



# The SEMINOLE TRIBUNE

“Voice of the Unconquered”

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## Recovering Seminoles Celebrate in Paradise



Back row (L-R): Nadine Tommie, Sharon Olvera, Jody Clay King, Janice Billie and Andy Cypress. Front row (L-R): Samuel Osceola Jr., Pernell Bert, Ray King and Allen McInturff.

**By Janice Billie**  
**HONOLULU, HI** — With a backdrop of beautiful blue waters and lush tropical mountain peaks a group of Seminoles in recovery attended the 31st Annual World Convention of Narcotics Anonymous on Sept. 1-4.

A journey of recovery from the disease of addiction can have many peaks and valleys. Traveling to one of the most beautiful places on earth to celebrate a new way of life was a notable peak for Andy Cypress, Allen McInturff, Samuel Osceola Jr., Janice Billie, Pernell Bert, Nadine Tommie, and Jody Clay King. Throughout the trip everyone continually expressed their gratitude and humility for this experience.

The convention schedule was from Sept. 1-4, and was attended by more than 8,000 people from all over the globe. Aside from the main meetings and workshops other events of the convention included a luau, a jazz/blues luncheon featuring David Sanborn, a comedy show with DL Hughley, and a Reggae concert featuring Ziggy Marley. This celebration of recovery was a huge testament to the saying “recovering addicts know how to have a good time.”

In between meetings, workshops

and other convention activities the group took the time to be tourists, visiting Pearl Harbor and the famed North Shore of the island of Oahu.

The Seminole attendees represent a number of tribal citizens working an active program of recovery. Each one attested to the improved quality of their life since making a decision to make positive choices and changes in their lives.

Allen McInturff of Immokalee stated that since getting clean he has had the opportunity to travel to several Native American 12 step conventions in the U.S. He said surrendering and opting for treatment has given him one of his greatest gifts—being a positive and loving presence in the lives of his four children.

With more than a year in recovery Jody Clay King said, “The trip and experiences are great but being clean and meeting the requirements to be included on this trip are just as wonderful.”

Facilitating and encouraging physical and mental health among tribal citizens remains one of the Seminole Tribe’s top priorities. The commitment of this administration for a healthier community can be seen in the support of various programs, conferences, workshops and sponsorship of trips like this one.



The first 10 Chupco’s Landing homeowners join several members of the Tribal Council moments before the ribbon cutting.

## ‘A Dream Come True’ for Ft. Pierce Seminoles

**By Shelley Marmor**  
**FT. PIERCE, FL** — Upon walking in to her brand new, three-bedroom, two-and-a-half-bathroom, fully furnished home in Chupco’s Landing, Tammy Tommie said, “we’ve been waiting a long time... it’s a dream come true.”

On Sept. 13, after two years of planning and building, nine other Ft. Pierce Tribal citizens also received the keys to their new homes. These persons are: Margaret Wilcox, Hope Sneed, Alexander Tommie, Tanya Tommie, Shirley Sotella, Kevin Tommie, Crystal Sneed, Marty Tommie and Shamy Tommie Jr.

After an invocation from Wonder Johns, emcee and Utilities Director Suzy Kippenberger introduced Ft. Pierce Liaison Sally Tommie. Kippenberger credited Tommie as one of the three driving forces behind Chupco’s Landing, saying “She’s been with us

**Council Members Join New Residents to Cut the Ceremonial Ribbon**

Tommie opened her speech telling everyone that they are witnessing “history in the making.” She explained that “Chupco” is a Seminole/Creek word, meaning long. Tommie added that the word Chupco also pays homage to Sally Chupco Tommie, the founding grandmother of the Ft. Pierce Seminole camp.

Bessie Tommie, the last surviving child of Sally Chupco Tommie and Jack Tommie was present at the ribbon cutting. Tommie also said that six generations of Sally Chupco Tommie’s family members were at the event.

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## Okalee Holds Constitution Celebration

**By Iretta Tiger**  
**HOLLYWOOD** — As part of the Tribe’s Constitution celebration the Seminole Okalee Village held its own homage to the Constitution. From Sept. 2-4, demonstrations of Seminole culture were on display in the traditional village of Okalee.

Mark Billie and Joey Micco demonstrated wood carving; and Irene Jimmie demonstrated beadwork.

Jo North, Bonnie Motlow, Cornelia Osceola and Jordan Billie cooked traditional Seminole food such as fry bread and sofkee which was then given as free samples to the public.

Deep water alligator wrestling shows were performed by Victor Billie; renowned Seminole basket maker Donna Frank was also demonstrating her craft; Herbert Jim explained Florida’s native herbs and some of its uses in Seminole medicine.

Even the animals sensed a special event—the otters, usually hiding from the sun, came out to play. The celebration was open to everyone. In honor of the celebration, the village waived its admission fee.



Donna Frank demonstrates basketmaking.



Carnival rides entertained a steady stream of children throughout the day.

## ISY&LR Open House Fun Day

**By Judy Weeks**  
**IMMOKALEE** — The Immokalee Seminole Youth and Livestock Ranch (ISY&LR) opened its doors to the public on Sept. 3 for an Open House Fun Day. The all day event began at 8 a.m. with a warm up session.

Youth Ranch Director Benny Motlow and his crew were kept busy monitoring various ball games and races throughout the day. Prizes included gift cards to Walmart, Footlocker, and Wendy’s, as well as ribbons and cash. In addition, each participant received a food certificate to McDonalds.

A small free carnival included a roller coaster, giant slide, bounce house, swings, a water slide and tilt-a-whirl. Game booths awarded prizes of stuffed animals and children could be seen wandering everywhere with face paint which had been skillfully applied by the clown.

Long lines waited at the dunk tank for their opportunity to throw the ball. Then each of the winners found themselves on the board awaiting a lucky shot that would make them the next person to

drop into the water. Snow cones and cotton candy were consumed in abundance.

Adults flocked with their youngsters to the artist who provided them with keepsake likenesses of their children. The very talented clown quickly transformed a blank sheet of paper into a beautiful portrait for the happy parents.

Two hayride wagons drawn by draft horses and mules transported the party goers around the youth ranch property throughout the day. Ranch employees walked for miles as they led children around on horseback.

A steady stream of people visited the concession area where Elaine Aguilar demonstrated the making of the very popular Indian fry bread while Jennie Martinez kept a watchful eye on the cooking kettle. The crowd snacked on warm fry bread dripping with honey all day long.

Adam and April Sanchez set up the grill and served barbecue chicken, hamburgers and hot dogs with many side dishes throughout the afternoon. Although

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## Seminole Tribe Sends Help to Band of Choctaw Indians

**By Nery Mejicano**  
Katrina, a name that will always be remembered as one of the country’s worst natural disasters, was not unexpected.

After suddenly developing in the warm waters of the Atlantic, she arrived in South Florida on Thursday, August 26, as a category 1 hurricane. It pounded the area with

high winds and torrential rains, knocking down trees, blocking streets, and leaving 1.4 million people without power.

Four people were killed by falling trees in Broward County and another two drowned. Crossing South Florida at its narrowest point, Katrina lost little of its power and by 8:00 p.m. Friday, Katrina was a category 2 storm and expected to strengthen as it hit the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico. In anticipation of the powerful storm, both the governors of Mississippi and Louisiana declared a state of emergency.

As Katrina was leaving the Florida shores, the staff manning the Seminole Tribe Emergency Operation Center (EOC), was busy assessing the damage that the storm caused through its windy and wet passage through the South Florida peninsula.

The EOC, located at the Hollywood Tribal Headquarters, is the command center that coordinates responses to emergency crisis such as hurricanes, storms and other disasters.

It was not over, a call came in from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Indian Tribes of the area within Katrina’s cross hairs would probably be needing emergency assistance as a category 3 or 4, or even a category 5 storm was about to impact them with all its force.

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Four planeloads of food and supplies were delivered to Mississippi.



Tribune archive photo

Check the next issue of the Tribune to find out who this Seminole woman is.

## Welcome Editor Janice Billie

Janice is no stranger to *The Seminole Tribune*. Beginning in 1999, Janice freelanced off-and-on with the paper, writing stories about major issues including the Tribe's resolution which gave FSU permission to use the Seminole name. She has also covered community events and human interest stories for the Tribune throughout the past years.

When asked for a short bio for this introduction Janice stated, "I won't get into all of it right now but it would be an understatement to say I have an interesting past." She did share that she was born in Miami, Fla., during a time when her parents Sadie and Howard Billie lived at a tourist attraction called Tropical Hobbyland. She grew

up mostly on the Hollywood reservation but has resided on the Brighton and Big Cypress reservations as well. She is a member of the Bird Clan and is extremely proud of her heritage.

As editor, Janice says she plans to work hard to serve the community and *The Seminole Tribune*. She welcomes input from all Seminole Tribal citizens. She also welcomes submissions from Tribal citizens on upcoming events they would like the paper to cover, and encourages flyers be faxed to her at (954) 967-3482.

Janice's phone number at the Hollywood Headquarters building is (954) 966-6300, Ext. 1269, and e-mail address is JaniceBillie@semtribe.com.



Felix DoBosz

Janice Billie

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# Everyday is Indian Day

Dear Tribal Members:

**INDIAN DAY....** What does this day mean besides a day off of work? It is a day to be proud. We are... **Seminole!** We, "**The Unconquered,**" have lived through many hardships. Our ancestors fought for our freedom and our land.

We should always walk with pride. We did not have an easy way to go. We fought the Government for everything. This is **Seminole Country** and I, as Chairman, will continue the fight to see we receive the best for our people.

Enjoy the day and let the world know that everyday is **INDIAN DAY!**

*Mitchell Cypress*

Mitchell Cypress, Chairman  
Seminole Tribe of Florida



## A Brief History of Indian Day

Information compiled by Shelley Marmor

One of the first proponents of an American Indian Day was Dr. Arthur C. Parker, a Seneca Indian, from Rochester, N.Y. He persuaded the Boy Scouts of America to set aside a day for the "First Americans" and for three years they adopted such a day.

In 1915, at the annual Congress of the American Indian Association meeting in Lawrence, Kans., a plan concerning American Indian Day was formally approved. It directed its president, Reverend Sherman Coolidge, an Arapahoe, to call upon the country to observe such a day. Coolidge issued a proclamation on Sept. 28, 1915, which declared the second Saturday of each May as an American Indian Day and contained the first formal appeal for recognition of Indians as citizens.

The year before this proclamation was issued, Red Fox James, a Blackfoot Indian, rode horseback from state to state seeking approval for a day to honor Indians. On Dec. 14, 1915, he presented the endorsements of 24 state governments at the White House. There is no record, however, of such a national day being proclaimed.

The first American Indian Day in a state was declared on the second Saturday in May 1916 by the governor of New York at the time, Charles S. Whitman. Other states, including Illinois followed in 1919. Several states including Florida, however, celebrate Indian Day on the fourth Friday in September.

Presently, several states have designated Columbus Day as Native American Day, but it continues to be a day observed without any recognition as a national legal holiday.

In 1990 President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution presented by Senator Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) and Congressional Delegate Eni Faleomavaega (D-American Samoa), designating November 1990 National American Indian Heritage Month. Similar proclamations have been issued each year since 1994.

Source: U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs

### Presidential Proclamations for American Indian Days and Months

Since 1995, President Bush and former President Clinton have issued a proclamation, each year, designating the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month

On Nov. 5, 1994, President Clinton issued a proclamation based on Senate Joint Resolution 271, designating the month of Nov. 1994 as National American Indian Heritage Month

On March 2, 1992, President Bush issued a proclamation designating 1992 as the Year of the American Indian based on legislation by Congress (Public Law 102-188)

On Aug. 3, 1990, a joint resolution designating the month of November 1990 as National American Indian Heritage Month was approved by President Bush, becoming Public Law 101-343 (104 Stat. 391)

On Dec. 5, 1989, President Bush issued a proclamation based on Senate Joint Resolution 218, designating the week of Dec. 3-9, 1989, as National American Indian Heritage Week

On Sept. 23, 1988, President Reagan signed a Senate Joint Resolution designating Sept. 23-30, as National American Indian Heritage Week

In 1987, the week of Nov. 22-28 was proclaimed American Indian Week by President Reagan, pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution 53

Prior to that, President Reagan had twice earlier designated an American Indian Day or Week. In 1986, he signed Senate Joint Resolution 390, which designated Nov. 23-30 as American Indian Week; and during his first term he named May 13, 1983, as American Indian Day

In 1976, Senate Joint Resolution 209 authorized the president to proclaim the week of Oct. 10-16, 1976, as Native American Awareness Week

Information courtesy of [www.nativeamericans.com/NAHistoryMonth.htm](http://www.nativeamericans.com/NAHistoryMonth.htm).

## Letters & E-mail

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Dear Editor,

Unlike our high paid federal officials in FEMA, in typical Seminole tradition, you stepped up immediately to help your cousins in Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana. You deserve all the thanks and respect of everyone who lives and works in Indian country.

Sincerely,  
Markspattyesq@aol.com

Dear Editor,

Can you please direct me to who I could try an obtain information on my grandfather and family that lived on the reservation back in the late 1940s and early 1950s. Also, other family members resided there. I am trying to put together a family history tree for my children to pass

on.

The name of my Grandfather was Charles (Charlie Knight) born in 1880. He sold Indian herbs as his occupation. We do have a peddler's license he was issued to sell Indian herbs. He was Creek Indian and moved from Alabama to Florida. His Fathers name was Jackson Knight. Charlie also went by the names Lonewolf, Hopping John, Hopie, and other names. His brother Jack Knight also lived for sometime we believe also on the reservation Jack Knight.

I can provide other members of the family names, but need direction on who can help me locate this information. Any info would greatly be appreciated!

Kindest Regards,  
Kathryn McAlister

Dear Editor,

I am interested in organizing with individuals and groups in the Tampa area who may be sympathetic toward veterans and others currently and or formerly utilizing urban survival skills. My interests are in highlighting the stark contrast between traditional hunting gathering cultures and the instinctive need to explore or actualize oneself as a participant in this sort of lifestyle.

I am interested in finding out if the Seminole Tribe has a Veterans Community that might accept questions from an outsider on topics related to these.

Thanks so much,  
D.F. Hunt



(L-R) Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Florida Miss Seminole Christine McCall and FSU President "T.K." Wetherell took a moment to pose for the camera during the Sept. 10 home game, FSU vs. The Citadel from Charleston, S.C. FSU won 62-10.

This was a big weekend for the Florida Sate University along with the Seminole Tribe of Florida who received the Torch Award and induction into the Hall of Fame at Florida State University. Look for full coverage in the next issue of *The Seminole Tribune*.



Wanda Bowers

Miss Seminole Christine McCall (right) watches Seminole basket weaving artist Donna Frank at Okalee.

## Princess Attends Okalee Anniversary Celebration

By Wanda Bowers

**HOLLYWOOD** — On Aug. 29, Miss Seminole Christine McCall started her freshman year at Florida State University after returning from the Schemitzun PowWow in Connecticut. This year, Miss Seminole will be flying to many of her appearances since she is attending FSU in Tallahassee, Fla.

This first weekend in September, McCall flew home for the Seminole Okalee Indian Village Anniversary Celebration, located in the Seminole Paradise at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. Okalee Village showcased one of the Tribe's premier sweetgrass basket weaving artists: Donna Frank from the Immokalee reservation.

Frank showed McCall a few basket making techniques and also congratulated her on winning the title of Miss Seminole. While Frank was displayed her basket weaving talent, other artists also displayed their talents such as: Mark Billie (Hollywood) Joey Micco (Brighton), wood carving; Irene Jimmie (Hollywood), bead work; and Herbert Jim (Hollywood), story telling.

While visiting the living Indian Village, McCall watched the otters swimming in their own tank in back of the gift shop. She also had a taste of old style Seminole cooking that was being done under the cooking chickee. There's nothing better than a piece of hot fry bread or better yet, pumpkin bread that was made by Josephine North and her sister, Bonnie Motlow.

After visiting the kitchen, she went up to the front of the gift shop to

help Mary Moore from the Hollywood reservation set up her crafts getting ready for the big day. That afternoon, McCall watched as Victor Billie from the Immokalee reservation showed the audience his famous alligator wrestling show.

She was so thrilled with the outcome of her Saturday morning visit to the village she brought a few friends with her on Sunday to experience the same.



Wanda Bowers

Bonnie Motlow (left) and Josephine North (right).

## Frank First in Okalee Artist Series

By Iretta Tiger

**HOLLYWOOD** — On Sept. 1 the Seminole Okalee Indian Village held a reception for Donna Frank. Frank is a basket maker and the first Seminole



Photo Courtesy Okalee Village

Donna Frank

artisan to be featured in Okalee's new series. The reception kicks off Okalee's new series that focuses on Seminole craft-making artists.

Since Okalee's announcement of Donna Frank, Frank has appeared in several publications and continues to draw admirers from around the world.

"This is milestone in my life," said Frank. "I'm really excited the tribe is acknowledging the artisans within the tribe. I'm excited about the other artisans coming up. It's not about me."

Frank, Panther clan, was taught basket making by her mother and grandmother. So traditional in her basket making Frank still uses a 1922 Singer hand-crank sewing machine to sew the palmetto fiber bases for the baskets.

No matter where she is creating her baskets she has to have her platform to create on. Frank's platform is a compact version of the traditional chickee platform. Frank sits cross-legged on one corner and has her materials and sewing machine spread across the rest of the platform.

Frank said she is willing to teach her craft but only if the student is serious.

"If they want to learn they have to come and watch me when I'm making the baskets. I don't go to them and bring all the materials and go by their schedules. If they're serious they will make the time and effort to learn," explains Frank.

Donna Frank will be featured at the Seminole Okalee Village until January 2006. She will be demonstrating Seminole basket making and her creations are available for purchase.

The Seminole Okalee Village is located in Seminole Paradise at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. For more information call (954) 797-5436.

## Seminole Women Receive First Aid, CPR, AED Training at Hollywood Recreation

By David S. Duda

**HOLLYWOOD** — Each year more than 250,000 people of all ages die from sudden cardiac arrest. Different from a heart attack, the condition makes the heart abruptly stop, causing people to collapse and quickly lose consciousness. The most effective way to revive them is with CPR and automated external defibrillator, or AEDs—and the quicker the response, the greater the chance of survival.

There are four steps to the "Cardiac Chain of Survival:" early recognition and early activation of 911 or the local emergency number, initiating CPR, early defibrillation using an AED and early advanced life support.

"Chances of survival from sudden cardiac arrest decreases 10 percent each minute after collapse," said Mary Newman, executive director for the National Center for Early Defibrillation. "The key to survival is quick action on the part of those near the victim, so it is critical that people be prepared."

**What is an automated external defibrillator (AED)?**

An AED is a device about the size of a laptop computer that analyzes the heart's rhythm for any abnormalities and, if necessary, directs the rescuer to deliver an electrical shock to the victim. This shock, called defibrillation, may help the heart to reestablish an effective rhythm of its own.

**How does an AED work?**

An AED is easy to operate. It uses voice prompts to instruct the rescuer. Once the machine is turned on, the rescuer will be prompted to apply two electrodes provided with the AED to the victim's chest. Once applied, the AED will begin to monitor the victim's heart rhythm. If a "shockable" rhythm is detected, the machine will charge itself and instruct the rescuer to stand clear of the victim and to press the shock button.

**Who can use an AED?**

In most cases, EMTs and first responders, including police and firefighters, are required to know how to use an AED as part of their job responsibilities. Furthermore, all 50 states now have AED Good Samaritan provisions that help protect laypersons.

**Where can I find AEDs?**

AEDs can be found in corporate offices, shopping malls, airports, sports stadiums, schools,

community centers, and other places where large groups of people gather and the risk of a sudden cardiac arrest incident is very likely. The number of devices in the community will continue to grow as more and more people begin to understand the importance of AEDs and AED training. The Hollywood gym and aquatic center each have an AED ordered.

Members of the Hollywood Recreation staff who have completed the First Aid, CPR for infants, children and adults, and adult AED administration are: Carlos D. Adamson, Michael Began, Joe Collins, Gladys Herrera, Jose A. Herrera, Kevin Herrera, Patrice T. McCrea, Patricia A. Robinson, Leon Wilcox

The Hollywood Reservation Recreation Department is offering training in swimming lesson; life-guarding; swimming pool operation and maintenance; first aid; infant, child and adult CPR; and child and adult AED administration. These training courses are available to tribal and community members at no cost. Classes are held in the reservation aquatic center



David Duda

Allison Osceola (right, front) demonstrates how to apply AED pads and helping are Amy Cox (left, front), Melissa De Mayo (left, back), and Francine Osceola (right, back). All four have completed the course requirements and are certified in the American Red Cross course in first aid, CPR for infants, children and adults, and adult AED administration.

or at the training center near the gym. Tribal and community members can sign up for the courses by calling the aquatic center at (954) 967-3809.

All swimming lesson are available to children and adults; life-guarding; swimming pool operation and maintenance courses are available to teens and adults; first aid and CPR is available to children and adults; and infant, child and adult CPR; and child and adult AED administration is available to adults.

# Seminole Indian Day Around the Rez

## Big Cypress, Friday Sept. 23

9 a.m. at Culture Camp behind the Family Investment Center



Contest:  
Fry Bread  
Clothing  
Axe throwing  
Archery  
Foot Races  
Log peeling



Story Telling  
Traditional Lunch

7 p.m. Comedy show at Community Center  
"Just Joking Show"

## Brighton Sept. 23, 24 & 27

### Brighton Indian Day Celebration 2005

#### Friday Sept. 23

5K Walk/Run, Women Only, Sign up at 5:30 a.m., Walk at 6:30 a.m., Brighton Field Office  
5K Walk/Run, Men Only, Sign up at 5:30 a.m., Walk at 6:30 a.m., Brighton Field Office  
Volleyball Tournament, 6 p.m., Rodeo Arena

#### Saturday Sept. 24

Fishing Tournament, Women Only, 5:30a.m.-11 a.m., Weigh in at Battlefield, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Fishing Tournament, Men Only, 5:30a.m.-11 a.m., Weigh in at Battlefield, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Youth Events: Three-legged race, Sack race, Balloon toss, Softball throw, Ages 5-17 only, 1:30 p.m., Softball Field

Men's Archery Tournament, 1:30 p.m., Softball Field

Youth Frybread Contest, 2:30 p.m., Culture Grounds

Pumpkin Bread Contest, 3:00 p.m., Culture Grounds

Pole Peeling, Men and Women's divisions, 3:30 p.m., Softball Field

Horseshoe Tournament, Youth and Senior's division, 3:30 p.m., Gym area

Bingo Games, 55 and older, 4:15 p.m., Rodeo area

Bingo Games, 18 years old, 5:15 p.m., Rodeo area

#### Tuesday Sept. 27

Pool Tournament, sign up at 6 p.m., play at 7 p.m., Brighton Gym Pool Room



## Hollywood, Saturday Sept. 24

### Attention Seminole Tribal Members

The Hollywood reservation will be celebrating National Indian Day on Saturday Sept. 24 at the Hollywood Gym

Max Hollywood Council Representative Max Osceola will be sponsoring an arts and crafts participation program

There will be 11 categories, with a \$100 participation fee for each item made. Payment will be made in the form of a check. Please allow one to two weeks for check distribution. The times and place for distribution will be announced.

You can start your arts and crafts projects on the second floor in the Culture Room of the DSO building. Miss Donna Turtle, our cultural teacher, will be there along with other teachers who will help you begin your projects.

Once you begin your projects, you can register your items with Miss Donna. You must register all items before Thursday Sept. 22. Items will not be accepted after the deadline.

The hours for the Cultural Room are as follows:

Monday: 8 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Tuesday: 8 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Wednesday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Thursday: 8 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Friday: 8 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Saturday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

On Sunday Sept. 2 you may bring your arts and crafts to the Hollywood Gym between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

We have sewing machines, wood for woodcarving, sweet grass for baskets and palmetto fiber for dolls or baskets. On all other items, you must bring your own supplies. We will have a list of supplies for you.

Parent participation is a must. All children must be accompanied by a parent.

### Arts and crafts categories

One item per category, (Everything must be made new)

**Palmetto fiber doll:** Man/woman, All dolls must be six inches or higher.

Women dolls must have Seminole dress (modern or traditional) with beaded necklace, old style hair-do or ponytail.

Man doll must have traditional Seminole "Big Shirt" and turban

**Sweet grass basket:** Must be two inches or higher

**Beadwork:** Suggested items;  
Five or more strand necklace, 24 inches or longer  
Daisy chain necklace and bracelet set  
Bracelet on loom, five or more beads  
Bib style necklace  
Medallion necklace  
Hatband or headband  
Bead belt  
Earrings  
Ring - must make five or more rings to enter

**Keychain**  
**Patchwork design only:** Patchwork must be three yards or more

**Patchwork clothing:** You must make your own designs for all clothing. Clothing items can be made in adult or children's sizes. All clothing must have at least one design.

Skirt - long skirt with cape or short skirt  
Design modern shirt  
Design traditional skirt  
Traditional "Big Shirt"  
Jacket  
Vest  
Baby outfit (boy or girl) with hat  
Apron

**Wood carving:**  
Canoes - seven inches or longer  
Animals - turtle, bird, alligator, seven inches or more  
Tomahawk - 10 inches or longer  
Spears  
Bow and arrows  
Knife - eight inches or more

**Old style hair-do:** Women/Turban, Men  
Old style hair-do must be done yourself or you can use a model to demonstrate for credit.

Men must make their own turbans. We will have teachers to help.  
**Fine arts:** All must be in a Native American theme. All must be framed and ready to hang.  
Mixed media  
Pencil sketch  
Pen and ink

**Archery:** Men or boys only

**Shakers:** Women or girls only

**Bread making:** Frybread only. Flour and oil will be provided and teachers will be there to help. You must bring your own bowl.



## Immokalee, Saturday Sept. 24

### 9 a.m.

Sign up for All Contests  
Set up for all cooking contests  
Bar-B-Q  
Chili

Fry Bread (at cooking chic by Culture)  
(All food must be done by 11:30 a.m. and ready for Judging)

Arts and Crafts need to be turned in by 11 a.m.

Beadwork, baskets, dolls, wood carving and Clothing items  
(Judging will start at 11:30 p.m.)

### 10 a.m.

Archery Contest

### 11 a.m.

Turtle Races

### 11:30 a.m.

Sac Races  
Judging of the: BBQ, Chili, and Fry Bread

### 12 p.m.

Lunch

Menu: Hamburger, tomato gravy over rice, or stew beef gravy, corn, fry bread with or without fruit filling, roasted corn sofkee, Indian hotdogs, chicken with rice

### 1 p.m.

Traditional Clothing (no design) Contest

### 2 p.m.

Modern Clothing (with design) Contest

### 3 p.m.

Pole Peeling Contest

### 4:30 p.m.

Closing remarks  
Announcing of Winners and presentation of Awards  
4H 50/50 drawing

## Tampa, Saturday Sept. 24

Starts at noon located at Crazy J's  
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**When:** October 13, 2005 @ 11:00 a.m.

**Where:** Hollywood Medical Clinic, Downstairs Conference Room

**For More Information**

**or to book your spot at the tea party contact:**

Brenda Bordogna  
954-965-1300 x177

Debra Ray  
863-983-5798

A Light Lunch will be served.

\* PLEASE CALL TO SIGN UP IN ADVANCE FOR THIS EVENT\*

# Trimnal Hired to Work with HR Dept.

By Susan Etchey

**BRIGHTON** — The Human Resources department of the Seminole Tribe of Florida is expanding its services. Brighton is now the location of a new satellite office making it the 26th Tribal department established at this location. This office has also been established to work with the Tribe's employees at Ft. Pierce and at Tampa.

The department delivers major services to all employees of the Tribe which effect their employment. It does not include casino employees who are under the management of Seminole Gaming, nor the employees of the fire rescue and law enforcement agencies.

Having a human resource analyst working out of a Brighton office benefits the Tribes' approximately 280 Brighton employees, 62 in Tampa and 14 in Ft. Pierce.

Having met the new hire assigned to these reservations, one is glad it is a woman who connects with people in a warm and positive manner. Her name is Keli Trimnal, an energetic curly haired redhead, mother of one 17-year old son, wife of 18-and-a-half years, and a former graduate of Okeechobee High School.

"I love the Seminole culture. I went to school with a lot of Seminoles so I know a lot of people," she said with a contagious smile that often breaks across her face. She is a country girl at heart and knows her way around the geographic landscape from Hendry County to Hillsborough County to the Treasure Coast. "I love nature," she said. "I like seeing the wild turkeys, the birds and the animals; I just love to sit on the bank and just fish."

Trimnal has worked since high school gaining an interesting set of skills and experience in a field in which few have credentials. To be effective in human resources requires not only a caring "people-person" who can help resolve difficult issues between people, but also a "numbers person" who can generate, maintain and coordinate a boat load of complex paperwork, some of which is insurance related, she said.

Then there are the difficult tasks of having to move people through the hiring process including doing background checks and fingerprinting—tons of applications are often stacked on Trimnal's desk and having to tell people they didn't get the job they wanted. Then there is the really hard part; having to let people go.

Trimnal has done all of that. She worked for the old Barnett Bank on 441 North in Okeechobee for five years. Then she went to work in the employment department at the Okeechobee County Sheriff's Office for five years.

Her former job was at the Florida Department of Corrections in Fort Lauderdale where she worked in human resources for the prison's employees. Such institutions are extremely formalized in structure and operate under a large umbrella of bureaucracy and government regulations. She seems genuinely pleased that the Tribe has a different approach and philosophy.

"The Seminole Tribe is very family oriented," she said. "Here a woman can bring her baby to work if she needs to."

Trimnal said she identifies because the most important thing in her life is her family and her friend's families. She raised three other teenage sons, besides her own son, to assist some families whose circumstances required it.

One family had to move to the city but their son wanted to remain in Okeechobee and live on the ranch where she lives with her husband and son. Her husband manages a ranch and sod company in Okeechobee and they live on the premises.

"I wanted to be able to advance my career in the human resources field," said Trimnal. "Working for the Tribe is like going to work for a whole new government. It is challenging and a new adventure."

Before the Human Resources department created this new satellite office, employees and supervisors at Brighton had to contact the Hollywood headquarters when they had personnel questions. Sometimes the information didn't flow back and forth as smoothly as some liked.

Trimnal said she realizes she has much to learn but promised. "If I don't know the answer give me one minute and I'll get on the phone; or give me some time and I will get the answers for you," Trimnal said. She said she wants to be the key link to Human Resources for all the departments, adding, "I hope I can help them."

Not only will Trimnal be responsible for educating employees about employee benefits but she will also be involved in creating and maintaining employee relations programs. She recently offered a seminar to employees at Brighton about investing in 401K.

She is currently organizing the next Brighton employee birthday luncheon scheduled for Sept. 29. She said the Seminole Coffee Company will be preparing the food to include wings, sausage and peppers, yellow rice, salad and cake.

Meanwhile she is available 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., five days a week, and can be reached at (863) 763-4128, Ext. 136.



Susan Etchey

Keli Trimnal



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- ◆ Make sure your **ICE** person's number is one that's easy to contact, for example a home number could be useless in an emergency if the person works full time
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Felix DoBosz

Attending the SBDC seminar (L-R): front row seated: Vincent Micco, Anthony Frank; Standing in back (L-R): Mike Bell, Ted Kramer, Jim Osceola, Krystle Young, Ernie Tiger

# Schemitzun Pow-wow 2005

By Judy Weeks  
NORTH STONINGTON, CT — Approximately 150 residents of the Seminole Tribal communities visited the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation in Connecticut on Aug. 25 to attend their Schemitzun 2005. This "Feast of the Green Corn and Dance" was sponsored by the Pequot's Foxwood Resort and Casino.

The three day event included a grand entry, traditional pow-wow dancers, competition and rodeo. Special events coordinator, Sheldon Sundown of New York joined the host drum Mystic River of Connecticut, in organizing this fabulous production. Native Americans from nearly all of the U.S. and Canada traveled to Schemitzun to either compete or observe the festivities. Booths with arts and crafts were in abundance. Seminole vacationers enjoyed the hospitality of the hotel, its many restaurants, local points of interest and eventually tried their luck in the casino.



Angie Arrequin

Elizabeth Oleo, Linda Beletso, Litefoot, Sally Tommie and Louise Motlow.

Seniors from Tampa, Immokalee, Hollywood and Big Cypress boarded buses on Saturday morning for a shopping trip to the nationally famous Boston-Quincy Marketplace. After a day filled with the sights and sounds of worldly vendors, their transportation took them from Boston to Swansea, Mass., where they enjoyed dinner reservations at Venus Demilo.

A quick survey of the seniors established two favorite highlights of their trip. Several would love to return to Lobster Mania, where they all regretted having stomachs smaller than their appetites and wished for doggy bags that would survive the return to Florida.

In addition, encountering Litefoot, star of the movie "The Indian in the Cupboard," rates very high on their list of memorable moments. He not only has a very warm, pleasant personality, but obviously enjoyed interaction with his admirers and spent considerable time with them on two separate occasions.



Angie Arrequin

Litefoot and Louise Motlow.

## Seminole Attend Small Business Development Seminar

By Felix DoBosz  
HOLLYWOOD — Over 25 percent of Americans dream of it, why not start your own business?

On Aug. 25, the Seminole Tribe of Florida hosted a Small Business Development seminar at their Hollywood headquarters. Florida Atlantic University hosts the Small Business Development Center in Southeast Florida, reaching cities from Sebastian to Key West.

According to www.FAUSBDC.com, "The U.S Small Business Administration (SBA) administers the Small Business Development Center Program to provide management assistance to current and prospective small business owners."

"SBDC offers one-stop assistance to individuals and small businesses by providing a wide variety of information and guidance in central and easily accessible branch locations."

"The program is a cooperative effort of the private sector, the educational community and federal, state and local governments. It enhances economic development by providing small businesses with management and technical assistance."

The topic was "Owning a business, is it right

for you?" A few Tribal citizens showed great interest in this subject as they listened to Business Specialist Trainer Ted Kramer discuss the do's and don'ts of being a small business owner.

Displaying, point by point during a slideshow presentation, the pros and cons to having a successful business, Kramer spoke about what it takes to be your own boss.

Some of the general topics covered were: understanding what it takes to own a business, characteristics of success, and how to determine and select the business that's right for you.

These topics are broken down further into basic sub-topics, with examples provided by the training specialist. Drawing from his vast knowledge and many years of experience as a successful business owner and entrepreneur, Kramer provides the students with real life stories that illustrate his presentation on each topic.

"Starting your Business" is the second of the five seminars provided by the Seminole Tribe of Florida. The next seminar will be held on Sept. 14, in Hollywood. For more information contact Ernest Tiger at (954) 966-6300, Ext. 1416.





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### NOTICE OF SEMINAR

Florida Atlantic University is presenting at no charge a series of fine seminars focusing on operating your own profitable business to Seminole Tribal Members. Instructors from the College of business will begin with the basics of starting a business and end with the steps to certification as a governmental preference supplier.

The SBDC Procurement Specialist will take you from starting your own business and will take you through the many different procurement programs that the state, county and government has to offer and help you find a business that best suits your ambitions.

Program Outline

Date/Time	Place	Focus	Presenter	Time
17-Aug-05	Big Cypress	Owning a Business	Kramer	10:00 a.m.
18-Aug-05	Big Cypress	Starting your Business	Kramer	10:00 a.m.
12-Sep-05	Big Cypress	Government 101	Bell	10:00 a.m.
22-Sep-05	Big Cypress	How to be Certified	Rule	10:00 a.m.
6-Oct-05	Big Cypress	Gov't Opportunities	Rule	10:00 a.m.
25-Aug-05	Hollywood	Owning a Business	Kramer	10:00 a.m.
14-Sep-05	Hollywood	Starting your Business	Kramer	10:00 a.m.
27-Sep-05	Hollywood	Government 101	Bell	10:00 a.m.
12-Oct-05	Hollywood	How to be Certified	Rule	10:00 a.m.
25-Oct-05	Hollywood	Gov't Opportunities	Bell	10:00 a.m.

Registration Form

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## Message from Chairman Cypress Regarding the SBA Seminar

Seminole Tribal citizens are now provided an excellent opportunity to gain the knowledge required to run a successful business. Through the courses offered by Florida Atlantic University, Tribal citizens will gain the knowledge needed to start and

manage their own businesses. Education and training are the keys to the success of the Tribe and its members, and the Florida Atlantic University seminars are another way to achieve those successes.

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**Halloweenstreet.com:** Elvis Dog costume \$19.99

# Halloween Costume Quest

**By Melissa Sherman**

It's that time of year to scramble around for that perfect Halloween costume that fits your personality... silly, scary, sexy or plain old bizarre. Where do you start looking? You can wait in lines at the mall, visit costume shops with half stamped product on the floor and picked over stock or you can get on-line and shop with ease from your computer.

To get you started here are a few places I have found that may be helpful. Always remember to use a secure site for credit card safety and make sure your shipping is affordable and timely.



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# Holiday Gift Guide: Mens Shirts

**Holiday Gift Guide: Mens Shirts**  
By Elrod Bowers

We as Tribal members insist on high quality work when we order a Seminole shirt, skirt, dress, jacket, or vest. We pay good money because we know they will last for years, or until we grow out of them. Then, why is it that we buy other types of clothes, even formal clothes, it's usually from off the rack at the mall?

This column will focus on buying quality men's bespoke clothing for work, formal occasions, or as a gift for your family's future CEO to be. While many of us are comfortable ordering a three design, button cuff, lined, long-sleeved jacket with a black background (and that's before you get into the details!) from our grandma, we will become familiar with the other terminology associated with bespoke men's clothing.

**Why bespoke?** First, let's discuss the difference between "bespoke" and "custom". While you would think there is none at all, it's as different as a Bentley and a Mazda.

"Bespoke" is a more restrictive term and is a mark of pride from the tailor. It means that every stitch, from the buttonholes to the collar, is made by hand.

"Custom" is a level of quality above the average off-the-rack clothing, but below bespoke, sometimes far below.

There are other terms as well: "made to measure", "ready to wear". These all are different from bespoke. While the prices are far less than bespoke, oftentimes the quality is as well.

**Dress Shirts.** The foundation of any man's wardrobe. You should have more than a week's supply of shirts that are well made and can withstand constant laundering. Not many people can afford to have a closet full of bespoke shirts, but as we get further into our conversation about the value of



**The gusset is a hexagonal piece of material that strengthens the side seams.**

levels which can range from ordinary broadcloth to the pricey Egyptian and Sea Island cottons, which get softer and softer the more you wear them.

**Construction.** Inspect any samples the shirtmaker has, it will tell you if the product is well-made. Every shirtmaker will make a big fuss over you during the fitting, trying to convince you of why you are paying good money for their product.

However, some important clues will tell you if the shirt is really worth the money.

Well-made shirts will have extra stitching at critical points in the shirt. These points include the sides of the shirt and the upper back.

The sides will have extra stitching as well as an extra triangle of material at the bottom of the side, called the **gusset**. This small hexagonal piece of material helps strengthen the side seams.

The upper back will actually be two pieces of material, called the **yoke**, sewn together. This custom detail allows the shirt to fit any idiosyncracies in your posture or bone structure.

One sign of a well-made shirt is when all of the stripes connect. It may not seem like much, but only a master tailor can make every single stripe connect and that goes hand in hand with a person who takes pride in their work.

Also, while these shirts are designed to last, some sections, such as the collars and cuffs, see more wear than others. Some of the top shirtmakers will refit a new collar or cuff onto your shirt so that you can get a few dozen extra wears out of it.

**Shirtmakers.** There are a number of shirtmakers to fit any budget. Some of the top shirtmakers are Turnbull & Asser, Hilditch & Key, and Charvet. There are also many more lower cost shirtmakers. You usually have to buy a minimum amount of shirts (6-8) on the first order.

Do you wear cufflinks? Two buttons or three on the wrist? What type of collar do you prefer? How fitted do you want the shirt?

Therefore, you must have an idea of what you prefer before you visit. Here are some tips to help you:

The watch you wear will greatly affect the size of your cuff. Those who wear Rolexes will need a larger sized cuff than those who wear thinner sized watches.

Cufflinks are a personal choice for the office. Some feel they're too dressy while others swear by them.

Cufflinks are de rigeur for formal events and your collections should include some shirts with either buttonless or French cuffs.

While you may prefer button cuffs, you still may be surprised that you can have three-button cuffs. Two words: James Bond.

There are a number of collars to choose from depending on your tastes. Wing collars are normally worn with bowties and cravats. Spread collars can range from almost vertical to almost horizontal. The rule of thumb is those with a long neck or face should wear a wide collar while those with round faces should choose a sharper collar. Sort of like the "no vertical stripes for thin people" rule.

You can specify how tight you want your shirt to be. This is good for thin people, because the off-the-rack shirts often have way too much material around the waist.

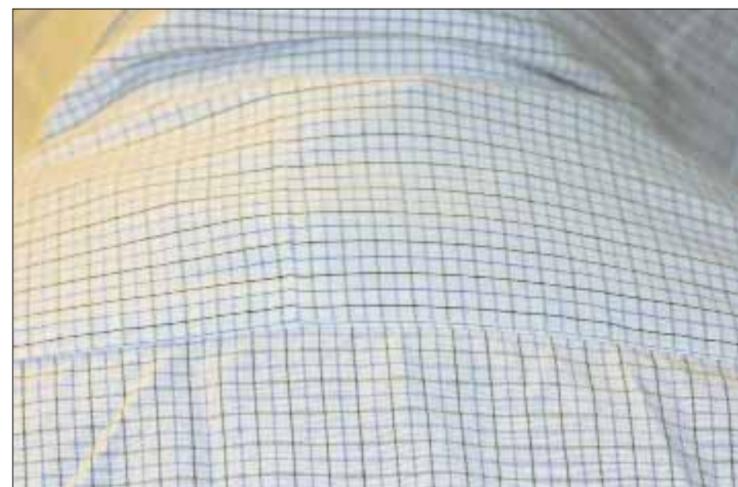
Whichever shirtmaker you choose should have a number of collars and cuffs for you to try on before you make a decision.

**Colors, Textures, and Patterns.** Make sure you begin your collection with whites and blues. When the salesman gives you 3-4 books of cloth samples, you will see the variety of whites and blues you can use. There are different shades, textures and patterns.

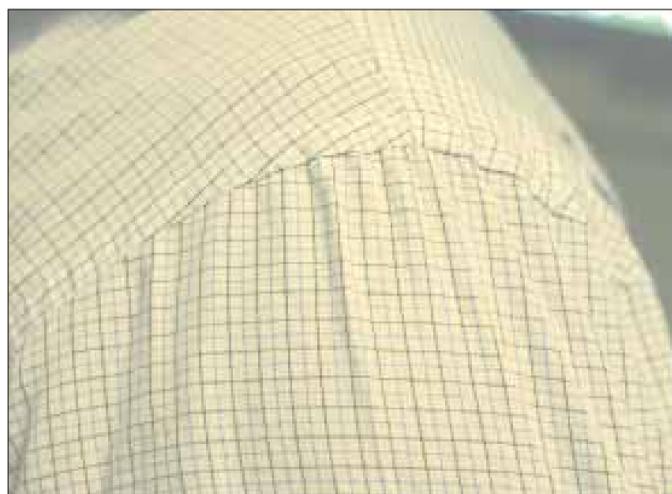
Choose a number of good solid whites for everyday use, and maybe a white on white pattern for more formal occasions.

Blue shirts are almost as important as white shirts in your collection because they both go with almost any color. You'll find that with these two colors you can totally change your look by choice of ties, or even shoes, but that's a topic for later.

Once you have a good group of those two colors, you can begin to look into checks and stripes. There are also a number of different price



**Notice the stitching down the center of the back. Called the yoke, this custom detail allows the shirt to fit any body type or posture.**



**Notice that the dark lines connect at a point where three different sections meet. Although a superficial detail, it is the mark of a skilled tailor.**

bespoke, you will see the paradox: bespoke clothing is ultimately cheaper than off-the-rack clothing.

**Measurements.** No one is perfect, which is why bespoke shirts are perfect for us. People are individual and have their own tastes, which no major shirt manufacturer can possibly take into account.

Turnbull & Asser, the shirtmakers to the Royal Family, will take over a dozen individual measurements of you on your first visit. They will also ask other questions such as: What type of watch do you wear?

The greatest advantage is that after the initial visit, the shirtmaker has your measurements on file and you can order any time you like without even going back to the store.

**Gifts.** For those who are looking for gift ideas for their son, spouse or significant other, shirts are always a practical gift. Once the measurements are on file, you can usually get a tiny little book of cloth samples from which you can order by using the cloth number.

Remember, it is handmade so it will often take about 6-8 weeks to receive your order.

**Next issue: The Suit, part 1.**



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## ASLA Conference Covers Native Language

Submitted by the Culture Education Program

**TAMPA, FL** — A three day conference titled "Accelerated Second Language Acquisition" (ASLA) was held at the Tampa Seminole Hard Rock on Aug. 15. Attendees included Seminole Cultural Education Program staff and various tribal citizens that are fluent in the Creek and Miccosukee languages. All reservations were invited to attend.

The participants were: Jeanette Cypress, Mary J. Coppedge, Carol Cypress, Lorene Gopher, Diane Smith Jenny Johns Diane Snow, Jenny Shore, Jo North, Bonnie Motlow, Cornelia Osceola, Corrina Frank, Herbert Jim and Judy Jim. This seminar was set up thru the Cultural Education Program

Dr. S. Neyooxet Greymorning an associate professor of anthropology and Native American studies, originally from Oklahoma, currently teaches at the University of Montana. Greymorning developed this systematic approach for language instruction because efforts to restore, salvage and revitalize North American Indigenous languages for the past 20 years have remained largely ineffective.

During the seminar staff was shown video tapes documenting how Greymorning taught his son and daughter to speak Arapaho in a six hour time frame over the course of a year. While watching these videos staff began to get excited about the possibility of having the same level of success with our people as he had with his children.

The conference provided staff with the opportunity to practice and learn how to use this new method of teaching language. Much time was spent writing lesson plans to support the teaching of Creek and Miccosukee using the ASLA approach.

Staff left the conference excited and motivated to begin using this approach at each reservation. This method of teaching language will be used in the preschools, the Pull Out Program, adult classes and in the Ahfachkee School.

For more information contact the culture staff, Shelly Walker or Lorene Gopher. For more information on Dr. Greymorning and his ASLA method, please visit [www.nsiilo.org](http://www.nsiilo.org).

## Credit Card Security Precautions

Submitted by Sergeant Al Signore, SPD

The fraudulent use of credit cards is not limited to the loss or left of actual credit cards. A capable criminal only need to know your credit card number to fraudulently make numerous charges, including cash withdraws, against your account.

The following are a number of crime prevention tips or recommendations to guard against the illegal use of credit cards.

Photo copy the front and back of all your credit cards and keep the copies in a safe and secure location. This will enable you to cancel your credit cards as soon as possible if it is lost or stolen.

Endorse all credit cards as soon as they arrive.

It is advisable not to carry credit cards in your wallet or purse. Carry them separately if possible.

Carry only the minimum number of credit cards actually needed and never leave them unattended.

When you write a check, never allow the sales person to write down your credit card number on the check. If paying by credit card, never let the salesperson write down your driver's license or social security number.

Avoid signing a blank receipt, when ever possible. Draw a line of blank spaces above the total when you sign credit card receipts.

Unless you are absolutely confident you are dealing with a reputable company, never give your credit card number over the phone.

Don't be fooled by a scam where a con artist wants to verify your credit card number because you won a prize. One current scam involves con artists who call at random. The thief informs the victim that if their visa card begins with the number four, the victim wins a prize. However, all Visa cards start with the number four, and all MasterCard's begin with the number five. The only prize the card holder gets is the fraudulent use of their credit card.

Other tips include:  
Notify the credit card companies in advance of a change of address.

Destroy unused credit card applications such

those received in mail advertising the recipient "You have been pre-approved for..."

Open billing statements promptly and reconcile your card amount each month, just as you would your checking account.

If you have received a letter stating you should have received a credit card in the mail, and you have not received it, notify the company or lending institution immediately.

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When you use a credit card to make a purchase, maintain visual contact with the card and make sure no extra imprints of your card are made to other charge slips. Destroy all the carbon so no one can obtain your account number.

It is a good idea to retain your credit card receipts and check them against the monthly billing statement.

In the event your credit card is lost or stolen, immediately notify the credit card company. Most issuing banks or companies can be reached 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The majority of fraudulent purchases are made within 48 hours of the loss.

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For more information on credit card security precautions call the Seminole Police Department's Sergeant Al Signore with the Crime Prevention Unit at (813) 623-5748.

## Graduate Takes Trip to France

By Judy Weeks

PARIS, FRANCE

— An Immokalee graduate has already achieved one of her life's ambitions. Lazara Marrero spent the last three years dreaming that she would some day take in the sights and sounds of Paris, France.

Having always been fascinated with the arts and history, she enrolled in high school classes that enhanced her enthusiasm as well as her language skills. She was very fortunate to have a French teacher who encouraged her and would be spending time in Paris this summer.

Upon graduation, Lazara received a sponsorship from Immokalee Recreation through the Education Department. Joined by her high school classmate, Jessica Sidney, she flew to Europe on Air France.

The two girls spent nine days touring the highlights of Paris. Mr. Mathaous, their French teacher, laid out an itinerary which allowed them to cover as much ground as possible in such a short period of time. Although he was unable to accompany them, it was comforting to know that he was only a phone call away in the event of trouble. Fortunately, everything went smoothly and no problems arose.

Each day the girls ventured forth from their hotel to explore the city known for its rich history of culture, art and tradition.

Days were spent in the most famous art



Judy Weeks

Immokalee graduate Lazara Marrero spent nine days in Paris.

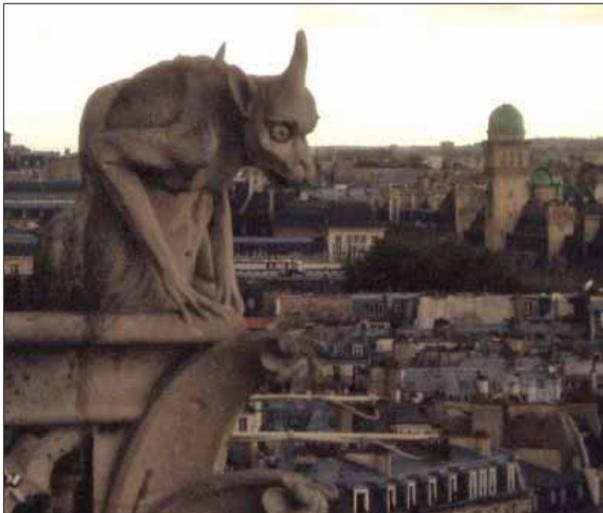
museum in the world, the Louvre. Making their way through the maze-like hallways, they moved past pictures, portraits, sculptures and art objects. The high ceilings, covered with ornate, gilded moldings and murals made them feel so small and overwhelmed their senses. It was almost impossible to believe that they were able to snap a photo of the Mona Lisa from just five feet away.

The famous white Arc de Triomphe, commissioned by Napoleon in 1806 was awe inspiring. They visited it by night and day, examining the sculptures at the base of the four white pillars. No trip to France would be complete without the Eiffel Tower or a long walk beside the River Seine.

Winding through cobblestone streets, they found their way to the aisles of Notre Dame de Paris. Its flying buttresses and rose windows took their breath away. They went up 368 stairs to stand eye to eye with the impressive gargoyles and bell tower that adorn the roof line.

Standing in some of the most famous cathedrals in Europe, they were able to witness religious relics that date back thousands of years, stained glass windows and magnificent artistic masterpieces.

Lazara happily confided, "I can't thank the Seminole Tribe enough for making all of this possible. The whole unforgettable experience was awesome. As I attend college this fall, I am going to work very hard to achieve an education and develop a career that will someday allow me to return to Paris. I have barely scratched the surface of this wonderful city and all that it has to offer. Sho nah bish."



Judy Weeks

One of the gargoyles atop the Notre Dame de Paris.

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The children learned about healthy eating during "Hula Hula Health Week."

## Boys & Girls Club Celebrate Back to School Hawaiian Style

Submitted by the Health Department  
**HOLLYWOOD**—On Sept. 6-7, the Seminole Boys & Girls Club and the Hollywood Seminole Health department celebrated going back to school with "Hula Hula Health Week."

Each day's events included nutrition lessons from Hollywood Nutritionist, Doris Nicholas-Mir, on the new Food Guide Pyramid and a healthy taste test of tropical fruits and Hawaiian stuffed celery.

The Health Education program, facilitated by Brenda Bordogna, provided fun and challenging games as a part of the festivities. The children competed in a limbo contest, Hawaiian musical chairs, a tropical bean bag



Photo courtesy of Health Department

The slip and slide contest.

throw, sack races and a wet and wild, slip and slide contest.

The event is part of a weekly series of lessons provided by the Hollywood Health Department's Allied Health Program. The weekly lessons range in topics from healthy eating and fitness to basic hygiene and wellness. The lessons are taught every Tuesday and Wednesday at the Boys & Girls Club beginning at 3:30 p.m.

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# Health Corner ❖ Chah-nee-ken chà-ke ❖ Cvfeknetv onakv

## Preschool Carnival Teaches Health, Safety

By Susan Etxebarria

**BIG CYPRESS** — The Health & Safety Carnival at Big Cypress, organized by the Seminole Tribe's Health department, was a smashing show for all the preschool children, the pre-



Susan Etxebarria

One young lucky winner chose a book from the Library Department booth.

kindergartners and kindergartners at the reservation. With balloons and merry music, gaily decorated booths with pitch and toss type games and a jolly circus-type atmosphere, the parking lot adjacent to the preschool was transformed into a scene much like a real carnival. Some adults dressed up like clowns. There were eight departments involved in creating this extravaganza on Aug. 25 solely for the 50 wide-eyed tiny tots who were brought to the carnival by their teachers.

The purpose was to offer a unique and memorable way to teach the tots important lessons about health and safety. It was also an opportunity for the kids to meet and interact with some of the staff who work with them and their families to provide health and safety.

How could a little kid forget meeting the Seminole Tribal firefighters who let them take turns holding a giant fire hose reeled off of a big red fire truck as it shot big sprays of water on the pavement? The awe on their little faces was delightful to see. "This was a hands-on kind of learning," said Health Educator Debbie Ray, who was the carnival coordinator.

Children were guided along to each well-planned booth, to play a game and get a prize. For example, the Health & Education Booth hosted a game called "Pick a Duck" where kids were asked to pick up a rubber ducky floating in a little plastic swimming

pool. On the bottom of the duck was written an instruction for the child such as, touch your toes, hop on one leg, or do arm circles. Once the child did the challenge they were awarded the rubber duck. The objective was to reinforce in a child's mind that exercise is good for you.

At the Health Clinic's booth every child's height was measured and they were weighed before they could do the beanbag toss and get their prize. Family Services gave the tots a chance to throw a ball at a spider and even if they missed every child was praised because they made the effort, a pat on the back being good for self-esteem.

The Library department's booth offered a chance to hook a paper fish in a pretend pond and hand it in to choose a book, a sticker, a bracelet or other toy. Every department had two and three staff members present who made a very special effort to talk to each child. Ray said she was very grateful for the Seminole Police Department and the Big Cypress Recreation department whose staff helped to set up the grounds before the event. They both had booths with games and prizes, and the K-9 dog was a big attraction for the kids.

Big Cypress Representative David Cypress stopped by in the morning on his way to a Council meeting and Ray said that he commended those involved, saying it was a "good job!"

Ray said the different departments at Big Cypress meet monthly for Team Meetings initiated by Cypress. She said the team meetings really help in getting everyone coordinated and involved in these kinds of community activities.

"We enjoy doing these kinds of things because there is so much help from the many departments," she said.



Susan Etxebarria

The children were guided along to each booth to play a game and win prizes.



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Each of the kids took turns holding the giant fire hose.

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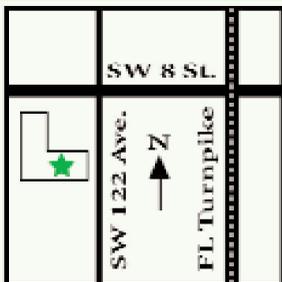
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# Health Corner ♦ Chah-nee-ken chà-ke ♦ Cvfeknetv onakv

## Managing Diabetes on Sick Days

**Submitted by the Seminole Health Department**  
 You have the flu. You have diabetes. What do you do? As we approach cold and flu season again, it is important to know what to do if you get sick and have to manage your diabetes. Keeping your blood sugar under control while you are sick can be difficult, but it is possible.  
 Being sick can raise your blood sugar, whether it is a cold, the flu, an infection, or other illness. Here are some rules for taking care of yourself and keeping a minor illness from becoming a major problem:  
 Keep taking your diabetes pills or insulin. Even if you can't keep food down, you need your medicine to keep your blood sugar in check.  
 Check your blood glucose every four hours. Write down the results.  
 Drink at least a cup (eight ounces) of water or other calorie-free, caffeine-free liquid every hour while you are awake.  
 Try eating crackers, popsicles, soup, or soft-ice if you can't eat your usual food.  
 If you can't eat at all, drink clear liquids like

ginger ale (with sugar, not diet). You want to drink something with some sugar in it if you have trouble keeping food down.  
 Test your urine for ketones (using ketone strips) if:  
 • Your blood glucose is over 240 mg/dL  
 • You can't keep any food or liquids down  
 • Call your health care provider right away if:  
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 • You feel sleepier than usual  
 • You have trouble breathing  
 • You can't think clearly  
 • You throw up more than once  
 • You have had diarrhea for more than six hours  
 If you have to go to the hospital or emergency room, tell the doctors and nurses you have diabetes. They should call your doctor. If you have any questions about this article, please ask at the clinic on your reservation.

### Ask The Counselor

**Dear Counselor,**  
 I am a 19 year old young lady with a broken heart and I am totally confused. When I was 18, I met a man five years older than I am. I told him that I was a year older than I was hoping it would make him like me more. I became intimate with him on our second date and found out a few weeks later that he was intimate with a few others girls.



Basil Phillips  
 M.S. Mental Health Counseling

Even though I have a boyfriend I have been with for almost four years, I was heartbroken, not because I was fed a taste of my own medicine, but because I was actually in love with this guy. I had experienced feelings for him in a few weeks that I had never experienced with my boyfriend in the four years we had been going out.  
 My boyfriend and I are no longer together because he became suspicious of my behavior and broke off the relationship. I spend my every waking moments thinking about this man. I am afraid to tell him that I am actually one year younger than he thinks because it might push him away completely.  
 I stay angry at him because he is still intimate with other girls. I truly love him and don't know what to do. Please help me.  
 Signed,  
 Confused

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*you are confused because you lost your boyfriend for a manipulator that is interested in your body and not your heart.*

*Believe me, you do not yet know what love is, and you certainly don't know heartbreak. If you continue to sleep with this guy and lose focus of your self respect and dignity, you will know heartbreak up close and personal. What if you get pregnant by this player? What if you get a sexually transmitted disease? And that's a good possibility considering that he sleeps around.*

*Clear your head and start your journey on the road to taking care of yourself. This man does not deserve you, and you certainly deserve better. Confused let me share something with you. Girls look to their father to show them what men value in a woman. If a young woman's father rejects her, she will seek a man to meet the unfulfilled needs. If her father is warm and nurturing, she will look for a lover to equal him. If a father thinks his daughter is beautiful and feminine, she will be inclined to see herself that way. However, if he rejects her as unattractive, she is likely to carry self-image problems into adulthood.*

*A woman's relationship with herself and her relationship with the men in her life is greatly influenced by the relationship she has with her father. Confused, the bottom line is fathers make a significant difference in the lives of their daughters, in the lives of their children.*

*As a counselor I have noticed that every young girl that I have counseled, who gave up on their hopes, their dreams and their future, first gave up on their father.*

Signed,  
 Counselor

**Dear Confused,**  
 Your letter leaves me confused about what is confusing you.  
 Are you confused about the fact that you think the older guy won't continue to exploit you and use you if he knows you are a year younger than he thinks? Or is it because he continues to sleep with other girls despite the fact that you have given him your heart and your body? Or perhaps

## Prostate Cancer: Are You at Risk?

**Submitted by Pauline Good, ARNP, Hollywood Clinic Supervisor**  
 The prostate gland is a gland that is wrapped around the urethra (the urethra is a canal through which urine and semen is released) located between the testicles and rectum. Prostate cancer is one of the most common types of cancer among men.

Men between the ages of 45 and 65, with a family history of prostate cancer and has a diet high in animal fat are at a greater risk for this silent killer. Prostate cancer is also more common in African American men than in Caucasian, Hispanic, Asian or American Indian.

**Detection and Screening**  
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**Symptoms**  
 Some symptoms related to enlarged prostate or Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy (BPH) and Prostate Cancer are: Difficulty urinating, especially at night, Pain during urination, Weak flow

of urine, Difficulty starting and stopping flow of urine Blood in the urine or semen, Lower back pain, Difficulty with erection.

**Diagnosis**  
 A consultation with a Urologist (Physician who specializes in diseases of the genitals and urinary system) who will perform diagnostic tests e.g. Ultrasound, Cystoscopy and Biopsy. Ultrasounds and cystoscopy procedure are tests, which allow the Physician to visualize the urethra, bladder and prostate. During a biopsy a small amount of tissue is removed from the prostate and examined under a microscope to check for cancer cells.

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# Preventing Rape Primary Topic at SPD Seminar

By Susan Etxebarría

**BIG CYPRESS** — “A rape occurs every six minutes in the United States. Chances of being raped are one in 10 in a lifetime. It is the most under reported crime in the country,” Seminole Police Department (SPD) Detective Henri Suissa told the audience at the Sexual Assault and Prevention Seminar held Aug. 24 at the Big Cypress Senior Center.

Faced with the known facts about rapists and sexual offenders living close to Big Cypress in nearby cities or towns it makes you think twice. Suissa and fellow SPD Detective Steve Lopez gave a compelling presentation on this disturbing but important topic.

“I think they are despicable human beings,” said Suissa.

The goal of SPD is to arm women, moms and dads, uncles and aunts as well as grandparents with information that can possibly save a loved one from being sexually assaulted, raped, or worse - being tortured and killed by a sexual predator, according to the detectives.

“These crimes are very heinous in nature,” said Detective Steve Lopez. “It is important to know who your next door neighbor is and who lives in neighboring cities.” The officers handed out two pages with 18 thumbnail photos of known sexual predators living in the Clewiston area where many Big Cypress residents shop and Seminole teens go to high school.”

Suissa and Detective Stephan Lopez, both have a wide range of experience in investigating, case filing and prosecuting perpetrators of sex crimes, presented many chilling facts at the seminar. They stressed that sexual assault is not an act of sexual gratification. It is an act of violent and sadistic control over another person, someone weaker and more vulnerable.

The youngest victim in Florida is a two week old girl and the oldest victim is a 95 year old woman. Sex is not the motivating factor for these sexual offenders and rapists. The rape doesn't happen because of the way a woman looks. It is something else. Something deep seated in their nature and rarely overcome. Having that ultimate power and control, often over the person's life or death, is a stronger motivation than sex, according to the seminar.

A “power rapist” is the most common type of sexual offender—a person who uses whatever physical force is necessary to gain control of the victim. An “anger rapist” is the second most common. This is someone who usually batters his victim and uses more force than necessary to overpower the victim. Lastly, a “sadistic rapist” actually enjoys hurting his victim. The offenses are ritualized; include torture or bizarre acts, as well as demeaning and degrading language.

The two SPD detectives brought a lot of written materials for all to read. They arrested everyone's attention as they succinctly explained the nature of a rapist.

The rapist usually rapes five to 14 times before they are apprehended. A rapist is someone who is emotionally unstable and views women as objects you can own. Close to 70 percent of rapists are abused as children. About half of the rapes committed are by a rapist who is an acquaintance. Rapists commit their first sexual assault before their 16 birthday. About 90 percent of rapists nationwide are 16-27 years old.

The detectives reminded everyone that there are opportunities for sex offenders to come on reser-

vation lands showing up at festivals, rodeos, concerts and at the Tribe's various casinos and tourist sites. So it is just as important to be aware of your surroundings on the reservations as well as off.

The detectives stress ways to prevent rape. Certain prevention tips work in some situations. If there is anyone within earshot yell “Fire” rather than “Help,” carry a whistle and/or run or drive to populated areas. “Don't get in a car with someone you don't know,” cautioned Lopez. “Here at Big Cypress there are plenty of woods.”



Susan Etxebarría

Detective Henri Suissa, Big Cypress Board Representative Paul Bowers and Detective Steve Lopez.

What are the locations of rape? The most common place is in the victim's home; the second is at the rapist's home. Third is the rapist's vehicle and last are parks, alleys, stairwells, parking lots, garages, beaches and school campuses. These are places to be aware of your surroundings. Try not to be alone. Most rapes occur after 6 p.m. and through the night until 6 a.m.

How should you react during a rape? The detectives advise that you try to remain calm. Notice the rapist's hair, eyes, clothes, and speech. If raped other than at home, try to remember everything you can of the setting. Leave fingerprints everywhere. Try to leave a personal item at the crime scene. Screaming may antagonize a rapist and if you do fight off the rapist be willing to inflict serious injury or death. However, submission may be the only way to survive. Submission is not giving permission.

Unfortunately many victims don't report the crime because they don't feel they will be believed. Instead of supporting the victim some people judge and question the victim. Victims have trouble trusting others and opening up. They are in shock, disbelief, feel helpless and fearful. Depression and bitterness follows after withdrawal from friends and family, indifference and denial. Feelings of self worth are at an all time low. It is important the victim get help.

This is the time when the Seminole Tribe's human services can be most supportive helping Tribal citizens deal with a personal crisis. For the sake of the victim the detectives urge anyone faced with this kind of crime to come to SPD for help. The Family Services department will offer moral support, encouragement and counseling. The communities have Seminole educators, health professionals and leaders who can comfort and guide any victim of rape.



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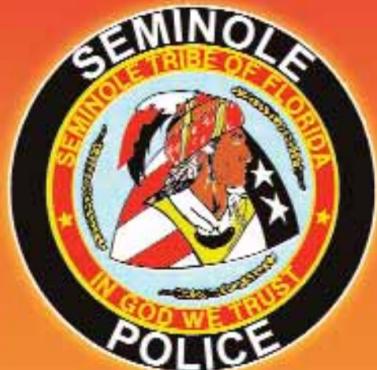
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# Attention! Attention!

The Seminole Police Department is proud to announce the first ever Citizens Police Academy for the Tribal members of Big Cypress and Immokalee reservations. Those who are not Tribal members, but are employed by the Seminole Tribe of Florida, meet the criteria to be part of this exciting program. The Citizens Police Academy was started in June of 2005 in the Hollywood reservation. It was a very successful program for the community and all the members involved. The flyers, which are also the small applications, can be picked up at the Seminole Police Department. These contain information on what the Citizens Police Academy is all about. The Seminole Police Department encourages each and every one to attend. Class size is limited to about 16 - 20 students, so pick up your applications and get them turned back in right away. We will announce a start date as soon as we can get our class filled. If you have any questions please call Ofc. George Gonzalez with the Training Division at the Hollywood reservation (954)967-8900.



# Fun Day

Continued from page 1

soda was available, water and sport drinks were consumed by the case.

A goat roping demonstration by Cody and Chad Motlow drew quite a large group of spectators. The youngsters were then divided into age groups and were given an opportunity to participate in the goat scramble for prizes.

By far the favorite attraction for both young and old was Nocona, the long horn steer. Weighing in at more than a ton, this gentle giant carried children and adults around in his saddle and provided a marvelous picture opportunity.

Nocona's owner, Dennis Deveagh hails from Davie, Fla., where he operates Livestock for Reel and Little Critter's Corral. Almost immediately, the children recognized Nocona from the Discovery channel and the many commercials he has done on national television.

Mr. Dennis had a captive audience as he told the children about the magazine ads in which his animals had appeared and the numerous creatures that live at his ranch. They were ecstatic when they learned that the current MacArthur Dairy advertisement with Jason Taylor of the Miami Dolphins was filmed on his property.

In addition, Mr. Dennis has an extensive background in rodeo where he held state and regional championship positions for several years and was an IFR qualifier in Bulldogging or Steer Wrestling numerous times.



Judy Weeks

Children compete in foot races.

Detective Kris Kuhl of the Collier County Sheriff's Department brought his family to participate and was very complimentary of the Seminole Tribe's generosity. The 22 year veteran of law enforcement is currently attached to SHOCAP, or Serious Habitual Offenders Comprehensive Action Plan.

"Events like this one today, can really make a difference in the community and help to shape the future of Immokalee's younger generation. Whenever we help a child, we help ourselves. We can't save them all, but there is nothing to stop us from trying. I am delighted to see the participation here today and

know that many will take home happy memories. This Youth Ranch is a wonderful addition to the Immokalee community," Kuhl said.

The men and women who make up the Youth Ranch staff, under the direction of Benny Motlow, worked very hard for several days to put this production together and make it a success. They are Jamie Yzaguirre, Gabriel Acosta, Greg Betancourt, Carl Presley, Carlos Alvarado, Mike Sanders and Larry Motlow. Seminole Broadcasting's Angie Arreguin and Cody Bert documented the event.

# Labor Day Rodeo at ISY&LR

Story by Judy Weeks

**IMMOKALEE** — The Immokalee Seminole Youth and Livestock Ranch (ISY&LR) was host to the International Professional Rodeo Association (IPRA) on Sept. 4-5. They entertained the audience both Sunday and Monday evenings with saddle bronc riders, calf ropers, bull doggers, bareback bronc riders, team ropers, barrel racers and bull riders.

The stock contractor and announcer was D.R. Daniels, the 1983 National Finals Rodeo (NFR) world champion calf roper. His rodeo company represents the IPRA and draws contestants from all over the Southeastern U.S.

Rodeo clown Mike Ireland was on hand from Raleigh, N.C. to entertain the audience with his running commentary and barrel racing Border Collie and Monkey. Margo Davis carried the American Flag and Ken Treadway brought his bucking stock all the way from South Carolina for the bronc riding events.

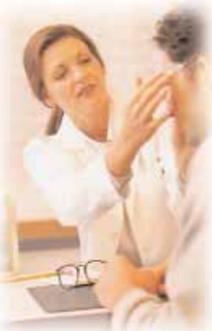
A special half time feature was Rick Sneed and his champion reining horse. He and his mare per-

formed before the audience without any headstall or halter, doing some outstanding precision maneuvers. Sneed maintained control of his horse throughout the presentation with extraordinary leg work, completing many difficult and high speed athletic routines.

Team roping events attracted a large number of contestants which included champions Brad Culpepper and Manny Cunde Jr. Despite broken barriers and one leg catches, the competition was heavy. The team of Brad Culpepper and Jason Hill held first place with a score of 5.3 seconds most of the week-end until they were tied by Jason Hill and Manny Cunde Jr.

The last team of Travis Dorman and Kyle Lawrence stole first place with a 4.9 second clean run, bumping everyone back one place. The ever popular bull riding had everyone on the edge of their seat. There were a few tense moments when Chris Davis of Okeechobee got hung up, but he managed to break free without injury. Of the 15 competitors, there were only six qualifying eight second rides.

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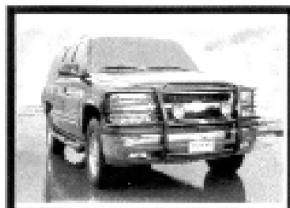
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# 5th Annual Adam Billie Memorial Basketball Tournament

**By Felix DoBosz**  
**HOLLYWOOD** — The all Indian basketball tournament started out on the night of Sept. 2, followed the next day by more games. The Kal Skins took on the Trail Kings in the first game of the Adam Billie Memorial Basketball Tournament, followed by many more games in the newly well-lit and remodeled Seminole Recreation gym floor.

This was the fifth year this basketball tournament was played in honor of the late Adam Christopher Billie. His older brother by seven years, Jason Don Billie, son of the late Joe Don Billie, who passed away last year, said, "Adam loved all sports, but mostly basketball, football and track. He looked up to me and followed me to Sequoyah High School in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, part of the Cherokee Indian Nation."

"Adam was an all-around kid, didn't get into any trouble, got along good with everybody...one of the things I like about this tournament is everyone comes from all the different reservations



**First place Women's Division, Seminole Recreation (L-R): Francine Osceola, Talia Johnson, Lila Osceola, Jamie Tanner, Celeste King and Farren Cypress.**

Felix DoBosz



**Seminole Recreation's Tony Heard executes a tough shot against AZ's Finest.**

Felix DoBosz



**First place Men's Division, Seminole Recreation (L-R): Troy Blount, Charlie Frye, Tony Heard, Richard Dionne, Marl Osceola and Carlos Adamson.**

Felix DoBosz

to play and not only have a good time, but to memorialize my brother, they all remember him, this tournament is more of a remembrance to him.

"He played in basketball tournaments in Oklahoma, Nevada, North Carolina and here [Hollywood]; he grew up in Big Cypress. Last year, when we held the tournament it was postponed due to the hurricanes. In June of 2000, Adam Billie was suddenly taken away from us. He would have been twenty-five in December, just nineteen when he passed."

Jason Don went on to thank the entire Tribal Council of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Seminole Recreation department, and all the teams from Arizona, North and South Dakota, California, North Carolina, New Mexico, which participated in this year's event. He said he was very pleased with this year's turnout and hoped to see everyone again next year.

The following are the results of the 5th Annual Adam Billie Memorial Tournament: Men's Division: 1.Seminole

Recreation, 2. AZ's Finest, 3.Canes, 4. Kal Skins, 5. BC; Women's Division: 1. Seminole Recreation, 2. Frog, 3.Native Honey, 4. Sundown, 5. Miccosukee.

## Dual Labor Day Golf Tournaments

### Proceeds Raised for Hurricane Katrina Relief

**By Adelsa Williams**  
**HOLLYWOOD** — During this year's Labor Day holiday weekend, the Hollywood Council representative's office, in association with the Hollywood Recreation department, sponsored dual golf tournaments.

The first tournament was an all Indian outing that took place on Sept. 3 at the Hillcrest Golf Club in Hollywood, Fla. The establishment is famous for its signature hole, number 18, the "island green."

After a day full of mixed weather, starting off with a humid heat wave and followed by the casual rain, players congregated at the infamous signature hole to watch everyone finish off the game by attempting to get their ball on the green. Some of the players commented that the set up of the signature hole intimidates any player due to its isolated location around a lake that serves as a landfall for many golf balls from unsuccessful putts.

Tribal senior citizen Mabel Doctor was spotted on the green of the 18th hole wrapping up her game and com-



**(L-R) Mondo Tiger, Raymond Garza, Joshua Harrison and Ricky Doctor.**

Adelsa Williams

Hollywood Councilman Max B. Osceola Jr. also commented on the effort to participate in raising Hurricane Katrina funds through the sponsored event.

"The tournament was originally just a Labor Day outing but proceeds will be donated in behalf of the Seminole Golf Association to the hurricane relief, said Max, "In Florida we were inconvenienced by losing power for a few days, they were devastated, they lost lives."

The second Labor Day golf tournament was held on Sept. 5 at the TPC Heron Bay golf resort in Coral Springs, Fla., where individual stroke play was the format of the game and prizes were awarded to three places in the women's, men's and senior divisions.

Everyone was a winner during the skins full handicap play, each awarded with a different cash prize based on their scores. The additional results are listed below.

**Closes to the Pin**  
 Men: Hole #3, Ray Garza Jr., #5 Mondo Tiger, #11 Josh Harrison, #14 Terry Harrison; Senior Men: #3 Moses Jumper, #5 Ronnie Doctor, #14 Lawrence Osceola;  
 Women: #3 Virginia Billie, #5 Doreen Osceola-Willie, #11 Virginia Billie; Senior Women: #5 Mabel Doctor.

**Longest Drive, Hole #17**  
 Men: Joshua Harrison; Senior Men: Moses Jumper; Women: Virginia Billie; Senior Women: Mabel Doctor.

The second Labor Day Golf tournament on Sept. 5 results are as follow:

**Senior Men:** 1. Lawrence Osceola \*(86), 2. Keeno King (86), 3. Ernest Riley (87); **Men:** 1. Charlie Cypress (75), 2. Elliott Young (76), 3. Salaw Hummingbird (80). **Women:** 1. Virginia Billie (90), 2. Jackie Thompson (94), 3. Cornelia Osceola (116).

\*Square off selection of first and second places in the senior men division.

**Closest to the Pin**  
 Men: Hole# 5 Mondo Tiger, #8 Marcy Osceola, Jr., #11 & 15 Joshua Harrison; Senior Men: #5 & #11 Keeno King, #8 Joe Osceola, #15 Moses Jumper; Women: #5 & #11 Virginia Billie  
**Longest Drive, Hole #4**  
 Men: Charlie Cypress; Senior Men: Joe Osceola; Women: Virginia Billie.



**Recreation Director Moses "Big Shot" Jumper at tee off.**

Adelsa Williams



**McInturff (center) and Immokalee recreation staff.**

Judy Weeks

## Renovations Begin on Immokalee Gym

**By Judy Weeks**  
**IMMOKALEE** — Work is currently underway to make improvements to the gym in the Immokalee community announced Recreation Director Allen McInturff. The renovation began a few weeks ago and is progressing rapidly. The office has been attractively painted red with a logo on the wall and new carpet installed. With furniture and shelving in place, it is already in use.

A crew is hard at work covering the upper interior walls of the main gym with white metal sheeting over the heavy layers of insulation. Red vinyl padding has been ordered to replace the deteriorating blue that had been in use for several years. A border or artistic design is being planned to further decorate the interior.

The lower walls of the Exercise Room were suffering from water dam-

age. The leak problems have been corrected and new wall board installed. A fresh coat of paint and new carpet with an industrial underlay have transformed the room into a pleasant workout area. Additional equipment is on order to enhance the pieces currently occupying the space.

While touring the facilities, Gary McInturff announced plans for an aerobics room and a possible full time personal trainer. Plans for an entertainment unit with television and audio equipment are also under discussion.

Members of the community have talked about the need for a fitness walk for some time. Recreation is looking into the possibility of creating a walk area around the lake and into the surrounding woodland. When the renovations are complete, it is the goal of the Recreation department to work on building a healthier community.



**The exercise room was renovated and will be stocked with additional equipment.**

Judy Weeks



Adelsa Williams

**Mabel Doctor was the only senior woman in the tournament.**

mented, "I'm the only senior woman here today," cheerfully for conquering the challenging hole.

During the announcement of the winners, Tribal citizen Mitch Osceola announced that half of the prize money per winner would be donated to the Red Cross for the Hurricane Katrina relief, a gesture that earned the players applause. A total of \$4,600 would go that fund.

"The money is going for a good cause," said Osceola. "We all have to help each other and they need the help."

# 'Heavyweight Heat' KOs Hurricane

**By Adelsa Williams**  
**HOLLYWOOD** — On Aug. 26, the newly developed Hard Rock Live Arena hosted the first boxing event, "Heavyweight Heat," a successful promotion by Warriors Boxing Promotions, Inc. in association with Cedric Kushner Promotions, the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino.

Despite category one Hurricane Katrina's landfall in South Florida the day before, the much anticipated show went on, and drew an estimated 4,500 boxing fans. The event was televised on Showtime Pay-Per-View, Warriors' first show of that magnitude.

The night's main event featured a heavyweight battle between Olympian gold medalist Ray "Merciless" Mercer from Warriors against Brooklyn brawler Shannon Briggs, a match that caused immense controversial heat at the pre-fight press conference. Both fighters were formerly under the same management and had since then become rivals, making the match not just business but a personal fight, and it was obvious when referee Brian Garry made a forced touch up between the fighters at the beginning of the match.

Briggs, a much younger fighter weighed in at 257 pounds, 20 pounds lighter than Mercer.

Despite the weight and age difference, Mercer and Briggs put on a good fight evenly throughout the seven of the 10 scheduled rounds, until Mercer failed to protect himself 41 seconds into the seventh



**Cruiserweight Champion O'Neill Bell retains his title.**

round where caught off guard, Briggs took the opportunity to knock him out with just one strong right hook. Like most heavyweight battles, it only takes one second and one hit to knock the opponent out.

Briggs improves his record to 43-

4-1 while Mercer may be eliminated from the top list of heavyweight contenders.

Another 10 round scheduled heavyweight battle was between Journeyman Jameel "Big Time" McCline up against Steven "The Storm" Pannell.

The action packed bout lasted from the minute the first bell rang until McCline knocked out Pannell two minutes and thirty-three seconds into the third round.

McCline did steady work on Pannell with a series of one, two, three, right, left, right combinations dropping him on rounds one and two and for the finish on round three. McCline always managed to end the rounds making a statement, a thrilling treat for the boxing fans.

Both Heavyweights Briggs and McCline are under Cedric Kushner's promotions.

The third highlight of the evening was an impressive Cruiserweight championship rumble between titleholder O'Neill "Supernova" Bell and his challenger hailing from South Africa, Sebastian Rothman.

Rothman was very focused, disciplined and determined to yank the belt from Bell, as he impressed and won over the crowd's cheers. Rothman continuously scored in repetitious jabs with no retaliation from Bell whatsoever but Bell somehow still managed to swell up under Rothman's right and left eyes by round three. In round four both fighters took turns against the ropes and at the end of the round, Rothman was victorious by almost knocking Bell down with a strong right hook, only for the bell to end the round and prevent a knockout.

During the next five rounds the square off was looking promising for Rothman, as he showed to be more dominant and in control and it seemed that Bell would have to go for the knockout to be able to retain his title.

In rounds seven, eight and nine Bell tiredly and upset threw too many low blows and was deducted two points total.

Two minutes and nine seconds into round 11, Bell impressively and shocking to all, knocked out Rothman so hard that he required

medical assistance from the doctors at ringside. The landed jab seemed to have come out of nowhere and without argument Bell earns due credit.

The fourth and final televised match of the evening was between

had never been stopped and was recently training with high regarded Zab Judah who was in his corner that night cheering him on. He did managed to give Urango a great challenge towards the end of the fight, right before the referee stopped the fight



**Ray "Merciless" Mercer gets knocked out in round 7 in the main event against Shannon Briggs.**

Colombian sensation Juan "Iron Twins" Urango and Andre Eason.

Urango worked the body making his way to the head trying to establish control on the first three rounds, but it was a good straight right punch that knocked down Eason in the last 12 seconds of round three.

Eason considered a great fighter

two minutes and fifty-nine seconds in round seven.

The technical knockout (TKO) is another addition to knockout collector, obvious rising star and still undefeated Junior Welterweight Urango, now 16-0-1.

South American Urango is one of Warriors prides who currently resides in Madrid, Spain where he relocated from his Native land in search for better opportunities.

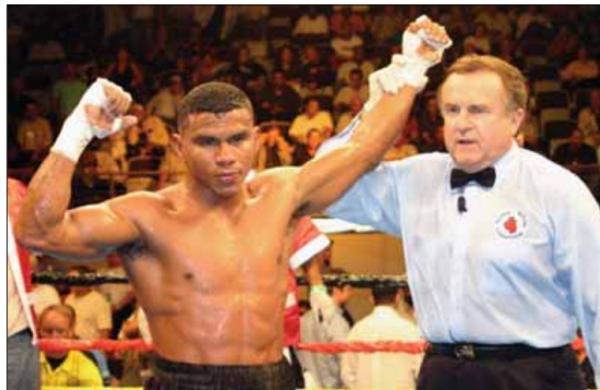
There were two additional off-screen bouts that evening that caused heat as well. Another one of Warriors pride is also Colombia-Native Edison Miranda who won a six round unanimous decision over Hilario Guzman. With this win, Miranda remains undefeated as well.

Warriors Heavyweight Lance Whitaker scored a TKO against opponent Louis Monaco 30 seconds into round three.

The next Hard Knocks at the Hard Rock series is scheduled to take place again at the spectacular Hard Rock Live arena on Oct. 21 featuring infamous Heavyweight David Tua.



**South Africa's Sebastian Rothman (left) was unsuccessful in trying to dethrone O'Neill Bell.**



**Hard-hitting Colombian sensation Juan "Iron Twins" Urango remains undefeated.**

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I just want to thank each and every person who came out to support my son Jarrid Smith, when he played at the Dolphin Stadium, Sept. 8. The Florida Atlantic University football team played the Oklahoma State Cowboys.

This was the second time he has played in the Dolphin Stadium. The first time was last year for the Don Shula Bowl against Florida International University, which FAU won.

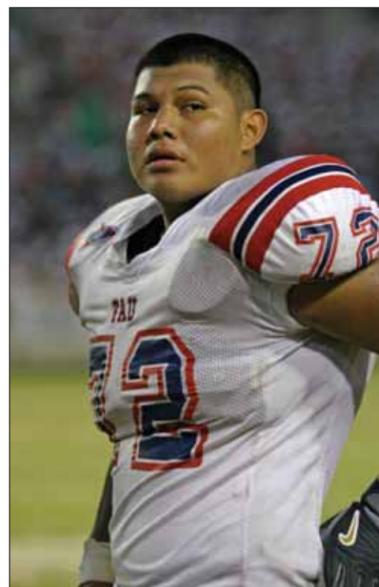
Jarrid is the starting center, #78, this year. With a field pass I got to stand on the sidelines. I spoke to his former offensive line coach and he told me know matter what anyone said he thought Jarrid was the best offensive lineman in the state of Florida. I was so proud of Jarrid at that moment, you just don't know.

Back in the days, Jarrid would attend many Dolphin games with my dad, the late Fred Smith. The two of them were so into football, every season they were always ready. I'm sure my dad, looking down from up above, got a kick out of seeing his grandson on that field playing the game they both love.

There is no better feeling then to watch your child do what they love and be successful at it. My hope for every parent is that you to will one day experience that same feeling. So I end with saying, stay on their case, make sure they do the right things and always be there for them with a lot of love.

Thanks again to everyone who made it out that night. It meant a lot to me and Jarrid.

Sincerely,  
Camellia Smith Osceola



## Jarrid Smith Shines at Center for FAU Football

By Felix DoBosz  
MIAMI GARDENS, FL — Brighton's Jarrid Osceola Smith, #78, center offensive lineman for the FAU Owls, wiped the dirt and sweat from his face mask as he quickly got ready on the scrimmage line for the next cadence calls from his beleaguered quarterback Danny Embick.

The Oklahoma State University (OSU) Cowboys defensive line had managed to cause two fumbles during the game while sacking QB Embick. This quickly translated into points on the big board for Oklahoma State leading to a final 23-3 victory in the home opener at Dolphin stadium.

Smith was a little bigger and more confident then when he started playing for Coach Howard Schnellenberger last year as a red-shirted freshman. Last season was a roller coaster ride, starting in Hawaii as big underdogs and scoring an upset win over the University of Hawaii in a thrilling overtime win shown live on ESPN. They went on to a respectable 8-3 record in 2004.

The Owls are now in the Sun Belt conference, and played against the Big 12's OSU Cowboys, where they were hoping some of that Hawaii magic was still around.

Camellia Smith, daughter of the late chairman Fred Smith, and mother of

### OSU beats FAU 23-3 in home opener at Dolphin Stadium

Jarrid Smith, was in the Camry section of the parking area, tailgating early for the pre-game party in front of Dolphin Stadium. They all arrived early with the rest of her family and friends from the Brighton reservation in a motorcade of several trucks and cars.

Curtis Osceola, Jarrid's father, said he was proud to be there to show his great support for his son and the FAU football Team. Jarrid was #72 last year, and was happy to change his number to his old high school number #78.

They have about 50 new freshman rookies playing on the FAU football team this year. Osceola said he enjoys watching his son play football and hopes he takes it to the next level. He had approximately 30 tickets to distribute to his family and friends for the Owls home game.

The Seminole suite was packed with happy football fans of all ages watching an improved Jarrid Smith perform like a real pro. They were enjoying not only a college football game but a great halftime

show starring Lee Greenwood, country music superstar, singing his patriotic tunes like "Proud to be an American" and his 1988 huge hit "God Bless the U.S.A." in a salute to military police and fire departments.

Dexter Lamont FAU's assistant AD for marketing and corporate sales, said the game was being nationally televised on ESPN2, in addition, the sporting event was hosting a collection center for the American Red Cross and Hurricane Katrina relief. FAU also sold Howard Schnellenberger bobble head dolls for \$10, donating half the proceeds to the American Red Cross.

The crowd attending the game was estimated to be a little more than 16,000. FAU was hoping to attract at least 20,000 fans by bringing the best team to South Florida, the Oklahoma State Cowboys.

Although the FAU team performed poorly against a tough opponent in their 23-3 loss to the Cowboys, the defense played a tight game at least for a half, but errors proved too costly for this young team. The season is still young, FAU has nine games left on their schedule for this season.

The last game will be on Nov. 26 against their cross-town rivals, Florida International University.

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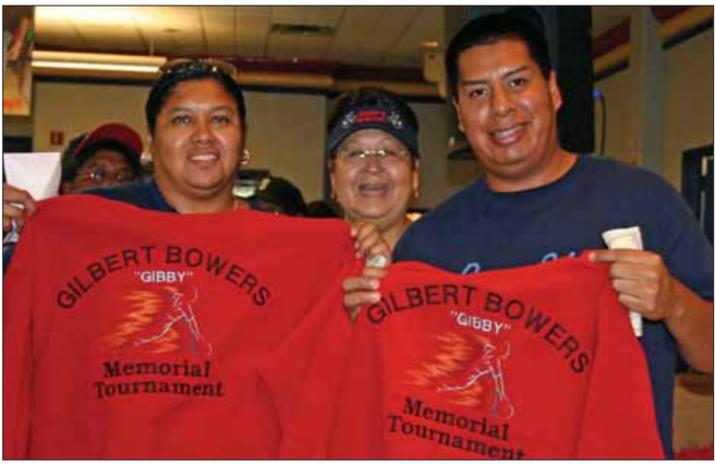
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Trish Wilcox (left) and Chris Osceola (right) placed first in No-Tap Division.

## The Gilbert Bowers Annual Memorial Bowling Tournament

**By Iretta Tiger**  
**DAVIE, FL** — On Sept. 4, the Gilbert Bowers Annual Memorial Bowling Tournament was held at the Don Carter Bowling Lanes. First place winners received a beautiful fleece jacket embroidered with the tournament logo. Following the tournament everyone gathered for dinner in the ballroom at the Hard Rock. The results of the tournament are as follows:

**Best Ball:** 1. Terri Frank and Elbert Snow, 268, 2. Dallas Cypress and Mitch Osceola, 258, 3. Farrah Jones and Philmon Bowers, 253, 4. April Billie and Bobby Frank, 238, 5. Diane Smith and Merle Billie, 236, 5. Trish Wilcox and Earl Taylor, 236, 7. Betty Billie and Chris Osceola, 235, 8. Jackie Thompson and David Jumper, 235, 9. Denise Billie and Jimmy Russell, 235, 9. Rosetta Bowers and Kassim Stockton, 225, 11. Monica Cypress and Blake Osceola, 223, 12. Yvette Jumper and Josh Madrigal, 222, 13. Leoma Simmons and Joe Billie, 215, 14. Crystal Smith and Andre Jumper, 214, 15. Sarah McDonald and Miah Stockton, 212.

**No Tap:** 1. Trish Wilcox and Chris Osceola, 553, 2. Cathy Jumper and Bobby Frank, 494, 3. Rose Jones and Merle Billie, 487, 4. Crystal Smith and Philmon Bowers, 485, 5. Alfreda Muskett and Moses Billie, 475, 6. Mary Wilcox and Damon Wilcox, 7. Diane Smith and Blake Osceola, 459, 8. April Billie and Mitch Osceola, 457, 9. Jackie Thompson and Rufus Tiger, 444, 10. Amanda Smith and David Jumper, 438, 11. Monica Cypress and John Madrigal,

433, 12. Yvette Jumper and Moke Osceola, 408, 13. Salina Drogan and Andre Jumper, 403, 14. Terry Frank and Jimmy H. Osceola, 395, 15. Dallas Cypress and Miguel Cantu, 394.

**3-6-9:** 1. Amos Billie and Virginia Billie, 453, 2. Chris Osceola and Salina Dorgan, 447, 3. Delwin McCowan and Mary Jean Cantu, 414, 4. Elbert Snow and Maydell Osceola, 408, 5. Kassim Stockton and Mahala Madrigal, 405, 6. John Madrigal and Mary Wilcox, 404, 7. Bobby Frank and Crystal Smith, 403, 8. Bear Osceola and Alfreda Muskett, 389, 8. Miguel Cantu and Jackie Thompson, 389, 10. Merle Billie and Rosetta Bowers, 383, 11. Imahaggi Tiger and Trish Wilcox, 378, 12. Miah Stockton and Dallas Cypress, 375, 13. Philmon Bowers and Louise Billie, 373, 14. Rufus Tiger and Mary Jumper, 364, 15. Jimmie H. Osceola and Amanda Smith, 353.

**Regular:** 1. Bobby Frank and Terri Frank, 447, 2. Philmon Bowers and Trish Wilcox, 414, 3. Andre Jumper and Denise Billie, 399, 4. Amos Billie and Alfreda Muskett, 398, 5. Chris Osceola and Sarah McDonald, 393, 6. Steve Osceola and Jackie Thompson, 360, 7. Moke Osceola and Amanda Smith, 359, 8. Ricardo Hernandez and Farrah Jones, 347, 9. Delwin McCowan and Cathy Jumper, 342, 10. Rufus Tiger and Sarah Sampson, 340, 11. David Jumper and Louise Billie, 335, 11. John Madrigal and Mahala Madrigal, 335, 13. Elbert Snow and Monica Cypress, 333, 14. George Micco and Rose Jones, 331, 15. Jimmie H. Osceola and Lawanna Niles, 316.

## Dietz Participates in Native Day at Pro Baseball Game

**By Adelsa Williams**  
**MINNEAPOLIS, MN** — On Aug. 23, nine-year-old Tribal citizen Wyatt Dietz, Panther clan, was "in the zone" when he paraded, grand entry style, onto the field during the fourth annual Native American Heritage Night at the Metrodome stadium, home of the Minnesota Twins.

The parade was the introduction of the pre-game Native festivities, a production of the Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce and the Life Skills Center for Leadership.

Part of the Native Heritage celebration was a tribute to famous Native baseball player Chief Bender, a member of the White Earth Band of Ojibwe Indians. Bender was the first Native American to be nominated to the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

Through ancestry, Dietz is related to Bender. His mother, Tribal citizen Erika Dietz is the daughter of Robert and Josephine North of the Hollywood reservation. Bender is the brother of Robert North's maternal grandmother.

The performance, emceed by Jerry Dearly, featured champion fancy dancer Larry Yazzie and his six-year old son Jessup Yazzie along with the vocals of Upper Sioux Singers. Other festivities included Native American Warrior color guards presenting the colors for the



Dietz and North threw the first pitch.

National Anthem, who was performed by Candy McGregor from the White Earth Band of Ojibwe. Along with Dietz and North,

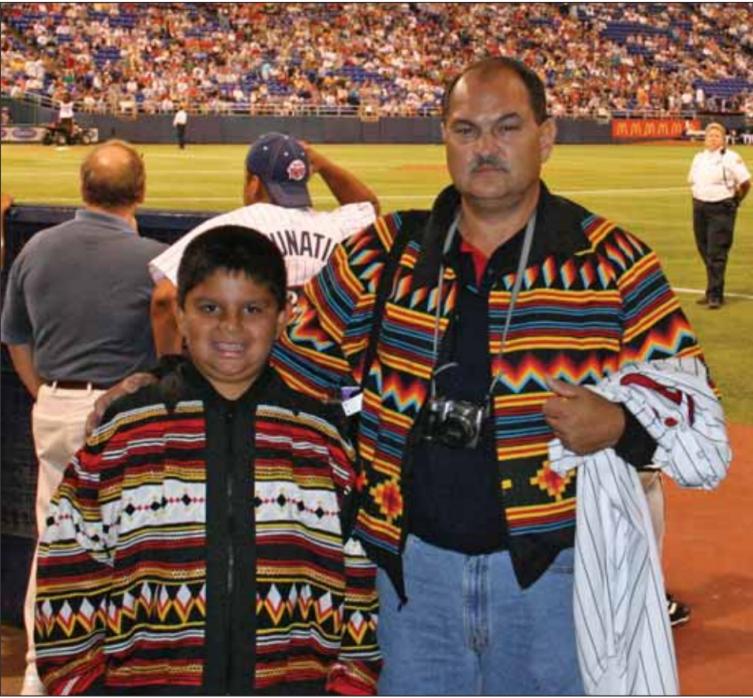
Erma Vizernor, chairwoman for the White Earth Band of Ojibwe also had the honor of throwing a first pitch.

The crowd of members of the Ojibwe Tribe gave a warm welcome to North and Dietz as they were presented as family members of the late Bender during a welcoming reception prior to the pregame activities and were overheard making comments such as, "it is a great honor" and "I'm glad they found someone from the family," as they made their way to shake their hands.

Charles Albert "Chief" Bender, for many years was the only American Indian elected to the Hall of Fame, who boldly created his own opportunities in a world still basically hostile toward his race. His father was a German settler in Minnesota, his mother a Chippewa. He grew up on a reservation, and was sent to church-run school in Philadelphia when he was eight. After being returned to his mother, he bolted the reservation at 13 to attend Carlisle Indian School in Pennsylvania.

Known for his incredible speed pitching skills during his professional career, Bender played for the Philadelphia A's, Baltimore Terrapins, Philadelphia Phillies and the Chicago White Sox. He pitched in five World Series and was credited with inventing the nickel curve, also known as the slider that helped him win 212 games during his 16 year major league career.

At the end of the Native day celebrations, Dietz headed to the stands with his father and went on to enjoy an afternoon of professional baseball and he enthusiastically said, "I was very excited," referring to the day's experience.



(L-R) Wyatt Dietz and Robert North Sr. represented the family of Chief Bender.

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4-H

# 4-H's Kick off New Season

Story by Judy Weeks  
**IMMOKALEE**  
 — The Seminole 4-H programs for the 2005-2006 season officially started on Sept. 10 with the steer weigh-in. This year's participants have spent the past few weeks selecting and acquiring their project steers.

The Immokalee youngsters cleaned the barn, prepared the stalls and looked forward to the arrival of the livestock. When the big day came, they solicited the help of their new Immokalee Director Cecilia Pequeno, her assistant Carl Presley, parents and friends to assist in haltering the animals for the first time. With few mishaps, the chore was completed and the taming process begun.

The Immokalee chapter of the Seminole 4-H program will be raising four steers this year. In addition to the club steer, participants are Cheyenne McInturff, Justin Villareal and Diedra Hall. All three are veterans, having



Weighing in Immokalee's steers was a group effort.

Judy Weeks



Families and volunteers helped unload, tag, and weigh each steer.

Susan Etxebarria

## 4-H Steer Club Weigh-In

By Susan Etxebarria

**BRIGHTON** — The Brighton 4-H Steer Club held its first monthly weigh-in on Sept. 11 at the 4-H barn. Families and volunteers gathered with their 4-H youngsters to weigh and tag each cow.

The trucks rolled in loaded down with a lot of hefty looking steers that were recently selected by the members of the steer club. Some of them still have a wildness about them.

Unloading them it was evident the young steers were still skittish around so much human activity. One loose steer had a bunch of parents and kids chasing it after it escaped from its handler and ran off to greener pastures. Someone managed to catch the rope and bring back the stubborn steer. Everyone had a good laugh. That episode was exciting. The rest of the day was orderly.

Once a cow is guided into the chute, a tag is stapled into its right ear. The president of the steer club, Reba Osceola, recorded the owner's name, weight, and its new tag number. The process lasted several hours as approximately 20 cows were weighed.

At the meeting held after the weigh-in, the members were required to present the contract they signed when they purchased the cow that also set out the terms and conditions of payment. Then they were asked to record the tag number along with the cows name and color on page five of their record books.

At the end of the day, they all enjoyed a barbeque under a shade tree.



Steer Club President Reba Osceola records tag numbers at the weigh-in.

Susan Etxebarria



Immokalee 4-H Director Cecilia Pequeno (left) and Seminole 4-H Director Polly Hayes (center) calibrate the scales for the steer weigh-in.

Judy Weeks

Seminole 4-H Director Polly Hayes arrived from Brighton with Immokalee's new stock panels just in time on Saturday to supervise the official weigh-in. Drawing on her many years of experience in the program, she was a very valuable asset. She immediately organized the set up of the scales, stock pens and offered instruction for the weighing, worming, tagging and implanting of each steer.

Both Hayes and Pequeno were not content with just doing the paperwork, but jumped in and worked hands on with Presley, the youth and their parents in processing the new livestock. Swine and small animal participants will be meeting, preparing and soon launching their projects for this new season.

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## ❖ Chupco

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According to Tommie, Chupco's Landing is the first gated community within the Tribe, and the first gated community in all of Indian Country. She said the houses are hurricane-resistant; all equipped with a backup generator in the event of a power outage and shatter-proof windows that can withstand hurricane-force winds.

Following Tommie, Chairman Mitchell Cypress took the podium, making a point to thank the Ft. Pierce community "for being patient" during the planning and construction of their new housing development.

President Moses Osceola followed the chairman, assuring those Ft. Pierce Tribal citizens that "the rest of the houses will be done as soon as possible." Next came Hollywood Representative Max B. Osceola Jr.

"There's houses out there," he said, pointing to Chupco's Landing. "What are houses? Sticks and bricks. But today you're going to make them homes."

Brighton Representative Andrew Bowers followed Osceola, opening his speech saying "its about time." He also recognized the efforts of former Brighton representative Roger Smith and also John

Wayne Huff.

Executive Administrator Ken Fields spoke after Bowers. He reminded everyone that they were on Seminole Tribe of Florida land, not Ft. Pierce, Fla. land.

"Today is the opening of our sixth reservation," Fields said.

He also introduced the Chupco's Landing residents to Seminole Police Department (SPD) Sergeant Jerry Meisenheimer, who will head SPD for these Tribal citizens. Meisenheimer introduced the rest of the SPD officers who will assist at Chupco's Landing, as well as two police service aides who will work solely at the security gate located at the main entrance of the complex.

"We're here for you and your needs," Meisenheimer, a 15 year veteran officer with SPD, said.

Next, the first 10 Chupco's Landing residents received their keys from Sally Tommie and shook hands with all present council representatives. The actual ribbon cutting followed, with some, like Shamy Tommie, keeping a piece of the ceremonial yellow, black, red and white ribbon as a souvenir.

Resident Mary Wilcox graciously opened her home as a model that attendees could tour. As the group of about 50 people approached her front door, Wilcox jokingly reminded everyone to "take off your shoes" before entering her home.



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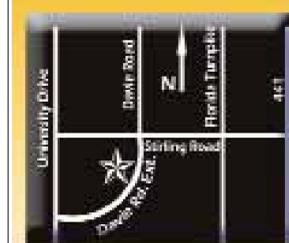
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## News From Indian Country

### GSA Making Significant Strides in Tribal Gaming

**Submitted by the Gaming Standards Association**  
**LAS VEGAS, NV** — The Gaming Standards Association (GSA) has made significant strides with its standards in Tribal gaming across North America. Earlier this year, GSA's System-to-System (S2S) protocol was successfully implemented at the Seminole Tribe's properties in Florida as well as the Poarch Creek Band of Indians' Riverside Entertainment Center. Now, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and the Cherokee Nation are implementing S2S at their casino properties.

GSA Chairman Lyle Bell, who is also Chief Information Officer (CIO) for the Seminole Tribe of Florida, said, "Tribal operations have often been frustrated by the extensive amount of time and dollars involved to begin or to expand their casino operations because of obstructions caused by proprietary protocols. The dream of plug-and-play is coming true with GSA's standards. What's more, GSA's standards give Tribes and all operators more control, making their entire gaming operations more flexible."

The S2S standard provides a solid foundation for central accounting and ticketing. It is a standardized communication protocol enabling casino operators to link their various casino management systems together, and to easily connect them to hospitality and POS systems. S2S standardizes communication protocols, enabling machines and systems of different manufacturers to communicate correctly

with each other. As with all GSA standards, the S2S standard is available free of charge to the industry on GSA's public website, [www.gamingstandards.com](http://www.gamingstandards.com).

Ron Harris, president of Rocket Gaming, has been working with various Tribes and spoke of GSA's standards.

He said, "With GSA's standards, plug-and-play is here. GSA's standards are simply changing the way gaming content hits the casino floor. With the standards, operators can now freely move connections about the floor, in and out, without necessarily being concerned about who the vendor is. Instead they can make decisions based on which product is best, without worry about the back office interfacing, because now they know it will."

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### Native-American Law Enforcement Granted \$18 Million Money Will Strengthen Crime Fighting Efforts

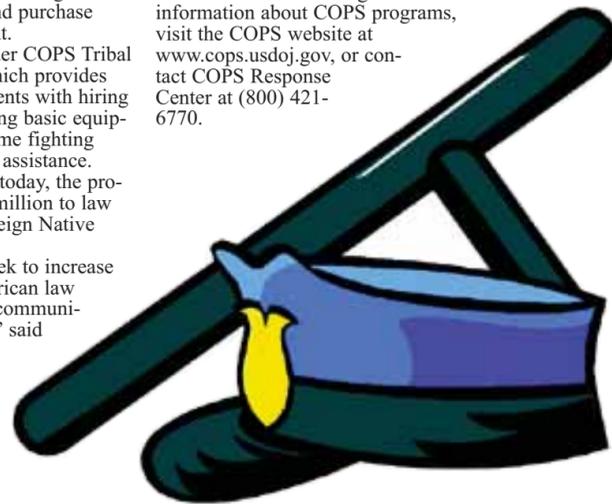
**Submitted by COPS**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) today announced grants totaling more than \$18 million that were awarded to 80 tribal law enforcement agencies and governments to hire 73 officers and purchase much needed crime fighting equipment.

The grants were awarded under COPS Tribal Resources Grant Program (TRGP), which provides funding to assist tribal police departments with hiring community policing officers, purchasing basic equipment, procuring and implementing crime fighting technology, and training and technical assistance. Since 1999, including grants awarded today, the program has provided more than \$192.3 million to law enforcement agencies that serve sovereign Native American communities.

"Through these grants, we seek to increase the resources available to Native American law enforcement agencies as they rely on community policing strategies to reduce crime," said COPS Director Carl Peed. "The funds we're announcing today will help Tribal police departments keep pace with the increasing demands being made on them to address issues ranging from traditional crime and disorder to homeland security and border protection."

The TRGP is part of a broader federal initiative to bolster the capacity of tribal law enforcement agencies. All federally recognized tribes with established police departments are eligible to receive TRGP funding. For additional information about COPS programs, visit the COPS website at [www.cops.usdoj.gov](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov), or contact COPS Response Center at (800) 421-6770.



### Tribes Help Each Other in States Hit by Hurricane Housing Needs on Reservations Increase as Homeless Return from New Orleans

**Submitted by NAIHC**

**WASHINGTON, DC** — A review of Native American Tribes in the path affected by Hurricane Katrina shows that tribes in the area who have not been hurt are sending help to Tribes such as the Chitimacha and the Tunica Biloxi Tribes whose members have suffered devastating effects of the hurricane, according to the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC).

In addition, Tribal citizens who lived in the New Orleans area are going back to their respective reservations to seek shelter, pushing up housing needs on certain reservations. According to United South and Eastern Tribes (USET), the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana was the most affected of Tribes in the region.

Wanda Janes, USET Tribal Liaison Officer said, "More than 200 members of Chitimacha Tribe living in the New Orleans area were evacuated to Arkansas and then have been relocated to the Chitimacha reservation in Louisiana. Many of these members are returning to the reservation to seek shelter, due to loss of their homes."

"As a result the Tribe has set up a shelter and is expecting several hundred people will need housing for an extended period of time," she said.

The Tunica Biloxi Tribal citizens were also severely affected, but no loss of life was reported. Homes in Slidell, La. felt the brunt of the storm and Tribal citizen living in that area lost everything,

according to the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI).

The Tribe has also set up a shelter that has more than 450 evacuees staying there at this time. The Poarch Band of Creek Indians, the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians have all been helping affected Tribes.

"We understand the devastating effect on both Native and non-Native populations from Hurricane Katrina," said NAIHC Chairman Chester Carl. "These are types of conditions that Indians face all the time: lack of necessities, not enough food, not enough water. It is time for the corporate world to provide leadership in this situation and not for the federal government to supply everything."

NAIHC Executive Director Gary Gordon, said, "We are concerned with the devastation to families and applaud the work of those Tribes who have stepped up quickly with generators, supplies, water, food and ice. Housing is going to be an issue for Tribal members as those who have lost homes, jobs and more will be moving in with other families for the long-term. This is going to stress an already overburdened housing supply on reservations."

The NAIHC urges Tribal citizens to send donations to NCAI's Relief Fund Effort, which is collecting them at; NCAI, 1301 Connecticut Ave. NW, Suite 200 Washington, DC 20036. Please put Hurricane Relief in subject line of the check.

### President Bush Signs Fiscal Year 2006 Indian Health Services Budget

**Submitted by IHS**

**WASHINGTON, DC** — The Indian Health Service (IHS) will have approximately \$3.9 billion available in fiscal year (FY) 2006 to administer health care programs for American Indian and Alaska Native people. This is an increase of approximately \$100 million, or about 2.7 percent, over fiscal 2005.

Approximately \$3.1 billion of the funding comes from the FY 2006 IHS budget appropriation recently signed by President Bush, which includes an increase of approximately \$91 million, or about 3 percent, over the FY 2005 budget appropriation. The remaining funding for the agency includes \$6 million from staff quarters rentals; \$648 million from private health insurance and Medicare/Medicaid collections; and \$150 million through the Special Diabetes Program for Indians congressional appropriation.

An estimated 1.8 million American Indians and Alaska Natives will be eligible for IHS services in 2006, a 1.6 percent increase over

2005. The FY 2006 budget increase will help provide health care services for an additional 29,000 people who are expected to seek IHS services in FY 2006, cover increased pay costs for the Federal and Tribal employees who provide these services, and respond to the rising cost of providing these services. Funds will go primarily to Clinical

Services (operation of hospitals and clinics, and purchase of medical care), and to other IHS programs that are providing additional services and support functions.

The IHS is the agency of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) with primary responsibility for providing health care services to American Indians and Alaska Natives. The FY 2006 appropriated budget increase reflects the impact of the HHS policy of consulting with Tribes on budget decisions affecting their members, as well as the continuing Federal Government commitment to provide health service resources to members of federally recognized Tribes.



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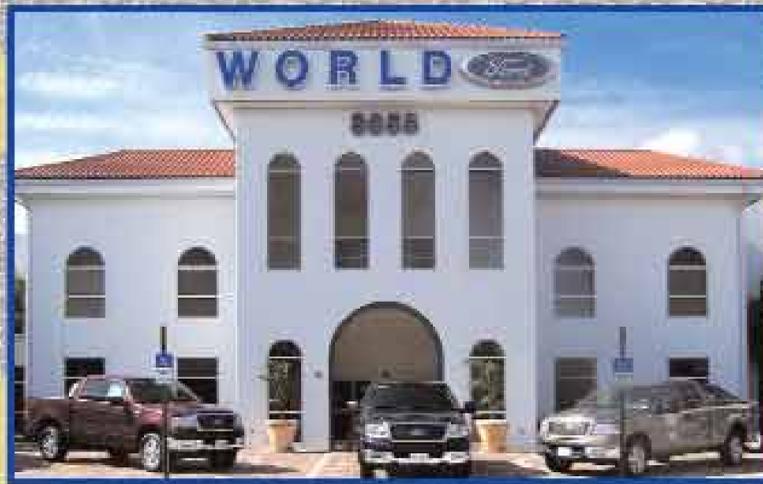
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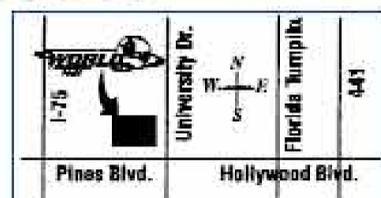
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# Summary of Choctaw Relief Post-Katrina

By Deputy Chief William R. Latchford

ATMORE, AL — Special Agent Clark Leach of District 6 Bureau of Indian Affairs Law Enforcement contacted the Seminole Police Department (SPD) on Aug. 29. Leach requested SPD send an emergency response team up to the Alabama/Mississippi area due to the potential destruction from Hurricane Katrina. Seventeen officers responded without hesitation and headed north.

The group arrived on Aug. 30, at 2:30 a.m. at the Poarch Creek Indian Reservation in Alabama. Leach said all of Indian Country was doing fine except for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. Following this update, the 17 officers left Poarch Creek and headed towards the Choctaw Reservation in Mississippi, arriving at 1 p.m., central time.

Upon arrival, a briefing with Police Director Jeff Hample of Choctaw Law Enforcement, along with SA Leach took place. It was determined that a safety and damage assessment was needed throughout all Choctaw communities. SPD assisted with the formulation of an Emergency Operations Plan, continuity being the objective of this plan.

Teams were developed with the members of the Choctaw Wildlife Officers and SPD officers. A list of questions was given to the officers on what to ask the residents. Four teams of five to seven officers received their assignments and responded to their designated communities to start the assessment.

At midnight the first day of operation concluded. No injuries reported. All indication was no power, medication, ice, water, and little food. Shelters were open. At 8 a.m. central time on Aug.



Photo Courtesy of Seminole EMS  
The Seminole team encountered roads littered with debris and fallen trees.

31, the officers continued the assessment. A meeting occurred at 9 a.m. with the Tribal Council and other programs. It was determined that the programs were doing the best they could with the situation and they would continue to meet the needs of

all the communities.

Fuel became a needed item; however, it was short throughout the state of Mississippi. The Seminole Tribe's Aviation department brought up generators and water to the Philadelphia, MS airport.

At 8 a.m. central time on Sept. 1, SPD continued the assessment. Three officers went to Columbus, MS escorting a truck to get ice. This was an all day project which resulted in more than 1,000 bags of ice to the shelters. Seminole Aviation flew two flights of supplies such as water, generators, Meals Ready to Eat, (MRE's), etc.

At 4 p.m., everyone stopped what they were doing and began the task of escorting the ice to all communities. This was a very strenuous process due to no communication with the individuals running the food input and output. For the safety of the drivers transporting the supplies, SPD allowed officer escort due to ice being



Photo Courtesy of Seminole EMS  
The Seminole convoy, a totally self-contained and self-supporting team, arrived at Choctaw on Aug. 30.

Tanker, a Fire Truck and five support units, making them a totally self contained and self supporting team, ready to assist those who took the brunt and the fury of Katrina. They drove non-stop, in a blinding rain and negotiating roads littered with

aster of the magnitude that Katrina created, for people to feel lost and in need of direction. The Seminole team assumed a leadership role and immediately proceeded to assess the situation, prioritize needs and allocate available resources.

As Seminole Fire Rescue strike teams began the job of treating people, clearing roads, patching leaking roofs and stabilizing damaged structures, back in Big Cypress, the Seminole Aviation Department was loading planes with food and supplies to be airlifted to the Choctaw communities.

Four planeloads of food and supplies, about 9 thousand pounds in total, were delivered by Aviation to Mississippi. All this was happening long before the Federal or State government mobilized any of the resources available, and most of the expected help was hopelessly stuck in an indecisive bureaucratic quagmire.

The Seminole Fire Rescue teams that responded to the Choctaw Tribe of Mississippi had their own worries and concerns, having left their own families and loved ones behind. When they did arrive in Mississippi, most communication was cut off with the exception of an emergency satellite phone.

It was difficult to stay in touch with those back home, who at the time



Nery Mejicano  
Laurie McRoy, Emergency Management Coordinator.

debris, and fallen trees and power lines. They finally arrived on Aug. 30 at the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians and the communities affected.

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw



Photo Courtesy of Seminole EMS  
A team of Seminole Firefighters, EMT's and Paramedics were deployed to Mississippi.

Indians is comprised of 9,700 members living in eight communities. The Seminole team stayed at the Pearl River Community Fire Department headquarters and began the process of clearing the roads of fallen trees and debris.

On Aug. 31, after meeting with the Choctaw Tribal Council officials, the decision was made to deploy two Strike Teams of Seminole Firefighters to the most affected areas, the communities of Conehatta and Bogue Homa.

Upon arriving, the teams found out that there was no electric power, most phones were out, schools had to be closed, and many community residents were in the three emergency shelters established for Tribal members and others in need.

Armando Negrin, Director of Emergency Services, described seeing people in a state of shock and confusion, not knowing what to do and looking for some direction. It is common in a dis-

aster of the magnitude that Katrina created, for people to feel lost and in need of direction. The Seminole team assumed a leadership role and immediately proceeded to assess the situation, prioritize needs and allocate available resources.

We owe our thanks and appreciation to these brave men and women, who through their commitment and professionalism, brought hope, needed assistance and a bit Florida sunshine to those who were victimized by Katrina, the most devastating natural disaster to hit this country.

Following is the list of those individuals who went to Mississippi and those in their Department who provided the necessary logistical support: Amanda Negrin, Director of Emergency Services; Manual Diaz, Assistant Director; John Cooper; Ricardo Fong; James Reitz; Eric Fazzi; Olen Price; Josh Bauer; Michael Mirabile; Frank Ransdell; Jorge Valdez; Levi Pearce; Bob Curtis; Robert Levy.

Also providing logistical support and information were Eva M. Cain, Emergency Services Administrative Assistant and Laurie McRoy, Emergency Management Coordinator.

Our thanks to all those whose contributions made the above possible.



Photo Courtesy of Seminole EMS  
Team members load up food, supplies and generators.

short around the area and emotions running high in the surrounding communities.

At 8 a.m. central time on Sept. 2, SPD concluded their assessment. The findings included: house-to-house visual assessments on the area, residence, and individuals for injuries or damage. A series of questions were asked such as name, how many people were in the house, number of elderly, number of children, kind and supply of medication, oxygen, power, food, ice, water, debris and

structural damage.

SPD personnel also began to escort normal driving style to all communities on Sept. 2. This happened throughout the day. Seminole Aviation responded with 5,000 pounds of MRE's and water.

The reservation crosses six counties throughout the state of Mississippi and has eight communities: Pearl River, Bogue Chitto, Bogue Homa, Conehatta, Crystal River, Red River, Standing Pine and Tucker.

## A Little Boy with a Big Heart

Youngster Donates His Savings to Katrina Victims

By Emma Brown

BRIGHTON — There is a special little boy from the Brighton Preschool's four year old classroom that deserves special recognition for a huge act of kindness he showed for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Brighton resident Drake Lawrence, son of Kevin and Paulette Lawrence, emptied his entire piggy bank to donate to the victims of this terrible disaster. He gave \$110 of his own money to his classroom's "Every Little Bit Counts" collection jar which was given to the Red Cross on Sept. 8.

Thankfully Drake did not have to bust his piggy bank; he said "he just shook it out."

This little boy should be an example to us all, because the act of sharing is one of the most selfless acts of all. Thank you Drake for your donation, and I know the citizens of the Gulf Coast will appreciate your kindness.



Emma Brown  
Drake Lawrence



Emma Brown  
The Brighton Preschool four-year-olds' "Every Little Bit Counts" collection jar was given to the Red Cross.

## Preschool Donates to Red Cross Disaster Relief

By Emma Brown

BRIGHTON — On Sept. 8 a representative from the Red Cross visited Ms. Laurie's four year old classroom at the Brighton Preschool. The students in this class along with a few other staff

every cent is worth 10 times its value because it was coming from their heart.

They may have raised \$320.14, but in the eyes of these students they were donating millions to help the relief aid of the hurricane victims. This selfless act



Emma Brown  
Ms. Laurie's class gave a total of \$320.14 to victims of Hurricane Katrina.

proves that we are not born with greed in our hearts, and a great lesson can be learned from these preschool children who shared with those in need and felt overjoyed to know that their pennies could be used to help little children like them who were left desperate by this terrible disaster.



Photo Courtesy of Seminole EMS  
The road to Mississippi was blocked by fallen power lines.

# Announcements ❖ Ahaaheeke ❖ Nak-ohkērkēcetv

## Happy Birthday



**Happy first birthday** to our little brother, **Corey Jumper**. We love you. **Myrick, Sis, Tavis & Delance, Daven** and your cuz **Luzanna!**

I just wanted to say happy belated birthday to my mom, **Angela S. Tiger** on Aug. 20. You've been through so much and still manage to stay strong. I envy your strength. Nowadays its hard, but you still hold it down. I'm proud to say I'm your daughter (even if I don't act like it). I love you momma. Happy birthday.

Love always,  
**Kaylynn Pewo**

Happy belated first birthday to **Angelic M. Melton** on Aug. 16. You've brought us so much joy this first year.

Love you,  
**Angela Tiger and Rodney**

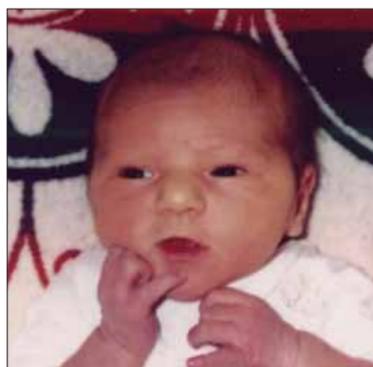
**Melton**

**Corey Jumper,**  
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**Happy first birthday Corey!**  
We love you,  
**Mama Joyce, & Matthew Piz**

## New Kids



**Estelle Anne Marie Billie**, Deer Clan, was born Aug. 10; weight seven-pounds-three-ounces; length 20 inches. Parents are: Michael Henson Billie, Seminole/Chehalis and Marmie Billie, Onondaga (Deer Clan). Brother Ditooyo Billie. Grandparents are: Tommy Henson Billie (deceased, Big Cypress), Henrietta Dupuis Boyd (Chehalis from Washington), Armie and Esther Lounsbury (Onondaga/Seneca, from Salamanca, N.Y.)



**Allyson Billie** of the Bird clan was born July 28. Congratulations to Kiani Shaniya Glover, Grandparents: Eatow Rodz, Creath Glover, Great-Grandparents: Marian Smith, Goldy Smith, Felix Seahorse and Julia Thomas.



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I once told you no matter how old you got  
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But I didn't know you would leave me so soon  
I asked god to take you home  
Joe, the last time we talked I told you  
You are my baby boy and you will always be  
And I love you  
Jesus said ask anything in my name  
And my father in heaven will give it to you  
If you have faith  
I have faith in Jesus  
I asked god to take you home  
That's why I know I will see you in heaven  
I will miss you, Joe

Love,  
**Grandpa Joe Doctor**

### Seminole Style

Let me be free to worship my god and sing and dance around the fire where I feel free.  
Is there a place where I can go, with just my people and me.  
Where we can be free to speak our language and free to enjoy the way of our people just like in the old days.  
Can I be free to practice my medicine in my village or will that be too much.  
I miss the old days when my people were at ease and a happy bunch.  
So much we've lost over the years, so much pain we been through.  
But we are warriors and will never be defeated, we lost many great fighters but we still have a few.  
So many things that need to be done for the Seminoles.  
So many ways, that needs to be

brought back so we should make them known.  
So we need to get ourselves together, so we don't lose the way of the Seminole.  
Can I shake my shakers and dance in your streets without feeling awkward, can I build a big fire and tell the stories that I love to hear.  
Can I look around in my village and see the joy on my peoples faces instead of tears.  
Why can't we all just live the way of our grandfathers?  
Why is it so hard for our generation to obey our elders?  
I think we need to get our minds right and that real.  
And live the life of a true Seminole warrior.

Only me,  
**Myron Cypress**

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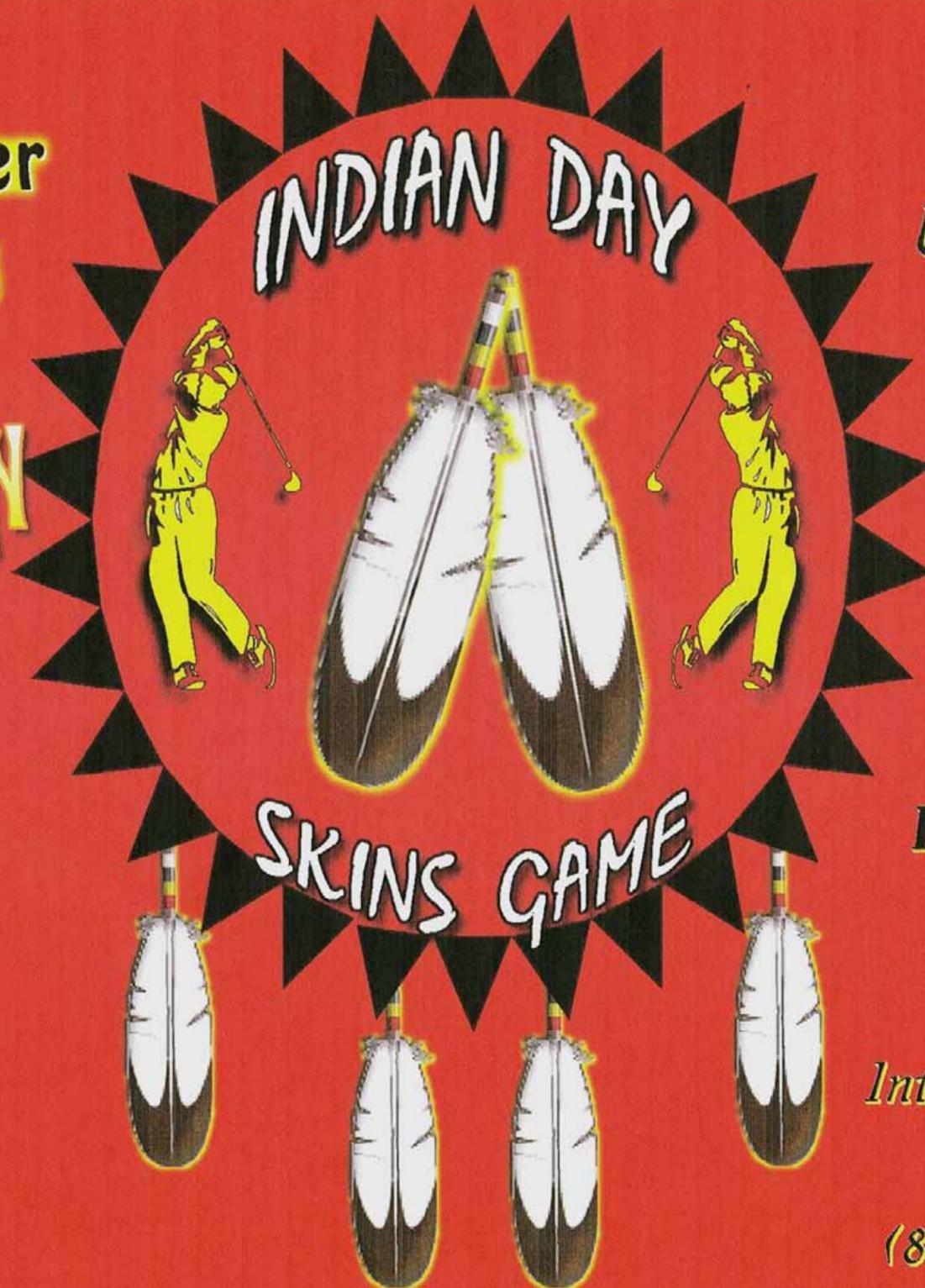
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