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(L-R) Seneca President Maurie Johns, and representing the Seminole Tribe, President Richard Bowers and Brighton Tribal Council Representative Roger Smith at the opening bell ceremony.

Indian Country On Wall Street

Tribal Leaders Ring Opening Bell at Exchange

Submitted by NAFOA
NEW YORK — The leaders and finance officers of five Tribal Nations made history on Sept. 7 when they became the first Native Americans to preside over the ringing of the opening bell at a global financial exchange. Maurice "Moe" John, president of the Seneca Nation of Indians, Richard Bowers Jr., president of the Seminole Board of Directors, and Deron Marquez, former chairman of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, sounded the start of trading at the New York Mercantile Exchange, accompanied by cheers and applause from traders on the floor and the more than 100 Tribal council members and finance professionals packing the audience for the occasion.

The bell-ringing was the highlight of the final day of the Native American Finance Officers Association's (NAFOA) 25th Annual Conference — "The Wall Street Summit," an event that brought together many of the most respected leaders and experts in the field of Tribal finance and enterprise. For the representatives of some of the most successful Tribes who took part in the Mercantile ceremony, ringing the bell in the capital of the financial world was a thrill, and represented a milestone event for all Tribal nations.

"I rang the bell not only on behalf of the Seneca Nation, but all natives in the country," said John, who dressed in traditional Seneca regalia for the event. "I rang it in memory of all the Seneca elders who have helped all Tribes reach the point where we are investors in the stock and commodities markets."

"In my time as a Tribal leader I have had the opportunity to participate in a lot of interesting events, but the ringing of the bell is one of the coolest things I have ever done," said Marquez, whose term as chairman at San Manuel saw the Tribe become an innovator and leader in economic development.

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Forty Resolutions Passed at Council Meeting

By Chris Jenkins

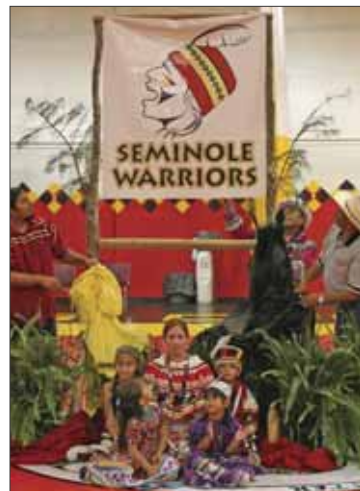
HOLLYWOOD — The Tribal Council met on the Hollywood Reservation on Sept. 13. They passed 40 resolutions including these 25:

- Resolution 17:** Service line agreement (70' by 20') between Glades Electric Cooperative, and Seth Robbins - Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation;
- Resolution 18:** Service line agreement (100' by 20') between Glades Electric Cooperative, and Carlene DiCarlo Osceola - Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation;
- Resolution 19:** Service line agreement (600' by 5') between Embark FKA Sprint Florida, Inc., and Matthew Gopher for location of a buried telephone cable - Brighton Seminole Indian Reservation
- Resolution 20:** Issuance of service line agreements between Glades Electric Cooperative and Emma Brown, Lucy M. Bowers and Chad Huff - Brighton Seminole Indian Reservation;
- Resolution 21:** Grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for funds to assist in water quality monitoring in FY 2008 for determining the extent of pollution on Tribal lands of the Seminole Tribe of Florida;
- Resolution 22:** Tribal Response Program application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for all reservations of the Seminole Tribe of Florida for the purpose of public health and cultural use preservation;
- Resolution 23:** U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs Water Resource Management planning and pre-development program application for funding for all reservations of the Seminole Tribe of Florida;
- Resolution 24:** Approval of work authorization form for Banyan Air Services, Inc., relevant to services for Tribal aircraft;

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Ahfachkee School Unveils New Mascot

Seminole Warriors Show School Spirit



Shelley Marmor

Pedro Zepeda (L) and Chairman Mitchell Cypress (R) assist in revealing Ahfachkee's new Seminole Warrior mascot.

By Elizabeth Leiba

BIG CYPRESS — A week of school spirit activities culminated in the Ahfachkee School's spirit rally, held at the Herman L. Osceola Gym on Sept. 27. At the rally, students and faculty alike had an opportunity to show their Seminole pride. The spirit rally kicked off with opening remarks from Coach Randall Clecker who served as emcee and led the crowd in a rousing chant of "Seminole Warriors!"

Students were acknowledged for their achievements in physical education, class spirit and individual spirit. Classes were also recognized for door decorating and their unique spirit cheers, which each grade level had an opportunity to showcase at the spirit rally.

Chairman Mitchell Cypress was in attendance and emphasized the importance of learning Seminole culture, commending non-Tribal teachers for making the effort to learn the culture.

"It's good to learn Seminole culture. We learn your culture, so you can learn ours," said Cypress with a laugh. "We share."

Cypress expressed his pride in the Ahfachkee School for creating a new mascot to show their school spirit.

"Like I always say in the Seminole Tribe or anywhere, it's teamwork," he said. "Everything happens through teamwork and I'm glad to be part of it."

Principal Terry Porter described the significance of spirit week and why the new mascot is so important to the school. "Some other schools have what they call a homecoming week. This is like our homecoming week," Porter explained. "This was the mascot that was selected, voted on by students. This is your mascot and it defines who we are."

The long anticipated moment arrived when the new Ahfachkee School mascot was finally unveiled. Cypress, along with Tribal citizens Lenny Jim and Pedro Zepeda, assisted as the drape was removed from a huge banner that depicted the logo of a Seminole Warrior that will serve as the mascot for the school.

"Don't ever forget who we are," said Coach Clecker. "Don't ever forget our heritage. Seminole Warriors — that's who we are."

◆ See MASCOT, page 11



Louise Gopher

Tribal Education Leader Moves On

Louise Gopher Retires as Director

By Chris Jenkins

BRIGHTON — Louise Gopher, Panther Clan, has helped educate many and inspired hundreds more in her quarter of a century working for the Seminole Tribe's Education Department. Gopher serves as the Tribe's Education director, and while her journey has been interesting, she said it is now time to move on.

As a trendsetter, Gopher graduated in 1965 with her associate of arts degree from Indian River Community College and was chosen as Seminole Princess that same year. During her tenure, she represented the Tribe at the Miss Indian America Pageant in Sheridan, Wyo., where she received the honorable mention award.

In 1970 she was the first Seminole woman to earn a four year degree, graduating with her bachelor's degree from Florida Atlantic University.

Since joining the Tribe's staff in 1982, Gopher said education has been her one and only job and focus. Within that department, she has moved up through the ranks over the years, assuming the role of director in 2003.

The Brighton resident has had a lot to be proud of but says her crowning achievement is the Pull-Out Program. Focusing on kindergarten through fifth grade student education in the areas of Seminole language and culture development, it has helped maintain the Seminoles' rich heritage and legacy. These

◆ See GOPHER, page 9

Fort Pierce Community Hosts Indian Day Celebration

By Elgin Jumper

FORT PIERCE — The Fort Pierce community hosted a much-anticipated Indian Day Celebration on Sept. 22 at the Chupco Youth Ranch. This is the fourth year for the important event, organized by Sally Tommie, Fort Pierce liaison, Debbie Christophe, her assistant, Hope Sneed, Fort Pierce community involvement coordinator, Shamy Tommie, director of the Chupco Ranch, Mary Joe Micco, caterer, and the RMG-Redline Media Group.

During the daylong event, attendees enjoyed the traditional Seminole fare, provided by Mary Joe Micco of Brighton, that was served for breakfast, lunch and dinner. A large white open-air tent was set up near the Chupco Office Building for the occasion.

"We're excited you decided to join us this year for our celebration of Indian Day," announced Sally Tommie, Fort Pierce Liaison. "This is by far the largest crowd we've ever had to date, and we hope to get bigger and better as we continue on."

"The main mission of the day," she pointed out, "is to provide a day where everyone could get together, break bread, enjoy the camaraderie we all bring together, and also to respect and appreciate what this day means to us as Native American people."

The planning for this particular day had been meticulous, according to Hope Sneed, who said many Fort Pierce community members "collaborated and made this event a success."

Attendees made the very best of the warm sunny day partaking in events including horseshoes, archery, a bounce

house, rock climbing and a water slide, tomahawk-carving, stickball games, a Seminole fashion show and storytelling.

Sandra Fox, an Emergency Management Planner with the Seminole Tribe of Florida's Office of Emergency Management, directed the various games and activities that were much delighted in by the crowds.

"This is actually my first Indian Day Celebration," Fox said. "I'm a relatively new employee with the Tribe, so this is great to come out and see the atmosphere, and meet some of the Tribal members I'm working for."

In addition, a performance by Native American hip-hop artists Culture Shock Camp, featuring Indigo, Kiri, and Ke, performed in front of an entourage of a Guy LaBree painting entitled Time Travel. There was a clear sense of family and community in Fort Pierce, and this was quite prevalent in every aspect of that fun-filled day.

"This is really nice," exclaimed Remus Griffin, Bird Clan. "We've got a nice crowd here, so we've come a long way, and I hope it keeps on progressing."

Tribal Preschool Director Leona Tommie Williams, who is originally from the area, but now resides in the Hollywood community, echoed Griffin's sentiments.

"The celebration is very good," said Tommie Williams, Bird Clan. "I'm proud to say I'm from Fort Pierce, and to see this going on, it's very humbling. And I wish my grandparents, my aunts, and my mom was here to see all of this, to see that

◆ See INDIAN DAY, page 35



(L-R) Leona-Tommie Williams, Tasha Osceola and Virginia Osceola enjoy the Indian Day festivities.

Eta Liederman

Community News

Emergency Services Dept. Holds Graduation, Promotion Ceremony

By Felix DoBoz

HOLLYWOOD — Recruit Class 07-03 shouted out "Hoohah!" in unison on the evening of Sept. 27 at the Hollywood Headquarters Auditorium. On this night, the Tribe's Department of Emergency Services hosted a promotion and graduation ceremony for 27 of its newest firefighters, emergency medical technicians and paramedics.

Coinciding with the graduation ceremony, the Department of Emergency Services honored 28 employees with promotions to various supervisory positions. This came as a result of a department reorganization and new ranking structure.

With a new structure in place, the department went a step further and created a new mission statement. It reads: "To protect and enhance the quality of life of the Seminole Tribe of Florida communities, through a comprehensive program of services directed toward education, prevention, and control, in the areas of fire, rescue, medical emergencies, hazardous materials incidents and disasters."

John Cooper, the new assistant director, emceed the event and welcomed everyone to the special evening's ceremony.

The Tribe's Color Guard, displaying three flags, marched to the front of the stage in military cadence to present the colors. Fire Marshall David Logan then led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Representing the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Tribal Council was Recreation Director Moses "Big Shot" Jumper Jr. Snake Clan Jumper, dressed in traditional regalia, walked to the podium and performed the invocation. He said it was an honor and a

privilege to be at the ceremony, and to be thankful to the Creator for all the blessings to the Tribe. He asked the Creator for a special blessing upon the brave men and women who serve the Seminole Tribal citizens.

Emergency Services Director Charles V. Lanza addressed the audience next, and welcomed everyone to the evening's festivities. He also explained the department's objectives to the audience of family, friends and his employees.

"The first, and most important [goal], is to improve the quality of life for all our Tribal members," Lanza said. "The second goal of the fire chief is to improve and expand this department. We plan to reach our goal by recruiting and training 40 firefighter/paramedics within the next year — that includes the 24 we are hiring now."

Chief Instructor Frank Ransdell then called out each graduate's name as they sprung from their seats, to thunderous applause, and walked to the stage

to accept their badge and certification. This was followed immediately by hearty congratulations in the form of smiles, handshakes and hugs from proud staff officers lined up in a celebratory gauntlet.

After all the grads were honored, Lanza led the group in reciting the oath they must take before



At the ceremony's completion, the EMS grads shouted "Hoohah!" in unison.

assuming their new duties. This was followed by a short video presentation highlighting an assortment of still images set to pop rock songs of the recruit Class 07-03 performing in various activities during their five-week training.

One of the night's promotions was that of Bryan Stepanenko, 22, who went from firefighter to lieutenant. Stepanenko has worked at the Brighton Reservation Fire Station for the past two years, and will remain serving that community as he assumes his new position.

"We got the department moving in a great new direction," he said. "I'm just happy with the way things are."

The remaining graduates of Class 07-03 were: Gustavo Ajuz, FF/Medic; Daniel Allis, FF/EMT; Daniel Alonso, FF/EMT; Giovanni Alvarez, FF/EMT; Douglas Astler, FF/EMT; Christopher Cabrera, FF/Medic; Donivan Ciofio, FF/EMT; David De Cardenas, FF/EMT; Keith Edell, FF/Medic; Daniel Fiorito, FF/EMT; Joshua Furman, FF/Medic; Jubal Gimble, FF/Medic; Thomas Konze, FF/EMT; Jesus Lizaraga, FF/Medic; Chad Meeks, FF/EMT; Thomas Petroro, FF/EMT; Robert Rich, FF/EMT; Francisco Rodriguez, FF/EMT; Jordan Shaver, FF/EMT; Anthony Shockley, FF/EMT; Paul Wessling, FF/EMT; Victor White, FF/EMT; and Stephen Wright, FF/EMT.

Wildland Firefighters: Lisa Kinchen, Michael Lightsey, Michael Mohorek and Kenneth Yates.

Promotional Ceremony: John Cooper, District Commander to Assistant Director; Joshua Bauer, Captain Support Services to Battalion Chief; Brian Brown, Captain EMS Division; Ricardo Fong, Captain to

Battalion Chief; Joe Sorrentino, Battalion Chief to Training OIC; George Ascencio, Lieutenant to Battalion Captain; Robert Curtis, Lieutenant to Battalion Captain; Jonathan Hedrick, Captain to Battalion Captain; Michael Hopkins, FF to Captain; Kevin Lois, Lieutenant to Captain; Willie Weeks, Lieutenant to Captain; David Coosaia, FF to Lieutenant; Eric Fazzi, FF to Lieutenant; John Fichner, FF to Lieutenant; Juan Gomez, FF to Lieutenant; Todd Graham, FF to Lieutenant; Malachai Horowitz, FF to Lieutenant; Brian Labar, FF to Lieutenant; Mackinly Pratt, FF to Lieutenant; Olen Price, FF to Lieutenant; Albert Quinones, FF to Lieutenant; Gordon Sanders, FF to Lieutenant; Todd Seliger, FF to Lieutenant; Danny Soriano, FF to Lieutenant; Bryan Stepanenko, FF to Lieutenant; Robert Vega, FF to Lieutenant; Steve Zitnick, FF to Lieutenant; Keith Yates, EMS Division to Wild and Division



(L-R) Seminole EMS's newest Fire Lieutenant Bryan Stepanenko and Captain Norm Engel of Boca Raton Fire-Rescue celebrate Stepanenko's promotion at the ceremony.

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EMS Director Chief Lanza and staff stand in front of Class 07-03 framed poster.



Chris Jenkins

The newly-formed Seminole Security division are a community watch group developed to conduct safety and area checks on the Hollywood Reservation.

Council

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Resolution 25: Approval of work authorization and proposal for Banyan Air Services, Inc., relevant to services for the Pilatus PC 12 aircraft.

Resolution 26: Approval of annual subscription to the WXSYS-On Demand - aviation application relevant to Weather and Airport Information Data Service;

Resolution 27: Amendment of the Seminole Tribe of Florida 401k Plan;

Resolution 28: Suite license agreement with KTB Florida Sports Arena, LLC (Germain Arena);

Resolution 29: Thunder Communications, Inc., equipment and services agreement for Satellite Communications Services and Equipment;

Resolution 30: Ratification of the Seminole Tribe of Florida filming permission letter granting Telemundo Television Studios, LLC, permission to film a television show on the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation;

Resolution 31: Issuance of a revocable permit by Luke Baxley, Sr. to Clear Channel Outdoor - Hollywood Seminole Indian Reservation;

Resolution 32: Approval of business lease between Seminole Tribe of Florida (lessor) and Jessica Frances Buster (lessee) for the construction and development of a retail hardware supply and building materials store - Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation;

By Chris Jenkins

BIG CYPRESS — The Tribal Council held a special session on the Big Cypress Reservation. They passed four resolutions on their Sept. 20 meeting agenda including:

Resolution 4: Delegation of authority to provide approvals as may be required by the Seminole Tribe, as managing member of Seminole Properties Retail, LLC;

Resolution 5: Approval of purchase agree-

Resolution 37: Issuance of a revocable permit to Arantia Mae Tiger DB/A Tiger - Das Corporation (permittee) for car wash and detailing services - Hollywood Seminole Indian Reservation;

Resolution 38: Issuance of a revocable permit by Johnny and Dorothy Tucker to CBS outdoor - Hollywood Seminole Indian Reservation;

Resolution 40: Authorization for continued funding of Tribal government operations for Tribal FY 2008;

Resolution 41: Per capita distributions of Tribal gaming revenues for FY Oct. 1, 2007, through Sept. 30, 2008;

Resolution 42: Approval of agreement with Alliance Contracting Corp. for construction of improvements at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino - Hollywood; ratification of funds disbursed; limited waiver of sovereign immunity;

Resolution 43: Rescinding Resolution No. 44-99 enrollment of non-Indian students at the Ahfachkee Elementary/Junior High School and Ahfachkee High School;

Resolution 44: Enrollment policy of the Seminole Tribe of Florida Ahfachkee Elementary/Junior High School and Ahfachkee High School;

Resolution 45: Ordinance Review Committee, and

Resolution 46: Wachovia master equipment lease/purchase agreement as amended by schedule 2G; waiver of sovereign immunity.

Tribal Council Holds Special Session

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ment by and between Seminole Properties Retail, LLC and Triton V, LLC;

Resolution 6: Approval of sub-lease by and between Roadhouse, LLC and Automatic Slims Hollywood, LLC; approval for change of permitted use; and

Resolution 7: Approval of lease termination agreement by and between Seminole Properties Retail, LLC and HR Sports Bar, LLC.

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Daryl Stone

President Richard Bowers (3rd from left) and Brighton Representative Roger Smith (C) were accompanied by Native American leaders from other Tribes.

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Seminole Tribe Vice-Chairman/President Richard Bowers stated: "On behalf of the great Seminole Tribe of Florida and other great Native American Tribes, it was an honor to be a part of this historic day in the presence of billions of dollars being traded for oil, gas, commodities, etc.; it was a great opportunity to be a part of the ringing of the opening bell."

"It shows the world that Native American Tribes can gain economic power and success," Bowers continued. "Not long ago Wall Street was a wall to keep Indians out; today it is a red carpet for Native Americans and Native American Tribes who seek financial economic independence."



Daryl Stone

President/Vice Chairman Richard Bowers accepts a gift after the Tribe assisting in ringing the bell.



Daryl Stone

Honoring their leaders, Roger Smith's four daughters, Terry Hahn (sitting), and other Seminole ladies, wore matching patchwork shirts to show their support for the Tribe at this once in a lifetime opportunity.

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Community News

Baby Essence Showered in Pink

By Lila Osceola-Heard

PEMBROKE PINES, Fla. — The Young family, Jessica and Elliot, hosted a baby shower for their beautiful baby girl, Essence on the afternoon of Sept. 23. Essence Jasmine Young, slept without a care in the world while the family gazed at the precious new baby.

Grandma Scarlett Jumper was eager to shower her newest family member with gifts. She went all out with pink, polka dots, lace, and much more fun and girly stuff.

Families from both sides were on hand to celebrate the baby girl. The gathering was not your typical baby shower, but served as a family gathering.



Lila Osceola-Heard
Grandma Scarlett Jumper and dad Elliot Young adore their baby girl Essence.



Lila Osceola-Heard
Mom Jessica Young received lots of pretty pink outfits for baby Essence.



Lila Osceola-Heard
Mom gives big brother EanJay some love.

Tribal Citizens Share Culture With Employees

By Sandy Hamilton

HOLLYWOOD — There was a different twist on the September monthly birthday luncheon, held at the Hollywood Tribal Headquarters Auditorium on Sept. 26.

Employees were treated to an overview of Tribal history and culture, as well as a taste of traditional Seminole food catered by Tribal citizens Beverly Alumbaugh and Donna Turtle. The event was sponsored by the Human Resources Department in an effort to celebrate National Indian Day and educate employees on Seminole culture.

The luncheon was enjoyable as well as informative. Brian Zepeda, an articulate public speaker, explained the process that the Seminoles went through to become federally recognized. His presentation was laced with humor, although the subject matter was very serious.



Sandy Hamilton
Everett Osceola speaks about Tribal culture.

Everett Osceola enlightened the crowd about the different Clans and their roles during traditional events. Osceola was an engaging speaker who had the crowd laughing as he shared stories from the past.

Preservation of the Seminole culture and language was discussed as well as Tribal citizens' respect for their elders, and the correct way to address a Tribal citizen without offending them. Both speakers addressed a packed room of appreciative employees.



Sandy Hamilton
Tribal employees line up for taste of tradition.

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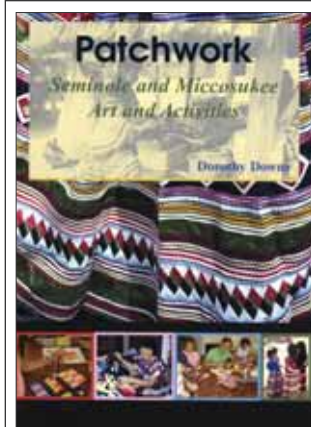
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For its size, this sturdy little book contains a lot of information. *Patchwork: Seminole & Miccosuki Art and Activities* offers practical and entertaining lessons in history, art and everyday lifestyles of the native peoples of Florida since the 1900s.

Even those students who rebel against books will be captivated by the storytelling style and the beautiful graphics. Art teachers will appreciate the clear instructions on how to make patchwork art from paper and glue. The hands-on projects will give youngsters pride in their people's history and artistic contributions.

All readers, young and old, will find the information educational and easy to digest. Page 23 has illustrations and names of popular patchwork patterns used in jackets, shirts, dresses and blankets. Numerous members from the Seminole and Miccosuki arts community are mentioned throughout. The chicken lifestyle is described and makes one want to spend a few days in the open air.

In summary, I would recommend this book to anyone who loves art and Native American lore. *Patchwork*, and other books by writer Downs, would do well on the Seminole Marketplace Web site and in all the Seminole museums and gift shops — and certainly in all schools in Florida and elsewhere.



Patchwork: Seminole & Miccosuki Art and Activities

By Dorothy Downs
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About the Author: Dorothy Downs

Biography from www.pineapplepress.com

Dorothy Downs is an art historian who has curated exhibitions of Native American art at several south Florida art institutions. She has taught Native American art history at the University of Miami and is a founder and president of the Tribal Art Society at the Lowe Art Museum.

She is the author of *Art of the Florida Seminole and Miccosuki Indians* and has written articles for *Native Peoples Magazine*, *American Indian Art Magazine*, *Piecework*, and *Florida Anthropologist*. She wrote and produced the PBS TV documentary "Patterns of Power," about the Seminole and Miccosukee women who sew patchwork clothing.



Writer's First Literary Outing is an Entertaining Thriller

[Editor's Note: Ramona Kiyoshk is a free-lance writer and member of the Ojibway First Nation of Walpole Island, Ontario. The opinions she expresses are her own. She can be reached at satin.moccasins@gmail.com.]

Native Intelligence is one of the most suspenseful new thrillers I have read this year. With this book, successful New York City talent agent, Lorna Rainey, has added best-selling author to her list of accomplishments. Rainey proudly identifies with her dual heritage: Mississippi Choctaw and African-American.

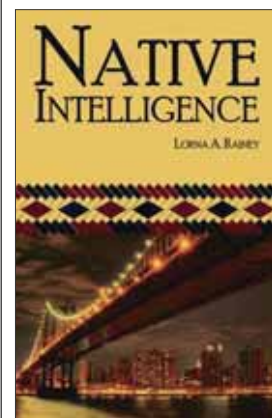
Her great-grandfather was the Hon. Joseph H. Rainey, America's first Black congressman, and her mother is a member of the Choctaw Nation. In addition to her successful talent agent business, the divorced mother of two is embarking on an agenda of ambitious writing projects for television and another book.

Native Intelligence is set in New York City immediately following the attacks on the World Trade Center, and the taut, spine-tingling plot centers around a madman holding a decades-old grudge against the U.S.

With images of the twin towers exploding fresh in their minds, the citizens and government are fearful and alert, suspecting anything out of the ordinary to be a precursor to a new terrorist attack. This time the evil comes from a most unlikely source, and is all the more deadly, insidious and horrible because, if executed successfully, the Free World, as we know it, would cease to exist.

The main characters are Nita Denson, an employee at a car rental agency, and Philip, a childhood friend from the Choctaw Reservation in Mississippi. Nita, who possesses an innate Native American sixth sense that alerts her when things are amiss, suspects that something depraved has occurred in the trash-filled, unkempt car returned to the agency by a weird, jumpy, little man. When she unwittingly stumbles upon the plot and witnesses its first deadly results, Nita herself becomes a murder suspect.

A cat-and-mouse game begins with Nita, the target of two relentless NYPD detectives, and the ruthless assassins of a terrorist cell. With no one to trust, Nita calls her childhood friend, Philip



Native Intelligence
By Lorna A. Rainey
Publisher: Anthor House
Paperback: April 2007
Pages: 253 - Price: \$11

"Darkeyes" Thames, who leaves his home on the Choctaw Reservation and rush to her side.

As Nita and Philip scurry to clear her name and find the perpetrators, they become caught up in a complicated, international dragon set up for an elusive, desperate mastermind. A well-developed cast of players and a trail of corpses add to the pace.

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The hiring of an attorney is an important decision that should not be based solely upon advertisement. Richard Castillo worked as a Public Defender in Broward County from 1990-1996 and has been in private practice for nine years. In 1995 he was voted the Trial Attorney of the year. He graduated from Capital University in 1989 and was admitted to the Florida Bar in 1990, Federal Bar in 1992, and the Federal Trial Bar in 1994.

4-H Honors Richard Bowers

Tribal President Joins State's 4-H Board of Directors

By Susan Etsebarria

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. — Tribal President Richard Bowers was the guest of honor at an appreciation dinner in St. Augustine on Sept. 23. There, he was able to meet and socialize with the Board of Directors of Florida 4-H Foundation, Inc., and 4-H Youth Development officials from the University of Florida (UF).

Michael Kenney, president of the 4-H Foundation, hosted the private dinner at his home. He wished to personally thank Bowers for the Tribe's signature sponsorship of The Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. - Florida 4-H 16th Annual Golf Classic, held Sept. 24 at the Slammer & Squire Golf Course at World Golf Village. The monies raised at this tournament support Florida 4-H leadership events and activities, Kenney said.

Honorary chairman at this year's golf classic was Tom Braddock, a retired University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences extension agent.

"We are grateful to President Richard Bowers and the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. for their signature sponsorship of this event," said Braddock.

At the dinner, Kenney also announced that Bowers agreed to serve on the Board of Directors of Florida 4-H Foundation, Inc. The foundation builds upon county and Tribal 4-H programs by developing and managing financial resources that support educational and public awareness activities for Florida 4-H youth.

Foundation Secretary and Assistant Dean of 4-H Youth Development at UF Dr. Marilyn Norman was present at the dinner to congratulate Bowers and acknowledge the Tribe's support of 4-H.

"I want the Tribe and all the sponsors to know you are providing wonderful support for 4-H and the 23,000 young people who are 4-H members," he said. "What you are doing here and the people you touch really make a huge impact on the lives of Florida youth."

Bowers talked about his years in 4-H as a youth and what that meant to him. "I am glad to be here with all of you and learning about what you do to support 4-H," he said. "All my life I have been a supporter of 4-H. I want our youth to continue the Seminole Tribe's tradition in agriculture so it will continue for generations to come."

"You can't beat 4-H because it keeps kids

working on something that is pure and wholesome," he added. "It gives youth more opportunities to advance in their lives and teaches them important lessons. I will always have a place in my heart for 4-H and I want to thank you for inviting us here this evening."



Susan Etsebarria
Michael Kelley (L) and Dr. Marilyn Norman (R) present a gift to Tribal President Richard Bowers. In back is Tom Braddock.

Also present on behalf of Seminole 4-H were the Tribe's 4-H Coordinator Polly Hayes and Seminole Tribe Extension Agent Michael Bond. President Bowers brought with him his wife, Anna, and his granddaughter, Jade Micco, who joined Brighton 4-H this year with a steer project.

He said he wanted his granddaughter to experience the grand scale of 4-H just as he did when he made history — and the news — many years ago as a teen performing an alligator wrestling show at state and national 4-H talent show competitions.

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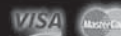
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Many Changes Take Place at Ahfachkee School

By Susan Etebarria

BIG CYPRESS — The Ahfachkee School keeps growing and changing as parents, Tribal leaders and staff pursue academic excellence. Some of the innovative changes include a state of the art computer lab, new math, reading and writing programs and classes in broadcast journalism. On a tour of the grounds with Principal Terry Porter, the physical changes are very apparent. Six portables have been added to the campus since last spring and the buildings have a colorful coat of new paint that reflects Tribal colors. A better security system is in



Cesar Molina at the Mimio Whiteboard.

place at the gates that provide safer controls over who is coming and going.

"I want parents to know that the children are physically safe when they come to school," said Porter. Enrollment has increased from approximately 120 students last year to 180 this fall. There are now two pre-kindergarten and two first grade classes, instead of one of each. Twelve new employees were also added during this 2007-2008 school year.

In addition to the appointment of new Assistant Principal Junior Bettelyoun, Eileen Hager — the teacher who has taught at Ahfachkee longer than any other teacher — has been promoted to new teacher coordinator, an administrative position.

This is the first time in 13 years at Ahfachkee that Hager is not teaching. Her role is to assist the teachers who need coaching, especially the new ones, whether it be about policy and procedural matters or how they are expected to develop lesson plans.

Hager observes teachers in the classroom and ensures they are teaching according to the school's curriculum guidelines and the Sunshine State Guidelines. She also does the scheduling of classes, which means juggling 180 students to receive the special classes available in physical education, culture, art, music, computer lab and media (library). Hager said she wants to help teachers meet their professional needs so the teachers can meet the educational needs of the children. She said she relies on Jeannette Cypress and Danielle Juniper-Frye of the Culture Department to teach non-native teachers about the history, culture and language of the Seminoles. Hager said she also wants to promote team building. "Teachers come to me with great ideas," she said. "We sit down and talk. I think the open communication at Ahfachkee is really moving the school forward. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to make a difference. Between my years of experience as a classroom teacher and my long time relationship with the Tribe, I think I can make a contribution."

New educational curriculum has also been added with the well-tested Read Right program being initiated. Read Right, according to their own literature, enables students with reading problems "to improve their reading skills and eliminate their reading problems in a brief amount of time ... The

Read Right program has shown results that indicate participants achieve one grade level for every 13.5 hours of instruction."

The newly-expanded computer lab is a big hit with the students. Principal Terry Porter said the computer lab increases the chances for the students' success.

"We want to give the children a good foundation to go on to college or work for the Tribe in a responsible position," he said. "Technology is the future and this is bringing them into the 21st century."

As children enter the lab they quickly find a seat at one of the 20 computers lined up against the walls and log on to the screen with their own unique password. Within seconds the children are not speaking, but seem enthusiastically focused on their digital learning.

Here they have individualized programs that assess their skill levels in academic subjects and they work at their own pace to improve their skills and scores. In an hour's time, one class finished and another started their 30 minutes in the lab, learning academic subjects related to reading and math. One of the teachers who brought her class to the lab, Ms. Lee, said the new Success Maker Program her students use daily complements her teaching in the classroom. Lee said it brings all the children up to the same level, or better.

For pre-kindergartners, the Waterford Early Learning Program exposes children to computers, though they don't actually type on the keyboards yet. They can sit in front of a giant screen called Mimio and the instructor uses the mouse to demonstrate the Internet and bring up educational computer games. With the use of Mimio, older students can also learn how to use more sophisticated computer programs such as Microsoft Word for creating documents, PowerPoint for presentations and the use of Internet search engines, including Google and Yahoo. In the computer lab, older youth will learn how to make films and edit them with the assistance of the Seminole Broadcasting



Students in the computer lab.

Department. Their work will be seen on WSCB, the Seminole channel. The digital classroom work also entails training the youth interested in digital photography to produce a school newsletter.

The technical coordinators who run the computer lab are Douglas Zepeda, Bello Solano and their assistant, Cesar Molina. Zepeda graduated from Florida State University with a degree in information studies in 2001 and has worked as a technology coordinator for the Tribe ever since. Solano is an information technologist who worked for Best Buy's "Geek Squad," the employee group that perform repairs and solves computer problems for customers.



Susan Etebarria

Assistant Principal Junior Bettelyoun

Bettelyoun Appointed Ahfachkee Assistant Principal

By Susan Etebarria

BRIGHTON — Junior Bettelyoun, an Oglala Sioux from the Eagles Nest District of the Pine Ridge Reservation, is the new Assistant Principal at Ahfachkee School.

"We are really glad he is here," said Principal Terry Porter. "He has been an important mentor for me, and one of the reasons I went into the field of school administration. Our visions for native education are pretty similar and I feel we will make a great team. I can't think of anyone better to be at my side."

Then, he made a good-natured comment, joking that this former college professor was once his superior, but now is working under him. Bettelyoun seemed to enjoy the ironic twist in their relationship. Like Plato who said the "teacher becomes the pupil," Bettelyoun modestly said he has no problem with his new position in life. He said he is thrilled to take on this second-in-command responsibility to bring to Ahfachkee his expertise in Indian education. The 61-year old full time professor taught would be teachers in the College of Education for 29 years at Black Hills State University in South Dakota. Landing a job as a college professor is harder than winning a Senate seat; competition for such jobs is fierce.

Bettelyoun admitted it was a difficult decision to give up such a prestigious job, but said the challenges before him now have a lot of personal meaning.

"If anyone told me six months ago that I was going to be here, working and living in Florida, I wouldn't have believed them," he said.

But he said he is eager to do new work with new challenges. Here, he can apply philosophies and methodologies he has been teaching to young be teachers and working teachers for years. He has always been committed to fostering academic achievements of Tribal peoples, Bettelyoun admits.

Bettelyoun said he eagerly looks forward to being involved in the ongoing historical transformation of Native American education today. Porter and Bettelyoun see the Seminole Tribe of Florida emerging to the forefront of native education.

Bettelyoun's area of expertise is team building among staff, students, teachers and community. He visited Ahfachkee twice in the 2006-2007 school year to consult with the staff and do in-service training in this important element of school organization and development.

❖ Gopher

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efforts have resulted in what is now known as the Brighton Charter School, which officially opened on Oct. 4. She credits the Tribal Council as a major reason for her department's success as the educational statistics continue to slowly improve.

"We've always got what we need from the council to succeed," she said. "There's no cost or dollar you can put on a child's future."

Activities such as the annual Incentive Awards and future projects such as the Immokalee prize (or charter) school (possibly in 2009) remain on track.

The mother of two also holds a unique distinction of sorts as her family is the only one to claim three princesses. Daughter Rita Gopher McCabe was selected Miss Florida Seminole in 1990 and Carla Gopher was crowned in 1994.

Both her daughters have also gone on to receive formal educations from Indian River Community College and Florida State University. Gopher says the best part of her job has been in the shaping of lives as well as the progress so many have experienced.

"I love the kids," Gopher said. "They always give unconditional love and affection. When you're having a bad day they can come up and give you a hug and not say a word. Or if they see you in town, they will try to speak a few words in their native language because they know it's very important to you, so it's important to them."

However, the wear and tear of all her travels has taken its toll and it is time for something different. "It's time now for other people to step up and take over," Gopher said.

Gopher explained that she does plan to stay busy with other activities. Her plans include substitute teaching at the Brighton Charter School and special project work with the Seminole Broadcasting Department.

The Tribal Council gave their thoughts on the accomplishments and efforts of Gopher as well.

"We really appreciate the things she has done in education and we will miss her," Chairman Mitchell Cypress said. "We thank Louise for all her years of commitment and service; she has put brighter stars out there for us to see," President Richard Bowers said.

Gopher's last day as Education Department director is slated for Nov. 30.

4-H Categories

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- ✓ Typed
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Elgin Jumper describes one of his original pieces of art.

Chris Jenkins

Symposium Shows Seminole Talents at BCC

By Chris Jenkins

PEMBROKE PINES, Fla. — It was yet another first for the Tribe on Sept. 18. Whatever their talents, some of the best and brightest were featured at the first annual Seminole Arts and Culture Symposium on Broward Community College's South Campus.

A host of Tribal citizens participated including: Gordon O. Warcham, Paul "Cowbone" Buster, Jessica Osceola, Pedro Zepeda, Regina Jumper, Sam Tommie, William Cypress and Elgin Jumper. Each artist featured a different aspect of Seminole culture for the audience. There were artwork displays, storytelling, sculpting, patchwork, painting, drawings and musical performances to enjoy.

Elgin Jumper, a Tribal citizen and student at BCC, said "It feels good to do this kind of thing."

Jumper said he was excited about the event because of the exposure it offers.

"We want to bring the arts, crafts, culture and history to the students at BCC and continue to show

our culture and hopefully we can learn something too," Jumper said.

BCC Visual Arts and Gallery Coordinator and project director Dr. Kyrá Belan was emcee and said the event served many purposes.

"I realized that these students are 100 percent ignorant to the culture of the Tribe," Belan said. "I feel it's a very interesting culture. It's the native culture of our state and not knowing anything about a culture that was here before us is not right."

Student Dawn Psicharis attended the event and said it gave her a new perspective.

"It was interesting seeing the art and the different forms and the reasoning behind it all," Psicharis said.

"There is a need to study this culture simply because they are different," Belan said of the BCC students. "They will know much more about this culture and it will open up a whole new area for them to be interested in."

"We want to bring the arts, crafts, culture and history to the students at BCC..."

— Elgin Jumper



Chris Jenkins

Musician William Cypress prepares for his presentation.



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Artist and painter Sam Tommie shows the audience his original drawings and sketch work.



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Patchwork artist Regina Jumper



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Artist and sculptor Pedro Zepeda displays his sculptures.

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In honor of the new mascot, several students had signs spelling out W-A-R-R-I-O-R-S.

Shelley Marmor

❖ Mascot

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Physical Education Awards

Jonah Alvarado, Roderick Bert, Christopher Alexander, Chelsey Alvarado, Jacob Cotton, Channey Curry, Michaela Cypress, Dalton Koenes, Chloe Porter, Quenton Cypress, Marco Flores, Susie Jim, Destiny Robbins, Justin Roff, Chad Motlow, Jose Cisneros Jr., Cody Motlow, Lariah Balentine, Natasha Billie, Jessica Lopez, Joseph Pater

Outstanding Student Awards

Camden Rhymes, Ramona Jimmie, Brianna Bowers, Charli Frye, Clyssa Burnett-Osceola, Carlos Romero, Trinity Williams, Dasani Cypress, Arnold Billie, Sabre Billie, Sarah Osceola, Ricky Joe Alumbaugh, Kaylee Jumper, Allen Hernandez, Kegan Cypress

Class Spirit Awards

Spirit Spear: Pre-K, Ms. Flores's class
Mr. Spirit: Arnold Billie
Ms. Spirit: Alyssa Osceola



Shelley Marmor

Ms. Flores's pre-kindergarten class received the prestigious Class Spirit Spear.



Shelley Marmor

The chairman presents Ahfachkee's Mr. Spirit Arnold Billie with his sash.



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Coach Randall Cleckler led the Ahfachkee School as they chanted "Seminole Warriors!"

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Education Dept. Hosts Open House

By Judy Weeks

BIG CYPRESS — The Big Cypress Education Department held an Open House at the Learning Resource Center on the evening of Sept. 20. The lobby of the Family Investment Center had been very attractively decorated and was converted into a dining area for the delicious buffet supper.

Hosting the event were Education Advisor Patrick McElroy and his staff, Angie Hurt, Sheila Bevenue and Denita Ivey. Education Director Louise Gopher joined them in wishing the students a very successful 2007-2008 school year.

There was an exceptional turnout for the event with parents and children taking the opportunity to become familiar with the services offered through the Department of Education. Both student tutoring and adult education programs were presented. A table in the Learning Resource Center was laden with school supplies, T-shirts, caps and valuable information regarding the programs available for all ages.

The Library was open for inspection and ready to enroll the youth in the many advantageous after school programs that can enhance their education.

The Big Cypress Education *Back to School* Newsletter was distributed with the year's calendar of events, school sessions, grading periods and



Judy Weeks
(L-R) Tia Osborne, Hope and Terri Baker select their Education Department T-shirts.

tutoring hours. Telephone numbers for all education departments were listed and participants were encouraged to make contact whenever necessary.

Brighton Program Manager Tony

Bullington provided the invocation prior to the serving of the buffet. Throughout the meal, raffle tickets were drawn, giving the youngsters an opportunity to win a photo printer, globe of the world, skateboard, laptop, camera, candy bouquet, wireless notebook and a full-body sports protection kit.



Judy Weeks
A steady stream of students and adults visited the table of school supplies and accessories.



Judy Weeks
Glen "The Mad Scientist" Beitman's antics captivate his audience.

Super Science, Amazing Art Presentation

By Judy Weeks

IMMOKALEE — Sept. 20 was an early release school day and the Immokalee community and the Education Department arranged for a very special afterschool presentation.

The "Mad Scientist,"

Glen Beitman, of Super Science and Amazing Art set up his laboratory in the Library kitchen and students of all ages rushed to participate in his experiments.

Hurrying to get a front row seat, they laughed and shouted with delight at Beitman's hilarious antics as he simultaneously taught them about solids, liquids and gases.

Beitman used familiar objects to teach about molecules, elements, bonding agents, compounds, actions and reactions. With the help of his student assistants, a polymer, known as "Slim," was created using PVA (poly vinyl alcohol) and Borax laundry soap.

Allowing the children to teach him about the mixing of primary colors, they completed their project with ample amounts for everyone in the room. While

preparing their concoction, they added clay, putty and balloon rubber to their list of polymers.

Much to his audience's amazement, Beitman stabbed a balloon with a sharp stick without breaking it or releasing any of the air within. Carefully demonstrating the basic principles involved, the students learned how to duplicate this feat.

Following one neat trick after another, they added the word hypothesis to their vocabulary and made numerous guesses regarding the actions and reactions that took place right before their eyes.

Dry ice was used in a variety of ways to convert solids to gases, while Beitman explained sublimation and carbon dioxide. The room rocked with hysteria when adding dish soap turned a beaker into a foaming volcano.

Beitman is a skilled teacher and entertainer, who quickly captivated his audience. During a quiz at the end of the session, even the youngest children knew the correct answers. There was a unanimous vote for him to return very soon.



Judy Weeks
Alicia Mora examines the slime that was created in the science laboratory.



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The senior trike riders wait for the parade to start at last year's Brighton Red Ribbon Parade.

Emma Brown

Why the Seminole Tribe of Florida Celebrates Red Ribbon Week

Submitted by Julie Bennett Barrow, Family Services Department

Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country. Red Ribbon Week serves as a vehicle for the community and each individual to protect the hopes and dreams of our children.

The purpose is to seek a commitment to drug prevention and education within each community and to inspire each member to make a personal choice to live a drug free life. The ultimate goal of the campaign is the creation and preservation of a drug free community.

Red Ribbon Week commemorates the ultimate sacrifice made by DEA Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena. He was killed by drug traffickers in Mexico while fighting the battle against the illegal drugs that were being brought into the U.S.

On Feb. 7, 1985, the 37-year-old father of three left his office to meet his wife for lunch when five men appeared at the agent's side and shoved him into a car. One month later, Camarena's body was

found in a shallow grave. He had been beaten and tortured to death due to his efforts to end illicit drug trafficking.

Today, the red ribbon is working to commemorate his sacrifice and as a pledge to live a drug free life.

Please join in your communities' Red Ribbon Week celebrations. Your participation sends the strong, unified message that your community takes a visible stand of intolerance toward the destructive effects of drugs and alcohol.

There will be various Red Ribbon Week celebrations held across the different reservations so check with your local community to find out how you can participate. Brighton, Hollywood and Immokalee will be hosting events Oct. 22-Oct. 26, while BC will be hosting their Red Ribbon Week Oct. 29-Nov. 2. Tampa will be holding a Red Ribbon Luncheon on Oct. 16.

If you have any questions on how you can participate in Red Ribbon Week, call the Family Services Department at (954) 965-1314.

Attitude is Everything, Says Mingo Jones

Submitted by the Seminole Health Department

Seminole Tribal citizen Mingo Jones lives on the Hollywood Reservation and has several words of wisdom to share with others. Jones has managed to make positive changes in his health, and attributes most of it to martial arts and great medical care.

In addition to having diabetes, he was also diagnosed with Coronary Artery Disease. It was so bad that his heart function was at a level almost incompatible with life, functioning at about 15 to 20 percent. His heart function has improved to almost normal, which is remarkable progress.

Jones is proof that with the proper lifestyle changes and a motivated attitude, you can greatly improve your health.

Another interesting fact, adding to the uniqueness of Jones' ability to overcome adversity is that he has situs inversus, a rare, congenital condition causing major visceral organs to be reversed or mirrored from their normal positions. His heart is on the right side of his body and his appendix is on the left — both the opposite of what is usually found. Jones like to call this being "flip flopped." Despite this condition, everything functions normally.

An essential part to achieving and maintaining good health is to have a healthy diet. He changed his eating habits by avoiding fried foods and fast food. Jones also added more fish to his diet and eats a good amount of fruits and vegetables.

He said he also utilizes alternative health therapies such as chiropractic and acupuncture. With the dietary changes and exercise, Jones' blood pressure and his cholesterol levels have decreased. Jones is proud to say that he was able to eliminate the need for half of the medications he was taking for cholesterol and his heart, and he is down from three pills for his diabetes to just one.

He has managed to stop using drugs, which was very difficult. But he realized to be successful at sobriety, he had to change his attitude and focus on something more positive like his martial arts. Jones practices Tae Kwon Do and Hapkido, and says that it has taught him many valuable lessons. Jones said martial arts "helps you to build your mind and develop an indomitable spirit with the perseverance to do whatever you want."

Jones said he learned that you cannot let your body "rule" you — your mind is what keeps you going. He has earned a first degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do and just earned his second degree blue belt in Hapkido. He will be testing for his brown belt in October, and said he hopes to achieve his goal of earning a black belt in the coming year.

Exercise is another vital way to get healthy — it helps the heart stay strong, lowers blood sugar and cholesterol and helps improve mood and self-esteem.

Jones said he has a great wife, Linda, four children and six grandchildren. He wants to be around for a long time to enjoy his family. He would



Photo Submitted by the Seminole Health Department
Mingo Jones (L)

like to express his love and appreciation to Linda for all of her help and support. He said she went out of her way to make sure she modified the way she cooks so that they could eat healthier. This is very important, since making healthy changes is good for the whole family, and it is easier to do when everyone supports your efforts.

As far as what advice he would give to others, Jones said: "Keep a positive attitude and believe in your higher power ... learn to love yourself ... always pray daily."

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Fire Prevention Teaches Safety Classes to Students

By Captain Brian Brown, Public Information Officer, Department of Emergency Services

BIG CYPRESS — On Sept. 4 the Seminole Tribe Fire Prevention Division conducted the first Risk Watch classes for Ahfachkee School students in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. Chief David Logan and Lieutenant Robert Brown were on hand to instruct the classes.

The topics covered in this course included: Fastening the seat belt every time you get in a vehicle that is equipped with seatbelts, children under 12 must ride in the back seat and must be wearing a seat belt, and child safety seats are very effective when used correctly and should be used for all children under 4 feet 9 inches tall and under 8 years of age. The Seminole Tribe Fire Rescue Department encourages parents to use their seat belts at all times as a good example to their children.

Chief Logan and Lieutenant Brown also

spent time reinforcing the school bus safety rules. Some of those rules were: While waiting for the bus, stand five giant steps back from the road; line up in a single file when boarding the bus and don't push or shove; quickly find a seat and sit down and fasten your seat belt.

These listed rules and regulations, along with others help keep the Seminole Tribe's children safe while riding on the bus. Chief Logan and Lieutenant Brown used several exercises and handouts to help relay the messages they were teaching. The children seemed to respond very well to all the exercises and information that was given to them during their safety awareness program.

Chief Logan and Lieutenant Brown said they were very pleased with the students' attentiveness and the cooperation they received from the teachers and staff in making the Risk Watch programs a success.

Halloween Safety Tips

By Tom Faherty, Seminole Police Department

Ghosts, ghouls and monsters aren't the only things to be afraid of on Halloween. Accidents and mishaps increase dramatically when children trick-or-treat. To avoid these many dangers, use common sense. Be aware of potential Halloween hazards and take precautions to eliminate them. Consider heading for an indoor Halloween party or a Tribally-sponsored event to bypass any chaos or danger.

Halloween Costume Safety Tips

Wear flame retardant costumes. Make sure your Halloween costume is colorfast so the color doesn't run onto your other clothes if it rains.

Try on costumes before Halloween to allow time for altering.

Hem your costumes so you don't trip and fall.

Apply reflective tape to your Halloween costumes.

Avoid cumbersome masks. Use make-up instead.

Make-up should be hypoallergenic and non-toxic.

Wear comfortable, practical shoes.

Double tie your shoelaces so you don't trip.

Keep your costume and wig away from candles.

Don't carry fake swords, guns, knives or similar accessories that look authentic. Make sure they are flexible and cannot harm anyone.

Trick-or-Treating Tips

Carry a flashlight with fresh batteries after dark.

Take along a cell phone.

Wear identification that is easy to read.

Always trick or treat in groups, accompanied by an adult.

Follow a curfew and take a watch with a backlight.

Plan your route ahead of time.

Stay on the sidewalks and out of the streets. Cross only at intersections and designated crosswalks.

Walk. No running.

Don't trample through flower beds and gardens.

Watch out for open flames in jack-o-lanterns.

Trick or treat in familiar neighborhoods.

Walk with your head up and be aware of your surroundings.

Only visit well lit houses. Don't stop at dark houses.

Don't enter any houses unless you know the people.

Carry a spare Halloween bag in case yours breaks or you fill your original one.

Don't approach unfamiliar pets and animals.

Don't cut across yards and stay out of backyards.

Follow traffic signals and don't jaywalk.

Always watch for cars backing up and turning.

Review the "Stop, Drop and Roll" procedure in case your costume catches on fire.

Never accept rides from strangers.

Respect other people and their property.

Be polite and say "Thank you."

Don't eat any candy until it's inspected for tampering under bright lights.

Avoid candy that has loose wrappings, is unwrapped, has puncture holes, or is homemade.

Small children should not be allowed hard candy because they may choke on it.

Report any suspicious or criminal activity to an adult or the Seminole Police Department.

Consider having a party instead of trick-or-treating.



WEEKLY RECOVERY MEETINGS SCHEDULE

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Big Cypress Sober House

TUESDAYS

7:30PM Every Week

Brighton Sober House

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Signed,
Struggling

Dear Struggling:

If there's no struggle, the odds aren't too good that anything of significance is going to occur. Conflict is a guidance system; it's a friend.

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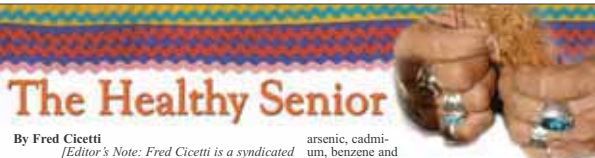
have come from resisting change. We hold on to what's familiar, even when it's hurting us.

We may resist doing the work to heal our addictions even when they're destroying our physical and emotional well being.

True healing calls for you to for ask the Creator's help. You must learn to cry your tears of sorrow, to confront your shame and to return to the values of your ancestors. The spiritual warrior's path is one of complete nonresistance.

Surrender to your Higher Power, your every burden, fear, guilt, anger, illness, financial woes and addiction. Banish the word "can't" from your vocabulary and practice living each day by the most powerful words ever written: Thy will be done.

Signed,
The Counselor



The Healthy Senior

By Fred Cicetti

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Q: I live with my 40-year-old son and he smokes like the proverbial chimney around the house. I'm afraid of what it's doing to his health. What can I do to get him to quit?

A: Tell him he may be killing you with his secondhand smoke.

Secondhand smoke — also called environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) — is made up of the "side-stream" smoke from the end of a cigarette, pipe, or cigar, and the "main-stream" smoke that is exhaled. Nonsmokers exposed to secondhand smoke absorb the same 4,000 chemical compounds that smokers do. More than 60 of these compounds are known or suspected to cause cancer.

Each year, in the U.S. alone, secondhand smoke is responsible for about 40,000 deaths from heart disease, and about 3,000 lung-cancer deaths. Also, secondhand smoke causes increased cardiovascular risks by damaging blood vessels, decreasing your ability to exercise and altering blood cholesterol levels.

Some research indicates that people exposed to a spouse's cigarette smoke for several decades are about 20 percent more likely to have lung cancer. Those who are exposed long-term to secondhand smoke in the workplace or social settings may increase their risk of lung cancer by about 25 percent.

Some of the components found in tobacco smoke that are known to cause cancer or are suspected to be carcinogenic include: formaldehyde,

arsenic, cadmium, benzene and ethylene oxide.

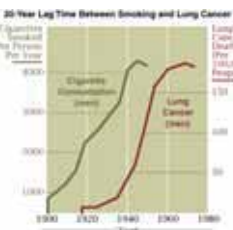
Here are a few other chemicals in tobacco smoke along with their effects: ammonia (irritates lungs), carbon monoxide (hampers breathing), methanol (toxic when inhaled) and hydrogen cyanide (interferes with respiration).

On the national level, several laws restricting smoking in public places have been passed. Smoking is also banned on all domestic airline flights and nearly all flights between the U.S. and foreign destinations. All interstate bus travel is smoke free. Smoking is also prohibited or restricted to specially designated areas on trains traveling within the U.S.

Many states and local governments have passed laws prohibiting smoking in public facilities such as schools, hospitals, airports, and bus terminals. Some states also require private employers to create policies that protect employees who do not smoke. Several local communities have enacted non-smokers' rights laws, most of which are stricter than state laws.

Although air conditioning may remove the visible smoke in your home, it can't remove the particles that continue to circulate and are hazardous to your health, so don't delude yourself that running the AC is the answer to secondhand smoke dangers.

To solve your problem, you should try to get your son to seek help in fighting his addiction to nicotine. There are many programs available. Call your doctor for some recommendations. Meanwhile, for your own health, you should insist that he not smoke in your house.



Cancer Awareness: Risk Factors and Screening Tests

Submitted by the Seminole Health Department

According to a report from the American Cancer Society in 2007, there were an estimated 1,444,920 new cases of cancer diagnosed. There are many different types of cancers that make up that number. However, there are also things that can be done to decrease a person's chances of getting cancer.

Reducing risk factors — things that can increase a person's chances of getting a disease — and learning what tests can screen for cancer, are the best ways to prevent cancer. Early detection is the key in successfully treating most cancers. That is why it is very important to be aware of what tests each person should have and when.

The following is a list of risk factors and screening tests everyone should have performed for the detection of some common types of cancers:

Breast Cancer: yearly mammograms and clinical breast exams starting at age 40 — younger if there is a family history, as this is another risk factor; clinical breast exams at least every three years for women in their 20s and 30s; every woman needs to do monthly self-exams.

Risk factors include: age, changes in hormone level throughout life, number of pregnancies, age at menopause, obesity and lack of physical activity. Some studies have also shown a possible link between alcohol consumption and an increased risk of breast cancer.

Cervical Cancer: a test done during a woman's annual visit to the gynecologist.

A major risk factor for this disease is infection by the human papillomavirus, or HPV. Certain types of sexual behavior increase a woman's risk of getting HPV, including having sex at an early age, having many sexual partners and having a partner who has had many partners.

Other risk factors for cervical cancer include: smoking, HIV, Chlamydia, diet — a diet low in fruits and vegetables, and being overweight — increases the person's risk, long term oral contraception use, multiple pregnancies, use of DES, which is a hormonal drug that was prescribed between 1940 and 1971, and family history.

Colorectal Cancer: beginning at age 50, it is important to get tested. There are different tests that can be done, such as a fecal occult blood test (FOBT) every year and flexible sigmoidoscopy, or a colonoscopy. A doctor can determine how often these tests should be done, depending on the person's family history.

Prostate Cancer: for men, beginning at age 45, there is the prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test and digital rectal exam (DRE). Risk factors include: age — 90 percent of men diagnosed are over the age of 50, a personal history of colorectal cancer or polyps, inflammatory bowel disease, including ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease, family history, a diet high in animal fat, red meat and processed meats, physical inactivity, obesity, smoking, alcohol intake and diabetes, which increases the risk by 30 percent.

Lung Cancer: can be largely preventable by not smoking or quitting now and avoiding second hand smoke. Smoking includes pipes, chewing tobacco and smoke-able non-tobacco drugs.

Skin Cancer: wearing sunscreen and avoiding excessive sun exposure can decrease the risk. It is important to also be aware of any unusual looking moles or rashes, which should be checked by a physician. People with a fair skin tone are at higher risk.

In addition to knowing risk factors and getting the proper screenings, it is important to develop and maintain a healthy lifestyle that includes regular exercise, not smoking or taking drugs, limited use of alcohol and a diet that includes a variety of vegetables and fruits, and limits high fat foods, such as fast food and fried foods.

It is also important for those battling any type of cancer to remember that there is support and hope. It is important for both the patient and his or her family to receive the proper information and emotional support during this time.

For more information please contact your doctor, clinic or health educator or visit the American Cancer Society website at www.cancer.org, or call (800) ACS-2345.

SEMINOLES IN RECOVERY

Local Support Meeting

Tuesday Brighton Sober House 7:30 PM

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The Brighton Warriors give it their all in the game.

Susan Etsebarria

Brighton Warriors Participate in NYFL

By Susan Etsebarria

BRIGHTON — Brighton youth, ages 8-13, are participating in the National Youth Football League (NYFL), under the banner of the Brighton Warriors.

Weight and age divisions create the NYFL teams. According to Brighton Recreation Director Richard Osceola, Craig Gopher is the coach for youth under 90 pounds. Reno Osceola coaches youth 90-105 pounds. Daryl Allen coaches youth 105-115 pounds, and all others over 115 pounds are coached by Marvin Roberts.

Allen is also the head coach for the Brighton Warriors and manages all the NYFL requirements for participation. The team practices three days a week.

And, what's football without the pretty cheerleaders? The first-ever Brighton cheerleading team, wearing their brand new cheerleading uniforms, has formed in an 11-member squad called the Warrior Cheerleaders.

The football players will be playing and the cheerleaders performing for 10 weeks throughout the season. The NYFL also participates in the annual FedEx Orange Bowl Youth Football Alliance games in Miami, held Jan. 3, 2008.

The cheerleading squad eagerly cheered on the crowd at the four games played on Sept. 22. The girls had their work cut out for them. The game attracted many rooting fans on both sides.

This was Brighton Warriors' second game; a home game. Their football foes were the Ft. Pierce and Stuart teams.

The Brighton youth are competing in the tri-county district of Glades, St. Lucie and Martin coun-

ties that include teams primarily from the Treasure Coast region, including Stuart, Riviera Beach, Indiantown and Fort Pierce.

The Brighton football field was surrounded with tents for parents and visitors to sit in the shade as the youth competed in full uniform. Recreation Director Richard Osceola was happy with the turnout.

"The interest in the football league has been very good," said Osceola. "We are getting more kids and parents involved and lots of support from our community."

The formation of a cheerleading squad has been exciting for the young girls ages 5-10. Head Coach Teresa Nunez is coaching the cheerleaders with the help of assistant coaches, Kim Chalfant and Shanna Tommie. The girls practice three days a week.

"The girls have to show me their report cards because a condition of being a cheerleader in NYFL is getting good grades," said Nunez.

The NYFL provides opportunities for cheerleading squads to compete at the 2007 Cheerleader Competition at the Orange Bowl.

At this home game, the Warrior Cheerleaders held a 50/50 ticket sale and raffle to raise the money needed to participate in the Orange Bowl competitions. They sold rooster pompons and Mardi Gras beads, raising \$600, according to Nunez.

"All the money goes for their snacks at the games and towards the Orange Bowl trip," she said. "The girls are required to help with fundraisers. We could ask for funds from the Tribe but we want the girls to take responsibility for their own expenses; that is what they need to learn."

Hard Rock Live Goes International with Fight League

By Chris Jenkins

HOLLYWOOD — Mixed martial arts (MMA) fans got one more hot ticket item at the Hard Rock Live on Sept. 20.

In its second year, the new kid on the block was the New York and Las Vegas based International Fight League, or IFL, making its first appearance in South Florida.

So what separates the 12 team league from the rest? According to the IFL website, www.ifl.tv, the distinction is that IFL is the first MMA sporting event organized using a team concept with five athletes and a head coach.

There are five weight classes representing each team, a conventional boxing ring is used for action and there is a regular and post season. The league began in 2006 and currently has teams in Canada and Japan.

The evening began with four preliminary bouts featuring three Florida natives: Chris Baten of Tampa, Travis Cox of Naples and Aaron Riley of Port St. Lucie. All came up short in their matches.

The featured attraction was a best three out of five championship series between the New York City Pitbulls and the Moline, Ill. Silverbacks for the IFL championship.

The Pitbulls were the

number two seed in the tournament, 3-0 overall in regular season. The Silverbacks were the number four seed in the tournament and 2-1 in the regular season. Both won their semifinal match-ups in August to reach the finals.

The event also became the first event ever televised on network television through the Fox Sports Network and the CW network.

The defending champion Silverbacks were led by current MMA middleweight champion Pat Miletich. The Pitbulls had the expertise of World Combat Champ and legend Renzo Gracie.

New York would take the championship in a 3-2 final.

Heavyweights Andre Gusmao and Mike Ciesnolewicz would go at it in the tie breaking match. Gusmao made short work of Ciesnolewicz with a 53 second KO in the first.

Pitbulls Head Coach Gracie said he knew it was going to be a battle facing the champs.

"I knew it wasn't going to be easy," he said. "We were fighting their best out there."



Chris Jenkins

Pre-fight rivals pose for media.



Courtesy of Redline Media Group

Silverback Ryan McGivern lands a blow to Fabio Leopoldo.



Courtesy of Redline Media Group

Heavyweight Ricco Rodriguez (L) tries to connect with a roundhouse kick on opponent Ben Rothwell (R).



Courtesy of Redline Media Group

Rolles Gracie on the attack.



GO DRAGON



Go Dragon teammates Darren Bert and Savannah Tiger enjoy competing during class.



Nathaniel Bert, Katie Bert, Savannah tiger, and Sabre Billie are all smiles as they pal around before class.



Team Dragon students practice their side kicks during class.



Team Dragon classmates Justin Roff and Ricky Joe Alumbaugh battle for first place during a game of Sumo.



Little Warriors Shana Ballentine and Carlee Billie make their way through the challenging obstacle course.



Master Rob helps Little Warriors Caleb and Martha practice their sit ups.

Photos by Irena Loleski

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The snake show was a nice break from the hot Florida weather.



Alicia Hollowell, right hand pitcher, reads up on Seminole hunting at the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum in BC.



Pitcher Alicia Hollowell smiles as she hands over autographed softball to Kevin Osceola.



Tribal citizen Mila Osceola participates in the clinic, being coached by the best in the world.



"Lovie" working hard at the clinic.



Haskell Coach Gary Tanner couldn't wait to hold the alligator.



Chairman Mitchell Cypress congratulates Team USA on their success, and thanks them for coming to help inspire other young women.



Jenny Topping, catcher, gives Arian Osceola her autograph.



Team Seminole, Team USA and Hollywood Recreation Department staff enjoy a photo under the chickee.



A trip to Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum. What an experience!

Olympic Gold Medalists Visits Seminole Country, Play Exhibition Game

Recreation Department Hosts Team USA Women's Fast Pitch Champs

By Felix DeBoez and Lila Osceola-Heard

HOLLYWOOD — The rain clouds were dark and threatening, but that did not deter Tribal softball fans from filling the grandstands at Osceola Park for an exhibition game on the night of Sept. 21. This was no ordinary exhibition softball game — this was a once in a lifetime chance to see some of the country's finest showcase their talents.

The Recreation Department sponsored this game, in which the three-time women's fast pitch Olympic gold medalists of Team USA showed Tribal citizens a thing or two about softball. The team has won gold medals at the 1996 Olympic Games in Columbus, Ga., the 2000 games in Sydney, Australia, and the most recent Olympics, held in Athens, Greece in 2004.

The final roster of the 18 players who will compete in the upcoming 2008 games in Beijing, China was announced just a week before the team made the trip to Florida. Of the 18 who made the cut, 11 team members participated in the exhibition game.

According to team Manager Kasey Caldwell, this was the girls' last weekend available before beginning their training camp in preparation for the Olympic Games. He said he was pleased that they had a chance to visit the Tribe and meet with Tribal softball fans. "Softball is big with Natives," he said. "It's an awesome opportunity and it's something we all can learn from."

During their three day stay in Seminole Country, Sept. 20-22, the Olympians also took a VIP tour of the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum and Billie Swamp Safari, where they met Chairman Mitchell Cypress, on day one of their stay. The chairman thanked them for visiting the Tribe and wished them well in their pursuit of a fourth Olympic gold medal.

Third baseman Andrea Duran said it was a lot of fun "to get up close and personal with the wildlife."

On day two, the team switched their focus to the exhibition game they played on the night of Sept. 21 against the Seminole team. Players including Maggie Puente, JoJo Osceola and Sara Jumper, as well as Oklahoma Tribal citizens and other college-level players. Seminole team coaches were Gary Tanner from Haskell University and Terry Tartsah and Ruggy Jumper from the Seminole Recreation Department.

Jumper, along with Seminole Recreation Department Commissioner of Baseball Leon Wilcox, was instrumental in bring-

ing Team USA to South Florida. Wilcox said he was excited to "give our girls some inspiration" in a tough game against the Olympians.

"This USA team is training to play in next summer's 2008 Olympics in China," said Wilcox. "We figured it would be a good idea to put a team together to play against the women's Team USA fast pitch softball team ... we're looking to give these girls a run for the money."

The game started at 6:30 p.m., as Seminole Recreation Director and emcee Moses "Big Shot" Jumper Jr. welcomed everyone to the event. Jumper introduced the 2007-2008 Seminole princesses who added some color to the event as their Tribal regalia shimmered under the bright baseball lights on the field.

President Richard Bowers, representing the Tribal Council, welcomed the crowd to this first-of-its-kind event.

"I'm glad to see you here," Bowers said. "We'll enjoy this game, whether we win or lose; right now you guys are all winners."

Bowers and Tribal Treasurer Mike Tiger had the honor of tossing out the first two ceremonial pitches. Tiger's toss curved towards the first base line instead of home plate to wild cheers and applause from the spectators. Tribal citizen Spencer Battiest was also on hand to sing the National Anthem before the start of the game. During the game, the Team USA players took an early lead and then ended up switching positions on the field to sharpen their multi-dimensional skills. While each player excelled in the position they usually play, standouts such as Lovienne Jung, a second baseman, demonstrated her skills as a catcher.

Sara Jumper was the only tribal citizen on the Seminole team to get on base. Jumper was, however, thrown out on second base, saying "I'm surprised I made it in such a tough game against Olympians."

The final score was 10-0 in favor of Team USA, which won in seven innings.

On the final day of their trip, Sept. 22, both the Seminole team and Team USA hosted a softball clinic at Osceola Park that was open to the public. At the clinic, there were 10 stations, including areas for hitting, bunting, base running and more, where the players offered constructive criticism and tips to softball fans including Tribal citizen Mila Osceola.

"This is great for the kids to just be able to hang out with the USA team," said Mila's dad, Milo Osceola.

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Team USA Pitcher Cat Osterman throws at about 65 mph, according to manager Kasey Caldwell.

Felix Dolbow



Team Seminole poses with USA officials.

Lila Osceola-Heard



Lila Osceola-Heard
Lovianne "Lovie" Jung strapped on her protective gear to play catcher.



Tribal citizen JoJo Osceola takes a nice swing on a fast ball.

Felix Dolbow



Kristin Billie was one of three to throw out the first pitch

Felix Dolbow



The crowd roars as Crystl Bustos hits a home run, for her first at bat, to get Team USA on the scoreboard.

Felix Dolbow



Lila Osceola-Heard
Softball standouts Kristin Billie (L) and Raven Osceola (R) take full advantage of the photo opportunity with the USA's pitcher, Cat Osterman, who led the team at the World Cup.



Team Seminole's Dana Askins impresses Team USA with her pitching technique.

Felix Dolbow



Skyla Osceola and Mila Osceola pose with power hitter Crystl Bustos.

Lila Osceola-Heard



Fighting through the rain, Team USA and Team Seminole come together after an eventful exhibition game. Even though Team USA won 10-0, Team Seminole and fans alike had an awesome experience.

Lila Osceola-Heard



President Richard Bowers throws out the ceremonial first pitch while Commissioner of Baseball Leon Wilcox Sr. looks on.

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Honoring the Tigertail Brothers

Malcolm and Duane Tigertail Memorial Basketball Tourney

By Tony Heard

BIG CYPRESS — The first annual Duane & Malcolm Tigertail Memorial basketball tournament took place on Sept. 6-8 at the BC Gym. The excitement, energy, and enthusiasm were all on display as teams came to honor the brothers by playing the game they loved so much.

For the past seven years, the memorial tournament has honored the memory of Malcolm; however, Duane met with an untimely passing less than a year ago. So when the time came to hold the tournament, mom Minnie Tigertail decided to have one tournament in remembrance of her sons instead of two different ones.

"They were both easygoing and down to earth boys," she said. "They liked all sports, but always expressed their love for basketball. It's a good feeling to see how the tournament is growing each year; it's a good thing and a good place to be."

smart and made sure he got the ball.

Led by Osceola's hot shooting and aggressive team defense, Cicero's Team went to halftime with a slight deficit. They fought back in the second half but fell short in pulling off the come-from-behind win.

"It's fun to get out here and get a workout," he said. "I stay busy with rodeos, golf, and basketball."

Hollywood earned a championship and will have the bragging rights until these two teams meet again.

On Sept. 7-8, the adult portion of the tournament took place. The teams were ready to battle it out if it took all night, which would be nothing new. The women's side of the bracket was interesting and found Native Pride matching up against Outlaw Women to see who would go to the championship.

The game went back and forth, but neither team could find a rhythm, missing shots and turning the ball over. The effort and hustle was clearly visible, so there were a few buckets scored. At halftime the score was 24-26; the narrow lead in favor of Native Pride.

The second half played more in the favor of Outlaw Women as they began to get more transition baskets and taking care of the ball. Native Pride was down five with one minute left and the ball. However, after moving the ball all around and getting three shots up and two offensive rebounds, none of the shots went in and Outlaw Women finally got the defensive board and advanced to the finals.

On the men's side of things, Big Town had already played their way into the championship game by defeating a couple teams who were undermanned. Below the Rim (B.T.R.) and Dem Boys had to play each other to see who would advance to the championship.

This game was controlled by Below the Rim right from the tip off. They seemed determined to win and have a chance to play for the championship. With stiff defense and unselfish play on offense, B.T.R. had Dem Boys with their back against the wall with fewer than 6 minutes to play.

Dem Boys didn't give up or quit, they kept playing hard and cut the lead down to single digits, by getting transition baskets and turning up the defense a few notches. It was a valiant effort but Dem Boys fell a little short and received third place honors at the 1st annual Duane & Malcolm Memorial Basketball Tournament.

B.T.R. advanced to play Big Town in the championship, for a much anticipated game. Neither team had a let down and came ready to play. The game was very physical and the officials were letting a lot go in the early parts of the game. The game was a defensive battle and both teams had to work for every basket they got. The halftime score was 28-29 with Big Town hanging onto the slimmest of leads.

The second half proved to be just as intense as the first, with each team playing hard defense and making big shots to keep the game tight.

With less than a minute to play, B.T.R.'s Marl Osceola hit a long range three to cut Big Town's lead to one. On the next play, Amos Huggins was fouled but misfired on one of the freethrows to give Big Town a two point lead.

Following a defensive stop and a three point play, Big Town looked as if they had the game won with less than 30 seconds to play and a five point lead. B.T.R. advanced the ball and drew a foul to stop the clock. Jerome Davis knocked down both free throws to bring his team within three.

After a timeout, a couple more free throws, and a last second long range three, which was ultimately insignificant, Big Town came away with a 59-61 championship victory.

All the teams who competed showed great respect to the Tigertail family by displaying good sportsmanship and playing the game with passion.

Adult Men: 1st Place Big Town: Amos Huggins, Richard Huggins, Jerome Huggins, Julius Willis, Josh Williams, Mitchell. 2nd Place B.T.R.: Pete Osceola, Marl Osceola, Charlie Frye, Talbert Cypress, Tony Billie, Shaun Daughtry, Jerome Davis; 3rd Place: Dem Boyz: Antilliss Stockton, Howard Jimmie, Gregg Thomas, Leon Wilcox Jr., Adrian Baker, Remus Griffin, Derrick Timmy.

Adult Women: 1st Place: Outlaw Women: Elizabeth Osceola-Huggins, Crystal Yazzie, Dionne Jacobs, Talewin Means, Sadie In The Woods, Alicia Tiger; 2nd Place: 5th Element: Shelly Tom, Shalsha Kerford, Raeanne West, Natalie Hanley, Jodelle Britly; 3rd Place: Red Skins: Nora Jean Billie, Lila Osceola-Heard, Anna Jackson, Natasha Johnson, Vondie Chapoose, Ashley Ross, Candace Blackburn.

Legends Men: 1st Place: Hollywood: Gary McInturf, Allen McInturf, Eric Osceola, Chris Osceola, Travis Osceola, Marl Osceola, Bill Jones, Rob Landon; 2nd Place: Cicero's Team: Cicero Osceola, Jeremiah Hall, Jerry Baletine, Floyd Osceola, Vince Billie, Von Samuels; 3rd Place: Echo: Sandy Billie Sr., Norman Bowers, Keith Billie, Kenny Doney, Jason Baker, Norman Huggins, Earl Taylor, Danny Jones.

Legends Women: 1st Place: Sundown: Nora Billie, Vondie (White Skunk) Chapoose, Mary (White Skunk) Frye, Julia "Jill" White Skunk, Cassandra Osceola, Virginia Osceola, Natasha Johnson; 2nd Place: Still Got It: Shirley Clay, Monica Cypress, Cecilia Tigertail, Esther Gopher, Rita Gopher, Stacy Jones, Mindy Fish; 3rd Place: Hollywood Lady Seminoles: Leslie Osceola, Eileen (Faye) Waggerby, Michelle Osceola, Beverly Alumbaugh, Cynthia Osceola.



Men's Legends Champions: Hollywood



Women's Legends Champions: Sundown



Adult Men's Champions: Big Town



Adult Women's Champions: Outlaw Women

The games got underway on the night of Sept. 6 with the Legends competing. In this division, moms dads, and grandparents pulled out their basketball shoes for some good fun and competition.

Facing off in the championship for the women were Sundown and Still Got It in a very fun game. There was no mistake, both teams were playing hard for the victory, but anyone in the gym could see how much fun everyone on the court was having.

In the championship game for the Legends, Sundown wanted run to get some easy baskets. Their strategy worked and they jumped out on Still Got It early and retained the lead until there were all zeros on the clock. Still Got It fought hard but just didn't have enough to get over the hump in the at last game and had to go home with runner-up honors.

Sundown claimed their championship and enjoyed the moment.

On the men's side of things, Hollywood and Cicero's Team squared off in the championship game. The first half was controlled by Hollywood, a big reason for that was Travis Osceola. He fell into a zone and couldn't seem to miss, so his teammates were



(L-R) Tracy Summeralls, Brenda Youngblood, Lisa Osceola and Boogie Jumper, with Arena Director Amos Tiger (back row), who handed out trophy breast collars to the first place barrel race finishers.

Fred Smith Arena Hosts Indian Day Festivities

By Judy Weeks

BRIGHTON — An Indian Day Celebration was held at the Fred Smith Arena in Brighton on September 30th, in support of the Eastern Indian Rodeo Association (EIRA) members who have qualified for the Indian National Finals Rodeo.

Arena Director Amos Tiger said: "The three events planned for today will provide not only practice for the contenders, but an opportunity for the Seminole Tribe to sponsor these fine athletes who will represent us."

The Women's Breakaway Roping got underway at 2 p.m. with added money. A group of women dedicated to this sport had assembled and the competition was stiff. Participants came from the EIRA, Tribal members, employees and their immediate families.

Each rider was hoping for not only an opportunity to win, but to help sponsor the women who had qualified for the Indian National Finals Rodeo (INFR). Taking first place, Lizzie Dixie received both a cash award and a beautiful breast collar for her efforts. Second place went to Boogie Jumper, who will be using her winnings to supplement her INFR expenses.

With an added purse, the 4.D Barrel Race drew numerous entries of all ages. Once more, the rules opened the race for Tribal citizens, employees and immediate families to join in the fun and permitted multiple entries by the same individual provided that a different horse was used each time.

Dividing the group into four categories based on their levels of skill, it was a fun-filled, exciting afternoon for everyone. There were no broken patterns, but a few barrels went down as the horses pivoted around them attempting to get the fastest time.

Leaning hard in the turns, a few horse and rider teams appeared to be running on their sides as the day flew out from under their feet. The good natured riders were competing one minute and cheering for each other the next. With so much riding on the race, that's real sportsmanship!

Trophy breast collars were awarded the first place winners in each division: 1.D: Fastest Time: 16.268 seconds, 1. Boogie Jumper, 2. Scooter Johns, 3. Perrie Whidden, 4. Mollie Gomez; 2.D: Fastest Time: 16.768 seconds, 1. Lisa Osceola, 2. Taylor Johns, 3. Mollie Gomez, 4. Johanna Gopher; 3.D: Fastest Time: 17.268, 1. Brenda Youngblood, 2. Acelyn Youngblood, 3. Toi Andrews, 4. Ahmie Jumper; 4.D: Fastest Time: 18.268, 1. Tracy Summeralls, 2. Toi Andrews, 3. Ashton Baxley, 4. Harlie Maggard.

With 12 headers and 11 heelers, the Team Roping took more than six hours. The Round Robin was a 4-Head Progressive after one catch, and a few Tribal citizens entered on both the heading and heeling sides. Veteran ropers Naha Jumper, Marvin Hines and Happy Jumper joined rising star Hilliard Gopher in both boxes and kept horses tied to the fence for a rapid switch throughout the evening.

Announcer and arena bookkeeper Mollie Gomez ran a tight ship and kept things moving at a fast, accurate pace. She kept riders in the box, on deck and fully informed throughout the event. With her intention, it took only five minutes to announce the winners at the end of the night. This is no easy feat when considering there were 132 runs in the first



(L-R) Amos Tiger congratulates Team Roping champions Josh Jumper and Hilliard Gopher.



Marvin Hines pulls the steer as Amos Tiger moves in for the leg catch.



Reba Osceola and her horse lean into a fast turn.

round alone and a lot of riders made it back to the next three rounds.

The first place winning team of Josh Jumper and Hilliard Gopher received trophy breast collars to commemorate the event, which paid back six places as follows: 2. Josh and Naha Jumper, 3. Billie Tiger and Marvin Hines, 4. Naha Jumper and Hilliard Gopher, 5. Happy Jumper and Marvin Hines, 6. Marvin Hines and Naha Jumper.

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Hollywood Indian Day Bowling Results

Men's Results

Regular Game (60-69): 1. Eugene Bowers, 165, 2. Ronnie Doctor, 110; (70+): 1. Jimmy H. Osceola, 153.

3-6-9 Game (60-69): 1. Eugene Bowers, 151, 2. Ronnie Doctor, 128, (70+): 1. Jimmy H. Osceola, 201.

No Tap Game: 1. Eugene Bowers, 241, 2. Ronnie Doctor, 129; (70+): 1. Jimmy H. Osceola, 179.

Women's Results

Regular Game (50-59): 1. Mary Bowers, 167; (60-69): 1. Mary Gay Osceola, 180, 2. Mabel Doctor, 172, 3. Maydell Osceola, 124.

No Tap Game: 1. Mary Bowers, 192; (60-69): 1. Mary Gay Osceola, 216, 2. Mabel Doctor, 179, 3. Maydell Osceola, 129.

Scotch Doubles: 1. Eugene Bowers & Mary Bowers, 171, 2. Jimmy H. Osceola & Maydell Osceola, 168, 3. Jimmy H. Osceola & Mary Gay Osceola, 167, 4. Ronnie Doctor & Mabel Doctor, 152.

Bowling Totals: Eugene Bowers, 557, Jimmy H. Osceola, 553, Ronnie Doctor, 367, Mary Gay Osceola, 559, Mary Bowers, 494, Mabel Doctor, 466, Maydell Osceola, 364.



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Eastern Indian Rodeo Association Qualifying Rodeo

By Judy Weeks

BRIGHTON —The Eastern Indian Rodeo Association (EIRA) completed its 2007 circuit in July and the contestants' year end points have been tabulated for each event. Participants who were hoping to compete at the Indian National Finals Rodeo in Globe, Ariz., took part in the Qualifying Rodeo held Sept. 15-16 at the Fred Smith Arena.

It was an exciting two days for the contestants and their fans as they worked hard to achieve the points necessary to qualify for one of the most prestigious annual rodeos in the U.S. Only sanctioned events were held on the night of Sept. 14, with each of the participants returning for a second round on Sept. 15, when the final scores were determined.

The Non-Sanctioned Junior Rodeo got underway that evening at 6 p.m. Kirkland Boney rode his woolly mount into first place with Mark Holmes taking the second position in this very popular event for the 6 year olds and younger.

The next age group moves up to calf riding as they develop their skills. Exiting the chute with his black and red chaps flapping in the air and hand held high, Dalton Koenes made it halfway down the arena before hitting the ground for a first place win. Jobe Johns moved into second place with only a few points difference.

It has been a rough year for the pony riders, who have met the challenge on some very difficult stock. Never underestimate these short coupled little ponies with an iron will, which buck, twist and turn just as hard as the big boys in an effort to dislodge their riders. However, they have met their match in Andre Jumper and Austin Holmes, who took first and second place, respectively.

There were 10 contenders in the 4-8 year old Barrel Race with a wide variety of skills. Riders vary from Seth Randolph leading his little sister Alea Turtle in her purple sequined shirt to Ahnie Jumper who blew everybody's doors off with a 16.815 second run. Winning the first four positions were: Ahnie Jumper, Jobe Johns, Cyrus Smedley and Dayra Koenes.

It was a very close race in the 9-12 year old Barrels with Malanie Perez beating Acealyn Youngblood by mere hundredths of a second. A similar situation separated the girls in the 13-18 year class until Taylor Johns knocked over the first barrel for a five second penalty and Janae Braswell took the lead.

Junior Breakaway had eight contestants with a series of difficulties. The clock ran out on some of the riders, one boy roped his horse and another caught ears, but perseverance won out. Josh Johns took first, Andre Jumper second and using a second loop, Chebon Gooden had the final scoring points.

In the Junior Bareback riders Jacoby Johns took first place on Red River and Dayne Johns earned second on Rail Splitter. They had two excellent rides to finish out the season. Of the five Steer Riders, Andre Jumper and Brantley Osceola took the lead while their opponents bit the dust.

Despite what could have been a fatal mishap, Cody Motlow earned first place in the Junior Bull division. Exiting the chute for a wild ride, his bull began to spin like a top after the buzzer went off and Cody's hand became hung in the rigging. Bullfighters Weazel Forrest and John Cospey were right on top of the situation and were able to distract the bull and free his hand. Second place went to Billy Foley on a black and white speckled brute.

Five men competed in the 50 and Older Breakaway, with Moses Jumper taking first and Rudy Osceola coming in second.

Following the invocation, grand entry and presentation of the flag, the Sanctioned Events started at 8 p.m. In Bareback Riding, Cody Parker placed first. Jeremy Shed completed his 8 seconds but after hitting



Judy Weeks

Cody Parker shows great form in the Bareback competition.



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Lizzie Dixie recoils her rope in the Breakaway event.

the ground, he was stepped on by the horse without serious injury. Robert Youngblood had a wicked ride in the Saddle Bronc division.

It was a tough night for the steer wrestlers with only Naha Jumper triumphing. The Tie Down/Calf Roping didn't fare well either, with several No Times. However, Josh Jumper's 11 second run was hard to beat.

Trina Collins, Boogie Jumper, Pauletta Bowers and Lizzie Dixie took the top scores in the Women's Breakaway during the two night event. There were a multitude of Barrel Racers with slack being run on both nights. The top four scores went to Mackenzie Johns, Tess Duchenaux, Boogie Jumper and Holly Johns.

As always, Team Roping drew the most contestants with several teams running slack. When the dust cleared Josh Jumper and Justin



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It's a spinning dismount for Junior Bull rider Dayne Johns.



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Bullfighters race to rescue Cody Motlow in Junior Bull event.

Gopher were the leading Headers and Hilliard Gopher and Naha Jumper bested the Heelers.

Bull Rider Justin Gopher garnered the laurels following a stupendous ride of well over 8 seconds. Competing against him were Seth Randolph on Swamp Rat and Dayne Johns on Cowbell.

Yearend Qualifiers to represent at INFR: Bareback: Jeremy Shed; Calf Roping: Wildcat Naha Jumper; Women's Breakaway: Boogie Jumper; Barrel Racing: Boogie Jumper; Team Roping: Header Justin Gopher and Heeler Hilliard Gopher; Bull Riding: Seth Randolph.

EIRA INFR Qualifiers/Regional Winners/Sudden Death: Bareback: Cody Parker; Steer Wrestling: Wildcat Naha Jumper; Calf Roping: Josh Jumper; Breakaway Roping: Trina Bowers; Team Roping: Header Justin Gopher and Heeler Wildcat Naha Jumper; Barrel Racing: Mackenzie Johns; Bull Riding: Justin Gopher.

EIRA Hosts 2007 Awards Banquet

By Judy Weeks

BRIGHTON — Following another year of outstanding rodeo competition, the Eastern Indian Rodeo Association (EIRA) held its 2007 Banquet at the Brighton Casino on Sept. 17. The room was decorated in red and white, with floral arrangements in log containers featuring Sunflowers and Black Eyed Susans. Red and white bandannas, boots, hats and assorted memorabilia were used to create a western atmosphere.

EIRA President Paul Bowers welcomed the association members, families and friends, and congratulated them on a fantastic year of sportsmanship and athletic achievement.

Following an invocation by Josh Jumper, the group enjoyed a wonderful buffet prepared by the Brighton Casino in their honor. Seminole Rodeo Queen Heather Peterson thanked everyone for their support and offered complimentary remarks regarding the 2007 season.

An awesome video presentation provided highlights of the 2007 season as well as the High School Rodeo competition. The audience resounded with oohs and aahs as they relived moments of triumph, close calls, and in some cases, painful memories of a year filled with fast paced activities.

Rounding out the program was a series of bloopers, which brought rounds of laughter from the crowd. Copies of the presentation were made available at the end of the evening.

Bowers gave a brief review of the year's accomplishments and congratulated the contestants who will be representing the EIRA at the Indian National Finals Rodeo (INFR) at the San Carlos Reservation in Globe, Ariz., in October.

Bowers, who was unable to attend because of a previous engagement in Tennessee. Acknowledging the accomplishments of the past year, he wished them good luck at the INFR and a safe and happy new season.

Big Cypress Board Representative Cicero Osceola spoke briefly about the previous season and offered his best wishes.

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Bowers spoke on behalf of Board President Richard.

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Bullfighters, Chris "Weazel" Forest and John Cospey received plaques and gift bags in recognition of the excellent job they do in protecting the lives of the contestants.

"They continually place their lives on the line for the safety of others and no words can convey our gratitude," said Lisa Osceola.

Speaking on their behalf, John Cospey emotionally responded: "You have become our family and we consider it a privilege to work with you and will always do our best to protect you as family care for each other. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

Special recognition was given to Marty Johns of the Marki Rodeo Company, as the stock contractor for the events.

Accepting his plaque, he said: "Our goal is to provide you with the best possible rodeo stock and insure the safety of the contestants. I would like to recognize my partner in Five Star, Paul Bowers, Jr. He has taken a lot of the pressure off me that comes with caring for over 100 animals, handling tons of feed, transporting and preparing for these events."

Moses Jumper gave a brief Seminole history with cattle and the evolution of rodeo events. He recalled various Tribal elders who were instrumental in creating this legacy for the current generation.

Congratulating the group, Wonder Johns talked about the role models that the EIRA members have become in the community and asked God's blessing for them.

During the awards ceremony that followed, saddles were presented to the Champions in each event and buckles were given to the Reserve Champions. The Board of Directors of the EIRA came forward to personally congratulate each winner.

Non-Sanctioned Events:

Mutton Bustin', Kirkland Boney, Pony Riding, Andre Jumper; Calf Riding, Jobe Johns; 4-8 Barrels, Ahnie Jumper; 9-12 Barrels, Acealyn Youngblood; 13-18 Barrels, Janae Braswell; Steer Riding, Andre Jumper; Jr. Bull Riding, Billy Foley; Jr. Breakaway, Jr. Breakaway; Jr. Bareback, Jacoby Johns; 50+ Breakaway, Norman Johns; Boys All Around, Andre Jumper; Girls All Around, Sarah Descheene. Reserve Champions: Mutton Bustin', Mark Holmes; Pony Riding, Austin Holmes; Calf Riding, Dalton Koenes; 4-8 Barrels, Jobe Johns; 9-12 Barrels, Malani Perez; 13-18

2007 Eastern Indian Rodeo Association Awards

Barrels, Taylor Johns; Steer Riding, Brantley Osceola; Jr. Bull Riding, Cody Motlow; Jr. Breakaway, Josh Johns; Jr. Bareback, Dayne Johns; 50+ Breakaway, Billy Joe Johns.

Sanctioned Events:

Champion: Bareback Riding, Cody Parker; Saddle Bronc, Robert Youngblood; Steer Wrestling, Wildcat Naha Jumper; Calf Roping, Josh Jumper; Women's Breakaway, Trina Collins; Barrel Racing, Tess Duchenaux; Team Roping Header, Josh Jumper; Team Roping Heeler, Hilliard Gopher; Bull Riding, Justin

Steer Wrestling, Sydney Gore; Calf Roping, Wildcat Naha Jumper; Women's Breakaway, Lizzie Dixie; Barrel Racing, Boogie Jumper; Team Roping Header, Justin Gopher; Team Roping Heeler, Wildcat Naha Jumper; Bull Riding, Kody Brugh. Tour Qualifiers: Lizzie Dixie, Breakaway Champion, Justin Gopher, Bull Riding, Kody Brugh, Bull Riding, Tess Duchenaux, Barrel Racing, Sydney Gore, Steer Wrestling.

Women's All Around Champion: Boogie Jumper; Men's All Around Champion: Josh Jumper



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(L-R) Janae Braswell and Taylor Johns show off their buckles.



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BC Board Representative Cicero Osceola (R) congratulates the EIRA members.



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Champion Saddle Bronc Rider Robert Youngblood accepts his saddle award.



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Josh Jumper was the All Around Cowboy for the 2007 EIRA season.



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Justin Gopher, the 2007 champion Bull Rider.



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Linda Bowers shows off the EIRA congratulatory cake.



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Housing News

Seniors Receive Progress Report from Housing Dept.

By Felix DoBosz

HOLLYWOOD — The new Housing Department mission states: "To provide quality, affordable homeownership and rental housing opportunities for Tribal members through excellent member care and disciplined project management; and to empower Tribal members with financial and housing knowledge to enhance their quality of life."

On Sept. 20 at the Senior Center, the Housing Department presented an informative and comprehensive progress report. The PowerPoint presentation consisted of a list of changes, services, proposals, charts, photos of employees and graphic aerial maps to showcase the progress and vision of the Housing Department newly expanded efforts to meet the mission statement.

Hollywood Council Representative Max B. Osceola Jr., Housing Director Troland V. Clay and other various housing managers took the time to explain the different projects being proposed or completed to the audience of concerned seniors.

A map of the future Hollywood Reservation construction areas was projected on a big screen to show the seniors where the new construction would begin (see Fig. 1A). Another aerial image of the Hollywood community (Fig. 2A) showed where the proposed barricades and manned guardhouses would be built.

The southbound guardhouse, to be located on the corner of Charleston St. and 64th Ave., was indicated on the map by a yellow star. The northbound guardhouse will be located at Atlanta St. and 64th Ave. North 38th, 39th and 40th Streets will also have guardhouses.

The seniors asked multiple questions to Housing Department managers about the implementation and security procedures. There was much concern over how they would get through these new



Housing Director Troland V. Clay addresses questions posed by concerned senior gathered for the informative presentation.

security barriers that are proposed for construction in the near future.

The planning and development update was next on the list with an image chart (see Fig. 3A) displaying the number of housing projects currently in the works. They were broken down by type, such as renovations and new construction, and by reservation, with a grand total of 308 projects underway.

Tribal citizens are offered new home subsidies by the Tribal Council for new construction of homes on a reservation. This also includes the Housing Department paying for hurricane resistant windows, large generators and site utilities hookups and landscaping.

Incidentally, the Hollywood Housing Department serviced a total of 1,585 work orders from January through September 2007 for home repairs (see Fig. 4A). These work orders include electrical, plumbing, appliances and elder assistance. A neglected or intentionally destroyed home would also be serviced by the department, however, the homeowner or renter is responsible for payment of those services.

Homes are evaluated professionally to determine if they should either be repaired or replaced, and if necessary, temporary emergency housing will be provided by housing services for Tribal citizens. A housing services specialist will assist citizens in assessing their home's condition and needs for processing their work requests.

A new property management program will be offering services as well. These maintenance services will include, landscaping, mowing, fence installation and repairs. Paving of driveways and power wash and painting of exterior homes will also be part of this program.

The Tribal Loan Department will also provide citizens with financial education workshops about becoming a homeowner, dealing with credit reports and banking. The Loan Department will conduct financial assessments for members as the requests are made.

Any Tribal citizens with a home in need of repair should contact their reservation's Housing Department.

Tabulation - Number of Housing Projects by Type

Reservation	Atlanta	Brighton	Hollywood	Immokalee	Trail	Grand Total
Big Cypress	1	0	0	0	1	2
Brighton	7	18	0	0	0	25
Fort Pierce	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hollywood	18	2	27	5	0	52
Immokalee	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trail	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	46	40	37	5	1	129

Submitted by Seminole Housing

Figure 3A, Tabulation of the number of housing projects by type.

Hollywood Housing Services Provided to Date
Work Order Totals from January to September 2007

Electrical	276
Plumbing	194
A/C and Appliances	320
Safety	786
Property Management	9*
Total	1,585

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Figure 4A, Work orders processed from January to September 2007.



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Figure 2A, Proposed Hollywood Gated Reservation



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Figure 1A, Hollywood Reservation Future Housing



Process for Housing requests to the final inspection and closeout.



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Housing Director Troland V. Clay used a graphic display presentation to assist in answering questions.

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Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sweeps Region in Awards

Strictly Slots Magazine Names Best of Slots Awards for 2007

Submitted by Bitter Goodman PR

HOLLYWOOD — *Strictly Slots* magazine editors recently announced the 2007 Best of Slot Awards, based on reader response. The Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino secured First Place Best Overall Hotel, among 27 other first place awards and one second place award.

The 2007 "Best of Slots" readers' survey will be published in the October issue of *Strictly Slots*. Readers of *Strictly Slots* cast their votes for their favorite casinos in dozens of categories.

Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino swept the Native American southern region in nearly all categories for gaming, hotel, casino and dining.

On the gaming side, Seminole Hard Rock garnered first place for categories including Best Overall Casino, Casino Most Frequented, Best Video Slots, Luckiest Casino, Best Penny Slots, Best Nickel Slots, Best Quarter Slots, Best Dollar Slots, Best \$5+ Slots, Best Casino Theme, Best Variety of Slots, Best High-End Slot Area, Best Slot Service, Fastest Hand Pays, Best Slot Hosts, Best Slot Club, Best Comps, Best Slot Club Promotions and Best Direct Mail. On the hospitality side, recognitions include Best Overall Hotel & Casino, Best Overall Hotel, Best Cocktail Service, Best Players Lounge, and Best Hotel Rooms. Other property-wide designations include Best Entertainment. Contour Spa was named Best Spa and Seminole Paradise as Best Shopping Retail District. Council Oak received recognition as Best Steakhouse, Blue Plate for Best Coffee Shop and Center Bar for Best Bar/Lounge. Murphy's Law in Seminole Paradise received a second-place award as Best Bar/Lounge.

The "Best of Gaming" and "Best of Slots" readers' surveys are compiled annually by ballots available in both *Strictly Slots* and *Casino Player* and mailed to subscribers. Responses are tallied in more than a dozen different regions around the country. This year, thousands of reader responses from around the country were received. *Strictly Slots* magazine's "Best of Slots" survey, now in its seventh year, is widely considered the consumer standard by which the industry is measured.

"Gaming may be expanding across the country, but South Florida's Seminole Hard Rock Hollywood remains in a category of its own, with an incredible array of amenities and a slot product as varied and innovative as any in Las Vegas or Atlantic City. We never fail to be impressed by its consistency and upscale panache. It's truly a stunner," said Adam Fine, *Strictly Slots* magazine's editor-in-chief.

According to Michael Bloom, president of the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, the recognition and gaming categories swept by the Seminole Hard Rock reinforces the property's designation as a regional leader in the gaming industry.

"We strive to provide an exceptional gaming product for our guests. The readers spoke, and we're elated with the responses," said Bloom.

Strictly Slots is the nation's only consumer gaming magazine dedicated exclusively to slot and video poker players. Now in its ninth year, *Strictly*

Slots is widely known as the slot player's bible. Sister publication, *Casino Player*, highlighting the Best of Gaming around the country, celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2008.

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Best Shopping: Retail District
Best Spa: Contour Spa

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Best Bar/Lounge: Murphy's Law, Seminole Paradise

Coconut Creek Casino's Fresh Harvest Restaurant Aids Workers on Hectic Day

Casino Assists with Feeding Apartment Explosion Victims, I-95 Airplane Crash Emergency Workers

Submitted by Bitter Goodman PR

COCONUT CREEK.

Fla. — Fresh Harvest, the new restaurant at Seminole Casino Coconut Creek, rapidly mobilized with freshly cooked food and volunteers to feed families in need made homeless from a fierce explosion and fire at Deerfield East Apartments.

Chef Francois Ternes and his staff hurried into action the day after the blast on Sept. 20 while General Manager Steve Bonner asked for volunteers from his casino staff.

On Sept. 21, Broward Red Cross case workers were assessing the needs of approximately 40 people at the Northeast Focal Point Senior Services Center in Deerfield Beach, Fla. Many had lost everything they owned. But dinner was one basic need they didn't have to worry about because Fresh Harvest had prepared and delivered more than enough food. In fact, about 80 of the 125 homeless had been placed in housing just hours earlier.

So the Red Cross delivered the remaining hot meals to dozens of rescue workers responding to a late afternoon cargo plane crash in Fort Lauderdale that tied up traffic on I-95 for hours.

The menu included wood-grilled lemon-thyme chicken breast, Chimichurri grilled flank steak, beef short ribs with Cabernet reduction and Shiitake mushrooms, Yukon Gold mashed potatoes, grilled Balsamic-infused seasonal vegetables, and for the children, macaroni and cheese and hot dogs, with dessert to follow.

"We were happy to make the day just a little brighter for these unfortunate victims from the Deerfield East Apartments, which isn't too far from our casino," stated Bonner. "Since there were fewer people left at the senior center than the Red Cross had anticipated, we thought the Red Cross had a great idea when they suggested the remaining meals be sent down to the plane crash for on-duty firefighters, police, Florida



Photo Submitted by Bitter Goodman PR

(L-R) Pastry Chef David Gomez, General Manager Steve Bonner, Hollywood Council Representative Max B. Osceola Jr., Executive Chef Francois Ternes, Restaurant Supervisor Daniel Ditzel, Lead Steward Art Chambers, Sous Chef Carlos Torres and Restaurant Manager Tariff Albakry.



Chris Jenkins

Osceola with staff members of the Broward Red Cross.

Department of Transportation workers and other emergency responders."

Before the Red Cross vehicle left the Northeast Focal Point Senior Services Center for the crash site, an emergency worker at the crash site called to ask: "When's the food coming? We're really hungry down here!"

High Performance Auto Auctioneer Announces New Pit Stop

Russo and Steele Auction Comes to Hollywood Hard Rock

By Felix DoBosz

HOLLYWOOD — At a press conference on Sept. 26 at the Hard Rock, Russo and Steele Collector Automobile Auctions Owner Drew Alcazar announced their newest and only east coast auction in the U.S.

The three day auction event, to be held March 27-29, 2008, at the Hollywood Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, will feature "more than 150 highly collectible prestigious European sports, American muscle, hot rods and customs for sale," according to russoandsteele.com. The event festivities will kick off with a dinner party



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The \$150,000 red Ford GT on display at the press conference.

extravaganza, followed by two evenings of a unique automobile auctioneering experience.

To get the public excited for the auction event, Russo and Steele brought with them an impressive and rare Ford GT with white racing stripes, valued at about \$150,000.

"After receiving numerous requests from clients to bring the unique car buying experience and stellar selection of collector automobiles to the east coast, expanding the show into Florida was the next step for Russo and Steele," said Alcazar.

Russo and Steele host only two auctions annually, one in Scottsdale, Ariz. in January, and the other in Monterey, Calif. in August.

Michael Bloom, president of the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino said: "Russo and Steele Collector Automobile Auctions are renowned for their fine selections of automobiles. As an entertainment destination, quality and service are vital to our success. With Russo and Steele's proven track record and exceptional standards, we foresee this as being a mutually beneficial partnership."

For more information on Russo and Steele's Florida auction, please visit www.russoandsteele.com.



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(L-R) Russo and Steele Owner Drew Alcazar and Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino President Mike Bloom.

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Happy Birthdays



Happy birthday **Tisha**, I wish you the best of wishes. We've come a long way. I love you with all my heart and soul. You're soon to be my wife on Nov. 24. I'll try my hardest to make you happy.

Forever love your future husband,
Robert Garza

I want to wish these September babies in my family a happy birthday: **Uncle Danny, Sherri Jumper, Tara Robbins, Jonathan Robbins, Kaylee Jumper, Lil' Les Gopher and Rheannon Robbins**. And for those who are gone but not forgotten: **Late Grandpa Henry Jumper and Late Cuz Troy Jumper**.

From,
Tisha W. & Family



This one goes out to one of our longtime family friends; happy birthday to **Juan Guyman AKA "Flaco"**. Also congratulations Flaco on your Sept. 15 wedding to Loni Billie. Y'all sure have come a long way!

From,
Robert Garza & Tisha Walker

Oh yeah can't forget about "Big Ma Moo"... Happy birthday to **Glenn Osceola**. Hang in there!
From one of your many cousins,
Tisha Walker



Happy birthday **Grandpa**. We love you so, so, so, so much! You make us so happy all the time. Have fun on your special day.

Love always,
Grandkids Joel, Zoey, Boo-Boo, Grace, Tammy and Jr.

Congratulations



Congratulations, **Stephen Chad Billie**, for completing your high school education with a GED diploma. We are all very proud of you for realizing the importance of education and motivating yourself to achieve this goal.

College will be challenging so best wishes while attending Palm Beach Community College. You know that you have everyone's support so please utilize any and all educational assistance anyone has to offer. A special thank you to Stephanie from keeping him motivated.

With love,

Dad (Steve Osceola) and Jackie, Mom (Rita Billie) and Roscoe, Julian, Yamo, Rachel and the girls, Mitch, Brett and the boys, Grandma Polly and Joey Hayes, Grandpa Joe Billie and the rest of the family

I rhyme for all my lost Seminoles who died in the streets, even for the ones out there now. I'm doing it big for my Otter Clanz, Panther Clanz, Bird Clanz, Snake Clanz, Big Town and all dem other Seminoles out there. Stay up on that Hard Rock Hustle, Ya Heard.
Hit me up at soundclick.com DA

S.C.B.

— **Stephen Billie**



Congratulations to **Paul Bowers Jr. and Mackenzie Jolene Johns** who became engaged on July 4. Mackenzie's parents are Marty and Kim Johns of Brighton and Paul Jr.'s parents are Paul Sr. and Linda Bowers of Big Cypress. The happy couple is looking forward to their January wedding date.

In Memoriam



In loving memory of **Matthias Scott Cantu**; son of Meressa Cantu, brother of Elijah Cantu of Okmulgee, Okla., grandson of Miguel Cantu Sr., nephew of Michael Cantu and cousin of Josie Cantu of Trail.

We would like to thank the Seminole Tribe and Trail Liaison William Osceola for all your support and everything in this time of need.

Thank you,

Cantu Family

New Kids



We want to welcome our new baby boy **Jayden Lee Garza**, Panther Clan, to our family and to this crazy world. Jayden was born on July 20 and weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces, and measured 20 inches. Proud parents are mom **Demi Garza**, dad **Fidencio Navarro**, and proud grandparents are **Manuel Garza and Sandra Ramirez**.

Congratulations to **Sawena Otero and Thomas Lewis** on their new baby boy, **Cheyahv John Lewis**, born weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces, on July 8. Grandparents are **Matthew and Yolanda Otero and Jerry and Beverly Lewis**. We love you! **Aunt Sawena**, give the baby xoxoxo's for us.
Love from the Puente family,
Joel, Zoey, Boo-Boo, Grace, Tammy and Jr.



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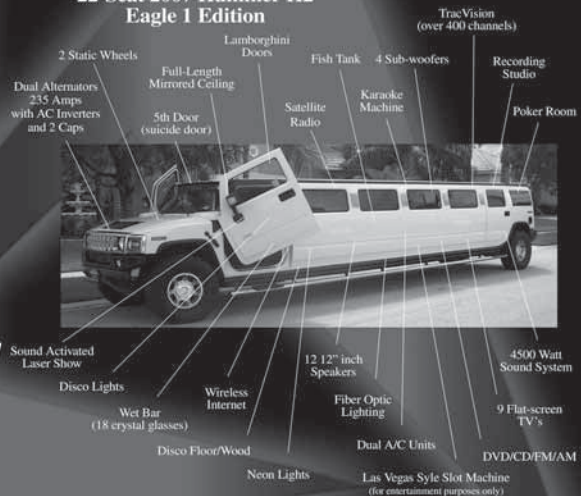
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Poems

Enduring The Struggle

Times are hard, but I must be a man
In the struggle and the pain is something I
must be able to stand
Enduring the struggle with all I can
My heart and mind have been conditional to
take it
And it's a must that I will make it
I will keep enduring the struggle without ever
trying to fake it
Enduring the struggle being the best I can be
is the only way I know how to make it
'Cause fakers don't last in the struggle
They fall to the wayside like no other
Enduring the struggle is what life is all about,
so in this struggle you must never give up
The struggle is where the strongest of man
should take the hardest stands, enduring the
struggle with an everlasting hand
And when the going gets rough and the strug-
gle gets tough
I must keep on striving and never give up
Enduring the struggle is what many others
have done way before my time
So enduring the struggle is not one of a kind
There have been many leaders of all race and
color who have stood up in the struggle
through the worst of times
Enduring the struggle with very strong minds
They never left the struggle until they were
dead and gone
And right now today their names are still car-
rying on
And I will keep enduring the struggle 'cause
I have made it my home
Dealing with this struggle I find myself feel-
ing so alone
There are times I feel the need to quit, that's
when I push myself a little bit
The will power that I have within — I continue
in this struggle, I refuse to bend
I will keep up my sight to the very end, and me
and the struggle will always be the best of
friends
'Cause we can relate to each other; 'Cause
me and the struggle can't live without one
another
Enduring the struggle I have learned to be
humble and at peace infinitely, so in the
struggle I will not be swept off my feet but
have everlasting serenity
Enduring the struggle is no fun and games,
but I must keep enduring until I love the pain
Because without pain there is no gain to
reach all that is possible, so for eternity I will
continue Enduring The Struggle!

— Quannah Bowers
Aug. 2007

The Yellow Bus

One morning while mom slept, I woke you, for it
was time
Today was special. Yes, it was one-of-a-kind
Hard to believe mom's little six pounder is about
to begin school
Yet, there you were getting dressed all calm and
cool
As we waited we had a father-son conversation
I asked that you listen to your teacher and with
others have good relations
A ride came and for you, it was time to go
I gave you a kiss and you walked away slow
Reaching the door and looking back with an awe-
some smile, you gave a great big wave
To that moment, forever I'll gladly remain a slave
As I write, emotion finds its peak
How I stood there that morning watching as tears
slid down my cheek
You and your sisters are by far my heart's great-
est treasures
Nothing will compare or even begin to measure
Until I return I'll hold close to the memories of
us
This is the one of you, me and the yellow bus

— Leslie J. Gopher

For Those Nights When You Are Alone

You ever share your soul with a stranger?
Only to realize he was a long lost friend?
Ever talk to a man like you talk with a woman
and share what you can't with other men?
Can you picture you're love being given to a
criminal stuck in this hell?
Can you promise to hold off from judging him
until the day when you really know him well?
Can you close your eyes and imagine if every-
thing went right.
The power of passion finally possessed after all
those sleepless nights.
Just like all the men in your past.
I bet you think I'm gaming you.
But, not one of them seem to last.
Cuz all of them promised you heaven on earth.
But, not one of them seem to last.
After all what can I offer you?
Besides lonely nights.
And words promise of pleasures to come and
live.
You've already heard.
All I can say is "Have faith in me" and in time,
maybe you'll come to see the definitions and
true meaning of friendship can be discovered in
me.

— George Osceola

I Need You Now

Every night you're the picture that's in my dream
The crush that I have on you is much deeper that it
seems
I feel within my heart, that we were meant to be
Finally I realize, just how much you mean to me.
Even though we're miles apart, we will prevail some-
how
I wrote this poem to let you know, that I need you
now
No matter what it is, I want to grant all of your wish-
es
I long to hold you in my arms, and fill you with my
kiss
Many days the clouds are so lonely and blue
But the sun starts to shine, when I think of you
You are on my mind, constantly throughout the day
I've been thinking of you, in a special kind of way
I want you to become, much more than a friend
My heart is crying for you, so I refuse to pretend
How do you feel, about us becoming a pair?
And forming a special, love affair
I would treat you right, and always make you smile
And I promise to make your life worthwhile
I'll climb the highest mountain, swim the deepest sea,
build a castle in the sky, just for you and me
Words cannot express, exactly how I feel
But each word that I've spoken, is for real
I desire your companionship, above all else
Truly I desire, to have you to myself
Even though we're miles apart, we shall prevail
somehow
I wrote this poem to let you know, that I need you
now

Cruisin' IV Life,
— Alex Tucker, Otter Clan

Life to Live

I wish I could say same s---t different day
But instead it's every day more problems
So I think about which is the best way I could solve
'em
That's when the demon speaks
My mind still no calmer
There's only one life to live
So I gotta stay alive
By any means necessary is how I survive
They say you reap what you sow
But I ain't sure if I could stand it
My best is all I can give
Is this how God planned it?
But the reality of it is
This will all be over soon
Laugh now, cry later
Now which path should I choose?

— Dustin Osceola

Letter



To my son J.R.,

If I seen you in person, I would
tell you face to face instead of throwing
lines out there like this! All the crack and
c---p that's out there ain't for you; can't
you see? You need to wake up before it's
too late. You still have a chance. A lot of
other people didn't get a second chance
cause they crossed to the other side.

Some of them people you be chill-
in' with ain't your real friends. I know
they're not twisting your arm making you
do things. I know you make your own
choices but the choices you're making now
aren't good. There ain't no better person to
tell you these things than me, because I
been there.

I came a long ways from where I
used to be, so I know you can. I had to
stop chillin' with certain people who I
thought were my friends because when
they see people changing to do better for
themselves they start hating. But the haters
need to grow up!

I'm just letting you know, I want
you to have many more birthdays. Your
family loves you and worries about you.
You need to straighten up! There's better
out there in life than going down. Life has
so much to go after.

Remember we are the
Unconquered Seminoles. Don't let that
crap get the best of you. So wake up!
Think about what I've said.

Lots of love,
We'll always be here for you,
Your family in Big Cypress and
your mom Tisha Walker, Panther Clan

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Immokalee's Annual Indian Day Celebration

By Judy Weeks

IMMOKALEE — Each year, members of the Seminole Tribe look forward to participating in the National Indian Day celebrations planned for each of their communities. Immokalee events were planned from Sept. 26-28, with an equal opportunity for all ages and genders to take part.

"This is one of my favorite holidays," said Immokalee Council Liaison



Judy Weeks
Alexis Aguilar (front) and Julissa Martinez (back) race toward the finish line.



Judy Weeks
Edward Aguilar, Jennie Martinez and Maria Billie coordinated the senior's bingo tournament.



Judy Weeks
As the early morning mist rises, the participants make their way toward the finish line in the run/walk competition.



Judy Weeks
Strollers abounded at the Indian Day run/walk.



Judy Weeks
Jalilah Ortega twirls around in her modern dress.



Judy Weeks
(L-R) Jack Aguilar and Neo Motlow are best friends and competitors.

Elaine Aguilar. "Our community always turns out in full force like one big happy family. Good natured competition abounds and we have an opportunity to participate in our cultural heritage, while teaching the younger generation about their past. It has often been said that you must know where you come from, before you can know where you are going."

Immokalee Board Liaison Delores Jumper echoed her sentiments and added, "In today's fast paced world, it is important to take time out from computers, iPods, televisions, etc., and enjoy the beautiful world that surrounds us. I see fond memories on the faces of our elders and genuine enthusiasm in the younger generation as they participate in the activities."

A senior's bingo tournament kicked off this year's celebration on Sept. 26 at the Senior Center. Maria Billie, Jennie Martinez and Edward Aguilar officiated, while members of various departments assisted the seniors in keeping track of six cards at a time.

Raffle tickets were drawn throughout the morning with winners receiving a waffle iron, 23 piece knife set, slow rice cooker and foot massager. The winners were: Regular Bingo: Mary Sanchez; Double Bingo: Delores Jumper; Double Postage Stamp: Linda Frank; Round Robin: Nancy Motlow and Rachel Billie; and Full Card: Rachel Billie.

The entire community turned out to either participate or observe the annual canoe race at the lake behind the residences on the afternoon of Sept. 27. Paddle boats were provided for the seniors and their partners, while other contestants tackled the traditional canoes.

Children of all ages played in the water and took turns in the large sports bubble that rolled them on the surface of the water like a big hamster wheel.

Despite recent knee surgery, Rachel Billie did her share of the work in the paddle boat. Laughing, she said, "The machine I used following surgery gave me lots of practice."

The winning senior teams were: 1. Manuel Oleo and Kenny Joe Davis, 2. Nancy Motlow and Raul Escobar, 3. Rachel Billie and Bonnie Davis, 4. Elaine Aguilar and Jennie Martinez.

Divided into age groups, the teams raced the stop watch. Contestants ranged from 8 year olds to seniors, with hilarious results. Canoes traveled in circles, did a zigzag across the lake, got stuck on a submerged sandbar and rocked precariously before rounding the buoy and attempting to speed back to the finish line.

The crowd roared with laughter



Judy Weeks
Jon Jimmie kicks into high gear as he approaches the finish line.



Judy Weeks
Nancy Motlow uses a stick to move her alligator turtle.



Judy Weeks
Five-month-old Denise Gonzales makes her fashion debut.



Judy Weeks
Many different styles of clothing appeared during the contest.



Judy Weeks
Board Liaison Delores Jumper attended the Indian Day festivities.

as the teams attempted to master the art of paddling, putting on the brakes and maneuvering their craft. To everyone's amazement there were no wrecks among the younger set, but two adult teams flipped their canoes and required rescue. Overzealous paddling created several collisions and near misses, all in the name of good fun. It was unanimously agreed that it was a fair playing field with everyone needing lots and lots of practice.

A barbecue supper was provided by the office of the Board of Directors following an afternoon of good natured fun and revelry.

About 65 people gathered in front of the gym in the early morning hours to participate in the Indian Days Walk/Run. Despite a foggy start, the air was cool and pleasant with a slight breeze and the participants enjoyed a beautiful sunrise as they followed the course through the community.

Several youngsters took a quick break at the enormous piles of fill being stored along the route. They got additional exercise while climbing on the steep sides of the man made mountains before picking up the pace to cross the finish line.

Gathering at the gym following the race, one couldn't help but notice the large number of strollers for such a small community and applaud the young mothers who took advantage of the exercise and fresh morning air for themselves and their offspring.

Nutritionist Charlotte Porcario coordinated the race and declared everyone a winner. Prizes were distributed in the following categories: youth, adult



Judy Weeks
Rachel Billie didn't let knee surgery prevent her from entering the paddle boat race with Bonnie Davis.



Judy Weeks
The sport wheel may have been slow, but it was a lot of fun.



Judy Weeks
A crowd formed to watch Ashley Faz in the sewing competition.



Judy Weeks
Mary Sanchez shows off the ceramic entries in the arts & crafts competition.



Judy Weeks
Mary Sanchez didn't let a lack of competition prevent her from entering in her division.



Judy Weeks
Valeene and Amy Clay reached the bank well in advance of their competition.

and seniors. Each division was broken down into Male/Female and Walk/Run. Seniors had an opportunity to walk, run or ride their trikes. Strollers and wheelchairs held a position of their own and proved to be very competitive.

Immokalee Board Liaison Delores Jumper invited everyone to meet at Lazano's Restaurant for a Board-sponsored breakfast following the race.

The staff of the Immokalee Culture Department planned for weeks to provide everyone with an opportunity to participate in the celebration of Indian Day. Guidelines for the craft and sewing contests were established and carefully monitored for all entries.

Divided into age categories, there was beadwork, ceramics, dolls, clothing, pillows, wood crafts and baskets. Many of the youngsters had chosen some very difficult projects and continued to work on them right up until the last minute.

Amy Clay placed a great deal of emphasis on the language contest and spent many afternoons coaching the entrants in the culture room in preparation for the big day. When the time finally arrived, pictures were displayed around the rafters of the dining chickee and contestants were quizzed on their proficiency in Miccosukee. Fluent speakers listened intently to the novices and encouraged their efforts.

"When you lose your language, you lose your culture," said Clay. "It is very important that we keep our language alive for the future generations."

Seniors entered a variety of turtles in the annual race. There were softshell, alligator and snapping turtles, each displaying different personalities and temperaments. One ran with enthusiasm, while another stopped to fight. The winners had to employ a great deal of maneuvering to finally reach the finish line.

Jennifer Ramos and Sylvia Marrero took top honors in the Chili Contest, when their entries tempted the appetite while lighting everyone's fire. Ribs, with and without sauce, were carefully examined, tasted and re-tasted before the final decisions were handed down as follows: 1. Edward Aguilar, 2. Kenny Joe Davis, 3. Joseph Billie, 4. Jennifer Ramos.

The staff of Family Services joined the Seminole Police Department in judging many of the events in a very professional, non-partisan manner. Beginning with the 0-3 year olds, they slowly worked their way through the modern and traditional clothing contests. It was a hard decision to make with so many different styles, colors



Judy Weeks
Edward Aguilar and Makala may have been young but they completed the entire course.



Judy Weeks
Le'Andra Mora puts finishing touches on her dream catcher.



Judy Weeks
Tushka Hill and David Tahcawwickah glide triumphantly into the bank.



Judy Weeks
Kenny Joe Davis takes aim in the archery competition.



Judy Weeks
Susan Davis proudly displays her beaded lamp.

and exemplary workmanship. It took well over an hour and a half to process the entries and make the final assessments.

The four senior turban entries were extremely difficult because they each had a distinctive style, and actually, each fell into a separate classification.

A superb meal of traditional dishes was prepared over the open fire in the cooking chickee. Everyone agreed that food never tastes as good as when it is prepared with loving care over the fire in the manner of their ancestors. Nothing can compare to slow fried chicken, sofkee, vegetables and frybread. The women did an excellent job.

With full stomachs, it was hard to return to an afternoon of foot races, fan tacking, archery, log peeling, axe throwing and a stickball skills contest. However, the competitive nature won out and there were numerous entries in every event, with surprising results. While the men excelled in log peeling, the women held their own in fan tacking.

A real surprise was the sewing race in which each contestant received two pieces of cloth to be sewn into a pillow, turned, stuffed and closed using a hand crank sewing machine. There were numerous cases of broken thread, empty bobbins and wild seams out into no man's land. One youngster had the machine jumping around on the table in her haste and another spun the crank handle off.

What started out with very few entrants quickly swelled into a major event and brought a large crowd of observers. Joking, laughing and cheering, it was by far one of the most popular activities. Seniors displayed big smiles as they watched the next generation having a blast doing something so basic yet rewarding.



Susan Etsebarria

Albert Snow in the pole peeling event.

Indian Day Festivities at Brighton

By Susan Etsebarria

BRIGHTON — Indian Day on the Brighton Reservation featured many exciting games and competitions throughout the week, with most of the outdoor activities held Sept. 28-29.

Horseshoes, foot races, archery, skillet throwing, frybread cooking contests and fishing contests were happening simultaneously across the expanse of three ball fields, the rodeo grounds, in the rodeo arena and at Culture Camp.

It was a relief for many that an air conditioned tent was set up on the grounds for bingo players. Once in a while, non-players would slip in to the gigantic tent for a few moments to get away from the broiling heat, which didn't seem to faze the younger crowd as they played games on the fields and enjoyed the carnival rides.

One of the newer and most popular competitions among the young boys was chasing and pinning four greased hogs to the ground. The eager boys ran fast all the way across a ball field where the hogs were set loose.

The winners had the hogs pinned down for

the required five seconds in very quick order. It seems the hogs were lazy in the hot sun and didn't run much, to the enjoyment of their pursuers. The first ones there threw themselves on top of the squealing pigs.

Pole peeling attracted a lot of entries in all age categories. There were the pros who knew what they were doing, but many others tried their hands at this strenuous traditional craft using muscle to make up for lack of know-how. There were many fathers helping their sons out by holding and turning the poles and offering their expertise and advice.

Games were happening simultaneously in all corners of the recreational grounds. Everywhere there were families sitting under chickpees or trees, at picnic tables — and the turnout was great. Indian Day at Brighton has become a big occasion.

The Brighton Recreation Department staff and many volunteers from the Culture Department, the Chairman's Office and various departments, under the leadership of Recreation Director Richard Osceola, and his assistant, Salina Dorgan, provided an outstanding event.



Susan Etsebarria

Reno Osceola takes aim in the archery games.



Susan Etsebarria

The youth games included basketball and more.



Susan Etsebarria

Skyler Burke goes to new heights on the rock wall.



Susan Etsebarria

The skillet throw brought out fierce competition.



Susan Etsebarria

The greased hog chase was one of the day's highlights.



Dina Jarboe

Native Tribes Dance Troupe: J.R. Todome — Kiowa & Comanche from Tulsa, OK (Southern Straight Dancer), Audie Todome — Ponca & Ojibwa & Comanche from Tulsa, OK (Grass Dancer), Alana Tootosis Baker — Cree-Poundmaker from Sask., Canada (Jingle Dancer), Sedrick Baker — Hidatsa-Mandan & Cree from Newtown, ND (Singer), Doug Scholfield — Wintu from Mayetta, KS (Men Fancy Dancer), Josette Wahwasuck — Prairie Band Pottawotami from Mayetta, KS (Lady Fancy Dancer), Thorpe Sine — Ho-chunk from Glenpool, OK (Men Fancy Dancer), Nicole Sine — Navajo & Keetowah from Glenpool, OK (Lady Fancy Dancer), Valerie Parker — Seneca from Buffalo, NY (Smoke Dancer & Singer), Jaden Parker — Seneca from Buffalo, NY (Little Boy Smoke Dancer & Singer), Salina No Ear Todome — Ponca & Ojibwa-Missouria from Tulsa, Ok (Southern Buckskin Dancer).

Okalee Village Hosts Indian Day Celebration

By Lori Fisher

HOLLYWOOD — All ears were on Tribal citizen Gordon Oliver Wareham as he captivated spectators playing songs including "Butterfly" on his traditional Native American flute. Wareham and other performers were on hand to help commemorate Okalee Village's Third Annual Indian Day festivities, held Sept. 29-30.

Between songs, Wareham spoke about topics including how to deal with society and respecting elders, in addition to touching on his own history with flute playing. He said he began playing seven

years ago under the direction of William Cypress.

The alligator wrestling demonstration, performed by Billy Walker and Victor Billie, kept the crowd entertained. Walker and Billie showed the audience their skills by successfully kissing the gator Poppi on his snout, causing him to fall asleep.

In addition, there were Tribal vendors cooking traditional foods, making colorful beaded jewelry, and much more. The Black Hawk Blues Band provided music for the event and a Native American dance troupe from Tulsa, Okla., put on a fantastic show, performing the Smoke Dance.



Gordon Oliver Wareham

Paul "Cowbone" Buster sings his greatest hits.



Gordon Oliver Wareham

Victor Billie demonstrating the "Florida Smile."



Gordon Oliver Wareham

Dancers from various Tribes kept the crowds entertained.



Gordon Oliver Wareham

Black Hawk Blues Band rocks the village.

Big Cypress Indian Day Results

Archery: Boys, Ages 7-8: 1. Jared McInturff, 2. Eliza Billie, 3. Redheart Billie; Girls, Ages 7-8: 1. Alyssa Osceola, 2. Ahnie Cypress; Boys, Ages 9-11: 1. Candellario Landin, 2. Andre Landin, 3. Dalton Koonen; Girls, Ages 9-11: 1. Gianna Wargolet, 2. Gloria Brooks, 3. Michelle Jimmie; Boys, Ages 12-14: 1. Christopher Joe, 2. Ricky Joe Alumbaugh, 3. Trent McInturff; Girls, Ages 12-14: 1. Aileen Cypress, 2. Jean Venise Capricen; Girls, Ages 15-17: 1. Terina Cypress; Men, Ages 18-30: 1. Jamie Wolfe, 2. Wilson Bowers, 3. Lenny Jim; Women, Ages 18-30: 1. Tai Andrews; Men, Ages 31-53: 1. Clinton Billie, 2. Sib Wolfe, 3. Salaw Hummingbird; Women, Ages 31-53: 1. Emilia Jumper, 2. Celista Billie; Men, Ages 54-64: 1. Jonah Cypress.

Arts & Crafts: Ages 5-7: 1. Courtney Jim, 2. Thomlynn Billie; Ages 18-35: 1. Mercedes Osceola-Hahn, 2. Tasha Osceola, 3. Alice Billie; Ages 36-54: 1. Almira Billie, 2. Lorraine Jim, 3. Cynthia Osceola; Ages 55 and Older: 1. Sadie Cypress, 2. Virginia Tommie, 3. Teresa Jumper.

Axe Throwing: Men: 1. Shaun Dougherty, 2. Roger Billie, 3. Jose de la Torre; Women: 1. Tasha Osceola, 2. Mercedes Osceola-Hahn, 3. Carol Osceola.

Clothing, Traditional: Girls, Ages 0-1: 1. Xiya Osceola; Boys, Ages 0-1: 1. Leighton Jim, 2. Xavier Osceola, 3. Draven Osceola-Hahn; Girls, Ages 2-4: 1. Cynthia Avila; Boys, Ages 2-4: none; Girls, Ages 5-8: 1. Courtney Jim, 2. Brianna Bowers, 3. Eliza Billie; Boys, Ages 5-8: 1. Skylar Tommie; Girls, Ages 9-12: 1. Gianna Wargolet; Boys, Ages 9-12: 1. Ricky Joe Alumbaugh, 2. Derek McInturff, 3. Troy Yescas; Girls, Ages 13-17: 1. Lariah Balentine, 2. Hali Garcia, 3. Courtney Osceola; Boys, Ages 13-17: none; Women, Ages 18-35: 1. Mercedes Osceola-Hahn, 2. Alice M. Billie; Men, Ages 18-35: 1. Kassim Stockton, 2. Pete Osceola-Hahn, 3. Wovoka Tommie; Women, Ages 36-54: 1. Virginia Osceola, 2. Carolina Osceola; Men, Ages 36-54: none; Women, Ages 55-64: 1. Louise Osceola; Men, Ages 55-64: none.

Clothing, Modern: Girls, Ages 0-1: 1. Xiya Osceola, 2. Sarafina Billie, 3. Madysyn Osceola; Boys, Ages 0-1: 1. Xavier Osceola, 2. Draven Osceola-Hahn; Girls, Ages 2-4: 1. Hencho-Ye Jumper, 2. Ramona Jimmie, 3. Charlie Osceola; Boys, Ages 2-4: 1. Caleb Billie, 2. Kassim Stockton Jr.; Girls, Ages 5-8: 1. Alyssa Osceola, 2. Alena Stockton, 3. Thomlynn Billie; Boys, Ages 5-8: 1. Tash-sho-tahche Jumper, 2. Skylar Tommie, 3. Jared McInturff; Girls, Ages 9-12: 1. Aileen M. Cypress; Boys, Ages 9-12: 1. Troy Yescas, 2. John McInturff; Girls, Ages 13-17: 1. Lariah Balentine, 2. Courtney Osceola, 3. Hali Garcia; Boys, Ages 13-17: 1. Trent McInturff; Women, Ages 18-35: 1. Tasha Osceola, 2. JoJo Osceola, 3. Megan Tommie; Men, Ages 18-35: 1. Pete Osceola-Hahn, 2. Byron Billie; Women, Ages 36-54: 1. Mary Jene Koonen, 2. Janice Osceola, 3. Cynthia Osceola; Men, Ages 36-54: 1. Roger Billie, 2. Aileen McInturff; Women, Ages 55-64: 1. Louise Osceola, 2. Alice Tigeralt, 3. Violet Jim; Men, Ages 55-64: none; Women, Ages 65 and Older: 1. Mary J. Robbins; Men, Ages 65 and Older: none.

Clothing, Non-Tribal: 1. Shaune Dougherty, 2. Nicholas Andrews Jr., 3. Nicholas Andrews.

Frybread Cooking: Boys, Ages 10-17: 1. Ricky Joe Alumbaugh, 2. Anthony Joe, 3. Christopher Joe Jr.; Girls, Ages 10-17: 1. Aileen Cypress, 2. Nia Cypress, 3. Jean Venise Capricen; Men, Ages 18 and Older: 1. Neal M. Bowers, 2. Joe Herrera, 3. Nicholas Andrews; Women, Ages 18 and Older: 1. Janice Osceola, 2. Tasha Osceola, 3. Beverly Alumbaugh.

Giggin for Garfish: Children: 1. Troy Yescas, 2. Skylar Tommie, 3. Tyler Cypress; Adults: 1. Wovoka Tommie, 2. Charlie Cypress, 3. Billy Walker.

Log Peeling: Women, Ages 18-35: 1. Tasha Osceola, 2. Tai Andrews; Men, Ages 18-35: 1. Billy Walker, Jose Herrera; Women, Ages 36-54: 1. Virginia Osceola, 2. Mary Jene Koonen; Men, Ages 36-54: 1. Roger Billie, 2. Neal M. Bowers, 3. Jeremiah Hall; Women, Ages 55 and Older: none; Men, Ages 55 and Older: 1. Michael Cypress; Non-Tribal: 1. Silverio Chavez Baranda, 2. Jose de la Torre, 3. Nicholas Andrews.

Sack Races: Ages 4-6: 1. Eliza Billie, 2. Alyssa Osceola, 3. Alena Stockton; Ages 7-8: 1. Ennit Osceola, 2. Courtney Jim, 3. Jared McInturff; Ages 9-11: 1. Troy Yescas, 2. Gloria Brooks, 3. Michelle Jimmie; Ages 12-14: 1. Trent McInturff, 2. Ricky Joe Alumbaugh.

Foot Races: Ages 4-6: 1. Eliza Billie, 2. Alena Stockton, 3. Alyssa Osceola; Ages 7-8: 1. Jathaniel Brooks, 2. Courtney Jim, 3. Ahnie Cypress; Ages 9-11: 1. Andre Landin, 2. Dalton Koonen, 3. Troy Yescas; Ages 12-14: 1. Trent McInturff, 2. Christopher Joe, 3. Jean Venise Capricen; Ages 15-17: 1. Robert Cypress.

Walk/Run, Walkers: Ages 12 and Younger: 1. Trent McInturff, 2. Tashi Shu Che Jumper, 3. Ricky Joe Alumbaugh, 4. Symphony Osceola, 5. Aileen Cypress; Women, Ages 18-30: 1. Mercedes Osceola-Hahn, 2. Cherelle K. Hall; Men, Ages 18-30: 1. Pete Osceola-Hahn, 2. Lenny Jim; Women, Ages 31-45: 1. Carol Osceola, 2. Vera Herrera; Men, Ages 31-45: 1. Charlie Cypress, 2. Cicero Osceola; Women, Ages 46-59: 1. Virginia Osceola, 2. Cynthia Osceola, 3. Violet Jim, 4. Teresa Jumper, 5. Beverly Alumbaugh; Men, Ages 45-59: 1. Jonah Cypress, 2. Nicodemus Billie Sr., 3. Richard Bowers Jr.; Women, Ages 60 and Older: none; Men, Ages 60 and Older: 1. Mitchell Cypress.

Walk/Run, Runners: Ages 12 and Younger: 1. Andre Jumper, 2. Ahnie Jumper, 3. Christopher Joe; Ages 13-17: 1. Trent McInturff, 2. Nia Cypress; Women, Ages 18-30: 1. Tasha Osceola; Men, Ages 18-30: none; Women, Ages 31-44: 1. Cathy Cypress, 2. Candy Cypress; Men, Ages 31-44: 1. Allen McInturff; Women, Ages 45-59: 1. Shirley Clay, 2. Helene Buster; Men, Ages 45-59: none; Women, Ages 60 and Older: 1. Helene Buster; Men, Ages 60 and Older: none.

Walk/Run, Non-Tribal: Female, Walkers: 1. Dinah Harjo, 2. Anna Bowers, 3. Tina Osborne; Male, Walkers: 1. Christopher Hulbutta, 2. Harley Roberts, 3. Delwin McCowan; Female, Runners: 1. Mindy C. Fish, 2. Marilyn Jumper, 3. Celista Osceola.

Big Cypress Hosts Indian Day Walk/Run, Celebration

By Elgin Jumper

BIG CYPRESS — The Big Cypress Indian Day Walk/Run and Celebration, which took place on September 28, is a remarkable event which, according to organizers, and appears to be gaining more prominence with each passing year. The numerous activities took place at Canal Bank Road, across from Big Cypress Landing, Culture Camp and Bingo Hall.

The Indian Day Walk/Run once again got off to a rousing start at first light, with a well-advised session of preliminary stretches under the direction of Suzanne Davis, allied health manager. Davis guided the 52 registered walkers/runners through a variety of body and limb extensions designed to prevent injuries or worse.

Marjory Meredith, BC health educator, was also on hand to answer questions, tend to registration rosters and tally walk/run results, among other duties. In addition, Edna McDuffie, primary organizer and director of the Big Cypress Walking Program, as well as the Big Cypress Wellness Center, was also present during the event.

"Walking and running are a part of our culture," said Edna McDuffie, primary organizer and director of the Big Cypress Walking Program, as well as the Big Cypress Wellness Center. "We all run, ride horseback to get to meetings, church, etc., back in my day."



The clothing contest drew many entries.



Sack racers hopped, jumped and skipped.



Walkers head into the morning mist.

As usual, Chairman Mitchell Cypress, and President Richard Bowers Jr., leading by example, were also in attendance. Cypress expressed his hopes that more Tribal citizens will come to know and experience the virtues of exercise and healthier lifestyles, and of walking or running to stay fit.

Teresa Jumper, Panther Clan, who has been walking for better health now for seven years and has participated in many BC walk/runs, said: "I think it's good. It's good for your health, because I have diabetes, and it's been doing me good."

The extraordinary day was organized by an ever-competent committee, involving all departments as well as interested community members, and volunteers who met routinely, discussed, planned and thus put together this successful celebration/commemoration.

The departments and volunteers involved in this year's planning were: Culture, Recreation, Broadcasting, Family Services, Chairman's Office/Princess Committee, Alhikachee School, Big Cypress Administrative Services, Board Representatives Office, President's Office,



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The mom's could be found primping their youngsters in anticipation of the clothing contest.



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The walk/run brought families together.

Janice Osceola, Cynthia Osceola, Beverly Alumbaugh, and a host of other community members.

"This year it seemed to me that we had a lot more children, which was great," said Janice Osceola.

Following the walk/run, attendees made their way under the chieftess, as the Clothing Contest, traditional and modern, began. Under the direction of Tribal citizen Cynthia Osceola, the contest proved to be an integral part of the occasion.

"It's always Indian Day for us," said Osceola. "It's good to celebrate our very proud heritage, and to remember the old ways and to have fun together while we're doing it."

The Frybread Contest turned out to be another highlight of the day. The judges for this part of the celebration were chosen from families, services, who, Osceola noted, "were there in full force doing whatever we asked of them."

Osceola also wanted to thank Miss Florida Seminole Jennifer Chalfant, "who did a great job judging our contests and the Recreation Department staff, who were constantly on the move."



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The archery competition was a hit.



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Leading by example, Chairman Mitchell Cypress and President Richard Bowers.



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The youngsters left SPD in the dust.

The Indian Day crowd enjoyed Billy Walker's lively alligator demonstration. Walker not only demonstrated traditional skills, but also enlightened the crowds, and conveyed valuable information.

The canoe races, new this year and officiated by Big Cypress Board Representative Cicero Osceola, at the Bingo Hall pond was quite exciting, and yet very treacherous. During the trial runs, one canoe with two occupants overturned twice; once while going across the pond, the next time on the return trip. Fortunately, vigilant rescue boats were on hand to assist the troubled rowers.

Also new to this year's BC Indian Day celebration was a horse race called The President's Cup, sponsored by President Richard Bowers Jr. This race was actually an obstacle course with every rider providing their own horse, and even a garish gigning contest — the one with the biggest gar wins.



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The canoe races in the President's Cup.

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something good has happened with Fort Pierce."

There were other Seminole visitors who traveled to Chupco's Youth Ranch from Tampa, Brighton, Big Cypress and Hollywood. Next year celebration organizers will seek to include community members and elders from the Trail and Naples communities, and the Immokalee Reservation.

The Chupco community began with one specific family, consisting of Jack Tommie, Panther Clan, and Sally Chupco Tommie, Bird Clan. The Maker of Breath blessed this union with 13 children, and one of the children, Bessie Tommie, the last surviving member of the original family, was present in the audience. At the mere mention of her name, she received reverential acknowledgement and a fervent round of applause.

Sally Tommie also thanked Bobby Henry, Tribal elder and Tampa community member, "who takes very good care of the community, and our Tribal members." Henry is also a widely-revered "Rainmaker," said Tommie, and is often called upon by the state of

"While we're celebrating Indian Day, it's most important that we celebrate and remember our culture, our heritage, our traditions."

— Sally R. Tommie
Fort Pierce Liaison



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Archery brought out the competitive side of some of Ft. Pierce's finest.

The winners for the Fort Pierce Indian Day Celebration were:

Clothing Contest: Children 17 and under: 1. Xavier Osceola, 2. Xiya Osceola, 3. Makayah Stockton, 4. Marisa Stockton; Women, 18 and older: 1. Mercedes Osceola-Hahn, 2. Annie Henry, 3. Tasha Osceola, 4. Maggie Garcia, 5. Virginia Osceola, 6. Mary Tommie, 7. Leona Tommie Williams, 8. LeShara Anderson; Men, 18 and older: 1. Marion Tommie, 2. Bobby Henry, 3. Shamy Tommie, 4. Peter Hahn, 5. Billy Micco.

Horseshoe Contest: Women, 18 and older: 1. Mary Tommie/Shirley Sotelo, 2. Joanie Henry/Mercedes Osceola-Hahn, 3. Karissa Tommie, 4. Sherree Sneed/Valerie Hayling, 5. Beverly Tommie/Kristicia Tommie; Men, 18 and older: 1. Bobby Henry/Billy Micco, 2. Jay Holata/George Micco, 3. Marty Tommie Sr., 4. Maxi Tommie/Shamy Tommie, 5. Dean Stokes Sr./Kevin Tommie Sr.

Florida to bring on much needed rain in crucial times of drought.

Henry then took the microphone to deliver a powerful prayer in the Micosakee language, prior to the midday meal.

Seminole Police Chief Charlie Tiger was also in attendance. He addressed the gathering after Tommie.

"The turnout this year is really exceptional," he said. "And it's good to see the Brighton people, the Hollywood people, and the Big Cypress people here."

The crowning touch to the Fort Pierce Indian Day Celebration was the splendid fireworks display.



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The pony rides were a big hit.



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A friendly game of stickball.



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Taking a break from all the excitement.



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Ft. Pierce Tribal citizen Shamy Tommie cooks up some of his famous ribs.



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The youngsters loved the big slide.



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Mercedes Osceola-Hahn (center, in orange and turquoise) won first place.

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