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## Seminole Shines in Native Elite Showcase



Jerome Davis

**By Chris Jenkins**  
**MACY, NE** — Jerome Davis is one of the few and proud. Not of the Marine kind, but the basketball kind, and on July 27-28 he showed why. As one of 24 young men and 20 female high school basketballers selected from across the U.S., he was a part of the Second Annual 2007 Native Elite Sports (NES) Showcase. The invitation only event brings the best college hoop hopefuls together for fun, recognition and competition. It also became a part of history in its first year as a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) certified Division-IA sponsored activity for Native American athletes. The 19-year-old Fort Pierce

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## Seminole Tribe Commemorates 50th Anniversary of Constitution and Bylaws

*Festivities Include Theatrical Production, Fashion Show/Luncheon, Press Conference*



Stephen Galla

The theatrical production showcased Tribal citizens in a dramatic reproduction of the Tribe's history. Please see the special section on pages 33-40 for full coverage of the Tribe's 50th Anniversary.



Stephen Galla

Models in the 50th Anniversary fashion show strut down the catwalks showcasing the evolution of Seminole fashion, exhibiting clothing from 1800s through present day.



Stephen Galla

Chairman Mitchell Cypress (L) cuts the first piece of the official 50th Anniversary cake as he proclaims "This is the only way I cut cake" during the fashion show/luncheon.



Felix Dobosz

Tribal Clerk Mercedes Osceola-Hahn has Big Cypress Council Representative David R. Cypress sign the Tribal Constitution at the press conference.

## 4-H Youth Travel to Nation's Capital

**By Susan Etxebarria**  
**WASHINGTON** — The Seminole 4-H youth helped pioneer something new in Washington, DC. The 4-H'ers, their leaders and parents gathered for four days near the nation's capital where they met with Cherokee and Muskogee Creek 4-H youth and their leaders. It was the first national gathering of Native American 4-H youth. "This was an idea five years in the making," said Seminole Tribe of Florida's 4-H Coordinator Polly Hayes. "We achieved a new goal. It was an accomplishment. National 4-H officials agreed this was a historic event. Our goal was to have our 4-H youth meet and exchange ideas with other Indian 4-H youth at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center." Hayes had visited the 4-H national offices before, and she was eager to expose the Seminole 4-H leaders, parents and members, to the opportunities of 4-H on a national scale. She suggested the idea several years ago at a meeting of Native Women in Agriculture, where she serves on the Board of Directors. The event came to fruition Aug. 8-11. "The youth and their parents learned that there is a broad scope to 4-H that offers many different types of programs and projects that inspire children to get more out of life," she said. "I definitely believe that this exploratory trip to

Washington, DC can only grow and will have a lifelong impact on their lives." As the events unfolded, Seminole 4-H leaders and parent chaperones were all giving the experience an overwhelming thumbs up.

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Susan Etxebarria

Breanna Billie with Juanita and Wilson Pipestem at a law office in DC.

## Council Passes 39 Resolutions During Special Meeting

**By Chris Jenkins**  
**BRIGHTON** — The Tribal Council met on the Brighton Reservation on Aug. 14 for a special meeting. They passed 39 resolutions including:  
**Resolution 4:** Extension of the maturity date for the Seminole Tribe of Florida's Special Obligation Notes, Series 2007, waiver of sovereign immunity.  
**Resolution 15:** Service line agreement (365' X 5') between Embark FKA Sprint Florida, Inc. and John Huff Sr. for location of a buried telephone cable-Brighton Seminole Indian Reservation;  
**Resolution 16:** Service line agreement (810' X 5') between Embark FKA Sprint Florida, Inc. and Seminole Tribe of Florida for replacement of an existing terminal-Brighton Seminole Indian Reservation;  
**Resolution 17:** Twentieth Annual Work Plan submitted to the South Florida Water Management District by the Seminole Tribe of Florida;  
**Resolution 18:** Approval of Reciprocal Agreement Program for the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum and authorization to execute agreements for the program;  
**Resolution 19:** Designation of the custodial property officer for the Ahfachkee School;  
**Resolution 20:** Suite license agreement with Buccaneers limited partnership;  
**Resolution 21:** Approval of the amended and restated Seminole Tribe of Florida deferred bonus plan for Gaming Division;  
**Resolution 22:** Ratification of the Florida Marlins sponsorship agreement;  
**Resolution 23:** Ratification of Tourcorp.com, Inc., and the Seminole Tribe of Florida services agreement;  
**Resolution 24:** Engagement letter for audit of the basic financial statements for the Seminole Tribe of Florida for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2007;

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Felix Dobosz

Rose Tiger and children Diamond and Jalynn in front of their brand new Brighton home.

## Three New Brighton Homeowners Given Keys at Ceremony

**By Shelley Marmor**  
**BRIGHTON** — On Aug. 10, Johnny Osceola, Pamela Jumper and Parker Jones and Rose Tiger, who reside together, received the keys to their newly-completed homes on the Brighton Reservation. Housing Department Senior Projects Manager for Brighton, Immokalee and Ft. Pierce Catherine Gavin, who also emceed the event, handed out the keys at a ceremony held in the Field Office Auditorium at 11 a.m. Brighton Tribal Council Representative Roger Smith was on-hand to congratulate the new homeowners, along with friends, family members and Tribal employees. Smith recognized the hard work of the Housing Department, saying "We're glad they're here to work for us." "Before, we were having a rough time [getting houses built]," Smith said. "But now everything gets done just like in Big Cypress or Hollywood." He advised all the key recipients to remember how long it took to get some of their houses built — 23 long years for Johnny Osceola — and suggested they do their best to maintain their homes. "I know it's taken a while, but your houses are up now, so take care of it," he said. After Smith's remarks, Gavin handed out the keys with the assistance of Housing Service Manager Jamie Loudbear-Wayka. In addition to receiving the keys, the new homeowners also received the warranty manuals to the appliances in the homes and a gift basket containing useful household items such as a flashlight and oven mitts. The first name called was Parker Jones, followed by Johnny Osceola and finally, Pamela Jumper.

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## Photo Quiz



Tribune Archive Photo

Do you recognize these two Seminoles? See the next issue for the answer.

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## Editorials

## Moore's 'Sicko' is a Must See

By Dr. Dean Chavers

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Normally I write only about Indian affairs in this column. And normally I do not review movies. But I am breaking both rules this month.

My wife Toni and I went to see *Sicko* last night. I recommend that everyone in the U.S. sees it. I learned more than I wanted to know about how our "health care" system is broken in the U.S. And I learned that it was designed that way deliberately.

A young woman from Detroit had to move to Canada to get treatment for her cancer. She was only 22 years old, and her HMO told her she could not have cancer — she was too young. And they denied her treatment.

Michael Moore, who has made a number of controversial movies, topped himself with this one. His earlier films include *Roger and Me* and *Fahrenheit 9/11*.

*Roger and Me* told about what happened to the city of Flint, Mich. when General Motors closed its plant there and moved it to Mexico. *Fahrenheit 9/11* is about the relationship of the Bush family and the Osama Bin Laden family.

If I had not seen it with my own eyes I would not have believed it. Moore visited Canada, Britain, France and Cuba — all countries that provide free health care to their citizens. People in these countries laughed when he asked them how much they had to pay for health care; all treatment and medication is free.

And the kicker is not in the movie. Americans pay 15 percent of Gross National Product in the U.S. for health care, while France only pays 11 percent. I found that out a week before I saw the movie.

The U.S. and our politicians, who have been bought and paid for, are solidly against free or universal health care. Almost all members of Congress, including Hillary Clinton, have taken big money from the HMOs.

Clinton, remember, led the fight in 1993 to get universal health care approved. But when she lost that fight, and ran for Congress, she took money from the health care industry.

The biggest dog in the Congress is one of the members who fought the hardest against universal health care. He is now the head lobbyist for the health care industry, being paid \$2 million a year to protect their profits. Moore showed him holding up his big \$2 million check and smiling like he was the king of the world. He is, but he is stabbing poor people in the back and condemning them to death by taking his \$2 million.

Who is opposed to universal health care, you ask? It is the health care industry — the huge drug companies, the doctors and their American Medical Association (AMA), the hospitals, and the very big dog, the Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs).

The HMOs are the ones who deny people health care on the slightest whim. If you had a yeast infection when you were 20, and they find out about it, they will deny you treatment for cancer 20 years later.

They have condemned thousands of people to death. The people they have condemned to death are not the people without health insurance. They are the people who have health insurance, but who get denied service.

Don't get sick. If you do, you have a good chance of dying without getting any treatment. Nixon started all this in 1971. Michael plays a tape of Nixon and Ehrlichman in the White House cooking up the scheme. Nixon resisted the suggestion at first. But when he heard his buddy Edgar Kaiser in California made big money on it, Nixon was all for it. He proposed the bill that allowed HMOs to become established.

The movie is full of tragedies. A baby in LA died when

the hospital would not treat her. Kaiser Permanente refused to approve the payment. She was African-American. If she had been white, she might have lived.

A young woman who was involved in a head-on collision in her car had her ambulance ride disapproved. The reason? She had not gotten approval of it in advance.

The worst tragedy was three workers on the 9/11 buildings who were denied treatment. One woman and two men, all three of whom volunteered to help try to save people trapped in the debris, and to dig out the hundreds of dead bodies, got sick from the experience. The HMOs turned them all down for treatment.

Michael took them to Cuba, supposedly illegally, and they got free treatment. One man had lung damage, the other man had ground his teeth so bad that he needed to have them restored, and the young woman had lung damage.

The young woman got an inhaler in Cuba for five cents. She could not believe the price. In the U.S. she has to pay \$120 twice a month to get the same treatment.

A lady from Denver who had cancer got treated for free, also. She and her husband had lost everything they owned, including their house, when he had heart attacks and she got cancer. They had to move into their daughter's basement. The doctors in Denver had her on nine medications; the doctors in Cuba took five of them away, and she got better.

The HMO executives have no heart. They are making between \$22 million a year and \$1 million a year in salary. These include Humana, Kaiser Permanente, Blue Cross and Cigna. To rub salt in the wound, the current Bush administration has gotten legislation passed to let drug companies jack up their prices and make even more money.

This health care situation is going to affect more than half the Indian people in the U.S. Why? Because more than 60 percent of us live in cities these days.

How convenient is it for someone living in Albuquerque or Phoenix to run home to Rosebud to get treatment? I know it happens, but most Indian people are getting health treatment where they live.

And with Indian Health running 35 percent vacancies in the positions in their hospitals and clinics, there are not enough doctors, dentists, pharmacists and nurses to go around. It is not uncommon for Indian people to have to wait four hours or eight hours to be seen in a reservation hospital.

The places Moore visited, in contrast, wait on people immediately. Almost no one had to wait four hours. Most of them got seen within one hour.

One of the things the politicians and doctors hint at is that universal health care is Communist. Nothing could be further from the truth. The doctors in the counties Moore visited were living in nice luxury houses, driving Audis and living well.

It is time we did something about the current situation in health care in this country. As a veteran, I have to. My daddy died in a VA hospital. They misdiagnosed him for years with asthma, heart trouble, etc.

When they finally made a correct diagnosis, we learned that he had encysted tuberculosis. His body had formed cysts around the tubercles, but his body had to pay a price. His lungs lost much of their elasticity and he could not get enough air.

We need to take health care out of the hands of the money grubbers, the HMOs, and put it into the hands of people who will provide health care as it should be. Every member of Congress who takes big money from the drug companies and the HMOs needs to be voted out of office. Democrats, Republicans and Independents — they all need to go.

It is time for us to stopped being tricked. One of the White House people the other day said that a recent selling of arms to Saudi Arabia would help to bring peace to the Middle East. I guess no one is going to shoot any of those rifles.

What a crock! They are telling us the same kind of fairy tales about health care. We need to stop believing them. And if you are not registered to vote, please do it. We can only bring about democracy by registering, voting and throwing out the rascals who betray the people.

## Letters &amp; E-mail

Dear Editor,

Why do Seminole casinos not have Blackjack?  
 Sincerely,  
 JMe4540700@aol.com

Dear JMe4540700@aol.com,  
 We have *Clay II* table games only. *Blackjack* is a *Class III* game. Thank you for your question, Wanda Stewart  
 Gaming Department

Dear Editor,

I thank you for your excellent and very kind review of my book *Art of the Florida Seminole and Miccosukee Indians in The Seminole Tribune*. The publishing company, University Press of Florida, just sent a copy of the issue with the review in it.

I have felt privileged to have many enjoyable years of working with the Seminole and Miccosukee people. I cherish their friendship, trust and the way they opened up to me so I could tell their story through art history. But the reviewer Ramona Kiyoshik is very correct to say the book is a loving tribute. I have seen astounding changes since I first started visiting them in 1974 and wish them all of the success they so deserve.

Again, thank you Ramona Kiyoshik for your comments.  
 Sincerely,  
 Dorothy Downs  
 Author

Dear Editor,

Hello from Canada! How much time should a person allow themselves in Billie Swamp Safari with the purchase of a Day Package?

Thank you,  
 Birthe

Dear Birthe,

I usually recommend allowing at least four hours for our Day Package. This gives you plenty of time to do the airboat, buggy and your chosen show; but it will also allow you to visit our gift shop and restaurant, as well as our nature trail and many animal exhibits.

If you have more time I also recommend visiting the *Ab-Tab-Thi-Ki Museum*, just three miles from the Swamp Safari entrance.

Thank you,  
 Sherry M Blanset  
 Administrative Assistant  
 Billie Swamp Safari

Dear Editor,

Good afternoon. I am trying to locate information regarding obstacles to health and economic development to Southeastern Tribes as we prepare to conduct a needs assessment of South Carolina Tribes. Do you have any information that you could share with us? Thank you in advance for your assistance.

In unity,  
 Barbara MorningStar Paul

Dear Ms. Paul,

The best resource for you to turn to is the *United South and Eastern Tribes office*. You can find contact information at [usetribes.org](http://usetribes.org).

Sincerely,  
 Tina M. Osceola  
 Director of Museums

Dear Editor,

I'm trying to find out information about the medicine man and traditions. I know they are not talked about outside the Tribe but I truly want to learn more about it. I don't know who is reading this message but perhaps you know who this might be forwarded to. I would appreciate some communication.

Thank you for your time,  
 Aaron Peck

Dear Mr. Peck,

Thank you for your interest in our Tribal culture and traditions. This topic has been covered by many anthropologists and there are various publications on the topic. You can visit various universities as well as museums to conduct this sort of research; appointments are usually required. We do not discuss this topic with the non-Tribal public. We appreciate your understanding.

Sincerely,

Tina M. Osceola  
 Director of Museums

Dear Editor,

Do you take Mastercard or Visa as payment for airboat rides at Billie Swamp Safari?

Thank you,  
 C. Phillips

Dear Guest,

In response to your question regarding payment methods; yes, we accept all major credit cards. If you have any further inquiries you may e-mail [safari@seminoletribe.com](mailto:safari@seminoletribe.com).

Sincerely,  
 Sherry M Blanset  
 Administrative Assistant  
 Billie Swamp Safari

## Correction

In the Aug. 10 issue of *The Seminole Tribune*, former Winnabago Tribe of Nebraska chairman Louis La Rose was misidentified as that Tribe's current chairman. The current Winnabago Tribe of Nebraska chairman is Matthew Pilcher.

## Photo Quiz, Answer



Willie Jumper and sister Annie Tommie





According to Gavin, 21 homes are currently under construction in Brighton

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Brighton Tribal citizens Brown Shore and Johnson Gore also received gift baskets and a promise from Gavin that their homes would be complete by September of this year.

Eight homes have been completed on the Brighton Reservation this year since permits were received in March, according to Gavin. One of these includes Tribal citizen Reese Bert's home. Bert said his home, on one and a quarter acres in Brighton, came equipped with many modern conveniences. These include all the common household appliances, and some modern upgrades such as hurricane-resistant windows and even a 25,000 watt generator, which he called "a necessity."



Brighton Council Rep. Roger Smith and Catherine Gavin.



New homeowner Johnny Osceola with his gift basket.

According to Gavin, 21 homes are currently under construction in Brighton and 12 are in the bidding process with contractors. She said she believes all of these will be completed by the end of the year.

Gavin also informed those Tribal citizens who have not yet begun the housing process to start as soon as possible. She said the entire process from start to finish takes about one year, with the paperwork going through the proper channels for five months and then another six months for construction time.

Following Gavin's remarks Pastor Wonder Johns offered a blessing for the new homes and the catered lunch the gathering was about to eat.



Pamela Jumper holds her warranty manuals as daughter Luzana holds their gift basket.

# Groundbreaking Ceremony Held for South Boundary Road Renovations

By Judy Weeks

**BIG CYPRESS** — Another link in the long chain of improvements being initiated by the Seminole Tribe of Florida got underway on Aug. 16 with the groundbreaking ceremony for the renovations to South Boundary Road on the Big Cypress Reservation.

Wearing a circa 1800s top hat complete with silver band and ostrich plume, emcee Moses "Big Shot" Jumper Jr., looked as though he had stepped out of the pages of history just in time to commemorate this occasion. Following a short invocation, Jumper explained the scope of this new project.

"Keith and Schnars Engineering will be overseeing the logistics of the paving of the first three quarters of a mile of the South Boundary Road which runs adjacent to the L-28 Canal," he said. "A drainage plan, as well as surfacing, will be implemented during this first phase of construction. Barring any unforeseen interruptions, such as adverse weather conditions, the task should require approximately 50 days for completion."

Chairman Mitchell Cypress has always lived at Big Cypress and clearly remembers the initial construction of the L-28 Canal and levee.

Pointing to the waterway he said, "This artery was originally designed to carry water south from Lake Okechobee into the Everglades and implement seasonal drainage of the Tribal lands through which it traveled. Some of you will remember the high embankment which was eventually converted into a roadway by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in an effort to provide more accessibility to outlying portions of the Reservation. Today we will begin the process of converting this dusty, rocky road into asphalt pavement."

Board President Richard Bowers also addressed the gathering at the groundbreaking ceremony.



Chairman Mitchell Cypress recalls life in his younger years along the roadway and canal.

place at Big Cypress. Now, as a resident here, I am very proud of the changes that the Seminole Tribe is making to create a better community in which its members can live and prosper."

Big Cypress Council Representative David Cypress began his address by thanking Sadie and Tommie Billie for allowing the use of their lawn for the momentous occasion.

"This project has been forthcoming for two years and is just the first phase of a long process

which will eventually provide pavement to what we like to refer to as our waterfront residences," Cypress said. "Patsy Billie and Joe Benjamin are just a few of the patient Tribal members who live along this road and who will be very happy about these improvements."

Brighton Council Representative Roger Smith stated: "Having spent my whole life at Brighton, I don't share your memories of this roadway. However, my father, Jack Smith, was a BIA road grader and was instrumental in the building of many roads such as this one. Every time we undertake a project such as this, we are adding to the legacy set forth by our forefathers."

Returning to the podium, Big Shot reminisced about the days when there were no paved roads on the reservation and the Josie Billie Highway was a pothole filled, rocky road that served the entire community.

Pastor Salaw Hummingbird recounted a story from the Bible which was very appropriate for the

occasion and then offered the blessing in anticipation of the luncheon. Following, the Tribal officials donned hard hats and had shovels in hand as they officially broke ground for improvements to be made to South Boundary Road.



President Richard Bowers talks about the big strides that come with improvements to the Big Cypress Tribal community.

"Many of our Tribal elders were employed by the BIA in building the roads throughout Big Cypress which originally resembled this dusty thoroughfare," he said. "Although I grew up at Brighton, I have watched over the years the progress that has taken

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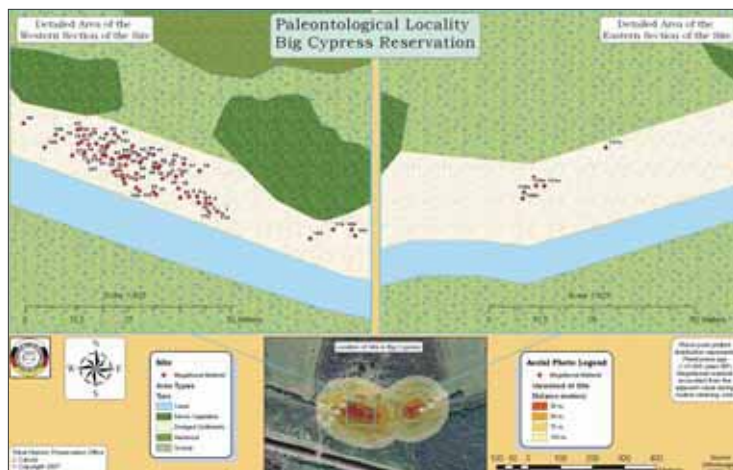
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Map of the area in Big Cypress where the megafauna was found by Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Willard Steele.

## Hidden Megafauna Found on the Big Cypress Reservation

### Tribal Preservation Officer Finds Extinct Animal Bones

By Paul N. Backhouse, Chief Data Analyst, Tribal Historic Preservation Office

**BIG CYPRESS** — On a hot day in late July archaeologists working for the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) had the rare opportunity to recover the remains of extinct animals that had once roamed the area that is now the Big Cypress Reservation.

The bones were uncovered during routine canal cleaning maintenance work that had scraped into much older sediments at the bottom of the canal. These sediments most likely had not been disturbed for more than 10,000 years.

The discovery was made by Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Willard Steele during one of his regular reconnaissance surveys around the reservation. Steele spotted several large, well-preserved teeth protruding from the freshly dredged spoil heaps adjacent to the canal. He quickly alerted the THPO archaeological field crew who arrived at the location and set about systematically searching the area for more bones.

In total, more than 100 bones were identified and the locations were marked with one of the Tribes' state-of-the-art Global Positioning System, or GPS, surveying devices (See Map).

Most of the bones have yet to be identified, but the size of the teeth recovered (See Close-Up Photograph) suggests that at least one elephant-like creature, a mammoth, was present. How old the bones are is a difficult question.

Steele speculates based on their proximity to the modern ground surface that they might date to the late Pleistocene, circa 10,000 years ago. A number of other large bones and teeth were also recovered and are awaiting analysis at the THPO laboratory. If these can be identified to a particular species then it should help to give the THPO a better idea of just how old the remains are.

Megafaunal species, such as mammoth, were indigenous

to North America and archaeologists know that these creatures died out at the end of the last ice age. The problem is no one can agree as to whether a change in the climate or hunting by humans was responsible for their demise.

So far, no evidence has been found at the Big Cypress location to suggest that humans were responsible for the death of these animals and the THPO must conclude at this stage that they



Amber Yucelig, Field Technician, Tribal Historic Preservation Office  
A close-up photo of a mammoth tooth found in Big Cypress.

died naturally. In the meantime a tantalizing glimpse of these huge creatures that once called the Big Cypress Reservation home remains.



The red flags indicate the numerous locations bones were found.

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**Resolution 25:** Engagement letter for audit of the financial statements for the seven Tribal gaming facilities for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2007;

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**Resolution 33:** Ford Motor Credit Company Indian

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**Resolution 40:** Second amended grant of easement for right-of-way (1,351' X 68') to Roman Gate Enterprises Incorporated and/or Greco Roman Holdings, Inc.-Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation;

**Resolution 41:** Seminole Tribe of Florida elevator code safety;

**Resolution 42:** Seminole Tribe of Florida fire prevention code; and

**Resolution 43:** Approval of Seminole Tribe of Florida recreation program sports participation, recreation and cultural event travel guidelines.

## Human Resources Opens New Field Office in Immokalee

### Angella Dixon to Manage HR Office

By Felix DoBosz

**HOLLYWOOD** — Angella Dixon, Human Resources (HR) Department program specialist, has been keeping very busy lately. She was recently appointed to manage the new HR office, located inside the Immokalee Field Office. Dixon will be serving the administrative needs of about 100 employees at the new office.

Director of Human Resources Lee Zepeda determined that there was a great need for an HR office to serve the rapidly expanding Immokalee community. It is one of the goals that all Seminole reservations will have a staffed professional at each HR office to support Tribal citizens and employees, according to Zepeda.

Dixon has been a loyal and dedicated employee of the Hollywood HR Department since July 2002. Originally from the beautiful Caribbean island nation of Jamaica, she moved to Florida in 2001.

"I enjoy what I do," she said. "I came as a recruiter for the Human Resources Department five years ago. When I started, I was hired from a temp agency. Jean Fontana, the acting director at the time, she liked my performance, my professionalism on the job, and offered me a permanent position, and I've been here ever since."

Dixon's responsibilities already include going out to different Seminole communities and conducting HR interviews for job vacancies offered by the Tribe.

Dixon added:

"I'm a people person, and I really enjoy my work dealing with people and enjoy all aspects of human resources. Actually, I'm proud to say I have my master's degree in human resources from Nova Southeastern University."

She explained, "In Hollywood, the magnitude is great when it comes to recruitment, so I concentrate on recruitment only. In Immokalee I'll be doing background investigations, interviews, fingerprinting, employee relations, so I'm more involved in all aspects of human resources while in Immokalee."

She will be the only staff member assigned for now to the new Immokalee HR office. Dixon stated that she has seen the Tribe's extensive expansion and growth in the past five years and is proud to be a part of it. She said she looks forward to serving and providing HR assistance to the Immokalee community and all its employees.

Zepeda echoed Dixon's sentiment about the Tribe's growth. "We're just really excited about the opportunity to be included in Immokalee," he said. "The Tribe has grown so much so quickly recently. Our main goal is to provide services throughout the whole Tribe; not just here in Hollywood or one particular reservation. We like to be able to provide it everywhere."

"This gave us an opportunity to reach out to Immokalee. We have someone in Big Cypress already, and we have somebody out in Brighton who covers the Tampa area and Fort Pierce area. So this is something we have been planning on doing, and we wanted to, and when the opportunity came along we jumped at the chance."

"We worked with [former Immokalee Tribal Council Liaison] Ralph Sanchez and [Immokalee Tribal Council Liaison] Elaine Aguilar to make sure this could happen and we're all very excited about it," he added. "Angella is also excited about it and ready to go and has been a big part of the HR team for several years now and is very excited to take this next step in her career."

Zepeda continued, saying he would like to have an HR specialist in each of the Tribe's communities with full supporting services. At last count the department director said the Tribe now employs just a little over 2,000 employees on all the reservations, not counting the Hard Rock or gaming.

The new HR office is located on the third floor of the administration building: 295 Stockade Road, Immokalee, Fla. 34142. The phone number is (239)867-5300. Ext. 16488.



Angella Dixon and HR Director Lee Zepeda

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## Miss Florida Seminole Princess Hits the Road Jennifer Chalfant Attends National Pow-Wow

By Susan Etxebarria

WASHINGTON — Less than two weeks after her coronation, the new 2007-2008 Miss Florida Seminole Princess Jennifer Chalfant had her face on the giant screen at the Washington, DC Verizon Center arena in front of thousands of people at the Second National Pow-Wow. The event took place Aug. 9-11.

The 18-year-old daughter of SPD Officer Jack Chalfant was introducing herself in a very clear and confident voice.

"Hello! I am Jennifer Chalfant, Miss Florida Seminole Princess of the Seminole Tribe of Florida," she announced holding the microphone.

She said it was an awesome moment to hear the applause. She was on the performance floor surrounded by the royalty of many Tribes. They had just marched into the arena floor in a Grand Entries dance.

Many Seminole seniors were sitting under the huge indoor dome among the people from all over the U.S., and foreign visitors, too. There were also Florida Seminole 4-H members and leaders in the audience. It just kind of turned out that way. It was just at the last minute that Chalfant was accepted to be in the Pow-Wow — many did not know she would be there.

According to Chalfant, she didn't have time to go sightseeing in the nation's capital because she was too busy performing her most important duty, representing the Tribe. She performed two Grand Entries a day and danced during the inter-Tribal dances for three days. The performers stay at the arena all day, each day. At least they stayed at a lovely downtown hotel. Her step mother, Denise Chalfant, was her chaperone for the three days.

Chalfant observed there were a lot more people there than she expected. She said about 90 percent of the people who came up to her and asked to take a photo said they were so proud of her for representing Florida and the Seminole Tribe. Most of them were people from Florida, she recounted.

She said she really appreciated the first opening ceremonies that honored the Indian veterans, and all vets. There were numerous Color Guards present. Behind the vets were the Kiowa War Mothers and Chalfant said she got to meet one.



Miss Florida Seminole Princess Jennifer Chalfant with Native American film actress, Irene Bedard, of *Smoke Signals* and *Pocahontas*.

Chalfant said she really enjoyed being with hundreds of dancers on the arena floor. The whole place is like a giant indoor stadium, filled with fans who love Indian culture.

"I got to talk during dances with some of the other dancers from different Tribes," said Chalfant. "They were really cool people. I met Miss Lumbi and a grass dancer. I think my favorite dance to do is Fancy Shawl."

Chalfant said she enjoyed numerous aspects of the Pow-Wow, with some standing out more than others.

"It actually opened up my eyes to different cultures and let me meet people from other Tribes and Nations and to see the diversity in everyone," she said.

Chalfant expressed it was a great experience and a chance to learn how to meet people and become more outgoing. She wore her beautiful Seminole traditional clothing, especially those pieces made by her great-grandmother, Alice Micco Snow, of Brighton. Her next Pow-Wow appearance was at Indian Country's largest gathering, the Schemitzun Pow-Wow in Connecticut, on Aug. 24.

Jennifer Chalfant represented the Tribe in the Pow-Wow's Grand Entry.

"One of the Kiowa mothers asked me to take her arm and walk with her because she had recently had a stroke and was unsteady," she said. "And so I did."

"I think it is a great honor to be a Princess and I am very proud to represent the Tribe and tell people about our heritage and culture," she said.



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While attending the National Pow-Wow, Tribal citizens Louise Osceola (C) and Teresa Jumper (R) got a chance to meet and greet John Harrington (Chickasaw Nation), the first Native American astronaut to travel to outer space. Harrington flew aboard the space shuttle Endeavour on Nov. 23, 2002.

## Grand Opening of Osceola Pizza Parlor

By Judy Weeks

**BIG CYPRESS —** Culminating three years of planning and hard work, the Osceola Pizza Parlor and Game Room officially opened on Aug. 1 in Big Cypress. Jacob Osceola Jr. brought a family dream to reality when he decided to implement his father's original plan to convert a commercial building into a business opportunity that would be an asset to the community.

At 35 years old, this young computer whiz and video arcade enthusiast, has carefully assembled the essentials to create a fun-filled gathering place that will appeal to all ages. Doing most of the work himself, Osceola remodeled his father's vacant metal building and transformed it into a state of the art pizza parlor and game room.

Stretching his funding to the limit, Osceola has acquired a vast assortment of video games from private individuals, auctions, want ads, surfing the internet and warehouses for gaming surplus. Long hours have gone into rebuilding and reconditioning most of the equipment with fantastic results. Putting his inquisitive mind to work, he has learned the complexities of computer boards, programming and wiring schematics.

While accumulating his inventory, Osceola said: "I have tried to find a wide assortment of games of different skill levels as well as timeless favorites, such as Galaga and the original challenges that people of my age grew up trying to master. It is my hope to be able to provide a healthy, safe atmosphere for the youngsters of our neighborhood, while encouraging their learning skills. Video games are an introduction to the world of computers and promote hand/eye coordination and dexterity."

The walls of this new entertainment center



Judy Weeks

This pizza was made in Jacob Osceola Jr.'s state of the art kitchen.

a few require more. A change machine has been installed for the convenience of the clientele.

As the doors officially opened for business, Osceola introduced his managing assistant, Kimberly Royal.

"She is a hard worker, born organizer and I must admit she represents the force behind the scenes," he said. "She has helped me pull this place together and we make a good team."

Big Cypress Board

Representative David Cypress, Administrative Services Director Carter Clough and Project Coordinator Julie Rajzynger were on hand to welcome the first patrons to what has all the makings of a community hub.

Taking a tour of the state of the art kitchen facilities, there was an opportunity to meet Chef Mike Williams and his assistant Jorge Fuentes and their capable staff. The extensive menu includes not only a variety of pizzas, but sandwiches and salads to be served in the dining room, game room booths or obtained for take out.

Plasma televisions line the walls of the spacious dining area offering sports, news and popular movie selections. A great deal of effort has gone into creating a safe, supervised

environment for the pleasure of community members of all ages. Tribal employees and the tourist industry. If the first day's lunch crowd is any indication of the future, it would appear there is a success upon the horizon.



Judy Weeks

Jacob Osceola Jr. said that although Galaga is a very old game, it is still a favorite.

are lined with video games, pin ball machines and child-oriented games of chance. Three pool tables occupy the center of the playing area. Eighty percent of the games can be played with a quarter, while only



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The luncheon crowd enjoyed a quick game of pool before returning to their jobs.



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The group visiting the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC.

## ✦ 4-H

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logistics, accommodations and itinerary for the meeting. The 52 Tribal youth and leaders stayed in dormitory style housing at the national conference center located in Chevy Chase, Md., just six miles from downtown DC.

Participating in the round table exchanges from the Seminole 4-H were: Christian and Christopher Alexander, Dylan Chalfant, Jacob Cotton and Irina and Breanna Billie. Parents Kim and Robbie Chalfant with daughter Chloe, and Kathy and Charles Alexander were also in attendance. Group leaders Dionne Smedley, Crystal Burkette and Donnie Hayes also participated, as well as Seminole 4-H Extension Agent, Michael Bond and 4-H Secretary Lizina Bowers.

Kathy Dugan, another Cherokee extension director, said the gathering gave the 4-H youth a sense of empowerment and leadership experience.

"It got them out of their comfort zone to see what else is out there in this world for them to do," she said.

Joe Schaefer, the district director of county extension agents in South Florida, was also present.

"This year there were a lot of adults involved in planning the event but all of these youth will take over the leadership, planning and organization in following years," he said.

Schaefer also mentioned he was particularly impressed with all the sharing that took place at the meetings so the youth could learn from one another. There was a session, in fact, where youth from each Tribe and their leaders

talked about their organizational, economic, geographic and traditional differences.

Many had no idea about the enormity of the Seminole Tribe's cattle industry. Michael Bond showed a film of the 2007 Annual Seminole 4-H Show made by Seminole Broadcasting. The Cherokee youth were surprised that the Seminoles have their own TV station and said they would ask their Tribal Council if they would start one.

Seminole youth were intrigued by the idea of creating a Youth Council like the one in Cherokee, N.C. The Cherokee Youth Council founders and officers joined the 4-H gathering and explained their mission to start recycling projects at their reservation.



Susan Etchebarria

Seminole Extension Agent Mike Bond presents a 4-H jacket to Cathan Kress, the national 4-H director.



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Seminole 4-H group at the conference center with Cathan Kress (C), the national 4-H director.



Susan Etchebarria

The entire 4-H Native American Youth Group with their leaders and parents on steps of the National 4-H Conference Center.

Cherokee 4-H does not raise livestock because of the mountainous region where they live. They are working on creating a native seeds and garden center. Their 4-H Extension Agent Heather Jones said they have also formed an entity called Qualla Financial Freedom that teaches youth financial responsibility.

The geographic location of the Muskogee Creek in Oklahoma was explained. This Tribe does not have reservations but the members are scattered among communities in 10 different counties of the state and their residences blend in with non-Tribal society.

The Muskogee Creek Nation 4-H Coordinator and Oklahoma State

University Extension Agent Rick Clovis explained that their most successful 4-H project is raising goats. The Muskogee Creek youth attend a regional 4-H show and sale, and this year 600 goats were entered from all the clubs in the entire region. He said they also do water rocketry projects under the science and technology programs offered by 4-H as well as emphasize public speaking.

This trip was primarily social and educational and included exhilarating once-in-a-lifetime experiences like riding the spooky underground subway system that took everyone to the National Museum of the American Indian.

The Seminole youth participated in a whirlwind schedule of meetings and field trips. Immersed in the tightly packed business district of historic architecture, including the White House and the Capitol, with crowded streets and the beehive traffic, the kids and chaperones moved along with the sons of tourists streaming into the various museums. They took a night tour by bus to the famous Lincoln and Jefferson Monuments and the Vietnam, Korean and World War II Memorials.

Some Seminole youth spent their free time at the National Pow-Wow taking place at the Verizon Center. Others spent time at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum or the National Zoo. But the trip wasn't all play. There were meetings to attend as well, and the 4-H'ers listened to impressive speakers who dispensed their advice and motivation.

Day one, Aug. 8, was a travel day, with the attendees flying from Orlando to the immense conference center where they met other Tribal 4-H youth groups. Later that evening, they met up with other visit-

ing Tribal youth for introductions, games and other fun icebreakers. The itinerary was also handed out. 4-H leaders conferred while the kids tripped off to the recreation room to play pool, air hockey and video games.

On the morning of day two, Aug. 9, the youth met several VIPs in the 4-H world. These professionals who head up 4-H worldwide at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) came to the conference center just to welcome the Native American youth.

Cathan Kress, the 4-H national youth development director, said she was impressed with the first Native American 4-H gathering.



Susan Etchebarria

(L-R) Erena Billie, Jacob Cotton, Breanna Billie and Dionne Smedley work on a puzzle at the National Museum of the American Indian.

"We are excited you are here and would like to see more of your delegations involved on the national level," she said. The youth learned from her that there are 7 million youngsters in 4-H, here in the USA and in clubs at U.S. military installations worldwide.

Another speaker was Chickasaw Tribal member Jamie Simms Hipp, an agricultural attorney at the USDA and National Program Leader who originated from Oklahoma. She worked her way up through college and then law school on her own. It was a tough road.

"Don't ever be ashamed of where you are from because that's going to take you somewhere," she said. "Do you realize how special you are? Do you realize how few Native American youth have been here at the 4-H National Center? How few Native American youth have been to Washington, DC?"

She told the youth she was a co-founder with Polly Hayes of Native Women in Agriculture and that they had talked several years ago about bringing together Native American youth.

Hipp urged the youth to consider careers in agriculture and talked about the many possibilities, such as being an agricultural economist, agriculture engineer, animal nutritionist, botanist, plant pathologist, or veterinarian, just to mention a few.

"Most farmers and ranchers are 57 years old," she said. "The career paths are incredible. We need you. Someone has to carry on the traditional work of agriculture. We don't want foreign countries to feed us, do we?"

Gifts were exchanged and others spoke and soon the youth were on the road for another meeting in downtown DC. Once there, the 4-H youth visited the swanky law offices of Native American attorney and lobbyist Wilson Pipestem, a partner in Ietan Consulting, L.L.C.

Pipestem told the youth how he works on behalf of the Seminole Tribe and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to make sure the federal government abides by its treaties. He fights for the rights of sovereignty. He said he visits many elected officials in the U.S. government to educate them about Indian issues and to persuade them to vote

favorably on these issues. He said his firm has helped the Seminole Tribe with casino issues and the Cherokee's reclaim land that belonged to them by treaty rights.

"The federal government can be difficult, but it can be helpful, too," said Pipestem. "The federal government broke every treaty it made with Indians and so now we have to hold their feet to the fire and do it in a smart way and understand how to show the Feds that Indian rights are lawful and it is to their advantage to honor their promises."

The children had many questions for Pipestem who also volunteers as a board member of National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY). He said that UNITY tries to encourage youth to form youth councils in their communities to address the needs of youth. He said the youth councils always rate drugs and alcohol as the biggest threat to Indian youth.

Pipestem also shared how going to college created the career path for him to become a lawyer. He told the youth to be successful as a lawyer or a lobbyist, they must be able to write and speak persuasively.

"It is important to educate yourself about your Tribe, your culture and to know how your Tribal government works," he said. "When I was a kid nothing scared me more than public

speaking," he said.

Today he is an inspirational speaker and he held the attention of the youth.

His wife, Juanita Pipestem, also spoke to the youth about her position as an Associate Justice of the Tribal Supreme Court in Cherokee.

"You are the ones who will follow us," she said. "You are the ones who will take over and become the lawyers and lobbyists for Native American Tribes. You all have a role to play and big shoes to fill." Mrs. Pipestem said too many of the program directors at the reservations are not Indians. "We need to be in control of our own destiny. So, get your education because nobody can do it better than Indian people and you can do it."

American University Political Science Professor Jack Soto (Cocopah/Navajo) also spoke. It is his job to encourage Native American youth to apply for summer and yearlong internships at this prestigious university located in DC. He told the youth there are many opportunities in Washington, DC to work on Native American issues.

"We will pay your tuition and housing while you work on topics facing Indian Country," said Soto. "It takes drive and determination but you will learn what you can do to make good policy that will help Native Americans."

On days three and four, Aug. 10-11, there was much activity and more meetings, but mostly touring. The Seminole youth split into vans with parents and chaperones heading out in different directions. The children had different opinions about what impressed them the most.

"We had a lot of fun," said Dylan Chalfant. "We found out there's a lot more to 4-H than just steer and swine. I found out that Washington DC is shaped like a diamond. And when the subway got crowded my dad said they don't even pack cows that tight!"

Erena Billie only had one thing to say when asked what she thought of the four-day event, that "it was very good."

Parent Kathy Alexander of Big Cypress said the sight seeing they did with the 4-H youth was very educational. "We went to see the Arlington Cemetery and the Pentagon," she said. "I think Seminole 4-H should do this again next year."

Polly Hayes summed it up: "Being at the capital, and being at the national 4-H center as well as meeting and listening to national speakers and officials on the capital level showed the kids the great opportunities that await them out there."



# Annual Brighton Youth Conference Focuses on 'Respect'

By Chris Jenkins

**ORLANDO** — The 12th Annual Brighton Youth Conference had one major theme, but served multiple purposes July 29-Aug. 3.

In its first year at the Hard Rock Hotel, the conference pushed the message of "Respect" this year, but was also about promoting, encouraging, educating, honoring and preparing the community for life as well.

Several Brighton departments came out to sponsor the event including: Fire-Rescue, Seminole Police Department, Family Services, Recreation, Culture and Language, Education, Library, Health and Community Care for the Elderly.

Topics and issues discussed were: financial education, Seminole culture and language, drug and alcohol education, fire safety, the Seminole Charter School and crime prevention safety, to name a few.

Tribal Council in attendance throughout the week included: Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Vice-Chairman Richard Bowers, Non-Resident Liaison Holly Tiger-Bowers and Fort Pierce Liaison S.R. Tommie.

Guests and motivational speakers included: Chance Rush of Cloudboy Consulting, Lisa Tiger, an AIDS educator and speaker, and Chris Harris, a professional bareback horse championship rider.

The July 30 highlight was the annual Incentive Awards, honoring and rewarding students and adults reaching their goals in education. More than 170 students were recognized for their accomplishments. According to Tiger-Bowers, there were nearly twice the number of students in 2007, compared to the previous year who maintained perfect attendance — 40 as opposed to 24 in 2006.

On July 31, Harris spoke to teens and adults about his struggles and triumphs as a recovered methadone drug addict. Among his many words of encouragement and inspiration were: "If you live life from your heart your mind automatically knows the course."

Aug. 1 featured the annual talent show, and a trip to Universal Studios capped off the activities on Aug. 2.

Chance Rush travels the country and performs for colleges, schools, and at conferences for awareness, communication, counseling and mentoring. This was his second year with the conference. Some of the topics and subjects he discussed included: identity understanding, community involvement, substance abuse and violence (Indian and non-Indian) among other issues.

"This has been a really good opportunity to build a relationship with the



The second graders and staff members at the conference.

Seminole Nation because that is something I have always wanted to focus on, which is how important the home is with the school and this was the opportunity to do it," Rush said.

Tiger is no stranger to the Tribe either, and has been a speaker for several years. She has lived with both Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and Parkinson's disease, since 1999. She has won numerous awards for her work as an educator and has been a speaker and educator to youth and groups for more than a decade.

"Those who listen are those who are in a healthy place to do so," Tiger said.

Her motivation as a survivor, advocate and speaker comes from her own painful and tragic youth. She says the power of forgiveness and moving on is very important.

Brighton Youth Coordinator Salina Dorgan has served on the youth committee since the beginning and says the "Respect" theme was emphasized heavily throughout the week.

"To get respect you have to be able to give it," Dorgan said. "Staying focused in setting goals and moving toward them as well as coming back and being an asset to the Tribe is important."

Learning and carrying in the ways and culture of the Seminole tradition also remained an integral focus of the conference.

"We're living in an era where our young people throughout the country are being raised by



Rumor Juarez sings in the talent show.

the media, by television shows, by BET [Black Entertainment Television] MTV [Music Television] or whatever else, so to still maintain who you are is important," Rush said. "Respect yourself first, show family respect and community respect and when you show those three things then respect for the society and the world will be more understandable and we all need to continue to teach that."



Motivational speaker Chance Rush plays an icebreaker game with first grade students.



President Richard Bowers is joined by the 2007-2008 Seminole Tribe of Florida pageant representatives.



Eighth grader Dalton Bert participates in class activities on "Respect."



Tribal citizen and poet Amber Craig recites a poem titled *The Lost Ones*, about Seminole pride and tradition, in the talent show.



AIDS educator and speaker Lisa Tiger discusses education and awareness to the conference adults in attendance.



Danyelle Boromei performs as "Hannah Montana" in the talent show.



Tribal citizen Vinson P. Osceola teaches wood carving to ninth-12th grade students at the conference.



Fort Pierce Liaison S.R. Tommie speaks to the youth and parents during the Youth Conference opening ceremonies.



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# Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School Open House

By Susan Etsebarria

**BRIGHTON** — Pemayetv Emahakv, the first Native American Charter School east of the Mississippi, opened its doors to greet parents and students at an Open House held on Aug. 16 at Brighton Seminole Reservation. School officially began on Aug. 20.

The school will provide all academic core classes as required by the state of Florida as well as daily classes in Seminole culture and language, making it a "total inclusion" education program.

"I am very excited. I love it," said Education Director Louise Gopher, as she inspected classrooms.

Teachers posted the names of their students at their assigned desks where they were given copies of their classroom curriculum and the parent/student handbook. There was a special gift for each student, a backpack emblazoned with the school's logo as well as a school T-shirt.

Teacher Jennie Shore sat in the Creek Language and Cultural Education classroom welcoming families.

"I can't believe we have our own school at the reservation," she said. The hope is that the students will greatly increase their Creek language skills with daily classes instead of once a week as in the former Pull Out Program.

Principal Russ Brown greeted parents as they approached the information tables set outside in the large entrance plaza to the school.

"The original plan was to have one classroom for each grade," he said. "But, due to the excitement in the Brighton community about what we have to offer, the student population has grown from 120 to 149 students as of today."

"We are making room because we want to accommodate all the children of the community and don't want to turn anyone away so now we have two classrooms instead of one for kindergarten through fourth grades, and we are bringing in a huge portable in the coming weeks," he added. "Until then the cultural arts and crafts room and the library will serve as classrooms. The library and cultural arts will start once the portable is ready for the

added classes."

Workers were still painting, plastering, hanging doors, finishing the playground and landscaping the grounds as parents toured.

"They have been working night and day and I think parents were concerned about being on time but we are ready to start school even as the final touches are put in place," said Louise Gopher.

Also greeting the parents at the Open House was Sandra Barker from the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe who was selected by the Board of Trustees to be the Chief Executive

principal and the Board of Directors, a position similar to that of a school district superintendent.

Barker talked about the incredible opportunities the school will provide students in the science

Louise Gopher said this advanced technology will offer educational tools that will put the Seminole students far ahead of many schools in the state. As a result, the

ty/swimming program. There was a sample of the school menu posted in the cheerfully-decorated cafeteria. The school will offer a nutritious breakfast because Louise

Gopher said that youngsters too often leave home without one, the most important meal of the day.

The school will follow the rules of the Glades County school system and will operate by the county's calendar, with the exception of two Indian holidays. Brighton students have traditionally attended public schools in Glades and Okeechobee counties. The school will use the supplemental reading program "Readright." Students will also be required to take the FCAT test each year.

The birth of the Charter School came from the success of the Pull-Out Program at Brighton. All of the Seminole children attending public elementary schools in Okeechobee and Moore Haven, Fla. were allowed to remain on the reservation every Friday to attend a Tribally-run cultural school.

The popularity of the one day a week school led the community to take the next step of establishing the Charter School where students are provided daily cultural and language teachings.

Charter School Associates, Inc. of Coral Springs, Fla. was selected as the consulting firm to assist the Seminole Tribe in establishing the Charter School.

On July 18, 2005, the Tribal Council passed a resolution approving the establishment of the Charter School at the Brighton Reservation. The Charter Agreement with Glades County was approved by Glades County School Board on Dec. 8, 2005.

Principal Brown stated that the Board of Directors of Pemayetv Emahakv, Inc. has made certain the school has everything it needs to be the best educational institution with the highest achieving students in the state of Florida.

For more information on the Brighton Charter School, please see [www.pemayetvemahakv.com](http://www.pemayetvemahakv.com).



Students (L-R, 1st row) Erik and Michael Garcia, with (L-R, Back row) teacher Lisa Clements, parent Rita McCabe and Principal Russ Brown.



Students Trista Osceola and Donovan Osceola model their new school backpacks



(L-r) Student Robert Harris, first grade teacher Lisa Clements and Education Director Louise Gopher



The new Brighton Charter School



Student Mallorie Thomas (C), with (L-R) parents Derick Thomas and Amanda Smith, talking to language teacher Jennie Shore and teacher's aide Jade Braswell.

Officer of Pemayetv Emahakv, Inc.

Charter Schools must be formed as a corporation with a Board of Trustees in partnership with the state of Florida. The state provides some of the school's funding. A nonprofit corporation, Pemayetv Emahakv, Inc., was created to govern all operations of the Brighton Charter School in August 2005.

The Board of Trustees is comprised of members of the Tribal Council. Barker reports to the Board in regards to all business, financial and educational decisions. She is the go-between for the

and technology fields due to implementing Apple Computer's state-of-the-art computer instruction software and educational programs. It is so sophisticated and advanced the entire staff will get special training from Apple instructors in the weeks to come.

Starting with kindergartners, all grades will learn computer basics, and much more; iPod classes in podcasting will be taught to older grades. Podcasting is the ability to make films and send news and other information over the internet in real time.

new teachers are very enthusiastic.

"I am so privileged to teach here and the opportunity is going to be great," said Cynthia Ringstaff, first grade teacher.

"I have never been able to start in a new school and we have an excellent staff here, I am grateful to be working with so many top-notch teachers."

Applications for volunteer substitute teachers and a sign up sheet for people willing to serve on a parent advisory board were at the tables. Information about the daily 45 minute physical education classes included details about the water safe-

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Rosalinda Torres oversees a game of UpWords, as the players wait for Diana Rocha to check a spelling.

## Scrabble Tournament Kicks off School Year

By Judy Weeks

**IMMOKALEE** — As a very busy summer vacation drew to a close, the Diane Yzaguirre Memorial Library was inundated with requests for a Scrabble Tournament. This very popular literary pass time draws competitors from all age groups and is an excellent mental exercise.

Librarian Cris Marrero agreed that this would be a good way to get back into the education groove for the up coming school session. Enlisting the support of the Recreation Department, a tournament was scheduled for Aug. 15.

Tables were set up with game boards appropriate for each age group and Cris Marrero was joined by Library and Education Department staff members who gave supervision and technical support. Keeping a dictionary close at hand, Diana Rocha, Alicia Gamez, Rosalinda Torres and Noemi Escobar kept a close eye on the games, mediating each challenge and tabulating final scores.

Beginning with Junior Scrabble and UpWords for the younger group, they progressed to more challenging Scrabble contests for the middle school, high school and adult participants. A thoughtful hush descended upon the room as players contemplated their next move. This would suddenly be interrupted by cheerful laughter at some of the bizarre words that were concocted from the choice of lettered tiles.

Whether forming difficult words or attempting to create their own vocabulary, the group had a fantastic time and the mental stimulation was very rewarding.

As the tournament progressed, the participants took a short break to enjoy the buffet prepared by the Immokalee Culture Department under the direction of Amy Clay. Featuring traditional favorites, it drew a grateful crowd of hungry word warriors.

Tournament results were as follows:

Junior Scrabble, Table 1: 1. Jay Arizmendi Jr., 2. Kazmir Mora; Table 2: 1. James Mora, 2. Priscilla Alvarado, 3. Dayland Osceola; Table 3: 1. Bradley Scheffler, 2. Caniah Aguilar, 3. Shyanna Escobar.

UpWords, Table 1: 1. Alexis Aguilar, 2. Damian Escobar, 3. Nehi Aguilar, 4. Cartaya Billie; Table 2: 1. Dennis Gonzales Jr., 2. Jonah Alvarado, 3. Destinee Jimmie, 4. Jon Jimmie; Table 3: 1. Eliza Mora, 2. Jillian Rodriguez, 3. Aaliyah Mora, 4. Alycia Mora.

Scrabble, Table 1: 1. Larissa Delarosa, 2. Elyse Frank, 3. Joelli Frank, 4. Tommie Cidertree; Table 2: 1. Julissa Arreguin, 2. Lily Mora, 3. Christopher Briscoll, 4. Aaron Alvarado; Table 3: 1. Ashley Faz, 2. Jade Tapia, 3. Esiera Frank, 4. Alexis Jimmie; Table 4: 1. Alexis Garcia, 2. Kenny Joe Davis Jr., 3. Jack Tabchawickah, 4. Abbey Torres; Table 5: 1. Cassandra Jimmie, 2. Jordan Rodriguez, 3. Cheyenne McInturff, 4. Spencer Jock; Table 6: 1. Christian Benson, 2. Michael Allen Venzor, 3. Allen Hernandez, 4. Frankie Marrero.



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Scrabble players are deep in concentration until Susan Davis (L) begins to chuckle at a possible word selection.

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## Students Attend Back to School Bash

By Judy Weeks

**IMMOKALEE** — "Let the fun begin before school is in!" was the theme for the Back to School Bash. Members of the Immokalee Community of all ages flooded the Gym on Aug. 17 to participate in the end of the summer activities. The interior had been attractively decorated in the Tribal colors of red, yellow, black and white for the occasion with matching table centerpieces.

Sponsored as an interdepartmental event, the Education and Library Departments were joined by Recreation, Fitness, Health, Housing, Immokalee Seminole Youth & Livestock Ranch (ISY&LR), Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) and the Immokalee Council and Board Liaisons, to sponsor the event. With this many helping hands, all working together for a common cause, the success of the occasion was no surprise.

"Catch Your Dreams Through Education" was the slogan adopted by the Education Department. Depicted on a large poster with a dream catcher, it set the mood for the day and was exemplified by the dream catcher key rings distributed to the participants.

Kenny Joe Davis and Gabriel Acosta of the ISY&LR provided the background music and emcee. Each of the youngsters received a raffle ticket, which gave them an opportunity to participate in the drawings for the numerous door prizes and gift cards that were distributed throughout the day.

A balloon artist created a variety of animals, hats and extraordinary shapes to the delight of the smaller children.



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(L-R) Cartaya Billie and Caniah Aguilar show off their face painting art.



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Jade Tapia poses for the caricature artist.

Two lines formed as expectant little faces waited for the face painting artists to work their magic, turning out cartoon characters, princesses, butterflies and monsters galore. Meanwhile, a tattoo artist airbrushed images on the arms and legs of her clients, who selected their unique favorites from a vast collection.

An extremely talented caricature artist was surrounded throughout the day as she skillfully captured the images of her subjects on a blank sheet of paper with charcoal and ink. Although the waiting line was long, everyone agreed that it was worth the effort and parents cherished the results.

Tracey DelaRosa from the Fitness Department had assembled an assortment of photographs taken throughout the summer during Recreation field trips, Youth Ranch activities, vacation adventures and Camp Kulaqua. Transferring these to the large screen, the youngsters and their parents relived a fun filled summer of water parks, a roller rink, a karate studio, bumper cars, a bowling alley and horseback riding to name just a few of their outings. Of course, the week at Camp Kulaqua was the jewel in the crown.

Education Intervention Specialist Diana Rocha completed the PowerPoint presentation by inserting some very helpful back to school tips accompanied by the school bus song. Intrigued, the children joined in and sang "The Wheels on the Bus Go Round and Round."

The Dental Division of the Seminole Health Department provided each student with a well stocked kit including everything necessary for good dental hygiene. Immokalee Board Liaison Delores Jumper made arrangements for each child to receive a shoe voucher to be redeemed at the Footlocker in preparation for their return to school.

She said: "This is my way of thanking the

parents for supporting their children, who are our future." Both parents and children showed their appreciation with a round of applause.

Vanessa Aguilar conducted the Battle of the Dance in which several young people participated, displaying their talents. With each one excelling in a different genre, it was a tough judgment call when announcing the winners. Larissa DelaRosa, Nicki Davis and Bonnie Davis received the laurels.

Louise Motlow offered the blessing prior to the serving of a wonderful buffet. Dessert included two huge chocolate chip cookies carrying the slogans "Education is the Key to Success" and "Back to School Bash 2007."

Gathering the children together in a circle on the floor, Rocha inquired, "What would you like to be when you grow up?" There was a wide range of answers that included



Judy Weeks

Dennis Gonzales Jr. holds up the gift card that he won in the raffle.

school teachers, doctors, lawyers, race car drivers, ball players and movie stars.

Rocha responded:

"The good news is that you all have a chance to achieve your dreams, if you take advantage of your education opportunities. Your parents and the Seminole Tribe are partners with you in building your future. Together you form an unbeatable team that is filled with success."

The Library, PAC and Education Departments, represented by Diana Rocha, Cris Marrero, Alicia Gamez, Rosalinda Torres and Vanessa Aguilar, presented each student with a backpack, handsomely embroidered dream catcher book bag and visor displaying the event slogan. Each backpack had been generously stocked with school supplies by the PAC.



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Ezekiel Roberts receives an airbrush tattoo.



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## Hollywood Back to School Bash

By Elgin Jumper

**HOLLYWOOD** — The Back to School Blast Party began at 6 p.m. on a warm and pleasant day that was winding down toward night. Upon entering the Hollywood Seminole Gymnasium on Aug. 17, one was presented with quite the celebratory mood, colorful and inviting, cordial and agreeable.

Six long tables had been arranged for the children with multi-colored tablecloths and balloons of various colors: black, yellow, red and white. One could immediately take in the reverberating beats and jams skillfully spun by Tribal citizen and DJ, Zach Battiest.

Moses "Big Shot" Jumper Jr., director of the Recreation Department, gave the introduction and invocation before the groups of students lined up and were served a hearty meal and cake catered by Boston Market.

"Enjoy yourselves," urged Jumper Jr. as the youngsters prepared to eat.

"Have a good time tonight," Patricia Robinson, the Youth Center supervisor and principal organizer for the event, explained its purpose.

"This is a 'Back to School Blast Party' that we have every year," said Robinson. "It gives the kids a chance to have a good time



STUCK ON SCHOOL: Kids leap and stick to the Velcro® wall.

Elgin Jumper



At this table, students picked out which type of airbrush tattoo they want.

before they have to go back to school. I also give out gift bags with note pads, coloring books, pencils, candy ... All kinds of goodies for back to school."

Robinson acknowledged she was competently assisted by her staff: Cassandra Jones and Barbara DeCarlo. She also said that "Celebration," an entertainment company, provided clowns, a *Toy Story* bounce house, the "Laser Quest" and small mechanical bull. Also lending a hand in the event was Marl Osceola, assistant recreation director.

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By Ramona Kiyoshk

## A Who's Who in Native American Leadership

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A single review cannot do justice to this new double volume of modern Native American history by Dr. Dean Chavers. The table of contents outlines the wide array of topics covered in the book, from war leaders to religious leaders to sports leaders, which helps readers understand the dedication and research that went into this amazing work.

Eighty-seven Native American men and women, from all Tribes, backgrounds and educational levels, are presented in well-deserved tributes

Another blatant abuse of power resulted in a class action lawsuit against the U.S. government in 1996. In Cobell v. Norton (named after then-Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton), 500,000 Native Americans demanded an accounting of trust fund monies misappropriated for more than a century. Almost 20 years earlier, Elouise Cobell, the Blackfeet Tribal treasurer, began to examine the books and discovered a centuries-old practice of diverting Tribal money to off-reservation, non-Native projects.

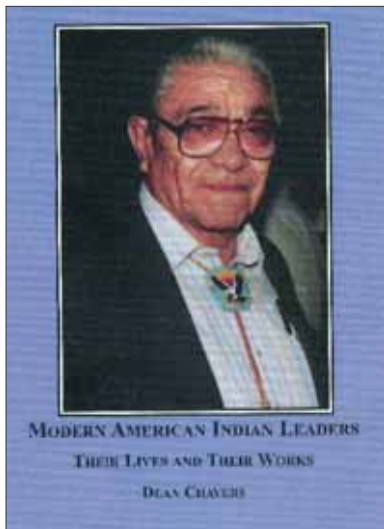
The case took years to get to court, and then was torpedoed by another Secretary of the Interior, Bruce Babbitt. Readers can learn about the feisty and steadfast Cobell *Defender of Indian Trust Funds* on page 467 of Volume II.

Dr. Chavers points out other laws and practices designed to keep Native American people poor, unemployed, under-educated and unhealthy. He also notes that the spirit of the Native American people refuses to be extinguished and that leaders and role models have emerged again and again to show the way out of the darkness.

Among those named in these volumes is author Vine Deloria Jr. (Dakota), whose trail-blazing in education, sports, politics and writing, helped change the way white America views First Peoples, and indeed, how the First People view themselves. Deloria, by providing a role model, inspired others to do what was necessary to get an education and make a difference.

Other recognizable writers include cerebral novelist Louise Erdrich, pop culture icon Sherman Alexie and Pulitzer Prize winner M. Scott Momaday.

*Native American Indian Leaders: Their Lives and Their Work (Volumes I & II)* should be made available to all Native youth and their mentors. It vibrates with inspiration and hope. By knowing who went before and what they accomplished, today's youth can boast that they indeed have heroes who wear business suits, baseball uniforms or use stethoscopes. They will know they can do anything they want to do and surely make



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to their achievements. These heroes and heroines all lived in the 20th century. Some prospered and others struggled without reward or recognition, focusing only on their goals and commitment to their people.

In order to grasp and retain all the wonderful details of the educators, leaders, entrepreneurs, professionals, athletes, intellectuals, writers, artists, performers and healers that Dr. Chavers has given us in two cloth-bound volumes, one must pick up these books again and again. *Native American Indian Leaders: Their Lives and Their Work (Volumes I and II)* should be in every American school and home, and most certainly in every library for reference purposes and solely for the joy of reading.

Dr. Chavers opens by writing how history, since the arrival of the Europeans, changed the way the First Nations lived. Structured societies, traditions, laws and culture were trampled in the stampede for land and resources. The comeback has been long and painful, impacted by racism, hostile law enforcement and legislation designed to oppress and control.

One example is termination, "the unilateral ending of the provisions made in treaties between a Tribe and the United States." It was a means to exploit the resources on Indian land and to take the land itself. Such a policy forced members of a reservation community, who were unskilled and unprepared, into mainstream life. For many people, this resulted in homelessness, starvation and death.

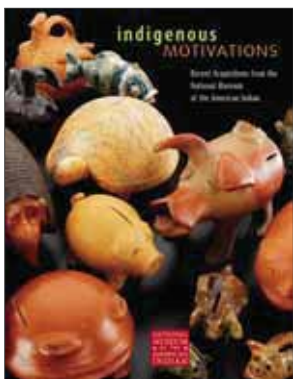
The Bureau of Indian Affairs, whose mandate was to protect Native people and their rights, was often the instigator of such programs. The egregious termination policy unofficially ended with the Kennedy administration in 1961 and was not formally removed from the books until 1988.

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# Health Corner ♦ Chah-nee-ken chàò-ke ♦ Cvfeknetv onakv

## Young Ladies Spend A Day at the Spa

By Judy Weeks

**IMMOKALEE** — Members of the Health, Education and Fitness Departments joined several parents in creating a special day for the young ladies of the Immokalee Reservation. Meeting in the Gym on Aug. 16, the youngsters were treated to a glamorous Day at the Spa.



Judy Weeks  
Alicia Mora gets braids.

Nutritionist and Health Representative Charlotte Porcaro began the program with a discussion about the benefits of exercise and a healthy diet to promote a beneficial lifestyle. While the very young learned about dental care, Porcaro made a special presentation to the 9 year old and older group concerning puberty and personal hygiene. Covering the basics in a very tactful and informative manner, she educated the young ladies on some very worthwhile topics.

Breaking up into small groups, the



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Amy Yzaguirre prepares to create a new look for Joelli Frank.

very attractive new hairstyles that enhanced their current hair length and colors. There were bouncy page boys, high piled curls, straightened locks and intricately braided coiffures. Barrettes, bows and hair jewelry were applied in moderation to complete a pleasing appearance. The end results were beautiful and the recipients were ecstatic.

Tracey DeLaRosa of the Fitness Department talked about the benefits of a good exercise program and treated each of the participants to a pair of pink and white slippers. Charlotte Porcaro provided a very healthy luncheon of nutritious fruits, vegetables and finger sandwiches, which complemented her previous presentation.



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Lily Mora adds a red bow to Alexis Jimmie's new hair style.

girls visited the numerous tables around the room where they were instructed in the proper use of skin care products and appropriate make up. Many were surprised to learn that a little dab here and a little dab there go a long way toward enhancing beauty without hiding their true features. Modest application of tastefully selected colors and beauty aids, transformed these young ladies into princesses.

Manicures and pedicures stressed cleanliness and proper preparation prior to the trimming and shaping of the nails. Using a wide selection of colors, textures and finishes, the demonstrators created some very unique nail decor.

It took a multitude of volunteers to administer the hair dressing portion of the presentation. Beginning with tips on shampooing and conditioning, the girls were treated to some



Judy Weeks

Shyanna Escobar is all smiles as Diana Rocha paints her nails.

## Important Info About Head Lice

Submitted by the Seminole Health Department

School is back in session and one thing on every parent's mind is preventing the dreaded head lice infestation. Education about head lice is an important step towards preventing future infestations. Here are some interesting facts about head lice that you may not know. This information will keep you informed as well as protect your family, your community and yourself in case you come in contact with head lice.

Head lice do not come from the air or ground and do not jump or fly. They come from other head lice.

Head lice are primarily contracted from head to head contact with an infested person but may also come from sharing hats, hair brushes, combs, hair accessories, pillows and headrests.

It is important to remember that pets do not transmit head lice to humans.

Nits (lice eggs) are oval shaped. They are attached to one side of a hair shaft at an angle. They are typically white to light gray in color and are not easily removed. If it crumbles in your fingers, it is probably not a nit.

A louse (lice) is a reddish brown parasite and is wingless. A louse can exist off of a human head for up to 24 hours but will survive on a head for approximately 30 days if untreated.

If you have been exposed to pediculosis or head lice and become infested, the following steps are essential to their successful eradication. All lice killing products are pesticides and must be handled with caution. If you choose an over the counter product, be sure to carefully read and follow the directions on the package.

Consult a physician or pharmacist before using an over the counter product if you are pregnant, nursing, have allergies, asthma, epilepsy, pre-existing medical conditions or are treating lice/nits in the eyebrows or eyelashes. Never use pesticides on or near the eyes.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warn that lice sprays can be dangerous to

children and small pets. Vacuuming is the safest way to remove lice or fallen hairs containing nits from furniture, rugs, car seats and stuffed animals.

Manual removal is a necessary part of any lice treatment. No comb alone will get rid of the head lice. Special combs for lice removal are made with extra tight teeth to force the nit off the hair shaft.

Inform your child's school, daycare, camp and neighborhood parents once you discover head lice. Checking for head lice on a regular basis is the best way to protect your family and community.

Lice can be difficult to detect in poor lighting. Try to use a well lit area or direct sunlight to perform head checks. Remember, head scratching is a classic sign of an infestation.

Wash bedding and recently worn clothing in hot water and dry completely in a dryer. It is recommended that combs and brushes be soaked in hot water, not boiling water, for ten minutes.

Some keys to avoiding head lice are screening, detection, removal and prevention. It is important to remember that head lice are equal opportunity parasites. Even if you have great hygiene practices in your home, your child is still susceptible to head lice. Practice the No Sharing policy with your children. Remember the items we cannot share are hats, caps, combs, brushes, hair accessories, pillows and headrests. Practice this rule and help to stay lice-free.

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Administration for Children & Families

## Grants Announced To Promote Self-Sufficiency, Strengthen Alaska Native Heritage and Culture

Submitted by the Administration for Children and Families

**WASHINGTON** — On Aug. 15 the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced the award of \$2.6 million in grants to 16 Tribal organizations in Alaska to promote economic self-sufficiency and preserve Native languages and culture. The announcement coincided with site visits in Alaska by Quanaah Crossland Stamps, Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans (ANA).

"These grant awards promote the Bush Administration's goal of community self-sufficiency for Native Americans by providing funding for unique projects that make a difference in the lives of our Native children, youth and families," Commissioner Stamps said. "Through these grants, we are committed

to providing project support at the community level, which will provide resources and programs that safeguard the health and economic well-being of Alaska Native people."

Commissioner Stamps visited four Native communities, in Sitka, Hoonah, Juneau and Haines, to view first-hand ongoing ANA projects and meet with village leaders. In addition, the commissioner led a training and technical assistance meeting in Seldovia on how to ensure the grants will promote social and economic self-sufficiency for Native Americans.

Currently, ANA has grant projects in Alaska totaling \$4.36 million for social and economic development strategies, Native language preservation and maintenance and environmental regulatory enhancement. Today's awards of \$2.6 million bring the total ANA funding amount for Alaska Native projects to \$7 million.

The Grants Announced Are As Follows:

### Alaska Social and Economic Development Strategies Grants

\$107,237 for one year to the Akiachak Native Community to develop a plan for growth and environmental protection.

\$72,961 for one year to the Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope to improve the capacity of the Tribal government by updating a policies and procedures manual.

\$237,117 for two years to the Native Village of Koyuk to strengthen youth self-esteem through intergenerational activity.

### Social and Economic Development Strategies Grants

\$1,297,291 for three years to the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium to design, develop and implement a self-sustaining statewide Alaska rural utility collaborative that will provide 15 villages with the capacity to operate their water and sewer systems in a sustainable manner.

\$242,867 for two years to the Chilkoot Indian Association to develop a human resources development system.

\$85,121 for one year to the McGrath Native Village Council to reconstruct lost Tribal enrollment records through a youth genealogy project and a survey of community members.

\$206,526 for one year to the Metlakatla Indian Community to prepare for road access scheduled to open in 2009.

\$469,760 for two years to the Native Village of Eyak to develop an artist's consortium that will provide a venue for artists to sell their traditional arts and crafts.

\$204,714 for two years to the Native Village of Georgetown to plan and implement two training programs that will introduce youth to career and economic opportunities near

Georgetown.

\$452,120 for two years to the Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council to fund an energy project director, install energy conservation measures and initiate renewable energy programs.

### Native Language Preservation and Maintenance Grants

\$99,736 for one year to the Kenaitze Indian Tribe to revitalize the Kenaitze language through the Dena'ina verb project.

\$552,140 for three years to the Nuniarmiut Piciryarata Tamaryakuti, Inc. to develop and implement a grade 4-12 Cup'ig curriculum with a focus on natural and cultural history.

\$58,644 for one year to the Telida Village Council to conduct a language assessment of the Upper Kuskokwim Athabascan language.

\$600,000 for three years to the Yakutat Tlingit Tribe to facilitate the transference of language skills from one generation to another by simultaneously teaching their language to children, youth and parents.

### Native American Healthy Marriage Initiative Grant

\$996,937 for five years to the Native Village of Ahtnagk to educate youth and their parents in making informed decisions about maintaining healthy relationships through culturally-appropriate pre-marital and family communication to help them form and sustain healthy marriages.

### Environmental Mitigation Grant

\$124,958 for one year to the Native Village of Point Hope to enable the community to implement mitigation activities and products that will resolve the environmental impacts of old munitions activities in and near the village.

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## Health Corner ♦ Chah-nee-ken chà-o-ke ♦ Cvfeknetv onakv

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**Ask The Counselor**

Barb Phillips  
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**Dear Counselor:**

I have a jealous boyfriend. We have been seeing each other for about three years. I am 24 years old and my boyfriend is 32. He is a nice and our relationship is great. However, his jealousy is creating a major problem in the relationship.

He said he is jealous because he loves me, but I feel mistrusted and most of the time I am walking on eggshells. My boyfriend's extreme jealousy is driving me away. Please help me.

Signed:  
Victim

**Dear Victim:**

Some men think that jealousy is proof of their love. In reality, it is proof of their insecurity and an insecure man becomes very unattractive to most women. Some jealousy is normal in any love relationship. But extreme jealousy will eventually ruin a perfectly good relationship.

When two people love each other there has to be trust between them. Jealousy is an instinctive emotion that arises most commonly in men who do not feel sufficiently worthy to retain affection and respect purely on their own merits. It is often a lack of self-esteem that causes men to attempt to constrain the behavior of their lover.

In fact, those constraints and the emotions that they represent are far more likely to damage the relationships they are intended to protect.

Although you didn't mention it in your letter, your boyfriend may have been hurt previously by someone who was guilty of cheating on him. If this is the case, then reassure him that you are different and that he needs to trust you because you have never given him a cause to be concerned. Or it could be that he was unfaithful in the past and is assuming that you will be the same way. Whatever has caused him to feel this way is the hurdle you need to overcome.

Here are some suggestions from the Counselor: Write to him from your heart or have him listen to you as you describe how much you love him but how frustrated you are with his jealousy and control. Let him know that you do not want to spend the rest of your life together feeling mistrusted. You deserve to be in a relationship that brings you happiness and fulfillment.

Signed:  
The Counselor

**The Healthy Senior**

By Fred Cicetti

[Editor's Note: Fred Cicetti is a syndicated columnist who writes about issues concerning senior citizens' health. The opinions he expresses are his own. If you would like to ask a question, please write fredcicetti@gmail.com. All Rights Reserved © 2007 by Fred Cicetti.]

Q: I'm a senior planning to have surgery in a few months. I was wondering if I can donate blood to myself in advance.

A: Yes, you can. This is called "autologous" blood donation. It's done in the weeks before non-emergency surgery. The blood is stored until the operation. Autologous donation is most often employed in surgery on bones, blood vessels, the urinary tract, and the heart, when the likelihood of transfusion is high.

This form of blood donation is good for the patient, but it's beneficial to society, too. People over the age of 69 require half of all whole blood and red blood cells transfused, according to the National Blood Data Resource Center (NBDRC). Giving blood to yourself cuts down on the demand for blood.

Typically, each donated unit of blood, referred to as whole blood, is separated into multiple components, such as red blood cells, plasma, platelets, and antithrombotic factor, for transfusion to individuals with different needs.

With an aging population and advances in medical treatments requiring blood transfusions, the demand for blood is increasing. On any given day, an average of 38,000 units of red blood cells are needed.

Volunteers donate almost all the blood

transfused in the United States. Using current screening and donation procedures, a growing number of blood banks have found blood donation by seniors to be safe and practical; if you're a geezer, you probably can help the cause.

To be eligible to donate blood, a person must be in good health. In general, donors must weigh at least 110 pounds. Most blood banks have no upper age limit. Donors are screened for AIDS, hepatitis, other diseases and other possible problems.

Adult males have about 12 pints of blood in their circulation and adult females have about nine pints. The donor's body replenishes the fluid lost from donation in about 24 hours. The red blood cells that are lost are generally replaced in a few weeks. Whole blood can be donated once every eight weeks.

What is the most common blood type? The approximate distribution of blood types in the U.S. population is as follows: (Distribution may be different for specific racial and ethnic groups) O Rh-positive 38 percent; O Rh-negative, seven percent; A Rh-positive, 34 percent; A Rh-negative, six percent; B Rh-positive, nine percent; B Rh-negative, two percent; AB Rh-positive, three percent; and AB Rh-negative, one percent.

In an emergency, anyone can receive type O red blood cells, and type AB individuals can receive red blood cells of any ABO type. Therefore, people with type O blood are known as "universal donors," and those with type AB blood are known as "universal recipients."

**Great Minds Think Alike!**

The Tribe's Health & Human Resources Departments  
are joining forces with Weight Watchers to present...

**Lifestyle Balance 2007**

Promoting Personal Health and  
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This exciting initiative will begin on September 11, 2007 and is open to all Tribal members, full-time and part-time employees who are based in Hollywood. The program duration is 12 weeks and will consist of a one-hour lunch meeting each week (Noon-1PM) to be held at Hollywood Community Center Trailer (Lite lunch to be provided). The meetings will be conducted by a trained **Weight Watchers** leader and will cover such topics as coping with coffee breaks, surviving weekends & holidays, fitting exercise into a busy schedule, maintaining motivation, as well as the effects of pressure & stress on eating habits.

Program Fee Due at Registration: \$137.00\* (Payable to Weight Watchers)

\*This fee will be waived for Tribal members & other Native American participants.  
Who will also be eligible for individual coaching by Nutrition & Health Ed staff.

As an added incentive for paying participants, a 50% rebate will be granted to those employees who attend at least 10 of the 12 meetings and maintain or lose weight. Reimbursement will be made following the successful completion of the program. Seating for this exciting initiative is limited and will be reserved on a first come, first serve basis. The cut-off to call in will be Friday, September 7th. Those interested parties should immediately contact:

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Chris Jenkins

2007 NES Showcase honorees, including Davis (6th from left), and NES staff members.

## ♦ Elite

Continued from page 1

native says it was all a surprise to him.

"I'm excited, but it was last minute," Davis said.

He was told of his invite after the game by an NES scout.

"It gave me a boost," he continued. "I was down because we lost our game [in the Native American Basketball Invitational], but it brought me up."

According to Shantel Webster, NES director of basketball operations, the selection process involves a combination of research and criteria. Having a 3.0 GPA — with occasional exceptions made — outstanding game accomplishments, or receiving All-State honors are all part of the equation. Recruiters, contacts and coaches also determined those chosen.

She said the event was another avenue to bring much needed exposure to Native communities, calling it "another way to get



Chris Jenkins

Native Elite Sports Inc. President Barry Webster (L) and Jerome Davis (R)

work and struggle both the young men and women face for recognition.

"If there were ever a niche or ever a time to carve out our own way it's now," he said.

Both days involved several activities including: round robin play, a three-point shooting contest and slam dunk competition.

There were also several recognized at weekend's end with honors including: National High School Coach of the Year, the Top 10 (first and second team) High School All-American Teams and the National High School Player of the Year. The University of Nebraska, Brown Mackie College in Salina, Kan., and Haskell Indian Nations University were also in attendance.

Nine of the 24 young men invited were also recipients of college scholarships or committed to colleges and universities.

After only six years of playing, Davis has come a long way.

"I was playing football at the time and just went and tried out for the middle school team [at American Heritage] and made it," he said.

Davis was also honored as part of the inaugural Native American National All-American Team earning first team honors. He was joined by: Nathaniel Packineau of Parshall, N.D., Ephraim Sloan of St. Michaels, Ariz., Brady Fairbanks of Red Lake, Minn., and James Bible of Red Rock, Okla.

The Florida State University hopeful says he was surprised at his selection.

"I didn't think I would get picked because my game has been kind of weak of late," Davis said. "I'm glad I got picked, out of all of those involved."



Chris Jenkins

Davis attempts a free throw in round robin game play.

kids excited about going to college."

NES, Inc., President Barry

Webster is the founder and says one of the themes of the showcase is

"Empowerment." He said the event has gained in popularity this year with mainly locals participating last year. As a stand-out guard in high school and college for the United Tribes Technical College, he understands the hard



Chris Jenkins

Davis (2nd from right) and members of the Native All American first team.

## Native Premonition Takes Kingfish Series East Florida Event

By Warren King/FLWOutdoors

**BRUNSWICK, Ga.** — Team Native Premonition, headed by Tribal citizen Leon Wilcox of Loxahatchee, Fla., caught a kingfish weighing 34 pounds on July 15 to win the Wal-Mart FLW Kingfish Series East Florida Division event in Brunswick, Ga., and \$12,000 cash.

Wilcox — along with teammates Tracy Steele, Danny Tommie, Robert Miller, Donald Corbitt and Frank Miele — were fishing 60 miles south of the takeoff site, slow-trolling live blue runners on a down-rigger set at 25 feet in 40 to 45 feet of water.

"It feels great to finally win one of these," Wilcox said. "We have finished in the top 10 a few times, but it's great to get the pressure of a win off our backs. We have been fishing really hard, and I'm glad it has paid off for us."

"In Saturday's event we ran north and caught only small fish. So we decided to run south where I knew some big fish were at Sunday. We pulled into this one spot and watched boats come and go. We waited it out all day and finally got the right bite."

Wilcox also added that the bait was abundant in the area they were fishing. He credited his big catch to locating the right school of bait with the right fish on it.

Rounding out the top five teams were Team Berkley, captained by Dieter

Cardwell of Winston-Salem, N.C. (31 pounds, 9 ounces, \$6,600); Team Hammer-Time, captained by Randy Howell of Waycross, Ga. (29 pounds, 15 ounces, \$3,080); Team Square & Level/Reel Wild, captained by Pete Eldridge of Waycross, Ga. (26 pounds, 15 ounces, \$2,035); and Team King of Kings, captained by Bart Wetherington of Richmond Hills, Ga. (26 pounds, 9 ounces, \$2,200).

The award for highest-finishing woman went to Paulette Walker of Jacksonville Beach, Fla., who placed seventh with a 26-pound kingfish as a member of Team Streaker.

FLW Kingfish Series qualifying tournaments are one-day events. Each team is allowed to weigh in one kingfish, and the winning team is determined by the heaviest fish.

The FLW Kingfish Series consists of five divisions: East Florida, North Carolina, South

Carolina-Georgia, Gulf and Upper Gulf. Each division is comprised of three events with a \$100,000 purse for each event. The top three teams from each tournament and the top 16 teams (who are not already qualified) from each division after all qualifiers are complete will advance to the three-day, \$275,000 no-entry-fee Wal-Mart FLW Kingfish Series Championship in Orange Beach, Ala., Oct. 4-6, which will be featured in a one-hour episode of "FLW Outdoors" broadcast to 80 million FSN (Fox Sports Net) households in the United States and more than 429 million households in Europe, Asia and Africa. The points champion from each division will also advance directly to the \$500,000 no-entry-fee Wal-Mart FLW Kingfish Tour Championship in Biloxi, Miss., Nov. 2-4, where they



Photo Courtesy of FLWOutdoors

Team Native Premonition won the July 15 Wal-Mart FLW Kingfish Series East Florida Division event in Brunswick, Ga., and \$12,000 cash.

will compete against top FLW Kingfish Tour teams for a top award of \$150,000.

Named after the legendary founder of Ranger Boats, Forrest L. Wood, FLW Outdoors administers the Wal-Mart FLW Tour, Wal-Mart FLW Series, Stren Series, Wal-Mart Bass Fishing League, Wal-Mart Texas Tournament Trail presented by Abu Garcia, Ranger Owners Tournament Championship Series, Wal-Mart FLW Walleye Tour, Wal-Mart FLW Walleye League, Wal-Mart FLW Kingfish Tour, Wal-Mart FLW Kingfish Series, Wal-Mart FLW Redfish Series and Wal-Mart FLW Striper Series. These circuits offer combined purses of nearly \$43 million through 241 events in 2007.

For more information about FLW Outdoors and its tournaments, browse FLWOutdoors.com or call (270) 252-1000.

## Results for the 11th Annual Randolph Clay Memorial Pool Tournament

17 & Under: Girls: 1. Cheyenne Nunez, 2. Lacey Jordan, 3. Gigi Wargolet, 4. Ravenne Osceola, 5. Rebecca Osceola. Boys: 1. Justin Alridge, 2. Hillard Gopher, 3. Lee Stewart, 4. Todd Tiger, 5. Rashaun Jim.

8-Ball Singles: Woman: 1. Phalyn Osceola, 2. Theresa Nunez, 3. Tonya Jumper, 4. Juanita Osceola, 5. Laura Clay. Men: 1. Tony Billie, 2. Randy Clay, 3. Bronson Hill, 4. George Grasshopper, 5. Dallas Nunez.

9-Ball Singles: Women: 1. Linda Jones, 2. Theresa Nunez, 3. Janel Billie, 4. Betty Osceola, 5. Jane Doctor. Men: 1. Gary Clay, 2. David Cypress, 3. Randy Clay, 4. Justin Gopher, 5. Bronson Hill.

Scotch Doubles: 1. Randy Clay & Jane

Doctor, 2. David Cypress & Laura Clay, 3. Roy Snow & Theresa Nunez, 4. Bronson Hill & Carlene DiCarlo, 5. Gary Clay & Juanita Osceola.



50-59, Women: 1. Laura Clay, 2. Diana Only a Chief, 3. Jane Doctor, 4. Alice Sweat, 5. Dale Grasshopper. Men: 1. Gary Clay, 2. George Grasshopper, 3. Roy Snow, 4. David Cypress, 5. Mike Littlebar.

60 & Older, Women: 1. Annie Jumper, 2. Betty Osceola, 3. Maydell Osceola, 4. Rosie Billie. Men: 1. Jimmy Bert, 2. Mitchell Cypress, 3. Sammy Gopher, 4. Rudy Osceola, 5. Bobby Clay.

Senior Scotch Doubles: 1. David Cypress & Laura Clay, 2. Gary Clay & Diana Only a Chief, 3. Billy Brown & Juanita Osceola, 4. George Grasshopper & Dale Grasshopper, 5. Buddy Sweat & Alice Sweat.



Claudia Olivarez

Juanita Osceola and Alice Sweat with Clayton Billie's brother, Jack Billie.

## Brighton Sponsors Pool Tournament

By Susan Etchebarria

**OKECHOBEE CITY, FL** — The 8th Annual Clayton Billie Pool Tournament took place Aug. 18 at Shooters in Okeechobee City, Fla. Pool player Claudia Olivarez said everyone had a good time at the tournament and players from Hollywood and Big Cypress attended.

The results were as follows: 18-49, Women: 1. Arica Buck, 2. Phalyn Osceola, 3. Emma Jane Urbina, 4. Claudia Olivarez, 5. Debbie Henry; Men: 1. Randy Clay, 2. Leon Micco, 3. Davey Snow, 4. Jack Billie and 5. Boogie Nunez.

50 & Older, Women: 1. Juanita Osceola, 2. Alice Sweet; Men: 1. Roy Snow, 2. Russell Osceola Sr., 3. Buddy Sweat, 4. Bobby Clay.

Scotch Doubles: 1. Leon Micco and Claudia Olivarez, 2. Tony and Vanessa Osceola, 3. Randy Clay and Debbie Henry, 4. Boogie Nunez and Arica Buck, 5. Johnnie Jones and Emma Jane Urbina.

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Angela and David made everything so easy for me—they did so much work behind the scenes. They took me by the hand and walked me through and it was nothing like I'd been told by others. I would definitely recommend Angela & David to anyone who is looking to move. **HENCKE THERIAULT**

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New North American Boxing Association Middleweight Champion "Mean" Joe Greene poses for the cameras after his impressive win against Darryl Salmon.



Darryl Salmon is counted out after being knocked out by Joe Greene in their bout.

# Rough, Rugged and Raw at Hard Rock Live

By Chris Jenkins

**HOLLYWOOD** — Seminole Warriors Boxing added one more champion to its stable of fighters at the Hard Rock Live Aug. 8.

One of boxing's newest sensations showed his wear in familiar territory as "Mean" Joe Greene continued his climb in the middleweight division in front of a national audience on ESPN2.

The North American Boxing Association championship was his prize as Greene (16-0, 12 KOs) rose to the occasion coming off a win at the same venue versus Jose Spearman by a unanimous decision in eight rounds in May. This time the stakes were higher as he was trying to earn his first title.

Greene would pick up an impressive win by KO over Darryl Salmon (16-2, 4 KOs). Salmon picked up his second straight defeat in two months losing also to Will Johnson by unanimous decision in June.

Greene pulled out the win in the first round of a scheduled 12 at the 2:59 mark.

"It's all about timing and I executed the punches I needed to at the right time," said Greene.

Greene and Salmon were both in unfamiliar territory as the southpaws were fighting in their first 12 round bout and first championship as professionals.

The fight took on a typical feel out approach from both early, but picked up as Salmon struck first landing a straight right which staggered Greene. A dazed Greene went to a knee momentarily and received an eight count. Afterward he admitted to being caught off guard and hurt.

The rest of the way, however, Greene seemed fueled. He came back strong seconds later landing a left cross, then right hook to Salmon. That did the trick, sending Salmon down with one second left in the round. Salmon stayed down hanging half way out of the ring and was counted out.

Warriors Executive Director Leon Margules said he was surprised with the quickness of the bout, but not Greene's performance.

"He's still young and has a lot to learn, but he's got all the intangibles," Margules said. Other action on the night included:

Francisco Palacios facing Louis Azille in eight rounds of cruiserweight action with Palacios getting the win in a mild surprise by TKO in the sixth.

In a battle of the undefeated, Jesus Pabon and Luis Hernandez squared off with Hernandez picking up the win by TKO in the second round of lightweight action. Sammy Payne also won over Burthin Rousseau by unanimous decision in four rounds.

Raul Marquez was too much for the less experienced Harry Jay Pina winning in two rounds by TKO among middleweights.



Jesus Pabon (L) swings at Luis Hernandez (R).

Jose Hernandez picked up his seventh win over Noe Bolanos among featherweights by unanimous decision in six rounds.

Kenny Galarza also stayed unbeaten over a debuting Carlos Oyola in round two by TKO in the light welterweight division.

Tribal Council members in attendance included: Trail Liaison William Osceola, Big Cypress Representative David Cypress and Chairman Mitchell Cypress.

The chairman and the Tribe were also presented with a special engraved replica of the World Boxing Organization championship belt from current champ Sultan Ibragimov.

The next action scheduled at the Hard Rock Live for Seminole Warriors Boxing will be in October.



Kenny Galarza lands a hard right cross on Carlos Oyola.



World Boxing Organization Heavyweight Champion Sultan Ibragimov poses with Chairman Mitchell Cypress in the ring after presenting this replica of his WBO championship belt to the Tribe.



An undefeated Kenny Galarza poses in victory after his second round TKO win

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**50th Anniversary 3 On 3 Basketball Tournament At Big Cypress**

The girls receive last minute pointers before the game begins. Judy Weeks

8 Years Old and Under: 1. Dasani Frye, Skylar Osceola, Grant Osceola, Chase Billie; 2. Michelle Jimmie, Jazmine Billie, Sydnee Cypress, Gloria Brooks, Alonzo Wargolet.

11 Year Old and Under: 1. Karlito Wargolet, Alonzo Wargolet, Ethan Cypress; 2. Rashawn Jim, Malari Baker, Gianna Garcia.

14 Years Old and Under, Boys: 1. Deforest Carter, Anthony Balentine, Trent McInturff; 2. Billy Cypress, Catlen Tommie, Malachi Baker; Girls: 1. Dariah

Cypress, Lariah Balentine, Tia Baker; 2. Terri Baker, Terinna Cypress, Malari Baker, Gianna Garcia.

Adult Men: 1. Amos Huggins, Ju-Ju Willis, Rich Hanks; 2. Shawn Dougherty, Kevin Hanks, Brady Sairbanks; 3. Benny Hernandez, Gregory Carter, Deforest Carter, Robert Osceola.

Adult Women: 1. Tasha Osceola, Jeanie Osceola, Stephanie Huggins, Ashley Ross; 2. Alicia Tiger, Beverly Billie, Lory Osceola; 3. Katie Cypress, Marissa Baker, Lisa Cypress.



There was stiff competition in the adult men's division. Judy Weeks



It's a high jump for Catlen Tommie in the 14 and Under Boy's Division. Judy Weeks



Tia Osborne and Lariah Balentine are best friends on and off the court. Judy Weeks



Coach Eddie Redd (L) and the contestants listen while Danny Tommie (R) explains the significance of the Tribe's 50th Anniversary Celebration. Judy Weeks



(L-R) Billy Cypress and Rashawn Jim cover the ball during the 14 and Under game. Judy Weeks

**Big Cypress 50th Anniversary Celebration Horseshoe Results**

Danny Tommie takes careful aim with his horseshoe. Judy Weeks

Men's Singles: 1. Danny Tommie, 2. Allen McInturff, 3. Vince Motlow  
Women's Singles: 1. Almira Billie, 2. Carol Osceola, 3. Mary Tigertail  
Scotch Doubles: 1. Chris Hulbutta & Carol Cypress, 2. Gregory Thomas & Martina Rene Tigertail, 3. Danny Tommie & Jeanette Cypress



Jarred McInturff mimics his dad at the 50th Anniversary Horseshoe Tournament. Judy Weeks



Louise Osceola is poised to throw during the 50th Anniversary Horseshoe Tournament at Big Cypress. Judy Weeks



Allen McInturff took second place in the Men's Singles during the Horseshoe Competition. Judy Weeks



(L-R) Mary Tigertail and Louise Osceola ask, "How do we call this?" Judy Weeks



"Is it a ringer, Dad?" asks Allen McInturff's son, Jarred. Judy Weeks



## Sports ♦ Ham-pa-leesh-ke ♦ Vkkopvkv

## Dedicated Walkers, Runners Celebrate Tribe's 50th Anniversary

By Susan Etzebarria

**BRIGHTON** — The Brighton Reservation 5k Walk/Run was sponsored by the Seminole Tribe's Health and Recreation Departments, honoring the Tribe's 50th Anniversary. The event began at 6 a.m. on Aug. 17, with sign up started in the dark at 5:30 a.m., making the use of flashlights at the sign up tables located at the Brighton Field House parking lot.

An excellent turnout of walkers and runners made their way 3.1 miles down and back the Harney Pond Road, also known as Red Barn Road, as the Seminole Police Department and Seminole Fire Rescue helped light up the street with their headlights.

In the early dawn the morning mist and chirps of crickets could be heard, while dogs barked from neighborhood yards off in the distance. By the time the runners and walkers returned, daylight was breaking. The first runner to return was Norman Bowers to take first place in the 31-44 year old age bracket. He ran a six minute mile completing the course in 20 minutes.

Bowers said he runs almost three miles everyday and has lost 56 pounds since he first started



Susan Etzebarria

Tommy Jackson, Adrian Baker and Jarayaca Baker all won first place in their respective running categories



Susan Etzebarria

Health Department Director Connie Whidden signs in after her walk.



Susan Etzebarria

Billy Micco took first place in the 55 and Older walking category



Susan Etzebarria

Norman Bowers, the first place runner in 31-44 age group.



Susan Etzebarria

Dan Bowers



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Norman Johns



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Jack Smith

## Hollywood Reservation's 50th 5k Walk/Run Results



Chris Jenkins

Tribal citizen Francine Osceola works up a sweat on the home stretch.

Co-Ed, Walk/Run: 8-12 years olds: 1. Hunter Osceola, 2. Joseph John, 3. Skyla Osceola, 4. Carson Knaby, 5. Jesse Mitchell; 13-17 years olds: 1. Ariah Osceola, 2. Garrett Anderson, 3. Cindi Adair.

Female, Runners, 18-30 years olds: 1. Tasha Osceola, 2. Sally Osceola.

Female, Walkers, 31-44 years olds: 1. Francine Osceola, 2. Barbara Billie, 3. Joletha John; Male, Walkers: 1. Phil Bower, Male, Runners: Tyrone Cypress.

Female, Walkers: 45-59 years olds: 1. Wanda Bowers, 2. Virginia Mitchell, 3. Verna Billie.

Female, Walkers: 60 & older: 1. Elsie Bowers, 2. Mary Gay Osceola, 3. Cornelia Osceola, 4. Precilla Sayen; Male: 1. Coleman Josh.



Chris Jenkins

Members of the Seminole Police Department escort and encourage Tribal elder Coleman Josh toward the finish line.



Chris Jenkins

Communications Department Director Virginia Mitchell takes her congratulatory beads from Tribal Health Educator Tina Mennella.



Chris Jenkins

Cindi Adair supports grandmother Cornelia as they finish the race.



Chris Jenkins

Winner of the 31-44 year old male category, Tyrone Cypress, receives his certificate of completion from the Health Department's Brenda Bordogna.



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## Immokalee Hosts 50th Anniversary 5k Walk/Run



Judy Weeks

Taking first place in the 60 and Older Male Runner Division, Manuel Oleo attributes his success to his daily bicycle rides, which have strengthened his leg muscles.

## By Judy Weeks

**IMMOKALEE** — As the first rays of sunlight turned the sky pinkish gray, residents of the Immokalee Tribal community gathered at the Immokalee Seminole Youth & Livestock Ranch to participate in the 50th Anniversary 5k Walk/Run on Aug. 17.

Health Representative Charlotte Porcero was on hand to sign up the participants and discuss the rules. She cheerfully explained that although this was a competition, everyone would be receiving the best reward of all — exercise and companionship.

"Your whole body benefits when you start the day off with healthy exercise," Porcero said. "It's like a domino effect that begins with your lungs, cardiovascular system, muscles and digestive tract. Beginning in moderation, you wake up your senses and prepare for a new day."

Community Outreach Coordinator Edna McDuffie stressed the importance of establishing a daily exercise routine to help fight diabetes, excessive weight and a long list of serious health issues.

"Fifty years ago our forefathers worked tirelessly to guarantee our future by drafting a Constitution and Bylaws which established our sovereignty and created the Seminole Tribe of Florida," she said. "Now we have the opportunity to make healthy mental and physical choices that will strengthen

the future generations. Let's all walk or run today, to promote a bright future for the Seminole Tribe."

Leaving the starting line in the early morning mist, the participants completed the course and returned triumphant in the bright sunlight. Awaiting them were bottles of water, fruit and healthy breakfast bars. Everyone had an opportunity to acquire one of the commemorative T-shirts which had been prepared for the occasion.

## Results were:

Youth, 8-12 Years Old, Female: 1. Ashley Faz, 2. Destinee Jimmie, 3. Alexis Jimmie; Male: 1. Troy Cantu, 2. Brendan Otero, 3. Jon Jimmie, 4. Damian Escobar.

Youth, 13-17 Years Old, Female: 1. Cassandra Jimmie, 2. Charlie Osceola, 3. Chauncy Osceola.

Adult, 18-30 Years Old, Female, Runners: 1. Cecilia Pequeno, 2. Juanita Martinez, 3. Hortencia Yzaguirre, 4. Noemi Escobar.

Adult, 31-44 Years Old, Female, Runners: 1. Lorraine Posada, 2. Mary Lou Alvarado, 3. Elsa Zamora; Walkers: 1. Michelle Ford, 2. Shilela Aguilar; Male, Walker: 1. Juan Tapia.

Adult, 45-49 Years Old, Female, Runner: 1. Ruth Osceola; Male, Walker: 1. Matthew Otero.

Adult, 60 and Older, Female, Walkers: 1. Elaine Aguilar, 2. Nancy Motlow; Male, Runner: 1. Manuel Oleo.



Judy Weeks

Members of the Immokalee Tribal Community line up to participate in the 50th Anniversary 5k Walk/Run.



Judy Weeks

Ruth Osceola models the 50th Anniversary commemorative T-shirt.



Judy Weeks

(L-R) Elsa Zamora, Alexis Jimmie, Noemi and Damian Escobar cross the finish line.



Judy Weeks

Matthew Otero and Nancy Motlow



Judy Weeks

Hortencia Yzaguirre finishes third in the Young Adult category.



Judy Weeks

Juanita Martinez runs her way into second place in her division.

## Big Cypress' 5k Run for the 50th



Esta Liederman

And the race begins!



Esta Liederman

Participants sign in as the sun rises in the horizon.



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Big Cypress Board Rep., Cicero Osceola stands with youth participants.



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Teresa Jumper shows her Seminole Pride.

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## Golf Tournaments Commemorate Tribe's 50th Anniversary

By Felix DoBosz

On Aug. 17 and 18, the Seminole Tribe celebrated the anniversary of 50 years of the Tribe's Constitution and Bylaws with a two day golf tournament. The tournaments took place at Emerald Hills Country Club in Hollywood and Jacaranda Country Club in Plantation, Fla.

It was a hot day for the first leg of this golfing extravaganza, sponsored by the Seminole Recreation Department, at Emerald Hills. Tiger Woods hats, T-shirts and balls were given out to all participants who arrived on time to be at the shotgun start. The games were a simple two man Scramble, and Blind Draw open to Tribal citizens, their spouses and community members.

Marcella Osceola Jr. from the Hollywood community emceed the event. "We are here celebrating the Tribe's 50th Anniversary of signing the Constitution with two golf tournaments consisting of 18 holes of golf each," he said.

There were more than 30 Tribal citizens who participated in this event, including Marl Osceola. He said his favorite golfer is Tiger Woods because he's the best, and that's because of his dedication and practicing what he loves to do.

At the end of the tournament everyone gave a round of applause for the elders who kept the Tribe going for 50 years.

Participants were reminded that this event would not be possible without the elders' vision, and valuable contributions to the Tribe, Osceola told the gathered golfers.

Golfer Lawrence Osceola also offered remarks about the 50th Anniversary.

"When I was a kid I was there under the shade of the Council Oak tree," he said. "I saw what was going on, but I really didn't know what it was all about, so I'm glad that ... we have a Constitution now for our Tribe. Things are going good now; it's a good time to be a Tribal member."

Golfer Steven Bowers also had some comments to share.

"It's a great day, good Seminole people, and good golf," he said.

Results from the tournament were as follows:

**Emerald Hills:** 1. Jackie Thompson & Slaw Hummingbird, 70, 2. Alan Huff & K.B. Cambell Sr., 75, 3. Virginia Billie & Charlie Cypress, 76, 4. Marci Osceola, 80, 5. Ernest Riley & Miguel Mata, 81.

The golf tournament at the Jacaranda Country Club the following day consisted also of an 18-hole course for 2 Man - 2 Woman Blind Draw Scramble. Results were as follows: 1. Charlie Cypress & Ernest Riley, 70, 3. Bo Young & Raymond Garza, 71, 4. Virginia Billie & Charlie Frye, 75, 5. Ken C & Gregory Tommie, 75.



Lawrence Osceola takes a swing for the green on the fourth hole.



Virginia Billie takes a practice swing.



Gina Allardyce takes a swing going for a hole in one.



Steven Bowers takes it for a long ride.



Charlie Cypress & Mondo Tiger came in first place at Jacaranda Golf Tourney.

## Big Cypress 50th Anniversary Fishing Tournament Results

1. Tyrone Cypress: Biggest Fish: 7.1 Pounds;  
Total Catch: 19.1 Pounds  
2. Arlen Payne: Total Catch: 14.3 Pounds  
3. Lenny Jim: Total Catch: 10.4 Pounds  
4. Cesar Molin: Total Catch: 5.73 Pounds  
5. Tom Koenes: Total Catch: 5.44 Pounds



George Grasshopper carefully tabulated the day's catch and awarded the winners at the 50th Anniversary Fishing Tournament.



Tyrone Cypress is all smiles as he displays his 7.10 pound Bass, which won first place in the 50th Anniversary Fishing Tournament.



Second Place Winner Pastor Arlen Payne shows off a portion of his 14.3 pound catch prior to release.



(L-R) Mike and Rusty Tiger enjoy a pleasant morning on the water during the 50th Anniversary Fishing Tournament.



(L-R) Jose Solano and Cesar Molin idle up to the dock to weigh in their day's catch.

## Hollywood Recreation Hosts 50th Anniversary Horseshoe Tournament

**Singles, Men:** 1. Leon Wilcox, 2. Terry Tartsah, 3. Travis Osceola  
**Singles, Women:** 1. Leslie Osceola, 2. Cassandra Jones, 3. Patricia Wilcox  
**Doubles, Men:** 1. Leon Wilcox/ Moses Jumper, 2. David Osceola/Jerod Smith, 3. Marlon Foster/Danny Rodriguez  
**Doubles, Women:** 1. Tammy Osceola/Natoshia Osceola, 2. Cassandra Jones/Leslie Osceola, 3. Cornelia Osceola/Yvette Jumper



Elsie Willie preps with practice throws.



Participant and organizer Leon Wilcox



Terry Tartsah (white) watches Moses Jumper (red) on his turn.



Danny Rodriguez gets lots of air under his toss.



Leslie Osceola



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**Sonny Billie Memorial Golf Tournament***Held at Clewiston Golf Course, Aug. 11*Submitted by Big Cypress Recreation Dept.  
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The second place team: Lawrence Osceola, Raymond Garza Jr., Michelle Lemire and Mitch OsceolaSubmitted by Big Cypress Recreation Dept.  
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The fourth place team: Rufus Tiger, Raymond Garza, Virginia Billie and Max TommieSubmitted by Big Cypress Recreation Dept.  
The fifth place team: Marcellus Osceola, Cicero Osceola, Mabel Doctor and Ronnie DoctorSubmitted by Big Cypress Recreation Dept.  
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## Happy Birthdays



Happy 1st birthday to Aaliyah Billie, my baby girl. I love you so much! Love, Mommy (April), Grandma, Grandpa, Stevie, Tyrus, Moses and Issiah

Happy 4th birthday to Alani Marks. Love, Your Family



## New Baby



We welcome new baby Adrianna Cypress Ramirez to our family. Proud parents are Marissa Cypress and Pete Ramirez. Adrianna is seen here with great-grandma Mary Frances Cypress.

## Congratulations Graduate



Laura Billie of Hollywood graduated with a bachelor of art's degree in public management from Florida Atlantic University. She said she plans to start her master's degree program in public administration at Nova Southeastern University in the 2007 fall term. After her graduate studies, she intends to work for the Tribe.



## In Loving Memory of Duane Marlon Tigertail

February 16, 1972 – June 16, 2007

My family and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each Seminole Tribe program and individual for thinking and caring about us in our time of need. We appreciate everything that was done for us.

Thank you to Mitchell Cypress, Richard and Anna Bowers, Priscilla Sayen, Mike Tiger and staff, Johnnie Jones, Max Osceola, Cicero Osceola, Holly Tiger-Bowers, Elaine Aguilar, Delores Jumper, Gloria Wilson, William Osceola, Mary Tigertail and family, Cecilia Tigertail and family, James and Alice Sweat, Loni and Flaco, Bigg and Laquita, aunt Alice, BC First Baptist Church, Seminole Bible Baptist Church, Broadcasting Department, Building & Grounds Department, Education Department, Hollywood Recreation Department, Connie Whidden and staff, and Heleene Buster and staff.

To cousin Jean and niece Sheila for cooking good food for those days, and to all of Duane's friends and their families and Duane's cousins. We appreciate everybody that was there for us.

Duane was my oldest child, and I thank the Lord for

allowing me to be his mother for 35 years of his life in this world. He's not really gone from me. He's in my heart and always will be. I will see him again one day. He was a great and loving son.

I would like to say thank you to Deane Hall for the beautiful letter she wrote to me when she heard about my son's passing, while she was incarcerated. To Christopher Billie for thinking of me and my family, I appreciate what you did for me. Thank you very much.

Anita Osceola, there must have been something there for you and Duane. You two were together for two and a half years and I know you are missing him now.

Carolee Nelson, thank you, for taking time to call me to see if I needed anything or if I was doing OK after everything was over. You've been keeping in touch with us for awhile. Thank you.

Louise and Daisy, we all know that only God can give us comfort and peace in our hearts and give us strength to go on. That's what God has done for me.

God Bless You,  
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## News From Indian Country

### Child Accounts May Alter the Economic Future of Indian Youth Indian Country Invited to Discuss Impact of New Savings Proposal

Submitted by NCAI

WASHINGTON — Promoting the importance of accessible financial education and assets for all Native people, Peter Morris, director of strategy and partnerships for the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and the NCAI Policy Research Center's (PRC), gave remarks at a Congressional briefing sponsored by U.S. Senator Christopher Dodd (D-CT) regarding the Aspen Institute's Initiative on Financial Security (Aspen IFS) groundbreaking report, "The Case for Child Accounts."

Morris spoke on a panel that included representatives of major financial institutions from around the country. Financial stability for Natives is a top priority of NCAI and the PRC. The Aspen IFS report proposes Child Accounts to launch every child born in the U.S. into adulthood with a substantial financial asset. An early financial start would give children the chance to learn important financial literacy skills during their childhood and begin their adult lives with a significant asset.

The proposal calls for an initial government endowment of \$500 as well

as matching contributions as an incentive for additional saving to children of low- and moderate-income families. The NCAI Policy Research Center believes the proposal has the



potential to meet the needs of American Indian youth to gain the resources needed to enjoy a healthy economic future.

Morris highlighted the effect this incentive would have in bringing financial services to the 86 percent of Tribal communities that lack a financial institution within their borders.

"Giving a voucher to the growing population of Native young people will provide an instant and lasting incentive for financial institutions to work harder and more creatively to serve Tribal communities," Morris said.

He also noted, the incentive "will have a similar impact in other underserved communities around the nation."

NCAI President Joe A. Garcia described this as, "an exciting step forward for NCAI and our PRC."

Garcia also said, "Indian Country offers insights that can refine policy to better meet the needs of all Americans. We applaud Aspen IFS for their desire to ensure we are at the table as this proposal is developed."

Please visit the website [www.aspeninstitute.org/ifs](http://www.aspeninstitute.org/ifs) to learn more about Aspen IFS.

### Barak Obama Pledges Support for American Indians and Alaska Natives

Submitted by Obama for America

CHICAGO — Recently, Senator Barack Obama hosted a conference call with leaders from the American Indian and Alaska Native communities. Pledging new moves towards equality, Senator Obama spoke of ending disparities experienced by American Indians. Senator Tom Daschle, a prominent advocate for American Indian causes and a former member of the Indian Affairs Committee, joined Obama for the conference call.

"We have to make certain that Native American children get the opportunities that have for so long been foreclosed to them," stated Senator Obama. "Tribes shouldn't have

to fight for federal funding for health-care, education and other programs. They're going to receive adequate funding under my administration."

Stressing the need for flowing communication between tribal nations and the federal government, Obama continued, "Honoring sovereignty means maintaining an open door relationship. I want all of your Tribes to have a voice in developing my policies."

Nearly 90 American Indian Tribal leaders participated in the call, including two leaders already supporting Barack Obama's candidacy, Chairman Mike Thomas of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation and Chairman Chief Allen of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe.



### Key Lawmakers Give Long-Sought Backing to Florida Everglades Restoration Projects

Submitted by the Office of Senator Bill Nelson

WASHINGTON — Three long-sought environmental cleanups that are critical parts of a broader plan to restore the Everglades have won approval from key lawmakers in Congress — leaving only the formality of a final OK by the full Senate and House, which is expected.

The Everglades projects are contained in a water resources bill that's taken Congress five years to pass. They include cleanups of the Indian River Lagoon running through five southeast Florida counties and the Picayune Strand in Collier County near Florida's southwest coast and also restoration of a 1,600-acre reservoir in Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties. All are considered essential to long-term plans for restoring the Everglades.

Both the Senate and House versions of the water bill, known as WRDA, contained the three projects before the separate bills went to a conference committee charged with ironing out any differences between the two. That committee finished its work in mid-July, but the text of the bill wasn't published until July 31. The text is available online at [http://www.rules.house.gov/110/text/110\\_hrl495cr.pdf](http://www.rules.house.gov/110/text/110_hrl495cr.pdf).

"Finally," said U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson (D-FL), the Senate sponsor of the Florida water projects. "We've been pushing for this a long time."

U.S. Rep. Tim Mahoney (FL-16), who sponsored the Everglades projects in the House version of WRDA, said: "The Indian River Lagoon, Picayune Strand and Site 1 Impoundment projects are an important part of state-wide efforts to restore the Everglades. This is a critical step forward in making Congress keep its commitment to the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, which is important to the Indian River Estuary and our Treasure Coast economy."

"I have worked closely with the

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and my colleagues from Florida to have these projects included in WRDA and will continue fighting to get this bill passed and signed by the president," he added.

Another House sponsor of the projects, Rep. Alcee L. Hastings (FL-23), said, "My colleagues from Florida and I have been pushing Congress for years to authorize these vital Everglades projects. This new Congress made passing WRDA a priority and I am pleased that the conference report includes billions of dollars crucial to my district and the entire state of Florida to help protect and restore the Everglades."

Added Rep. Ron Klein, whose congressional district skirts part of the Everglades, "After years of congressional inaction to tackle Florida's Everglades

restoration, I am pleased to see Congress reaffirm its commitment to our country's most unique and fragile ecosystems."

"Although the federal government still lags behind the state of Florida in dedicated funding, despite their 50-50 partnership, I vow to keep fighting to ensure that the federal government fulfills its promise to restore the 'River of Grass' to its original splendor," Klein added.

Passage of the water bill has been stymied since 2002. Previously both chambers passed different versions of the bill, but they could never reach a compromise. This year, the House passed its own WRDA legislation in March and the Senate passed its version in May.

#### Everglades Projects Totaling About \$1.8 Billion Now In WRDA:

##### Indian River Lagoon South

The WRDA Conference Report authorizes \$1.38 billion for restoration of the Indian River Lagoon South, to be split evenly by federal and non-federal costs. The project provides for ecosystem restoration, water supply, flood damage reduction, and protection of water quality.

##### Picayune Strand

The WRDA Conference Report authorizes \$375,330,000 to be split evenly between federal and non-federal costs, for environmental restoration of Picayune Strand. The Picayune Strand ecosystem restoration plan would help increase freshwater flows to natural areas.

##### Site 1 Impoundment

The WRDA Conference Report authorizes \$80.8 million for the environmental restoration of Site 1 Impoundment, Florida to be split evenly between federal and non-federal costs. The project consists of an above-ground reservoir covering 1,660 acres, with a normal water storage depth of approximately eight feet. An inflow pump station will move water into the preserve from the Hillsboro Canal. Additional project components include a seepage control; system and remote-controlled gated culverts. The project is located in Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties.

### Call for Entries to 10th Annual Native American Indian Film & Video Festival

Submitted by ECSIUT-Cherokees of South Carolina

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Eastern Cherokee, Southern Iroquois & United Tribes of South Carolina is Calling for Entries to their successful annual Film Festival. The premier venue for independent Native American Indian themed films and films made by Native American Indian film artists in the Southeastern U.S., is seeking submissions for its 10th annual event. The deadline for entry submissions is Sept. 20.

Celebrating 10 years of bringing images, stories, documentaries and dramatic feature films in celebration of National Native American Indian Heritage Month to the audiences of the southeastern U.S., The Eastern Cherokee, Southern Iroquois & United Tribes of South Carolina, Inc., and the Columbia Film Society of South Carolina (Nickelodeon Theater) will once again bring images, stories, documentaries and dramatic feature films in to the southeast.

This unique film festival has put South Carolina on the national map and is the longest, ongoing Native American Film Festival of this kind in the entire Southeastern U.S. This regional festival draws viewers and an audience from all the surrounding states including Florida, Georgia, Virginia and North Carolina, being the only American Indian Film Festival in the southeast.

This festival presents a series of films that are American Indian produced, directed, and starring Native American Indian people. The major categories for this festival include: Dramatic Feature, Documentary

Feature, Documentary Short, Commercial Feature, Short Subject, Music Video, Animated Short Subject, Public Service, and Industrial.

"We are just a non-profit organization that feels this is important," said Film Festival founder and Coordinator Dr. Will Moreau Goins. "We have been successful getting new independent Native American and Indigenous filmmakers and movies to new audiences for 10 years ... This has truly been a blessing."

"This year we will be transitioning to a new format of presenting by establishing a continuing series structure and therefore we will be showing Native American films throughout the year in four seasons, as well as during November," Goins explained.

In years past, this festival has brought Native American producers, directors, associate-directors and featured actors in a Native American historical dramas to the screenings to further the audience understanding of media literacy and the making of their films, by hosting discussions, receptions, panel discussions, forums, galas, receptions and networking roundtables.

For an application or more information please contact: Annual Film Festival of Southeastern USA, P.O. Box 7062, Columbia South Carolina, 29202, (803) 699-0446, Attn: Dr. Will Moreau Goins.

To get application form for submission with film/video VHS preview please go to <http://www.cherokeesofsouthcarolina.com> and click on "Call for Entries." VHS (NTSC/PAL) or DVD accepted for preview. DVD (Region 1) or VHS (NTSC) are preferred formats.



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## Okalee Village Hosts First Annual All-Native American Blues Festival

By Felix DoBoz

**HOLLYWOOD** — On Aug. 4 invited Native American singers and musicians gathered at the Okalee Village Amphitheater to perform at the First Annual Native American Blues Festival. The event was sponsored by the Seminole Tribe for the local community to enjoy.

Okalee Village manager Leona Poore said the idea for a Native American Blues Festival came from Deputy Director of Promotions Micki Free, Trail Liaison William Osceola and herself. The Board and Council supported and sponsored the event.

"We are hoping to expand and call it 'Native American Music Festival,'" Poore explained. "We just want to showcase Native American entertainment here in South Florida among the Seminole Tribe of Florida at the Seminole Okalee Indian Village Amphitheater."

Poore said another goal was to promote the Okalee Village facility since the new Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino began in May 2004. She added that she thought the turnout was good, at one point numbering approximately 100, and hopes to have a bigger and better event next year.

"The first year is always the toughest," Poore said.

Billed as America's No. 1 Native American actor and star of HBO's critically acclaimed and Emmy award nominated movie *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee* and TV's *Law & Order: SVU*, Adam Beach did the honors as the celebrity guest emcee. Beach charmed his way through the crowd, introduced each musical act and joked with the audience at the festival to enthusiastic cheers and applause from fans.

The Black Hawk Blues Band from Oklahoma City opened the festival. The last time they played in South Florida was at the 36th Annual Seminole Tribal Fair in February. They were followed by Blues Nation, a six piece award winning blues band, also from Oklahoma.

Native American Music Award winner and Indian Summer Music award winner Martha Redbone enchanted the adoring fans with her music for the next hour. Redbone grew up in Brooklyn, NY and Kentucky and is a combination of Shawnee, African American and Choctaw descent. Redbone not only sings but said

she likes to write from her own personal type of soul-blues based music.

The award winning Derek Miller, born and raised on the Six Nations Reserve in Ontario, Canada, was the next performer. His band, the Derek Miller Band, mesmerized listeners and gained many new fans with their tight and brilliant performance. The singer/songwriter's song, "Music is the Medicine" of my soul, the title track from his 2002 award winning CD, got the crowd going. He also played other favorites including, "Someone Call an Angel Down" and "Devil Came Down Sunday," which were real fan pleasers.



Derek Miller entertains the crowd during his set.

President Richard Bowers said he enjoyed the show and all the talented musicians, but especially liked watching and listening to the Derek Miller Band. "I think it was a great success," he said. "You have to test the waters somehow. I think we tested good, and I believe the next [Native American Blues Festival] will be sold out."

The final performer and headliner was introduced by emcee Adam Beach, as our own three time Grammy® nominee and Grammy® winner, four time Native

American Music Award winner, International Cherokee Film Festival Award winner, Micki Free. Free is proud of his Cherokee-Comanche background and enjoys dressing in Northern Plains Indian regalia while enchanting audiences with his Native American folk tunes on his wooden flutes.

When Micki Free and his Electric Blues Experience took the stage, Free welcomed everyone to the First Annual Native American Blues Festival. He told the audience how excited he was to be back from London, England, where he performed as Aerosmith's opening act at a Hyde Park concert in front of 60,000 fans as part of the Hard Rock's Calling

Ambassadors of Rock Tour 2007.

Performing in the Electric Blues Experience was Jon Brant, who played bass and was formerly with group Cheap Trick; Curly Smith on drums, formerly with the group Boston; and famed musician and audio engineer from Compass Point Studios in the Bahamas, Terry Manning on keyboards.

A special guest helping Free out on background vocals was the multi-talented Shea Kat, who is also a Tribal dancer. Free also introduced Spencer Battisti as "one of the finest young artists I've ever worked with."

Free wrote a song for Tribal citizen Battisti to sing, "Love 101," which is a slow song with cool guitar riffs from the Electric Blues Experience.

During Free's set, he jokingly said he would play all night, if allowed. Hollywood Tribal Council Representative Max B. Osceola Jr. was in the audience and Free asked him if he could play all night, as the audience cheered wildly. Though he was unable to, it was still a memorable summer night at the Seminole Paradise.



(L-R) Tribal citizen Spencer Battisti and Micki Free perform "Love 101."



(L-R) Derek Miller and Hollywood Council Representative Max B. Osceola Jr.



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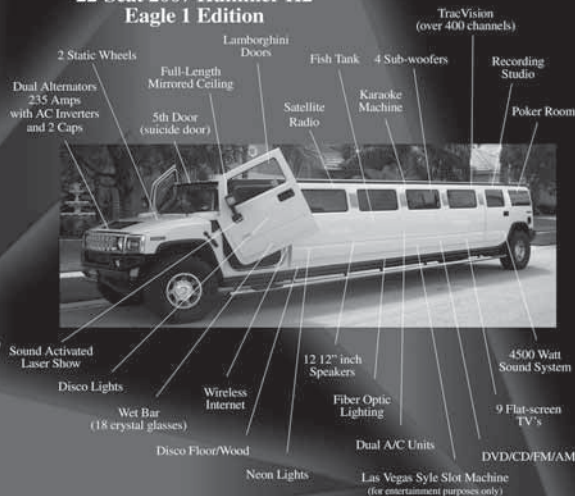
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## Two Smooth Jazz Giants Are 'Givin' It Up'

George Benson, Al Jarreau to Perform at Hard Rock

**Submitted by Bitner Goodman PR**  
**HOLLYWOOD** — Rhythm and blues popular singer and guitarist George Benson and jazz vocalist Al Jarreau are teaming up for a smooth jazz show at Hard Rock Live at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino on Oct. 17 at 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale now.

Benson and Jarreau recently released a new album titled *Givin' It Up*. This 13 track recording features each of the stars on a new arrangement of the other's biggest hits with Jarreau adding lyrics to and singing Benson's signature instrumental smash "Breezin'" while the legendary jazz guitarist delivers a stirring instrumental version of the singer's eternally charming hit "Mornin'."

*Givin' It Up* also includes covers of Seals & Crofts' "Summer Breeze" and Hall & Oates' "Every Time You Go Away," as well as stunning new jazz

vocal versions of the Miles Davis classics "Four" and "Long Come Tutu."

George Benson is a captivating musician and performer. An expert improviser and vibrant entertainer, Benson's sly, seductive rhythm and blues style has earned him an impeccable reputation as one of music's most enterprising and engaging stars. Throughout his career, Benson has nabbed 10 Grammy awards.

Pittsburgh native Benson kicked his career into gear at the age of 21 with *The New Boss Guitar* featuring Brother Jack McDuff on organ. Since then, he has released more than 60 albums working alongside legends such as Lonnie Smith, Ronnie Cuber, Miles Davis, Quincy Jones, Chet Atkins and more.

Benson's recognizable voice and tempo has yielded the top pop hits "On Broadway," "Give Me the Night,"

"Turn Your Love Around," "Lady Love Me (One More Time)," "In Your Eyes," "Livin' Inside Your Love,"

"Masquerade" and countless others.

Al Jarreau's innovative musical expressions have made him one of the most exciting and critically-acclaimed performers of our time. An eight time Grammy award winner, he is the only vocalist in history to win in three separate categories: jazz, pop, and R&B. He won the aforementioned Grammys within a span of four consecutive decades — the '70s, '80s, '90s and '00s. This is in addition to scores of music awards and popular accolades worldwide.

Born in Milwaukee, Wis., the son of a vicar, Jarreau's first singing experiences were in a church choir. Choosing singing as his professional career and moving westward, Jarreau made the rounds in several Los Angeles hot spots before hitting the small screen circuit on shows such as Mike Douglas, Merv Griffin and David Frost.

In 1975, he was spotted by Warner Bros. Records talent scouts and released his debut *We Got By*, to critical acclaim. He followed that up with *Glow* and his first world tour in 1977. One of Jarreau's most commercially and artistically successful albums is *Breakin' Away* (1981), which includes the hit song "We're in This Love Together."

In 2001, he was awarded a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame commemorating his status as one of the best singers of many generations.

Tickets cost \$100, \$75, \$50; additional fees may apply. All seats are reserved and available at the Hard Rock Live Box Office, open Monday through Saturday from noon to 7 p.m. Tickets purchased in-person at the box office will not incur a service charge.

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## Bonnie Raitt Will Give South Florida 'Something to Talk About'

Submitted by Bitner Goodman PR

**HOLLYWOOD** — Grammy Award-winning singer/songwriter Bonnie Raitt will entertain fans at Hard Rock Live at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino on Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale now.

More than just a best-selling artist, respected guitarist, expressive singer and accomplished songwriter, Bonnie Raitt has become an institution in American music.

Born into a musical family, the nine-time Grammy winner is the daughter of celebrated Broadway singer John Raitt (*Carousel*, *Oklahoma!*, *The Pajama Game*) and accomplished pianist/singer Marge Goddard.

In 1971, Raitt released her debut album, *Bonnie Raitt*. Her interpretations of classic blues by Robert Johnson and Sipie Wallace made a powerful critical impression, but

the presence of intriguing tunes by contemporary songwriters, as well as several examples of her own writing, indicated that she would not be restricted to any one style.

Over the next several years she released *Give It Up, Takin' My Time*, *Streetlights and Home Plate*, but it wasn't until 1977's *Sweet Forgiveness* which featured her first hit single, a gritty Memphis/R&B arrangement of Del Shannon's "Runaway," that she enjoyed minor commercial success.

With three more albums in — *The Glow*, *Green Light*, and *Nine Lives* — combined with a constant touring schedule, Raitt's musical and artistic integrity finally hit pay dirt. In 1989 she released her 10th album, *Nick of Time* that soared to the top of the U.S. charts. It was her first and only No. 1 album for which she won three Grammy Awards. At the same time, she walked away with a fourth Grammy for her duet "In the Mood" with John Lee

Hooker on his album *The Healer*.

She followed-up this success with three more Grammy Awards for her 1991 album, *Luck of the Draw* that featured the hits "Something to Talk About" and "I Can't Make You Love Me." Three years later, in 1994, she added two more Grammys with her album *Longing in Her Heart*. Other albums followed including *Fundamental* in 1998, *Silver Lining* in 2002 and *Souls Alike* in 2005.

In March of 2000, Raitt was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame; this was followed by her welcome into the Hollywood Bowl Hall of Fame, along with her father, in June 2001. Over the years, she has appeared as a guest on over 100 album projects. She continues to stretch the boundaries, performing with artists as varied as Cape Verdean singer Cesaria Evora, and legends B.B. King, Tony Bennett, and Willie Nelson.

She is also an activist for charitable causes including Musicians United for Safe Energy and

Reverb, a non-profit environmental organization, as well as Little Kids Rock, a group that provides free musical instruments and free lessons to children in public schools throughout the U.S.

Tickets cost \$79.50, \$64.50 and \$45; additional fees may apply. All seats are reserved and available at the Hard Rock Live Box Office, open Monday through Saturday from noon to 7 p.m. Tickets purchased in-person at the box office will not incur a service charge.

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