



The SEMINOLE TRIBUNE

"Voice of the Unconquered"

INDIAN DAY 2004

Indian Day: Immokalee Style

By Judy Weeks
IMMOKALEE — Members of the Immokalee community turned out in great numbers for fun, companionship, laughter, contests and wonderful food in celebration of Indian Day on Saturday, Sept. 25.

The Immokalee recreation department under the direction of David and Maria Billie planned and funded the happy occasion. Immokalee Council Liaison Elaine Aguilar supplied not only the food and drinks, but was on hand for the preparation of the traditional Seminole meal cooked over the open fire.

Indian Day activities began at 10 a.m. with canoe races on the lake. The men paddled canoes while the women and children relied on the more stable paddle boats to carry them across the lake. The group competed in teams of two. Competition was very close in the men's division with first and second place being only a few seconds apart.

At the conclusion of the lake events, everyone moved to the athletic field where they were joined by a much larger group ready to celebrate the holiday. A slip 'n' slide, water balloon rockets and bounce and slide had been set up in the field and were already in use. While Maria Billie supervised the axe throwing, Ito Montanez carefully tabulated the scores in archery.

The axe throwing got off to a rough start without any successful throws and a few of the hatchets lost their heads. Soon the group realized that extreme force was not required. Slow, smooth motions would put the axe right into the log. Once they mastered the technique, stiff competition ensued with several run-offs to determine the winners. Watch out for those seniors; they were right on target.

The degree of accuracy with the bow and arrow was very surprising. High scores were quickly adding up and several individuals had to shoot again for tie-breakers.

While all of this was going on, several young children had gathered under one of the chick-ees, and without adult supervision, they had organized their own games. Seeing them playing and

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Shelley Marmor

The Smithsonian Opens the National Museum of the American Indian



Iretta Tiger

The Seminole Color Guard leads the procession on the National Mall in Washington D.C.

By Iretta Tiger
WASHINGTON, D.C. — On September 21, thousands of indigenous people from all over the world gathered in Washington, D.C. to celebrate a truly historic event. The Smithsonian Institution's 17th museum opened and this museum is solely for us; it's the National Museum of the American Indian.

The celebration started with the Native Nations Procession on the National Mall. The procession began in front of the Smithsonian Castle with Colorado Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell and Secretary of the Smithsonian, Lawrence Small leading the way.

Thousands of natives from the US, Canada, South America and New Zealand marched along both sides of the

National Mall. It was amazing to see them gathered together preparing for the procession; natives everywhere you looked with the Washington Monument in the background.

Over a hundred people came to represent the Seminole Tribe including the color guard, council representatives, board representatives and Miss Seminole JoJo Osceola.

As each group waited their turn to participate in the procession, they greeted each other as if they were old friends. Everyone had a huge smile on their face and admired each others regalia. It was fitting that natives gathered as one with love for each other in a place where

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Brighton Community Hit Hard by Hurricane

Preschool building suffers extensive damage

By Susan Etxebarria
BRIGHTON — At the Brighton reservation, the impact of the last two hurricanes, Frances and Jeanne, are estimated to cost millions in damages to buildings and houses. Hurricane Jeanne, causing the most damage, hit the reservation in the early morning hours on Sunday Sept. 26.

"We have damage upon damage," said Housing Director Michele Thomas, three days after Jeanne hit. "We can't even get patched up from one before the next one hits."

Thomas said approximately 25 generators were placed in homes of residents who were in need of electrical service; first on the list were senior citizens and the medically impaired. The electric outages lasted eight days for some residents served by Florida Power & Light at the north

end of the reservation. For the residents of this beautifully planned reservation, the destruction

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Armando Negrin

Hurricane Jeanne caused severe damage to many buildings, including the gym.

Tribal Fair Committee Meeting

By Adelsa Williams
HOLLYWOOD — The tribal fair committee met on Friday Sept. 17 at the Hard Rock Hotel in Hollywood. The committee began by discussing the minutes from the last meeting and after voting, the motion was passed.

Vice Chairman of the committee, Buster Baxley, informed everyone that Hollywood Council Representative Max Osceola Jr., approached the Hard Rock and The Cordish Company to discuss hosting the fair in that property. They granted the leased church property instead, which is located right across from the Hard Rock Hotel. This being their only alternative since the entertainment venue at the Hard Rock property would not be finished until spring 2005.

The set dates for the tribal fair are Feb. 10–13, 2005. The Pow Wow and usual festivities will be held on the leased property and the rodeo will be held in Davie, Fla. at the Bergeron Rodeo

Grounds. Scheduled for Friday is the Bill Osceola memorial Indian rodeo and on Saturday and Sunday an all Indian bull riding.

There will be an employee discount honored for Thursday and Friday of the weekend festivities.

The committee will strictly enforce authenticity during the Seminole clothing contest. All materials must be native made.

Pow Wow committee spokesperson Trudy Osceola, presented a proposed budget and the prize payout schedule. She explained that there will be invited drums instead of host drum groups. Also, some categories during the dance competition have been combined. Please see the flyer posted for all detail information regarding the Pow Wow.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday Oct. 13 at the auditorium lobby in the Hollywood headquarters building.

2004 Eastern Indian Rodeo Association Awards Banquet

By Emma Brown
HOLLYWOOD — The Eastern Indian Rodeo Association (EIRA) ended the 2003–2004 rodeo season with an awards banquet held Oct. 2 at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino.

The evening began at 7 p.m. with nominations and elections for the 2004–2005 rodeo season directors. The next season will be underway in November with the first rodeo being held Thanksgiving day in Alabama.

The outgoing directors also added a special awards section to this year's banquet by presenting awards for best event horses, bull, stock contractor, announcer, pick up man, and bullfighter. Every year there are animals and people behind the scenes that help make every rodeo a success and the directors of the EIRA wished to award those that were most outstanding.



Emma Brown

(L-R) Shelby Osceola, Sheyanna Osceola, Ayze Henry.

Once nominations and elections were completed and the tally count was underway, a delicious dinner was served for all of the guests while they waited for the results to come in. Before announcing the winners of the special awards and the new EIRA officers, President Alex Johns presented sponsors with nice plaques to thank them for all of their support throughout the year.

After presenting plaques, the new officers and special awards were handed out. The 2004–2005 EIRA officers are: President Amos Tiger, Vice President Paul Bowers Sr.,

Secretary/Treasurer Jo Jumper, Bareback Director Adam Turtle, Saddle Bronc Director Sydney Gore, Bull Riding Director Paul Bowers Jr., Steer Wrestling Director Jeff Johns, Calf Roping Director Josh Jumper, Team Roping Director Reno Osceola, Women's Breakaway Director Billie Tiger, Barrel Racing Director Trina Bowers, Special Events Director Moses Jumper.

All special award winners are listed at the end of the story along with all award winners.

Following the presentation of

rodeo. Good luck to all of the contestants that will be representing the EIRA in Soboba, Calif.

2004 Sanctioned Event Winners:

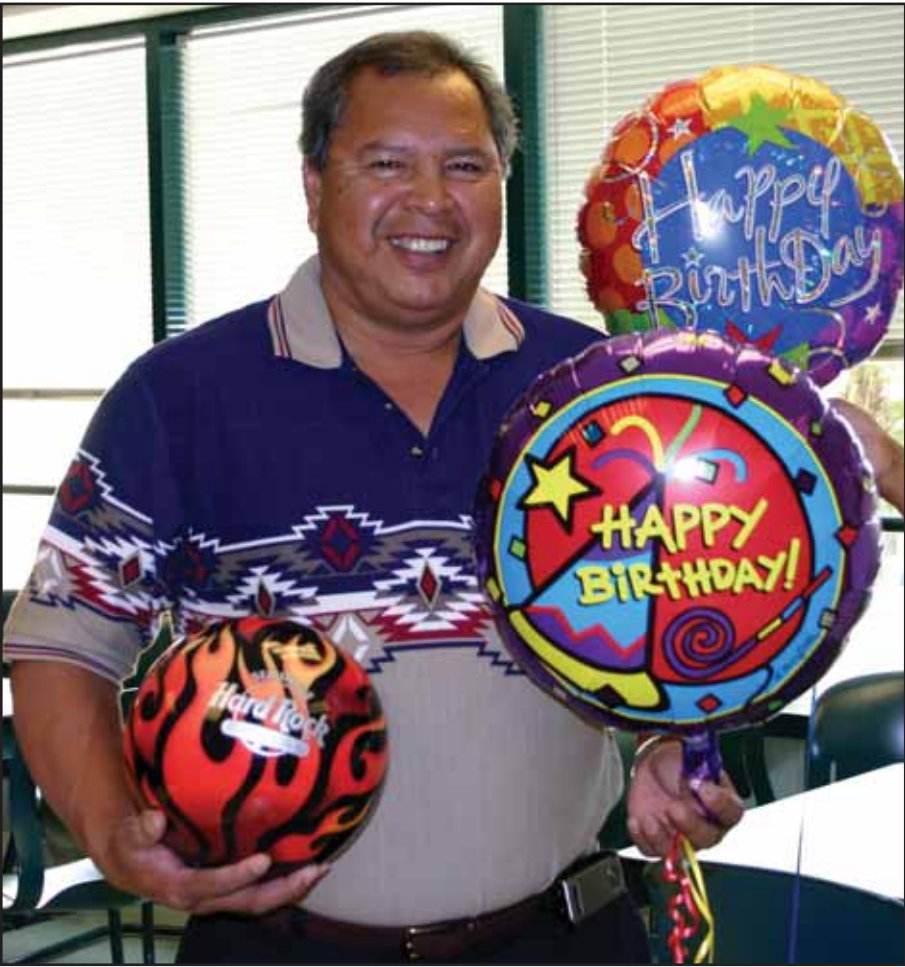
Bareback: Champion Adam Turtle, Reserve Champion Alex Johns.

Saddle Bronc: Champion Shawn Best, Reserve Champion Sydney Gore.

Steer Wrestling: Champion Robbie Chalfant, Reserve Champion Naha Jumper.

Calf Roping: Champion Naha

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Adelsa Williams

Moses Osceola is all smiles with his brand new bowling ball.

Happy Birthday Mr. President

By Michael Kelly

HOLLYWOOD — On Oct. 8, a surprise birthday party was held for Moses Osceola, President and Vice Chairman of the Seminole Tribe of Florida. Jim Allen, Chief Executive Officer for the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, surprised the President with a brand new bowling ball, complete with the Seminole Hard Rock logo on it.

And what's a birthday party

without cake? Pastry chef Michelle Bass, who creates delicious pastries at the Seminole Hard Rock, outdid herself with a white cream frosted cake with fruit filling. Needless to say is was devoured in record time. Both the cake and bowling ball were courtesy of Gaming Operations.

Osceola, whose birthday is Oct. 11, thoroughly enjoyed his gift and the scrumptious cake.

Happy Birthday Moke!

Seminole Host 2004 Intertribal Agriculture Council Symposium

By Iretta Tiger

HOLLYWOOD — On September 30, the planning committee for the 2004 IAC Symposium met at the Hollywood tribal office. This year's conference will be at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino on the Hollywood reservation from Nov. 1-5. This year's conference theme is: "Healthy Land, Healthy Heat through Indian Agriculture".

The committee is looking for event sponsors and/or session break sponsors. The cost of the sponsorship packages are as follows: event sponsor

package is \$5,000 and the session break sponsor is \$3,000. The sponsorships are open to individuals, groups or businesses.

The session break sponsors provide refreshments for the numerous conference breaks such as coffee and doughnuts. There is no limit as to the number of sponsors for the breaks. Sponsor applications will be accepted until the date of the conference.

For more information, check out www.indianaglink.com, or call (406) 259-3525.

Seminole Participate in Native Voters Registration Campaign

By Iretta Tiger

HOLLYWOOD — You have the right to vote and the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) wants you to use this right. As part of their "Native Vote 2004" campaign, NCAI created the Native Voters Registration Campaign and their mission is to register native voters.

To make sure that no native community is left behind a training session was developed as part of the registration campaign. This training session takes local tribal citizens and teaches them the art of registering voters.

Hollywood Council Representative Max Osceola, Jr. brought the training session to the

Seminole Tribe and NCAI interns Cherie Ike and Gyasi Ross conducted the session. Topics ranged from campaign strategy to creating and practicing a "rap". The determination to get Native Americans to vote is so strong a door to door strategy will be implemented.

So when you see the Native Vote 2004 table or when someone from the campaign team comes to talk to you, don't be afraid. They only want to help you to become a registered voter, it costs nothing, takes up very little time and is not affiliated to one political party.

For more information or to register contact Leoma Poore at (954) 931-3064

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David DeHass: The Bull Whisperer

By Adelsa Williams

HOLLYWOOD — Meet tribal citizen David DeHass, panther clan, and the Hollywood board representative for the past four years.

He was born in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. and is the son the late Frances Tigertail-DeHass and Wilmeth Delbert DeHass Jr., the fifth born of four brothers and two sisters.

Since 1996 DeHass has been involved with the horse club and enjoyed working with the Seminole kids in the community. During the horse club days, DeHass experienced certain budget issues with the rodeos and decided to run for office to make a difference.

"The kids compelled me to start," he said, "I wanted the kids better spoken for; they need a fair shake, and they need someone who believes in them."

He recalled when David and Truman Bowers took him around rodeos during his childhood and says he never forgot how something as simple as that overwhelmed him.

"What they did for me, I will do for the kids," he said, "Someone once told me that's called making memories."

DeHass has and still spends time with the kids teaching them how to handle animals. They help him load and unload the bulls and help feed them. He says that this is where he gets his nickname, "the bull whisperer".

Besides the handling of the bulls, DeHass enjoys fishing and hunting deer, hogs and turkeys.

Prior to the rodeos, DeHass spent years working in the roofing industry, which he said "was good to me."

As a young adult, at the early age of 16, DeHass not only rode bulls but also worked at the Big Cypress groves, wrestled alligators and even worked as a dish washer at the popular Sterling Country Kitchen restaurant in Davie.

His sister Debi DeHass recalls many fun and crazy times when they were kids but overall says that David is always a good 'older' brother.

"He was always there for us," said Debi.



Adelsa Williams

(L-R) Leoma Poore, Hollywood Board Representative David DeHass, and Loretta Micco.

"I get all chocked up just talking about it. I felt real special."

When DeHass was elected for his first term four years ago, he recalls not knowing what he was getting into and what the position required of him as a representative, but with time he learned many things and now feels more affirmative.

He said the board can provide a business service as community service. Some for-profit and nonprofit services he plans to put into motion and bring into the board include bringing dialysis machines to reservations in buses, assisted living facilities, a candy factory, an airplane factory and beef, citrus and sugar cane contracts with the military.

Letters & E-mail

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Hello,

I received my order from the marketplace, the Seminole scarf is beautiful. Thank you for your outstanding service! I really enjoyed wearing the scarf on September 21st, during the Seminole Tribe of Florida Native Nations procession in Washington, D.C.

Sincerely,
Catherine Tredinnick
catherineamber@earthlink.net

Dear Friends,

The upcoming election of 2004 has been called the most important in our nation's history. We are witness to an unprecedented mobilization effort in Indian Country to register new voters, engage them in the process, and get them to the polls in record numbers.

National Voice, a nonprofit non-partisan civic participation organization, has been a key player in providing support to voter mobilization work in Indian Country along with the National Congress of American Indians. Together, both organizations are providing training, resources, and coordination for Get Out The Vote (GOTV) efforts.

As part of National Voices' GOTV plans, we have developed the

November 2 campaign, an unprecedented national effort to turn out a combined total of four million new voters-including Native American voters-on election day, Nov. 2, by registering two million new voters and mobilizing two million infrequent voters.

This campaign is not about electing any one candidate or pushing a particular political agenda. It's about the power of democracy and the wisdom of the American people.

This unprecedented mobilization represents the work of non-partisan groups from every corner of the country, including Project Vote, ACORN, NAACP National Voter Fund, People for the American Way Foundation, USAction Education Fund, Clean Water Fund, Earth Day Network, and the Southwest Voter Education Registration Project. We are also working closely with tribes and Native American organizations throughout the country.

Our goal is to harness the energy and enthusiasm of new voters, whose participation could reinvigorate the face of the American political landscape.

We are inviting Native American media outlets to participate in this unprecedented effort by using native specific adverting in tribal newspapers, web-

sites, and other publications. For more information about any or all of the November 2 strategies, goals, or budget, or to talk about how you can be involved, please contact Mark Ritchie, National Voice Coordinator, 2105 First Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55404, (612) 879-7500, mark@nationalvoice.org.

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Dear Editor,

Hi! I will be traveling to Florida in October. My daughters are Girl Scouts, interested in earning a particular patch (re: Seminole culture). In the patch booklet, there is a list of places to visit, one of which is the "BCC Seminole Indian Festival" which purportedly takes place in October. However, I saw no mention of this on your Event Calendar on your website (which, by the way, seemed to be full of very interesting information; I plan to re-visit the site when I have the time to peruse it at my leisure).

Is the Citrus Council of Girl Scouts misinformed, or is the festival just some hokey tourist trap, not worth including on your site?

Thanks for whatever information you can provide,
Anne Fuller

Ms. Fuller,

BCC Seminole Indian Festival was an event hosted by Brevard Community College in Cocoa Beach, Fla. and it was held every year in October. That event, however, is no longer around. During its prime it was a wonderful event that our tribe co-hosted.

I do not know of any other festivals that would fit your needs other than our own on the Big Cypress Indian Reservation—we host two events, the first is the American Indian Arts Celebration (November 12–14) and the Kissimmee Slough Shootout (February 4–6, 2005).

If you are in Florida and are eager for your girls to visit a local educational facility, you may wish to bring them to the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum which is located on the Big Cypress Indian Reservation. We are open Tuesday–Sunday, 9–5 and would love to host your family for a fun-filled day.

Sincerely,
Tina Osceola
Executive Director
Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum

Correction

In the Sept. 24 issue of *The Seminole Tribune* Brighton Council Representative Roger Smith and Brighton Board Representative Johnny Jones were misidentified in photo captions that accompany the article entitled "Meet Brighton's Representatives Roger Smith and Johnny Jones." The captions listed Smith as Brighton's board representative and Jones as Brighton's council representative, when in fact Smith is the council representative and Jones is the board representative.



Dear Wanda Bowers,

Thank you very much for selecting the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino as site for your recent Seminole Princess Pageant. Our staff was delighted at the opportunity to welcome you and your guests and we hope that everyone enjoyed a pleasant and productive stay with us.

As you know, as exciting as Seminole Hard Rock is, there is even more in the way of activities on the way. Please note that we will keep you updated about our progress as we open our exciting Seminole Paradise entertainment district as well as our Hard Rock Live Performance Venue, both of which will provide many exciting opportunities for entertainment and events.

I hope that you will not hesitate to call for any additional assistance I may provide here at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, as it would be a pleasure to work with you again and to welcome you back to our unique resort.

Sincerely,
Ingrid A. Schenk
National Sales Manager

Newly Crowned Seminole Princesses Visit Mashantucket Pequot Pow Wow

By Jo Jo Osceola
NORTH STONINGTON, CT — On August 25-27, Miss Seminole Princess JoJo Dakota Osceola and Jr. Miss Seminole Princess Krystle Anne



(L-R) Krystle Young and Jo Jo Osceola take a break at the Pow Wow in Connecticut.

Young, along with their chaperones Mr. Steve Young and Ms. Holly Tiger, boarded a plane to Connecticut for the annual Mashantucket Pequot Pow Wow.

The trip was the first of many royal duties for the two newly crowned princesses and both were very excited to represent the Seminole Tribe of Florida. The first night in Connecticut, the group ate dinner at Pizza Palace, a pizzeria renowned for its delicious food and was accommodated at the beautiful Foxwood Casino and Resort. The next day, the two princesses prepared for their first grand entry in the pow wow. "I just hope I don't trip," said Young, 13, who was a bit nervous about the grand entry. Needless to say, she didn't fall and performed gracefully. The royalty participated in two grand entries; the first at 1 p.m. and the next at 7 p.m. They ran into their friend, Miss Indian World Delana Smith, who was also a judge in the princess pageant. They helped her pass out flyers and posters for the upcoming Gathering of Nations Pow Wow in

April. "I am honored to be here and meet so many people," Osceola said of the opportunity to come across different cultures. Indeed, there were numerous visitors who commented on the beauty of the princesses and their clothing. Many tribal citizens were also present at the festival and to show support. That night, Trail Liaison Mr. William Osceola treated them to dinner at the Michael Jordan Steak House in the Mohegan Casino. Mr. Osceola parted with words of wisdom concerning investing in the future and doing well for others. Ms. Vivian Delgado also spoke of the significance of knowing Seminole culture and sharing it. The following day, the royalty and company left Connecticut for Florida. "I had so much fun," said Jr. Miss Seminole Krystal Young, who enjoyed the trip immensely, and cannot wait to attend another pow wow. Miss Seminole Princess, JoJo Osceola, and Jr. Miss Seminole Princess, Krystle Young, did a wonderful job representing the Seminole Tribe. Miss Seminole JoJo Osceola would like to thank her family and friends for their love, Byron Billie and his family for their unrelenting support and understanding, Krystle Young, Steve Young, and Miss Selma for their encouragement and entertaining stories. Jr. Miss Seminole Krystle Young would like to thank her parents, family, and friends.

Both princesses would like to thank the princess committee, Mr. William Osceola and Ms. Vivian Delgado for their kind words, Ms. Holly Tiger for being great and Chairman Mitchell Cypress and President Moses Osceola for their encouragement.



Seminole Princess Jo Jo Osceola and Jr. Miss Seminole Krystle Young at the Mashantucket Pequot Pow Wow.

Representing the Tribe in DC at the American Indian Museum Opening

Miss Seminole Princess marches in opening procession

By JoJo Osceola
WASHINGTON, DC — On Sept. 22, I attended the grand opening of the Smithsonian's American Indian Museum in Washington, DC, as the Miss Seminole Princess. It was an honor to be given the opportunity to attend such an event, which is history in the making and marks a monumental moment for Native Americans as a people. Our unique culture will be preserved and remembered forever behind those walls. I was excited to represent my tribe in the procession, in which participating tribes walked through the streets of Washington DC and was applauded and welcomed by supporters. The amount of encouragement all the tribes received, not only by Native Americans but by non-natives, was overwhelming and stunning. I was in awe of the factions who came to watch and the number of tribes who were present was incredible. It was great to see tribes from all over the United States come together to celebrate a day that was meant for us. Many fellow Seminole tribal citizens came to partake in the occasion and show their Seminole pride. Although the celebration was a weeklong event, I could only attend on Sept. 22 because I had to head home for school, where I attend the University School as a senior. I greatly enjoyed my day in Washington DC, and hope every one who participated did also.



The Washington Monument stands in the background as Seminole Princess Jo Jo Osceola takes a break.

Seminole Royalty Attends EIRA Banquet

By Wanda F. Bowers
HOLLYWOOD — Florida Miss Seminole, Jo Jo Osceola and Florida Jr. Miss. Seminole, Krystle Young both from the Hollywood Reservation, had the pleasure of attending the Eastern Indian Rodeo Association (EIRA) Banquet on Saturday night Oct. 2 after all day at the Hollywood Gym during Culture Day.

The Banquet was held at the Hollywood Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. The purpose of the Banquet was to elect new officers and to present all winners of various categories throughout the year, from the EIRA with plaques, buckles and let's not forget the saddles. The recipients of these awards, the first place winner and the reserved are qualified to go to the National Indian Rodeo Finals this year, which is to be held in California. After the awards where given out, the winners of the election of new officers were announced for the up coming year. This was a first for both Jo Jo and Krystle attending the Eastern Indian Rodeo Association banquet but, they were well received. As Jo Jo stated, "When you represent the tribe, you represent all members and their interest." Rodeo is a big part of the tribe and we were glad to be a part of their evening. At the end of the evening both ladies congratulated the new elected President, Amos Tiger and Vice-President, Paul Bowers Sr.



(L-R) Big Cypress Board Representative Paul Bowers Sr., Krystle Young, Jo Jo Osceola, and Amos Tiger.

EIRA

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- Jumper, Reserve Champion Happy Jumper.
Women's Breakaway Roping: Champion Shelby Osceola, Reserve Champion Billie Tiger.
Team Roping: Champion Header Josh Jumper, Reserve Champion Header Marvin Bowers, Champion Heeler Naha Jumper, Reserve Champion Heeler- Trina Bowers.
Women's Barrel Racing: Champion Tess Ducheneaux, Reserve Champion Sheyanna Osceola.
Bull Riding: Champion Shawn Best, Reserve Champion Koty Brugh.
Non-Sanctioned Events:
Mutton Busting: Champion Kalgary Johns, Reserve Champion Josh Johns.
Calf Riding: Champion Andre Jumper, Reserve Champion Josh Johns.
Steer Riding: Champion Adam Phillips.
Junior Bull Riding: Champion Ethan Gopher, Reserve Champion Justin Aldridge.
Pony Riding: Champion William Bearden, Reserve Champion Jacoby Johns.
Junior Bareback Riding: Champion Jacoby Johns, Reserve Champion Seth Randolph.
Barrels (4-8 years old): Champion Acealyn Youngblood, Reserve Champion Andre Jumper.
Barrels (9-12 years old): Champion Nauthkee Henry, Reserve Champion Zane Ducheneaux.
Barrels (13-18 years old): Champion Leanna

- Billie, Reserve Champion Jade Braswell.
50 & Over Breakaway: Champion Moses Jumper Jr., Reserve Champion Rudy Osceola.
Special Awards:
Bareback horse of the year: Rocking 86's "Jungle Fever," Saddle bronc horse of the year: Marki's "Myron's Delight," Bucking bull of the year: Marki's "Jam On It," Heading Horse of the year: Josh Jumper's "Mack," Heeling horse of the year: Naha's "Money," Steer wrestling horse of the year: Jeff




(L-R) Alex Johns, Shelby Osceola, Naha Jumper, and Ayze Henry.



Top row (L-R): Ayze Henry, Naha Jumper, Josh Jumper, Clarissa Bowers, Adam Turtle, Paul Bowers, and Cicero Osceola. Bottom row (L-R): Moses Jumper Jr., Alex Johns, Emma Brown, Boogie Jumper, and Shelby Osceola.


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David Maehr

Bird On the Path of the Storm Saved Seminoles

By Vida Volkert

On the pale and windy morning of Sunday Sept. 16, a black and white bird of large pointed wings and a long forked tail that opened and closed like scissors soared only a few feet above the Seminole camp at Indiantown, Fla. Behind the bird, dark stormy clouds approached slowly from the east.

For several days, the Seminoles had been paying attention to nature's signs of trouble, and now their predictions were confirmed. Like an omen, the bird's passing set the alarm at the camp, and soon, all Seminoles stopped their daily activities and began to prepare for a "Big Wind," as they called a hurricane.

"They said that we would only see this bird if a big wind was on the way," said Betty Mae Jumper, Seminole tribal matriarch who in 1967 was the first woman to serve as chairwoman of the Seminole Tribal Council.

Jumper, who was six years old at the time, had listened to her great uncle, Jimmie Gopher, and her mother, Ada Tiger, talk around the campfire about how the passing of this bird had always warned their ancestors.

"If the bird was flying high, the hurricane was not going to be very strong," Jumper said. "But if it was flying low, the hurricane was going to be very, very rough."

That morning, Jumper and her mom saw two of these birds flying low, and following Gopher's instructions, they retreated with the rest of the Seminoles to the chickees.

In his book "Killer Cane: The Deadly Hurricane of 1928," author Robert Mykle wrote "The Seminole Indians were very wary. They had been heavily battered in the hurricane of 1926 with a dozen dead and many head of their precious cattle drowned. They understood the power of a hurricane. Tales of whole villages swept off islands in the Everglades were related in oral traditions told around campfires and in their open-sided, palm covered chickees."

Jumper's village at Indiantown had been established on high ground, and the chickees had been built on top of wooden platforms erected on logs, slightly off the ground. When Jumper and her mother reached their chickee, they untied the heavy palmetto roof and took it down, placing it on top of the wooden platform. Then, Tiger and her three children crawled under the large palmetto mantel and spent the night under cover.

That stormy night of September, Floridians experienced the second-deadliest natural disaster in U.S. history. Unlike the Seminoles, the rest of the State paid little attention to any warnings of a hurricane, and most people did not prepare or evacuate from the low lands around Lake Okeechobee, according to Mykle.

When the category four storm made its lunge near the coast of West Palm Beach, Fla. it struck the residents with a large tidal surge and winds estimated at more than 150 mph. The hurricane winds reached Lake Okeechobee and the surrounding towns, including Jumper's village, at about 9 p.m.

When the powerful winds reached the lake, they lifted its waters and tossed them southward, "completely washing away entire communities and the dikes that were supposed to protect them," Historian Jay Barnes reported in his "Florida's Hurricane History."

Houses were floated off their foundations and dashed to pieces, or carried away for miles, and the people who were trapped inside their houses drowned or crushed or smothered by floating debris.

Barnes wrote, "the waters rose from four to six feet in the first hour of the storm, and still-water marks in some buildings were almost eight feet above the ground. Few were able to survive this incredible wall of water. In the darkness of the next few hours, Florida experienced its greatest recorded tragedy."

More than 2000 people died, among them children and women who in many cases drowned because they did not know how to swim, or they could not swim because their long and heavy dresses got tangled around debris.

Many of those who had managed to survive had been swept for miles into the saw grass and, too weak or injured to stand or walk, perished later. As the storm moved on, dead bodies were scattered everywhere, decomposing in the sun with each passing day.

Most of the casualties were black seasonal workers, some of them from the Bahamas. There were whites as well, but no reports of Seminole Indian casualties.

Although hurricane alerts had been given in the Okeechobee and Palm Beach areas, the weather forecasting had been so contradictory at times that not many people paid serious attention to the warnings. The Seminoles on the other hand, "shook their heads in dismay at the foolish white people who stayed in their low lands," wrote Mykle.

Jumper remembers the strong winds and heavy rain but does not remember a single Indian dying as a result of the storm. For her,

there's only one explanation. They had been able to predict the passing of the hurricane thanks to the forked tail bird's warning.

There are only a few species of forked tail birds in Florida, but the most common and the largest of all is the swallow-tailed kite, according to David S. Maehr, associate professor of conservation at the University of Kentucky Department of Forestry.

The genus is derived from the combination of two Greek words "elanos" meaning "a kite" and "oideos" meaning "resembling". The species name "forficatus" is also based on the Greek meaning "deeply forked," which refers to the tail.

Maehr has been studying birds in Florida since 1979, and said that the forficatus is the only Florida swallow-tailed kite with a deeply forked tail. Considering the long tail, the bird may grow up to two feet (slightly smaller than a red tail hawk), and it can hover almost motionless in the air by setting its wings at the proper angle and flying directly into a good breeze.

"The bird itself is certainly a very spectacular animal," Maehr said.

Characteristic of large undisturbed forests in the south, this was a bird that used to breed as far north as Southern Minnesota. Changes in the landscape and habitat, however, have made them much more restricted to Florida and a few areas outside the United States, he said.

They are in Florida only from about late February until late summer, and spend the winter in South America.

"These birds do a lot of soaring and acrobatics, and they get on thermals and just ride them," Maehr said.

The forficatus eats mainly reptiles, small mammals and insects that it snatches right off the branches of the trees.

"They would come up swooping in the leaves, and they are so acrobatic that they can just snatch this things right off," he said.

Since these birds would fly low mostly when they are hunting, Maehr said the connection between their flying patterns and changes in the climate may have to do with their prey's behavior.

"It's fairly possible that these birds are responding to some changes in barometric pressure, or light conditions, or wind or any number of things, and that may be a function of how the changing weather is affecting their prey. It may be possible that they fly low in windier conditions because they could sneak up more effectively on something that is perched on a branch," he said.

Tiruvalam N. Krishnamurti, a professor of meteorology at Florida State University famous for inventing one of the most accurate hurricane forecast models in the U.S., said the flying pattern of this bird during windy conditions, as told by Jumper, "may have to do with the bird's natural evacuation awareness."

"In a strong hurricane, both level winds, upper and lower are strong," he said. "If the bird is flying high, it could probably see the distant hurricane approaching. Then, it would come down to a lower level as the hurricane approaches, and go into hiding."

Jumper said she saw the bird flying by the reservation again. This second time she was in her teens and had already moved to South Florida. When the bird flew over the Seminole village, "it was way up in the air."

She and her family went into hiding again, but this time the winds were not as bad, she said. As the years went by and Jumper went to school in North Carolina, she did not see the bird again.

Jumper's mother and great uncle died; Jumper got married, and the Seminole Indians traded their chickees for larger and modern houses. The traditional talks around the campfires were trade for long hours in front of the television, and the Tribal tales of birds announcing the passing of a hurricane were forgotten by the new generations.

Jumper said she does not talk about her people's legends anymore because the young don't want to hear them.

"I would love for somebody to carry them on," she said, "But when nobody wants to hear, you can't make them."

Afraid that her people's legends and oral traditions would fade away in time, Jumper wrote a colorful booklet for children: "Legend of the Seminoles."

As a result of the 1928 hurricane, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers constructed a 150-mile dike around Lake Okeechobee. In places, the dike is 45 feet high and 150 feet wide.

Built out of mud, sand, grass, rock and concrete, and named after President Herbert Hoover, the dike has withstood a handful of hurricanes, though none as powerful as the 1928.

Bones of the victims continue to be found in the surrounding areas.

❖ Jeanne

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of vital structures, including the gymnasium that doubles as an auditorium, a meeting place and banquet hall; the field office where tribal communication begins and resources are allocated; and the \$2.6 million preschool, the children's place for receiving the best possible educational start in the world, are major losses.

All these structures symbolized the good life enjoyed by more than 200 families, a life that they all worked for, desired and planned for many years. It means having to start community development all over again; something the elders are used to doing and the young ones will have to experience.

Now the tribal citizens face difficult challenges ahead and the dedicated staff in many departments must adapt to the frustrating relocation to less desirable working environments. Portables may be installed for the short term to be used for pre-school but for now classes are being held at the auditorium at the cattle and agriculture building.

After Hurricane Jeanne, Brighton gym was condemned for use by Federal Emergency Management Agency authorities. There is a huge hole in the roof and inside the gym you can look directly at the sky. The preschool building was flooded during Frances and major structural deficiencies were discovered then. Jeanne, with winds above 110 miles an hour, only made problems worse.

The building was condemned. The field office is partially usable but the roof over the kitchen and lunchroom and several offices are destroyed. The administration offices may have to be rebuilt.

Richard Osceola, director of the recreation center, whose staff has been forced to move their offices into the youth center for possibly the next six months, was optimistic.

"At least we still have the use of the skate park and the swimming pool," he said.

Meanwhile Michele Thomas has spent more hours at Brighton due to both hurricanes than she has in her offices at Hollywood. She reported lots of houses are suffering from leaks, damaged carpets and furniture.

"The blue tarps we put on damaged roofs after Frances were not strong enough and blew off during Jeanne," she said.

The impact of these hurricanes has also made Brighton Tribal Council Representative Roger Smith re-think what is needed on the reservation.

"This is the first time we have experienced something like this, two hurricanes back to back," said Smith. "And, from what we experienced, now we know we will want to build a hurricane shelter."

One of the first things noticeable in Brighton about 48 hours post-Jeanne was the standing water in people's yards; the sheets of water in pastures and fields where the low-lying lands are slow to drain. How much worse it would have been had not the tribe invested in drainage systems years ago.

In a 1946 hurricane, the Brighton reservation was evacuated after heavy flooding. The Red Cross set up a temporary camp near Okeechobee City, Fla. Thankfully, Brighton is now prepared with safer housing and equipped for swift response in any crisis.

As far as the cattle operations are concerned, Don Robertson, director of natural resources, reported that fences were down in the pastures, mineral boxes were torn up, the hay barn at the St. Thomas place blew down and there was lots of standing water. He said ditches would have to be cleaned out so they can drain.

The reservation was littered with debris, twisted sheets of aluminum off mobile homes and buildings, shards from sheds, and unrecognizable pieces of structures lay crumpled on the grounds; signs were blown down or leaning, even a few chickens lost their supports and had fallen like cakes to the ground. But, it only took a matter of days for most of the debris to disappear.

Maintenance crews, volunteers, staffers were hard at work on Monday Sept. 20, trying to restore

the landscape of the reservation back to its normal order.

"I think everyone did real good during these hurricanes. I am glad to see everybody chip in and help out. We try to watch out for each other," said Roger Smith. He was especially thankful there were no injuries or deaths.

"Now we just need to repair buildings. They can be replaced but lives cannot be replaced. It's not as bad as Arcadia," he continued.

Until Tuesday no one had electricity. Houses were without TV, refrigeration, kitchen appliances, and air conditioning. But by Friday Oct. 1, most homes had power restored except for the unfortunate families—about 20 families—who live on the north side of Brighton.

No one knew how long these people would have to endure the discomforts. Generators were being supplied and fueled by the tribe and some residents bought their own after Frances knocked them out.

Feeding the people was the heroic mission of the Hotmeals Coordinator Leah Minnick, and her staff. Only the Hotmeals building, also known as the senior center, was still functioning after Jeanne with the help of a super sized generator.

It was quickly the beacon of comfort for everyone at the reservation. Here is where breakfasts, lunches and dinners were being served daily to everyone at the reservation without electric, to all the families and even the workers, the fire and rescue, the police, the clean up crews. It was also the place to talk to others and gather information; in the words of Michele Thomas, it became the "command center."

Hot Meals

normally serves about 30-50 lunches a day during the workweek but Sunday, Sept. 26 they opened for supper and served 120 people. Monday they served 225 lunches. They continued to serve breakfast, lunch and dinner to all residents without power even through the following weekend until Sunday Oct. 3. The devoted staff worked very long, hard hours.

"We will be here as long as the electric is out, serving three meals a day," said Minnick. "In the time of need everybody is pitching in and helping out and it is good to see."

In total, Hotmeals served approximately 1281 meals in eight days compared to the 250 served during a normal week.

"The banks were closed and people had to throw away food," she said. "Without the meals many people would have had a lot tougher time. You can see that we had the only functioning building. This is the only place that has a generator. I told people this 20 year old building would hold up while others will blow away."

Many volunteers helped the regular kitchen crew cook up enormous amounts of food that had been especially delivered by Sysco food suppliers and paid for by the tribe.

"I think it just brings people closer together," said Vicki Huff, a senior center employee. "When times are hard everyone helps out."

All the other various offices and services were crippled with lack of electricity. The library, cattle and agriculture building, and culture and education building all closed. When they finally got power on Tuesday, and reopened, the phones were not working, the internet access was down.

Also on Tuesday Lorraine Gopher, head of culture and education, made a decision to start up the pull-out program for the rest of the week with classes in Seminole culture, history and language. Kids would have something productive to do while the gym is closed and schools closed in Okeechobee, Fla.

With 50 kids showing up on Wednesday the attendance was excellent and a testimony to the popularity of the program considering most kids had the day off from regular school and did not have to attend the program.

The story is not over. Even as *The Seminole Tribune* goes to press, new problems are discovered each day at Brighton and it is going to take time to assess all the impacts of these two horrendous hurricanes.



Armando Negrin

Ariel view of a building damage by Hurricane Jeanne.

Brighton Feels Wrath of Hurricane Jeanne

Employees try to pick up the pieces from the EOC in Hollywood

By Shelley Marmor

HOLLYWOOD — At 9 a.m. on Monday Sept. 27 several department heads met in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), located in the auditorium, to coordinate relief efforts for the Brighton reservation. The reservation was without electric and phone service, which made gathering information difficult.

"Other than the satellite phone, I don't think there is any communication with Brighton," said Executive Administrator Ken Fields.

Fields initiated a conference call with other tribal employees including Emergency Management Coordinator Laurie McRoy. She informed Fields the Big Cypress reservation had regained power, which it lost at approximately 1:30 a.m. Sunday morning as Jeanne hit.

Brighton was not so lucky. As of Monday morning, they were among the nearly one million Floridians without power, and Fields was not optimistic that they would have it back any time soon.

"I think [the Florida Power & Light Company] is stretched so thin," said Fields. "It might take a while."

After a brief update on the other reservations, all sustaining only minimal damage, the focus shifted back to Brighton. Besides being without power, many buildings in Brighton suffered structural damage.

The buildings sustaining the most damage included: the field office, the

Seminole Police Department, the casino, preschool and sewer plant. Strong hurricane force winds managed to blow the steel roof off of the reservation's filtered water reservoir.

Director of Utilities Susie Kippenberger assured Fields that "we're OK on water." Her focus shifted to getting generators to Brighton. Her plan was to set up the generators in the Brighton field office because it has an ice maker and a kitchen.

On the conference call McRoy informed Fields that she had just spoke with District Commander Keith Yeates from emergency services who said the reservation needed fuel above all else. With the Big Cypress Trading Post gas station not too far from Brighton, this seemed the easiest method. Director of Purchasing Denise Carpenter began working on securing a fuel truck that would transport to Brighton.

"We'll get gas up there as soon as we can," assured Fields.



Shelley Marmor

Hollywood employees (L-R) Human Resources Director James Carnicella, Purchasing Director Denise Carpenter, Administrative Assistant Lisa Mullennix and Executive Administrator Ken Fields.



The 2004-2005 Seminole Princess pageant committee: (L-R) Chairman Wanda Bowers, Vice Chairman Salina Dorgan, Secretary Cherlee Hall and Treasurer Priscilla D. Sayen.

Princess Committee Meeting and Elections

By Adelsa Williams
CLEWISTON, FL — For the first time since the crowning of the new Miss Seminole princesses in August, the princess pageant committee met on Thursday Sept. 16 at the Clewiston Inn. Prior to commencing the meeting, the committee held the elections of new officers.

The winners were: Chairwoman Wanda Bowers, Vice Chairwoman Salina Dorgan, Treasurer Priscilla Sayen, and Secretary Cherelee Hall.

The ballot count results are as follows: Chairman: Wanda Bowers-6, Alice Billie-1, Suraiya Smith-7.

Vice Chairman: Salina Dorgan-8, Louise Gopher-6, Charlotte Burgess-6.

Secretary: Cherelee Hall-11, Holly Tiger-10.

According to the new set rules by the committee, new officers will serve a three year term.

Wanda Bowers congratulated Holly Tiger for a job well done for her assistance with the stage preparations and clerical assistance during the past pageant and told her she was glad she came aboard the committee this year and hopes she continues

aboard in the years to come.

The committee scheduled next year's pageant from July 27-31.

Items discussed were the planning of several interactive recruiting activities months prior to the pageant, in efforts to recruit more young Seminole



The committee discussed pageant by-laws, among other important issues.

ladies to compete.

Also discussed were the number and order of administered drug tests for committee members and pageant contestants.

Age requirements for princess pageant contestants have been changed. In the Junior Miss division, contestants must be 13-17 years of age and for Miss Seminole contestants must be between 18 and 25. This way, the winner of the pageant will be eligible to compete at the Miss Indian World competition the following year, to meet the organization's 18 years of age requirement for all contestants.

The committee agreed to meet once a month until May of next year to discuss all the upcoming events and preparations. The next meeting is scheduled for October 19 at 10:30 a.m. at the Clewiston Inn.

Should you need to contact the princess pageant committee, you may call Wanda Bowers or Priscilla Sayen at (954) 966-6300, Ext. 1468 or 1461.



Princess committee members distributed shirts with the Seminole Tribe's Princess Pageant logo.

A Cop Armed With A Camera

Seminole Police Department Sergeant Jerry Meisenheimer is an avid photographer. He has many of his award-winning photos on display in the Brighton SPD offices.

By Susan Etxebarria
BRIGHTON — If you travel around the Brighton reservation, be sure to smile. You might find yourself being photographed by the cop with a camera.

Sergeant Jerry Meisenheimer of the Seminole Police Department (SPD) has been taking pictures there for nearly 14 years. In fact, he has more than 20 photo albums of amazing shots he has taken around the reservation that document a living history of the tribe and its most memorable times, such as the construction of the casino, rodeos, parades and special events like Brighton field days, Indian Day, Halloween and the 4th of July.

This avid shutterbug says he loves getting pictures of the kids and seniors wearing traditional Seminole clothing. Most recently he took pictures of kids attending an all-terrain vehicle safety course and a birthday party at the Brighton pool.

"I feel like I am part of the Brighton community, and the people are like my extended family," says Meisenheimer.

He has also taken pictures of the reservation's abundant wildlife including the butterflies, snakes, newborn calves, flowers and sunsets.

Many of Meisenheimer's award-winning framed photographs hang on the wall in the Brighton SPD office. Every year he enters his photo art in juried shows at local arts and crafts festivals and over the years he has earned many first, second and third place awards, ribbons and honorable mentions.



SPD's Jerry Meisenheimer stands with some of the photos from his 20-photo album collection.

How does Meisenheimer get such good shots? He says, "The secret is getting up close."

"I get right in people's faces," he added.

When he has his film processed he always gets double prints so he can hand them out to his subjects. Currently he uses a Minolta Maxxum 35mm camera—the fifth one he has owned—averaging two rolls of film a week.

Meisenheimer's love of photography began in the 1960s when he was stationed in East Africa as a Catholic missionary. His parents had given him an Argus C3 box camera and a light meter so he could share his experiences while living in Tanzania. Since there were no stores that processed film in Africa in those days he would send the film home to have it processed into slides.

"I didn't get to see the results until I returned home to Wisconsin five years later," he said. In addition to the African peoples and the conditions there, many of his photos showed him displaying the big game he had hunted. Armed with his camera and a Portuguese Mouser, he shot elephants, wildebeest, zebras, warthogs and other game for food for the village. He also shot pictures of his farming operation there, consisting of cattle, pigs, and acres of cashew nut trees.

After returning to the U.S., Meisenheimer became a police officer in 1967 and has worked in the field 37 years. During that time he has also had to photograph hundreds of crime scenes and traffic homicides.

Meisenheimer is rarely seen about the reservation without his camera. You never know where you will find him next—so be ready to say cheese.

State Road 7/US 441 Revitalization Conference

By Shelley Marmor
HOLLYWOOD — The South Florida Regional Planning Council sponsored a meeting at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino on Thursday Sept. 30 to discuss plans to revitalize the Broward County sections of State Road 7/US 441. The meeting involved representatives from the 14 municipalities that exist along the State Road 7 corridor, as well as community members, developers, and stakeholders in the revitalization process.

In addition to Seminole tribal land, Coral Springs, Coconut Creek, Davie, Parkland, Margate, North Lauderdale, Tamarac, Lauderdale Lakes, Lauderhill, Plantation, Hollywood, Miramar and parts of unincorporated Broward County comprise the 14 municipalities.

The State Road 7 corridor is 25.6 miles long and is divided into nine planning segments. The Hollywood reservation is included with parts of Hollywood and Davie, Fla. to comprise one segment of the revitalization plan.

The South Florida Regional Planning Council hopes to widen State Road 7 with funding from the Florida Department of Transportation, widen the sidewalks, revitalize the public bus transportation stations, resurface the road and add landscaping, to name a few.

Broward County Mayor Ilene Lieberman attended the meeting. She joked that this was one of her first public appearances since life regained normalcy post-hurricanes.

"It's a pleasure to be here today and not at the [Emergency Operations Center]," Lieberman said.

Lieberman gave some statistics of State Road 7, saying 45 percent of Broward County residents, or about 700,000 people live within a three mile radius of the road. She said all these people will benefit from the revitalization efforts.

However, she said it will not be easy nor will it be complete in the near future, saying the revitalization will be "a great challenge that all of our leaders face."

Lauderdale Lake Commissioner Hazel P. Rogers echoed what Lieberman said about the project being a challenge. She said, however, that it was a challenge that is possible in completing.

"Please, ladies and gentlemen, pardon our dust," Rogers said. "State Road 7 is being revitalized."

Michael Y. Cannon from the Urban Land Institute, a nonprofit research and education organization, said the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino exemplifies ideal development of State Road 7. Cannon suggested working with all 14 municipalities to create a unified theme for the road, while respecting each municipality's unique personality.

For more information on the State Road 7 revitalization efforts, please log onto <http://www.sfrpc.com/sr7.htm>.



Photo courtesy of the South Florida Regional Planning Council

A conceptual view of US 441 in Hollywood.



Shelley Marmor

Revitalization conference attendees stopped by booths set up by the different municipalities along State Road 7. These displays showed what specific city governments have in mind for the road's corridor.

Meet the Grants Formulation and Government Relations Department

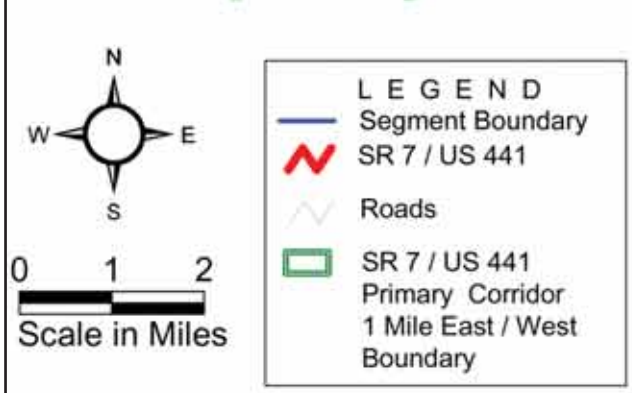
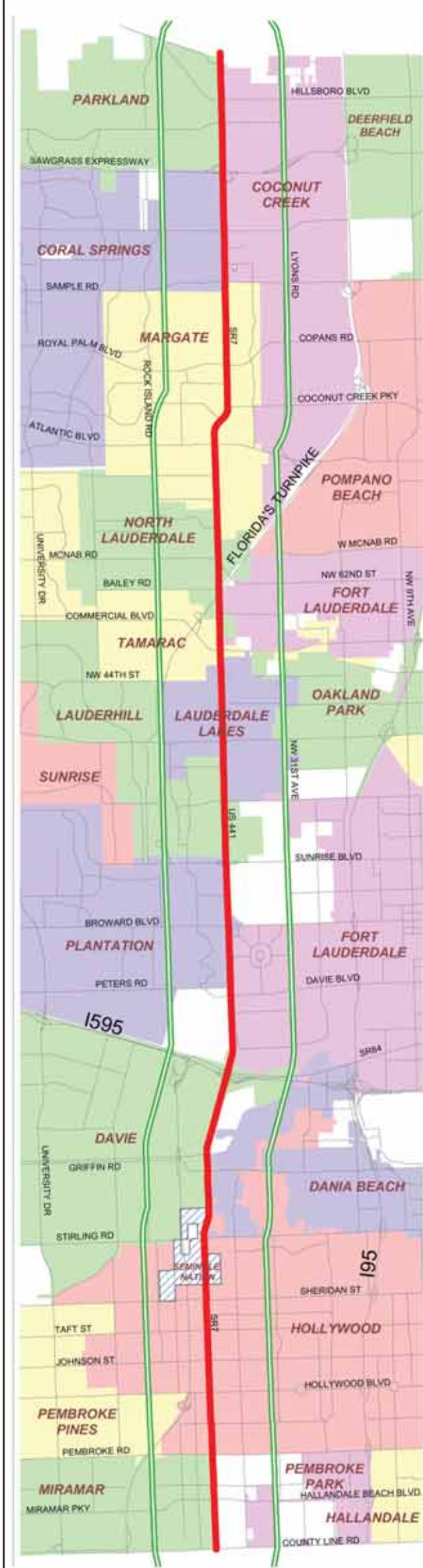
Submitted by Grants Formulation and Government Relations Dept.

HOLLYWOOD — Grants Formulation and Government Relations is a new department with some familiar faces. During the last nine months, Director Joel Frank Sr., Peggie Reynolds and Yolanda Liesdek have been working with community leaders and other tribal departments to help bring in funding and seek out economic ventures for the tribe.

These joint efforts have resulted in the following successes: \$500,000 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant for the elder activity center in Immokalee, \$50,000 grant for the Boys & Girls Club on the Hollywood reservation and \$150,000 HUD grant for community planning and economic development for the Big Cypress reservation.

Unlike most tribal departments that provide direct services to tribal members, Grants and Government Relations staff works behind the scenes to develop grant applications and proposals that are submitted for funding consideration by government agencies as well as Tribal Council.

BROWARD COUNTY SR 7/US 441 CORRIDOR MAP



By collaborating with tribal staff and community members who know exactly what types of projects and activities their Seminole reservations need, the proposals have a very good chance of being funded.

The second important role for this new department involves developing and maintaining ties with businesses and government agencies throughout the country. Whether the tribe is seeking new grant opportunities or promising economic ventures, building solid relationships with reputable business and government leaders leads to successful tribal programs and activities.

By sustaining strong alliances with federal, state and local governments and other tribes, The Seminole Tribe of Florida continues to be a strong influence out in the world and increases its prosperity at home.

For more information about the Grants and Government Relations Department, feel free to contact Joel Frank Sr., Peggie Reynolds or Yolanda Liesdek at (954) 966-6300, Ext. 1290.



Yolanda Liesdek, Joel Frank Sr. and Peggie Reynolds.

'Singin' in the Rain' Debuts at Hard Rock

The show will run from Oct. 1–Nov. 12

HOLLYWOOD — Legendary performer Debbie Reynolds, who danced with Gene Kelly and Donald O'Connor in the movie version of "Singin' in the Rain," was on hand to promote the latest version of the popular stage show at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood.

As part of a trend for Broadway shows to be staged at U.S. casinos, a six week run of "Singin' in the Rain" opened Friday Oct. 1 and runs through Friday Nov. 12.

Show producers Al Parinello and Chris Giannini bring "Singin' in the Rain" to the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel &

filled with dazzling dance numbers and captivating songs performed by a talented cast. Fresh from its debut at the Trump Plaza in Atlantic City, N.J., "Singin' in the Rain" brings a bit of New York City to Florida.

Dazzling dance numbers and captivating songs highlight the show. Tim Falter (Don Lockwood) watched Gene Kelly as a child do the famous "Singin' in the Rain" dance sequence. The rainstorm scene is replicated on stage as thousands of gallons of heated water from pipes and hoses pour upon the actor as he sings and dances during the scene. Falter has appeared on television in "Sex and the City," "Other Voices" and "The Sopranos."

Margot de la Barre (Kathy Selden) played this role at the Surfflight Theatre in Beach Haven, N.J. five years ago and has performed in "Kiss Me Kate" and "Me and My Girl." Laura Lee Summerhill (Lina Lamont) joins the cast at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino performance after just finishing the role of Roxie Heart in "Chicago." Courter Simmons' (Cosmo Brown) off-Broadway credits include "Sebastian in Illyria" and "Cupid in Dido and Aeneas."

Performances run Tuesday–Friday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and on Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. "Singin' in the Rain" will run from Oct.



Debbie Reynolds

1–Nov. 12. All tickets are reserved and cost \$25. Tickets may be subject to applicable service charges and can be purchased through all Ticketmaster outlets, online at www.ticketmaster.com or by calling (954) 523-3309 in Broward, (305) 358-5885 in Miami-Dade or (561) 966-3309 in Palm Beach.

Event dates, details and ticket prices subject to change without notice. Discounts are available for groups of more than 40 people. Call Jenny Dreyer at (954) 327-7575 for group reservations.

The Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino is located at One Seminole Way, just north of Stirling Road on State Road 7 (U.S. 441) in Hollywood. The ballroom is located in the north end of the building. Parking is free. For more information, contact Julianne Carelli at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino (954) 327-7504 or Gary Bitner at (954) 730-7730, Ext. 120.



Cast members from "Singin' in the Rain."

Casino after more than a year of planning. A Jersey Shore Entertainment Production, the upbeat romantic comedy is

Seminole Paradise Announces October Entertainment Lineup

Submitted by Julie Katz
HOLLYWOOD — Seminole Paradise, South Florida's newest entertainment district at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood, will be presenting a

variety of musical acts and special events throughout the month of October.

Scheduled to appear at the center fountain are:

Sundays (Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24): Fito Espanola on the electric harp from 7–10 p.m.; (Oct. 31 only) DJ and Halloween music.

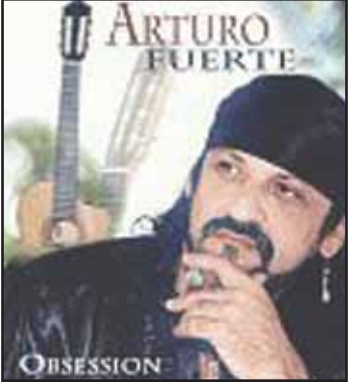
Wednesdays (Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27): The Providence, a blend of acoustic, pop and rock from 7–10 p.m.

Thursdays (Oct. 7, 14 and 28): Billy Bones, contemporary sounds from 7–11 p.m.; (Oct. 21 only) Dave Shelley, blues from 7–10 p.m.

Fridays (Oct. 1, 8, 15 and 29): Arturo Fuente, flamenco from 7–10 p.m.

Saturdays (Oct. 2, 16 and 30): Dave Shelley, blues from 7–10 p.m.; (Oct. 23 only) Dave Norwood, country music from 7–10 p.m.

Seminole Paradise offers 17 themed food and dining options such as Johnny Rockets, the All-American



Arturo Fuente

Diner, and the Bad Ass Coffee Company, one of the largest distributors of Kona coffee from Hawaii, 13 nightclub and entertainment venues and 24 distinct retail shops including Cache, Footworks, Funky Fish, Havana Shirt Company, Plantazia, Quicksilver, Ritchie's Swimwear and Sunglass Hut.

Located adjacent to the Seminole Hard Rock

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

For more information, please call Julie Katz at (954) 587-0669.



Billy Bones

Seminole Tribe Events Calendar

18th Annual IAC Symposium @ Hollywood Hard Rock Hotel & Casino										
1	Presidential Election Day	2	3	4	Last Quarter	5	6			
7	8	Veteran's Day Celebration Big Cypress Entertainment Complex	9	10	Armistice Day, 1918 Veteran's Day	11	12	American Indian Arts Celebration at Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki	13	
14	American Indian Arts Celebration at Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki	15	Battle of Waboo Swamp, 1836	16	NAGPRA signed into law, 1990	17	18	First Quarter	19	20
21	(Burning of the Fort towns) First Seminole War begins, 1817	22	23	24	Thanksgiving Day	25	26	Full Moon Lincoln delivers Gettysburg Address, 1863 Charlie Emathla executed, 1835	27	
28	Billiards Florida Classic WPBA Nov. 29 - Dec. 5 Gatoochie escapes from Fort Marion, 1837	29	30	Diabetic Fall Carnival Hollywood Field	November					

November

Attention

Seminole Youth!

Boys & Girls of the Seminole Tribe of Florida Essay Contest

Subject:

"What Veteran's Day Means to Me"

Entries must be received by October 27 and turned in to the chairman's office in Hollywood.

The winners will be asked to read their essay at the Veteran's Day celebration at the Big Cypress entertainment complex on November 9.

Winners and winning essays will also appear in The Seminole Tribune.

Please call (954) 967-3900 with any questions.

Have a question or need information for the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Tampa? Please feel free to email us at playersclubtampa@seminolehardrock.com.

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— Doug Hoppe, Director of Marketing

Seminole Tribe of Florida

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Palmetto Basketry
Doll Making

Southeastern Dancing
Powwow Dancing
Seminole Food

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‘Walking Counts’ Fall Pedometer Contest Starting October 18

By Shannon McKeown, Hollywood Clinic Health Educator

Fall is coming! And so is your chance to participate in a new and exciting program offered by the Seminole health department beginning Oct. 18.

The Walking Counts pedometer contest will kick-off our lineup of special programs that will help you achieve a balanced and healthy lifestyle through good nutrition and exercise. The contest is a five-week program that will send you on a journey through the state of Florida to historical and sacred Seminole sites.

The senior division will complete a total of 100 miles, while the adult division will wrap up with a total of 200 miles.

Registration at each reservation begins on Monday Oct. 18 at 8 a.m. and will end on Monday Oct. 22 at 5 p.m. Each participant will be given a pedometer that has been specially programmed by your reservation's health educator to measure how far

you walk each week.

Every Monday you will visit with your reservation's health educator and log in your weekly miles. Prizes will be awarded when you complete half of your historical tour.

Grand prizes will be given to first, second and third place winners in each division for reaching their final destination.

Come and register for Walking Counts on Oct. 18 and learn more about your Seminole heritage! Register early so you don't fall behind the rest of the crowd.

Walking will provide balance to your life by relieving stress and burning off those unwanted calories.

Remember that this is just the beginning of more outstanding programs to come that will help you reach a healthy lifestyle balance, so stay tuned!

For more details on Walking Counts, please contact your reservation's health educator: Hollywood: Shannon McKeown (954) 962-2009, Big Cypress: Debbie Ray (Hamilton) (863) 983-5798, Brighton: Barbara Boling (863) 763-0271, and Immokalee: Charlotte Porcaro (239) 657-6038.



The Importance of Smoke Detectors in the Home

Submitted by the Emergency Services Department

Smoke detectors save lives. A working smoke detector increases your chances of surviving a fire by 50 percent. Each year in the U.S. 5,000 people are killed by home fires.

For minimum protection install smoke detectors in each bedroom, outside each sleeping area and every level of your home. Avoid placing smoke detectors in kitchens and/or bathrooms.

Installing smoke detectors:

Mount the smoke detector in the middle of the ceiling, if possible. For wall-mounted units, place them at least three feet from any

corner and four-six inches from the ceiling. Do not install smoke detectors near heating or cooling ducts. In mobile homes, install smoke detectors on inside walls.

Smoke detector maintenance

Test smoke detectors monthly. Replace batteries once a year—use daylight savings time as a reminder. Think: change my clock, change my smoke detector battery.

Smoke detectors monitor the air 24 hours a day. After 10 years, it has been on the job for more than 87,000 hours. For optimum protection replace smoke detectors every 10 years.



In case of fire



Stay low smoke rises, the better air is closer to the floor.



Feel the door, if it is hot do not open it.



Plan ahead, know the fastest way out. Know at least 2 ways out. Make sure all windows, doors are in working order.



Call 911, state type of emergency and location of emergency.



Emergency Services

Fire Safety Promoted In Brighton Watch out for cell phones!

By Susan Etxebarria

BRIGHTON — To highlight October as Fire Prevention Month, the Brighton fire and rescue department set up a booth at the field office on Oct. 1.

An offer to install free smoke detectors and fire extinguishers at every tribal citizen's residence was promoted by firefighters/Emergency Medical Technicians Joshua Eveleth and David Harris. They also gave out informational packets with fire safety tips and token gifts.

One of the more interesting fact sheets included the warning to never use a cell phone when filling your automobile with gas. Mobile phones can ignite fuel or fumes. It seems that a mobile phone that lights up when switched on or off can release enough energy to pro-

vide a spark for ignition.

The fact sheet cites the example that an individual suffered severe burns to her face when fumes ignited as she answered a call while refueling her car.




Another individual suffered burns to the thigh and groin as fumes ignited when the phone in his pocket rang while he was refueling his car.

It is best to leave the cell phone inside the car or turn it off. Don't think you can place the cell phone on the car either. A phone was placed on a trunk of a car during fueling; it rang and started a fire destroying the car and the gas pump.

More information can be found on the internet at <http://www.snopes.com/autos/hazards/gasvapor.asp>.



SEMINOLE TRIBE OF FLORIDA



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Big Cypress Reservation 983-2285.

Brighton Reservation 763-5731.

Glades, Okeechobee, Hendry County:

Dial 911

Fire and Life Safety Tips

1. Have an evacuation plan available and a meeting place outside away from building.
2. Smoke alarms save lives! Check monthly and change batteries every 6 months.
3. Use surge protectors instead of extension cords
4. Have portable fire extinguishers available in your home One in the kitchen and one in the garage (ABC multi-purpose extinguisher for home use)

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Rain Means Mosquitoes; Unless...

Submitted by the Seminole health department

Everybody can help minimize mosquitoes after heavy rains by taking a thoughtful walk around the yard. Look for places where water collects, because mosquitoes lay eggs in standing water.

According to Doug Wilson from Clarke Mosquito Control, the eggs hatch within 48 to 72 hours, and then pass through four larval stages in the water, which takes another three to five days. Then a fresh batch of hungry mosquitoes is ready to start biting. If the water is drained during any of the larval stages, the young mosquitoes will die.

Here is a checklist to eliminate mosquito breeding places from your yard:

- ✓ Turn over and drain pots, cans, tires, toys and buckets
- ✓ Sweep out water in playground equipment and tarps covering boats or equipment.
- ✓ Change water in bird baths and plant trays every few days.
- ✓ Remove vegetation or obstructions to drainage in ditches and rain gutters.
- ✓ Pump out bilges on boats.
- ✓ Sweep out puddles and standing water on walkways, patios or in the lawn.

If mosquitoes are out of control in your neighborhood, report complaints to the Mosquito Hotline at (800) 443-2034. Also, report any dead birds. Reporting dead birds during high mosquito activity is important since mosquitoes contract West



Pay close attention to any standing water, especially buckets of water left outdoors because mosquitoes can lay eggs in the buckets.

Nile Virus from birds and can pass it on to humans.

To protect yourself from mosquito bites, use long sleeves, long pants and socks. Avoid being outdoors at dawn and dusk when female mosquitoes are searching for a blood meal. Repair window and patio screens. Take extra protection measures for immune-compromised individuals, especially young children and the elderly, and make it an ongoing practice to watch for and eliminate areas of standing water around your home.

The 10 Scariest Halloween Health Risks

Submitted by the Seminole Health Department

10. Not being able to fight colds and flu's because you simply had too much sugar at one time. According to nutritionist Doris Mir at the Hollywood clinic, sugar destroys B vitamins, which play an important role in immune function. Eat immune-boosting vegetables, fruits and whole grains, wash hands more frequently and try not to overdo it on the sugar.

9. Getting a cavity from too much sugar. Consider hiding the loot from your kids so they don't eat all the candy at one time. Remember, kids are getting extra candy at school, church, stores, relatives and friends during the weeks before and after Halloween. Saving some for another day will help their teeth as well as their health. Who knows, they might even forget about it after a while.

8. Eating a bad treat because an adult didn't inspect the goodies. Don't munch during trick or treating and without inspecting each item. Plan to eat before going out, especially the children.

7. Having a reaction to a homemade candy or baked good. If you don't know the home, discard items that are not commercially wrapped.

6. Catching a virus or a cold because you didn't wash your hands thoroughly after touching so many things that other people handled. Use soap and hot water for at least 20 seconds with a rubbing action. Also, wash and inspect fruits carefully and cut them up before eating.

5. Getting lost in the dark. Don't let kids go

out without supervision. Stick together. Use flashlights, glow sticks or reflective tape and stay in well lit areas. Consider a mall outing or church festival instead of outdoor trick or treating. Stay safe by making it a family event.

4. Becoming ill or injured by tampered treats. Check fresh fruit and commercial candy for tiny pinholes, tears in wrappers, discolorations or anything unusual. Throw out treats that look suspicious.

3. A young child choking on a gumdrop, peanut, gummy bear, hard candy or small toy. Keep an extra eye on everybody in the midst of the festivities. In the excitement adults and children can forget to be careful. Accidents and injuries can be avoided by paying attention. Watch you pets, too. Even a small amount of chocolate can be deadly if accidentally ingested by your dog.

2. Getting a rash or swollen eyelids from novelty make-up. Make-up can be safer than a mask, because you can see better to cross roads. But using novelty make-up the wrong way can leave a reaction that lasts longer than Halloween. Don't decorate with things that are not meant for the skin. Follow instructions carefully, especially with respect to the eyes, and wash off make-up thoroughly before going to bed.

1. Getting a corneal ulcer in your eyes by using decorative contact lenses without appropriate supervision by an eye care professional. Consumer beware where you purchase items—be smart. Eye infections can lead to blindness.

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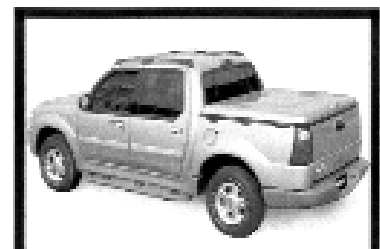
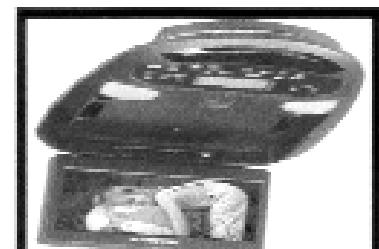

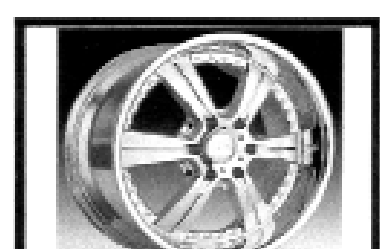







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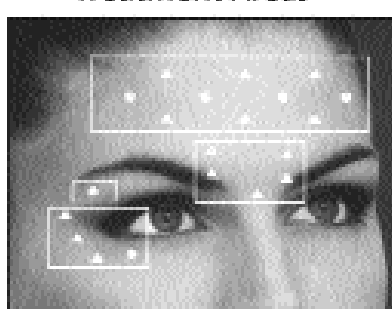
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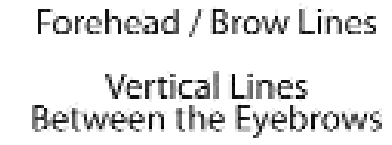
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Family Services



Shelley Marmor

Carmen Arrango (center) from Big Cypress family services led the Red Ribbon Week meeting.

Meeting Highlights BC's Red Ribbon Week Festivities

By Shelley Marmor

BIG CYPRESS — Representatives from several Big Cypress (BC) departments, including family services, housing, recreation and health attended a Red Ribbon Week planning meeting on Monday Oct. 4 at the BC Family Investment Center. Red Ribbon Week will take place from Saturday Oct. 23–Thursday Oct. 28.

This was the second meeting for this planning committee. The first took place on Thursday Sept. 19 when a tentative agenda was set. During this meeting, as Red Ribbon Week draws closer, plans solidified.

The first day of Red Ribbon Week starts out bright and early at 6:30 a.m. with registration for a one mile run-walk around the Mitchell Cypress Trail of Fitness. The run-walk begins at 7 a.m. Water, sports drinks, apples and bananas will be provided for participants, and all participants will receive a ribbon saying "Run your own life. Stay drug free."

At 10 a.m. the BC gym will open for the Red Ribbon Week kick-off fair. Each department will have a table set up in the gym which will feature games for everyone to play and prizes for game winners. Stan Frischman, Assistant Director from the BC recreation department, assured everyone that he will purchase "cool prizes" for the games.

The highlight of the kick-off fair will be the drunk driving simulator. This machine allows someone to get behind the wheel as the machine simulates how difficult it will be for them to operate a vehicle. According to Carmen Arrango, from family services, each simulator ride lasts between two and four minutes "depending on the drivers' skills."

The games are primarily for the older kids, however, the young ones will not be left out. A clown, balloon animal maker and face painting should keep the youngsters entertained.

At about noon, barbecue master Cleve Baker will be on hand for the cook out. Red Ribbon Week T-shirts will be passed out.

On Monday Oct. 25, posters with a red ribbon theme will be displayed in the gym. Approximately a week prior to Red Ribbon Week, Ahfachkee school children in grades kindergarten–eighth will make posters to be judged on Thursday Oct. 28. Everyone is encouraged to stop by and view them all during the week prior to judging.

High school aged children will participate in an essay contest that will also be judged and winners will be announced on Thursday Oct. 28.

The wellness department will also be putting red ribbons up all across the BC community on Monday.

After the kids get out of school on Tuesday Oct. 26, they are in for a real treat at the skateboarding complex. Frischman said he is working on booking skateboarders to come and do some demonstrations for the kids. He said hot dogs and beverages will be provided and the demos will begin at about 3 p.m. Red Ribbon Week visitors will also be passed out.

Wednesday Oct. 27 community members and tribal employees will decorate one of their doors in a Red Ribbon Week theme. Community winners will receive first, second and third place prizes, respectively.

Tribal departments are competing for a trophy that will be displayed in the BC Family Investment Center. The winning department will have their name on the trophy until Red Ribbon Week 2005 when the trophy will be back up for grabs—similar to the Stanley Cup in hockey.

Participation ribbons will go to all community members and departments that participate in the door contest.

The biggest Red Ribbon Week event will take place on Thursday Oct. 28 with the parade. It will begin at 10 a.m. at the bingo hall and travel east ending at the rodeo arena. Frischman will emcee the parade, as he did last year.

Arrango estimated the parade will last between 30 minutes to an hour. Community members are encouraged to join the departments in float-making. Winning floats will be announced after the parade in the BC gym.

The Seminole Police Department will assist in blocking Snake Road for the necessary amount of time the parade needs.

After the parade, the festivities move to the gym where the poster, essay, door and parade contest winners will be announced. Lunch will be provided.

Flyers will be made for each event during Red Ribbon Week so Big Cypress community members and tribal employees should be on the lookout. For more information on Red Ribbon Week in Big Cypress, please contact Carmen Arrango at (863) 902-3200.

Red Ribbon Week Activities in Hollywood, BC and Brighton

Activities Meant to Raise Awareness about the Dangers of Drug and Alcohol Abuse

Submitted By Family Services

Beginning Oct. 22, the family services department will be sponsoring Red Ribbon Week in coordination with the other tribal departments that have generously offered their assistance.

Activities will be taking place throughout the week in order to give both children and adults an opportunity to pledge to live a safe and drug free life. Some of the activities include the Red Ribbon Week kick off event which will be taking place in Hollywood on Friday Oct. 22 from 2–8 p.m. in the auditorium, Big Cypress on Saturday Oct. 23 from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. in the gymnasium, and Brighton on Monday Oct. 25 from 2–8:00 p.m. in the gymnasium.

The kick off event will feature the Save-a-Life Tour which is a drunk-driving simulator that demonstrates the impairment caused to drivers by the use of alcohol. There will also be food and entertainment for the children. Other activities throughout the week include a poster display and talent show in Hollywood, and parades in Big Cypress and Brighton.

For more details, stop by your local family services department or call Tony Roberts (954) 964-6338 in Hollywood, Carmen Arrango (863) 902-3200 in Big Cypress or Kay Begin (863) 763-7700 in Brighton.

Red Ribbon Week started in 1985 following the tragic death of Drug Enforcement Agency Special Agent Enrique Camarena who was killed in the line of duty while trying to keep drugs off of our streets and out of the hands of our children. Since that time, the Red Ribbon campaign was dedicated to Special Agent Camarena to keep his memory alive by committing one week every year to drug abuse prevention. Please come out and join us for these very special and important activities.

Seminole Police Department Crime Statistics											
August 2004											
Classification of Offenses	Total Number of Offenses	Total Value Property Stolen	Total Arrests	JUVENILES		ADULTS		RACE			
				Male	Female	Male	Female	Caucasian	Black	American Indian	Asian
Murder											
Sex Offense	1	0									
Robbery	1	4000	1				1	1			
Aggravated Battery											
Battery	33		14			12	2	12	1	1	
Burglary	7	\$4,315	1			1		1			
Larceny	42	\$26,927	9	1		6	2	9			
Motor Vehicle Theft	6	\$99,950									

Narcotics Confiscated During Arrests				
Drug Type	Amount	Value		
Marijuana (grams)	11	\$75		
Cocaine (grams)	12.1	\$370		
Crack Cocaine (grams)	8	\$50		
Alprazolam / Xanax (pills)	27	\$40		
Oxycodone (pills)				
Oxycontin (pills)				
Crystal Methamphetamine				
Other Narcotics (pills)	22	\$55		

Classification of Offenses	Total Arrests	JUVENILES		ADULTS		RACE			
		Male	Female	Male	Female	White	Black	American Indian	Asian
DUI	7			5	2	4		3	
Stolen Property									
Weapons Violation									
Liquor Law Violation	1		1		1				
Miscellaneous	53		43	10	37	8	7		
Drugs (Possession / Sale)	18		17	1	14	1	3		

Pull-Out Program Kicks Off the Year on Indian Day

By Emma Brown
BRIGHTON — Friday Sept. 24, Indian Day, marked the first day of pull-out program for the Brighton students. The students were very eager to begin coming to pull-out school again, and expressed their enthusiasm and love for the school throughout the day. The day was filled with cultural learning and fun for all of the students. As a special tribute to Indian Day, the pull-out staff planned a traditional dress contest for the students to honor the Seminole tradition. The contest was held by class, and almost every student participated by modeling their traditional clothing

for the judges. The pull-out program staff is very excited to be off to a wonderful start and look forward to another successful year. Here are the winners from the traditional dress contest: Kindergarten: 1. Bethany Billie, 2. Crysten Smith, 3. Diamond Shore; First Grade: 1. Ruben Burgess, 2. Jonathan Boroemi, 3. Lahna Sedatol; Second Grade: 1. Layton Thomas, 2. Jennifer Tommie, 3. Rayven Smith; Third Grade: 1. Kiylier Baker, 2. Skyler Burke, 3. J.T. Smith; Fourth Grade: 1. Jaryca Baker, 2. Wade Micco, 3. Emery Fish; Fifth Grade: 1. Lois Billie, 2. Stevie Brantley, 3. Stormin Youngblood.

A School Guide for Parents

School Day 1: The Transition to Kindergarten

By Linda Knee: Education Advisor Kindergarten
The transition to kindergarten is an exciting but challenging experience in a child's life. Given the importance of making a connection to learning at this age, parents need to take active roles in their children's education. As a parent, you can guide your child in exploring and drawing from his educational experiences and applying this knowledge to his daily life outside of the classroom. In coordination with the classroom teacher, you can provide challenging opportunities at home that will maximize your child's achievement level. Some of the things you can do: Talk together: Set aside a time each day to talk with your child. Talking together will help improve his self-expression, self-esteem, and vocabulary. Listening to your child validates his opinions and reinforces his importance in your life. Take Time: Set aside a time and place each day where your child will have the opportunity to interact with learning tools such as books, paper, scissors, and crayons. Let him explore his world by experimenting with art, copying, and writing. Use and create positive, meaningful family experiences such as family outings or daily activities to link your child to the learning process. Encourage Curiosity: Create a positive and challenging environment that invites asking questions. Help your child learn about his world by providing opportunities that encourage exploring and finding answers to his questions. Read Aloud: Reading is the key to academic success. To become a true reader, your child must develop the habit of reading-a lot. Make sure your child has daily contact with books. Students at this age need to be read to, and should have the opportunity to interact with written words, both at home and at school.

Practice reading daily: Start out with very easy books. Read aloud to your child, and then have him start reading aloud to you as he learns the reading vocabulary. If your child has not yet learned to read, then have him retell the story in his own words. The best indicator of school success is one's ability to read. Present reading as a tool your child can discover and explore new worlds with. Reading can be fun and entertaining, so model it as a daily routine for the entire family. Promote Understanding: Children need to understand that what they are learning will have an impact on their daily lives and/or their future. Learning must have value in a child's "real world" to develop the child's motivation to become a life-long learner. Thus, practical experiences that connect learning to the real world are very important. Provide experiences with clocks, money, calendars, and following directions that make this connection. Review and Reward Schoolwork: Have your child share his schoolwork with you, and praise him for his efforts and successes. Let him know that learning involves both success and failure. Stress that when we make mistakes, we are still learning. Be Prepared: Being prepared for school begins the night before. Help your child organize and set out his clothes and school materials the night before so he will be ready to get to school on time each day. Stay Involved: For maximum success, parents need to partner with the schools to help their children reach their full potential. Attend school activities and conferences. Talk with your school about a way that you personally can get involved. Children respond when parents take an active role in the educational process.

Haskell Association of Alabama Reunion

Haskell Alumni Association of Oklahoma of the Haskell Indian Nations University invites all Haskell alumni and friends to join us at the annual reunion. The reunion will take place Oct 29-31 at the Biltmore Hotel, 1-40 & Meridian, Oklahoma City, Okla.



For more information please contact Leon Yahola at (918) 616-3757 or Kenneth Scott at (918) 628-0969. Golfers can contact Simon Mitchell at (405) 672-7923. Please pass this information to all alumni and friends!

To All Seminole High School Seniors

The department of education invites you to a campus visit at Haskell Indian Nations University. Departing Date: Friday November 12 Returning On: Sunday November 14 We will attend a football game against Langston University For more information please call your reservation education advisor or Dora Bell, Higher Education Advisor, at (954) 233-9541 or (954) 989-6840, Ext. 1311.

Braving the Storms for Incentive Awards Program

By Emma Brown
BRIGHTON — Somewhere between Hurricane Frances and Hurricane Jeanne, the Brighton education department was able to hold a successful incentive awards program without any interruptions from the sever weather that has been pounding Florida.

Although the rain poured down on Brighton the evening before, Friday Sept. 17 turned out to be a beautiful morning for awarding all of Brighton's students for their year of dedication and achievement. Parent Advisory Committee President Jason Thomas emceed the program and began by congratulating the parents for a job well done. Without parental support and guidance, students may not put education first and if a student is excelling in their education, we want to be sure that the parents are commended. Brighton Councilman Roger Smith also congratulated the students and expressed his desire to see all students do well in school and pursue higher education.

Director of Education, Louise Gopher shared with the parents the praise she receives about Brighton students and their dedication to education and she also explained how many of Brighton's own hold records for school and sports and she would like to see us expect the best from our students, not just average. Dora Bell, Higher Education Advisor, introduced herself to the guests and explained her position with the tribe as the liaison between students and higher education. It was a great ending to a successful school year for the Brighton students with more than 135 students receiving awards.

Congratulations to Alonna Driggers, Jade Braswell, and Trina Bowers for graduating, and all 3 are now in college. Good Luck girls. Congratulations to Jessica Buster for completing her Associates degree and to Suraiya Smith for completing her bachelor's degree, we look forward to all you will bring to your community. Congratulations to Walter Smith and Howard Jimmie for completing their GED, the education department looks forward to sponsoring you in your higher education pursuit. Students who received awards: Kindergarten: Harley Johns, Elizabeth Johns, Spawn

Loudermilk, Trista Osceola, Imillakiyo Osceola, Yopalakiyo Osceola, Jayce Smith, Michael Garcia, Kalgary Johns, Brydgett Koontz, Cheyenne Nunez, Ruben Burgess, Jerry Smith, Wyatt Youngman, Robert Fudge Jr., Allison Gopher, Ashlee Gopher, Melody Urbina, Joathan Boroemi, Lahna Sedatol, Lanie Sedatol, Chastity Harmon, Joshua Madrigal, Jobe Johns, Rumor Juarez. First Grade: Tyler Osceola, Jennifer Tommie, Mckayla Snow, Kaley

Riley, Brittany Oakes, Lizzie Buck, Layton Thomas, Deandre Osceola, Lewis Gopher Jr., Royce Osceola, Toby Gopher, Dezmon Shore, Alexis Gopher, Deveon Jones, Airianna Nunez, Joshua Boroemi, Rayven Smith, Richard Smith, Daniel Nunez, Korvette Billie. Second Grade: Randy Shore, Christopher Olivarez, JT Smith, Dylan Chalfant, Maude Gopher Jessi Osceola, Kirsten Doney, Brianna Nunez, Desiree Snow, Kiylier Baker, Talon Youngman, Joseph Snow, Everett Youngblood, Joshua Tiger, Frank Huff, Skyler Burke, Acealyn Youngblood, Ashton Beer, Raina Robinson. Third Grade: Wade Micco, Quinnton Tiger, Destiny Nunez, Amelia Nunez, Lauren Osceola, Jaryaca Baker, Phillip Jones, Janet Smith, Marshall Tommie, Matthew Dehass, Cody Tiger, Brandtley Osceol, Shanda Cypress. Fourth Grade: Tyler Harjochee, Dalton Bert, Alissa Dorgan, Nathon Gopher, Lois Billie, Reese Bert Jr., Stevie Brantley, Stormin Youngblood, Cameron Dorgan, Christian Buck, Alexander Buck, Corey Smith. Fifth Grade: Jenna McDuffie, Ravenne Osceola, Mary Johns, Ashton Baxley, Terence Billie, Eric Robinson, Kristina Osceola, Alicia Nunez, Sheila Jones, Ty Huff, Ryan Snow. Sixth Grade: Hayden Roberts, Justin Chalfant, Bret Spencer, Jewel Buck, Melanie Jones, Daylon Youngblood, Ryan Osceola, Elizabeth Dehass. Seventh Grade: Megan Jones, Damen Bert, Clint Bowers, Emily Cortez, Amber Craig, Pierson Hunsinger, Jodi Huffman. Eighth Grade: Kerwin Miller, Stephanie Dixon, Reba Osceola, Ahley Spencer, Brittany Smith, Mary Huff, Heather Peterson, Shelby Osceola. Ninth Grade: Kelsey Spencer, Jennifer Chalfant, Josie Snow, Jordan Jones, Codene Jumper, Jacob Robinson. Tenth Grade: Kimberly Arledge, Brett Huff, Audrey Snow, Wesley Bishop. Eleventh Grade: Bryan Arledge, Adam Osceola, D'anna Osceola. Twelfth Grade: Trina Bowers, Alonna Driggers. Associate's Degree: Jessica Buster. Bachelor's Degree: Suraiya Smith.



Brighton Council Representative Roger Smith (left) presents student Jaryaca Baker with her incentive award.



Education Director Louise Gopher (left) congratulates award recipient Lois Billie.



(L-R) Roger Smith shakes hands with award winner and student Wyatt Youngman.

The 2004-2005 PAC Meeting Schedule

November 11 at 12 p.m.
December 9 at 6 p.m.
January 13 at 12 p.m.
February 10 at 6 p.m.
March 10 at 12 p.m.
April 14 at 6 p.m.
May 12 at 12 p.m.
June 9 at 6 p.m.

Meeting locations will be announced ahead of time. Please be advised that sign in sheets will be collected after the first 20 minutes of the meeting. Parents please be sure to sign up for volunteer work during the Halloween Carnival and Parent/Teacher Appreciation Dinner.

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

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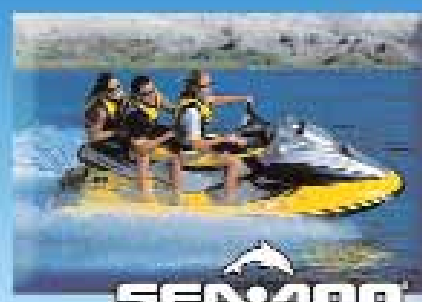
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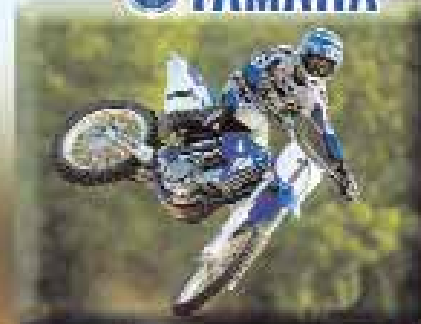
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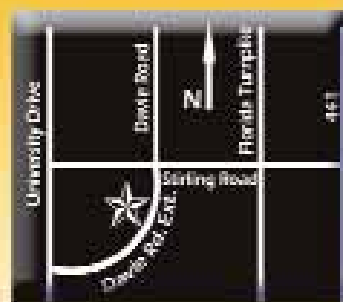
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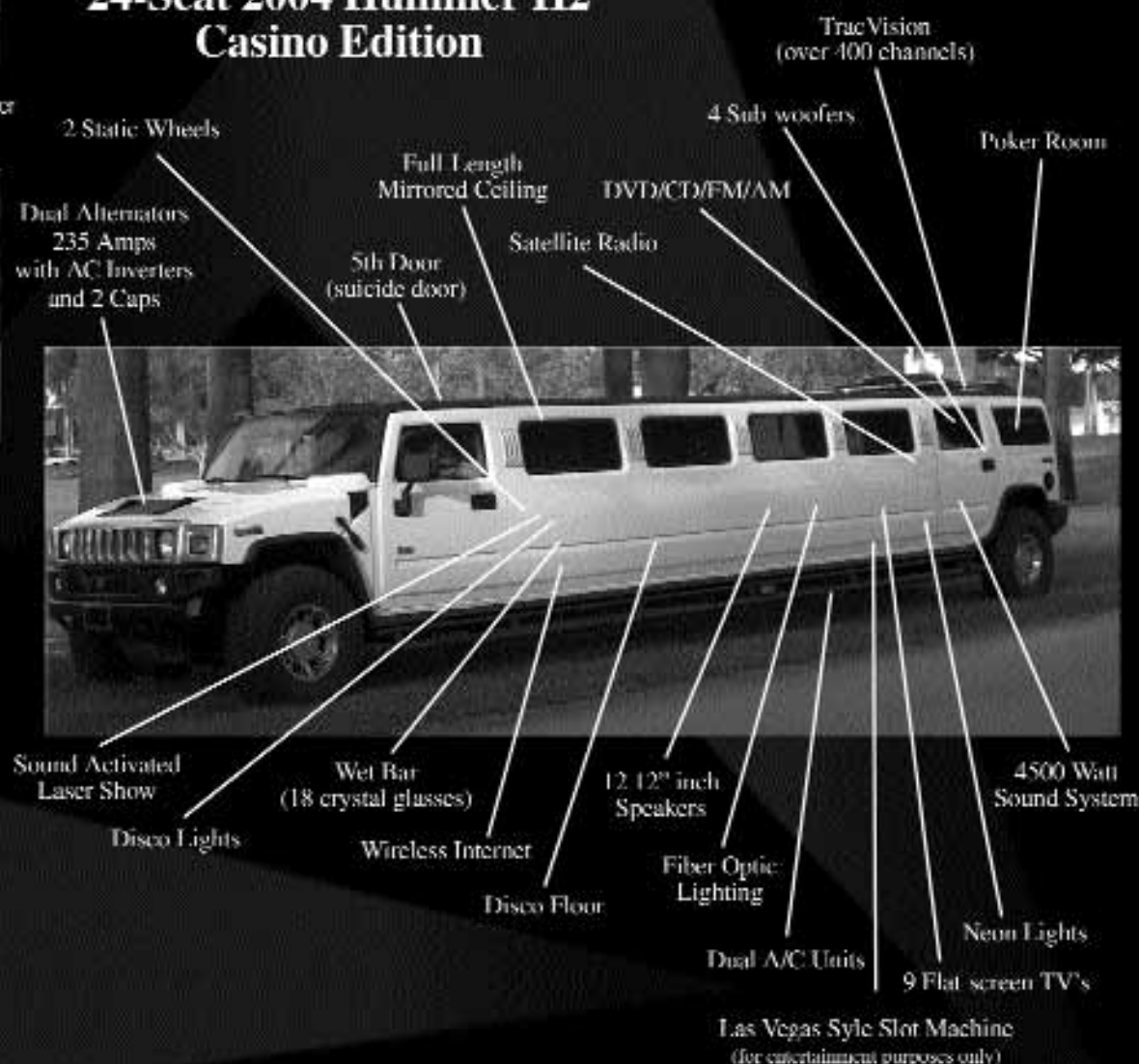
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Marcella Green's 2nd Annual Memorial Golf Tournament



Adelsa Williams

Marcella Green's son, Brett Green (left), makes his last putt at the 18th hole as Paula Bowers-Sanchez (right) waits her turn.

By Adelsa Williams

PLANTATION, FL — During the Indian Day weekend festivities, the recreation department held the second memorial golf tournament for the late Marcella Green at the Jacaranda Golf Course in Plantation.

The tournament was held early morning on Saturday Sept. 25 while the national weather center passed a warning of Hurricane Jeanne. Golfers finished up just in time to make it home for hurricane preparations.

Green was tragically killed in an automobile accident two years ago. Since then, the annual Indian Day golf tournament has been dedicated to her in memoriam.

During the awards presentation, Green's sister Paula Bowers-Sanchez, shared a couple of words with the players thanking them for their participation.

Congratulations to all who placed below are the winners:

Closest to the Pin: Men: Hole #3 Joe Kippenberger, #13 Kahane Osceola, #17 Josh Harrison; Senior Men: Hole #3

Matt Tiger, #13 Peter Russo, #17 Bob Green; Women: Hole #3 Dorian Lange, #13 Jackie Thompson, #17 Loretta Micco.

Straightest Drive: Hole #1, Men: Brett Green; Senior men: Ernest Riley; Women: Virginia Billie.

Longest Drive: Hole #10, Men: Charlie Cypress; Senior Men: Lawrence Osceola; Women: Dorian Lange.

Team Standings: 1. Cicero Osceola, Pete Russo, Charlie Cypress and Bo Young; 2. Max Osceola Jr., Ray Garza Sr., Dorian Lange and Roy Butera; 3. Kahane Osceola, Matt Tiger, Roy Poole and Joe Kippenberger; 4. Jackie Thompson, Jeremy Harrison, Ernest Riley and Raymond Garza Jr.; 5. Marcy Osceola Jr., Josh Harrison, Keeno King and Virginia Billie; 6. Brett Green, Bob Green and Paula Bowers-Sanchez; 7. Mitch Osceola, Mondo Tiger, Miguel Mata and Gina Allardyce; 8. Lawrence Osceola, Loretta Micco, Vince Micco and Terry Tartsah; 9. Bob Green Jr., Dal Green, Shannon Green and Tyler Green.



Adelsa Williams

Marcella Green's granddaughter Chesna Bowers participated in the golf tournament.

Fall Youth Basketball Classic

By Kenny Bayon, C.Ft

HOLLYWOOD — The Hollywood recreation department held its Fall Youth Basketball Classic on Sept. 17 and 18. The Youth Halloween Classic will be held on Oct. 15-16.

The 17 and younger girls championship was between the Lady Seminoles and Big Cypress. The Lady Seminoles jumped out to a 19-2 first quarter lead, led by Demetria Tigertail's eight points followed by JoJo Osceola's six points.

The Lady Seminoles kept up the pressure to build a 28-2 halftime lead. The defense was led by Christine McCall, who dominated the middle. Chelsea Mountain led the team in rebounding and JoJo Osceola and Demetria Tigertail applied full court pressure as the Lady Seminoles made it a 32-2 mercy rule victory minutes into second half to win the Championship.

Girls 17 and under awards: All tournament team: Bonnie Billie, Chelsea Mountain, Christine McCall, JoJo Osceola; defense award: Demetria Tigertail; and Ms. Hustle: JoJo Osceola.

They were led by Rashawn Jim with six pints and Chief Billie with two points and numerous assists.

Hollywood kept it close in the first half led by Hunter Osceola's seven points and Chassidy Harjochee and Trevor Osceola's rebounding

The second half was a team effort as Ethan Cypress and Houston Osceola helped defensively and Neko Osceola led the way with some lay-ups and jumpers to score six and help Hollywood lead the way to the championship. Trewston Pierce helped Big Cypress in the game with good rebounding and a few baskets in the game.

The 10 and younger awards: all tournament team: Rashawn Jim, Hunter Osceola, Chief Billie, Trevor Osceola; sportsmanship: Skyla Osceola; defense: Mailani Perez; Ms. Hustle: Chassidy Harjochee; Mr. Hustle: Neko Osceola.

The championship game was between Big Cypress and Hollywood. Big Cypress led at the half by a 36-14 score. They were led by Greg Carter and Justin Willis, both had 12 points and DeForest Carter chipped in with seven points. The second half was put away early as Big Cypress played tough defense which led to numerous lay-ups to mercy rule Hollywood 47-17.

The 14 and younger awards: all tournament team: Daylon Hall, Justin Willis, Greg Carter, Josh Cypress; sportsmanship: Hunter Osceola; Mr. Hustle: Josh Cypress.

The championship game was between Hollywood and Native Style. It was not only the last game of the tournament and it was the most exciting as well. Hollywood was victorious in the closest of margins with a 37-35 victory.

Natives were down at the half 18-10 as Tony Billie kept the game close with four first half points. The second half come by Native Style was led by Justin Willis with 10 points and Greg Carter with seven points to tie the game at 35.

Jordan Smith made the last second shot that helped Hollywood win. Jordan also led all scorers with 18 points.

The 17 and younger awards: all tournament team: Robert Osceola, Josh Osceola; defense: Robert Osceola; Mr. Hustle: Justin Willis.

Other upcoming tournaments include the Thanksgiving Classic on Nov. 12-13, 2004 and the Christmas Classic on Dec. 10-11.

All tournaments will be held at the Hollywood Seminole Gym. Age groups will be 17 and younger, boys and girls, 14 and younger, boys and girls and 10 and younger coed teams. All participating athletes must show proof of age. Age requirements will be strictly enforced.

There is a \$50 entry fee for each team. Everyone will receive a tournament T-shirt. There will be team and individual awards. Call (954)989-9457 to sign up or for any information.

The High Arctic Hunt for the Musk Ox

By Alex Johns

CAMBRIDGE BAY, NUNAVUT, CANADA — Todd and I left Florida five days before hurricane Frances was scheduled to hit South Florida. We were embarking on the trip of a lifetime, headed for the land of the midnight sun.

The high arctic, Nunavut Canada, Cambridge Bay to be exact, lies approximately three hundred miles north of the Arctic Circle. Our goal was to hunt a species of animal that was left over from the last ice age, the magnificent animal known as the musk ox.

This is a prehistoric beast which stands about four foot at the shoulder and has extremely long hair. Musk oxen also have horns with extremely sharp points and a gregarious attitude to accompany them.

After twenty four hours of travel and covering a distance of about four thousand miles Todd and I made it to Cambridge Bay. Our outfitter Fred Hamilton of The High Arctic Lodge was at the airport to greet us. Our travel from this point on would be by airplanes equipped with sea floats. This made for some very exciting travel and landings.

On the way out to the lodge we saw several small herds of musk ox dotting the landscape. They seemed to stay close to the shores of the numerous lakes. Todd and I would be hunting with a bow and arrow, so we would need to get as close to these animals as possible, hopefully within thirty yards but we had been practicing for shots out to seventy.

I was wondering about how we would be able to stalk these animals as there was not a tree in sight for hundreds of miles, so anything over two feet in height would stick out like a sore thumb on the wide open tundra. I would soon learn from



Alex Johns with record book musk ox.

good bull but he thought that we could find a bigger one. He also told me that this bull was so old that he would not likely make it through the next harsh arctic winter. Right then and there I decided that this old monarch would be the right trophy for me and so the stalk began.

I closed the distance to the herd to seventy yards and they began to get nervous. My guide was behind me with a rifle to back me up if anything should go awry. I moved closer never taking my eyes off of my adversary, all the time thinking of the stories I have heard of hunters coming home in a pine box because of their pursuit of dangerous game.

My range finder confirmed that I was now within fifty yards of the herd. The animals were now tightly bunched into a had of hair and horns all but the old bull that is. He had decided that I was close enough to his harem and he let out a bel-low that sounded more like a lion than a musk ox to me.

My adrenalin was pumping and I moved closer ever so slowly closer to the bull.

It was at that moment he decided he would oblige me and he started towards me throwing his head about and all the while roaring like a lion. Forty yards and then thirty, close enough, I was now face to face with this shaggy beast of the high arctic.

The bull needed to turn broadside to allow me a shot that would give me a clean dispatch. He had other ideas he commenced to bel-lowing and started pawing and hooking the ground trying to intimidate me into

retreating. Little did the bull know that I was playing for keeps and that I also toting a weapon almost as prehistoric as the old monarch.

The face off lasted for a few seconds although it seemed as if time stood still and then it happened the bull turned for a split second to observe his herd of cows and my arrow was on its journey. The razor tipped arrow made a clean pass through and the bull returned to the tundra he was born from. Todd would also go on to take a great bull.

We were able to fish for arctic char and lake trout and got to meet several of the native people. We also got to go fishing on a jet boat with an Inuit family who owned a fishing camp on a swift flowing river.

Todd and I experienced the trip of a lifetime in the land of the Eskimo, we would go on to make several new friends and learn about an ancient culture not to different from our own here in the Seminole Tribe. Both of our musk ox bulls will go on to make the Safari Club International record books and should place somewhere in the top twenty in the world. The experience was one we will not soon forget and we thought we would share it with you.



Todd Johns (left) shows off his lake trout along side his tour guide.

our Inuit guides that these animals had no fear of man and that there only enemy was the wolf so they would not likely run.

A musk ox's defense tactic is to form a tight circle with all of the young in the center. This makes a very effective fortress of horns to deter any would be pursuer. The musk oxen were also in the midst of the mating season or the rut as it is known. This makes the bulls extremely aggressive and also quite dangerous.

Soon enough we were spotting herds of musk ox from aluminum john boats equipped with thirty horsepower motors. Once a herd is located we would beach the boat and stalk to within a hundred yards and judge the size of the dominant bull. This proved to be tough to our untrained eyes but our Inuit guides were very proficient at judging the size of the animal's horns.

We had hopes of taking a record book animal with our bow if the opportunity should present itself. My chance would come on the second herd we found. The bull of this herd was extremely old and the tips of his horns were polished to an ivory white instead of the characteristic black points that the younger bulls sported.

My guide informed me that he was a very



Alex Johns with record book musk ox.

Brighton Lady Seminoles are Runners-up In Native World Series

By Chris Goodwin
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH — From September 23–26, the Lady Seminoles traveled to Salt Lake City, Utah for the Native American World Series. The Lady Seminoles finished runners up for the second year in a row. Since the ladies finished as runners-up last year, they received a first round bye. In the first game the Seminoles faced the Outsiders, a mercy-rule winner from round one. However, the Lady Seminoles were not impressed jumping out in the first inning to a 6-0 led and eventually mercy-ruling them 20-8 in the fifth inning. Brighton pounded out 19 hits with Teresa Clemens leading the offense going 4-4 with three home runs and nine RBI's. Pam Matthews went 4-4 with two doubles, four RBI's. Laveme Thomas, Billie Tiger, and Jackie Smith chipped in with two hits, respectively. In the third round, the Lady Seminoles faced the High Rollers from Arizona. Last year, Brighton suffered a loss to theme in the tournament and was out for revenge. Teresa Clemens once again led the offense going 2-3 with four RBI's. Laveme Thomas went 3-3 with an RBI. Carla Gopher, Billie Tiger, Pam Matthews, and Amanda Smith each contributed two hits apiece for the 11-7 victory. With only two teams left in the winner's bracket the Lady Seminoles were pitted against another Florida team, the Lady MVP's. In the third inning the Seminoles were down 12-5, but battled back only to find themselves one run short losing 16-15. Laverne Thomas and Teresa Clemens led the

offense going 3-3. Carla Gopher and Amanda Smith each had two hits and two runs apiece. Now with the Lady Seminoles facing elimination they took on the winning team from the loser's bracket, the High Rollers. With a commanding 14-4 led going into the bottom of the seventh, the High Rollers made it interesting scoring 6 runs but still fell short 14-10 for, the Lady Seminoles victory. Carla Gopher led the offense going 3-3 with two runs scored and an RBI. Once again, back in the winner's bracket the Lady Seminoles were facing undefeated MVP's. This time the Seminoles were out for revenge from their earlier one-run loss, and won with a 12-5 victory. Laveme Thomas led the offense going 4-4 with four runs scored. Pam Matthews went 3-3 with a double, two RBI's, and two runs scored. With the 12-5 victory this forced the Lady Seminoles once again to play the Lady MVP's because of it being a double elimination tournament with each now having one loss. The Lady Seminoles started off the first inning in style scoring seven runs and five more in the second. However, the MVP's scored two in the first and six in the second making the score after two 12-8 in favor of the Seminoles. Brighton lost 16-13 in a hard fought battle to capture the runners-up trophy at the Native World Series. Amanda Smith made most valuable defense player for the tournament. Billie Tiger, Pam Matthews, and Teresa Clemens also made the all tournament defensive team.



Stan Frischman
First place Hollywood Girls (L-R): Tasha Osceola, April Billie, Mercedes Osceola, Jeannie Osceola, Mary Tigertail, Cassandra Jones (seated), Kei-ya-le Osceola, Angel Billie, and Talisha Leach.



Stan Frischman
Third place NDN Mens (L-R): Jeremiah Hull, Mary Tigertail, Allen McInturff, and Alfonso Tigertail.



Stan Frischman
Second place Big Cypress Ladies (L-R): Kellie Tigertail, Cecilia Tigertail, Demetria Tigertail, Annie Jumper, Mary Tigertail, Cathy Jumper, and Bonnie Billie.

Seminole 'Rookies' Begin Fall Baseball Season



Michael Kelly
Trevor Osceola on deck.

By Michael Kelly
HALLANDALE BEACH, FL — Seminole children, ages 7 to 8, are gearing up for their spring baseball season by participating in a fall league beginning in October. The majority of the games will be played at the Seminole baseball field, Driftwood school in Hollywood, and in Hallandale Beach. Coach Terry Tartsah, along with assistant coaches Jason Cypress, J. D. Bowers, and Gene Noah, are a dedicated bunch. They are determined to turn these former T-ballers into a top little league team. The ten-game season ends on Oct. 27. In their first scrimmage, team Seminole narrowly lost to the Hallandale team, 3-1. The Seminole team players are: Ethan Cypress, Rayce Noah, Neko Osceola, Cameron Osceola, Trevor Osceola, Kenny Descheene, John Bowers, Devan Bowers, Ty Pierce, Trewston Pierce, Nick Jumper, and Nicholas DeHass. If you would like to help cheer this great group of baseball stars on, please contact coach Tartsah at (954) 605-5098 for a complete game schedule. Go Seminoles!

The 5th Annual Malcom Tigertail Memorial Basketball Tournament

Canes and Hollywood Girls Capture Titles

By Stan Frischman
BIG CYPRESS — The Herman Osceola Gymnasium on The Big Cypress Indian Reservation was the site of the 5th Annual Malcom Tigertail Memorial Basketball Tournament. This all-Indian event attracted 10 teams and more than 200 spectators. Minnie Tigertail and family provided a delicious lunch for all players and spectators. This popular event was hosted by the Tigertail family and The Big Cypress recreation department. In the ladies division, the Hollywood Girls were able to hold off the BC Women, to capture this

year's title. The BC Women tried to fight back from a ten point deficit in the first half, only to be denied by the determined girls of Hollywood. Final score of this well played game was Hollywood 39, Big Cypress 30. For the fifth consecutive year, The Canes captured the men's title by dominating all opponents. The Big Cypress Men, who played well throughout the tournament, fell to the well-conditioned Canes by a score of 62-32. The Big Cypress NDN'S finished in third place. The top three teams in each division were awarded commemorative jackets, duffel bags and sweatshirts. All participants received commemorative tee shirts. The tournament ended in time for everyone to go home and prepare for Hurricane Jeanne, the fourth and hopefully last hurricane of the season.

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By Nery Mejicano

I have always enjoyed traveling to exotic places, meeting different and interesting people, but I am always glad to come home to this wonderful U.S.A.—the “Land of the Free,” where the only limitation to our success is us.

There are some documents that help extend our freedoms, a driver's license is one example. Without it, our mobility is limited to friends and family transporting us to some of the places that we may need to go, but this is usually in their time frame and convenience, not ours.

We all take it for granted, but loose it and you will find out how limited you are. Loose it to a DUI (driving under the influence) and you will also find out how expensive and what a hassle it is to get it back.

A driver's license is also the document that is most always requested as a form of personal identification, from cashing checks to using a credit card. So if you do not have one, get it, and if you do, keep it.

The next document that will extend our freedoms, our horizons and our education is a U.S. passport. Without a passport you are limited to stay within this country and rob yourself of the wonderful opportunities that travel to other countries offers.

I have always believed that travel is one of the best educations for both adults and children. Visiting foreign lands and their people will bring us face to face with different cultures, traditions, belief systems, and values. Through this experience we become more tolerant of others and appreciate the differences among people. Lacking this we may fear and misunderstand others, who are different from us.

Fear and misunderstanding leads to preju-

dice, discrimination, conflict and at its extremes war. The other benefit is that travel brings into our awareness appreciation for the wonderful country we call home and we learn not to take for granted the freedoms and liberties that we are blessed to have.

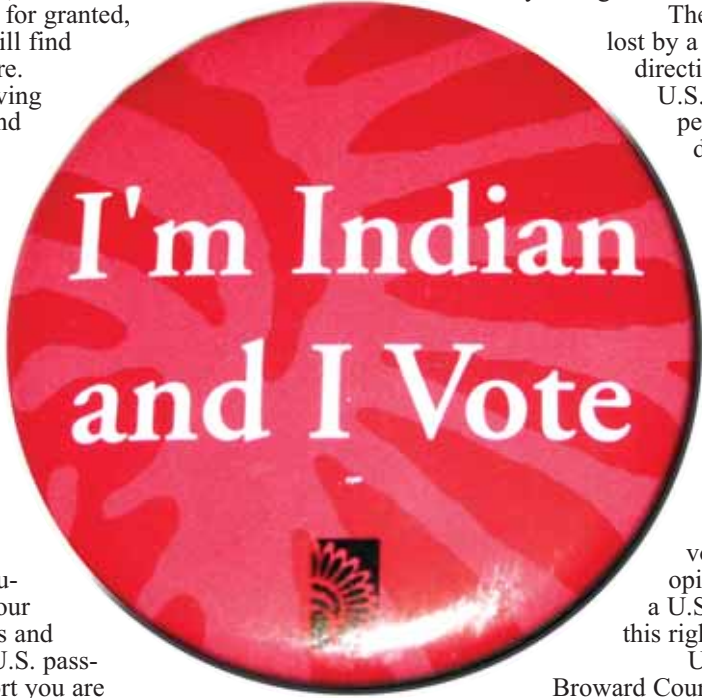
Last, but not least, is our voter registration card. This is a document that ensures we can participate in electing of our leaders. This is a freedom that many countries do not have. Do you have the right to complain about the economy, gas prices, unemployment and health care if you do not exercise your right to vote?

The election of 2000 was lost by a few votes. What direction would have the U.S. taken if a few more people would have decided to register and voted? Could the Iraq war have been avoided, would we still have a surplus instead of a deficit, would unemployment be less, we will never know, what we know, however, is that your vote and mine can make a difference.

Registering to vote is easy and in my opinion it is your duty as a U.S. citizen to exercise this right.

Useful resources:

Broward County Elections Supervisor, 115 South Andrews Avenue, Room 102, Fort Lauderdale, (954) 357-7050; Hendry County Elections Supervisor, Highway 80 and 29, La Belle, (863) 675-5230 or (863) 983-1592; Collier County Elections Supervisor, Collier Government Complex, 3301 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, (239) 774-8450; Hillsborough County Elections Supervisor, 601 East Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa, (813) 272-5850; Glades County Elections Supervisor, 500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, (863) 946-6005; U.S. Passport Office, (877) 487-2778, http://travel.state.gov/passport_services.html.



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Happy Birthday



Happy 1st birthday to “Baby Mo” on Oct. 14. We just want you to know that we love you so much! You’re growing up so fast big boy. Hope you have fun on your birthday—you deserve it!!!

Love always,
Bianca, Jackson and Jayden



Happy 1st birthday “Baby Mo.” Can’t believe you’re already turning 1 on Oct. 14. We remember the day you were born; it seems like yesterday. You’ve stolen our hearts and we love watching you grow up to be a handsome lil’ man. We love you so much. You make up very proud to be grandparents. Have a wonderful 1st birthday.

Love always,
Grandma Kathy, Grandpa Norman, Lapee and Oshkee



Happy 1st birthday “Big Mo” on Oct. 14. We watched you being born and have enjoyed watching you’re first year of life, and watching you learn to walk and talk. We’re looking forward to the rest of our lives. Have a great day baby!

Love always,
Egoosh Marilyn H and Cousin Kendrick O.

Happy 1st birthday to our lil’ ladies man **“Baby Mo”** on Oct. 14. You’ve grown up so fast and now look at you; you’re already turning one! And already got girls all over you. Remember we will always love you fat boy!!

Love always,
Mom and Dad

Happy belated birthday to **Debbie S. Osceola** on October 8.

From,
Your sister Jane Billie and family

Happy belated birthday to **Eliza Billie** on October 12.

From,
Alice Billie and family

Happy birthday to **Onesmius “Nee Nee” Stockton** on October 21.

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Happy belated birthday to **Ronnie Billie Sr. and Clea Billie** on Oct. 11.

From,
Thomas M. A. Billie & family

Happy 28th birthday to the twins **Alice and Osceola McKinley Billie** on October 16.

From,
Your parents Jane O. Billie and Thomas M. A. Billie and baby sister Thomlynn

Happy birthday to **Allegra Billie** on October 16.

From,
Thomas & Jane Billie & family (Thomlynn, Alice, Osceola, Mark)

Happy birthday to **Karen Franceschini** on October 16.

From,
Alice Billie and family

Happy 10th birthday on Oct. 31 to our oldest little girl **Jaryaca Brooke Baker**. It’s hard to believe you are 10.

You’re growing into a beautiful young lady. You’re a terrific athlete and you have a beautiful smile. Just wanted to wish you a happy birthday and tell you how much we love and appreciate you! Happy birthday.

Love for eternity,
Mom and Dad

Happy 9th birthday on October 27 to **Ms. Kiylier Maryah Baker**. You’re very special in every way, your beautiful smile lights up our day. We hope you have a very special and happy birthday. We love you so much in every way so remember to have a special day!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Happy 1st birthday to **Leviticus Elwood Buster**, born Oct. 14. To our precious baby boy, we love you so much!

Love,
Mommy and Daddy (Erin C. and Alvin Buster), and all your grandma’s and grandpa’s, aunts and uncles



Happy birthday to **Marilyn** on Oct. 25 and **Kelvin** on Oct. 29 and **happy belated birthday** to **Savannah** on Oct. 13 and **Sara** on Sept. 24. Have a great birthday and many more to come.

Love always,
Mom, Dad, Oshkee and Lapee

We’d like to wish y’all a **happy birthday**. **Marilyn** on Oct. 25 and **Kelvin** on Oct. 29, and a **happy belated birthday** to **Savannah** on Oct. 13.

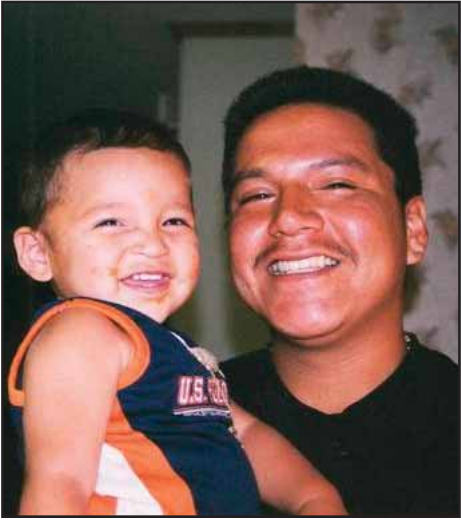
Love y’all forever,
Bianca, Jackson and Jayden

We’d like to wish **Jerome Huggins** a **happy belated 16th birthday** on Oct. 2. Have a great day.

Love y’all forever,
Bianca, Jackson and Jayden

Happy belated birthday to **Sara Huggins** who turned 10 on Sept. 24. We hope you had fun on your birthday because you deserve it. We just want you to know that we’ll always love you.

Love always,
Bianca and Jayden



I want to wish my husband **Gregory** a very **happy 26th birthday** on October 3. I just wanted to say as far as everything you’ve told me, through all your troubles and regrets, you have finally got what you wanted—a family based on love. Out of things everyone asked for, that’s all you asked for, and you got it! Happy birthday. We love you very much.

From,
Your wife Carol and your one and only son, Henachee

Greg, happy birthday. Hope to spend many more with you. May all your wishes come true!

Love,
Bill, Eva and Brian

To **Greg, happy birthday** brother-in-law! I know I’m not around a lot, but the times I was around, I saw you make my sister smile. I appreciate the things you do for my sister and the way you always help her out with the baby.

I’m glad she has someone like you to fall back on when neither one of us are not in reach. What can I say; you fit right in the picture. Best wishes to you and my sister who loves you dearly. Make the best out of life and keep taking good care of my nephew.

From your sister-in-law,
Crystal

Congratulations



We would like to **congratulate Adriana Huggins and Moses Billie** for winning first place with their Cadillac EXT in their class at the NOPI Nationals super car show, which was held at the Atlanta Motor Speedway in Atlanta, Ga. It took a lot of time and effort, but it all paid off in the end.

Also, we’d like to **congratulate** our son and brother **Kelvin “Dub” Huggins** for winning third place in his class.

Congratulations you guys! Keep up the hard work!

Love always,
Mom, Dad and the family

Congratulations to my sister **Adriana Huggins** and brother-in-law **Moses Billie Jr.** for placing first in their class in the NOPI National car show. **Congratulations “Baby Mo”** your truck can’t be touched.

Love,
Marilyn H.

I want to **congratulate** my brother **Kelvin “Double Cheese” Huggins** for placing third in his class. You’re on your way!

Love your big sis,
Marilyn H.

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To my little sister **Azaria**: I will always love you. We have lots of fun together. Hope you have fun on your **birthday Oct. 15.**

Love
Your big brother Tyrek “TK” Lassane



Happy birthday to **Azaria Jeneba Simmons** on Oct. 15. My little baby girl, you have brought so much joy to our lives. I hope that you have lots of fun on this special day and many more joyful moments. We love you very much.

From,
Your proud parents Mom April Baker and Dad Terrence Simmons & Big Brother Tyrek Lasane

New Kids



Welcome home baby boy! The **Baker family, Preston, Mona, Jaryaca, Kiylier, Lahna, Lanie, Ivess, Alyke and Romane** would like to announce the birth of a miracle.

Mr. Pherian Bentley Baker, six pounds, one ounce, 19-and-a-half inches long born on July 18, 2004 in Sebring, Fla.

You are a miracle, living proof that no matter what when you pray God listens and now our family is complete with four older sisters and three brothers; it should be neat.

We love you Pherian and we would like the world to know—baby’s are miracles from the minute they begin to grow! You are loved!

Anniversary

Happy 10th anniversary to my more-than-loving husband on Oct. 7. You are my lover, you are my best friend, you are my family to the very end. Eight kids later we barely have time to talk about our days. I wouldn’t trade it for anything in the world.

We’ve been through it all—thick and thin—especially here with Baby Pherian. Not matter what I always make time to tell you I love you and I’m glad you’re mine.

People will talk and they will say things to try to push us away, but that’s okay because I know how to pray. The Lord is our keeper and this is why 10 years has rolled around and were still side by side.

No matter what happens you’ll always be my lover, my best friend and great company. I just want you to know that I’m here for you until the very end. I Love You **Preston.**

Love your wife,
Mona

Poems

Apart

We use to be such great friends
But now we’ve grown apart
I don’t know what happened
I guess I grew up and so did you
Now today we are total opposites
Nothing seems to be the same
We dropped out of each others lives
Hopefully not forever
I know that things won’t be the same
We can’t pretend that nothing has changed
I know that we can’t go back
But I hope all that’s happened with you since I left will get better
You use to always depend on me
To be the one that could always be there for you
Look at me now
I can’t always be there for you
We’ve grown so apart, what’s happened to us
We’ve grown so apart, what’s happened to us
I use to like that I had someone I could always talk to
Things may have gotten bad between us
We would fight over the small, little things
I remember that time when I got into so much trouble
You were the one who helped me straighten it out
Why must things end up the way they do?
I guess it was only for the best
You seem so different but I can’t say how
Maybe you still feel bad
Only it’s deep down inside
I know I can always count on you to be on my side
No matter what
We can’t pretend that nothing has changed
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—**Brittany Huff**
Eighth grader, Ahfachkee School

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Second Annual Seminole Men's Wellness Conference

By Felix DoBosz
MARCO ISLAND, FL — This year's Men's Wellness Conference took place Sept. 26-30 at the Hilton Beach Resort in Marco Island, Fla. Due to Hurricane Jeanne, only about 30 Native Americans citizens showed up to take this opportunity to gain a greater understanding of men's health issues at this five day conference.

Chairman Mitchell Cypress spoke at the conference on Monday, welcoming everyone there and making his audience feel even more comfortable at the five-star resort.

He then discussed how we place too much personal stress on ourselves.

"We need to pick up the pieces to put the puzzle back together," he said.

Andy Buster, one of the organizers of this men's wellness event, took the time to speak to the men's group and share some personal reflections in his life.

He said, "You don't own material things, you just maintain them, that's the concept I live by. I worked hard for all of this and everything was great, until one day I lost my wife and realized how much I

seeking volunteers to spread the knowledge to more Native American communities. To become a firefighter with White Bison, an individual must be in recovery, walking the red road while following the traditions, working the 12 steps, and make a four-year commitment to lead circles of recovery in their own community.

Farley went on to discuss the four laws of change. First, change is from within; second, in order for development to occur it must be preceded by a vision; third, a great learning must occur; and lastly, you must create a healing forest—change your environment.

"When the community leads, the leaders will follow..." he said.

You can learn more about this national program at their great website <http://www.whitebison.org>

Larry Long, citizen of the Ojibwa (anishinabaw) tribe, part of the Chippewa Nation from Red Lake Indian Reservation in Minnesota, sang and chanted inspirationally while playing on a traditional Indian hand drum at the closing of Tuesday's conference.

The following day, Larry Long spoke to the men's group for about an hour, on abusive behavior in recovery and his own exploration and discovery and how he came to be with us today and share his own personal struggles in that long journey.

Ed Arenado, 41, a Miccosukee tribal employee originally from Brooklyn, N.Y. has been in recovery for the past seven years. In his loud booming raspy voice wanted to let everyone know how honored he felt to be able to share his message "that after today you never have to drink again."

He was interesting to listen to especially



(L-R) Ed Arenado, Larry Long, and Andy Buster.



Men's 2nd Annual Wellness Conference fishing trip survivors.

Miccosukee Chairman Billy Cypress was also an invited guest speaker for Tuesday morning, and spoke to the men's group about Native American culture through some folk tales. The theme of his talk was the dangers of abusing yourself and other thoughts about wellness.

"Don't ignore warnings given to you by

missed her and was now hopeless."

Conference emcee Mark Billie spoke to the men's group about recovery from alcohol and drugs. He told a story of when he was a young boy when he had to go away to Indian boarding school. He said he feared going to see the dentist because they had big long needles that scared him half to death and the terrible pain they caused.



At least Joseph caught a fish!

A half a lifetime later Billie, finally got the courage to go back to a modern dental office and found everything had changed for the better. The Dentist was nice and friendly now, the needles were short and thin, and most of all, almost painless.

"Bad things happen to good people," was projected on the front big white screen.

Grief, loss and anger was the ongoing theme of Marlin Farley's graphic lecture on the medicine wheel and the 12 steps for men, a cultural approach to recovery. Farley spoke to the group about White Bison, Inc., a national program that was established in 1988 with the vision of bringing 100 Indian communities into healing by the year 2010.

One of the lofty goals of the "Wellbriety" movement is to organize and educate Native Americans. According to White Bison website, "Wellbriety means to be both sober and well. It means to have come through recovery from chemical dependency and to be a recovered person who is going beyond survival to thriving in his or her life and in the life of the community.

The Well part of Wellbriety means to live the healthy parts of the principles, laws and values of traditional culture. It means to heal from dysfunctional behaviors other than chemical dependency, as well as chemical dependency itself. This includes co-dependency, ACOA behavior, domestic or family violence, gambling, and other shortcomings of character. Firestarters circles are made up of Native and

your friends and loved ones," Cypress said. "We have answers for everyone, but no answers for ourselves...take the time to understand, and work the problem to the end."

Cypress then told the famous folk story about the snake. The point he was making was, to never get to close to a snake because they bite; if you experience something bad, don't do it again because there might not be a next time. He also said to learn to reason and reevaluate your responsibilities because it may not be their fault, but your own fault that needs the correction.

non-Native people in their own communities who work the Medicine Wheel and the 12 Steps program of sobriety, recovery and cultural healing with the help of learning videos for both men and women. They are people who use the White Bison book **The Red Road to Wellbriety** to learn how to heal in a cultural way.

They learn about the traditional Red Road Journey, also known as being in the Good Mind. They meet in talking circles together and learn how to bring appropriate ceremony and their local traditional ways into their own healing journeys. They are



S.T.D. girls put on a skit.

when he talked about relationships made in hell, through some classic cliché gems for the men's group to absorb; eight minutes to get into a relationship and 10 years to get out, two sickos don't make a "wello", and two garbage trucks collide, what a crappy mess."

The point he was basically outlining is that it's your life, make good decisions to change your life; no one can do this for you.

"This conference is about unity and learning to heal with the great creator, to recover from abuses of the past and to help us change our lives forever, for the better," said Arenado.

In the afternoon there was a signup sheet for a little deep-sea fishing excursion in the Gulf of Mexico, off of Marco Island, Fla. There were four to a boat, and about four 30-footer boats. It was a beautiful southwestern Florida picture perfect afternoon with hardly any waves.

At first no one seemed to even catch a bite, so the skipper took us further out a few miles from shore and anchored on top of an artificial reef, that's

Answer was No. There is absolutely no risk of HIV infection from donating blood. Now, blood donation centers use a new, sterile needle for each donation.

After a little more question and answer period the conference went on to the closing ceremonies. The men in the group were called up by name, one by one, they were given certificates of participation in this 2nd Annual Seminole Men's wellness conference. Helene Buster was introduced to the group as one of the key organizers of this conference and she received warm appreciation and recognition along with Suzanne Davis and Barbara Billie who also helped to organize this informative successful men's wellness conference.

A few men in recovery got a chance to address the group and thanked everyone for sharing their personal feelings with the group. Larry Long than asked everyone to please stand up and hold hands as they made a wide circle and he began chanting and drumming in his native dialect, this completed this year's men's wellness conference.



Participants listened intently to each presentaiton on wellbriety.



Members of the wellness conference enjoyed catching a few fish and some sun.



The incredible, wonderful, magnificent Ulali.



Chairman Mitchell Cypress speaking at the IHS Health Summit in Washington D.C.

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such terrible decisions were made against them. "I take great pride in creating this marker, this place of celebration" said Richard West, Founding Director, National Museum of the American Indian. "It is a symbol of hope centuries in the making."

West, Southern Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, was dressed in full traditional regalia for the opening ceremony. He spoke of the museum as a symbol of unity not only for Native Americans but for native people around the world.

Also speaking at the opening ceremony was Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, who was also dressed in full traditional regalia, Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, and Alejandro Toledo, president of Peru, who is the first native to ever become president of Peru. Representative Tom Cole read a statement from President Bush, who was invited but unable to attend.

Following the opening ceremony were performances by various native musicians including Joanne Shenandoah who brought on special guest, flutist R. Carlos Nakai. This was Nakai's only performance at the festival and he thoroughly entertained the crowd. This was Shenandoah's only performance also.

The magnificent Ulali took the stage following Shenandoah. Anyone who is a fan of this sublime group knows what a wonderful treat it is to see them in concert. As the emcee stated, "If you don't know who this group is shame on you."

The opening night concert featured Buffy Saint-Marie, Lila Downs, Rita Coolidge and Indigenous. Comedian Charlie Hill, who hosted the concert. Saint-Marie gave everyone a special treat when she brought on Ulali to perform with her.

The celebration continued throughout the week with several stages set up in the mall. These stages were designated for specific arts such as storytelling, music, dancing, regalia arts, and instrumental arts. The dance circle allowed tribes to perform traditional dances instead of

the usual pow-wow dances. Dance groups ranged from Peru to Hawaii to Alaska. There was a very special performance by the Rangimarie Maori Cultural Group. This was the only performance by the Maori and they were worth the wait, drawing a huge crowd. Also present were several Maori elders who watched the performance.

At the end of the performance, the Maori elders presented NMAI director Richard West with several gifts and did the traditional Maori greeting, hongi. This is the gentle pressing of nose and forehead to the other person's nose and forehead. Hongi is the "sharing of breath."

On the opening night the museum remained open all night to accommodate visitors. During the week, timed entry passes were distributed each morning for those who were unable to obtain them. The outside of the museum has no straight lines; this design was to give the appearance that the museum has been created naturally by wind and water. The exterior is made of Kasota dolomitic limestone from Minnesota which gives the museum a natural golden hue.

The museum has three permanent exhibits: the first exhibit is "Our Universe: Traditional Knowledge Shapes Our World." This exhibit focuses on how native cultures were guided by the celestial. It features annual celebrations such as El Dia de los Muertos; the Mexican tradition of honoring the dead.

The second exhibit is "Our Peoples: Giving Voice to Our Histories." In this exhibit, history is told through the voice of Native Americans. It also examines the conflict of tribes trying to maintain their traditions while living in the modern world.

The Seminole tribe is one of the tribes featured in this exhibit. Our exhibit features a short video with Jim Shore, Billy Cypress and Moses 'Bigg Shot' Jumper telling the history of the tribe. When asked what they thought of our exhibit most Seminoles expected to see more. They liked the museum and generally like the exhibit but thought there would be more artifacts.

The third exhibit is "Our Lives: Contemporary Life and Identities". The focus of this exhibit is on the modern day world and native people. "The exhibition illustrates the ways in which Native peoples and tribes, despite many challenges, continue to exist as distinct communities and are determining their own lives," *Celebrating the Grand Opening of the National Museum of the American Indian.*

Two contemporary native artists are featured in the Changing Exhibitions Gallery are George Morrison (1919 – 2000) and Allan Houser (1914 – 1994). If you are a lover of modern art both artists are worth checking out. Their exhibitions will be at NMAI until fall 2005. Also featured is "The Jewelry of Ben Nighthorse," a collection of creations from Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, including a buffalo skull with inlaid semi-precious stones.

During the week several other native events took place such as the 2004 American Spirit Award and the Indian Health Service Health Summit. Board Representative David DeHass attended a fund raiser at the home of Hillary Clinton. Also attending were several native leaders including Glynn Crooks, vice-chairman of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, who presented Clinton with a pink shawl. Clinton liked the shawl so much she kept sending her aide to find out more details and continued to wear the shawl throughout the night.

The festival ended with a big concert on Saturday evening featuring Star Nayea, Pappy Johns Band with Murray Porter and Keith Secola, and a closing ceremony on Sunday night.

As we go back to our lives all across the world always remember this time when we all walked together as one and showed everyone that we are still here. Our museum is to celebrate us not as victims of injustice but as people who are strong, determined and, yes, proud.



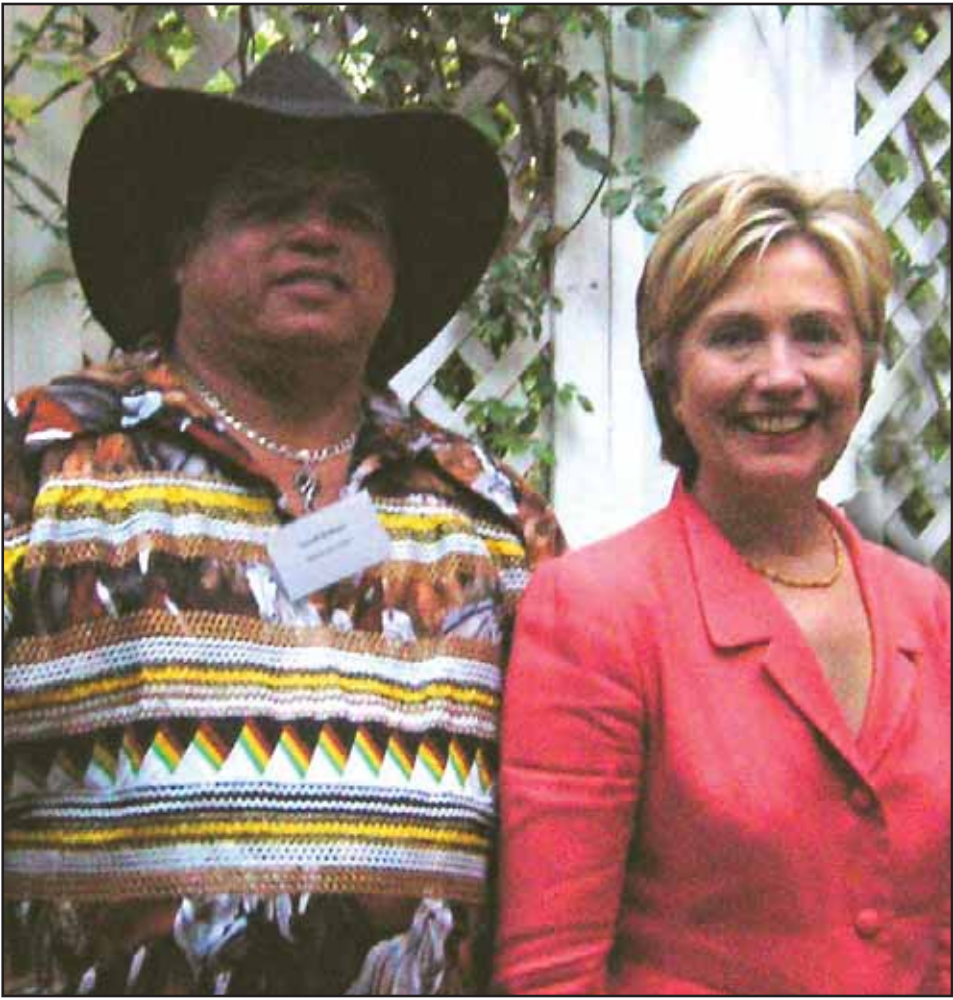
Inca Natives from Peru.



Seminole exhibit as part of the "Our Peoples" exhibit.



Dine Tah Navajo Dancer.



David DeHass and Senator Hillary Clinton.



The Rangimarie Maori Cultural group from New Zealand.



Seminole citizens marching in the Native Procession.

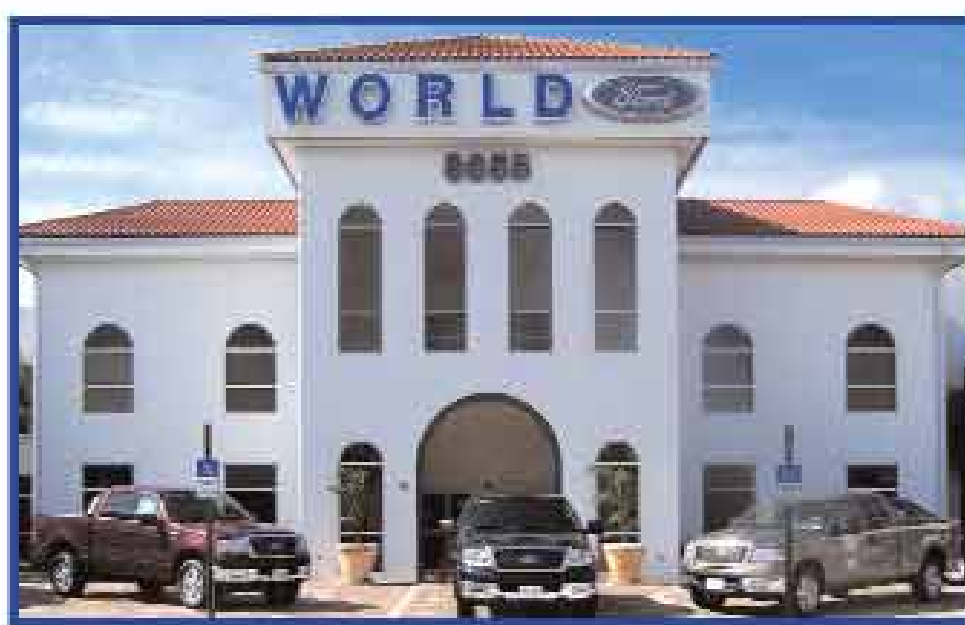
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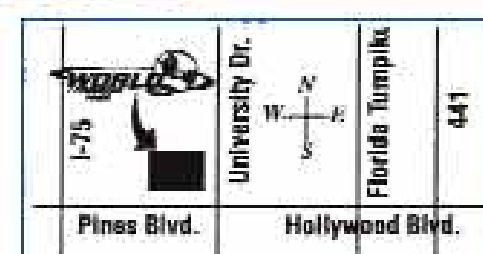
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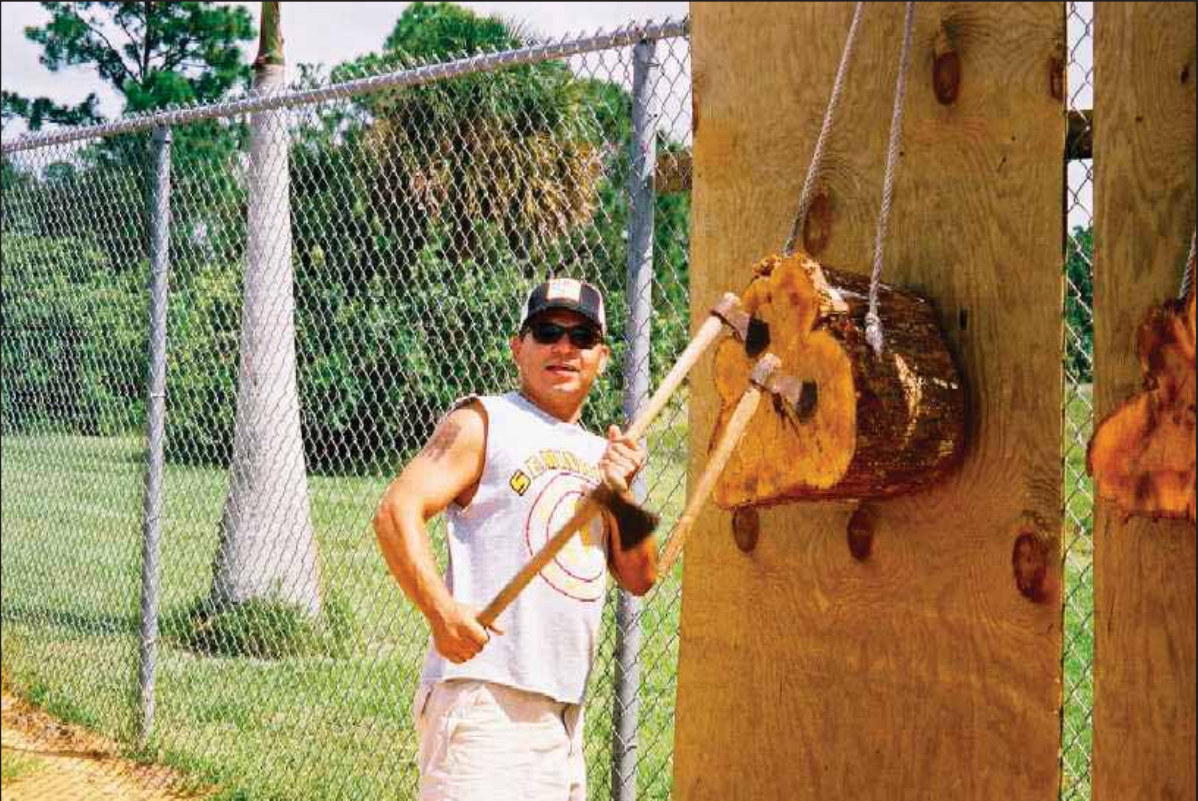


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Kenny Joe Davis put two out of three in the target in the axe throwing contest.

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laughing together brings back memories of a simpler time before expensive toys, television and ATVs. Children in the villages amused themselves with a pile of dirt, some stones or a few sticks for hours on end. They could easily make their own entertainment and it enhanced their creativity.

The annual turtle races drew a laughing crowd with a variety of hard and soft shelled competitors. Although some of the entrants required a little nudge to start, others immediately made a mad dash, perhaps looking for a quick exit.

Two member teams, according to age, formed two lines for the Raw Egg Toss. There was a very large turn-out for this event and eggs flew through the air in abundance. You couldn't look in any particular direction without seeing eggs running down faces, hands or clothing. Definitely not a game for the faint of heart.

The cooking fire had been started at 9 a.m. and Elaine Aguilar, assisted by Sylvia Marrero, Sheila Aguilar, Amey Yzaguirre, Vanessa Aguilar and Michelle Ford worked for hours preparing a wonderful meal of fried chicken, pork, rice, beef, beans, corn, fry bread and sofkee. Louise Motlow offered the blessing and then the seniors led the food line. It was a banquet fit for a king and they all loaded up their plates. Sylvia Marrero's mouth watering fry bread was sampled by everyone and she was declared the first place winner.

A traditional clothing contest was held immediately after dinner while everyone relaxed and allowed their meal to settle. There were numerous entries with a wide variety of patchwork and styles which included skirts, tops, jackets, shirts, capes, dresses and man shirts. All of the workmanship was remarkable and it was very hard to persuade people to judge this colorful event. Everyone was great!

A pie eating contest was held to conclude the festivities. Unfortunately, the contestants were at a disadvantage, with stomachs still full from the dinner. It proved very difficult to compete. Never the less, there were numerous entrants in all age groups.

Despite an overcast sky and occasional light showers, the group returned to the athletic field for the log peeling contest.

With the planned events concluded and a light rain falling, Indian Day was officially over. However that was not the case for many of the youth and young adults. Several brave, hearty souls remained for another egg toss and then began an impromptu relay race with the freshly peeled logs on their shoulders.

There was a strong feeling of pride, companionship and family spirit that no one wanted to see end. Needless to say, everyone is already looking forward to Indian Day 2005.

Results from all the events:
Canoe race winners: Adult Men: 1.Kenny Joe Davis and Abe Rockwell, 2. Rudy Martinez and Daniel Yzaguirre, 3. Joey Pineta and Justin Davis. Adult Women: 1. Angie Arreguin and Maria Billie, 2. Diane McInturff and Jennifer Ramos, 3. America Martinez and Sylvia Martinez. Boys: Justin Villarreal and Tommy Benson, 2. Allen Hernandez and J.R. (Norberto Delarosa). Girls: 1. Christian Benson and Jessica Osceola. 2. Cassandra Jimmie and Esmeralda Billie, 3. Vanessa Billie and Alexis Martin Aguilar.
Axe throwing winners are: Men: 1.Kenny Joe Davis, 2. Abe Rockwell, 3. Ralph Sanchez. Women: 1. Susan Davis 2. Vanessa Aguilar 3. Jennifer Ramos. Seniors: 1. Nancy Motlow 2. Virginia Tommie. Boys: 1.Mark Arriaga 2. Daniel Yzaguirre 3. Justin Villarreal. Girls: 1. Cheyenne McInturff, 2.Christian Benson, 3. Josie Davis.
Bow and arrow results. Men: 1 Kenny Joe Davis, 2. Abe Rockwell, 3. David Billie. Women: 1. Ashley Billie, 2. Moya Escobar, 3. Susan Davis. Seniors: 1. Nancy Motlow and 2. Virginia Tommie. Girls: 1. Cheyenne McInturff, 2. Christian Benson, 3. Jessica Osceola. Boys: 1. Tommy Benson, 2. Nathan Lewis-Pierre and 3. Cody Motlow.

Winners of the clothing contest. Three and younger: girls: 1. Lindsey Posada, 2. Shyana Escobar. Boys: 1. K. J. Davis.2.James Mora. 4-10-year-old Girls. 1. Aaliyah Mora, 2. Lauren Posada, 3. Chelsey Ford. Boys: 1. John Jimmie 2. Neo Motlow. 11-17-year-old Girls: 1. Lazara Marrero, 2. Cassandra Jimmie, 3. Josie Davis. Boys: Michael Shaffer. Adult Women: 1. Lorraine Posada, 2. Michelle Aguilar, 3. Amey Yzaguirre. Adult Men: 1. Little Raymond Yzaguirre, 2. Abe Rockwell, 3. Vincent Motlow. Seniors: 1. Nancy Motlow, 2. Virginia Tommie, 3. Mary Sanchez.

Pie eating contest. Youth: 1. Tommy Benson 2. Norberto Delarosa, 3. Christian Benson. Adults: 1. Mike Alvarado, 2. Vince Motlow, 3. Veronica Doctor. Seniors: 1. Mary Sanchez, 2. Nancy Motlow, 3. Virginia Tommie.

Log peeling results: Men: 1. Abe Rockwell, 2. Justin Davis, 3. Vince Motlow. Women: 1. Amey Yzaguirre, 2. Elsa Zamora, 3. Veronica Doctor. Girls: 1. Cheyenne McInturff, 2. Josie Davis, 3. Esmeralda Billie. Boys: 1. Tommy Benson, 2. Mark Arriaga, 3. Randy Osceola.

Turtle race results. Youth: 1. Neo Motlow, 2. Lauren Posada, 3. Bonnie Davis. Adults: 1. Angie Arreguin, 2. Mark Arriaga, 3. Homer Villarreal. Seniors: 1. Mary Sanchez 2. Nancy Motlow.

Raw egg toss results. Children: 1. Jessica Osceola and Cody Motlow, 2. Mallory Sanchez and Mark Arriaga, 3. Vanessa Billie and Celina Perez. Adults: 1. David Billie and Ashley Billie, 2. Ito Montanez and Michael Alvarado, 3. Maria Billie and Angie Arreguin. Seniors: 1. Nancy Motlow and Raymond Mora. 2. Mary Sanchez and Michelle Sanchez.



Lauren Posada gives a starting push to her turtle as the race begins.



Esmeralda Billie peels her log as her mother, Maria Billie (clip board) and numerous contestants watch.



(L-R) Sylvia Marrero, Vanessa and Elaine Aguilar prepare supper over the open fire.



There was no shortage of contestants in the "Pie Eating Contest"



(L-R) Vanessa and Sheila Aguilar ready the chicken for the frying pan.

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Dakota Tiger shows off his construction paper Seminole turbin. Iretta Tiger



Younger children practiced their wood carving skills on a bar of soap. Michael Kelly



Practice makes perfect: Mercedes Osceola works on her traditional hairdo technique. Iretta Tiger

Community's Belated Indian Day Celebration

By Iretta Tiger
HOLLYWOOD — Though the official date of Indian Day is Sept. 24 the Hollywood Seminole community had a belated celebration on Oct. 2. This year's participation categories focused on the very traditional Seminole arts. Not included in this year's events was log peeling and archery.

The day began with a brunch as those entering the beadwork, doll making, turbans, patchwork, clothing, carving, basket making or fine arts categories hurried to submit their entries by the 11am deadline.

Weeks before the celebration the cultural department kept the Dorothy Scott Osceola (DSO) building open after hours for those who wanted to create arts and crafts for Indian Day. The cultural department staff supervised the sessions and even the very young were allowed to participate.

For the men's turbans, the children who were 10-years-old and younger made their turbans from construction paper. For carving, they carved bars of soap, rather than wood. It was all too cute.

Joe Dan Osceola entered two beautiful alligator carvings, both more than three feet long.

Those submitting patchwork were required to make three yards worth and they were all measured.

The first category where the art skill had to be done on-site was the old style hairdo. The women were divided into age groups, the first to go were 18 and over.

The women were to fix their hair in the traditional style. That is, they were to tie their hair, wrap it around an arc shaped piece of cloth covered cardboard and then secure it with hair nets and pins. The women were assisted by other women including a few elders.

Miss Seminole JoJo Osceola was assisted by her mother Virginia Osceola and former Miss Seminole Mercedes Osceola helped younger sister Courtney Osceola.

While the women worked on their hairdo's, Tate Osceola and a few other Seminole men cooked barbecue for lunch and the children started to make fry bread under adult supervision. The children mixed the dough and formed the bread while the adults cooked it for them. The children did have to have their own frying pan, an odd requirement.

After the young children finished the different age categories, they took turns making fry bread. However, this year the requirements for bread making in the eighteen and older age group were more stringent.

Each participant had to make pumpkin bread and lapalee. Hey cultural department; how about pumpkin bread and lapalee bread making session?

As the afternoon slowly burned off into evening most people took a break from the celebration, probably resting for the stickball games. Children ten and under played the first game of stickball. They thoroughly got into the spirit of the game. The girls showed no mercy and won.

The girls also won in the next age division. However, in the 18 and older group the men won—barely.

Just as the final game finished heavy rain sent everyone running for cover. As Indian Day came to a close, the Billie North Band played into the night.



Wanda Bowers, Kendra Osceola, Maggie Osceola, and Bonnie Motlow. Iretta Tiger



Getting messy and having fun. Seminole children learn how to make frybread.



Joe Dan Osceola displays his unfinished alligator wood carving. Michael Kelly



The beautiful Seminole dolls are created using palmetto fibers. Michael Kelly



Virginia Osceola helps her daughter Jo Jo Osceola with her traditional hairdo. Iretta Tiger



Lavonne Kippenberger with Helesi Twoshoes. Iretta Tiger



Tasha Osceola learns the art of Seminole Fry Bread. Iretta Tiger

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Number one Women's Bowling champion Terri Frank.



Grillmaster carves a rack of ribs for the crowd.



Bowler throws a ball for a strike.

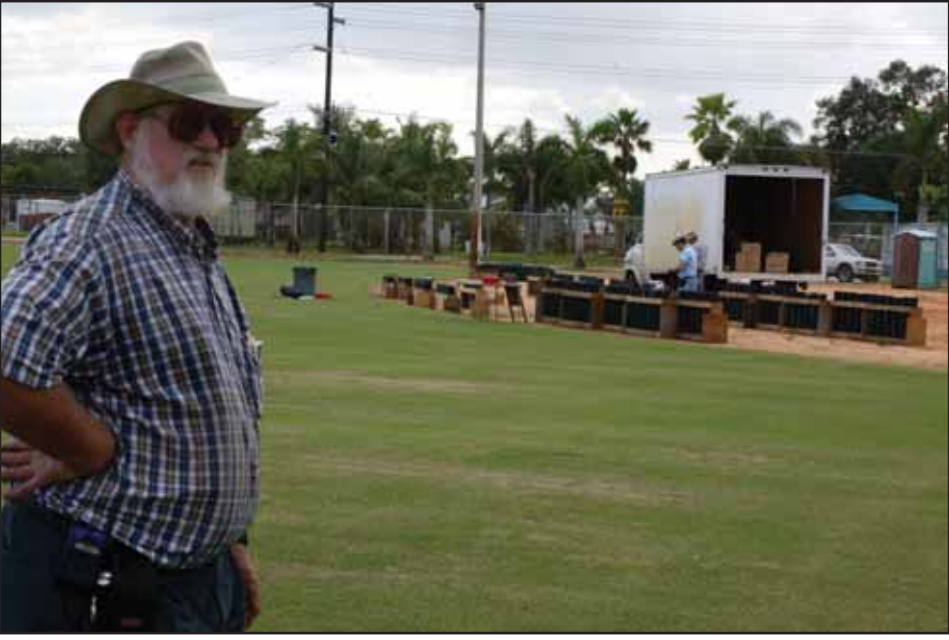
Sporting Activities on Indian Day

By Felix DoBosz
HOLLYWOOD — On Friday Sept. 24, the Seminole Tribe celebrated Indian Day. Tribal offices on the reservation took a holiday and citizens were urged to participate and enjoy a full day

morning to compete for cash prizes in this annual Indian day event tournament. Eugene Bowers, who organizes bowling events for the tribe, said he had a pretty good turnout and everyone there seemed to enjoy the thrill of competition. The

that had been set-up outside on the soft-ball field. The 3-D Targets resembled a set from the movie Jurassic Park with 3-D figures resembling menacing Raptors. The targets are made of high-density foam and are usually exact replicas of game animals.

Steve Young and John Waterhouse organized this event in association with Hollywood recreation department.



Ted A. Walker gets fireworks show ready for the big bang.



Families of bowlers sit around waiting for scores to be tallied up.

of events, which included archery, bowling, basketball, horseshoes, a catered dinner and a big fireworks display.

At Don Carter's University Lanes in Davie, Fla., about two-dozen Seminole citizens had gathered in the

tournament winners were selected from the highest score tallied up after playing three games.

The archery competition consisted of a dozen still 3-D form targets to shoot target arrows from various distances

Results from the Indian Day bowling tournament.

Men's division 18 and over: 1. Andri Jumper, 648; 2. Tom Cypress, 615; 3. Kevin Tommie, 609; 4. Amos Billie, 598, 5. Bill Osceola, 594; 6. Elton Shore, 593; 7. Kassin Stockton, 589; 8. Bernard Robbins, 586; 9. Alvin Buster, 557; 10. Neil Baxley, 494.

Men's division 50 and over: 1. Eugene Bowers, 673; 2. David Jumper, 445.

Women's division 18 and over: 1. Terri Frank, 638; 2. Denise Billie, 621; 3. Rosetta Bowers, 522; 4. Alfreda Musk, 521; 5. Pat Wilcox, 516; 6. Farrah Jones, 515; 7. Dallas Cypress, 511; 8. Sherrie Robins, 485; 9. Beverly Tommie, 471; 10. Trisha Osceola, 464; 11. Yvette Jumper, 448; 12. Tommie Billie; 13. Samantha Frank, 420, 14. Wanda Billie, 312.

Women's division 50 and over: 1. Mary Bowers, 557; 2. Judy Jones, 340.

Results from the Indian Day Archery tournament. Men's Recurve traditional bow winners:

1. Casey McCall, 49; 2. Clifford Sanchez, 40; 3. Curtis Osceola, 37; 4. Bobby Osceola, 31; 5. Nathan Doctor, 30

Women's Recurve traditional bow winners: 1. Wanda Bowers, 38; 2. Shelly DeHass, 36; 3. Yvette Jumper, 30; 4. Rosetta Bowers, 20; 5. Patricia Wilcox

Results for the three on three basketball Indian Day tournament

10 and under champs
Hunter Osceola, Ethan Cypress, Neko Osceola

14 and under champs
Krystle young, Aariah Osceola, Courtney Osceola

17 and under champs
Brad Noah, Krystle Young, Jerome Davis

Adult co-ed champs
Tony Heard, Mercedes Osceola and Tasha Osceola.

Tracy Smith, Cassandra Jones, Angel Billie

Results for the Horse-shoe Indian Day tournament

Men's
Mingo Jones & Bernard Robbins; 2. Robert Frank & Keith 3. Dino Doctor & David DeHass

Women's
1. Tonya & Janel 2. Shelly & Jamie 3. Trish Wilcox & Yvette



Cowbone Band entertains Indian Day dinner crowd.



A little Jurassic park for archery competition.



Archery coach John Waterhouse tally's targets with Wanda Bowers.



Horseshoes were flying on Indian Day.

Indian Day Celebration Continues Under Hurricane Watch

By Susan Etxebarría
BRIGHTON — Indian Day celebration in Brighton this year came to an abrupt halt on Saturday Sept. 25 as Hurricane Jeanne made its way toward the reservation. By 1 p.m. the senior's horseshoe contest in the Fred Smith Rodeo Arena had to be halted as tribal members headed home to make preparation for the storm.

Earlier in the day everyone seemed optimistic the hurricane would head up the coast as predicted earlier and there was a terrific turnout for the fishing tournament that began at 5:30 a.m. with the weigh-in at 11 a.m.

It seemed as though there were more women of all ages than men in the tournament with Rosie Billie taking first place in several categories: mud fish, specks (a three-way tie) and bass.

With skies still bright, the box/gopher turtle races brought a few giggles, but as the rains and wind picked up the crowd was thinning and the pumpkin and fry bread contests and the 6:30 p.m. tribal dinner had to be cancelled. Perhaps those who made the fry bread had a good supply on hand while hunkering down during the 100-plus mile winds that tore up the

reservation early Sunday morning.

On Friday Sept. 24 it was a different matter. Tribal members participated in a number of events with a lot of glee and good-natured kidding over who was going to beat who. The contests and games have a long tradition. Indian Day, originated in the early 1900s, is a national holiday officially celebrated on the last Friday in September by nearly every Native American tribe in the U.S.

For the Seminoles, pole peeling is a contest with as much tradition as log splitting is to lumberjacks. Matt Gopher has participated in the pole-peeling contest at Brighton since the late 1980s. Debarking a 10-foot cypress pole, he came in first place with ease.

Gopher said his grandfather, John Henry Gopher, taught him the skill of using a draw blade when he was 13-years-old.

"The poles last longer if they are debarked," he said. "It gets rid of termites and other bugs that will eat into the wood."

Gopher has helped construct hundreds of chickees, some for neighbor's yards at Brighton but many for commercial uses. He said he used to work



Pastor Wonder Johns aim in seniors division.



Matt Gopher wins first place in archery.

for Jimmy Hank Osceola building chickees at some of the grand hotels and motels on Florida's beaches as well as a 25-foot-by-100-foot chickee at the naval base at Key West, Fla. and a similar one at the Port of Miami.

Coming in second was Alex Johns, Norman Johns was third, and fourth place was Alex Snow.

Women also have mastered the craft of pole peeling. In the mid-day sweltering heat, first place went to Joanne Osceola, second was Wendy Juarez, third place was Emma Urbina and fourth place was Jenny Johns.

There were no senior men in the contest, but some pretty tough ladies over 55 showed their muscle including Jenny Shore, first place, Lorraine Gopher, second, and Elsie Smith, third.

"I do this every once in awhile but I haven't done this for some time," said Shore after reaping some praise. "I usually peel off the bark with my hands."

The next event Friday afternoon, drawing many contestants in various categories, was archery. Some archers were very good and others, well, they did not have much practice time under their belts. Most were just having fun. Once again Matt Gopher took first place in the men's division. Kasey Baker

won the women's division, Dan Bowers took first place in the senior men's division and Lorraine Gopher took first place in the women's division.

Brighton Tribal Council Representative Roger Smith was on hand Saturday to enjoy the games and contests as a spectator.

"I want to thank the recreation department for helping out with Indian Day and helping out with all the kid's contests and senior activities," Smith said. "I think everyone is having a good time. We need a day for Native Americans to celebrate who we are. Everything went good."

There was also youth horseshoes Friday in the rodeo arena at 4:30 p.m. and later there was barbecue with hot dogs and hamburgers served in the gym with bingo following. There were other competitions earlier in the week as well.

The seniors participated in a bowling tournament on Sunday Sept. 19 with a traditional dress contest, the preschool program held a fishing tournament on Friday Sept. 17, and a 5-K marathon was held on Friday morning Sept. 24.

Obtaining complete results of all the competitions has not been possible by deadline due to Hurricane Jeanne.

Community Celebrates Indian Day 2004

By Shelley Marmor
BIG CYPRESS — This year's Indian Day began bright and early with a 5-K swamp walk/run at 6:30 a.m. Registration took place on Canal Street, directly across from the Hunting Adventure at 6 a.m. and the race began at 6:30 a.m.

There were separate divisions for

tribal citizens and employees and non-tribal citizens. Age differences also separated participants into a youth, 6–12-year-olds and 13–17-year-olds, 18–29 year olds, 30–39 year olds, 40–54 year olds and 55 and older.

A golf tournament followed at the Clewiston Golf Course. Registration took place from 7:30 a.m.–8 a.m. and tee

time followed at 8:30 a.m.

As golfers continued their games, others were busy signing up for a few activities of their own at Culture Camp, located behind the Big Cypress Family Investment Center. Registration began at 9 a.m. for the clothing contest and arts and crafts contest.

For the clothing contest females were required to wear traditional capes and long skirts and males wore traditional shirts. Crafts of all types made their way into the contest; including: patchwork clothing, beaded necklaces, champagne flukes decorated with beadwork and even a lamp with bead-working around the base.

No doubt this would be tough for the judges, who began evaluating the clothing contest first, and then the arts and craft contest. Indian Day continued with a lunch and fry bread contest. Following the fry bread contest were more sporting events including log peeling and axe throwing, which were limited to adults only.

Listed below are the results from several Indian Day contests:

Log Peeling (female): 1. Ayze Henry, 2. Brenda Henry, 3. Janice Osceola; Log Peeling (male): 1. Michael B. Cypress, 2. Charles Smith, 3. Hans Melius; Axe Throwing (female): 1. Brenda Henry, 2. Ayze Henry, 3. Sue Jane Burt; Axe Throwing (male): 1. Mike Cypress, 2. Raphael Sanchez, 3. Hans Melius; Fry Bread Contest (female): 1. Beverly Alumbaugh, 2. Louise Osceola, 3. Teresa Jumper; Fry Bread Contest (male): 1. Joe Herrera, 2. Allen Roy McInturff, 3. Jeremiah Hall; Fry Bread Contest Grand Champion: Beverly Alumbaugh.



(L-R) Richard Bowers, Jose Herrera, and Allen McInturff.



Little Patsy Billie looked beautiful in her Seminole dress.



(L-R) Tammie Billie, Marion Billie, and Nadine Bowers show off their colorful Seminole dresses.



Nancy Billie tends to the fire.