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Brighton Casino Celebrates 25th Anniversary

By Susan Etzebarria
BRIGHTON — Josiah Johns should be pleased and proud; proud of the Tribe, proud of his son, and proud of his own contributions to the Tribe before he died. Johns was given credit for being one of the Tribe's pioneers in Native American gaming at the 25th anniversary celebration at the Brighton Seminole Casino on Nov. 4.

In 1980, Johns opened the Tribe's second bingo hall that helped lead the way for the Tribe's present success as national leaders in the gaming industry.

Brighton Seminole Casino's General Manager Marty Johns, who followed in his father's footsteps at the original bingo hall at the age of 19 after his father passed away just a few years after its opening, traced the history of the casino for the audience of VIPs, Tribal dignitaries and honored guests attending a special luncheon.

Marty told the audience he has had a successful and rewarding career because his father had the idea to own and operate a bingo hall on the property where Marty grew up as child.

"He had originally planned to open a hardware store and beauty shop," said Johns.

Josiah and his wife changed their plans when they were presented with the opportunity to build a 50 foot by 35 foot bingo hall. Marty recalled how popular the bingo hall became in just a short time and how they soon ran out of space. It was packed, customers were even playing outdoors on picnic tables and on the hoods of their cars, he said.

"Twenty five years ago no one dreamed how much the gaming industry would benefit the Tribe," said Johns. "To me one of the biggest benefits has been that we became self sufficient. We are no longer dependent on the federal govern-

ment. Today we take care of our own; we educate our own and we determine our own future."

Simply put, Pastor Wonder Johns commented on the significance of the casino for the Tribe during his invocation: "We no longer live in chickees; we have homes now."

After describing the early days of the bingo hall and its gradual expansion over the years, through several additions and renovations, until its total re-construction in 1999 to become the 27,000 square foot, \$2.6 million dollar gaming facility it is today.

Marty Johns also introduced a number of speakers, including Chairman Mitchell Cypress. Cypress said he has very fond memories of Marty's dad.

"Josiah, a member of the Panther clan,



Casino General Manager Marty Johns holds a painting of the original Brighton Bingo Hall.
Susan Etzebarria

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Tribe Honors Vets at Annual Ceremony



Felix DoBosz

The Chairman holds a plaque with an American Flag that flew over a fire base in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom. Nery Mejicano presented the plaque on behalf of Sergeant Juan Maya and the rest of the Wolfhound Platoon of the 25th Infantry Division. This was in appreciation for the Tribe sponsoring the platoon during their 18 month deployment.

By Shelley Marmor
BIG CYPRESS — The Big Cypress Entertainment Complex was filled to near-capacity for the 18th Annual Veteran's Day Celebration on Nov. 9. Tribal and non-Tribal veterans as well as Tribal employees all received the invite to attend.

As with last year's celebration, Dale Oldhorn emceed the event. Dan Bowers, a veteran himself, opened the ceremony with an invocation. Following Bowers, the Color Guard

presented the colors and the Ahfachkee School students recited the Pledge of Allegiance in English and Micooskuee.

Seminole Tribal citizen Spencer Battiest followed with a musical rendition of "God Bless the U.S.A." Singer-songwriter Rosanna Parodi then sang "God Bless America." Moses "Big Shot" Jumper Jr. recited a veteran's poem, which he wrote himself.

Several other Tribal citizens made presentations

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Litefoot Performs on Big Cypress Reservation

By Janice Billie
BIG CYPRESS — The year-long, cross country "Reach the Rez" tour officially started in the land of the Seminole. The rapper, actor, and motivational speaker known professionally as Litefoot brought his music and message to the Big Cypress reservation on the evening of Oct. 20.

Chairman Mitchell Cypress up on stage. Cypress thanked everyone for coming out to the concert. He expressed his support for Litefoot and his mission to inspire Native American young people to seek a path in this life that is guided by the Creator not by the trappings or traps of modern society.

It was the third stop, after Brighton and Hollywood. He was also scheduled to be in Immokalee the following day but was cancelled due to the approach of Hurricane Wilma.

Many Tribal citizens, adults and children alike gathered at the Herman L. Osceola Gym to see and listen to the five-time Native American Music Award (NAMMY) winner rap, dance and share a positive message of empowerment.

The evening kicked off with a community dinner as crew members set up the stage, lights and sound system for the show. The many children in attendance created an atmosphere of curiosity and excitement as they played around while waiting.

After dinner Tribal citizen Mary Jean Koenes took the stage to welcome the community to the event and invite



Janice Billie

The official "Reach the Rez" tour bus.

The chairman explained that through the efforts of Trail Liaison William Osceola, the Seminole Tribal Council was made aware of Litefoot's quest and the Association for American Indian Development (A4AID) a non-profit organization that conceived the "Reach the Rez" tour.

The Council passed a resolution in June of this year to be a title sponsor of

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Three New Residents Call Chupco's Landing Home

By Shelley Marmor
FT. PIERCE, FL — On Oct. 20 Tribal citizens Sheree Sneed and Sylvia Tommie received keys to their new

Manager Don Rufrano acted as ceremony emcee. He attended on behalf of Utilities department Director Susie Kippenburger, who was busy preparing for Hurricane Wilma.

Rufrano discussed a few formalities with the new homeowners, including the role of the Seminole Police Department at the Chupco's Landing guard house. He then brought up Lieutenant Jerry Meisenheimer, the head of Ft. Pierce SPD, to meet and greet the two ladies.

He introduced his fellow SPD officers who will assist at Chupco's Landing. He said they will stop every car at the entrance into the complex as a precautionary safety measure. Residents, however, will have a barcode on their car which will allow them entry without stopping.

"We're just here to make sure your new community is a safe place to live in," Meisenheimer said.

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Shelley Marmor

Sylvia Tommie signs on the dotted line for her new home.

Chupco's Landing homes. Mary Lucy Tommie was out of town and did not attend the ceremony, however also received the keys to her new home.

Utilities department Construction

Moffit Cancer Center Lectures on the Reservation

By Emma Brown
BRIGHTON — Members of the Moffit Cancer Center in Tampa, Fla. shared an interesting statistic with members of the Brighton community on Nov. 9 at a cancer awareness luncheon. They said cancer is the second leading cause of death among American Indians 45 years old or older, falling short to heart disease which is the number one killer of Native Americans.

There are many different types of cancers that effect men and women with breast cancer being the most common in women and prostate cancer being the most common among men. The H. Lee Moffit Cancer Center and research Institute is located on the University of South Florida campus. They are world renowned for their research in cancer and have over 200 researchers researching different kinds of cancer.

The Moffit Center is one of 39 National Cancer Institute's designated comprehensive cancer centers in the U.S. We are very lucky to have such a phenomenal cancer center so close to the Seminole Reservations.

During the luncheon members of the center offered details on different kinds of cancer and some preventative methods that could be used to detect or avoid one

of these potentially deadly types of diseases. They also had models set up to show men and women how to perform self examinations or how examinations are performed in a Doctor's office for breast and prostate cancer.

During their power point presentation they showed pictures of the medical

thing that the Moffit Center spokesperson shared with the audience was that eating well and exercising was essential to staying healthy.

A representative also shared that emotional well being is also very important to staying healthy. There are no guarantees that cancer will not affect you, but eating healthy, exercising and living stress free are all factors that could help off set this deadly disease.

Cancer survivors from the Brighton community were honored during the luncheon for their courage and strength that helped them beat the odds. Jack Micco, Loretta Peterson, Willie Johns, Addie Osceola, Rosie Billie and Lola Gopher are all Seminole survivors that display strength in their community and are evidence that you can beat cancer.

The Brighton Medical Clinic does a great job in bringing awareness about health risks to our community and engaging the community to stay fit and healthy. We are lucky to have such a dedicated staff working so hard to

ensure that we all live long and healthy lives. Visit your local health clinic for any questions that you have about your health or well-being.



Emma Brown

Members of the Moffit Center spoke at the cancer awareness lunch.

instruments that were used for some of these examinations and gave out literature for each person to take home that would help broaden their knowledge of cancer. Although there are no guarantees, one

THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

from
THE CHAIRMAN

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

Thank God for his kindness for another good year for our people. We must say a prayer this year for all the young men and women fighting in Iraq. May they stay safe and come back home to their families soon.

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

From my home to your home, I wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving. This is the start of the holiday season, so remember, don't drink and drive. Let's look forward to a safe and happy 2005 holiday season.



Mitchell Cypress, Chairman

Letters & E-mail

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Dear Editor,

Just a note to let you know the old timey photo in this issue of the newspaper is my grandma. Her name is Mabel Tiger Frank.



She was with me during Hurricane Wilma and asked me if I saw her in the paper. I said just you on the three wheeler, and she said no, a picture from a long time ago. I didn't know what she was talking about and said no.

She later showed me the picture of her and said it was her. I said, that's you grandma? She said yeh a long time ago. I said dang grandma you were hot!

We compared the picture to her side by side and yes it's her right ear and eyes and nose. I would have never recognized her if she didn't show me. I did see the picture in the paper but didn't have a clue who it was. We laughed about it and decided it must have been taken sometime late 1920s to maybe 1930.

She said it was before my mother was born, she was born in 1932, maybe two or so years before. She's not really sure but at least two years maybe more. We decided she must have been about 15 years old when the picture was taken. She is now 90 years old.

I was surprised it was her and she was excited she was in the paper, we had fun with it. It was cool!

Thanks,
Debi DeHass

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Seminole Tribe of Florida Water Resource Management Department announces the availability of its

DRAFT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT GRANT PROGRAM

DRAFT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S CLEANUP GRANT PROGRAM

These applications will be available for public review and comment for a period ending December 13, 2005 at the Water Resource Management Department's office in the Hollywood Reservation. Written comments only may be submitted to the following address:

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NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH, 2005

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

National American Indian Heritage Month honors the many contributions and accomplishments of American Indians and Alaska Natives. During November, we remember the legacy of the first Americans and celebrate their vibrant and living traditions.

The American Indian experience is central to the American story, and my Administration is committed to helping Native American cultures across the United States continue to flourish. One of the most important ways to ensure a successful future is through education. Over the past 4 years, my Administration has provided more than \$1 billion for the construction and renovation of Bureau of Indian Affairs schools. We also offer direct assistance for educator and counselor training to help make sure every classroom has a qualified teacher and every child has the tools he or she needs to succeed. As we work with tribal leaders to provide students with a superior education that respects the unique culture and traditions of the community, we can help ensure every child has the opportunity to realize their dreams.

To enhance energy opportunities and strengthen tribal economies, my Administration is working to ease the regulatory barriers associated with tribal energy development. In August, I signed the Energy Policy Act of 2005, allocating \$2 billion in the form of grants, loans, and loan guarantees for exploration, development, and production of energy. This legislation will help ensure that latest energy technologies are being used throughout our country.

Since the earliest days of our Republic, Native Americans have played a vital role in our country's freedom and security. From the Revolutionary War scouts to the Code Talkers of World War II, Native Americans have served in all branches of America's Armed Forces. Today, that proud tradition continues, with Native Americans bravely defending our country in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom and helping to spread liberty around the world. America is grateful to all our service men and women who serve and sacrifice in the defense of freedom.

Our young country is home to an ancient, noble, and enduring native culture, and my Administration recognizes the defining principles of tribal sovereignty and the right to self-determination. By working together, government to government, on important education, economic, and energy initiatives, we can strengthen America and build a future of hope and promise for all Native Americans. This month, we pay tribute to the American Indians and Alaska Natives who continue to shape our Nation. I encourage all citizens to learn more about the rich heritage of Native Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2005 as National American Indian Heritage Month. I call upon all Americans to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this second day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirtieth.

GEORGE W. BUSH



Editor's Note

I am sure the faithful readers of *The Seminole Tribune* are already aware that the Nov. 4 issue was delayed due to Hurricane Wilma and her aftermath. If you are not a faithful reader, you may not even have noticed. The *Tribune* offices were closed the week following the storm; most of our employees were out dealing with the same effects as most people in South Florida. Upon our return, we put our efforts into salvaging most of the stories already submitted with consideration to space and newly submitted stories. If we missed anything from our contributors, contact us. We will search our files and follow through accordingly.

—Janice Billie,
Editor



Photo Quiz



Can you guess who this Seminole man is? See the Dec. 16 issue of the *Tribune* to find out if you guessed correctly.

Brighton Puppeteers Demonstrate Talent

By Susan Etxebarria

BRIGHTON — Pastor Wonder Johns had an idea some months ago that students at the First Baptist Indian Academy might have hidden talents. He purchased four large hand puppets and gave them to a new first and second grade teacher, Luis Maisonet.

The teacher didn't say anything about the puppets again for several weeks but Pastor Johns told the guests, parents and students at an assembly Nov. 10, that he knew "it would just be a matter of time and there would be results."

Sure enough, Maisonet eventually told the pastor he



Susan Etxebarria
One of the stars of the show.

will continue to encourage children to put on more puppet shows and perhaps travel to other churches and schools to perform.

"The children were good and I know they will further develop and get better and better," he said.

In attendance at the puppet show was Basil Phillips and Eric Bricker, representing the Seminole Tribe's Family Services department, and Michael Bond, the Tribe's agriculture extension agent, who was representing Seminole 4-H.

Bond and Becker both announced to the parents, teachers and students that they are currently working with Pastor Johns, and others, to initiate a new Performing Arts Program for all the youth of the Tribe. They came to the puppet show to lend their support for encouraging Tribal talent and to let some of the parents know about this program.

The purpose is to identify Tribal youth with a desire to perform, as musicians, as dancers, as singers, as comedians or actors and give them opportunities. The Performing Arts Program is in the process of being developed. Anyone who has ideas, wants to get involved or just ask questions are invited to contact Eric Bricker, Michael Bond at (863) 467-1411 or Pastor Wonder Johns at (863) 467-1411.



Susan Etxebarria
(L-R) Puppeteers Eric Puente, Huber Leon, Deliah Carillo and Shae Pierce.



Susan Etxebarria
The panel of puppets entertain the crowd.

was indeed rehearsing students with the puppets and that they were getting ready to perform a skit about the Good Samaritan. The performance in the church sanctuary on Thursday was a delightful little production, entertaining everyone with the popular biblical story presented in a different way.

The unseen puppeteers, standing behind a stage curtain made especially for the puppet show, recited their lines with enthusiasm. The performers were Eric Puente, Shae Pierce, Huber Leon, all first graders and Deliah Carillo, a second grader.

Pastor Johns congratulated the children for having the courage to perform in front of the audience. But more important, he said that the school



Health Department
Huston Osceola cheers on teammate Legus Bowers as he army crawls on the ground to compete in the Fear Factor challenge.

Reality TV Challenge Teaches Boys & Girls Club About Health

Submitted by Brenda A. Bordogna MS, CHES

HOLLYWOOD — Every week at the boys and girls club members participate in health education and nutrition lessons. The lessons cover topics relating to healthy eating, physical activity and overall general wellness. Lately, the lessons have been taking a cue from some of television's top reality shows.

On Sept. 28 the Boys & Girls Club held its first ever Seminole Fear Factor Challenge. Members competed in teams of two in three events. The first event consisted of a dizzying baseball bat spin, followed by the other team member attempting to gather as many tennis balls as possible while being sprayed down with super soakers filled with ice cold water.

Teams that passed the first challenge, moved on to the food challenge. In a timed event, the teams of two gathered vegetables in a specific order—tomato, carrot, broccoli and cucumber—and raced to the blender. Secret ingredients to be added to the mix were as follows: spicy hot V8 juice, canned asparagus, canned beets and clam chowder.

The secret ingredient chosen was then added to the blender and the other team mate had to drink the concoction. Legus Bowers and Huston Osceola were the only one team to make it through this challenge.

Legus and Huston had to face the final challenge in order to win the grand prize. In the last event, Huston had to bat a wiffle ball off a t-ball stand using oiled gloves and our special Seminole Fear Factor bat, a two foot, oiled, frozen king fish.

After batting the ball past a specified distance, the bat was handed off to Legus who had to army crawl under a set of chairs while keeping hold of the fish. Legus and Houston were successful and won the grand prize of Walmart gift certificates. As Boys & Girls Club Assistant Director Thommy Doud pointed out, "for these two... fear was not a factor".

Taking cue from another top reality show Iron Chef, Hollywood Nutritionist Doris Nicholas-

Each team had to choose who would perform what tasks in order to win the challenge of the best oatmeal raisin cookie. Some members handled the dry ingredients, while others chose to get messy with the wet ingredients.

A team of five specially selected judges, consisting of members of the Allied Health & Boys and Girls Club staff, based their decision of best cookie



Health Department
Chris Hunter and Huston Osceola sit and watch Whitney Osceola as she spins on the bat.

on texture, appearance and taste. After careful thought, the girls were chosen as the winners.

Allied Health has also brought in other health department programs for interactive and fun activities. On Oct. 5 Health Education Coordinator Brenda Bordogna and Celia Arcia of the Seminole Environmental Health program demonstrated proper hand washing techniques.

Through the use of a special machine called the glitter bug, members of the club were able to see places where germs could hide on their hands even after what they felt was a good hand washing. Many members were shocked to see all the places they had missed.

The Ultimate Warrior Cook Off and Seminole Fear Factor are on going events as part of Allied Health's nutrition and health education lessons. The lessons are held every Tuesday and Wednesday from 3:30-5:30p.m.

For more information on health and nutrition lessons at the Boys and Girls Club, please contact Boys & Girls Club Director Robert North at (954) 931-1153 or Boys & Girls Club Assistant Director Thommy Doud at (954) 410-0957.



Health Department
(L-R) Whitney Osceola, Courtney Osceola and Kristin Billie participate in the events.

Mir presented Boys & Girls Club members with the Ultimate Warrior Cook Off. On Oct. 11, members of the club competed in two teams, boys versus girls.

Weekend Craft Sale at Okalee Village

By Sherry Maraj

HOLLYWOOD — Although the rain chased away most of the prospective customers, that did not dampen the spirits of the vendors as the two-day craft sale got underway on Oct. 15.

The next day, Oct. 16, began with early birds who were already setting up their booths and looking forward to another profitable day of sales, rain or shine.

Most of the items that were offered were: jewelry, bead work, basketry, patchwork clothing, and wood carvings. It was the most beautiful exhibition of color imaginable.

Many vendors such as Dan and Leoda Osceola, Minnie Doctor, Nettie Stewart, Jane Doctor, Mary Jane Storm, Colleen Osceola, the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum at Okalee Village and *The Seminole*



Sherry Maraj
A common scene in Seminole Country: alligators and Seminole crafts.

❖ Chupco

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Shelley Marmor
(L-R) Sheree Sneed and Ft. Pierce Liaison Sally R. Tommie.

Rufrano also introduced a few members of what he called the "project team," including Keith Samuels from the Housing department. He let the two ladies know that the Housing department, though predominantly located in the Hollywood Headquarters building, is always available to assist.

"We at Housing want to give you what you need," he said. "We don't want you to feel like you're on an island because you're out here in Ft. Pierce."

Ft. Pierce Liaison Sally Tommie spoke next. She thanked her Tribal elders, the Tribal Council and Utilities Director Susie Kippenburger. She said she was happy to give the keys to three women who can use their homes to raise and spend time with their families.

Tommie told the new homeowners that their homes are located in a "model community" for future Tribal new home projects.

One of the features unique to these homes is an installed back-up generator. According to Tommie, these are not luxury items, but necessary items due to Florida's often tumultuous weather. Another hurricane precaution in Chupco's Landing homes are hurricane resistant windows that can withstand up to 140 mile per hour winds.

As the ceremony wrapped up, Tommie handed out what she called "your Bibles to your home" to both Sheree Sneed and Sylvia Tommie. These leather portfolios contained pertinent information on the homes, including appliance warranties, the rules and regulations of Chupco's Landing and insurance information.

These portfolios also contained the paperwork Sheree Sneed and Sylvia Tommie had to sign in order to make it official that they owned the homes. The two both signed and joined the other 10 homeowners who received keys to their homes on Sept. 13.



Jimmy Wayne Holdiness Seminole Indian Chickee Builder

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Melissa Sherman

James Peacock from Okalee lets the youngsters pet the gator.

Okalee Village Performs at Holiday Show

By Melissa Sherman

SUNRISE, FL — Snow, gators and bubbles sounds like a strange combination, but to South Floridians that means a fun time at the 11th Annual South Florida Parenting Holiday Show & Florida Panthers Ice Jam held at the Bank Atlantic Center. All weekend long, Nov. 12-13, kids bounced, ice skated and slid down a snow hill from 11 a.m. until the darkness crept in at about 6 p.m.

Children with painted faces and animal balloons in one hand, Okalee Village bags in another hand covered the grounds of the Bank Atlantic Center. Most congregated in front of the building, where they could play in the artificial snow and on the bounce houses and rock walls.

Along the way, Reina Micco make patchwork, Joey Micco carved wood sculptures, Donna Frank made sweetgrass baskets and Frank Kennedy and Patricia Vernon displayed small animals to the kids.

Inside a long line of kids covered the path which at first glance may have appeared like a line for Santa but was actually a line for the chocolate fountain. Kids received marshmallows and pretzels ready for the dipping.

Around the way the youngsters could put their Christmas wishes in early with Santa. His elf helped entertain the small line by teaching juggling. Throw, throw, catch, catch was the mantra as kids tried there best to master the art.

The largest and most attentive crowd was found in front of the stage where Okalee Village put on a gator show. James Peacock showed the crowd a few wrestling techniques on Pinger the gator and demonstrated the "Florida Shave."

Afterwards, assistant Cathy Micholson taped Pingers' mouth shut for safety. Pinger hung out on stage quietly while Peacock brought out a small gator named Little Willie. The children lit up with excitement as they got to line the front of the stage in hopes



Melissa Sherman

The children had a blast playing in the bubbles.

to feel a real live Florida gator as Peacock passed by.

South Florida Parenting Magazine will be hosting a mini holiday event at Seminole Okalee Indian Village Dec. 17-18 at the Seminole Paradise. Please see the advertisement for more information.

Tribal Career Development Program Honors First Grad Marlon Tommie

By Adelsa Williams

HOLLYWOOD — Tribal citizen Marlon "Tyger" Tommie, Bird clan, was the first graduate to complete the Seminole Tribe's Tribal Career Development Program.

The graduation ceremony was held on Oct. 7 at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino's ballroom with a subtle reception for starters where the program's directors and Tommie's fellow trainees celebrated his accomplishment.

Following the enlightening reception, everyone moved on with the ceremony, emceed by Tribal Gaming CEO James Allen. Before Allen took the stage Tribal citizen Leona Tommie Williams, a cousin to the graduate, offered blessing before dinner.

Allen then began by thanking the chairman and the Tribal Council and liaisons for supporting the program. Allen called the Seminole Tribe of Florida "a family business" comparing it to other well known family businesses such as Ford, Wendy's and the Hilton hotels, to name a few.

"The goal of the program is to have a member of the Seminole Tribe standing in my position in the next five to ten years," said Allen.

"Hopefully this program is one of the corner stones so people like Marlon have a position they have not been given only because they are a Tribal member but more importantly because they are qualified," he added. "They will know the business, and that would be the strength of the Tribe as they continue with this operation."

Allen then acknowledged the managers and human resources employees who have made the program a success, in specific Tribal citizen Betty J. Goosens who later conducted a slide presentation enhanced with photos of Marlon and the rest of the program's interns in training as well as activities and educational trips they have been involved in.

There are currently 18 interns in the Tribal Career Development Program. Interns are crossed trained in all the various departments throughout the Seminole gaming facilities. The approximate time for total completion of the program is two years and that depends on the intern's time input, which can vary more or less. Overall, it takes motivation and determination to reach the accomplishment that Marlon reached on that day.

Following Goosens' presentation, Tribal officials took turns on stage with their congratulation speeches. Chairman Mitchell Cypress presented Marlon with an incentive check for 5,000 dollars in

reward for his hard work and dedication.

During Tommie's acceptance speech, he dedicated the ceremony to his late mother Minnie Howard Tommie and acknowledged an immense number of individuals in his personal and professional life that supported him throughout the program. He also presented Allen with a Seminole vest, a traditional Seminole gesture to show appreciation.

The guest speaker of the evening was Ernest Stevens from the internship programs in Indian gaming. He spoke highly about Tommie and praised his



Adelsa Williams

Gaming CEO James Allen presents Marlon Tommie with a trophy.

determination to succeed, especially within his own organization.

Tommie then received a glass trophy, one similar to the one the program earned during the 2005 National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) awards that were held in San Francisco earlier this year.

To cap off the ceremony Tommie then invited all the interns who attended to come up to the stage and be acknowledged. He closed the ceremony with a few words of encouragement to his fellow trainees.

"I was determined to finish it," he said. "I know that the rest of the group in the program has the same determination; I may be the first one to finish but I'm not going to be the only one."

In addition to this recent accomplishment, Marlon Tommie also holds an associate's degree in accounting and a bachelor's degree in business administration.



Adelsa Williams

(L-R) Sally R. Tommie, Marlon Tommie, Mitchell Cypress, Ernest Stevens, Max Osceola, Moses Osceola.

Seminole Attend Gaming Convention

By Adelsa Williams and Shelley Marmor

RENO, NV — Seminole Tribal members Marlon Tommie, General Manager of the Brighton Casino Marty Johns and General Manager of the Hollywood Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Larry Frank attended the University of Nevada, Reno's "Executive Development Program," October 10-18, 2005.

This program aimed "to update, enhance and [teach] management tools unique to the gaming industry," according to their brochure.

At the week-long workshop, one of the tasks was to come up with a strategy for redevelopment of the casinos at Biloxi, Mississippi. These facilities suffered extensive damage during Hurricane Katrina's landfall on August 26, 2005.

The directors of the Executive Development Program issued a challenge to participants to come up with a viable recovery option.

Tommie and a team of seven others on the "Gulf Coast Evaluation Team" worked on this strategy. Eight teams competed, however Tommie's team took first place for his unique strategy in rebuilding the Beau Rivage Resort and Casino. John's team placed third on in his

strategy for Pinnacle Casino and Frank placed seventh on the strategy for the Sands Casino.

He said the Executive Development Program helped "give me a broader understanding of casino day-to-day basis operations."

Tommie interns with the Seminole Tribal Career Development Program, a two-year program which prepares individuals for upper management work within the Seminole Tribe's gaming facilities. The Tribal Career Development Program sponsored this trip.



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(L-R) Marlon Tommie, Marty Johns and Larry Frank at Lake Tahoe.

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American Indian Art Celebration at Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki

By Susan Etxebarria

BIG CYPRESS — The 7th Annual American Indian Art Celebration hosted by the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum Nov. 11-13 was a wonderful learning and awareness experience for the many visitors in attendance.

Throughout the three-day celebration there was intriguing Native American story telling by Seminole Herbert Jim, Jerome Kills Small of the Dakota Sioux, Ethel Makinen, a fluent Tlingit speaker and the Naa Tlaa (clan mother) of the Sitka L'uknax.ádi, and by the Apache storytellers known as Yellow Bird.

Festival goers had the chance to sample Seminole food and purchase beads, clothes and artwork from Seminole craft vendors. A 19th Century craft vendor also offered wares and an evening firework shows thrilled audiences Nov. 12 and 13.

Each day started with Seminole stomp dancing after the opening prayer and the Grand Entry of all the dance groups, dignitaries and museum staff.

Particularly enjoyable was the opportunity to watch the different styles of pow-wow dancing including the ancient grass dance and the most athletic of the pow-wow dances, the men's fancy dance in which the brilliantly colored outfits and energy of the dancers is an exciting performance. The women's fancy shawl demonstrated intricate dance steps individually choreo-



Wanda Bowers

Miss Seminole Christine McCall greets attendees.



Wanda Bowers

The Naa Kahidi Dancers of the Alaskan Tlingit Tribe.



Wanda Bowers

Chairman Mitchell Cypress (center) at the arts celebration.



Wanda Bowers

The Yellow Bird Indian Dancers.



Susan Etxebarria

The Naa Kahidi Dancers entertained the audience.

graphed with agility and grace.

There were three visiting dance troupes including the Yellow Bird, a southwest dance group, the Wase Wakpa, a Midwest dance group; and the Naa Kahidi Dancers of the Alaskan Tlingit Tribe.

The Yellow Bird Indian Dancers, present a repertoire of authentic Apache, Southwest and Northern Plains dances which are colorful yet educational from the exciting Hoop Dance to the beautiful Apache Rainbow Dance, enhanced by native sign language and enchanting flute music.

The Wase Wakpa Dancers are a troupe of the Lakota and Dakota Sioux from South Dakota. The Native songs, dances and stories told during all the various performances were wonderful examples of the cultural beauty and symbolism of Native American traditions.

The Naa Kahidi Dancers were extremely graceful as they swoop and swirl to the haunting music of the Alaskan drum. The dance group's moderator explained how they prefer to call the traditional clothing worn as regalia rather than costumes. Made of wool, the heavy brocaded cloaks and robes were quite hot to wear in the Florida sun and as a result a couple members of the troupe suffered from heat exhaustion on Nov. 11.

The dancers are used to the chilly weather of the Seattle, Wash. climate. They were very thankful to their Seminole Tribe hosts that cared for their ailing dancers who recovered to dance again Saturday.

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Photo courtesy of Silver Spring Attractions

Member of Immokalee Seminole 4-H enjoyed a visit to Silver Springs, Fla.

Silver Springs Trip For Immokalee 4-H

By Judy Weeks
SILVER SPRINGS — On Sept. 3, several members of the Immokalee 4-H accompanied their parents and chaperones on a special adventure. After traveling to Silver Springs, Fla., they spent the weekend exploring the very beautiful attraction.

The group of approximately 25 people toured the Silver Springs Nature Theme Park. Boarding the glass bottom boats, they were able to view fish, turtles and even an alligator in the crystal clear waters of the famous springs. Sliding across the surface of the water, they could observe life as far as twelve feet below. The unpolluted clarity of the springs and its surroundings were awesome. So much so that Hollywood once filmed some of the first Tarzan movies on location at this site.

The group traveled to the top of the 80 ft. Lighthouse Tower in gondolas, where they had a bird's eye view from the treetops of the surrounding area, including the Silver River's headwaters and native wildlife. Taking the Lost River Voyage, they traveled back in time to Florida as it was thousands of years ago—an untamed wilderness in its natural state.

In an outdoor habitat of trees, rocks and waterfalls, they observed several species of bears before taking in the live animal shows. Here they learned amazing facts about many of the world's remarkable creatures. At Ross Allen Island they saw the second largest collection of crocodilian species in the U.S. and then visited not only the Florida Panther, but its cousin, the western cougar.

A relatively new addition is the Wild Waters Waterpark, where the children spent many long, enjoyable hours. If they had their way, they would still be there frolicking like fish and mermaids.

While everyone enjoyed the Fantastic Fountains, it was a particularly big hit with the adults. Using over a thousand water nozzles and colored lights, they have created fanciful water designs and shapes that jump, twist and sway to a musical score of popular tunes. This provided a beautiful evening finale to an already extraordinary day.

The famous statue of Osceola stabbing a Treaty

with his knife, provided a great photographic opportunity. Immokalee Education Director Norita Yzaguirre proudly said, "Just like our ancestors, we return here today as the Unconquered Seminoles."

While touring the park with the youngsters, Immokalee 4-H Director Cecilia Pequeno remarked, "This trip has proved to be both enjoyable and very educational. I am glad that I have been able to participate in this experience."

Silver Springs means more to the Seminole Tribe than just a popular tourist attraction. It brings back memories for many of the tribal elders and their children. From the 1930's until the middle of the 1970's, a Seminole village occupied a portion of the property. Its occupants not only lived there, but were able to sell their merchandise on the premises to a steady stream of visitors.

Elaine Aguilar and her mother, Lucy Johns, called Silver Springs their home for a short time during the 1940s.

She confided, "Like so many other Seminole women, mom worked at whatever she could to support her family. Times were hard for everyone in the villages, especially the single mothers. Besides the back breaking work of bearing and raising their children, they would take jobs sewing, making beadwork, baskets and dolls, as well as laboring in the fields and packing houses. The village at Silver Springs was a long way from home, but it provided a place to live and work without having to leave your children behind. For many years, Silver Springs provided a refuge of sorts for these hard working families by giving them

access to the tourist industry to sell their merchandise. I have a cherished picture from a postcard in which I am sitting beside my mother on a platform while she was sewing at the Silver Springs Village."

Jack and Lena Motlow were also residents of the village with their children many years ago. Their daughter, Mary Sanchez, has fond memories of being allowed to swim in the springs in the evenings after the attraction closed. "I think I must have been about nine years old at the time. We used to climb up on the diving platform and jump into the beautiful, clear water."



Photo courtesy of Silver Springs Attractions
 4-H Members took turns riding the gondola to the top of the observation tower.

Seminole Attend Cherokee Fall Festival

Story by Judy Weeks
CHEROKEE, NC —

Approximately 64 Tribal citizens and chaperones left by bus for Cherokee, N.C. on Oct. 5 to attend the Fall Festival. Traveling to the Smoky Mountains in the autumn is always a pleasant experience. The weather is mild and cool, offering a welcome change from the summer's heat. There is a crispness in the air without being cold.

When making the journey by bus, there is the opportunity to see the signs of harvest everywhere. Rolls of hay in the fields, farmers gathering their crops and produce stands on the roadside all evoked a sense of autumn. Pumpkins, apples, peaches, pecans, jellies and so much more are a colorful site to behold.

Weather conditions around the world this past year have altered the scheme of events, producing multiple late hurricanes, tornados, and cool fronts that bring rain rather than frost. The autumn landscape was not its usual array of colors for the festival, but the leaves were beginning to change. Unfortunately, it rained for three days though



Cecilia Solano

Paul Bowers is all smiles as he visits the Fall Festival in Cherokee, N.C.

that did not affect the spirits of our travelers.

In addition to enjoying the vendors at the Cherokee Festival, they went on a shopping spree and visited several flea markets in the area. Fabric and bead outlets were a big hit and consumed a good portion of their time.

A highlight for many was the fabulous quilt exhibition for which Cherokee is well known. Hours were spent examining the quality, craftsmanship, patterns and colors. Since the Seminoles are appreciated everywhere for their superior crafts, it is understandable that they would be intrigued by the handiwork of others.

No trip to Cherokee would be complete without visiting the casino and that is just what they did. It might have been raining outside, but the entertainment inside was great.



Cecilia Solano

Elders relax together before leaving for a day tour in Cherokee Country.



Angie Arreguin

(L-R) Chaperone Angie Arreguin, Louise Motlow and Elaine Aguilar pose in front of the beautiful Arizona landscape.

Seniors Trip to National Indian Rodeo Finals

By Judy Weeks
MESA, AZ — The National Indian Rodeo Finals were held in Globe, Arizona, this year. Not wishing to miss this annual event, approximately thirty three seniors and their chaperones boarded planes for the Southwestern U.S. on Oct. 19.

The group enjoyed hotel accommodations nearby in beautiful Mesa, Ariz. Traveling to Globe each day for the Finals, gave them an opportunity to experience the wonder of the magnificent Arizona landscape.

Several Seminole Tribal citizens had qualified for the competition and the seniors were on hand to support them in their efforts. The Seminole Flag was carried proudly around the arena in the Grand Entry by Miss Indian Rodeo Queen 2005 Martina Monroe from Montana.

As always, this annual rodeo event is one of the best in the nation. Competitors have worked hard all year long to qualify. This is the opportunity for the best of the best to run for the championship. The livestock is superior and the skills of the contestants are unequalled. The excitement in the air is contagious and draws a large crowd of spectators.

While the nights were filled with Rodeo, the days were spent in flea markets, bead stores, fabric outlets, sight-seeing and the casino.

The group was originally scheduled to return home on Sunday, Oct. 23, however Hurricane Wilma had made other arrangements. After entering the Gulf of Mexico, she changed her course and came



Angie Arreguin

Montana's Miss United Indian Rodeo Association carried the Seminole flag in the Grand Entry.

There was nothing to do now but wait. Filling their time, they visited the casino, Walmart and anxiously watched the television. Dinner at the Texas Roadhouse was a pleasant distraction and a balloon entertainer delighted the crowd with his creations.

Then South Florida lost power and telephone connections. Wilma departed but there was no means of communication with those who had remained at home. Vital prescriptions were running out and there was no way to contact doctors for emergency refills. It appeared plane reservations wouldn't get them home until the following weekend. For some or the group, panic was beginning to set in as they worried about the unknown. The Seminole Police Department got word out that there were no casualties or serious injuries.

Cecilia Solano is the site manager for seniors in Big Cypress, Immokalee and Naples. Traveling with the seniors, she coordinated this trip and handled the crisis in an exemplary manner. Organizing the chaperones, she planned activities to distract the worried seniors and got busy trying to arrange more satisfactory travel arrangements. Her efforts paid off and she had everyone on an airplane to Orlando, Fla., by Tuesday afternoon. From there, she chartered a bus and transported the weary travelers to their homes. It was a difficult time for everyone and they were very appreciative of Solano's excellent handling of the situation.



Angie Arreguin

Seniors enjoyed beautiful Arizona sunsets while Florida took a visit from Hurricane Wilma.

barreling down on South Florida. Due to her unwanted arrival all airports in the area had closed.

The seniors were marooned in Arizona. Frantic phone calls were made to family and friends with last minute instructions concerning their homes, whether or not to evacuate and what preparations should be made before the storm.

Attention all Seminole Artists:
Art Contest for Tribal Fair Booklet

The 2006 Tribal Fair Committee is holding an art contest for the Tribal Fair Program Booklet, the winning art work will be featured on the cover of the Tribal Fair Booklet.

Rules:
 Must be a Tribal Citizen

Any color medium such as paint, charcoal, line drawing, pencil drawing, water color, air brush, mixed medium, etc. are accepted.

Image must be of a **Seminole subject matter:**
 Chickee, traditional dressed family, self portrait, Florida Seminole Nature scene such as wild life, plants, landscapes, etc.

Image size 11" X 11"
 (image may be larger but will be scaled down to fit cover).

Deadline December 1, 2005. Destination for artwork is Seminole Tribune at the Hollywood Headquarters. Drop off locations at all reservations will be established.

Fall Decoration with a Seminole Flair

By Melissa Sherman

Here is a fall craft that is fun to make with the kids and can be cherished for years to come. What do you do with your favorite traditional patchwork clothes worn by your kids besides putting them away in a box or hiding in the back of the closet?

One way to be sure to enjoy these articles of clothing year after year without harm is to make a Seminole Scarecrow. Kids get a kick out of seeing how much they have grown when they stand next to it in comparison and it adds a nice autumn charm to your house or porch for the fall.

Here is how to get started. Gather the following clothing articles from your little one:

- An old pair or out grown shoes
- A pair of socks
- A long dress or skirt and top for girls or pants and shirt or long Seminole shirt for boys

At a hardware store you will need:

- One large four inch nail
- Handful of small wood nails at least an inch or so long
- Two pieces of wood; one one-by-three and one two-by-two
- A small hand held wood saw

From the craft store you will need:

- A foam sphere for the head
- Some burlap (just enough to cover the sphere with a few inches hanging down)
- Pipe cleaners for the mouth
- Felt paper for the face features and hair (yarn may also be used for the hair)
- Googly eyes can also be used instead of felt
- A small bale of hay
- Rope cord or paper ribbon to fasten the burlap around the neck

Now lay your one-by-three flat on the floor



Melissa Sherman

Instead of putting away my daughter's outgrown patchwork dress, I can enjoy it every autumn.

and laying the clothing next to it mark the height of the body (you will need two). Take the shoe and the two-by-two and mark after the arch of the shoe before the toes, if you make it too long it will not fit inside the shoe and if it is too small it will not balance the body (you will need two). You will also use this two-by-two to make the arms (one piece).

Saw your marked wood (this is good time to put the kids to work), and piece it together as pictured.

Once the wood is put together use the four inch nail for the neck. Hammer it in about an inch then push the foam head on over the head of the nail.

Let's dress it up, put on the socks and shoes, wrap the burlap over the foam and fasten. Add your personalized face and hair. Stuff hay out of the arms and socks. You can also glue hay on the underside of the burlap so you don't damage the clothes and enjoy!



Melissa Sherman

SHOPPING LIST: Burlap, paper ribbon, hay, foam, wood and nails.



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Time for the saw and hammer and put it together.

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Hurricane Wilma Visits Immokalee

Story by Judy Weeks

IMMOKALEE — By Oct. 20 it became apparent that a late season hurricane named Wilma was headed into the Gulf of Mexico. All predictions indicated that it would turn drastically and make landfall in South Florida. With all eyes on the weather stations, preparations were underway for Wilma's arrival. By Oct. 21 the Seminole Police Department (SPD) had divided the community into sections with officers going door to door in an effort to determine who would be evacuating and how many citizens planned to remain. They discussed necessary supplies with those who planned to stay and assured them that officers would be on duty throughout the storm to offer assistance. Approximately 70 residents of the Immokalee reservation chose to remain in their homes.

On Oct. 24 at about 4 a.m. the winds began to arrive in gusts and Wilma announced her arrival. As promised three SPD officers commanded their posts. Laura Herran remained at the Casino where many individuals had gathered to weather the storm. Lynn Howard and Gary Austin circulated throughout the community checking for damage or possible injuries. When the wind gusts escalated to more than 120 miles per hour they would retreat to the side of the Casino and then resume patrol whenever possible.

At one point, it became apparent that they were going to lose the radio tower above the SPD station. They watched as a stationary leg tore from the ground and the tower rocked back and forth before eventually crashing through the roof of their trailer.

As daylight arrived, so did the torrential rains. Some areas received in excess of ten inches within an eight hour time frame. Back yards became lakes and streets turned into rivers.

Michelle Ford watched for the winds to subside and slipped out into her yard to take several photos during the storm before retreating to safety. Her fences were down and portions of her neighbors' possessions were scattered everywhere. Trees were whipping and twisting in the wind with many breaking or becoming uprooted. Power lines went down and telephone service became nonexistent.

While the winds were still gusting at over 45 miles an hour, the SPD officers checked each individual residence where the homeowners had remained. Fire and Rescue immediately responded to an overturned trailer, but fortunately no one was inside. The people of the Immokalee community have not been able to express in words how much they appreciated the wonderful care they received from the Seminole Police Department, Fire and Rescue as well as the fine people who supply their services.

By late afternoon Wilma had moved on to affect the lives of other South Floridians.

Damage to Immokalee was considerable, but no lives were lost and there were no serious injuries. Trees and landscaping took a terrible beating. Wilma didn't seem to care whether items had been secured or not. Justin Davis' pole barn roof visited several of his neighbors, some of whom lived over a block away. Pete Aguilar's trampoline has a new home in the middle of the flag pond and someone's igloo cooler float-

ed in a roadside drainage ditch.

The new Administration Building, which is nearing completion, sustained minimal damage but it's construction trailer flipped over. A brand new metal shed had just been finished near the ball field to house the seniors' bicycles. The anchor straps were torn from the ground and the building demolished. Chickees everywhere sustained roof damage and some collapsed.

Norita Yzaguirre's carport is gone and her mother Louise Motlow's house was spared serious damage when a tree balanced on the roof of an SUV. The Preschool lost several large trees on the playground and fences but the building remains in tact.

Thanks to our new water and sewer facilities with backup generators, service was never interrupted. Not so for the city of Immokalee, which went for a few days without this vital convenience and then had to boil their water for 48 hours when it eventually returned.

Power and telephone service was another story. The majority of the Reservation had electricity restored by noon on Oct. 26. Telephones



Judy Weeks

Senior's new bicycle shed was demolished by Wilma.

were back in service as cellular towers were activated and lines were repaired. In the meantime, SPD were able to assist with getting messages to evacuees and concerned family members.

Although some residents had gas stoves or grills for use during the power outage, Immokalee Council Liaison Ralph Sanchez established a tab at the Casino for any Tribal Members who needed meals. Sanchez authorized Utilities to enter yards to help clear debris and assist residents with emergency repairs. Utilities supplied a subcontractor with a mulcher to help clear the yard waste.

Within 48 hours the Housing department assessed the damages and patched roofs wherever possible. Roofs were mended and in some cases entire buildings were tarped.

FEMA finally arrived under police escort with two semi-trailer loads of ice and water after the power had been restored. The majority of their contents were rerouted to Big Cypress who still lacked electricity.

Schools in Collier County were closed as of the Oct. 21 and were unable to reopen until Oct. 31.

The Seminole Tribe can be very proud of their service departments in Immokalee. They did a fantastic job of protecting and providing for their community. While other parts of Collier County continued to struggle with the hurricane's aftermath, the Seminole Tribe were merely inconvenienced and their losses were kept to a minimum by immediate response.

While picking up the contents of her shed and chickee that were strewn about the yard, Elaine Aguilar summed it all up when she said, "I've been meaning to sort and clean these buildings for sometime but never got to it. I guess Wilma thought I was overdue. What really matters are people. We were protected and no one got hurt and for that we can all be grateful."

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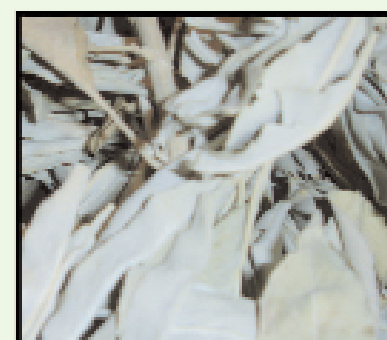
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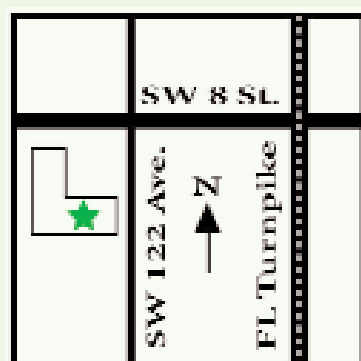


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Office of National Drug Control Policy

Hurricane Wilma and the Seminole Tribe of Florida

Editor's Note: The Seminole Tribune asked the department heads to comment about how the storm affected their department or enterprise. Some also elected to give recognition to a certain individual or employee.

As the Hollywood Community Emergency Management Liaison during the Recovery period, I can't tell you many people in the community came out to help in all areas of need. We had individuals from surrounding neighborhoods who came and volunteered their assistance to the Hollywood Community.

Wanda Bowers took pictures as we made our rounds throughout the community. The community Emergency Management volunteers were based out of the shelter and basically were responsible for pre- and post Hurricane assessment of the community. Priorities were the medically needy, disabled, homebound, and other elderly.

The best part of the period following Hurricane Wilma was how the community cooperated and assisted in the efforts of the emer-



Seminole Police distributed thousands of pounds of ice.

Wanda Bowers

and cold drinks through Thursday and we're fully operational by Friday. There was a curfew of 7 p.m. until Friday. We had customers from Palm Beach to Hollywood. We had record sales days. Our fuel supply kept the Brighton reservation going.

Kevin Osceola helped Johnnie Jones and his crew hooked up generators in Brighton.

Bill Jacobs, a sales associate at the Brighton Trading Post worked the day of the hurricane from 4-7. For the rest of the week Store and Campground Manager Kevin Osceola, Assistant Manager Debbie Spell and Sales Associates Colleen Carey and Loretta Young worked in the store all week. Sandy Osceola, executive assistant for the president for Board and Council and Charlene Baker, administrative assistant also worked in the store all week.

The Big Cypress Trading Post closed on Oct. 24 and re-opened at noon on Oct. 25, with Yandra and Cathy Hidalgo working until 4 p.m. Store Manager Don Waiksnis was at the store Tuesday morning to check on damage and worked all week at the store. Deloris Alvarez, was instrumental in getting the store reopened by getting Yandra Hidalgo, Assistant Manager out of bed to open the store!

Mitchell Cypress got a generator and Sheldon Huggins hooked it up, this allowed us to sell fuel. Tribal citizens were allowed to come into the store to get food and supplies. We also did an inventory of all items that were kitchen related and gave those to Hot Meals. We also sent food and drinks to the Immokalee reservation.

Fuel was reserved for Tribal citizens and employees until Friday. Other staff members that worked in the Trading Post during the week were Jacki Ross and Jessica Milian. Our fuel supply kept the Big Cypress reservation running.

Both stores were instrumental in keeping both reservations going and contributing to Immokalee. We had a fuel delivery at both stores just before the hurricane and we were able to get two deliveries the week of the hurricane. This all goes back to a strong business relationship the Board has with Randy Long, the President of Evans Oil.

Cheryl Bolton
Business Development Manager
Seminole Tribe of Florida

Through their business relationships the Board has been able to benefit the Tribe and Cheryl Bolton's performance during Hurricane Wilma was outstanding. When fuel shortage problems arose for the Tribe and fuel would not be available for at least 48 hours from the state, in four-and-a-half hours she was instrumental in procuring fuel for the generators for the Medical, Fire and Elders departments and Hot Meals.

Hurricane Wilma volunteers were also given five gallons per day in order to travel to and from their duties. A fuel tanker was placed behind SPD with regular and diesel fuels. When the tanker left for refueling, two 500 gallon drums were left behind so we would not be without gas at any time. Beginning on Oct. 25, fuel was available from 6 a.m. thru 10 p.m.

Cheryl's efforts allowed the Tribe to recover.

Doreen Marshall
President's Office
Office Manager

Fire Rescue personnel assisted in distributing ice and water which was obtained by the Emergency Management Office.

Armando Negrin
Director
Emergency Services Department

Status Report of Seminole Tribe of Florida Facilities

Hollywood
No Residential power between 30th to 37th Street. Boil water notice lifted for Oak Prairie. Boil water notice still in effect for Hollywood Estates Mobile Home Park.

D. S. O. Bldg
Water damage in various places i.e. water stains on ceiling tiles, some water infiltration in windows.

SPD
There are metal roof panels missing in two areas (the S. E. corner of the building and the west side of the building) Building in good condition for immediate use, follow up work with contractor to begun next week. Contractor on site today to cover damaged areas of the roof with temporary tarps.

Radio Tower suffered some damage that was repaired by BIA Technical support on site. The radio is 100% functional at this time. Some additional future work to be scheduled.

Gym
Minor roof damaged on South East side of building (roof area)

Ball Field
Several light poles are leaning and/or missing lights. One pole is down, with fence and bleachers leaning over Joe Kippenberger's shed. Score board blown, on the ground.

Big Cypress Airport
Sustained Suffer Structural Damage on the Hangar

SPD
Radio Tower suffered some damage that was repaired by the BIA Technical support on site. Radio communication is now 100% functional.

Fire/Forestry/EMS Tower
Is down, EMS equipment will be transferred to the Water Tower during this week.

Gym
Structural engineering report on its way, roof system is similar to Brighton. Most of the metal roof blew off. Some minor water damage on the interior, some damage to the ext. shed.

Museum
Part of the metal roof blew off, leaving wood decking exposed. There was some interior truss damage. No water damage observed.

Brighton L40 Canal Billie Bowleg Road
The bridge was reported to have suffer no structural damage. The embankment was washed out and is providing no support to the concrete (bridge).

Tree Debris Removal
Contractor on site with two crews providing cleaning/clearing of big trees. Other Tribal Member's companies cooperating as authorized by Andrew Bowers

Residential Tree Debris Removal
Will be provided by local companies as per list being prepared by Andrew Bowers.

Gym
Half of the old roof (metal) was blown off. There was some damage to the bleachers at the ball field. (They blew over).

Rodeo
One tree fell on a small building, contractor.

SPD
Radio Tower suffered some damage, minor repairs were provided by BIA

Technical support on site. The radio communication is 100% functional at this time.

Immokalee Pre School
Trees down

SPD Trailer
Communication Radio Tower moved to the back of the Trailer (moved the antenna out of the way) completely destroyed.

Youth Building
Danger with power pole that needs to be picked up and disconnected. The Electrician was on site today and he disconnected the electricity to the building. Electrician will go back and install a new meter box. Not open as of now.

Rodeo Grounds
Concession stand: Roof blew off. Storage building (ted's shed) next to booth totally destroyed.

Ball Field
Storage trailer destroyed. Some fence damage.

Housing Trailers
Double wide trailer parked at the ball field has minor damage as the storage blew in to the trailer.

Coconut Creek
Worked off a generator. Had an additional Generator for A/C units.

Fort Pierce
One generator propane tank had a valve failure they used a small generator. Minor window and door damage to some of the homes already occupied.

Tampa
No damage reported as of today.



Big Cypress Recreation trailer.

Rhonda Roff

Wilma made a direct hit on the Big Cypress Reservation

By Rhonda Roff
BIG CYPRESS — Hurricane Wilma made a direct hit on the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation on Monday, October 24, 2005. Beginning about 5:00 AM Category 3 hurricane force winds began bending trees over and lifting porch roofs.

No one dared go out, as only a few remember such a humbling show from Mother Nature. An eerie calm followed as the eye of the storm passed over, but with a cold front pushing the storm from the southwest, we knew we couldn't breathe a sigh of relief yet. In fact, the forecasters were warning of a more intense second round due to this extremely unusual combination of hot and cold weather patterns back to back. They were right. Wilma's second punch took out whatever power and telephone

station reported 107 mph winds. For some, this was too much information. Although Wilma was moving unusually quickly over us, it seemed an eternity, making us grieve for the Yucatan residents who endured two full days of her fury.

By noon on that day,



The old Bingo Hall

Rhonda Roff

folks who stayed home were able to venture out and get a hot lunch at the Senior Center. Remarkably, the staff there had already served breakfast, and they served the community tirelessly for an entire week afterwards!

Unlike Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties, the Big Cypress Reservation community enjoyed a constant, clean water supply thanks to the herculean efforts of the Utilities Department. Donny Walker, the plant manager, camped out at the plant in an effort to keep it running.

Although the Tribal offices were officially closed, Housing Department technical staff reported to work to ensure safety. David Cypress dispatched the grounds crews to clean up dangerous hanging limbs and driveway and road blockages.



The Museum roof

Rhonda Roff

was left after the first. Already weakened structures now creaked and moaned. Shed and porch roofs flew, mighty Live Oaks sacrificed their canopy limbs, and ornamental plantings just laid down in surrender.

The Micosukee weather



Wanda Bowers

Gloria Wilson Hollywood Board Representative grocery shopped for her community and took care to cater to the diets of individuals with special needs.

gency operations staff and volunteers. We had some "grumblers," but they were the minority.

Many thanks and immense gratitude are to be afforded the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) personnel and the departments represented as well as the many volunteers who assisted in recovery efforts.

We had all ages pitch in and assist by preparing and serving meals to the community,

forward to help their fellow community members. I am confident that should circumstances deem it necessary in the future the Hollywood community will be okay.

Much gratitude should be conveyed to Hollywood Council Representative Max Osceola Jr., also. Despite being ill, Max was active in securing fuel and hotel rooms for the community members as well as distributing water and ice to the community. He was also an active part of the efforts of the EOC. He's to be commended for his efforts in the recovery process.

Fortunately, the Tribe was able to provide assistance to all of our communities without much delay.

All in all, the Hollywood community did well despite the inconveniences of the loss of power and water. We were fortunate considering parts of South Florida suffered much more with the loss of housing and power as many are still awaiting recovery assistance.

We have much to be grateful and appreciative for.
Gloria Wilson
Hollywood Board Representative

I wanted to thank the Hollywood Board Representative Gloria Wilson and commend her for all her hard work during the hurricane. She was out there every single day from morning until night handling issues from shutters and generators to keeping the community updated on everything that was going on. It was good to know that there was an actual person that you could go to right there if you had any concerns.

Thank you,
Loretta Micco
Seminole Tribal Member

Brighton was only closed from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday. We were able to sell fuel



Wanda Bowers

Seminole Police officers regulated water distribution.

debris clean up/removal, monitor generators, distribute ice, water and fuel, and provide continuous assessment of those areas of the reservation that were without power and water.

As the Emergency Management



Wanda Bowers

Glenda Waser from the IT department and many other dedicated employees such as Penny Fontana, Joann O'Connell, Ken Bonawitz and his staff put in countless hours preparing food and making sure the EOC and Tribal Members did not go hungry.

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(L-R) Jr. Miss Seminole Jennifer Chalfant and Miss Seminole Christine McCall with FSU's mascot Osceola.

Hurricane Wilma Blows Through the Hollywood Reservation, While Christine takes FSU by Storm

By Wanda Bowers

I had scheduled Christine to come home Oct. 21 from Florida State University (FSU), so that we could all drive up to Orlando, Fla. for Halloween Horror Night. We planned to celebrate Christine's 19th birthday and spend time with her friends that weekend.

They had a blast. Christine said they made every haunted house that night. After all the fun, we spent the night with a girlfriend of mine named Angel, who lived just outside of Orlando. Saturday morning we all got up, Angel made us a batch of blueberry pancakes, a good cup of coffee and sent us on our way back to Hollywood.

We didn't get back to the rez until early that evening. We were so tired when we got home that we went straight to bed. We just relaxed all day on Oct. 23, we didn't even think about Hurricane Wilma. Until Monday morning, the rain was falling so hard on the roof it woke us up, the wind was howling, the tree branches were flying by our windows along with my fence and everything else that wasn't tied down.

We just sat in the living room watching through the back sliding door, like a big screen T.V.—it looked like the movie Twister—until things calmed down. I guess that's when the eye was going over us. Everything was still. Casey thought it was over, so he ran out to the car to charge his phone on the car charger.

went shopping with Gloria Wilson, gave out water and ice, monitored the gasoline allocation. Whatever needed to be done we, the Hollywood volunteers, were ready to work with Gloria.

Every morning before breakfast Gloria would go to the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) in the Hollywood Tribal Office get an update on Wilma and any other community concerns and then go to the Senior Center to have breakfast and report to the Tribal citizens after breakfast.

Now inside the Senior Center, Linda and the volunteers worked side by side while cooking each meal for the community. With the help of Virginia Osceola, Jimmy Osceola Jr. (the chef), Ciara Billie, Christine McCall, Mercedes Osceola, JoJo Osceola, and other volunteers that just wanted to help. We were feeding almost 300 people a day.

In the meantime I was trying to figure out how to get Christine back up to FSU for the homecoming game. Thursday of that week I had to try and fly Christine and myself out on a flight up to Tallahassee. She had an appearance to make at the FSU homecoming game that was scheduled for the weekend.

I was so afraid that we weren't going to make it after Hurricane Wilma came through and tore up the Ft. Lauderdale Airport. But, thank God the airport opened up Wednesday night so we were back on schedule to fly out in the afternoon of Oct. 27.



Gloria Wilson (right) with Emergency Management Coordinator Laurie McRoy (center).

First appearance on the agenda for the visiting Seminole royalty was a parade through the campus grounds. Every sorority, every club, state officials and university alumni, just to mention a few, gathered on Oct. 28 to show their pride and support during the homecoming game against Maryland.

Saturday mid-morning we all gathered at the Florida State University Reservation—a park by the lake—to have kind of a cook out and meet and greet. FSU President T.K. Wetherell and Donna McHugh, head of P.B. relations, were there along with other FSU staff and Tribal citizens to say hello.

Everyone gathered in the President's box before the game. The hospitality was great, the buffet spread was delicious. Everyone affiliated with FSU was glad to see that the Tribal citizens, myself, Miss Seminole Christine McCall, Jr. Miss Seminole Jennifer Chalfant, Little Mr. Seminole Mathew Osceola Jr., his parents Natasha and Mathew Sr., his grandparents Marie and Jimmie Osceola, Little Miss Seminole Shalynn Josh, her parents Lucinda Buck Josh and Kelvis Josh and her grandparents, Rosie Buck and

The rain started back up again, it started getting harder, the wind was blowing harder, Casey hollered, "I'll wait in the car until it slows down. But it just got harder he jumped out of the car and ran into the house. I told him, "You're crazy, that's the back side of Wilma."

He said "I just wanted to charge my phone" the house had been knocked out of power earlier that morning. So we just waited.

I couldn't think of anything to do but just wait it out and look out the windows of the house to see what kind of damage there was around my house. First thing I could see was that a big branch from my oak tree was dangling off the wires to my house. Looked like someone had raped my oak tree, it didn't have a twig on it. The bigger branches were laying in my front yard.

The bottle brush trees in front were busted in half. The oak tree in the back yard also had it's branches broken off by the wind. One branch had Linda Jones' trampoline pad hanging from it and the frame of the trampoline had smashed into the top of my dog cage that was also in the back yard. I could see Linda's house from my daughter's bedroom window. It just dawned on me my wooden fence had been ripped out of the ground also.

As usual we got out the candles, the flash lights and a deck of cards. Tuesday morning me and my two kids, Christine and Casey went to the Senior Center to gather with the rest of the community for breakfast and find out what was going on. They had a generator connected to the center, which now was named the "Hurricane Shelter," for Tribal citizen victims and Tribal employee families. We all watched a big screen TV to see what was happening around the neighborhood and in South Florida.

I reported to Hollywood Board Representative Gloria Wilson with the rest of the reservation volunteers and started helping wherever we were needed. I



Hollywood Board Rep. Gloria Wilson at the Seniors Center.

Sammy Gopher, came all the way up to watch the game and support the Seminole team.

It was a great day all the way around the Seminoles won, everyone had a good time, made new friends, had a great feast, Miss Seminole even gave out glow pens and ball caps that said "The Unconquered Seminoles of Florida" everyone was happy. As for Miss Seminole, she will always remember this day. It was the day she received a new cut glass, patchwork designed Miss Florida Seminole crown. Salina No Ear, a Ponca-Otoe of Tulsa, Okla., made it for her. I've known Salina so long; she's watched Christine grow up into a beautiful young lady. From sleeping under my Pow-wow table all the way to attending Florida State University. A dream come true for all of us.

What a great weekend,
 Wanda F. Bowers

Voluntary Collection For Employee Kenny Dodd

Submitted by the Utilities department

A fellow member of our staff, Kenny Dodd, lost his home during Hurricane Wilma and has been informed by FEMA that they will not replace his home. He is now homeless and staying with friends, with no place to store what little belongings he was able to salvage.

and is one of our most loyal members of staff. We would like to invite anyone who wishes to contribute to a collection in order to help him get back on his feet, to contact Denise Logue in the Hollywood Utilities department, (954) 966-6300, Ext. 1116.

We would greatly appreciate your support, as we know that Kenny Dodd will as well.

Kenny works at our Hollywood Water Plant

Halloween Celebrations



Jaime Restrepo

SPD Officer Carlin Coleman declares Louise Osceola the winner.



Janice Billie

The costume contestants filled the stage for judging.



Janice Billie

Arissa Cypress as Raggedy Anne.



Janice Billie

Care Bear Alyss Cypress.

Big Cypress Halloween/Fall Festival

By Janice Billie

BIG CYPRESS — The Big Cypress Recreation department hosted the Halloween/Fall Festival on Nov. 4 on Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum festival grounds. The event was much anticipated, being previously postponed from Oct. 28, due to the visit of Hurricane Wilma.

The Recreation department along with all other Seminole Tribe departments in Big Cypress pulled together and put out an enormous effort to bring the festival to pass. It was a time for the kids and adults alike to put out of mind the week of Wilma's aftermath and just have some laughs.

The most popular event was the costume contests with so many entrants the stage could barely hold them all. Other events included arm wrestling, the king and queen contests, egg toss and booth decorating. There were various carnival

rides, food booths and game booths contributed by Family Services, Seminole Broadcasting, Seminole Police Department, First Baptist Church, Cattle and Range, Ahfachkee School, Water Resources, Chairman's Office, Hunting Adventures, Education, Community Center, EMS, Learning Resource/Culture and the Seminole Clinic.

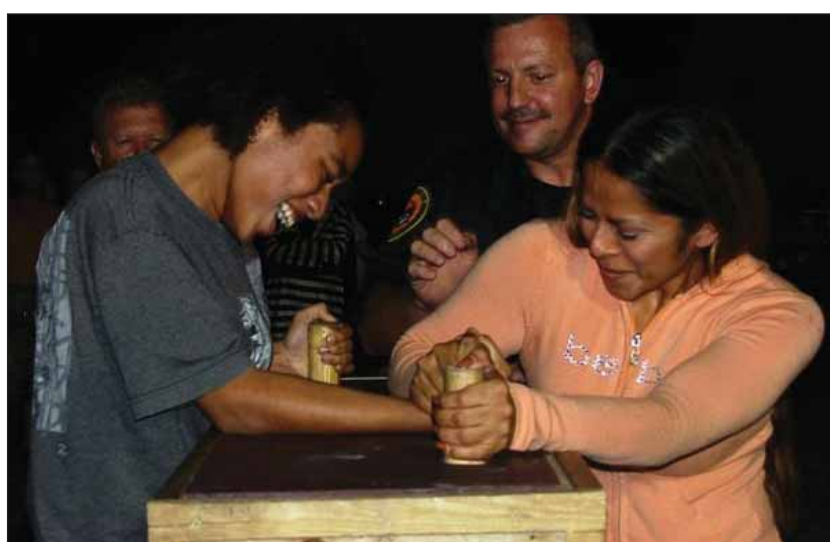
The music, sound system and DJ services were provided by Axis Chemicals Audio Visual of Big Cypress, a company owned and operated by Tribal citizen Charlie Osceola. They boomed out everything from the "Monster Mash" to Creedence Clearwater Revival enhancing the already pumped up festival mood.

This year's Halloween/Fall Festival was definitely a fun filled success due to the efforts of so many people that work together for community achievement.



Jaime Restrepo

Sisters Odalia and Cecilia Solano in a friendly game of arm wrestling.



Jaime Restrepo

(L-R) Gail Seymour and Marissa Baker arm wrestle.



Janice Billie

Edie Robbins in her Red Cross nurse costume.



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Halloween Celebrations

Immokalee Halloween Celebration

Story by Judy Weeks

IMMOKALEE — With the recent departure of Hurricane Wilma and power outages, Halloween activities were originally on hold. However, Immokalee Council Liaison Ralph Sanchez decided to work around the obstacles and give the community the morale booster it needed.

On Oct. 28, a carnival was set up at the ball field as previously planned. Recreation had organized some competitions divided into age categories and members of the community entered into the fun filled evening.

The 4-H Club sponsored a cake walk and the lucky winners were able to satisfy their sweet tooth. Between rides the party goers participated in a three-legged race, arm wrestling, log peeling, skillet throwing, sack race and a foot race.

Following are the results:

Three-Legged Race: Ages 6-12: 1. Christopher Briscoll and Lily Mora, 2. Destiny Hernandez and Taylor Fulton, 3. Tommy Benson and Jack T.; Ages 13-17: 1. Mark Arriaga and Josie Davis, 2. Cassandra Jimmie and Edward Yzaguirre, 3. Alley and Anthony Yzaguirre; Ages 18-35: 1. Carol Osceola and Dica Osceola, 2. Amy Yzaguirre and Frankie DelaRosa, 3. Juanita Martinez and Pete Martinez; Ages 36-54: 1. Miriam and Alonza, 2. Allen McInturff and Becky Martinez, 3. Gary McInturff and Elsa Zamora.

Arm Wrestling: Ages 5-7: 1. Dennis Gonzales, 2. Kenny Joe Davis Jr., 3. Jack T.; Ages 8-12: 1. Lilly Mora, 2. Julizza Martinez, 3. Larissa Delarosa; Ages 13-17 Girls: 1. Bonnie Davis, 2. Ally C, 3. Erica Mata; Boys: 1. Tommy Benson, 2. Mark Arriaga, 3. Allen M. Venzor; Ages 18-35 Women: 1. Susan Davis, 2. Naomi Escobar, 3. Juanita Martinez; Ages 36-54: 1. Justin Villareal 3. Frankie Delarosa; Ages 36-54: 1. Mario Posada, 2. Bill Russell, 3. Ralph Sanchez;

Seniors: 1. Rachel Billie, 2. Nancy Motlow.

Log Peeling: Ages 9-11: 1. Christopher Briscoll; Ages 12-17: 1. Allen Michael Venzor, 2. Tommy Benson, 3. Mark Arriaga; Ages 18-35: 1. Larry Motlow, 2. Justin Davis, 3. Dico Osceola; Ages 36-54: 1. Victor Billie, 2. Johnnie Jimmie, 3. Gary McInturff.

Skillet Throwing: Ages 9-11: 1. Lilly Mora, 2. Alexis Aguilar, 3. Tommi B.; Ages 12-17: 1. Erica Mata, 2. Bonnie Davis, 3. Josie Davis. Ages: 18-35: 1. Susan Davis, 2. Carol Osceola, 3. Cecilia Pequeno; Ages 36-54: 1. Miriam Hernandez, 2. Elsa Zamora, 3. Becky Martinez; Seniors: 1. Bess Bowlegs, 2. Rachel Billie, 3. Mary Sanchez.

Sack Race: Ages 5-7 Boys: 1.

Kenny Davis, Jr.; 2. Dennis Gonzales Jr., 3. Jack T.; Girls: 1. Alycia; Ages 8-12 Boys: 1. Christopher Briscoll, 2. Trent McInturff; Girls: 1. Larissa Delarosa, 2. Destiny Hernandez, 3. Lilly Mora; Ages 13-17 Boys: Mark Arriaga, 2. Tommy Benson, 3. Allen M. Venzor; Girls: 1. Nikki Davis, 2. Bonnie Davis, 3. Ally C.; Ages 18-35: Men: 1. Raymond Mora, 2. Justin Villareal, 3. Daniel Yzaguirre; Women: 1. Susan Davis, 2. Jennifer Ramos, 3. Leti Canales; Ages: 36-54: Men: 1. Raul Martinez, 2. Allen McInturff, 3. Johnnie Jimmie; Women: 1. Bonita Osceola, 2. Miriam Hernandez, 3. Becky Martinez.

Foot Races: Ages 5-7 Girls: 1. Destiny Jimmie, 2. Cartaya Aguilar, 3. Chelsey Alvarado; Boys: 1. Kenny Davis Jr., 2. Dennis Gonzales and 3. Troy Cantu; Ages 8-12 Girls: 1. Ashley Faz, 2. Jessica Lopez, 3. Lily Mora; Boys: 1. Christopher Briscoll, 2. Trent McInturff, 3. Nehi Roberts; Ages 13-17 Girls: 1. Nikki Davis, 2. Cassandra Jimmie, 3. Josie Davis; Boys: 1. Mark Arriaga, 2. Allen Venzor, 3. Spencer Jock.

On Oct. 29, the Immokalee Gym was decorated with Halloween orange and black draperies, balloons, tablecloths, and party favors. The entry way had been prepared with spider webs, pumpkins, skeletons and a graveyard.

Following the invocation by Mary Sanchez, refreshments were provided and the evening's festivities got underway. Nancy Motlow announced the contests, remarked on the ingenuity of the many costumes and the general enthusiasm of the community. Immokalee Council Liaison Ralph Sanchez thanked everyone for coming during such difficult times.

"It is wonderful to see neighbors helping each other and the general concern that has passed through our community," he said. "We are truly one big family who care for each other."

The thought and careful preparation that went into the costume contest was extraordinary. There were princesses, movie stars, clowns, pirates, Indian chiefs, ghouls, army rangers, Spidermen and butterflies to name a few.

As always there were some that stood out above the rest and caught everyone's eye. The mossy swamp creature and obese shabby security guard brought roars of laughter. The two headed, four legged man showed impressive coordination as the couple inside, walked, danced and maneuvered around the room in perfect unison.

By far the most hilarious entry was Janet Jackson, whose enormous breast nearly took out the eye of the disk jockey and she re-created the famous on stage

"wardrobe malfunction" blooper.

Costume contest winners were: Ages 0-1: 1. Carlise Bermudez, 2. Mariah Mata, 3. Harmony Cypress; Most Original: Andrew Bowers; Scariest: Madison Martinez and Avery Bowers.

Ages: 2-5: 1. Jack Aguilar, 2. Aaliyah Mora, 3. Jesse Sanchez; Most Original: K.J. Davis; Scariest: Carlos Bermudez.

Ages 6-9: 1. Dennis Gonzales, 2. Chelsey Alvarado, 3. Damion Escobar; Most Original: Mallory Baker; Scariest: Ashley Faz.

Ages: 10-12: 1. Trent McInturff, 2. Jonathan Frank, 3. Lilly Mora; Most Original: Destiny Jimmie; Scariest: Alexis Aguilar.

Ages 13-17: 1. Deidra Hall, 2. Cassandra Jimmie, 3. Allen Hernandez; Most Original: Josie Davis and Mark Arriaga; Scariest Ronnie Billie.

Ages 18-35: 1. Susan Davis, 2. Noe Arteaga, 3. Leticia Canales. Most Original: Kenny Davis; Scariest Clint Billie.

Ages 36-54: 1. Sylvia Marrero, 2. Paula Sanchez, 3. Juan Tapia; Most Original: Sylvia Marrero; Scariest: Johnnie Jimmie.

Seniors: 1. Nancy Motlow, 2. Rachel Billie, 3. Mary Sanchez; Most Original: Nancy Motlow; Scariest: Rachel Billie.

Staff Costume Contest: Amy Clay; Staff Children: Jack Tahchawickah

A great deal of time and effort went into the pumpkin carving contest. Exercising their skills, the contestants produced crosses, a headless horseman, flag and much, much more. 1. Laci Sanchez, 2. Vicky Mata, 3. Marissa Sanchez, 4. Michelle Sanchez, 5. Dennis Gonzales.

The dance contest proved to be a lot of fun as the crowd responded to various types of music. The antics of the obese security guard had everyone in stitches. The pirate and his partner wowed the crowd as they "shook a leg" and the two headed man showed dexterity beyond belief. Winners were: Ages 5-7: 1. Destiny Jimmie, 2. Kenny Davis Jr., 3. Aaliyah Mora; Ages 6-12: Ashley Faz, 2. Larissa Delarosa, 3. John Dale McInturff; Ages 13-17: 1. Mark Arriaga, 2. Nikki Davis, 3. Bonnie Davis; Ages 18-35: 1. Susan Davis, 2. Raymond Mora, 3. Amy Yzaguirre; Ages 36-54: 1. Juan Tapia, 2. Elsa Mora, 3. Paula Sanchez; Seniors: 1. Nancy Motlow and 2. Rachel Billie.

Limbo, line and couples dances continued throughout the evening. Before the night was over the 4-H 50/50 raffle winner was drawn and the happy winner, Tony Sanchez, took his prize.



Michelle Ford

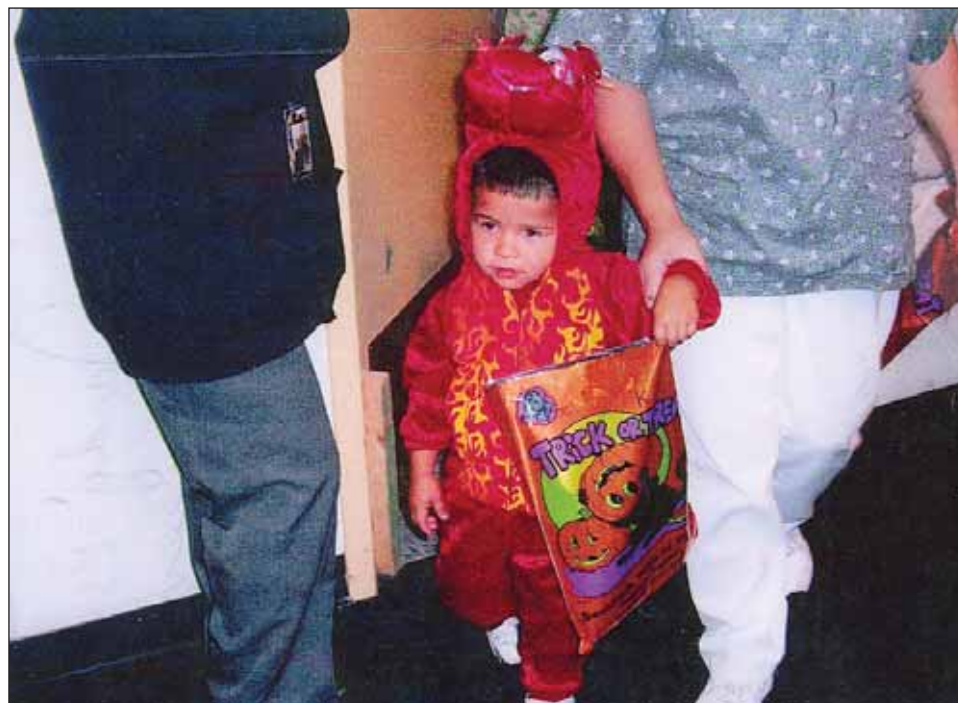
Ezekiel Roberts and Marina Garcia prepare to go trick or treating.

Preschoolers Trick or Treat

By Judy Weeks

IMMOKALEE — On Oct. 31, the Immokalee Seminole preschoolers donned their Halloween costumes and headed out through the community to trick or treat. Because of Hurricane Wilma, the majority of Immokalee had to suspend their Halloween door to door activities. Pocahontas, Batman, Mulan's

character, and a princess were among the group that visited the various tribal offices. Waiting with treats were the Seminole Police Department, casino, new clinic, field office, youth center, library and board offices. With their little bags of goodies, the youngsters returned to the school for a small Halloween party and lunch.



Michelle Ford

K. J. Davis favored a character from Mulan.



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Halloween Celebrations

Brighton Halloween Carnival

By Emma Brown

BRIGHTON— The witches and wizards blew in a little late this year due to the strong winds from hurricane Wilma knocking them a little off course. But that hurricane didn't stop the Brighton Community from holding their annual Halloween Carnival on Nov. 4 at the Brighton amphitheater.

Despite the postponement of the carnival the turn out was overwhelming. There were kids and adults in costumes everywhere, and you would have never know it was the month of November, because the evening and spirit felt like Halloween.

There was an abundance of food booths to choose from, PAC sold their usual hamburgers, culture had fries and Indian dogs, 4-H sold sausages,



Hurricane Wilma stirred up lots of ghouls at the carnival.

Emma Brown



Little witchy Lanie Sedatol was one of the prettiest witches of them all.

Emma Brown

preschool had their famous chili and fry bread.

Recreation and the EMT's offered games to keep the children occupied throughout the evening.

There was a costume contest held for ages 0-99. The most exciting event of the evening was the king and queen contest, as usual. It is always amusing to see who can pull off being a member of the other gender the best. This part of the evening is always very entertaining.

Although this year's hay scramble was quite a hoot. It was quite a sight to see 30 and 40 year olds rolling around in the hay for a prize. The night was full of fun and laughter, and is a night that is looked forward to each year. Wilma may have held it off for a week or so, but this year's carnival was one of the best yet.



Second grade winners.

Emma Brown

Pull-Out Program Celebrates Halloween

By Emma Brown

BRIGHTON — The staff members at the Brighton Pull-Out program hold an annual costume contest for the students. However, due to Hurricane Wilma this year's costume contest was held a little late, taking place on Nov. 4.

It may have been the month of Nov. but it definitely felt like Oct. 31 around the Education department. Students were unrecognizable as they exited the bus and headed to class for the judging to begin. There were zombies, witches, fairies, boxers and much more scattering about to their classes.

The boys and girls were judged separately

and they were judged by class. The boys were judged on the scariest, most original, and the funniest. The girls were judged on the prettiest, most original and scariest. It was a tough job for the judges that came from the Brighton casino, but in the end they were able to choose winners from each class.

It meant a great deal to these students that their Halloween activities were not cancelled due to the storm, and the staff should be commended on their efforts to keep things as normal as possible for the students, especially after dealing with a disaster like Hurricane Wilma.



Third grade winners.

Emma Brown

Brighton Staff Celebrate Halloween

By Emma Brown

BRIGHTON— The Brighton staff ghouls and goblins came out in November this year due to the passing of hurricane Wilma. She may have put things on hold for a few days, but she didn't cause any cancellations with this group.

On Nov. 4 the Brighton staff gathered to celebrate a belated Halloween and to show off their unique costumes. It is always a treat to witness grown adults that are not afraid to let their inner-child out now and then.

The costume contest was divided between men and women and judges chose one in each category. The categories were scariest/ugliest, funniest, and most original. The EMT's of Brighton graciously helped out with the judging and seemed to be having a great time while doing so. This celebration was very comical and lots of fun as always.

Winners: Men's Division, Scariest: 1. Daniel Nunez, 2. Richard Osceola, 3. Sandy Billie Jr.; Funniest: 1. Yahola Buck, 2. Weems Buck, 3. Richard Osceola; Original: 1. Weems Buck, 2. Sandy Billie Jr., 3. Dallas Nunez; Women's Division: Scariest: 1. Rita McCabe, 2. Jenny Shore, 3. Rhonda Goodman; Funniest: 1. Alice Sweat, 2. Amanda Smith, 3. Dana Osceola; Original: 1. Jo Jumper, 2. Letica/Nicola, 3. Suraiya Smith.



Laverne Thomas was a witch riding piggy-back.

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Fourth and fifth grade winners.

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Shaving was not required for the staff on Halloween.



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Even the women did not have to shave.

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Red Ribbon Week

Nat Moore Coaches at Red Ribbon Week Event

By Susan Etxebarría
BIG CYPRESS — Nat Moore, a Miami Dolphin veteran, superstar, motivational speaker and broadcaster proves it's not what you say, but what you do, that counts. One of the highlights of Big Cypress' elaborate Red Ribbon Week was this tough love kind-of-guy out on the field helping kids participate in the nationally-popular NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass & Kick Contest on Oct. 18.

Here's a man that cares so much about youth he started the Nat Moore Foundation in 1997 with a goal of "Helping kids help themselves." Since then, 18 youth have been able to go to college with the help of his foundation.

Moore came to BC during Red Ribbon Week to motivate the kids to live a drug free life. Before the contest, Moore spoke strong words to the kids. "Let me tell you what Red Ribbon Week means to me," he said. "It's learning that you have the ability to say 'no' to your friends

because most of the time when we get into trouble it's because we follow what others want us to do."

Moore pointed to the tall chain link fence that surrounds the ball field.

"If you are my friend, and I ask you to run into that fence over there, would you do that," he asked. "How would you want me to be your friend?"

Saying "no" to a friend that wants you to do drugs, he said, is the smarter choice. It is good for your body. It makes you stronger physically and mentally.

"The reason why I was able to play pro football was because I took care of my body. If you put bad things in your body, it will quit on you," he added.

Moore didn't leave after his speech. His pep talk was more than just words. Next, this legendary superstar lead the youth onto the ball field talking one-on-one to kids, coaching them, encouraging them, making sure they were doing their best. Except for his official Miami Dolphin shirt with his number #89 printed on it, you would think this famed wide receiver was just an ordinary guy out there with the kids.

Moore earned the right to wear the team shirt when his pro-football career began in 1979. He was 22 years old and right out of college. During his 13 years as a standout member of the Miami Dolphins, Moore broke almost every career receiving record for the team and remained the all-time leading Dolphin receiver until the 1991 season.

He carried his success on the football field over into his personal life by giving unselfishly of his

time to numerous charitable causes. In 1984, the NFL voted him Man of the Year, an honor bestowed on the player who gives outstanding service to his community. Since 1988 Moore has been a broadcaster of Florida Gator football games televised on Sun Sports.

The NFL Youth Contest & Nat Moore event organized by the B.C. Recreation Department was a complex event with lots going on that day: there was the barbecue, music, sign-up tent, a famous football player and the actual competitions that lasted quite a few hours. It was an opportune time to get the kids to listen to positive messages from a real football hero about succeeding in life.

Moore told the kids no one should be discouraged if they don't win at the punt, pass and kick contest, especially if they didn't practice, but if they just try they are winners, he said. "Everybody can't win but never give up on your dreams. Don't think negative. If you think negative then negative things will happen. You got to get that positive thing going."

Moore was brought to BC at the invitation of a Tribal citizen and friend, Janice Osceola, a seasoned videographer with Seminole Broadcasting department. She was there to film the event.

Moore said involvement in athletics is one of the best influences that can keep a kid from doing drugs. He told the kids they not only need to be outdoors more, getting exercise, but they also have to exercise their minds. "Knowledge is power," said this University of Florida graduate.

In the NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass & Kick Contest youth ages 8-15 compete separately in the punting, passing and place kicking skills. There are two divisions, the girl's divisions and boy's divisions, and they are divided by ages 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, and 14-15 years old.

Each child takes a turn to first punt, then throw a pass, and then kick the ball. The distance the ball flies in the air before it lands is measured. The contestant gets one chance for each skill. After the contestant performs all three skills his or her score is added up. The highest score in each age group wins and the winners then have the opportunity to progress to the next level, the Sectionals, if they wish. From the Sectionals, the kids that win can go to the Nationals.

Winners received ribbons, not cash. The reward is the satisfaction you get from knowing you did your best. This was the first time the Recreation department hosted the NFL contest and the after school turn out was extremely good.



Susan Extabarria
 Nat Moore (left) looks on as Hayden Littlebear kicks the ball.



Cathrine Robinson
 Anti-drug posters on display from youth contest.

Immokalee Red Ribbon Week

Story by Judy Weeks
IMMOKALEE — Immokalee Family Services had carefully planned a week of activities

Intervention Representative Diana Rocha gathered the young people in the library for the Drug Free poster contest. Art supplies were distributed and creativity abounded as the group used their talents to deliver an anti-drug message. Separating the posters into age categories, the Seminole Police Officers selected the winners after much deliberation.



Cathrine Robinson
 The Utilities department took first place in the door decoration contest.

On Nov 4 the best decorated door contest was initiated. Due to storm damage, the entries were limited to various departments in the community rather than individuals. The theme was "Plant the Promise" and evoked some very original ideas. Beautiful flowers depicted the wonder of a drug free society and a bouquet of smiling little faces provided an opportunity to look at the future, while graphic depictions of prisoners behind bars and lost souls offered a glimpse into the dark world of addiction.

Judging such creativity was a difficult job, but the winners were finally announced. First place went to the Utilities department and Health came in second. The Best Door Contest drew support from the entire community and delivered a message on a variety of important topics.

with the assistance of several other departments in an effort to send a positive message throughout the community for Red Ribbon Week.

Unfortunately, the arrival of Hurricane Wilma shattered the schedule and caused serious delays. Nevertheless, an effort was made to salvage a portion of the program. The scheduled appearance of national rapper and motivational speaker, Litefoot, had to be cancelled. However, Immokalee Recreation Director Allen McInturff came to the rescue.

A bus was provided to transport anyone who wanted to attend Litefoot's presentation at Big Cypress. The youngsters climbed aboard the bus and were delighted to have an opportunity to meet this outstanding entertainer in person and listened intently to the positive message he delivered.

A week after the storm, life began to return to normal. Education



Judy Weeks
 Louise Pellitier, Beverley Rose and Cathrine Robinson with their entry in the door decoration contest.



Adelsa Williams
 Seminole children led the march holding the banner.

Ribbon Week Kicks-Off With Community Walk

By Adelsa Williams
HOLLYWOOD — On Oct. 17, the Hollywood residents gathered at the reservation's baseball field right before sunset to participate in a community walk that kicked off Red Ribbon Week.

The event coordinators said they hope the weeklong activities help motivate the community to create a drug-free society.

Tribal citizens of all ages took off enthusiastically being led by several of the Family Services employees as well as the Seminole boys and girls club. There were many other Tribal employees from several departments who participated in the event like personal trainer Kenny Bayon and Linda Ormond from the Hot Meals department, who joined the seniors by riding their huge tricycles.

There was a banner laid out in a long table at the field where everyone took their turn to sign to make a commitment to the cause, after the walk. Simultaneously, participants dined while Tribal citizen Yvonne Courtney emceed the event thanking everyone for participating. She shared many words of encouragement and addressed the Seminole youth in particular.



Adelsa Williams
 Seminole youth pledge to stay drug free by signing the banner.

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Red Ribbon Week



Janice Billie

(L-R) Litefoot on stage with Trail Liaison William Osceola and Chairman Mitchell Cypress.

Litefoot

Continued from page 1

the tour donating the tour bus. The Mashantucket Pequot Tribe of Connecticut and Daimler Chrysler are also title sponsors of the tour.

Cypress said, "The youth are the future, with a lot of support and a lot of prayer I think we can help Litefoot deliver a message to save our youth."

After the chairman's remarks Mary Jean Koenes introduced Litefoot to the Big Cypress community. As he took the stage Litefoot encouraged all the kids to come to the front of the stage.

He called Chairman Cypress back up to the stage and presented him with an official "Reach the Rez" tour jacket.

"This is the very least we can do to express our gratitude to the Seminole Tribe for being a Title Sponsor for this tour," Litefoot said.

He also called Trail Liaison William Osceola up on stage and thanked him for all his help in bringing this vision to reality. A tour jacket had been presented to William the night before but he accepted a jacket for Big Cypress Representative David Cypress.

Throughout the next hour Litefoot rapped, danced and spoke a message. It was an evening of fun and entertainment coupled with serious and emotional moments. He continually encouraged the people to "walk with the Creator and no matter what, pray."

At the end of the show many young people came up to give Litefoot hugs, some choked with emotion and tears.

Before its completion in Alaska in 2006 the "Reach the Rez" tour will have traveled to 212 reservations in 40 states reaching an audience of 350,000 Native Americans.

For more information on Litefoot and Reach the Rez tour, visit www.reachtherez.org or www.litefoot.com.

Litefoot Reaches the Hollywood Rez

Rapper Kicks Off Tour in Seminole Country

By Shelley Marmor

HOLLYWOOD — On Oct. 18, Cherokee rapper Litefoot entertained a crowd of Tribal citizens in the Hollywood Gym. He said this was the first date of his "Reach the Rez" tour, which will travel 200,000 miles, spanning 40 states and making stops at 211 reservations.

He played songs from all 11 of his albums, including "Can We Talk About It" and "The Message," according to his wife Carmen Davis who was at the concert selling merchandise. Their young son Quannah Davis, 6, was also in present.

Recreation Director Moses "Big Shot" Jumper introduced Litefoot following a catered dinner outside the gym. Jumper said that many would recognize Litefoot from the 1995 movie "The Indian in the Cupboard;" he played Little Bear. He also appeared in "Song of Hiawatha," "Mortal Kombat: Annihilation" and "Adaptation."

Jumper also said Litefoot is a multiple-

time NAMMY award winner, earning awards including the 2005 NAMMY for Artist of the Year—the most prestigious award—among others.

Following Jumper, Hollywood Representative Max B. Osceola Jr. took the stage. He thanked the parents for bringing their children out and encouraged the audience of mostly Tribal youth to not use drugs and not harm themselves.

"Listen to Litefoot; he's got a message," Osceola said. "It's a message of life."

Litefoot then presented Osceola with an official Reach the Rez leather tour jacket. He said he was presenting the jacket to the entire Seminole Tribal Council for their support and sponsorship of the tour.

When it was time for Litefoot to perform he asked everyone to come up to the stage, saying that way he "can feel your energy." He played about 10 songs and then spent the remainder of his time on stage just talking with the youngsters in the audience.

Following this stop on his Reach the Rez tour, Litefoot made stops on several other Seminole reservations. For more information on the tour visit <http://www.reachtherez.org> or <http://litefoot.com>.



Shelley Marmor

Litefoot

Red Ribbon Activities in Brighton

By Emma Brown

BRIGHTON — Red Ribbon week is the most far-reaching and well-known drug prevention event in America. Schools, clubs and organizations, communities, and citizens nationwide participate in this week long celebration each year in hopes of reaching and impacting the lives of many and educating them on the effects of drug addiction.

Even though many celebrate this Red Ribbon week nationwide the story behind the symbol is not known. Many do not know that Red Ribbon week serves as a tribute to Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena who worked for the DEA.

He was sent as an undercover investigator to Mexico to investigate a major drug cartel that was believed to include officers in the Mexican army, police and government. On Feb. 7, 1985, the 37-year-old Camarena left his office to meet his wife for lunch. Five men appeared at the agent's side and shoved him in a car.

One month later, Camarena's body was found in a shallow grave. He had been tortured to

symbol of his memory, the red ribbon.

The Seminole Tribe's Family Services department coordinates activities each year to celebrate Red Ribbon week. This year the activities were kicked off in Brighton with a Red Ribbon carnival. Brighton Family Services led the way by inviting all departments in Brighton to become involved in spreading the message to "just say no."



Emma Brown

Taylor Boyett ties a red ribbon around the tree.



Emma Brown

Brianna Nunez at the Seminole Fire department's booth.

The day started with the Brighton youth distributing red ribbons throughout the entire community. Red ribbons were tied on cars, door knobs, trees, flagpoles, fences and various other places that would catch the attention of the community.

Following this activity the kids headed over to the rodeo arena where most Brighton departments had booths and games set up for the children for an afternoon of fun, while at the same time participating in a drug prevention activity.


During the evening rapper Litefoot offered entertainment for the entire community with a drug prevention theme. It was a day filled with fun and activities that helped emphasize the meaning of Red Ribbon week—Just Say No.

Most of the Brighton departments took an active role in this very important week with the leadership of the Family Services department because they realize the importance and need of drug awareness in the community. The children really enjoyed celebrating Red Ribbon Week, and we can only hope that the message will impact them all.



Shelley Marmor







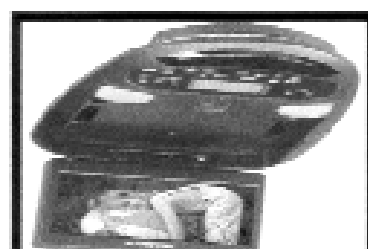
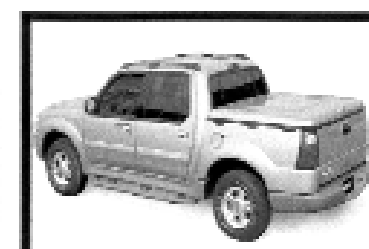

The youngsters in the audience listened attentively to the positive messages in Litefoot's songs.



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Adelsa Williams

“The Tuaman” David Tua (left) defeats Cisse Salif.

Hard Knocks at the Hard Rock: ‘Rumble at the Rock’

By Adelsa Williams
HOLLYWOOD — On Oct. 21, Seminole Warriors Boxing, in association with Cedric Kushner promotions, the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, hosted another Hard Knocks at the Hard Rock boxing series “Rumble at the Rock,” at the Hard Rock Live Arena.

Despite a South Florida Hurricane Wilma warning, boxing fans eagerly attended the event filling up the arena. Approximately 1,500 attended to witness the show that was broadcast on cable pay-per-view.

The rumble featured infamous heavyweight David Tua who won a hard-fought ten rounder split decision over Cisse Salif. This bout marked Tua’s 48 fight in his professional career, with a total record now of 44-3-1. The victory was only the sixth of the Tuaman’s 44 victories not to end in knockout.

Both fighters had their share of scoring points with hard-hitting jabs; Tua from the beginning of the bout to the very last end and Salif with a combination of lead left jabs and straight rights to Tua’s head. During the sixth round the repeated head punches startled Tua forcing him to slow down but Tua still managed to resume pressure on Salif in the following round.

Earlier in the night, heavyweight contender Jameel McCline from New York lost an upset unanimous decision to Zuri Lawrence, who also hails from the big apple. McCline showed exhaustion throughout the rounds and avoided upper blows.

In another bout, middleweight contender Edison Miranda easily executed opponent Sherwin

Davis with a third round knockout. Miranda (25-0, 22KOs) dropped Davis (18-1) at the end of the first round, and then finished him off with a knockout 37 seconds into the third round.

Upcoming prospect, Miranda is known to be a focused and a disciplined fighter who is surely making a name for himself after migrating to the US from his native land of Colombia. In past interviews with the media, Miranda commented that he once lived in the streets back home and is determined to not only succeed in his professional career but also in making a dream happen of one day creating a foundation to house and feed homeless children like he once was in Colombia.

Miranda remains undefeated and is currently the World Boxing Organization (WBO) middleweight champion.

In other bouts, junior welterweight Yuri Foreman from Russia won by unanimous decision in an uneventful ten round battle against Troy Lowry. Lightweight Jorge Teron (7-0, 5 KOs) scored a technical knockout over Jeffrey Hines (4-5, 2 KOs) in the fifth round. Lightweight Danny Jimenez won by majority decision against Tom Mills. Puerto Rican Junior welterweight Jesus Pabon (3-0, 3 KOs) knocked out Jones Petit-Hommes (0-2) in the first round. The time of the knockout was two minutes and 15 seconds.

On a highlight, Mitchell Cypress, Chairman of the Seminole Tribe of Florida presented a donation check in the sum of ten thousand dollars to the Red Cross for the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

Tribal Board Sponsors Fishing Trip

Story by Judy Weeks
FT. MYERS, FL — The Board of Directors for the Seminole Tribe has tried to sponsor a deep sea fishing trip for more than a year. Unfortunately, each time a date has been set something has caused cancellation.

Finally on Oct. 8 a group of happy anglers got their wish. Members of the fishing party arrived at the Get-A-Way Marina in Ft. Myers Beach, Fla. for an 8 a.m. departure aboard a fishing charter boat. President Moses Osceola’s representative Lois Alvarez was in charge of the adventure.

Approximately 21 Tribal citizens and staff excitedly weighed anchor for the deep blue sea. The first two hours were spent traveling more than 30 miles to the fishing grounds out in the Gulf Stream. Beautiful skies and slightly rough water heightened their anticipation.

Upon reaching their destination, the lines were immediately cast into the water and the competition was underway. Red snapper, grouper, grunts, mackerel and an occasional snook were pulled aboard. Unfortunately, size requirements made it necessary to catch and release from time to time, but this did not dampen their spirits. Juanita Martinez even

hooked a sea turtle, which of course had to be released.

An open tab had been established and the fishermen enjoyed a tasty lunch, snacks and refreshments throughout the day. As the hours passed the fish boxes were filled and it was time for the ride home. Enthusiasm was high and fish stories were abundant as they relived the day’s experiences.

Regardless of age, all party members were successful and by the end of the day there was a pile of fish on the dock to be cleaned. The catch were counted and examined and the tournament winners were announced. Among the Tribal Members, Sylvia Marrero bagged the biggest—a red snapper. Her brother, Frankie Marrero, is an avid fisherman with many years experience and caught the most fish of the day.

Among the Tribal employees, Mike Gutierrez caught the most fish and Kathy Gutierrez pulled in the



Lois Alvarez

Sylvia Marrero displays her first place red snapper.

largest. After the charter crew cleaned the catch, the exhausted group headed for home with dreams of future trips. Sylvia Marrero rushed home to cook up her prizes and they were consumed by family and friends before the night finished.



Lois Alvarez

Fishermen and women gathered on the dock after a day at sea.

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News From Indian Country

Tiller's Guide to Indian Country Book Available

Submitted by the BowArrow Publishing Company
BowArrow Publishing Company is pleased to announce the release of the "Tiller's Guide to Indian Country—Economic Profiles of American Indian Reservations 2005 Edition." With a preface by U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye, this groundbreaking work has become the leading global resource for information on Native American Tribes and communities in the U.S.

This unique guide combines historical/cultural information with the latest socio-economic data regarding the 562 federally recognized American Indian Tribes in the U.S., complete in one source. Profiles include crucial information, including population, location and geography, cultural and historical profiles, government, economic development, education, environmental concerns and much more on each Tribe.

Originally published in 1996, the newest edition has nearly doubled in size, reflecting the explosive political, social and economic growth of Indian Country in the last 10 years.

The "Tiller's Guide to Indian Country 2005 Edition" will increase anyone's knowledge of Native American Nations, and their current economic contributions to the global economy.

It is a literary tool with the objectives to help increase communication among Native American nations and the overall market, influence innovations

in and expand Native American owned businesses, expose Native American-owned enterprises to a wider market, and attract new business to Native American nations and their communities.

"Today, Tribal governments are actively employing every conceivable means of revitalizing their economies," Senator Inouye writes in his preface. "And this guide to Indian Country is a valuable tool that will continue, as it has in the past, to dispel myths and to inform those who desire to work with Native people and their governments to achieve the economic renaissance that is the birth right of this nation's First Americans."

"Tiller's Guide to Indian Country 2005 Edition" is compiled by noted historian and researcher Dr. Veronica E. Velarde Tiller, a member of the Jicarilla Apache Nation of New Mexico. Dr. Tiller has served as a research consultant for tribes and Tribal organizations in both the U.S and Canada, and has written several books and articles about Native American issues.

The "Tiller's Guide to Indian Country 2005 Edition" is available as a hardcover book and a CD-ROM. A Set including both the book and the CD-ROM is available for \$250. The book and CD-ROM are sold for \$199 each. There is a 25 percent discount for orders of five sets or more. To order call, (888) 336-8207.

The Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development

Submitted by John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

TULSA, OK — Fourteen American Indian Tribal government initiatives were honored Nov. 1 by Harvard's Honoring Contributions in the Governance of American Indian Nations (Honoring Nations) awards program. Seven programs received a \$10,000 award and seven received a \$2,000 award in recognition of their achievements.

Hundreds of guests attended the event held in conjunction with the 62nd Annual Session of the National Congress of American Indians.

"These honorees inspire us all. But even more, they plant seeds that provide for our future generations," said Chief Oren Lyons, Faithkeeper of the Onondaga Indian Nation in Central New York and chairman of the Honoring Nations Advisory Board.

The Honoring Nations program identifies, celebrates and shares exemplary Tribal government programs among the 562 Indian nations in the U.S. This is Honoring Nations' fifth year of awards. Since the program's inception in 1998, more than one-quarter of the Tribes in the U.S. have applied for an award and 78 Tribal government initiatives have been honored.

"These success stories are uplifting-especially because they are fueling replication in Indian

Country," noted Amy Besaw, director of the program.

The seven "High Honors" and seven "Honors" recipients were selected from a pool of applications representing 41 Tribes and seven inter-Tribal collaborations. At each stage of the selection process applications are judged on the criteria of effectiveness, significance, transferability, creativity and sustainability. The Miccosukee Tribe's Section 404 Permitting Program received "High" honors.

In addition to the awards, the Harvard Project prepares reports, case studies and instructional materials based on the honorees' successes. Based at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, Honoring Nations is administered by the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development.

The Harvard Project's goal is to understand the conditions under which self-determined social and economic development is achieved among American Indian nations.

Honoring Nations is funded by the Ford Foundation, which also sponsors similar governmental best practices programs in Brazil, Chile, China, East Africa, Mexico, the Philippines, Peru, South Africa and the U.S.

For more information about Honoring Nations, visit the Harvard Project web site at <http://www.ksg.harvard.edu/hpaied>.



Fish and Wildlife Service Issues Call For Proposals To Tribes For Grants To Conserve Species On Tribal Lands

Submitted by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service today issued a request for proposals from federally recognized Tribes to conserve and recover endangered, threatened and at-risk species and other wildlife on Tribal lands under the Tribal Wildlife Grants (TWG) and Tribal Landowner Incentive Programs (TLIP).

"Native American lands are a critical component in the national mosaic of fish and wildlife habitat and I am proud of what we are able to do in Indian Country," Service Director Dale Hall said. "Through these two grants programs, we are building important partnerships with Tribes that empower them to conserve Tribal land and recover their wildlife resources."

President Bush developed the two programs, which are similar to the Landowner Incentive and State Wildlife Grants programs to conserve and restore the habitat of threatened, endangered and at risk species on private lands. The programs were modeled after a successful program implemented by President Bush in Texas when he was governor. This will be the fourth year that these grant programs have been available to Indian Tribal governments.

Grants in the two programs are awarded through a competitive process. TWG, in fiscal year 2006, has \$5,971,000 available for grants that will benefit wildlife and its habitat, including species that are not hunted or fished. Although matching funds will be considered as an indicator of Tribal commitment to a project, they are not required for these grants. The maximum award under this program is \$250,000.

In fiscal year 2006, TLIP has \$2,388,600 available for federally recognized Indian Tribes to address protection, restoration, and management of habitat to benefit species at risk, including federally listed endangered or threatened species, as well as proposed or candidate species. Up to 75 percent of the costs associated with each project funded under this

program may be covered by Federal funds. The maximum award under this program is \$150,000.

Native American Tribes have a controlling interest in more than 52 million acres of Tribal trust lands with an additional 40 million acres held by Alaskan Native Corporations. Much of this land is relatively undisturbed, providing a significant amount of rare and important fish and wildlife habitat. In the

Southeastern United States there are 10 federally-recognized Indian Tribes that are eligible for these grant programs.

TWG and TLIP projects range from comprehensive surveys of plant and vertebrate fish and wildlife on reservation lands in order to establish data bases to habitat and fish restoration to development of new resource management techniques. Some of the at-risk species benefiting from these projects include lake sturgeon, sage grouse, antelope, black footed ferret, and American bald eagle.

The request for proposals was published in the Nov. 2 Federal Register and grant applications must be postmarked by Jan. 31, 2006. For grant application kits, please visit <http://grants.fws.gov/Tribal.html> or contact Patrick Durham, Office of the Native American Liaison (202) 208 4133.

Since program's inception more than \$2.2 million in grants have been awarded to Tribes in the Southeast. Much of that has made its way to Florida. In fiscal year 2004, the Seminole Tribe of Florida's Wildlife Program Planning (wildlife management plan), received a \$250,000 TWG and the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida: A Viable Fisheries Resource for Miccosukee Tribal citizens, received a TWG of \$250,000. In fiscal year 2005, the Seminole Tribe of Florida received \$250,000 from a TWG for development of an invasive species management plan for fish & plant species on Tribal lands.



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Rapid Growth Expected To Continue In Native American Community Development Financial Institutions Across U.S.

20 Native CDFIs Gather in Los Angeles to Discuss How to Further Boost Low-Income Housing, Small Businesses, and Banking for Native Americans, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians

Submitted by Patrick Mitchell, Hastings Group 10/18

LOS ANGELES, CA — Just 10 years ago, only two of the 115 federally recognized community development financial institutions (CDFIs) in the U.S. were Native organizations. Today, the number of certified CDFIs has grown to 747, but the most impressive growth statistic may be the meteoric rise of certified Native financial organizations to a total of 36.

During the week of Oct. 17, the National Community Capital Association (NCCA) and the First Nations Oweesta Corporation of Rapid City, SD., brought together 40 representatives from 20 Native community development financial institutions (CDFIs) across the U.S. to discuss how to make sure that rate of growth continues for the next decade.

The Native CDFI convening now underway is part of NCCA's 21st annual conference in Los Angeles, which took place Oct. 19-22. NCCA and Oweesta are joined at the Los Angeles conference by the federal CDFI Fund in promoting ways to further nurture

community-based financial organizations serving the needs of Native communities. CDFIs provide critical access to financial resources for banking services, small businesses that create jobs, first-time homebuyers and vital community services.

Oweesta Executive Director Elsie Meeke said "The financing needs and concerns of Native people share many similarities with other emerging markets around the United States, but there are some critical differences in terms of economics, culture and history that have to be taken into consideration in making a CDFI work the right way. Where some populations operate almost entirely outside the orbit of traditional banking services, others have some access to finances but still desperately need more capital to spur the small business growth that creates jobs, while taking into account the specialized governance and infrastructure issues in every Native community. Our whole focus is on making sure that the unique circumstance of Native communities and nations are understood and fully addressed."

NCCA President and CEO

Mark Pinsky said "One of the real success stories today in the world of community development financial institutions is what is happening in Native communities. The CDFI Fund (within the Treasury Department) has been critical in making this success possible. The Fund has provided more than \$15 million under its various Native initiatives. In many Native communities, CDFIs represent the sole access to capital or one of the very few means of accessing a financial institution."

CDFI Fund Director Art Garcia said "Since we released our ground-breaking study on access to credit for Native Country in 2001, we have been focused on generating measurable results by developing Native CDFIs to overcome the main challenges identified. We are very pleased with the results of our partnership with NCCA and Oweesta as they have contributed to the growth of Native CDFIs through their specialized training and technical assistance."

The CDFI Fund was created in 1994 to promote economic revitalization and community development. For more information please visit www.cdfifund.gov.

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Education Attends NIEA Convention

By Emma Brown
DENVER, CO — The 36th Annual National Indian Education (NIEA) Convention was held from Oct. 6-9 in Denver, Colo.
Tribal Education Director Louise Gopher

Mountains.” This theme derived from the thought that cultural continuity depends on the dynamic interaction between our elders and youth along with the characteristics of eras before, after and between infancy and later life.

Each day began with a general assembly that included an opening invocation, procession, welcoming remarks and presentations, and a daily keynote address. Each afternoon offered several break out sessions that offered classes on nearly every area that impacts Indian country.

On Friday morning Gopher and Brighton Education Advisor Emma Brown put on their walking shoes to join in a 5K run/walk with Billy Mills in very cool conditions. It is an awesome and emotional sight to witness so many Indian Educators coming together to promote Educational wellness in their communities.

There are approximately 3,500 people that attended this conference and all of them had one goal—to collaborate on how to best serve students in Indian Country and to continue to advocate on their behalf at all levels of government, Tribal and non-Tribal like. NIEA is doing great work in Indian Country and are fine advocates for Indian students.

The Education department is extremely proud to represent the Seminole Tribe by being a part of NIEA and by being a part of an organization that makes such a difference in the lives of Indian students.



Photo courtesy of Emma Brown

(L-R) Erlinda Iley, Jason Campbell, Emma Brown, Cindy Hughes, David Boleiou and Education Director Louise Gopher at NIEA.

along with education staff from other reservations attended this year's conference. The Seminole Tribe was both honored as a presenting sponsor this year and also recognized for this throughout the conference.

The theme for this year's conference was "Cultural Resiliency: Education Minds and Moving

Diane Lena Sanchez Graduates from Remington

Story by Judy Weeks
RICHARDSON, TEXAS — A bright medical career isn't just a dream for Diane Lena Sanchez. The daughter of Chris Sanchez of Immokalee, is off to a fantastic start.
Diane recently received her diploma from Remington College, where she completed a course of study in medical assisting. This 21 year old has graduated two years ahead of her class with honors and is on the dean's list.
This is merely a beginning for her. She plans to work as a medical technician while continuing her education in the hopes of someday becoming a pediatrician.
Born in Hollywood, Fla., she currently resides in Richardson, Texas, with her two year old son, Isaiah. Diane's enthusiasm and ambition are an inspiration to all young people as she juggles her busy schedule of mom, nurse and medical school student.



Diane Lena Sanchez



Susan Etxebarria

The Students of the Week. For a complete list of names, please see the last paragraph of the story below.

FIBA Students of the Week

By Susan Etxebarria
BRIGHTON — Since school began in August a Student of the Week has been chosen each week by the teaching staff at First Indian Baptist Academy (FIBA) in Brighton.
Each student is chosen for his or her outstanding academic effort and leadership qualities. The students receive a certificate and their classroom teacher gives them a special class prize. The school plans to host a special luncheon to honor the students

selected this school year and invite parents.
The students in the photo above are: Top row (L-R) Brandon Billie, seventh grade, Candice Simmer, twelfth grade, Janae Braswell, seventh grade, Marilee Johns, twelfth grade, Christopher Olivarez, fourth grade. Bottom Row (L-R) Joseph Osceola, kindergarten, Eric Puente, first grade, Deliah Carrillo, second grade, Burgundy Pierce, kindergarten, and Kaley Riley, third grade.

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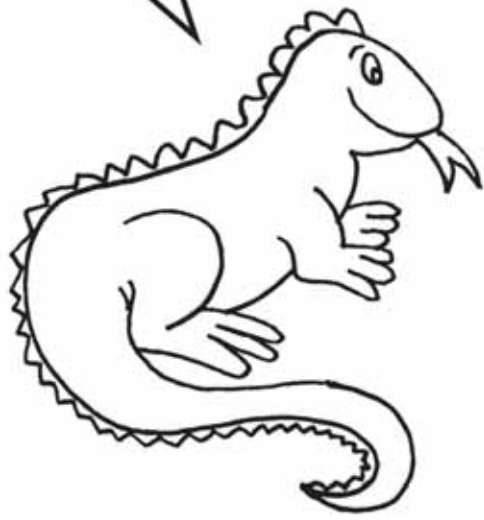
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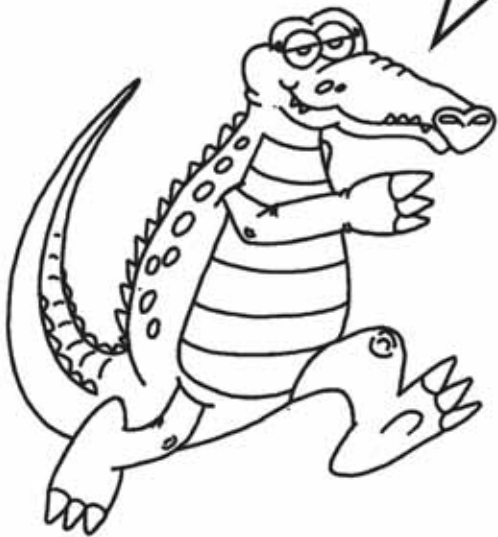
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Health Corner

Community Outreach Effort Teaches Residents the Buzz About Mosquitos

By Trish Ready, Environmental Health Program FT. PIERCE, FL — On Sept. 29 the Seminole Environmental Health inspectors teamed up with Clarke Mosquito Control in a joint community outreach effort to increase awareness of the Tribal mosquito control service to residents at the new Fort Pierce community.

Brochures and mosquito repellent were disseminated to residents as they were informed of reporting procedures for mosquito activity, preventive measures for reducing mosquito harborage in the home, as well as the barrier treatment being performed weekly around the perimeter of the community.

Barrier treatment has become increasingly popular in adult mosquito control programs in recent

Mosquito Control explains that in the first year of the Tribal mosquito control program an average of 6,000 mosquitoes a night per trap were counted. Now, in the third year of the program, there are as low as 800 mosquitoes a night per trap across all Seminole communities.

While Florida is home to 77 species of mosquitoes, 25 of these species can be found on Seminole reservations. During this time of the year, it is important to take special precautions against West Nile Virus (WNV), carried by the Culex mosquito vector, as it has established itself as a seasonal epidemic between summer and fall.

Most people do not experience any symptoms of WNV. Mild symptoms range from fever, headache, nausea, and swollen lymph glands to more severe symptoms such as convulsions, muscle weakness, coma and paralysis. If you develop severe symptoms, you should seek medical attention immediately since severe WNV requires hospitalization.

The primary means of avoiding WNV and other diseases spread by mosquitoes would be, of course, to avoid mosquito bites. If you can, avoid being outside between dusk and dawn, but if you must, use mosquito repellent or wear long shirts and pants—but do bear in mind, mosquitoes can bite through thin cloth! Get rid of



Patrick Peck

Trish Ready (left) of the Seminole Environmental Health Program and Jason Lincoln (right) of Clarke Mosquito Control greet Fort Pierce residents at their doors to distribute mosquito control brochures and repellent.

years, since it allows the insecticide to be delivered to where mosquitoes are resting and harboring. The insecticide is applied to plant foliage surrounding the community using a compressed-air sprayer forming what is called a "barrier."

The barrier kills any mosquitoes present on initial treatment, and repels mosquitoes once the perimeter strip is set up. In addition to mosquitoes, the barrier is also effective against flies and biting midges.

Barrier treatment is one of the safest, cost efficient and effective application methods for mosquito control, because it is all natural, contains no poisons and does not have to be applied directly onto the area to be protected. Doug Wilson from Clarke

mosquito breeding sites around your home by emptying standing water from flower pots, buckets and barrels, and report any dead birds to the local health department as it is an indicator of WNV.

Please look out for Seminole Environmental Health inspectors at the Brighton, Big Cypress and Hollywood communities later this year, in the department's effort to raise awareness of the Tribal mosquito control service to all Seminole residents.

For any complaints of mosquito activity in your neighborhood, please call the Clarke Mosquito hotline, (800) 443-2034, or for more information contact the Environmental Health program at (954) 962-2009, Ext. 126.

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Janice Billie

Purple tea Party attendees from Big Cypress and Hollywood.

Purple Tea Party Held for Seminole Women

By Janice Billie

HOLLYWOOD — The month of October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. On Oct. 13, the Seminole Health Department and Memorial Hospital held a Purple Tea Party at the Hollywood Medical Clinic for the women in the Seminole community.

The American Cancer Society's Purple Tea Program is intended to help participants identify the American Cancer Society's breast health guidelines, recognize the importance of early detection and treatment in an effort to increase breast cancer survival. Women are invited to a "Purple Tea" where they celebrate life and learn about the importance of breast cancer awareness and mammography. Breast cancer is one of the most common cancers in women in this country. It is the second leading cause of cancer death in women.

Representative Teresa Garcia from Memorial Health conducted an excellent presentation on the importance of early detection and regular mammograms, once a year for women older than 40. Family history of breast cancer is not always a factor in the diagnosis. Regular exercise and a diet low in fat



Janice Billie

Yerna Donaldson and Mabel Jim Breast Cancer Survivors.

and high in fiber are recommended to reduce the risk. Garcia pointed out that "you are own advocate for your health." She advised participants, "If the time comes when you feel a doctor is not receptive to your concerns, change to a doctor who listens."

Women from the Hollywood and Big Cypress communities shared a light lunch while all of this information was given. A silicone model of a breast was passed around to see if anyone could detect three lumps of various sizes. This exercise also illustrated the correct way to do self exams.

A highlight of the party was the testimonials of two breast cancer survivors. Yerna Donaldson of Plantation and Mabel Jim of Big Cypress shared their very personal and courageous stories. The recollection of these two stories of survival was emotional at times and very inspiring. The gratitude and humility in the spirit of these two women was quite moving. The party came to a conclusion amidst an air of newfound camaraderie brought out by the celebration of life and good health.



Janice Billie

Memorial Health Representative Teresa Garcia.

Needing Direction

By Cathrine Robinson, LCSW

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The other day I paused at a stop sign trying to determine which route would take me to my appointment the fastest. After making my decision, I drove swiftly down a side road, eagerly anticipating that my choice would produce a hasty arrival.

Ten minutes down the road I quickly became engulfed by congested traffic. Anxiety swelled within me as I realized I might miss my appointment. I dreaded the mundane task of rescheduling, which almost always commits me to yet another inconvenient time and date. I berated myself at my lack of foresight. Why did not I just choose the other road? Hindsight is always 20/20.

We often face "intersections" in our life in which the road we choose to travel on ends up being filled with detours and potholes. Often times, travel on the muddled road can leave us feeling beleaguered and uncertain. The resulting self doubt can be overwhelming as the temptation to avoid the responsibility of decision making can be all too inviting. Rather than move forward, we stand idle and frustrated.

I have a friend who complains about her unfulfilling job, failed relationships, and her disobedient children. She dreams about returning to college in order to become a nurse, but she still has not made an inquiring call to a nursing school or obtained an application for a student loan. She complains that she consistently attracts abusive men in her life, yet she never raises her standards in her relationships.

Her children disrespect her regularly and maintain marginal grades at school, yet she remains minimally involved in their emotional and academic development. She constantly complains that she feels stagnated and depressed, but she is not motivated to create a change. My friend is waiting for some one to rescue her from herself and her situation.

This fantasy of rescue further cripples her self confidence as she assumes others may have more power over her future, than herself. She settles with aimlessly drifting through life. She displays no motivation to navigate her life in a direction that would bring her some degree of happiness.

My friend procrastinates about personal goals so frequently, she appears complacent. Procrastination and complacency are time thieves, dangerously promoting inactivity, detachment, and irresponsibility. Likewise, wishing and hoping for unperused dreams promote a type of magical thinking, in which unrealistic fantasy guides the future, rather than well rounded planning. Goal setting is a method by which we can proactively accomplish what we want with a sense of pride and self-confidence. It dissolves boredom and renews interest in life.

When pursuing a goal, it is important to ask oneself a few simple questions: Is this goal something I really want? Is it consistent with traditional values and morals? Does it reinforce balance in my life? Is this goal positive and accessible? Will it ultimately make me a better person? If the answer is yes to one or all these questions, then the next step is to believe that one has the power and energy to transform a wishful fantasy into a concrete reality.

Next we have to determine specifically what is wanted. Is it to lose weight? Resolve a personality

defect? Maintain a healthy relationship? Recover from an addiction? Advance in a career?

Once the goals are determined, then we can write the goals down on paper, prioritize them, and then work on one or two specifically. It would be beneficial to keep initial goals small and achievable, but still challenging. If a goal is too large at first, we may get frustrated and feel we are not making progress. If it is too small, we may feel unmotivated.

Once the goal has been decided upon, write the specific steps which are needed in order to reach the goal. For some, writing is difficult. However, an advisor, counselor or good friend can always assist with organizing thoughts on paper. We also can establish a strategy for accomplishing each step that leads us closer to our goal. Constructing a daily "to do" list can be very helpful with staying organized.

It is normal to feel frustrated with minor mistakes, however, remember to embrace imperfection as part of our humanness and stay within the moment. We have to remember to be patient with ourselves and take one day at a time.

The possibility will always exist that we will not achieve one of our goals, despite the sincerest effort. Should we encounter this, we still should regret nothing. We learn from the process. If we maintain realistic expectation regarding ourselves, then we can remember to accept our personal limitations, but build on valuable strengths. Goal setting gives us an opportunity to practice staying calm, focused, and positive.

Maintaining the proper attitude is very important when trying to establish direction in our lives. It is inevitable that once we feel our feet are planted firmly on the ground, someone or some thing unearths us, and we feel we are sinking. Fears, obsessive worries, jealousies, and petty resentments are feelings which can rise to stifling levels, threatening our ability to stay on track.

These feelings create problems, rather than resolve them. They stunt emotional growth and waste precious time. Then there are those people we all seem to know, who seem to get joy out of predicting failure. The silly and petty antics of others are only designed to distract us from meeting our personal best.

Lastly, avoid comparing your accomplishments, to that of others. Constantly falling in the trap of measuring ourselves against the successes of others robs us of a piece of mind. It can promote irritability, depression, low self confidence, and a critical heart. Winning and obsessive competition is not useful if it ultimately creates emotional imbalance. We glean more personally when we celebrate the successful efforts of others and learn from their experiences, rather than to dismiss or belittle them.

In closing, goal setting helps us to participate in life. It helps to direct a path that is purposeful. Having direction means propelling forward in a manner that is consistent with what one is trying to achieve. It involves accepting unpredictability and change as anticipated building blocks toward the future.

Distractions and obstacles are inevitable, but can be negotiated so that the impact of their strength is minimized. Part of this negotiation is to realize that derailments in life may provide a detour, but does not necessarily have to lead to a dead end.

By challenging ourselves to overcome hurdles we become resilient. We become less intimidated by people and situations. We learn self confidence, self reliance, and self respect. We know we are in charge of the choices we make and the directions we choose.

Good Nutrition and Controlling Stress

Submitted by Seminole Tribe of Florida Allied Health Department

What is Stress?

Stress is defined as anything - physical or mental - that requires a change in response or affects health in any way. Stress may not cause disease but it can increase your susceptibility to disease by weakening your immune system. Since stress is unavoidable, it is important to learn to live with it and make it work for you.

Good Nutrition Boosts Your Immune System

Did you skip breakfast because you are too stressed or too rushed to get to work? Believe it or not, good nutrition is very important in helping to reduce stress. When we skip meals, stress can take its toll on our health.

Just as a car needs gasoline in the tank to run, we need to "fuel" our body with healthy foods to get going first thing in the morning. Yet many people just grab something fast, and forget about the healthy foods. Life does get hectic at times, but it is still possible eat healthy.

What is a Healthy Diet?

Eating healthy consists of choosing a variety of foods. Eat plenty of fresh fruit, vegetables and whole grains, as well as lean meats and fish if you are not a vegetarian. It also means moderation in consum-

ing fats, salt, sugar, and alcohol. Eating healthy foods enhances the efficiency of the immune system, increases energy, and improves the mental and emotional ability to control stress.

Tips on How to Control Stress With Good Nutrition

Avoid skipping meals!

Eating at least three meals a day will help you get in all of the fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean protein sources that you need each day. Also, eating more frequently gives you energy that last throughout the day.

Cut back on coffee, tea, colas, and chocolate; they stimulate adrenal glands, that is, raise the stress level. Drinking several cups of caffeinated beverages each day can precipitate

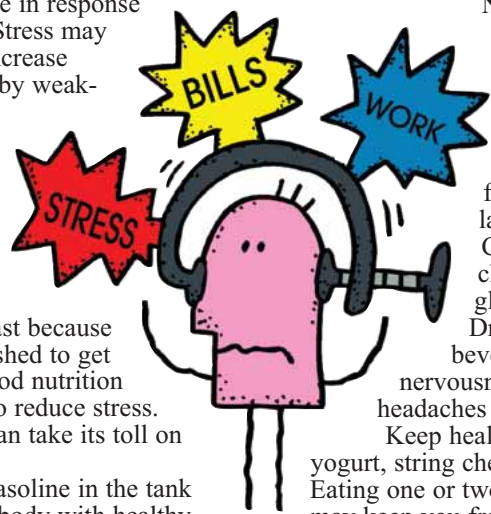
nervousness, insomnia, irritability, headaches and diarrhea. Drink water instead!

Keep healthy snacks on hand like nuts, fruit, yogurt, string cheese sticks, or low fat granola.

Eating one or two healthy snacks during the day may keep you from grabbing donuts or chips from the vending machine. Your brain and waistline will thank you!

Keep in mind...

Stress is unavoidable, but it's your choice on how to deal with it. Most often, people indulge in cigarettes, sweets, coffee and/or alcohol to "control" stress. You can choose to control stress by adopting a healthful lifestyle, by eating well, exercising, getting enough sleep and enjoying your free time.



Turkey Safety for the Holidays

By Hristu Chepa, Environmental Health Services

This holiday keep food safety in mind.

Thaw the turkey in its original wrap on a tray placed in the bottom section of the refrigerator. Do not thaw on the counter. Thawing at room temperature increases the risk of bacteria growth. Microwave thawing and under running cold water is another option. Wash hands, sinks, counters, utensils and platters thoroughly with soap and hot water before and after working with raw turkey.

Once you have decided on a stuffing recipe, mix ingredients quickly and lightly stuff the washed cavity just before placing the bird in the oven. Stuffing needs room to expand during cooking, do not over-stuff. Stuffing contains potentially hazardous ingredients, such as broth, eggs and meat, etc.

That means these ingredients could cause illness if not properly cooked and stored. Stuffing must be cooked to a minimum temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit to be safe. Place the thermometer tip in the thick part of the thigh away from the bone. The thigh area closest to the body of

the turkey is the thickest part. Reheat leftover stuffing to 165 degrees Fahrenheit before serving.

Buy one pound per person or one-and-a-half pounds per person for hearty eaters or if you want ample leftovers. Buy and use a meat thermometer.

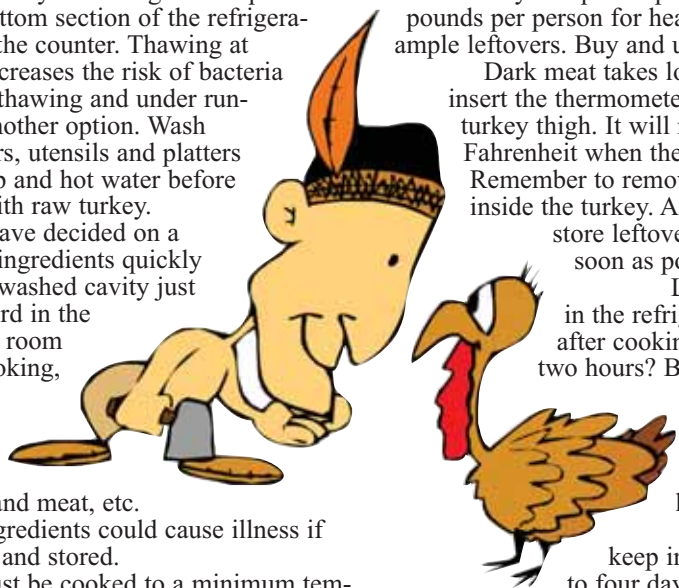
Dark meat takes longer to cook so always insert the thermometer in the thickest part of the turkey thigh. It will register 180 degrees Fahrenheit when the turkey is done.

Remember to remove the giblet bag from inside the turkey. After the meal, cover and store leftovers in the refrigerator as soon as possible.

Leftovers should be stored in the refrigerator within two hours after cooking is completed. Why just two hours? Because bacteria that cause

food poisoning can multiply to undesirable levels on perishable foods left at room temperature for longer than that.

Leftover turkey will keep in the refrigerator for three to four days. If a large amount of turkey is left, consider freezing some for later use. Do not wait until the turkey has been in the refrigerator for four days to freeze it.



Ask The Counselor

Dear Counselor,

I am new in the recovery program. I attend meetings and follow the Twelve Steps and the Twelve Traditions of the program. I am in a loving relationship with a young lady that puts up with me.

The young lady and I have a lot in common. We are both Seminoles, we both enjoy to participate in cultural activities and we enjoy traveling. I am 24 and my girl friend is 22.

My problem is my anger. I have a short fuse. I am always angry and on the verge to explode at any time. My girlfriend thinks I am a time bomb. I do not want to lose my recovery or my girlfriend because of my anger. I am not physically abusive, but my fuse is getting shorter and shorter.

Signed,
New in Recovery

Dear New in Recovery,

Your journey on the road to recovery is full of hope. Competence is the ability to understand your own feelings. The highest form of mental health is to realize that there are options, that there are choices.

The Seminole Tribe and other Native Americans suffered loss of personal life, land, resources and culture as outsiders influence started to eradicate your Tribal traditions. You were left with helplessness, hopelessness, sadness, despair, shame and anger.

The road that you are on will raise you from the ashes of the pain as you join forces with other Native Americans in a bond of brotherhood of modern day warriors, fighting to find healing, wisdom and self empowerment.

One of the issues many recovering alcoholics and drug dependent persons have difficulty

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Letters of interest from the community

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coping with is anger. Anger is the number one cause of relapse. Mismanagement of anger can pose a threat to sobriety and problems in relationship with others.

Your problem with anger may occur for several reasons. You must understand that in some instances much of your difficulty with anger is related to self anger you have through oppression and historical trauma. As a beginner in the recovery process, and your issue with anger, I have a word of advice for you. The size of a man can be measured by the size of the thing that makes him angry.

The following may help you recognize and deal with anger in a constructive manner. You must learn to recognize angry feelings.

You must be aware of when you are angry. How does your anger show? Look for anger clues. The physical signs of anger may include such things as headaches, tension in your stomach, or rapid speech.

The psychological signs may include revenge fantasies, increased thoughts of using alcohol or drugs, or feeling depressed. The behavioral signs may include increased argumentativeness with others or showing aggressive behavior in your interactions with others.

"Honesty gets us sober," Bill Wilson once observed, "But tolerance keeps us sober."

I encourage you to contact and make an appointment with the Family Service department. A counselor will be assigned to you to develop an anger management program. The counseling sessions will help you deal with your sobriety and anger. Anger is a human emotion, how you deal with it defines you as a person.

Signed,
Counselor

Seminoles Participate in 3 Day Breast Cancer Walk

By Emma Brown

TAMPA — Martha Jones, Helene Buster, and Mary Johns of Brighton took off on a three day journey to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The walk started in Clearwater, Fla. and ended at the Raymond James Stadium, home of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, in Tampa, Fla.

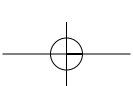
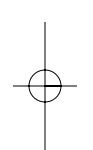
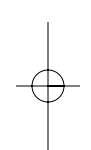
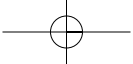
The journey took them a total of 60 miles over the three days, stopping along the way to pitch a tent and catch a little rest. They battled the beautiful liquid sunshine and continued steadfast even in the rain. There were 1,700 walkers who struck out on this profound and meaningful experience that raised \$5 million to help battle the fight against breast cancer.

These three women have served as an integral piece of the daily struggles many women face because of their battle with breast cancer. Let them be an example to all.



Emma Brown

(L-R) Martha Jones, Helene Buster and Mary Johns at the walk.



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Sexual Offender or Predator: Know the Difference

Submitted by Sergeant Al Signore, SPD

After the deaths of children throughout the state of Florida at the hands of sexual offenders, predators and other violent felons, many community members have unanswered questions concerning who sexual predators and offenders are. Some also wonder about the laws and restrictions that regulate these criminals.

What is a sexual offender?

A sexual offender is a person convicted of one or more specific criminal sexual acts. A sexual offender who committed their crime against a minor often poses a high risk of engaging in sexual offenses, even after being released from incarceration or commitment.

The protection of the public from these offenders is a governmental interest.

The designation of a person as a sexual offender is not a sentence or punishment, but is simply the status of the offender as a result of their conviction.

What crime did they commit?

- Sexual Battery (including rape and molestation)
- Possession or electronic distribution of child pornography.
- Electronically encouraging, offering, or soliciting conduct of or with any minor.
- Lewd or lascivious offenses committed on, or in the presence of a minor, elderly or disabled person.

- Kidnapping, false imprisonment, luring or enticing a child when the victim is a minor.
- Other similar crimes in other jurisdictions.

How do they become a sexual offender?

A person must be convicted of committing, or attempting to commit any of the previously mentioned crimes and be or have been in the custody of supervision of the Florida Department of Corrections on or after Oct. 1, 1997, or have been designated a sexual predator or offender in another state and now reside in Florida.

What is a sexual predator?

Sexual predators are sexual offenders who are deemed a "higher risk," and pose an extreme threat to public safety due to the specifics of their crime. They must have a specific finding from a court designating them a sexual predator. Factors in this designation include:

- Violent nature of their crime
- Number of assailants involved
- Number of offenses and victims
- Age or impairment of victims

What crime did they commit?

The "One is Enough" designation is used when an offender is convicted of crimes which include, but are not limited to:

- Kidnapping, false imprisonment, sexual battery, lewd and lascivious acts committed upon or in the presence of a child less than 16.
- Selling or buying of minors for portrayal in a

visual depiction engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

- Any other violations of a similar law in another jurisdiction.

A "Second Strike" offense occurs after a sexual offender has a conviction for one of the following offenses: kidnapping, false imprisonment, luring or enticing a child, sexual batter, procuring a person under the age of 18 for prostitution, lewd and lascivious offenses committed upon or in the presence of a person less than 16 or an elderly/disabled adult.

- Sexual performance of a child, selling or buying of minors

This offense must have been committed on or after Oct. 1, 1993

How do they become a sexual predator?

- Must be convicted of any of the listed crimes for a "One is Enough" crime.

- Must be convicted of any of the listed crimes for a "Second Strike" crime.

- Must have been designated a sexual predator pursuant to a civil commitment proceeding.

- Must have a finding from a criminal court that designates them as a sexual predator.

If you would like to have our crime prevention unit visit your business, church group, community gathering or other meeting in order to provide a free seminar, please call Sergeant Al Signore of the Seminole Police Department, Crime Prevention Unit at (813) 623-5748.

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Products such as cans of cranberry sauce, veggies, instant potatoes, gravy, and stuffing, canned ham and turkey, decorated print paper plates, prepackaged apple pie pastries and any other traditional items you can think of to make their holiday a little more comfortable.

While we sit in the comfort of our own homes waiting in anticipation of Christmas dinner and the smell of mom's home cooking fills the air,



Melissa Sherman

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remember our troops and pray for their wellbeing and safe return home as soon as possible.

If you are unable to reach the Tribal Headquarters in time listed are a few convenient websites that are helpful: www.4hetroops.net, www.treatsfortroops.com and www.4militaryfamilies.com.

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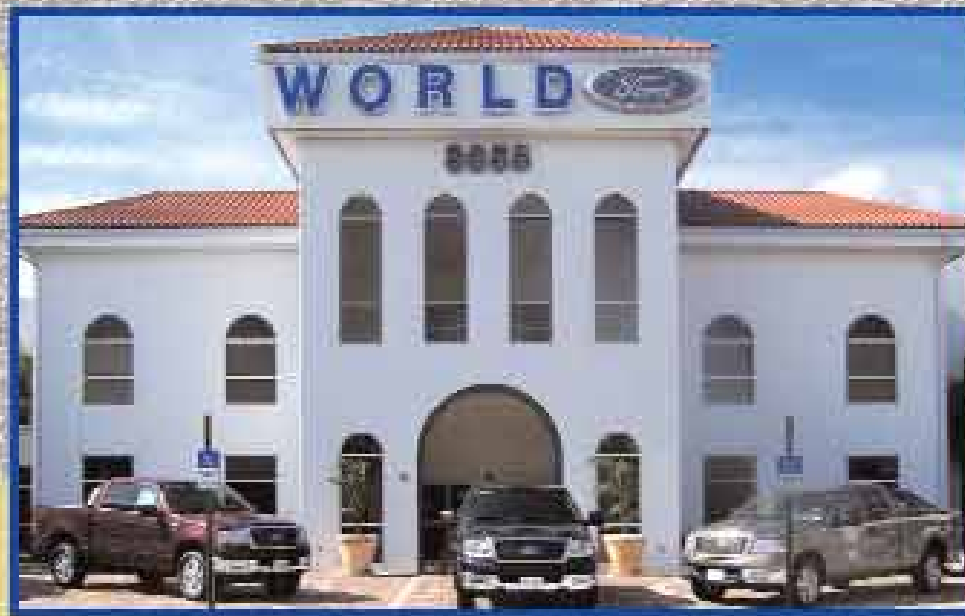
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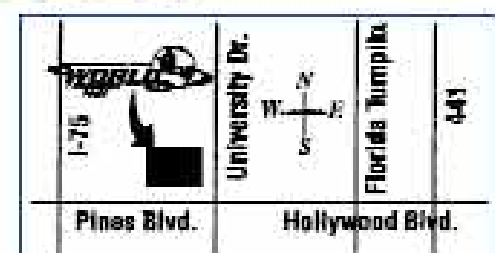
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VETERAN'S DAY

Tribe Contributes to USS Bainbridge Commissioning

By Felix DoBosz

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL — On Nov. 12 at Port Everglades the USS Bainbridge (DDG96) was commissioned by the U.S. Navy. The Seminole Tribe of Florida contributed substantially to the commissioning ceremonies of the 46th ship of the Arleigh Burke class of guided missile destroyers, the new USS Bainbridge (DDG96).

More than 500 guests and visitors enjoyed this magnificent patriotic event filled with military fanfare provided by a US Navy Brass Band, with a full 21-gun salute fired from a shore battery, and local fire tug boats saluting the event by shooting off huge streams of water high into the air.

Speeches of welcome and spiritual support from chaplains, admirals, captains, and local politicians polished off the mid-day event. The great-great-great-grand daughter of this great naval hero, Susan Bainbridge Hay, the fifth "Susan Bainbridge" from and named after the wife of Commodore William Bainbridge, made a notable appearance and saluted the ship and sailors as part of the ceremony.

The Bainbridge's keel was laid on May 7, 2003, adjacent to the Kennebec River, in Bath, Maine. This

was the first step in the construction of these 9,000 tons of steel, aluminum, and other materials in a process called modular construction by Bath Iron Works, a General Dynamics company. The ship has almost 300 Navy personnel serving to compliment this warship, all working in unison to accomplish their assigned missions.

The Warship is named after Commodore William Bainbridge, a genuine American Naval war hero from the War of 1812 against the British. The act of placing a ship in commission marks her entry into active Naval service. This tradition is over three hundred years old and is observed by Navies around the world and by our own Navy since December 1775. There were four Navy ships in the past two centuries that were previously commissioned with the Bainbridge name.

A competitive golf match between Seminole citizens and about 15 Navy personnel from the good ship Bainbridge was a really fun time for everyone who participated. The golf match was played on Nov. 10 at the old Rolling Oaks



Felix DoBosz

A huge crowd attended the USS Bainbridge commissioning ceremony.



Felix DoBosz

Seminole/Navy golfing match at Grande Oaks Golf Course (L-R): Lawrence Osceola, Paul Anderson, Chris Jackson, Craig Davis, and Stephen Bowers.

Golf Course in Davie, Fla., now renamed the Grande Oaks Golf Course.

This lively activity was sponsored by the Seminole Tribe of Florida in conjunction with the Broward Navy Days; Joe Millsaps, Finance Chairman of the Commissioning; Paul Anderson, Commissioner of the Federal Maritime Commission; and hosted by Seminole Citizen Stephen D. Bowers, Liaison to the Governor's Council on Indian Affairs and Lawrence Osceola from Broadcasting Department.

One of the crew members, Chris Jackson, lieutenant USN, from College Station, Texas, said he is distantly related to President Andrew Jackson. The young lieutenant said,

"We're here to enjoy a beautiful Florida day and enjoy the hospitality of the Seminole Tribe of Florida while playing in this match. Some of the Navy People brought their own set of golf clubs, but those that didn't were supported by Grand Oaks Pro shop that provided a set of Nike® golf clubs for those who hadn't brought any golf clubs."

Lieutenant J.G. Craig Davis, the ships navigator from Destin, Florida, said, "The crew is extremely grateful for the hospitality shown by the Seminole Tribe and all the other contributors from Fort Lauderdale, a great Navy town and they really know how to show their support in an outstanding way. We got a chance to meet Seminole

veterans the first night we pulled into port when they hosted a beautiful banquet for us at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. It was a rare treat for me and the other officers and crew members to meet with them and have mutual tributes radiated by both of our groups."

After all the commissioning ceremonies are completed they will continue training with sea trials and cruise to their new home port in Norfolk, Va. Down the line the destroyer will probably join a carrier task force when all training and sea trial certifications are finally completed.

❖ Veterans

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including Florida Miss Seminole Christine McCall and Fort Pierce Liaison Sally R. Tommie. McCall thanked all the veterans, namely her father, uncle and cousin, who have all served. Tommie gave an informative presentation on the serviceman who guards the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va.

Many of the Tribal Council and Tribal Board representatives made presentations thanking the veterans for their service. Chairman Mitchell Cypress emphasized the

fact that "somebody has to sacrifice" so the U.S. can remain a free country.

A very emotional Ralph Sanchez, Immokalee liaison, thanked all the veterans and briefly acknowledged his late brother and Marine Corp Sergeant Clifford Sanchez Sr. Hollywood Board Representative Gloria Wilson also gave a very emotional speech, saying the Vietnam War era was very difficult for her because eight of her family members served in the war.

Three sixth grade students from the Ahfachkee School, Alfred Billie, Jessica Lopez and Beth MacElroy, read essays paying tribute to the veterans. These three were selected to read their essays at the Veteran's

Day Celebration out of many Ahfachkee students who also submitted essays.

Following, members of the Color Guard made presentations to both the Seminole women veterans, Camille A. Coppedge, Camille A. Frank, Constance Williams and Paula Garcia, and the two Tribal veterans who passed away in the last year, Henry J. Gopher and Clifford Sanchez Sr.

During the letter presentation, family members accepted plaques on behalf of their loved ones. Stephen Bowers presented the plaque to Gopher's family; he and Gopher are both ex-U.S. Army men. Charles Hiers presented the plaque to Sanchez's family. Hiers and Sanchez are also both ex-Marines.

"This young man was good and we miss him," Hiers said.

Following this, emcee Oldhorn asked both the Seminole veterans, one Miccosukee Tribal veteran, Don Osceola, as well as all non-Tribal veterans to come to the front of the room. The men and women formed a processional line and shook one another's hands. So many veterans attended this ceremony there was almost not enough room for them all at the front of the room near the stage.

Cherokee-Comanche musician Micki Free then played a special honoring song on the flute that he said he wrote specifically for the occasion and did not appear on any of his albums. Military Taps, performed by John Branzer followed. Reverend L. W. Howard from the Faith Chapel Family Worship offered the closing prayer.



Felix DoBosz

Micki Free plays his Veteran's Honor Song.



Felix DoBosz

Matthew Gopher (left) accepts a plaque on behalf of his late uncle Henry Gopher.



Felix DoBosz

Charles Hiers (right) presents a plaque to the late Clifford Sanchez's family.

Casino ❖ Esh-te-may-bee Cheke ❖ Setenpokvcuko

Hard Rock Presents Check to Majic Children's Fund

Submitted by Jeremy Katzman, O'Connell & Goldberg
HOLLYWOOD — (Oct. 18, 2005) To benefit children in need throughout South Florida, Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood recently presented the Majic Children's Fund with \$105,330. The money was raised from the proceeds of ticket sales to a special Majic 102.7 FM Doobie Brothers concert at the Hard Rock Live.

"The Majic Children's Fund is one of the most efficient charities in South Florida because all operational costs are covered by Majic 102.7 and Jefferson-Pilot

Communications. We know every dollar put into the Fund will directly benefit children here in our community," said Mike Bloom, Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood president. "On behalf of the kids in South Florida, it was our pleasure to make this presentation to a very worthwhile cause."

In addition to enhancing Majic's annual holiday outreach programs for dis-

advantaged youth, the money raised by the concert will help underwrite the Majic Children's Fund's ongoing, year-round support of South Florida kids in need and the many organizations that benefit children.

"It was a great night of rock 'n' roll by The Doobie Brothers and, because of this generous donation from the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, we'll be able to continue giving something back to underprivileged kids across South Florida," said Rick Shaw, Majic 102.7 FM morning show host and director of the Majic Children's Fund. "Thank you to everyone who supported us, and continues to support us throughout the year."

The Majic Children's Fund is a non-profit, charitable organization formed in 1988 to help raise awareness, funds and services for South Florida charities that benefit children in need. For more information please see <http://www.wmxc.com/majicchildrensfund.asp>.



Photo courtesy of Jeremy Katzman
Max Osceola (center) during the check presentation to the Majic Children's Fund.

❖ Anniversary

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was a legend in rodeo as well as bingo. He was known for his sense of humor as well as his determination. His life shows that a man can set a goal and accomplish something important and that is what Josiah did in rodeo as well as bingo."

Josiah Johns was a goodwill ambassador for the Seminoles, he added. "He was known throughout Florida, he was a popular figure at the Florida Cattlemen's Association, a real crowd pleaser, an entertainer," said Cypress. "Someone ought to write a book about him. Josiah is a role model for the Tribe and Marty is following in his footsteps."

Cypress said that he is going to look into the installation of a sculpture of Josiah Johns to be placed at the casino's entranceway to acknowledge his contributions. He said the youth need modern day role models.

President Moses Osceola spoke next and he congratulated Marty and his wife, Kim, for their 25 years of service. "It is good to hear the bingo hall's history. I did not know it," he said. "I appreciate what has happened here. Marty has worked very hard and his family has stood behind him. When Josiah passed away we wondered if young Marty could

recognize the contributions of his wife who worked at his side throughout the years. Kim Johns is now the Human Resources director at the casino but Marty recalled the days at the old bingo hall when she was pregnant and sweeping the floors. Both Kim and Marty told the audience they have exceptional and loyal employees. They stressed that developing a reputation for excellent customer service has made the casino the success it is today.

Introduced were managers of every department including Marketing Director, Marci Boswell, who had helped organize and promote the 25th anniversary celebration.

Among the guests, were gaming officials from the corporate headquarters at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood, and the Seminole Hard Rock in Tampa. Executive Vice President of Seminole Gaming, Brad Buchanan, said that the fastest growing gaming segment in the U.S. are the Native American tribes and that is all because the first two Seminole-owned bingo halls opened the doors to the gaming industry years ago.

"All Native Americans who are in gaming owe their success to the Seminole Tribe," he said.

In 1980 the Brighton Seminole Casino started with six employees; today there are 130. The Brighton Seminole Casino has the highest profit margin of all the Tribal-owned properties. Adding this large employment base at the casino to the additional jobs at Brighton, the Tribe is now the largest employer in Glades County.

"The success of this property is phenomenal," said Buchanan who credited the employees and management for an increase of profits of 160 percent.

General Manager of the Tampa property, Joe Fontana, spoke about the challenges Marty encountered in his professional life in the earlier days.

"I think Marty is the first graduate of the school of hard knocks," said Fontana.

Like many others who assumed Tribal leadership, Marty had to learn from the ground up, he said. Marty had previously told the audience he did not finish high school but today, because of gaming, the Tribe is able to offer its youth an exciting career training program and/or college tuition.

Marty gave heartfelt thanks to the Tribe for giving him the chance to do something he never thought he could do: attend a college course. In October, Marty spent 40 hours in a classroom at the University of Reno with gaming professionals from all over the world where he took an intensive course in a Professional Development Program for casino management. Marty held up the framed certificate he received and signed by the university's dean of business administration



Press Photo
Seminole Tribe member Josiah Johns led the way in opening Seminole Casino Brighton.

to show his guests.

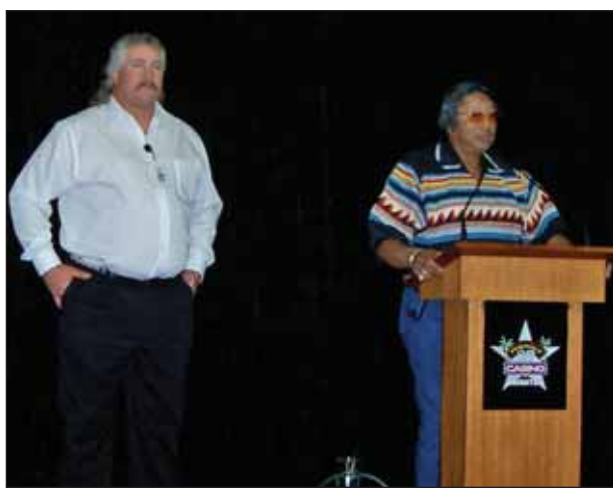
"This means a lot to me," he said. Staff Events Coordinator for Seminole Gaming Susan Renneisen and her assistants had decorated the plain walls and tables of the massive bingo hall for the catered luncheon. In the middle of the night after the bingo hall had closed at 10 p.m. her crew transformed the hall into a dramatic and regal banquet room with theatrical magic.

Massive heavy black curtains were the backdrops that covered every square inch of the four walls. Arches made of red and gold balloons rose high above the glittering decorated tables covered in white linen.

Marty said "I didn't think this bingo hall could look so beautiful," and he asked for a round of applause. The Seminole Tribe Color Guard presented the flag and a film about the cultural heritage and tradition of the Tribe was viewed at the luncheon.

The VIP banquet was just the beginning of the entire day of celebration. An employee luncheon followed and Marty and Kim gave their managers recognition for their contributions. Each manager spoke and it was evident from what they had to say that the staff and employees appreciate their employment at Brighton Seminole Casino.

The rest of the day was spent celebrating with throngs of well wishers and customers. This special day the pots for bingo and poker were record high with \$25,000 in cash prizes.



Susan Extabarría
The Chairman (right) at the anniversary celebration.

carry on and he has proved he is up to the job."

Brighton's Council Representative Andrew Bowers also offered his congratulations.

"Marty didn't get to stand up here on this stage just because he is Josiah's son. He has worked very hard at this," he said.

Marty, seeming a little embarrassed by the accolades was very quick to

Tribe Presents JT's Ping-Pong Smash 2

Killerspin Olympic Table Tennis Stars Join Miami Dolphin Jason Taylor on Dec. 5

Submitted by My-lan Beauford, JAG Entertainment

HOLLYWOOD — Jason Taylor of the Miami Dolphins will be joined by Killerspin table tennis superstars Barney Reed and Biba—featured in *Time* magazine. They will all be a part of "The Seminole Tribe of Florida JT's Ping-Pong Smash 2" scheduled to take place on Dec. 5, 2005 at the Hard Rock Live.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with registration from 5:30 p.m.—6 p.m. Play will be from 6:30 p.m.—9 p.m. and a championship celebration will follow at 9 p.m.

Joining Barney and Biba will be Olympic Medalist Ilija Lupulesku. The Killerspin Team will provide exhibitions

and some pointers for the all star players including Adam Gaynor, formerly of Matchbox 20, O.J. McDuffie, former Miami Dolphin and current radio host of 790 The Ticket, Heavyweight boxer Shannon Briggs, WFOR-TV news anchor Jennifer Santiago and others to be announced while Miami's own DJ Irie fills the arena with today's hottest music

For the second consecutive year, NFL All-Pro defensive end Jason Taylor will be joined by his Miami Dolphins teammates and celebrity friends for this one-of-a-kind celebrity doubles table tennis tournament.

The event is not only fun for the players, the public is invited to join them with proceeds raised at the event benefiting the Jason Taylor Foundation which supports South Florida's children in need. For more information on The Seminole Tribe of Florida JT's Ping-Pong Smash 2, call (954) 424-0799 or visit www.jasontaylorfoundation.org.

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Poem

The Best
 He only takes the best,
 God saw that she was getting tired
 And a cure was not to be,
 So he put his arms around her and whispered,
 "Come with me."
 With tear filled eyes,
 we watched her suffer and fade away.
 Although we love her deeply,
 we could not make her stay.
 A Golden Heart stopped beating,
 Hard working hands put to rest.
 God broke our hearts to prove
 He only takes the best.
 The Lord God Almighty saw the need
 To take only the best,
 He whispered to my sister, Jorja,
 "You're the Best."
 "Come with me."
 "I'll give you a new and better place to rest."
 —Jewel Urbina

This heartfelt poem is written by 13-year-old Jewel Urbina of Brighton whose sister, Jorja Julia Urbina, passed away on the day of her birth, Oct. 12, 2005. The poem was read at the funeral service officiated by Pastor Wonder Johns and Gary Sampson at Brighton 1st Baptist Church on Oct. 15.
 Jewel's parents, Emma and Jessie Urbina, wish to thank everyone who helped their family through their time of grief.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Marnie Billie** for graduating from Florida International University with master's degree in environmental science

From her,
Husband and children

New Kid



Congratulation to Chris and Emestine Primeaux on the birth of their newest member of the family. **Franklin Roy Primeaux** was born Oct. 1 and weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces.
 Grandparents: Darline and Mitchell Primeaux, Hollywood Rez and Teddy and Susie Overland, Ponca City, Oklahoma
 Siblings: Brother Terrell and Sister Arianna



Happy 8th birthday to **Nehemiah "Nehi" Roberts**. You make us so happy! We look forward to many more birthdays watching you grow!
 Love you always and forever,
Mom, Dad and family



Happy 2nd birthday to **Caniah "Niah" Billie**. To our Little Princess who brings us such joy, we love you!
Mommy, Daddy, Cartaya, Alexis and the boys

To Foole (Travis Rory Billie),
 Sitting here reflecting on the day you were born November of 1989 on the 14th day at 12:03 p.m. I want to wish you a very **happy birthday!!**

You along with your brothers and sisters mean the world to me and I am so proud of you all. Son, there are times when life is not easy, when you wonder where you'll find the strength. But I know you will... because you have a way of creating your own strength you are going to make it through this.
 You may have your doubts, but you also have a spirit that just won't quit... I have seen it again and again. You may have your moments when you feel weak that is understandable. But the important thing is that you never give up... I have always admired your patience and the way you have of finding the good in any situation... when the moment comes and you feel like you all alone in this please know and remember that the people who most love and care for you are with you.

You are now 16 years old you have grown into a very fine young man and I am proud of your accomplishments these 16 years have come and gone filled with very much happiness. I am very proud to be your mother. Your sister and brothers look up to you and they love you very much.

I want to wish you a very happy birthday and tell you that I love you! We miss you and love you.

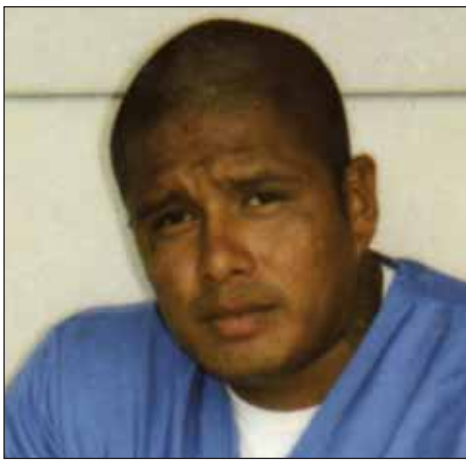
From,
Mom
 "When we believe in our dreams, they can carry us to the stars"



Hey Trav,
 Our family is always going through something and we are going to get through this situation just like the last one. There are times when I am mad at you but we both know those feelings pass minutes later. We are slowly growing apart but you will always be my favorite big brother. Ha Ha, you're getting old.
 It's a shame we can't celebrate your 16th birthday as we planned. Anyway, **happy birthday Foole.**
Natalie Gail Billie

Hi Trav,
 Happy birthday and I love you
 Your little brother,
Darryl Jay Billie

Birthday



Big Myron,
 Just wanted to wish you a happy birthday.
 Love,
Michelle

Happy birthday to our dad with lots of love.
 From,
Michaela, Myron and Myra



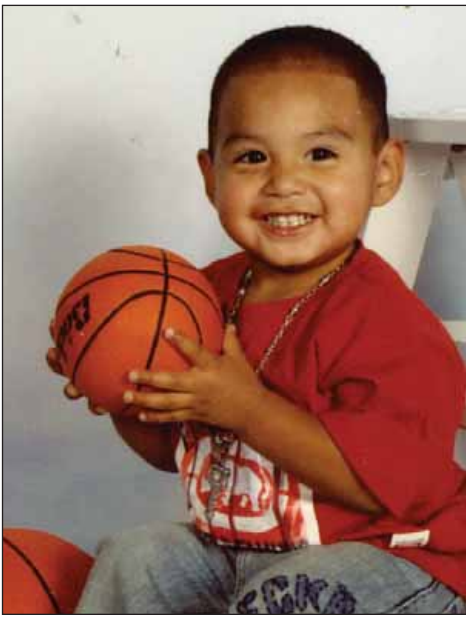
Happy 5th birthday to our big girl **Zoey Shaeree Puente** on Nov. 2. You have grown up so much in 5 years and done so many things to make us happy, but you just being our princess makes our life complete. We love you Zoey so much have a blast on you're special day.
 Love,
Mom and Dad, Joel Booboo Jose Jr., Grace and Tammy Puente



Happy birthday to my first granddaughter **Zoey**. I love you a whole bunch baby. Have fun on your 5th.
 Love,
Grandpa Leroy

Celebrating **Molly Shore's 55th birthday** are her sisters, Geneva and Nancy Shore. They spent Oct. 15, on board the Princess of Palm Beach, a floating casino. They had a little fun teasing Molly about joining them in the senior citizen status. Molly is a Creek teacher in the Language department in Brighton.

Happy belated birthday to my daughter **Letitia T. Foster**. I love you very much and I want you to succeed in school. Have a very happy birthday



Happy 2nd birthday to our **Lil Mo**, who celebrated his birthday on Oct. 14. We hope you had a great time on your day and many more to come. We love you so much.

Love,
Grandpa and Grandma Huggins and the whole Huggins crew

I would like to say **happy birthday to Lory** who's turning 17 on Nov. 22. Hope you have fun on the day because you deserve it.

Love always,
Bianca Huggins



Just wanted to wish our daughter **Marlys Primeaux** a **happy birthday** on Nov. 26.

Love,
Mom Darline and Dad Mitchell

Happy birthday to **John Rhodes M. Osceola**. I love you and hope you have a great birthday.

Love,
Mom (Kim)

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