to."

I never heard from the coach or the student again, so I can only wish him well. We get many calls every day in my office, and an increasing number of them ask similar questions.

The basic premise that I operate on is that Indian students can go to any college in the U. S., **if they try hard enough**.

That means they have to take college preparatory classes, they have to get excellent grades, they have to score high on the ACT and/or the SAT, and they

have to do a lot of outside reading.

I visited six high schools week before last, schools I had never visited before. In one school I visited with 12 seniors, in a second had 28 seniors, and in the third I had 20 seniors.

None of them was prepared to apply for scholarships. Many of the 28 seniors in David Emmanuel's calculus class have both parents working, I learned.

Almost none of the students in any of the schools was planning to attend Harvard, Stanford, and the other Ivy League schools. Most of them had the grades, 3.5 and higher, to get into Stanford,. Three of them had perfect 4.0 GPAs.

These students, and many other Native students, can attend any college in the U. S., I told them. When I asked them where they were planning to go to college, most of them said they were going to the local community college.

It turned out that, in all three schools, some of the students had Harvard or Stanford in the back of their minds, but just assumed they could not afford it. Once I explained to them how to find and apply for scholarships and win them, they understood that they have enormous potential they have never thought about before.

I just wish the parents, teachers, counselors, principals, and school board members were helping these students think about reaching their full potential. Few people now are helping them.

The children of the Native middle class, which is growing slowly, are too often caught in the income trap. I don't have data, but based on my 30 years of experience, I think most of the college graduates come from the Native middle class.

So the income trap, with Native students failing to try hard in high school, not taking college prep courses, and not applying for scholarships, means we are strangling our most important source of future engineers, doctors, lawyers, dentists, pharmacists, biologists, veterinarians, nurses, and teachers.

Tribes are constantly saying they need more doctors and engineers, but the people in the schools don't hear them. Why is this? It is because the tribal people do not reach out to the school people to explain what they need from the schools, and vice-versa. The school people do not reach out to the tribal leaders to ask them what they want from the schools.

It is as if two blind people were trying to find each other in a huge field, with both of them further handicapped by both of them also wearing earplugs. In too many cases, they don't want to find each other. School on both of them in this case.

When I asked in a seminar a few weeks ago if Indian tribes were involved in the education of their young people, one tribal scholarship administrator in the room stated, "That's a joke. Our tribe has no involvement at all in the education of our children."

That is a very sad reality. Tribes should be setting the agenda for educa-

tion. The tribal leaders should be meeting with the school people--superintendents, principals, school board members--on a regular basis. They should be spelling out what they want from the schools. My educator friends tell me this does not happen.

I have been in this business of Indian education for 30 years in one way or another. Most of the time I have been frustrated at the lack of progress.

I have grown tired of going to meetings where all I hear is how bad things are, where people make excuses for the poor Indian students who can't learn, who are put upon and unfortunate.

I hate those meetings. I basically avoid them as much as I can. More and more, however, the meetings on Indian education are starting to look at success instead of failure. The Navajo North Central Association, for instance, had a meeting in October looking at successful practices in our schools.

I think we need to have many more meetings of this type, actually. School boards and college programs need to get together with tribal leaders to plan for the future. The agenda for these meetings needs to be spelled out clearly in advance.

The meetings should not be finger pointing, or complaint sessions, or gripe sessions. They should be a coming together of the different points of view, a meeting of minds to accomplish a common purpose.

Most of all, they should plan for the future of tribes. They should look at the kinds of professionals the tribes need, and determine the best way to get them. They should make sure they start to develop and save local Indian talent instead of steering it to the garbage heap.

Too many of our Native students are leaving school with half an education, one that does not fit them for the real world of work or for college. They should make sure that the Native middle class student and all good students of whatever social class are fully challenged in high school and prepare for college study.

We need to start preventing students from falling into the income trap. If Indian Country is ever going to have the doctors, engineers, accountants, and other professionals it needs, they are going to have to come from Indian young people.

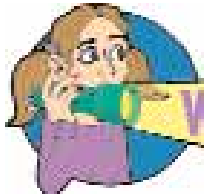
Despite the fact that there are constant vacancies for these types of professionals on reservations, we are still not doing enough in our schools to produce them from among the local Native population.

We have 740 high schools in Indian Country, but so far only 11 of them have a full-fledged college prep track. We need to do better. Our Indian children do not need the poor kind of non-education they are getting now. They deserve the best education in the U. S. We should give them no less.

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Hulpahteh elbe -- Alligator Hand



Search for words in Miccosukee Words that have the “E” sound

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Letters & E-mail

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Editor,

We drove by Bobby's Seminole Indian Village today and were shocked to see that it is gone! Are there plans to build a new one somewhere nearby? Also, we were wondering about the Thanksgiving PowWow that has been held there in the past. Are there any plans to hold it anywhere else?

While the casino/hotel construction looks like it will be exciting when it is finished, we will miss Bobby's Seminole Indian Village (and the PowWow's).

Thank you for your time.
Jenny Rice
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John Fontana writes:
Dear Ms. Rice,
At this time, plans for cultural related facilities in Tampa are not final. I wish I could be more helpful, but there just haven't been any decisions yet. As to the annual Pow Wow, I have learned that Osceola Promotions is planning to hold the annual Pow Wow in north Florida this year. Specifically, on November 15, 16 and 17 at the following location Eagle Trading Company Museum and Art Store, 3614 Highway 231 North, Cottondale, Florida.
You can reach the Eagle Trading Company at (850) 352-4156 and Arnie Garcia of Osceola Promotions at (813) 571-3182.
I hope this information has been helpful to you.

Editor,
I would like to thank LuLu of the Big Cypress Reservation for his kind hospitality. I was there visiting my friend Mr. Spencer Mims of the Aviation Department when we met. LuLu went out of his way showing me around and letting me know all about his Culture.

I was very impressed with the history of your tribe and learned alot from my small tour. We were not able to go through everything, but what I learnt had me spellbound (I will be back).

Thanks LuLu, from my family and country to yours good luck and god-speed to you and your tribe.
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Editor,
Can you help me find Clint Tommie? He was my college roommate.
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Editor,

I found this site while trying to find out why my great-grandfather and his son were named St Osceola. Now I know why. What a history. Now I would like to know why my grandfather was named Moxie or Moxin.

I have just recently started researching my ancestors. It is not all pretty. Some so very sad. From Viking, Knights, English and French nobility, French Huguenots (also displaced people), and Scots (also displaced due to religion), many stories have surfaced. All the before mentioned left Europe for a better life, or to keep from being killed. Some seem to have lost everything with the civil war.

This is the most interesting story yet. Of all the blood in my family's veins, I think the Indian runs the truest. I hope the strain continues forever in my family.

This is a wonderful website.
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Editor,

I am doing a project for school. Your site helped a lot!
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To Whom It May Concern:

Greetings! My name is Sandra Tate. I am an Academic Counselor Technician at Riverside Indian School, Anadarko, Oklahoma. I am also a co-sponsor the RIS Indian Club. We are interested in attending the upcoming Seminole Fair.

Our club consists of a youth drum group as well as gourd dancers and intertribal dancers. We are allowed to choose one out of state pow wow or festival to attend each school year. This year the students have chosen the Seminole Tribal Fair.

Please send us some information, as we are on a budget and must raise our own funds to attend.

Other sponsors include: Chaylene and Candy Toehay, RG Harris, myself, and TJ Sheridan.

Our Indian Club attends many celebrations and pow wows in our home state of Oklahoma. We have students from all over the United States. Each student represents their tribe in tribal dress as well as tribal dances.

We perform these dances, as well as gourd dance and intertribal dancing, for schools and organizations. We have been co-hosts for several local pow wows.

We are expressing an interest to attend your tribal fair and would be honored to attend. Please respond at your

convenience.

Thank you,
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Editor,

I would appreciate contacting any members of the community that may remember passing through the store of my Grandparents, Jake and Alice Robinson, in Dania during the 40's and/or 50's. I can be reached at HarringtonL@artsconnection.org. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Lorraine Harrington
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Editor,

Hi! Thanks for your great website! I am 63 years old and already have my Bachelor's Degree in Business, but since my husband retired in 1998 and we moved to Florida from Chicago, Illinois, I have been substituting in the Broward County Schools for four years.

Since I have had such a good time substituting, I recently decided to become a teacher and am currently taking the eight Education courses to become one. The course "Social Studies in the Elementary School" is requiring me to prepare a five-day Lesson Plan. I chose "The State of Florida" as my topic.

Of course the Seminole Tribe is an important part of this Lesson Plan and will be the entire subject on one of the five days. I was SO happy to find your terrific website.

It was informative, interesting and colorful! So you have made my assignment much easier. Also, your Fair in February 2003 will be part of my weekend!

As a child, my parents took us to the Wisconsin Dells and they had an incredible show about the Illinois Indians. I STILL remember the beautiful singing on a real cliffside between a beautiful young Indian maiden (dressed in white) and a handsome young brave - just beautiful! So, I am really looking forward to your Fair.

Anyway, thanks again for such a great website! (and had I been born into your tribe, I am sure my Indian name would have been "Little Big Mouth". My son-in-law (of Polish descent) had given his children an Indian Nickname a couple months after their birth. David Andrew Bolek became "Legs-A-Kicking."

Nancy Gagliano
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New Tribal Calendar!

The *Seminole Tribune* is hard at work on the new Tribal calendar entitled, "Seminole Women." The calendar will feature women from each of the eight clans.

Each month will also feature a list of Tribal seniors who will celebrate their birthday, and spots for **Tribal senior** birthday messages and anniversaries are currently being reserved.

Only a few spots are available at \$10 for 20 words maximum, so if you would like to reserve a space, call the *Tribune* office immediately at (954) 967-3416.

Solution to last issue's Word Search:

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Miss Seminole Ida Osceola (3rd from right) helped unveil the new Winterfest poster “Pirates in Paradise.”

Miss Seminole Unveils 2002 Winterfest Boat Parade Poster

FORT LAUDERDALE — On Oct. 17, Miss Seminole Ida Osceola helped unveil the 2002 Winterfest Boat Parade Poster.

The theme for this year’s boat parade is “Pirates in Paradise.” The theme combines the fantasy world of the pirate lifestyle with South Florida’s beautiful waterways.

This year’s event promises to be star studded and exciting, the grand marshals will be Kelly Ripa (from “Live with Regis and Kelly”) and husband Mark Consuelos.

Joseph Ducauis, Chairman of the Board of Directors for Winterfest, and Lisa Scott Founds, Executive Director, hosted the poster-unveiling event.

During a casual dinner, held in the Seahorn dining room at the Marriott on the Intracoastal, Ducauis and Founds thanked all of the boat parade sponsors and the individuals who work on the event tirelessly.

Afterwards, the presentation of the artist and

the posters unveiling took place. Clara Mateus was announced as the winner of the Poster Design Contest for the 2002 Cingular Wireless Winterfest Boat Parade.

Mateus, who is currently attending the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale, created a poster theme that anticipates the festive atmosphere planned for the 2002 Winterfest Boat Parade event.

Miss Seminole Ida Osceola, her mother Debbie Osceola, Lee Tiger, Tom Gallaher, Marsha Michaels and Clara Mateus unveiled the poster. The Seminole Tribe has been a proud sponsor of the Winterfest boat parade, and has entered the boat parade during the past few years.

The annual Winterfest Boat Parade celebration consists of many events that lead up to the night of the actual parade. This year, the boat parade will take place on December 14, so reserve your tickets early.

Breast Cancer Awareness Presentation Luncheon

By Paula Cassels

BRIGHTON — On Oct. 17, The Seminole women of the Brighton community were attended a Breast Cancer Awareness luncheon.

This program, called “Triple Touch,” stressed to the women of the Brighton community of the importance of complete breast self-examinations. The program was presented by Sharon Millington from Vero Radiology.

Testimonials were given by breast cancer survivor Loretta Peterson and cancer patient Rosie Billie, both Tribal members. They find that it’s hard to talk about this time in their lives because it is a very emotional subject.

Fear and confusion are the heart of myths about breast cancer. The truth is breast cancer detection and treatment has improved dramatically.

The American Cancer Society recommends all women 20 and over should perform breast self-examination (BSE) every month and have clinical breast examinations by a doctor or nurse every three years.

Regular breast examinations can help you and your doctor be aware of changes in your breasts. Most lumps are not cancerous, but all lumps should be checked out by a doctor. Early detection is the best defense against cancer.

Mammogram screening can find cancer when it’s very small, often several years before a woman or a doctor would be able to feel it. Women 40 years and older should have a mammogram every year.



L-R: Connie Whidden, Sharon Millington, Barb Boling.

If you have a history of breast cancer in your family, a mammogram every year starting at age 35 is recommended by the American Cancer Society.

During the program, pamphlets were handed out to the Seminole women to help answer questions they might have about cancer.

The bottom line is regular mammograms save lives, and mammography is safe and effective. It’s the best way to find breast cancer early, when it’s most treatable.

For more information about Breast Cancer, contact your health provider or call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345.

This program was sponsored by the Seminole Health Department and Health Director Connie Whidden, and organized by the Health Educator Barb Boling.

New Brighton Health Employees

BRIGHTON — Brighton’s Health Clinic now has a full-time Nutritionist, Beth Skinner, and Health Educator, Barbara Boling.

Brighton residents should feel free to contact either of them with any nutrition or health education questions they may have. They are in the clinic Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. The clinic’s phone number is 863-763-0271.

Beth Skinner just moved to Florida from Pennsylvania in July and has a Bachelor’s degree in Nutrition.

She is currently studying to become nationally registered as a Dietitian (Nutritionist). Individual counseling, Preschool classes, First Indian Baptist Academy classes, Hot Meals presentations, and Diabetic Day are some of the activities Beth is involved in.

She recently attended the Brighton Youth Conference in August and presented a class to grades 3-5 on Healthy Snacking.



Beth Skinner



Barb Boling

Also, Beth will be actively involved in the upcoming Weight Loss Contest at Brighton providing group classes and individual counseling as needed. She is looking forward to meeting everyone.

Barbara Boling is from Ft. Pierce, Florida. After college, she practiced hygiene with Dr. Roger Davis in Okeechobee for 13 years.

Barb has been working in the Brighton Community since June. She will continue to perform diabetes screenings in the community as well as helping to involve residents in group walking activities, Diabetic Day, Diabetic Fun Day, and all health related presentations.

Barb recently participated in the Brighton Youth Conference by teaching hygiene to the K-2 grades.

Upcoming events in health education include the Light the Night for diabetes on November 14.

Hollywood Community Meeting: BIA Election, Hard Rock, Budget

HOLLYWOOD — On Oct. 22, a Community Meeting was held at the Administration Headquarters. The meeting dealt with issues such as the Nov. 19 Secretarial Election to Amend the Corporate Charter, the Hard Rock projects, and the Council budget.

Hollywood Board Representative David Dehass, Board Chief Financial Officer David Zacher and Hollywood Councilman Max Osceola explained the proposed amendments to the Charter and answered questions.

First, the purpose to amend the Corporate Charter was given; the Charter was adopted in 1957. The Federal government agencies and the Bureau of Indian Affairs have changed significantly during the past 45 years.

The tribe’s business knowledge, ability and opportunities have grown. Also, the business and economic environment have changed, there is Gaming business, cattle business, and wholesale and retail tobacco sales.

The BIA has encouraged the Board of Directors to call for a Secretarial Election to bring the Corporate Charter into alignment with the changing times. There is strong support for a change from the BIA.

The amendments will permit the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc (Tribe, Inc.) to accomplish the following:

- Improve business efficiency for all Tribe, Inc enterprises.
- Manage assets more efficiently, thereby improving performance.
- Permitify the Tribe, Inc business base.
- Divert the Board to do a better job for the tribal shareholders.

About five years ago, the Board had passed some proposals to amend the Charter. However, the proposals did not go any further than that. The BIA asked the Tribe to re-submit the proposals so that the Board could continue, and this is where we are at today.

To help the Board amend their Charter we have to amend the Constitution, which was news to Max and David.

According to BIA regulations, you have to live on the reservation. This seemed unfair to Max and David, but the government has its rules and regulations that must be followed.

Also, a tribal citizen must be registered. The BIA asks that all tribal citizens living on the reservation 18 and older be a registered voter.

Priscilla Sayen has a list of individuals able to register to vote. When it comes to amending the tribal constitution, the same steps must be followed.

There is a hold on the vote for the Constitution, due to the Board needing to amend the Charter. After the amendments have been voted on, then the Council can proceed with the constitution amendment process. This will help to offset any confusion as to what tribal citizens will be voting on.

Others issues discussed at the meeting included the Council budget. It is roughly estimated at 288 million dollars this year. When the numbers are validated and agreed upon, Max will bring it to the tribal citizens.

Dividends are still in the budget. Max said that dividends will be last thing to ever be cut from the budget. He said that the budget will be reviewed again mid-year to see if an adjustment can be made to the dividend amount.

Also, Max will begin compiling information to give updates on the Hard Rock projects for Tampa and Hollywood. Models for both buildings have been ordered so that tribal citizens will be able to see how the Hard Rock hotels and casinos will look when completed. These updates will be given at the next community meetings.

The Amendments to the Corporate Charter were read and discussed with concerned community residents. Most individuals wanted clarification as to how the amended Corporate Charter would affect the tribe and its citizens.

The amendments will give more power to the tribe regarding businesses, loans, land, contracts, income, incidental power, ownership, and the power to amend the Charter.

The Board of Directors asked that each tribal citizen vote to approve the proposed Charter amendments.

Conference

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Education, Family Services, Health, Housing, Police, Employment & Training, and Preschool Departments.

In addition to the sessions, which lasted from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., some conference attendees participated in early morning and evening walks, led by Suzanne Davis of Allied Health, around the neighboring Citywalk.

The conference was emceed by Josephine North who also said that there were plans to conduct a youth culture camp and a Hollywood Youth Council to get the younger Tribal members more actively involved in Tribal affairs.

The first speaker was professional speed skier Ross Anderson. Anderson grew up in Alamogordo, New Mexico, but was “adopted at two weeks old by Anglos” and raised in Colorado.

Anderson began skiing at the age of three at the Purgatory Ski Resort in Durango and began racing at age six.

According to Anderson, he struggled with his identity until he was in his teens. “I didn’t know who I was back then,” said Anderson. “I wanted to be white to be honest with you.”

When asked what has inspired him throughout his racing career, Anderson said, “Myself, back then I wasn’t proud of myself. But, I made the determination that, instead of following, I wanted to be a leader.”

There had only been one other Native American skier before, Stu Young (Tulalip). Currently, Anderson is the only Native American on the pro tour.

When he first began competing, Anderson knew he was competing in a sport dominated by whites. “But I wanted to change something that everyone can see,” said Anderson.

“At first, it was hard. Everyone said, ‘Look, an Indian on skis, that’s neat, but it won’t last long,’” said Anderson.

Anderson eventually rose to #2 in the world and became the first Native American to stand on the podium at an Alpine Skiing sports event.

“It’s not easy to go from where I was to the top, there’s no short cut. But, you earn everything if you keep at it.”

Anderson will be taking a year off after the birth of his first baby, then will resume training for the next Olympics. He plans to keep busy with kids’ program he began four years ago at the Purgatory Ski Resort, bringing in kids every February from Oklahoma and the Four Corners area.

Anderson, who has reached a personal best speed of 146.694 mph, showed the audience his helmet and racing suit, which takes him about 45 minutes to get into.

A skier who falls while going more than 100 mph will encounter a lot of friction. Anderson said he has scars on his leg from a fall, the result of third degree burns when the suit melted onto his skin.

Because of the safety concerns, Anderson said that he carries a medicine pouch, gets smudged, and prays two hours before each race.

“Be who you are, be who you want to be,” said Anderson.

During the afternoons, breakout sessions were led by Dr. Sofianos, Chief Dental Officer speaking to the different age groups about his profession.

The Seminole Police Department also led sessions about “Stranger Danger” and Corporal Shawn Goddard displayed the talents of his colleague, Officer K9 “Gator.”

Dr. Sheinberg and Dr. Moya of the South Florida Institute of Sports Medicine Doctors also led a discussion about preventing and treating injuries. Both doctors often treat Tribal members for sports-related injuries.

The doctors also stressed the importance of an active lifestyle for the younger kids. Dr. Sheinberg said that exercise time was as necessary as homework time in every kid’s day.

At the final banquet, awards were given out to the speakers and the walk participants.

Walk Participants- Wanda Bowers, David DeHass, Moke Osceola, Francine Osceola, Hunter Osceola, Grant Osceola, Skyla Osceola, Aariah Osceola, Lisa Tiger, Michael Tiger, Everett Osceola, Mitchell Cypress, Connie Whidden, Patty Waldron, Deborah Yescas, Brittany Yescas, Anthony Cypress, Darion Cypress, Taylor Cypress, Marilyn Huggins, Abraham Thomas, Colleen Osceola, Chuck Osceola, Pam Doctor, Michael Doctor, Amy Latchford, Will Latchford, Julia John, JJ John, Amy Cypress, Jo North, Helene Buster, Terry Tartsah **Made Every Walk-** Wanda Bowers, Francine Osceola, Hunter Osceola, Skyla Osceola, Grant Osceola, Aariah Osceola

Staff Participants- Amber Gientbrook (Family Services), Tina Menella (Family Services), Margie Carr (SPD), Dr. Sofianos (Dental), Suzanne Davis (Allied Health).

Appreciation Luncheon For Tribal Leaders



BC Board Rep. Paul Bowers, President/Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress and BC Councilman David Cypress receive their gifts.

BIG CYPRESS — On Oct. 23, the Big Cypress and Immokalee senior citizens held an Appreciation Luncheon for President/Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress, B.C. Council Representative David Cypress, and B.C. Board Representative Paul Bowers.

The luncheon was held at the Senior Center and was hosted in a “pot luck” presentation. Jonah Cypress and Joe Billie provided the entertainment, playing church hymns.

The luncheon was filled with testimonies from seniors who have received help from the three leaders. They thanked the Tribal officials for the help they received with trips, homes, and other expenses throughout the year.

Kind words of thanks were not only forms of appreciation given, the three leaders received gifts including clothing with patchwork applique, clocks, and framed photos.

These gestures of gratitude were a show appreciation to three men who have touched the lives of the elderly tribal citizens in a positive, respectful way.

Congratulations to Mitchell, David, and Paul. Each of you have done a great job, showing your kindness and gratitude towards our elders. Keep up the great work, and many thanks.

Tribal Citizens Join Hapkido



Michael Billie (2nd from left) and Mingo Jones (3rd from right) with Hapkido instructors.

HOLLYWOOD — Tribal citizens Mingo Jones and Michael Billie, students of the International Hapkido Federation, recently participated in a Traditional Korean Hapkido Seminar sponsored by Chief Instructor Jeffery Allen and taught by Grandmaster Jang.

This was the first visit to America by Grandmaster Jang, who teaches the martial art that enhances a student's ability to defend themselves against an attacker, regardless of the attacker's size or strength.

The seminar was held for the students of the traditional Korean martial arts to learn the movements. This type of instruction is not available to most western students, due to a lack of qualified instructors worldwide.

The seminar was open to martial artists of all styles and levels to introduce them to the value of traditional Korean Hapkido.

During the seminar, the students went through movements and instructions delivered by Grandmaster Jang with focus and intensity.

Every student had a chance to be the victim and the attacker, to learn the movements involved in performing Hapkido.

The seminar was very physical and a good learning experience, due to the hands-on participation by the students.

Mingo Jones started Hapkido in July of this year. He studied Tae Kwon Do for 15 years and has a black belt in that martial art. Studying Hapkido is a dream come true for Mingo.

Michael Billie has been in Hapkido since March of this year. Police academy was where Michael was first introduced to martial arts. According to Billie, nothing compares to Hapkido.

Both men were so impressed by Grandmaster Jang's visit that, on his last night of the seminar and being in America, Mingo and Michael gave him some parting gifts.

Grandmaster Jang and his wife received an alligator head bookend, books on Seminoles, clothing with patchwork, and other Native American Indian theme items.

Both the students and instructor gained more from the seminar than they could have imagined. Good luck to Mingo and Michael in their study of Hapkido, may they go as far as they possibly can in a relatively new form of martial arts.

Meet Hollywood Dispatcher Fran Poux

By Paula Cassels

HOLLYWOOD — Dispatcher Fran Poux works the second shift at the Seminole Police Department of Law Enforcement.

Poux's job is to answer 911 emergency phone calls from the Seminole community and route them accordingly. Sometimes she has to send a police officer or the Hollywood Fire Rescue to the scene.

She also assists the officers by providing information, such as running tags and drivers license checks. She also checks for any outstanding warrants, this is all done on computers.

Poux has been with the Seminole Police Department of Law Enforcement for one and a half years. What she like about her job is the sense of giving one's self to help another, which makes her job worthwhile.

Poux lives in Miramar, has four children, two boys and two girls, and two grandchildren whom she adores.

When Poux isn't at her job in Hollywood she likes to cook, exercise and spend time with her family. Glad to have you with us, Fran Poux.



Dispatcher Fran Poux

Ralph Cook, Evidence Supervisor/Road Officer

By Paula Cassels

HOLLYWOOD — When Ralph Cook isn't in his police car patrolling the Hollywood Reservation, he is in charge of the evidence that comes into the Seminole Police Department and to ensure that it is properly recorded.

Ralph Cook has been employed with the Seminole Department of Law Enforcement since 1994. At that time, Cook was a Police Officer for the Hollywood Bingo. His job was to patrol the inside of the building and patrol parking lot.

Cook attended the police academy at Miami Dade




Evidence Supervisor/Road Officer Ralph Cook

Junior College, and later attended Broward Community College for police related job enhancement courses.

Cook has resided in Broward County since 1974 and his hobbies are Photography and his Ham Radio.

Cook says he enjoys working for the Seminole Police Department, and on the Hollywood Reservation, where he can get to know everyone on daily basis. Glad to have you with us, Ralph Cook.



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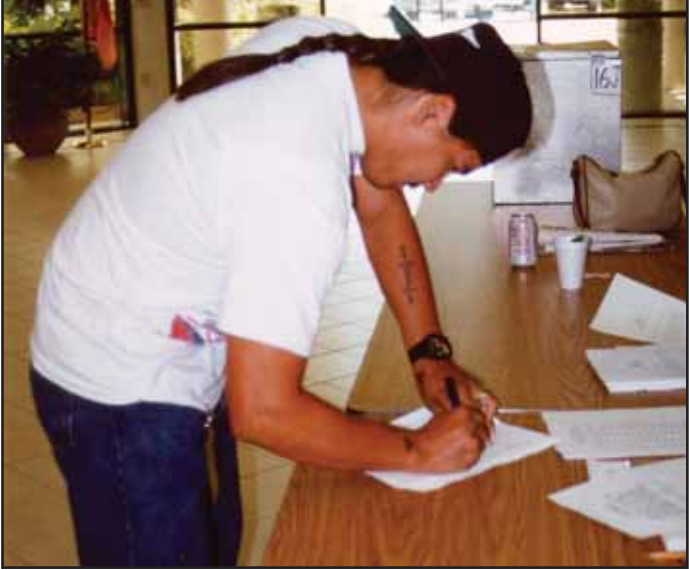
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Your Money – How To Avoid Bad Mistakes In Purchases

By Ken Goosens

[Editor's note. Ken Goosens works for the Tribe in Housing Finance and counsels Tribal members on loans and their credit. The opinions he expresses are his own.]

Have you ever let sales people talk you into expensive purchases you never should have made? The mistake may be a bed costing over \$3,000, a lifetime membership to a health club, a new truck, a water softening system, a huge screen entertainment system, insurance, a premium vacuum cleaner, or membership in a buying club.

Following three simple rules will prevent 80% of the serious mistakes people make in purchases.

First, never authorize charges against your account – typically a credit card – until after you have received and reviewed printed information on the product or service.

Second, don't accept products or services that you have to purchase immediately – now or never – to get a special deal.

Third, never buy anything that does not have a satisfaction guarantee. Always insist on having a period of time when you can return the product or cancel the service, with a full refund.

A common pitch for telephone-marketed products is that you get a free trial period. The catch is that they will bill your account automatically billed if you do not cancel with so many days. To get the trial period, you must act now – right now – to authorize them to bill your account.

Insist, as a matter of principle, that you never pre-authorize charges to your account, but you will be happy to accept literature describing the product and service in detail.

What could go wrong? You are lazy, busy, or forgetful, and don't get around to reviewing or canceling. The telephone number to call to cancel is

always busy or leaves you on indefinite hold. You only realize how little you like or can really use the product after the cancellation period expires. The service could discontinue and you would lose your money.

Simply refuse any product or service that insists that you must authorize billing before you receive written details about any offer.

A common pitch for products sold through home visits or television marketing is that to get the special price or extras, you must act now. But think a minute – if they could make money selling it to you now, they can make the same money later.

This is just a ploy to short-circuit any inclination to spend time evaluating a product. To this kind of pressure sales, just say no – if I can't get the same offer tomorrow or days later, I won't take it now.

Good sales people can make any product sound great. But any product that truly is great has little risk from providing a satisfaction guarantee. So, always ask, can I return the product for a full refund if I do not like it? Simply refuse any product that won't accept returns after a reasonable period.

I recently heard the pitch for one of the largest makers of adjustable beds. A massage vibrator to relax you. Motorized lift for the head and foot of the bed. Separate controls for each half of a large bed. Special mattresses that are bendable but durable. An explanation why a bed that is flat and not adjustable will cause sleep problems. Sounds great!

You can try the bed out after it is delivered and set up. But once you accept delivery, there are no returns, which means that you have no opportunity to actually sleep on the bed before you must decide if you really want it. However, if the bed really sleeps so wonderfully, then the bed should sell itself from just trying it.

No opportunity to see if the product works for you. No satisfaction guarantee. Simply say, fine – and no sale either.



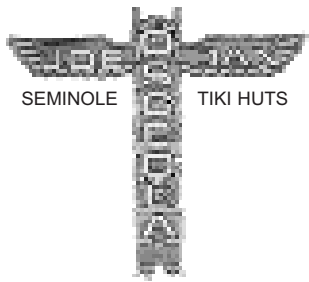
Attention Committee Members And Parents

Please be advised that the Education Advisory Committee meeting that was originally scheduled for November 6, 2002 is moved to November 14, 2002, Thursday at 10 a.m. in Brighton. In the event that you cannot attend, please advise the alternative person of your respective reservation to attend in order to have a quorum.

The November Hollywood PAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12 at noon in the auditorium lobby. Topics for discussion are: Teacher Appreciation dinner, Halloween report, Study Zone, Extended hours for Library, along with Education reports.



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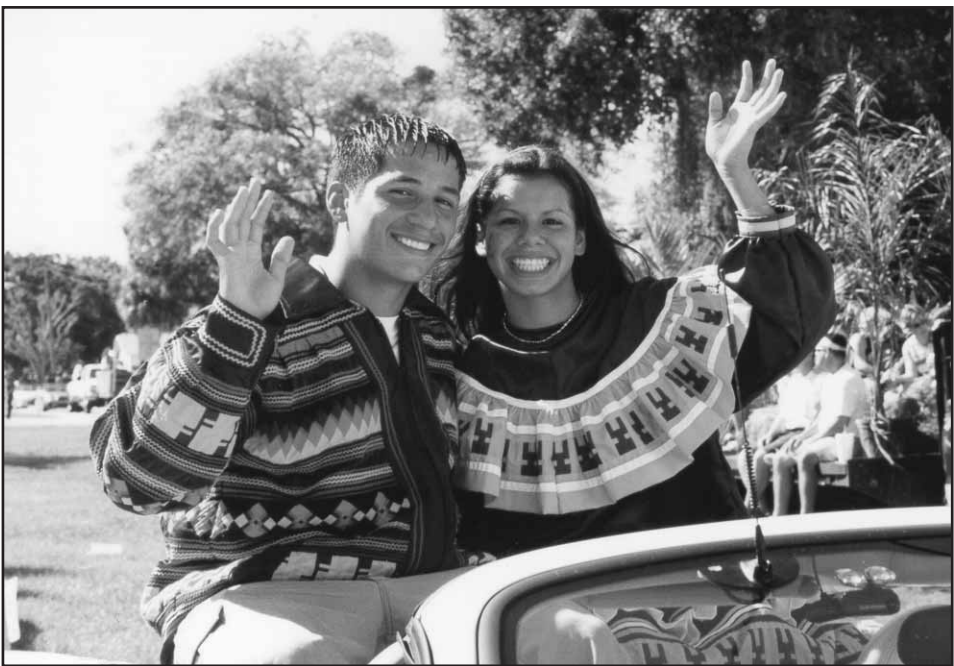
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Bryan Arledge and D'Anna Osceola during the Homecoming Parade.

D'Anna Osceola Chosen For Okeechobee Homecoming Court

By Paula Cassels
OKEECHOBEE — D'Anna Osceola was part of this year's Homecoming Court for the Okeechobee High School. D'Anna, a resident of the Brighton reservation, is a natural for Homecoming; she was crowned Little Miss Seminole at 5 years old in 1992. Later, she became Jr. Miss Brighton while in the 4th grade at age 10. This year, the sophomore class of Okeechobee High School voted Osceola for the homecoming court. Homecoming week started with a volleyball game, then, on Thursday night, a Bonfire. On Friday afternoon, Bryan Arledge escorted D'Anna Osceola in the Homecoming Parade. That night, at the football game, Arledge escorted D'Anna Osceola in the Homecoming Court Presentation. Osceola is in the 10th grade at

Okeechobee High School, has a 3.5 GPA average, is on the "B" honor roll and attends all honor classes. Osceola, who received the National Science Merit Award in the 7th grade, says she is glad her parents have always set limits for her, which her mom, Janelle, said has helped her become well rounded and mature for her age. Osceola also has a passion for sports, last year she played volleyball, soccer and softball. Osceola said she would like to attend college, but hasn't made a choice yet. Osceola is the daughter of Jeff and Janelle Robinson and the granddaughter of Lorene Gopher, Director of the Culture Education Program at the Hollywood Tribal Office. Osceola resides at the Brighton Reservation and congratulation on your achievements.



Winners of the Red Ribbon Week poster contest.

BC Red Ribbon Week

Submitted by Christopher Scanlon, Family Services Program
BIG CYPRESS — Red Ribbon Week 2002 officially began on Monday, Oct. 28 with a kick-off breakfast at the Family Investment Center. Participation was very good as members of the community and staff shared in a healthy breakfast and read about the origin of Red Ribbon Week. Students at Ahfachkee were already busy working on their posters or essays on this year's theme, "2 smart 2 fall 4 drugs." On Tuesday afternoon, more than 60 students, as well as family and staff walked from Ahfachkee to the Family Investment Center where everyone participated in a drug awareness crossword puzzle and had snacks. On Wednesday, guest judges Lucretia Strickland, Supervisor of Elections of Hendry County, Jean Anderson of the Clewiston News and Bill Maddox, Hendry County Commissioner, traveled throughout the reservation looking at the doors of departments who participated in the door-decorating contest, also with the theme, "2 smart 2 fall 4 drugs." An awards assembly took place in the afternoon where contest winners were announced, prizes were awarded and

ed their doors include, the President's Office, the Citrus Grove, the Library, Learning Resources, EMS, SPD, the Wellness Center, and Family Services. Catlen Tommie won the essay



Kids participated in the drug awareness crossword puzzle.

contest and read his "2 smart 2 fall 4 drugs" message to the group. Rubi-Anne Alexander took second place in the essay contest and Alfred Billie won third prize. The first/second grade poster contest winners were Malari Baker, first, Rodni Mercer in second and Donte DiCarlo in third place. Natasha Billie took first prize in the third/fourth grade group, while Megan Bettleyoun's poster took second and Kaylee Jumper won third prize. Among seventh and eighth graders, Ann Tigner's poster won first prize, Benny Hernandez took second place and April Billie's took third. All participants made excellent posters and deserve congratulations. Thanks to all who served on the planning committee: (Debbie Hamilton, Helene Buster, Edna McDuffie from the Wellness department; Barbara Billie; Barbara Akin, SPD; John Boone, Ahfachkee School; Nery Mejicano, Carmen Arango, Mike Onco of Family Services), Jeanette Cypress, our volunteer judges and all students and family members who participated and helped make Red Ribbon Week 2002 a great success.



Ahfachkee students walk to the Family Investment center.

hot dogs and hamburgers were served. In the door-decorating contest, the Chairman's Office took first prize, with Broadcasting coming in second and Recreation in third. Other departments who decorat-

Fall Festival And Red Ribbon Week Talent Show

By Alexandra Frank
HOLLYWOOD — On Oct. 29, the Recreation and Family Services Department held a Fall Festival and Red Ribbon Week Talent Show at the tribal auditorium. A community dinner started off the evening, the food was catered by Betty's (soul food), frybread provided by Maydell Osceola and family. The talent show brought out families, friends, and employees of the Seminole Tribe; some tribal employees were recruited as judges for the event. Ruby Billie served as Master of Ceremonies, with a little help from her cousin, Amber Jim. The two did a great job introducing participants and helping some the participants set up their equipment, good job! The time had arrived for the talent show to get underway and, let me tell you, we have some talented tribal citizens. Singers, dancers, comedians, musicians, and even an acrobat, boy what an impressive list! Children of all ages and adults participated together to put on a truly wonderful talent show. There were 16 entries: 4 adults and 12 children, pre-teens, and teenagers. Zachary Battiest opened the show, playing the drums. He did an impressive job. Huston Osceola and Jack Turtle did a great singing, as did Brittany Yescas. Tina Mennella of Family Services thanked everyone for coming out, and she also thanked the participants and Recreation for helping out with the talent show. It was time to announce the winners. 1st place in the Adult Division went to William Cypress for his Native American singing and drum playing. 2nd place went to Moses Jumper Jr. for his reading 3 poems all originals. 3rd place went to Brittany Yescas, she sang "Amazing Grace."



Winners of the Fall Festival and Red Ribbon Week Talent Show on Oct. 29.

played at the show. Also notable were the participation of the families and friends, who gathered support their favorite act. All of these things show we have pride and belief in our fellow tribal citizens and their talents. The talent show may become a yearly event, if it does, let's show support by attending and cheering on those willing to show us what makes them unique.

Tampa Casino News

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first, and you will win a drawing slip. Come in second, or third in a Poker tournament (including mini-tournaments), you'll get a drawing slip. Have any single win of \$50 or more on a Pull Tab and you will win a drawing slip. You will be able to deposit your slips from right after Matinee II until 9:40 p.m. on November 27. Once the drum has been closed, no further entries will be accepted. The drawing will be held at 9:45 p.m. Winner must be present at the time of the drawing and have valid photo I.D. and Social Security card with photo. When the ticket is drawn, the winner will

sary. (See the article elsewhere about How to Get Celebration Tickets.) Drawings will be held on November 29 with a \$1,000 cash tucked into a Shopper's Survival Kit at 6:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m., and 10:00 p.m. No coupons or passes will be accepted at the November 29 Evening Session. Happy Holidays and Good Shopping! **How To Get Celebration Tickets** First, you must have a Celebration Card. If you already have a Jackpot Club card, you are all set. If not, just present your valid driver's license or state identification card at the Celebration Station to get your new Celebration Card. It only takes a minute to get one! To get your daily entry ticket for the November 29 HOLIDAY SHOPPING, visit the Celebration Station in the inner lobby. Just present your Jackpot Club card or your Celebration card once a day to get your ticket. Only ONE Celebration Station visit per person, per day is allowed. For ticket distribution, a day starts at 12:01 a.m. and ends at midnight. No purchase is necessary to get your ticket.



have ten minutes to come forward. If no respondents during the ten minutes, the ticket will be void and a new name will be drawn, following the same procedure until we have a winner. **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** At the time you receive your drawing ticket, your name will already be on it. This ticket is for your use only. Any changes, whiteouts, deletions, or obliteration's of any type will result in the ticket being void. Please PRINT all of the address information requested on the ticket. Rubber stamps or labels will be allowed. Please do not fold or mutilate the tickets. Each ticket will be checked for compliance before it is deposited. Immediate family members of the Seminole Casino-Tampa employees may not participate in the drawings, nor may Tour Operators, their agents, or employees. No coupons or passes will be accepted for the Evening Session on November 27. Win Once — win again with Double Win for November! **Holiday Shopping Spree!** Would an extra \$1,000 in spending money kick off the Holiday Shopping Season for you? If so, be sure to come into the Casino every day from 12:01 a.m., November 1 through 9:30 p.m., November 29 to get your entry ticket. You could be one of the five people to win \$1,000 cash to get your holiday shopping kicked into high gear. Your Celebration card is the key to everything, and no purchase is neces-

Bonus Ticket Times happen every Monday through Friday. If you stop by Celebration Station from 3:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., Monday through Friday, you will get Three Drawing Tickets! Present your card between 10:01 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and you will get Two Drawing Tickets! Visit the booth at any other time and you will receive one drawing ticket. Immediate family members of Seminole Casino-Tampa employees may not participate in the drawings, nor may Tour Operators, their employees or agents. The drawing drum will be open from 4:30 p.m. until 9:59 p.m., being closed one minute before the announced time of each drawing, and then re-opened once the winner has come forth. The winner of each drawing will have ten minutes to claim the prize. If no one comes forth during this time period, a new name will be drawn. You must be present to win any Celebration drawing. Winner must present valid photo ID in order to claim the prize. In addition, winner must present their Social Security card for any prize of \$1200 or more. **No Matinee Sessions On Thanksgiving Day** On Thursday, November 28, there will be no Matinee Bingo sessions. For your enjoyment, the Palace and the Poker room will be open. We will also be playing the Evening and Nite Owls Bingo Sessions as usual.

Seminole Tribal Citizens

Diabetes is a very common health problem among Indian people and it often leads to kidney disease. A recent review of medical records at a Seminole community in Florida by the Indian health Service suggested that the frequency of diabetic kidney disease may be higher in Seminole Indians than in Indians elsewhere. At the request of the tribal government, we would like to determine the frequency of diabetes and kidney disease in tribal members who live in areas serviced by the Seminole Health Department. In this survey, we will ask tribal members ages 10 years and older to answer a few questions about their health. Then we will check their blood pressure, obtain a urine specimen to check for kidney disease, and do a finger stick to obtain a drop of blood to check their blood sugar level. The survey should take about 10 minutes and you will be given a \$5 Walmart gift card for your time and inconvenience. Tribal members with high sugar levels will be invited to the clinic for further examination. At this examination, additional blood and urine tests will be obtained to check for diabetes and kidney disease. Height and weight will be measured, a heart tracing and sensory test of the feet will be performed. This examination will take about 2 hours and you will be given a \$25 Walmart gift card for your time and inconvenience. If you have any questions about this survey, please ask us or call the Seminole Health Department at 954-962-2009.

Safari To Be Featured On "Good Morning America"

ABC TV Network recently visited Billie Swamp Safari and filmed a segment of airboat rides and alligator wrestling, which will be a part of their Florida show airing the morning of Nov. 15 during their "50 states, 50 weeks" series. Check your local listing for ABC TV Network/Good Morning America and tune in Nov. 15 to watch!

After School Art Education

Sponsored by: Mitchell Cypress — President/Acting Chairman Every Wednesday 3-5:00 p.m. Program starts August 28, 2002 Experience drawing, painting, hand built pottery, ceramics and other mediums. Art supplies included with program. Seminole Tribe Okeechobee residents only. For information, please contact: David Nunez, Home: 863-467-0611, Cell: 863634-9657 Absolutely Art Gallery 307 SW 3rd Street Okeechobee, FL 34974 (863) 367-1199

Diabetic Day: Good Fat vs. Bad Fat

HOLLYWOOD — On October 9, the Hollywood Health Clinic held its monthly Diabetic Day. This day usually consists of getting blood sugar levels read, checking feet, and checking the overall health of diabetic patients.

This is also a chance for diabetics to enjoy a nutritious meal, provided by the Nutritionist and Health Educator, and hold an educational session on topics that can range from food to exercise.

On this day, the topic was “Good Fat vs. Bad Fat”. Jeanne Hatfield, Nutritionist for Hollywood and Big Cypress, and the new Health Educator Shannon McKeown gave up to date information and a recipe for healthier fry bread.

Bad fat facts: eating too much saturated fat can raise blood cholesterol levels. The higher the blood cholesterol, the greater the risk for heart disease. Too much cholesterol can lead to clogged arteries and put you at risk for a heart attack, stroke, or poor circulation.

Saturated fat is present in fatty cuts of meat, poultry with skin, whole and 2% milk, butter, cheese, lard, palm oil, coconut oil, and cocoa butter. Saturated fat is also present in foods containing hydrogenated fat or trans fat such as shortening, hard margarine, some soft tub margarines, commercial baked goods, snack foods, and non-dairy creamers and

toppings. Good fat facts: monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats can stop plaque buildup in the arteries and help protect the body from heart disease. Good fats may lower the amount of ‘bad’ cholesterol

and soy. This information can help us learn how to cut down on the ‘bad’ fats that many of us eat everyday. Informing ourselves on what is ‘good’ fat can start us on the road to eating healthy.

Thanks to the nutritionist and the health educator for making guidelines on what is ‘good’ fat and ‘bad’ fat.

Here is the recipe for making healthy fry breads. Give it a try, you can only help your heart, not hurt it.

Healthy fry bread: ingredients - 2 cups whole-wheat flour, 2 cups white flour, 4 tablespoons baking powder, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/4 cup canola oil, 1 cup warm water.

To make it: Mix together whole-wheat flour, white flour, baking powder and salt. Add canola oil a little at a time, only enough to make the mixture look like corn meal. Slowly add 1-cup warm water, only adding enough to make dough stick together.

Roll into fist sized balls. Cover the bowl with a towel for about 10 minutes. Pat dough out with your hands to the size of a large pancake. Fry in hot canola oil until golden brown on each side (about 375 degrees) then enjoy!



New Health Educator Shannon McKeown and Nutritionist Jeanne Hatfield.

(LDL) in the blood.

They may increase ‘good’ cholesterol (HDL) in the blood. Good fats lower the amount of triglycerides in the blood. Monounsaturated fats are found in cold water, fatty fish, flax, canola oil, olive oil, peanut oil, avocado, seeds, nuts and their oils.

Polyunsaturated fats are found in oils made from corn, sunflower, safflower,

Influenza Vaccine: What You Need To Know

Why get vaccinated?

Influenza (“flu”) is a serious disease. It is caused by a virus that spreads from infected persons to the nose or throat of others.

Influenza can cause: fever, sore throat, chills, cough, headache, muscle aches. People can get influenza. Most people are ill with influenza for only a few days, but some get much sicker and may need to be hospitalized.

Influenza causes thousands of deaths each year, mostly among the elderly. Influenza vaccine can prevent influenza.

Influenza vaccine

Influenza viruses change often. Therefore, influenza vaccine is updated each year. Protection develops about 2 weeks after getting the shot and may last up to a year.

Some people who get flu vaccine may still get flu, but they will usually get a milder case than those who did not get the shot.

Flu vaccine may be given at the same time as other vaccines, including pneumococcal vaccine.

Who should get influenza vaccine?

People 6 months of age and older at risk for getting a serious case of influenza or influenza complications, and people in close contact with them (including all household members) should get the vaccine.

An annual flu shot is recommended for:

- Everyone 50 years of age or older.
- Residents of long-term care facilities housing persons with chronic medical conditions.
- Anyone who has a long-term health problem with:
 - heart disease
 - kidney disease
 - lung disease
 - metabolic disease, such as diabetes
 - asthma
 - anemia, and
 - other blood disorders
- Anyone with a weakened immune system due to:
 - HIV/AIDS or another disease that affects the immune system
 - long-term treatment with drugs such as steroids - cancer treatment with x-rays or drugs
- Anyone 6 months to 18 years of age on long-term aspirin treatment (who could develop Reye Syndrome if they catch influenza).
- Pregnant women who will be past the 3rd month of pregnancy during the flu season (usually November -

March, but past March in some years).

- Physicians, nurses, family members, or anyone else coming in close contact with people at risk of serious influenza

An annual flu shot is also encouraged for:

- Healthy children 6-23 months of age, and their caretakers
- Household contacts and out-of-home caretakers of infants less than 6 months of age
- People who provide essential community services
- People at high risk for flu complications who travel to the Southern hemisphere between April and September, or who travel to the tropics or in organized tourist groups at any time
- People living in dormitories or under other crowded conditions, to prevent outbreaks
- Anyone who wants to reduce their chance of catching influenza

When should I get influenza vaccine?

Most people need only one flu shot each year to prevent influenza. Children under 9 years old getting flu vaccine for the first time should get 2 shots, one month apart.

The best time to get a flu shot is in October or November. But because the flu season typically peaks between January and March, vaccination in December, or even later can be beneficial in most years.

Some people should be vaccinated beginning in September or October: people 65 years of age and older, people at high risk from flu and its complications, household contacts of these groups, health care workers, and children under 9 getting the flu shot for the first time. To make sure these people have access to available vaccine, others should wait until November.

Some people should talk with a doctor before getting influenza vaccine.

Talk with a doctor before getting a flu shot if you:

- 1) ever had a serious allergic reaction to eggs or to a previous dose of influenza vaccine
- or
- 2) have a history of Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS). If you have a fever or are severely ill at the time the shot is scheduled, you should probably wait until you recover before getting influenza vaccine. Talk to your doctor or nurse about whether to reschedule the vaccination.

What are the risks from influenza vaccine?

A vaccine, like any medicine, is

capable of causing serious problems, such as severe allergic reactions. The risk of a vaccine causing serious harm, or death, is extremely small. Serious problems from flu vaccine are very rare. The viruses in the vaccine have been killed, so you cannot get influenza from the vaccine.

Mild problems:

- soreness, redness, or swelling where the shot was given
- fever
- aches

If these problems occur, they usually begin soon after the shot and last 1-2 days.

Severe problems:

- Life-threatening allergic reactions are very rare. If they do occur, it is within a few minutes to a few hours after the shot.

- In 1976, swine flu vaccine was associated with a severe paralytic illness called Guillain-Bane Syndrome (GBS). Influenza vaccines since then have not been clearly linked to GBS. However, if there is a risk of GBS from current influenza vaccines, it is estimated at 1 or 2 cases per million persons vaccinated ... much less than the risk of severe influenza, which can be prevented by vaccination.

What if there is a moderate or severe reaction?

What should I look for?

- Any unusual condition, such as a high fever or behavior changes. Signs of a serious allergic reaction can include difficulty breathing, hoarseness or wheezing, hives, paleness, weakness, a fast heart beat or dizziness. What should I do?
- Call a doctor, or get the person to a doctor right away.
- Tell your doctor what happened, the date and time it happened, and when the vaccination was given.

- Ask your doctor, nurse, or health department to report the reaction by filling an Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) form. Or call VAERS yourself at 1-800-822-7967, or visit their website at <http://www.vaers.org>. C8T-How can I learn more?
- Ask your doctor or nurse. They can give you the vaccine package insert or suggest other sources of information.
- Call your local or state health department.

Contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):
-Call 1-800-232-2522 (English)
-Call 1-800-232-0233 (Espanol)
-Visit the National Immunization Program's website at <http://www.cdc.gov/nip>

was great. You see, we're not just talking about our problems, we're finding solutions for them.

At the end of the conference, everyone was bouncing

with better attitudes and new look on life. Thank you, Lord and bless these beautiful women and special blessings to: Tribal Council, Mitchell Cypress, Priscilla Sayen, Connie Whidden, Terry Sweat, Suzanne Davis, Jeanne Hatfield, Denise Alley, Barbie Johnson, Maria Speaks, Maria Dale, Hanna Marchel, Mary Olitzky, Candace Kranitz, Rita Simone, Judybill Osceola, Alice Sweat and special guest speaker, Jenny Johns and special honor and praise to my special guest, God, thank you, Jesus.

Thank you all for the plume of appreciation for promoting and organizing the First Annual

Women's Wellness Conference.

I remain, Sincerely in Christ, Yvonne Courtney, Coordinator.

Frequently Asked Fitness Questions!

By Kenny Bayon C.F.T

After years of training, I have found that there are a majority of questions that people about fitness. I am going to try and answer a few of these questions. Please feel free to write me at Kbay07@aol.com if there are any questions that you may have pertaining to fitness and I will attempt to answer them in an orderly time.

Which are better for you, Free weights or Machines?

You probably already know that weight training offers many benefits, from strengthening and toning the body to building muscle and battling osteoporosis. But how do you do it? Should you use free weights or weight machines? Is one better than the other?

First, keep in mind that both free weights and weight machines work to achieve the same results: development of the musculoskeletal system — muscles, tendons, ligaments and bones — through the use of external resistance, such as dumbbells, barbells and iron plates.

Several different companies, including Cybex and Nautilus, manufacture weight machines. Although the machines differ in design, they all incorporate a system of cables and pulleys to lift weight along guide rods.

Weight machines allow safe, straight-line movement of external resistance. The only effort required is to move the weight in a straight path away from or toward the body. Machines also allow for the resistance to be applied in various planes, which can target different parts of a muscle that could not be efficiently targeted using free weights.

Free weights, on the other hand, can train muscles through several degrees of movement, not just in a straight line. Because there are no guide rods to keep the weight in line and no pulleys to assist with the lifting and lowering, free weights require more overall balance and coordination.

Using free weights will generally result in better strength gains and neuromuscular coordination since more muscles are called into play. However, free weights pose a greater risk of injury, especially when they are not used correctly. It is imperative that you get proper instruction to learn the safest, most efficient way to use both free weights and weight machines.

Perhaps the ideal weight training routine is one that incorporates both free weights and weight machines. Some exercises performed on machines — such as leg curls, leg extensions and lat pulldowns — do not adapt well to dumbbells and barbells. Likewise, you may prefer using free weights to work certain muscle groups.

In the end, it's a matter of personal choice. If you have access to both free weights and weight machines, take time to learn what exercises can be done on each of them and adopt the exercises that work best for you. If you only have access to one or the other, rest assured that you can get an excellent weight-training workout either way.

Are doing sit-ups the best way to lose my belly?

Abdominal exercises are great for strengthening and firming up the abdominal muscles, but they do little to erase the fat that accumulates at the belly. To lose the fat, you literally have to burn it off by using it for energy. You can do that by engaging in regular aerobic (cardiovascular) exercise, reducing your caloric intake, or through a combination of the two. Your body will then draw from the fat stores at your belly, using those stores for energy. Thus, your belly size will be reduced.

Should I stretch before or after I do aerobic exercise?

First of all, stretching “cold” muscles is potentially harmful and less effective than stretching when the muscles are properly warmed up. Theoretically, you should perform some sort of aerobic activity lightly for five minutes to warm up, then stretch, then resume your aerobic activity, and stretch again at the end. The problem is that most people don't!

Regular stretching is probably the most neglected area of fitness. In order to get people to stretch, I suggest performing all your stretches at the end of the exercise session. It is more likely you will stretch once, rather than twice in the same workout. Aerobic exercise, such as walking and jogging, slightly stresses the muscles and tendons, making them tighter. Therefore, it's best to stretch after a workout to help relax the exercised muscles. Muscles that are warmed up can be stretched safely and effectively.

What is the best aerobic exercise?

Simple! The best exercise is the one you will perform on a regular basis. It is also the one that you are comfortable doing or enjoy the most. Just make sure you do the activity continuously for 20 minutes or longer, and that it elevates your heart rate and

involves the large muscles (legs) while not adversely stressing your joints or musculature. Nor should it aggravate an existing medical condition. So when choosing the best exercise, consider your preferences, health status and access to specific activities. If you do, you'll make the right choice.

What is the quickest way to tone up?

The best way to tone your body is to perform resistance/weight training exercises on a regular basis. Such exercises make your muscles firmer, stronger and more defined? Which gives you that “toned” look. Of course, if the muscles are hidden under a layer of excess fat, you'll need to combine your weight training with aerobic exercise and a healthy diet.

Why do I seem to gain weight around my middle and nowhere else?

When you gain weight in the form of excess body fat, it accumulates in certain locations based on gender and heredity. Males have a tendency to accumulate the fat around the belly because that is where their center of gravity is. Females tend to gain more fat in the hips, thighs and buttocks for reproductive purposes.

How often should I exercise?

The benefits of any exercise program will diminish if it's disrupted too frequently. A “stop-start” routine is not only ineffective, but can cause injuries. Being consistent with exercise, therefore, is probably the most important factor in achieving desired results.

People often assume that more is better. Wrong! Doing too much too soon or performing intense exercises on a daily basis will have deleterious effects, such as muscle/tendon strains, loss of lean tissue, and fitness-level plateaus.

If you are a beginner, start off slower than you think you should. Three days per week is realistic, safe and effective. If you are experienced, do cardiovascular (aerobic) exercises such as walking, jogging and bicycling for no more than 200 minutes per week with no more than 60 minutes per session.

Weight training should be done no more than three times per week targeting the same muscle groups. Exercise the same muscle groups on non-consecutive days because muscles need adequate time to recover and cannot be effectively trained if they are tired or sore.

Many people forget to stretch or make the excuse that they don't have the time. Flexibility is important, so make the time! Stretching can be done every day, but stick to a minimum of three times per week in order to reap the benefits. When the body is warmed up, such as after a workout session, perform five to 10 stretches that target the major muscle groups. Hold each stretch for 10-30 seconds.

How hard should I exercise?

To get general health benefits, such as a lowered risk of heart disease, diabetes and cancer, it is sufficient to exercise at a low to moderate intensity. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends getting 30 minutes of accumulated exercise on most or all days of the week. This can consist of simple activities like gardening, housework or walking the dog. The exercises can be done in three 10-minute sessions throughout the day or all at once.

If your goal is to enhance your fitness, however, the intensity of your workout needs to increase. Vigorous physical activities include brisk walking, jogging, singles tennis, lap swimming and cycling. These aerobic activities should be sustained for 20 to 45 minutes. Be sure to start slowly (warm-up) to ensure your body is properly prepared for working out.

For maximum cardiovascular and calorie burning benefits, perform aerobic exercises at levels that allow you to reach your target heart rate. Always cool down at the end of your workout by gradually decreasing the intensity for the last five minutes.

The American College of Sports Medicine recommends doing static (no bounce) stretches for 10 to 30 seconds, held to the point of mild discomfort. You should repeat them four times per muscle group, two to three times per week.

Weight training for the average person should consist of one set of weight lifting/resistance exercises (eight to 15 repetitions) targeting each major muscle group of the upper and lower body. The weight should be heavy enough so that you are challenged to complete the last few repetitions of each exercise.

Muscular endurance can be improved by working up to where you can complete 15 repetitions easily and by doing multiple sets of the exercise. Muscular strength can be further enhanced by gradually increasing the weight or resistance.

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Outdoor Enthusiast: Costa Rica

By Ernie Tiger
COSTA RICA — What more is there to say about this country filled with culture and wildlife? Other than that it has to be one of the most photogenic and friendly counties I've ever visited.

We flew into San Jose, Costa Rica on a Friday morning after a short two and half hour flight from Miami. I was anxious to start exploring the region, looking to start a picture that would best portray Costa Rica.

So, after arriving and unpacking my luggage at the Hotel Del Rey, I took a walk through downtown San Jose to get a direction on where and what I was going to capture in the picture.

The first thing I realized on my trip were the misconceptions you always hear about third world countries. About how unfriendly the people were to tourists, or if you were injured they would use a toothpick to stitch you up.

Of course, this didn't mean that people



Los Suenos "Marriott" carport view.

were'n't trying take advantage of tourists. The quote "A sucker is born every minute" comes to mind as I think of how to explain the mentality, which not only applies in the States, but in Costa Rica, too.

The only run-ins I had there that I regretted was when I was shorted thirty dollars after I gave a 450 bill to someone for a meal and I only received half of my money back in Colonies.

Now, this doesn't mean I don't know how to count, because Colonies (the local Costa Rica currency) changes from day to day, so it's hard to determine the true cash value when purchasing a souvenir.

So, the lesson I learned is that the only time to use the US dollar was when taking a Eco-Tour or a Helicopter flight around the mountains, etc.

If there were any danger to anyone's health there, it was when crossing the streets. Drivers there don't have the same respect for pedestrians as they do here in the States.

Of course, I wasn't sporting any gold necklaces, watches, or bracelets while I was down there on my trek. I tried to dress more casual: shorts, T-shirt and sandals, which I felt was closer to the way the locals dressed. This helped me to be less conspicuous, so as to not interrupt a nice shot, if it presented itself.

The ticos (men) and ticas (women) who lived in San Jose were not rude to our group at anytime, especially when we needed directions or information on the best eco-tours to go on.

The people were more than eager to help us on our way without the hint of even wanting a tip. Helping their local neighbor or family out with potential adventure-seeking customers was thanks enough for them.

After our first day in San Jose, and after losing a chunk of money in the casino, our convoy of six was off to Los Suenos, a colonial-style resort positioned in 1100 square acres of rain forest. It was a two-hour drive away by taxi van, and located on the West Coast of Costa Rica, near Jaco Beach.

This enormous resort is surrounded by rain forest and equipped with a huge pool, five-star restaurants, a casino, and golf course. There was also a full service concierge office, which provided information on every eco-tour in Costa Rica.

The two-hour drive to the resort might sound long, but the cloud-filled mountain range we crossed through on the way over to the resort was an Eco-tour itself, with its enormous, majestic trees and abundant wildlife, that

we viewed from the road.

The trip turned out to be a great opportunity, and was one of the highlights of my trip, as a photographer. When we made a stop over one of the many bridges on our way, I got some great shots of enormous saltwater crocodiles basking in the sun and feeding in the river. The crocodiles were anywhere from 10-20 feet in length. The stop was an added plus for me on the trip.

After arriving at the Los Suenos Marriott at mid-afternoon, and missing the off-shore fishing early that morning due to transportation problems, me and the guys decided to make our way down to Jaco Beach to catch some afternoon waves.

Checking prices at different locations near the beach, we finally decided on a small rental shop that was located right on the beach. They had the best price of 10 US dollars to rent a surfboard for a full day, with the option of exchanging it for a belly buck at anytime.

After selecting our boards, and making a quick observation of the wave sets, we talked with a local surfer named Henry who has lived in this area his whole life. Afterwards, me and avid surfers Ryan Wedding and Leon Gonzalez, were off to try our luck at catching some waves that afternoon on the famous Jaco Beach.

I can't say I made it to the intermediate level that day, but my friend, who has surfed half his life, said, "The wave sets were very close together and big, unlike Florida Beaches, where you have time to setup between wave sets and they are usually a lot smaller than the ten to twelve's we surfed today. These waves are not for beginners."

After hearing this and mustering up enough energy to ignore a knee injury I got from being slammed by one of the waves, it was back to the Resort to enjoy a gourmet meal prepared by Marriott chefs. It was one of the best meals I ate while visiting Costa Rica, and quite affordable for the quality and presentation of the food.

Day three found our group traveling back to Jaco, not to surf but for a three-hour guided horseback ride through the jungle with the surf shop owner we had met the day before at Jaco Beach.

Henry was the owner of the shop on Jaco Beach, and his father owned the land on which we would be touring that day. This made it a lot easier to negotiate a deal, since his father spoke very little English.

By 10:00 a.m., we were on our way by taxi van, to the base of the mountain where we would begin our guided tour through the Costa Rican jungle. When we arrived, the cries of exotic birds echoing in the canopy above greeted our group.

After a short walk up the mountain, and finding our horses and guide waiting on us, we were on our way up the mountain on the road. This later proved to be the highlight of my trip, because of the photo opportunities every couple of feet on the trail, from the landscape pictures I took at each levels of the mountain, the exotic monkeys and



For the ride of your life, get on the meanest horse in Costa Rica.

birds that we glimpsed as they moved through the huge canopies above, and the huge swarm of army ants we viewed journeying alongside



L-R: Chris Osceola, Brandon Frank, Matt, Ryan Wedding, Leon Gonzalez, Ernie Tiger, overlooking Jaco Bay.

the road.

The Costa Rica jungle had something special to offer, to both my camera and tour group, throughout the day as we made our way through the jungle on the small road, which had been cut into the jungle.

When we finally arrived to top of the mountain, refreshments and an amazing view of Jaco Beach awaited our group. From the edge of the mountain, which towered over the other surrounding peaks, we had a spectacular view of the surrounding area of Jaco Beach and a glimpse of our resort in the distance.



First Mate preparing the bait.

After some candid group shots of our accomplishment, and a shady break under a half-constructed chickee, we built up the motivation to begin our trip back down to the base of the mountain.

After returning to the base of the mountain, and still not wanting to end our adventures for that day, it was back off to the resort to book an afternoon of fishing.

We selected Pacific Tours, a family-owned offshore fishing tour group as our guides that day. We're on our way to try our luck for mahi-mahi Sailfish, said the Captain as we made our way offshore.

Finding a large amount of debris and birds circling a particular area, we started trolling six top-water lines to tempt a potential

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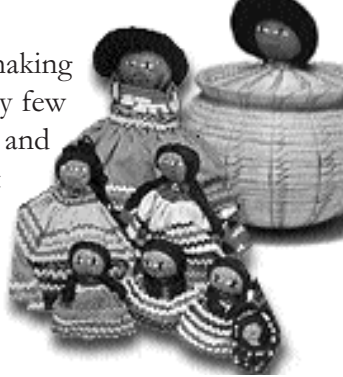
online shopping plaza

The Seminole Tribe of Florida invites you to experience our rich heritage and traditions through our Online Shopping Plaza.

Take a walk through our Chickee Huts and browse around on our website. There are lots of unique items to choose from.



Seminole sweetgrass basket making is an endangered craft -- very few Seminole basket makers remain and their work is in high demand. It is rare to find these baskets in gift shops; most are purchased directly from the basket makers



The Seminole Doll, made of native palmetto fiber, accurately portrays the clothing and hairstyle worn by traditional Seminole men and women over the decades.

Early this century, the Florida Seminoles began to create decorative patchwork with the sewing machine for their clothing. Patchwork is the Tribe's major artform.



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Seniors Go To Cherokee Fall Festival

By Libby Blake
BIG CYPRESS — Twenty-five seniors from the Big Cypress and Immokalee reservations, along with chaperones and helpers, took off on Oct. 28 for their annual fall trip. A total of 42 went on the trip, sponsored by David Cypress, Mitchell Cypress and Paul Bowers.

The ten-day journey started at 9:00 a.m. with a scheduled first night stop in Tifton, GA. What was to be a short, relaxing day turned into a 12-hour adventure, when the chartered bus blew a tire and the group spent three and a half hours at the Okahumpka plaza on the turnpike waiting for the repair truck to bring a new tire.

After a restful night, the bus headed to Chattanooga, TN for a three-night stay. There, the seniors visited Rock City, Lookout Mountain, Ruby Falls, the Tennessee Aquarium, and the IMAX Theater. The seniors also rode on the Duck tour on the Tennessee river and shopped at Walmart, Walmart, Walmart . . .

On day five, we packed up and headed to Pigeon Forge, stopping along the way in Sweetwater to visit the Lost Sea – a natural lake about a mile down inside a mountain.

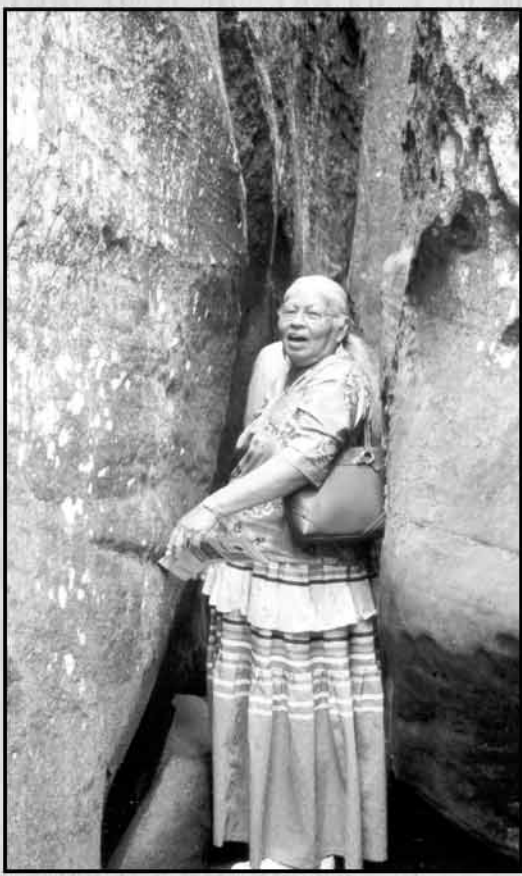
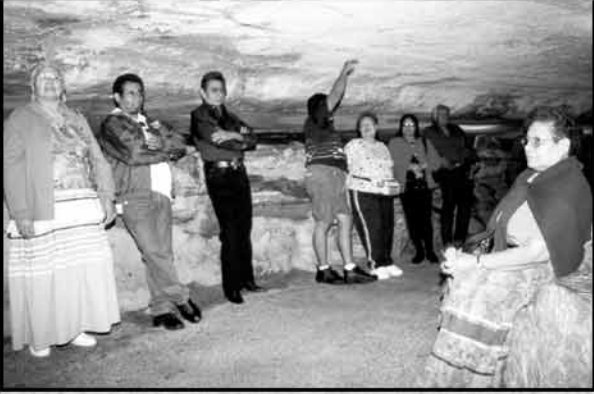
That night, everyone attended the newest attraction in the Pigeon Forge area – the Black Bear Dinner Show. The show featured gospel and oldies music along with “down-home” humor. Then it was on to Walmart, Walmart, Walmart . . .

The Great Smoky Mountains was our final destination – Cherokee, NC for the Fall Festival. There, we visited the Cherokee Trading Post and Western Store, the Cherokee Indian Museum, Medicine Man Crafts store, the Fabric and Bead store, Uncle Bills’s Flea Market, and Walmart, Walmart, Walmart . . .

All the shopping created a problem when the storage compartment on the bus became full – along with the two mini-vans that traveled with us. Dale Grasshopper, escort for the group, had to go into Asheville to rent another mini-van in order to get everyone’s purchases home.

Throughout the journey, no one could possibly complain of being hungry. Mike Henry kept the bus fully supplied with snacks and drinks, and we also ate three sumptuous meals every day. I was so full one day, that I decided to skip dinner and I never heard the end of it the next day. I think everyone in the group politely informed me that I didn’t eat enough!

We finally headed for home on Sunday morning, stopping again in Tifton, GA, before arriving in Big Cypress on late Monday afternoon.



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Position: Snack Bar Cook/Cashier
Department: Okalee Indian Village
Position Opens: 10-21-02
Position Closes: 11-4-02
Salary: \$14,560.00 annually

Position: Asst. Network Administrator
Department: Information Systems
Position Opens: 10-14-02
Position Closes: 10-28-02
Salary: \$Negotiable with Benefits

Position: Sr. Network Administrator
Department: Information Systems
Position Opens: 10-14-02
Position Closes: 10-28-02
Salary: \$Negotiable with benefits

Position: Database Administrator
Department: Information Systems
Position Opens: 11-14-02
Position Closes: 11-18-02
Salary: \$Negotiable with benefits

Position: Claims Auditor
Department: Employee Benifits
Position Opens: 11-4-02
Position Closes: 11-18-02
Salary: \$29,120 annually with benefits

Position: Maintenance Mechanic (3)
Department: Housing
Position Opens: 06-06-02
Position Closes: 06-20-02
Salary: \$ 20,800 – 29,120 annually with benefits

Position: Foster Care Worker
Department: Health
Position Opens: 08-26-02
Position Closes: 09-09-02
Salary: \$Negotiable with Benefits

Position: Clerical Assistant
Department: Education
Position Opens: 10-14-02
Position Closes: 10-28-02
Salary: \$18,304.00 annually with benefits

Position: Counselor
Department: Health
Position Opens: 9-16-02
Position Closes: 9-30-02
Salary: \$ Negotiable with benefits.

Position: Education Advisor
Department: Education , (DSO)
Position Opens: 10-7-02
Position Closes: 10-21-02
Salary Negotiable with benefits

Position: Eligibility & Utilization Services Manager
Department: Health
Position Opens: 10-14-02
10-28-20
Salary: \$ Negotiable with benefits.

Position: Gaming Compliance Coord.
Department: Gaming
Position Opens: 10-14-02
Position Closes: 10-28-02
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Position: Higher Ed. Advisor
Department: Education
Position Opens: 10-14-02
Position Closes: 10-28-02
Salary: \$Negotiable with benefits

Position: Receptionist
Department: Education
Position opens: 9-30-02
Position Closes: 10-14-02
Salary: \$18,720.00 annually with benefits

Position: Skilled Carpenter (3)
Department: Housing
Position Opens: 6-6-02
Position Closes: 6-20-02
Salary: \$ 29,120 – 33,280 annually with benefits.
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Position: Skilled Laborer (2)
Department: Housing
Position Opens: 6-6-02
Position Closes: 6-20-02
Salary: \$ 20,800 – 29,120 annually with benefits.
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Position: Maintenance Worker
Department: Building and Grounds
Position Opens: 9-30-02
Position Closes: 10-14-02
Salary: \$16,640.00 with benefits

Position: Snake Handler
Department: Okalee Village
Position Opens: 9-10-01
Position Closes: 9-24-01
Salary: \$20, 800 with benefits

Position: Working Superintendent (2)
Department: Housing
Position Opens: 6-6-02
Position Closes: 6-20-02
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* Position still available *

BRIGHTON

Position: Lifeguard
Department: Recreation
Position Opens: 10-7-02
Position Closes: 10-21-02
Salary: \$21,840 annually with benefits

Position: Maintenance Worker
Department: Recreation
Position opens: 10-7-02
Position Closes: 10-21-02
Salary: \$16,640 annually with benefits

Position: Bus Monitor
Department: Education
Position Opens: 10-28-02
Position Closes:11-11-02
Salary: \$ 8.00 per hour with benefits (30 hours/Week)

Position: Medical Assistant
Department: Health
Position Opens: 9-30-02
Position Closes: 3-28-02
Salary: \$ 20,800 annually with benefits.
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Position: Recreation Aide
Department: Recreation
Position opens: 10-7-02
Position Closes: 10-21-02
Salary: \$13, \$20 - \$18,720 annually with benefits

Position: Surveillance Manager
Department: Gaming
Position opens: 11-4-02
Position Closes: 11-18-02
Salary: \$NegPotiable with benefits

Position: Receptionist
Department: Utilities
Position opens: 11-4-02
Position Closes: 11-18-02
Salary: \$18,720 annually w/benefits

BIG CYPRESS

Position: Admin Asst.
Department: Emergency Services
Position Opens: 10-14-02
Position Closes: 10-28-02
Salary: \$31, 490.00 with benefits

Position: Admin. Asst.
Department: Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum.
Position Opens: 10-14-02
Position Closes: 10-28-02
Salary: \$17,992.00 annually with benefits

Position: Assistant Cook
Department: Ahfachkee School
Position Opens: 10-7-02
Position Closes: 10-21-02
Salary: \$18,700 with benefits

Position: Modernization Supervisor
Department: Housing
Position Opens: 9-30-02
10-14-02
Salary: \$Negotiable w/ Experience w/benefits
* Position still available *

Position: Assistant Cook Mgr.
Department: Preschool
Position Opens: 10-7-02
Position Closes: 10-21-02
Salary: \$ 18,158 annually with benefits.
* Position still available*

Position: Guidance Counselor

Department: Ahfachkee School
Position Opens: 9-3-02
Position Closes: 9-16-02
Salary: \$ Negotiable with experience with benefits.

Position: Physical Ed. /Health Teacher
Department: Ahfachkee School
Position Opens: 7-22-02
Position Closes: 8-5-02
Salary: \$Negotiable with Benefits
* Position still available*

Position: Tour Guide
Department: Ah-Tha-Thi-Ki Museum
Position Opens: 9-30-02
Position Closes: 10-14-02
Salary: \$15,184.00 w/benefits

Position: Varying Exceptionalities Teacher
Department: Ahfachkee School
Position Opens: 7-29-02
Position Closes: 8-12-02
Salary: Negotiable with experience with benefits.
Position still available

IMMOKALEE

Position: Foster Care Worker
Department: Health
Position Opens: 9-3-02
Position Closes: 9-16-02
Salary: \$ Negotiable with benefits.

Position: Maintenance Worker
Department: Recreation
Position Opens: 12-19-01
Position Closes: 1-2-02
Salary: \$ 14,500 with benefits.

Position: Operator Maint. Trainee
Department: Utilities
Position Opens: 6-6-02
Position Closes: 6-20-02
Salary: \$ 18,700 annually with benefits.

Position: Modernization Supervisor
Department: Housing
Position Opens: 9-30-02
Position Closes: 10-14-02
Salary: \$Negotiable w/ Experience w/benefits

Position: Video Programmer
Department: Broadcasting

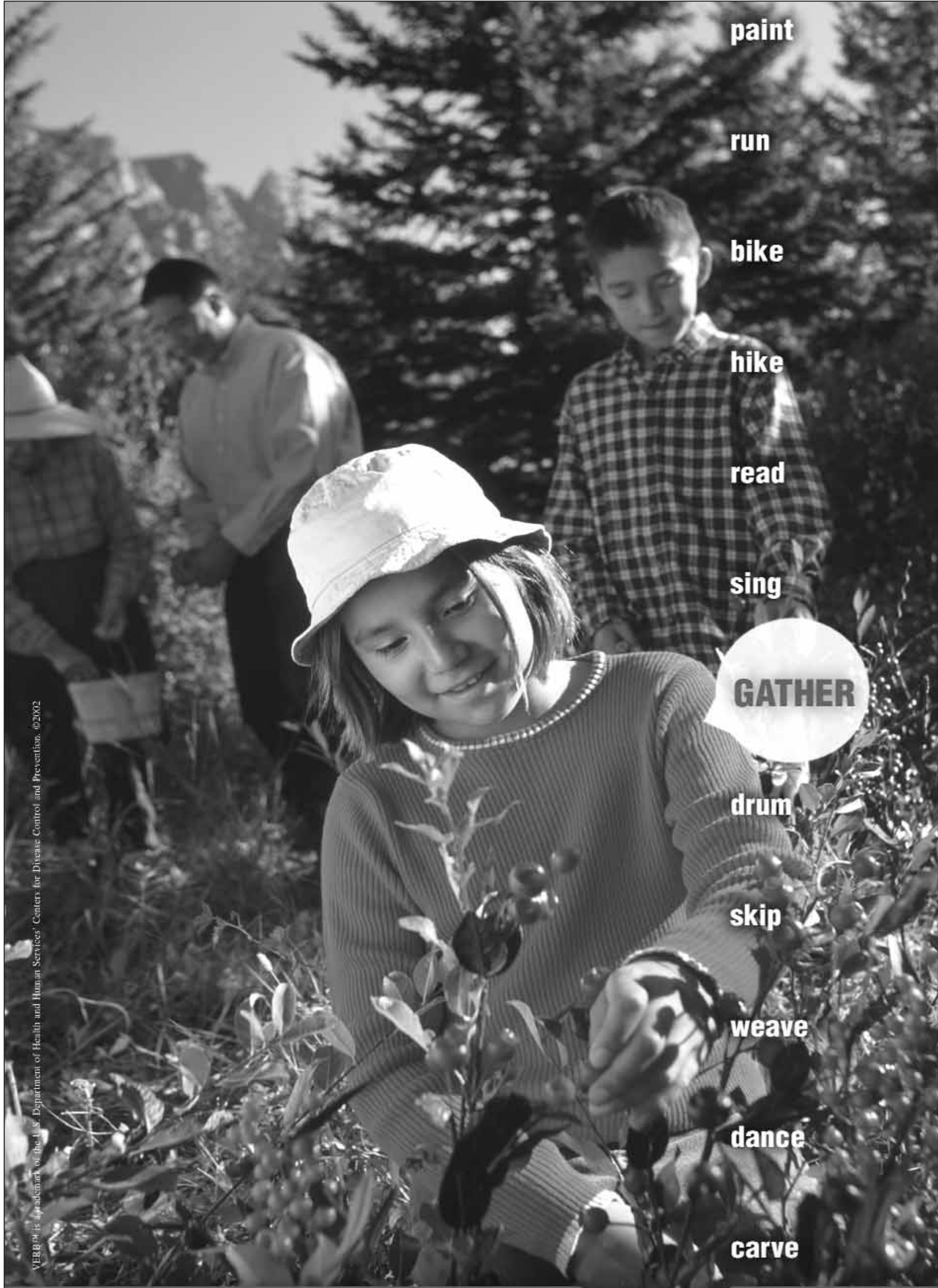
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Steven Billie hangs on during the FHSR Bull Riding event.

Seminoles Compete At FHSR

By Paula Cassels
BRIGHTON — On Oct. 26, the Florida High School Rodeo took place at the Fred Smith Rodeo arena Saturday morning in Brighton.

Before the rodeo, the FHSR held the Cowboy Auction, a fund raiser to help the last five contestants’ trip to Farming, NM for the finals. It was just one of the many fund raisers that will be held.

In the Cowboy Auction, young single teenage cowboys were auctioned off to the cowgirls for the whole weekend for anywhere from \$20 - 50.00 a cowboy.

The cowboy had to feed, wash horses, clean stalls and basically do anything the

cowgirl says for the entire weekend. Trina Bowers bought two cowboys for \$20.00 dollars each, because she had more than one horse.

The competition was tough, and sometimes was hard luck, as contestant Jade Braswell found out. Braswell ran the barrels in 16.8, good enough for 3rd place, but her hat blew off and landed on the alley way line, adding on an extra 5 points for a 21.8 final score.

The teenage Seminole wranglers competing in the Florida High School Rodeo were Steven Billie, Jade Braswell, Trina Bowers and Kerri Kroepelin.

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National Finals participants.

During the opening introductions, Miss Seminole Ida Osceola was honored and recognized at the rodeo grounds and invocation was given in English, Navajo and Creek for the rodeo contestants. The National Anthem of the United State was sung in English and Navajo.

On Friday, Oct. 11, the Soboba Casino restaurant invited the Chairmen and Chiefs of the different Tribes to come and enjoy a steak dinner after the rodeo performance.

On Saturday, Oct. 12, President/Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress invited everyone from the Seminole Tribe and the Eastern Indian Rodeo Association to a luncheon at the Soboba Springs Royal Vista.

The Soboba Springs Royal Vista, one of Golf Digest’s premier places to play golf in the United States, offers tennis facilities, 18 hole par championship golf course, full serv-



Marty Johns and Dale Drigger team roping.

“I know that bull doggers have more guts than I do to compete in the Steer Wrestling and in Bull Riding events,” said Cypress. He also said that a man came up to him at the rodeo grounds and complimented him on how the Seminoles always come and support their athletes everywhere they compete.

“It’s nice to know that someone from a different tribe recognized us and gave our tribe a compliment,” said Cypress.

On Oct. 13, the final Awards Banquet was held at 6:00 p.m. on the Soboba Casino patio.

Soboba Tribal Council Chairman Robert Salgado Sr. for the Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians congratulated everyone on their success at the 27th Annual Indian National Finals Rodeo and welcomed everyone to the Soboba Reservation.

After a buffet dinner, Saddles and Buckles awards were handed out to the winning participants.

The different Regions of Professional Indian Rodeo Associations that competed in the Indian National finals were (IRCA) Alberta Canada; (WSRA) Oregon-Washington-Nevada- California-Northern Idaho; (UIRA) Montana; (RMIRA) Southern Idaho-Wyoming Utah; (NNRCA) New Mexico-Colorado-North Arizona;

(GPIRA) Kansas-Missouri-North Dakota-South Dakota; (AIRAO) Oklahoma-Texas; (EIRA) All states east of the Mississippi.

Congratulation to everyone that represented the EIRA: Trina Bowers, Shelby Osceola, Tess Ducheneaux, Adam Turtle, Marty Johns, Adale Drigger, Justin Gopher, Naha Jumper, Shawn Best, Robert Youngblood, Josh Jumper, Alex Brugh, Alex Johns and Robbie Chalfant.

Results for EIRA contestants at the 2002 Indian Nationals Finals Rodeo:

Robbie Chalfant, Steer Wrestling: 3rd Place in the 3rd Performance.

Josh & Naha Jumper, Team Roping: Split 3rd/4th Place in 2nd Performance.

Koty Brugh, Bareback Riding: 2nd Place in the 2nd Performance.

Koty Brugh, Bareback Riding: 1st Place in the 3rd performance.

Shawn Best, Bareback: 3rd Place in the 2nd Performance.

Shawn Best, Saddle Bronc Riding: 2nd Place in the 2nd Performance.

Shawn Best, Bull Riding: 1st Place in the 2nd Performance.

Alex Johns, Bareback Riding: 4th Place in the 2nd Performance

Alex Johns, Bareback Riding: 2nd Place in the 4th Performance.

Attention Native American Girls
If you are interested in playing Basketball at the next Indigenous Games, and born between the years of 1989 thru 1992, call Arnie Gore-Osceola at (954) 385-4005.

Team Florida Baseball: Joseph Daniel Osceola

By Paula Cassels
HOLLYWOOD — On Aug. 7, Joseph Daniel Osceola was a member of Team Florida baseball that won and brought home a Bronze Medal from the North American Indigenous Games.

Joseph Daniel Osceola, the son of Joe Dan and Virginia, live on the Hollywood Reservation.

Osceola, 13, played left field on the baseball team. He is in the seventh grade at the Nova University High School in Davie Florida.

Osceola is also a starter for the Nova University High School basketball team, the University Suns.

When Osceola isn’t playing baseball or basketball, he enjoys in-line skating around the Reservation and the Gym.

We are very proud of you Joseph Daniel Osceola for your contribution to Team Florida’s bronze medal.



Team Florida Baseball player Joseph Daniel Osceola.

Team Florida Baseball: Bryan Arledge

By Paula Cassels
BRIGHTON — Bryan Arledge is 16 years old and one of the Team Florida baseball players that brought home the bronze medal from the North American Indigenous Games.

While he was there, Arledge said he broke his ankle and was unable to play sports for two months afterward. Arledge currently plays on the Brahman’s varsity football team at Okeechobee High School.

Arledge is in the 10th grade at Okeechobee High School and has a 3.8 GPA average. Arledge is on the "B" honor roll and attends all honor classes, he plans to attend Florida State University.

Arledge recently escorted D’anna Osceola in the homecoming parade, and again at Okeechobee’s Homecoming football game later that night.

His hobbies are baseball, football and basketball

girls. When he finds the time, he likes to lift weights. Arledge lives on the Brighton Reservation and is the son of Arlica and Shane Buck.

Congratulations on your contribution to Team Florida, and continued success.



Team Florida Baseball player Bryan Arledge.



L-R: Steve Billie, Vincent Micco, Ronnie Billie.

1st Annual Ronnie And Vincent Bike And Truck Show

BIG CYPRESS — On Oct. 26, the 1st Annual Ronnie & Vincent Bike & Truck Show took place at the B.C. softball field. Ronnie Billie and Vincent Micco put on the one-day event to bring together motorcycle and truck enthusiasts.

Music performed by the Raiford Starke Band and a Bar-B-Q lunch were provided. The main event, the judging of the trucks and bikes, were not only events to participate in.

There was a Slow Bike Contest, Participants rode at 1 mph in order to test their skills. There was also a Hot Dog Eating Contest and two raffles for a big shirt and 50/50.

This event was the first of its kind in B.C., but it will not be the only one. Another is scheduled for the first week of December.

Everyone had a good time and shared a lot of laughs, especially

during the Hot Dog Eating Contest. Listed are the winners for the 6 events.

Bike Category: 1st Ronnie Billie, 2nd Vincent Micco, 3rd Steve Billie, **Truck Category:** 1st Bronson Hill, 2nd John Cypress, 3rd Elmira Billie.

Slow Bike Contest: 1st Sandy Arredondo, 2nd Lupe Osceola, 3rd Ronnie Billie, **Hot Dog Eating Contest:** 1st Erma Platt and Neal Penkert, 2nd Lupe Osceola and Sarah Mareno. **Raffle for Biker Indian Big Shirt:** Sandy Arredondo, **50/50 Raffle:** Mike Onco

Ronnie and Vincent would like to thank everyone who came out and participated in all the events. It was a good turn out, they are glad everyone had fun and look forward to seeing everyone at the next event.

Immokalee Indian Day Results

Canoe Racing
Youth: 1) Kevin Davis & Justin Villarreal 2) Esmeralda Billie & Alexis Martin 3) Nikki Davis & Mark Arriaga
Adult: 1) Ralph Escobar & Rudy Martinez 2) David Billie & Homer Villarreal 3) Ray Yzaguirre & Crystal Billie

Archery
Youth Boys: 1) Kevin Davis- 150 pts. 2) Ethan Billie-115 pts. 3) Jr. Perez-100 pts.
Youth Girls: 1) Sylvia Perez- 125 pts. 2) Nikki Davis -100 pts. 3) Josie Davis - 90 pts.
Adult Men: 1) Josh Garza- 175 pts 2”d Pete Aguilar - 170 pts. 3”d Ray Yzaguirre
Adult Women: 1) Virginia Billie- 100 pts. 2) Maria Billie- 45 pts. 3) Naomi Escobar - 35 pts.

Turtle Races-
Youth Girls: 1) Nina Frias 2) Christian Benson 3) Cheyenne McInturff
Boys: 1) Jr. Perez 2) Kenny Davis 3) Damian Escobar
Women: 1) Sophie Perez 2) Deloris Jumper
Senior Women: 1) Deloris Jumper
Men: 1) Moe Perez 2) Raymond Mora 3) Johnnie Jimmie

Egg & Spoon Race
Youth Girls: 1) Christian Benson & Cheyenne McInturff 2) Erica Billie & Solita Perez
3) Janet Billie & Nikki Davis
Youth Boys: 1) Anthony Hernandez & Mark Arriaga 2) Ethan Billie & Kevin Davis
3) Corey Garcia & Jr. Perez
Women: 1) Maria Billie & Jennifer Ramos 2) Virginia Billie & Nina Frias 3) Tilda Perez & Sophie Perez

Egg Toss
Youth: 1) Jr. Perez & Corey Garcia 2) Kenny Davis & Mark Arriaga 3) Christian Benson & Erica Billie
Adult: 1) Ralph Escobar & Eric Maldonado 2) Ray Yzaguirre & Jonathan Rodriguez 3) Sophie & Goyo Perez

Sack Race
Youth: 1) Esmeralda Billie & Solita Perez 2) Mark Arriaga & Bonnie Davis 3) Nikki Davis & Janet Billie
Adult: 1) Alphonso Alvarado & Isabell Garza 2) David Billie & Raymond Mora 3) Ray Yzaguirre & Jonathan Rodriguez

Axe Throwing
Adult: 1) Justin Sanchez 2) Rudy Martinez 3) Homer Villarreal
Women: 1) Vanessa Herrera 2) Isabell Garza 3) Tilda Perez

Log Peeling
Men: 1) Victor Billie-37 seconds 2) David Billie - 45 seconds 3) Rudy Martinez - 1:01 second
Women: 1) Virginia Billie-52 seconds 2) Elsa Zamora-58 seconds 3) Maria Billie - 1minute: 15 second
Youth Boys: 1) Anthony Hernandez 2) Ethan Billie
Girls: 1) Crystal Billie - 1 minute 14 seconds 2) Christian Benson- 1 minute 36 seconds 3) Janet Billie - 2 minutes and 11 seconds

Log Carrying
Men: 1) Mike Alvarado 2) David Billie 3) Victor Billie
Women: 1) America Ramirez 2) Maria Billie 3) Elsa Zamora
Youth: 1) Justin Villarreal 2) Josh Garza 3) Mark Arriaga

Brighton Indian Day Results

Rez Car Show
Cars: Most Rez – Annette Jones, **Most Original** – Kelly Youngblood

Pinkpin Bread Contest
Women 18-54: 1st place Salina Dorgan 2nd place Shirley Sampson, 3rd place Leoma Simmons

Senior Women 55+: 1st place Jennie Snow, 2nd place Agnes Jumper, 3rd place Rosie Billie

Pole Peeling Contest
Women: 1st place Ethel Gopher, 2nd place Dionne Smedley, 3rd place Michele Thomas

Men: 1st place Matt Gopher, 2nd place Shane Buck, 3rd place Kevin Tommie

Fish Giggling
1st place Kevin Tommie, 2nd place Billy and Polly Walker, 3rd place Kevin Tommie

Archery Contest
18-54: 1st place Sidney Gore, 2nd place Shane Buck, 3rd place Wayne Osceola

55+: 1st place Jimmy S. Osceola, 2nd place Dan Bowers, 3rd place Howard Osceola

Gopher Race
Women 18-54: 1st place Emma Brown, 2nd place Jimi Lu Huff, 3rd place Vicki Huff

Men 18-54: 1st place Matt Gopher, 2nd place Todd Johns, 3rd place Alex Johns
Senior Women: 1st place Rosie Billie, 2nd place Onnie Osceola, 3rd place Elsie Smith
Senior Men: 1st place Stanlo Johns

Box Turtle Race
Women 18-54: 1st place Shirley Sampson, 2nd place Michele Thomas, 3rd place Shannon Gopher

Men 18-54: 1st place Alex Johns, 2nd place Gary Simpson, 3rd place Todd Johns

Horse Race
Women: 1st place Emma Brown, 2nd place Brenda Youngblood, 3rd place Theresa Bowers
Men: 1st Place Tie: Koty Brugh/Sid Gore, 2nd place Alex Johns

Happy Birthday



And our son **Deveon Scott**.

There are so many things to say about you. You make us laugh all the time. Anyways, **Happy Birthday** on November 8. We love you. Don't ever forget that.

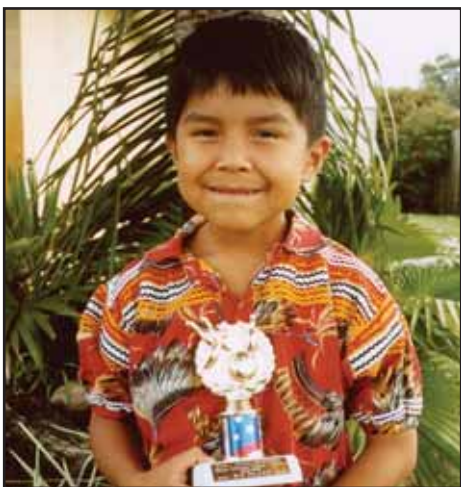
From: **Mom, Dad, Baby Malcolm** and your mean sister sitting beside y'all. Even though she's mean ya'll know she loves you both.



Happy 4th Birthday to **Kyreil K. Josh**. I love you with all my heart and hope you have a fun day! Love, **Mom, Aunt Sandy**, and the rest of your family.



Kai Bradyn Ollie Osceola "Our New Baby Boy" August 6, 2002 8 lbs., 7 oz., 21 inches. Born to **Nicki Osceola** and **Matt Jaskueski**



Belated congratulations to **Justin Willie Frank** for placing 3rd at the Native American Classic held in Las Vegas on July 27th. Congratulations from your **father, mother, Shabakee, Jonathan, Brent, and LadyBug.**

Engagement

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Pete and Vanessa will be married on November 9, 2002 at 3:00 in the afternoon at Christ United Methodist Church in Lehigh Acres.

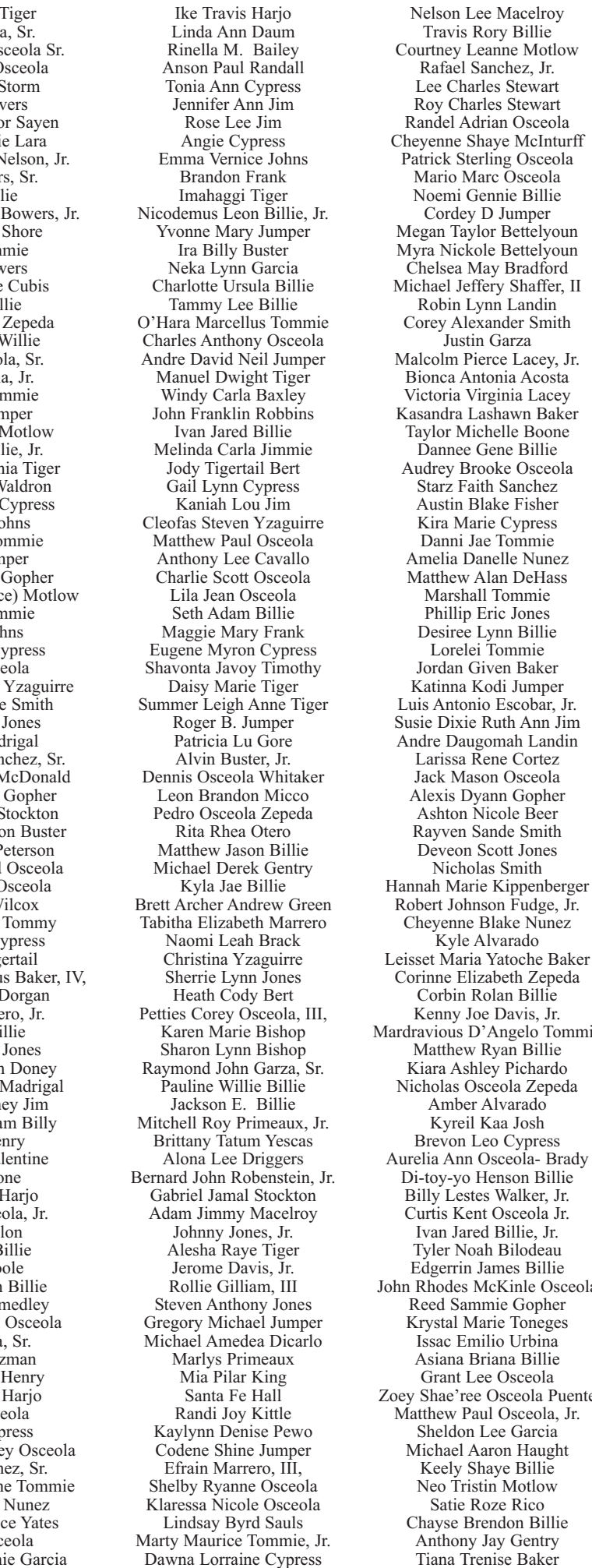
“Rainbow “ ”War”

Mrs. Goldstein showed us this film because people are all different colors and we can mix together to make one rainbow and be friends.

And Jesus says love one another.

By Jessica Turtle
Age 11
World History
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*You were the light
and love of Michael's life
and together you enjoyed
the simple things like sitting
by a fire, riding your horses
through the woods and fish-
ing, when you always
caught the biggest fish.*


You were an accomplished artist, making beautiful baskets and exquisite, delicate jewelry. Your pumpkin frybread was legendary and it disappeared as soon as it was put on the table.

You were a caring, loyal and loving mother, daughter, sister, grandmother and friend and you will be missed by all whose lives you touched.

Dear Sweet Marie, though you are gone, you will always be with us in our hearts.

*Until we meet again . . .
Michael, Ron, Charlie and
Barbara Henry*

Do not stand at her grave and weep;
 she is not there; she does not sleep.
 She is a thousand winds that blow,
 She is the diamond glints on snow,
 She is the sunlight on ripened grain,
 She is the gentle autumn's rain.
 When you awaken in the morning's hush,
 'tis the swift, uplifting rush
 of birds in circled flight.
 'tis soft stars that shine at night,
 and at her grave and cry;
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Hollywood Halloween Festival



By Alexandra Frank
HOLLYWOOD — On Oct. 31, the Hollywood Recreation ball field turned into the site of the Hollywood Halloween Festival. There was plenty to do and see at the festival, there was a cakewalk, greased pig contest, greased pole contest and the ever-popular costume contest.

Programs, such as Family Services and the Hollywood PAC, had tables set up that featured face painting and the cakewalk. The Youth Center had a Haunted House this year, it opened after the Costume Contest was finished.

There were quite a few costumes that caught one's eye, there were fairies, space men, witches, monsters and princesses. A lot of thought and imagination went into these costumes and they turned out great.

Nathan Doctor wore a wonderful "Patrick" (from Sponge Bob show) suit, and Esther Gopher was dressed as the "Statue of Liberty." These two choices showed how much work our tribal citizens are willing to put into a costume that will stand out from the rest.

The greased pig contest had a lot of young people running off their sugar high. It was fun to see the young people getting all worked up over catching a greasy little pig and getting rewarded for it!

This year, dinner was catered by Scruby's Bar-B-Q and there was cake to top off dinner. The festival always captures a huge family gathering atmosphere that makes the evening enjoyable.

Listed are the winners for the Pumpkin Carving Contest the Greased Pig Contest and the Costume Contest. Congratulations to all you winners and keep up the good work!

Pumpkin Carving Contest
17 & Under: 1) Chelsea Mountain 2) Mike Doctor 3) Cameron Osceola **18-49 years old:** 1) Geraldine Osceola 2) Scarlett Young 3) Brandi Williams. **50 & over:** 1) Judy Bill Osceola 2) Johnnie Tucker 3) Elsie Bowers.

Greased Pig Contest
4-5 years old: Neko Osceola **6-7 years old:** Delia Harjo, **8-9 years old:** Akol Billie, **10-11 years old:** Chebon Harden, **12-13 years old:** Garrett Anderson. **14-17 years old:** Mike Doctor, **18-29 years old:** Austin Billie, **30-49 years old:** Vince Motlow, and **50 & Over:** Paul Buster.

Costume Contest
Infant - 1 year old: Scariest 1) Brandon J. Frank 2) Phyllis Osceola 3) Chayse Billie, **Prettiest** 1) Jalyne Mowatt 2) Melinda Gentry 3) Anya Gore. **Most Original** 1) Adakai Robbins 2) Thalia Rodriguez 3) Adrienne Bell, **King** - Grant Osceola, **Queen** - Jaya Osceola.

2 year olds: Scariest 1) Francisco Rodriguez 2) Trinity Bowers, 3) Drew Osceola, **Prettiest** 1) Kaitlynn Gomuy 2) Audriahna Sirota 3) Raylene Stewart. **Most Original** 1) Bradley

Latchford 2) Gherri Osceola 3) Caleb Wolf, **King** - Howie Drake, **Queen** - Kasera Cypress.

3 year olds: Scariest 1) Daniel Rodriguez Jr. 2) Michael Rosato 3) Brevon Cypress, **Prettiest** 1) Kira Mowatt 2) Rylee Osceola 3) Skyla Osceola. **Most Original** 1) Brent Frank 2) Journey Young 3) Kyler Bell **King** - River Osceola **Queen** - Kiauna Martin.

4 year olds: Scariest 1) Lorenzo Jones 2) Donovan Tiger 3) Rhett Tiger **Prettiest** 1) Tyra Sherrell 2) Arianna Primeaux 3) Joelli V. Frank **Most Original** 1) Mi-Lyn Williams 2) Janay Cypress 3) Randee Osceola **King** - Maurice Bell **Queen** - Kiana Bell.

5-6 year olds: Scariest 1) Neko Osceola 2) Nicholas DeHass 3) Cameron Osceola **Prettiest** 1) Isabel Tucker 2) Kaylan Osceola 3) Mailani Perez. **Most Original** 1) Raevin Frank 2) Alisia Billie 3) Aguilbe Osceola **King** - Ethan Cypress **Queen** - Brianna Billie.

7-8 year olds: Scariest 1) Huston Osceola 2) Lauren Osceola 3) Dalton Jumper, **Prettiest** 1) Tianna Young 2) Darion Cypress 3) Alexis Jumper. **Most Original** 1) Maleah Isaac 2) Tia Blais-Billie 3) Bradley Osceola **King** - Tucamah Robbins **Queen** - Joslyn Cypress.

9-10 year olds: Scariest 1) Duelle Gore 2) Jean Frank 3) Shawna Billie, **Prettiest** 1) Braudie Blais-Billie 2) Courtney Osceola 3) Deandra Tiger. **Most Original** 1) Devin Billie 2) Charlie Osceola 3) Kristy Johns **King** - Kendra Osceola **Queen** - Cindi Adair.

11-13 year olds: Scariest 1) Bobby Frank 2) Nicole Osceola 3) Jessica Turtle, **Prettiest** 1) Rhannon Tiger 2) Kyrstal Young 3) Shelby DeHass. **Most Original** 1) Letitia Foster 2) Amber Craig 3) Heather Kippenburger **King** - Jordan Osceola, **Queen** - Chauncey Osceola

14-17 year olds: Scariest 1) Casey McCall 2) Mike Doctor 3) Legus Bowers, **Prettiest** 1) Jojo Osceola 2) Tasha Osceola 3) Tiffany Frank **Most Original** 1) Christine McCall 2) Kurya Kippenburger 3) Dominique Osceola **King** - Catlin Jim **Queen** - Ruby Billie.

18-29 year olds: Scariest 1) Mike Gentry 2) Symphoni Jumper 3) Leah Osceola, **Prettiest** 1) Jessica Buster 2) Melissa Buster-Metalf, Brandi Williams. **Most Original** 1) Melissa DeMayo 2) Samantha Mowatt 3) Reina Micco **King** - Jeff Osceola, **Queen** - Tacey Thomas.

30-49 years: Scariest 1) Twila Billie 2) John Billie 3) Steve Osceola, **Prettiest** 1) Paula Sanchez 2) Shannon Holata 3) Geraldine Osceola **Most Original** 1) Herbert Jim 2) Marcy Osceola 3) Nathan Doctor **King** - Scarlett Young **Queen** - Esther Gopher.

50 years & Over: Scariest 1) Lawanna Niles 2) Junior Billie 3) Carol Cypress, **Prettiest** 1) Cornelia Osceola 2) Betty Osceola 3) Mary Moore. **Most Original** 1) Paul Buster 2) Lucille Jumper **King** - Joe Dan Osceola **Queen** - Wanda Bowers.

Haunted Hot Meals

HOLLYWOOD — On Oct. 31, the seniors of Hollywood Reservation enjoyed a Halloween Restome Party at the Hot Meals building.

The Hot Meals building was decorated with large hairy spiders and bats hanging down from the ceiling. There were carved pumpkins on the table, some with candles casting dark shadows in the main room.

Judy Bill Osceola carved a wolf scene on to her pumpkin and won 1st place in the Carving Contest. Judy Bill said she had carved the pumpkin the night before, and it took her four hours to complete.

Dressing up in Halloween costumes were the most entertaining part of the day, from Mabel Moses in her big butt witch costume to Sam Nelson's trash can costume. There was also an old bag lady, a number of old men and creatures of the dark that came to the Halloween party.

Board Representative David DeHass said that Mitchell Cypress would have liked to have been there, but he was busy in Washington, DC. DeHass thanked the seniors for inviting him, as he was having a good time.

Afterwards, the main event, the pie-eating contest, was hilarious as everyone cheered on his or her favorite pie eater.

Happy Halloween, Seniors.

Hollywood Seniors Halloween Results
Seniors Halloween Costume Contest Men
1- Sammy Nelson
2- Ronnie Doctor
3- Joe Dan Osceola
4- Jimmie O. Osceola
5- Johnny Tucker

Women
1- Mary O. Moore
2- Mabel Moses
3- Naomi Fewell
4- Maydell Osceola
5- Betty Osceola

Pie Eating Contest Men
1- Joe Dan Osceola
2- Ronnie Doctor
3- Jimmie H. Osceola
4- Eugene Bowers

Women
1- Lawanna Niles
2- Annie Jumper
3- Mary Moore
4- Betty Osceola
5- Carol Cypress

Seniors Pumpkin Carving Contest Men
1- Joe Dan Osceola
2- Sammy Nelson
3- Johnny Tucker
4- Jimmie O. Osceola
5- Jimmie H. Osceola

Women
1- Judy Bill Osceola
2- Mary Moore
3- Elsie Bowers
4- Mabel Moses
5- Lawanna Niles



Immokalee Halloween Carnival

By Paula Cassels
IMMOKALEE — On Oct. 31, the outdoor activities at the Halloween Carnival started with the little ghosts and goblins riding the Super Fun Slide, Buggin Out Ride, Kidd Swinger ride, Bounce House and the Land Train.

Inside the gymnasium, the witches and monsters were walking around playing spin the wheel, the pumpkin pool, buying tickets for the Preschool 50/50 drawing, checking the pumpkin carving contest entrants and participating in the Halloween Costume contest.

Family Services had the Red Ribbon booth where, they gave the kids bookmarkers, pencils and necklaces.

To the older kids and adults, they were given red ribbons and a story about Enrique Camarena. Camarena worked undercover in Mexico, investigating a major drug cartel that includes officers in the Mexican army, police and government.

One day on Feb. 7, 1985, Camarena left his office to meet his wife for lunch and was later found tortured to death.

In honor of Camarena, The National Family Partnership organized the first Nationwide Red Ribbon Campaign. The campaign is to educate children about the dangers of drugs and the tragedy it inflicts on men, women and children across the country.

After the Halloween Costume contest, the DJ had all the kids in the hula-hoop contest and the last of the kids stayed for the karaoke contest, having a fun time singing rock hits.

Happy Halloween, Immokalee.



Big Cypress Halloween Party

By Alexandra Frank
BIG CYPRESS—On Oct. 25, the B.C. community held its annual Halloween Party at the softball field. The day featured pumpkin painting, costume contests, dinner, arm wrestling, and an egg toss.

There were many games to participate in during the evening there was a cake walk, a ring toss, basketball shoots, money hidden in a haystack, and a dunk tank hosted by the B.C. Seminole Police Department. A tribal program like Broadcasting, Cattle and Range and the Ahfachkee School sponsored booths.

Booths were scattered around the softball field, the carnival like atmosphere brought young and old, tribal citizens, tribal employees and friends of the community residents.

The most anticipated event had yet to place, the costume contest usually brings out loads of people competing for cash prizes.

This year the competition to win 1st, 2nd, 3rd and king/queen of the contest was fierce. Many entering the contest came up with some outrageous outfits like Les Gopher and Tara Robbins.

There was also a Family Costume Contest that pitted five families against each other for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

The Arm Wrestling Contest was also another favorite event, men and women 18 years and older competed in various weight categories. There were a number of participants willing to flex some muscle and sweat it out to be the winner.

Listed are the winners for the costume, the arm wrestling, pumpkin painting and egg toss contests. This year's Halloween Party was loads of fun and a barrel of laughs, I hope everyone enjoyed themselves, I know I did.

Costume Contest
Ages 0-2: Scariest - 1) Aaliyah Mora 2) Zoey Martinez 3) Ko'ashee Henry
Original - 1) Leilani Gopher 2) Haiya Jim 3) Adakai Robbins.
Prettiest - 1) Caitlen Wolf 2) A.J. Tigertail 3) Mariah Robbins-Smith.
Ages 3-5: Scariest - 1) Joel Martinez 2) Rene Rodriguez 3) Damien Escobar,
Original - 1) Eliza Mora 2) Sierra Bowers 3) Amber Harrold.
Prettiest - 1) Alycia Mora 2) Makayla Cypress 3) Rheannon Robbins.
Ages 6-8: Scariest - 1) Quinton Osceola 2) Tacamah Robbins 3) Rashawn Jim
Original - 1) Chief Billie 2) Dasha Cleman 3) Tylor Tigertail
Prettiest - 1) Dannie Jae Tommie 2) Lillie Mora 3)

Destiny Robbins.
Ages 9-11: Scariest - 1) Michael Cypress 2) Shawna Billie 3) Keagan Cypress
Original - 1) Catlen Cohen 2) Jason Melton 3) Alex Salazar
Prettiest - 1) Ashley Alvarez 2) Natalie Alvarez 3) Brannon Billie.
Ages 12-14: Scariest - 1) Sonnie Billie 2) Chelsea Mountain 3) Jessica Hubbard
Original - 1) Katie Cohen 2) Christina Green 3) Lisa Rittenberry.
Prettiest - 1) Stephanie Hall 2) Chris Nance 3) Tina Rittenberry.
Ages 15-18: Scariest - 1) Ayze Henry 2) Edwin Hubbard 3) John Ussery,
Original - 1) Dalia Garcia 2) Crystall Rittenberry 3) Wilson Bowers.
Prettiest - 1) Robin Riley 2) Danielle Nance 3) Sarah Beth.
Ages 19-49: Scariest - 1) Noah Yzaguirre 2) Suzie Cypress 3) Ronnie Billie
Original - 1) Jeanette Cypress 2) Celesta Osceola 3) Nancy Billie
Prettiest - 1) Les Gopher 2) Alfonso Tigertail 3) Tara Robbins.
50 +: Scariest - 1) Alan Jumper 2) Virginia Tommie 3) Teresa Jumper
Original - 1) Joanne Ferrero 2) Earl Kirkland 3) Cowbone.
Prettiest - 1) Margaret Gibson 2) Lucille Jumper 3) Mary Robbins.
King: 1) Jeanette Cypress 2) Joanne Ferrero 3) Cecelia Solano
Queen: 1) Jose Galindo 2) Les Gopher 3) Bob Cohen
Family: 1) Les Gopher Family 2) Fudbucker Family 3) Gopher Family.
Pumpkin Painting Contest
Ages 4-6: 1) Star Joe 2) Sierra Kirkland 3) Bowers
Ages 7-9: 1) Eli Gonzales 2) Christopher Joe 3) Danee Jae Billie
Ages 10-15: 1) Ayze Henry, Alfred Billie.
Men's Arm Wrestling
Heavy Weight 200 +: Tie - Les Gopher and Tyrone Cypress.
Middle Weight 151-199: Jose Solano
Light Weight 150 & Below: Jeremiah Hall.
Women's Arm Wrestling
Heavy Weight: None
Middle Weight: Dalia Garcia
Light Weight: Gail.
Egg Toss
17 and Under: 1) Byron Billie and Greg Carter 2) Issiah Billie and Julius Billie 3) Wilson Bowers and Dakota Cypress.
18 and Over: 1) Marrissa Baker and Billy Marks 2) Gail and Edwin Hubbard 3) Cory O. and Danny Wilcox.



Brighton Halloween Carnival

By Paula Cassels
BRIGHTON—On Oct. 26, the Brighton community celebrated Halloween at the Brighton softball field. The booths at the Halloween carnival were sponsored by the each department in the Brighton Tribal office.

The Recreation department designed booths, free for the kids, with games like the football throw, softball throw, and the beanbag toss. The booths were sponsored by John Wayne Huff, Sr.

Recreation sponsored the bounce houses and the inflatable playground. 4-H and Education had food booths.

The cake walk booth was sponsored by the Pre-school.

The EIRA sponsored a Jail & Bail booth, a stock trailer turned into a jail for some unlucky people. For a dollar, you could have anyone arrested.

Those arrested had to pay two dollars to get out or anyone could buy a stay out of jail pass for 10 dollars. Brighton Board Representative Alex Johns was the arresting officer.

During the carnival, Johns arrested the Brighton Police Officers. Officer Frazer and Officer Tito were put in jail. Officer Frazer bailed himself out, Officer Tito, the last I hear, was still in Jail.

A popular event was the hay scramble for the kids K-6. The kids had to look in a hill of hay for money, toys, chips, candy and little books.

There was a surprise appearance at the Halloween Carnival by Senator Tom Rossin (D-35), who was drumming up support for Bill McBride in the Florida Governor race. Rossin is running for Lieutenant Governor under McBride on the Democratic ticket.

Rossin spoke about public education, and the need to improve achievement in the public schools. Rossin said the classrooms have too many children and the teachers are being underpaid, and he asked for the audience's support in the upcoming election.

The pumpkin carving contest winners and the night's winner in the 50/50 drawing were announced over the PA system.

Throughout the evening, were the costume contests for the different age groups. The Adult division and the announcement of the King and Queen of the costume contest brought the Halloween Carnival to an end.

Congratulations to the winners and everyone looked great in the costumes. Happy Halloween, Brighton.

