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Woman allegedly raped at IRCC dorm

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17,000 hopefuls may miss college

Facing \$147 million in cuts, Florida schools estimate they might have to reject scores of applicants this fall

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Between state budget cuts and the slumping economy, more high school students could be receiving "not accepted" letters from Florida public universities.

Florida's universities are facing \$147 million in cuts this year, and as much as \$171 million in 2008-09, according to state estimates. To deal with the cuts, the Board of Governors, which makes policy for the state university system, has told universities they may have to reduce enrollment if they don't get more money.

"We've got too many students and not enough professors," said Bill Edmonds, a spokesman for the Board of Governors. "We're not going to throw people off campus, but what we're going to do is not admit people, as many as we would

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APPLICATION DEADLINES

These are the deadlines for first-time college freshmen to apply to Florida's 11 public universities. Most school Web sites note "consideration is on a space-available basis."

- University of Florida:** Preferred application period ended Nov. 1. Applications accepted through March 1.
- Florida Atlantic University:** Priority applications were due Feb. 15. Applications accepted through June 1.
- University of Central Florida:** Applications due May 1.
- Florida International University:** Preferred application period ended Dec. 1. Applications accepted through March 1.
- Florida Gulf Coast University:** Priority applications were due Feb. 15. Applications accepted through June 2.
- Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University:** Applications due May 15.
- Florida State University:** Not accepting any additional freshmen, according to its Web site.
- New College of Florida:** Applications due April 15.
- University of North Florida:** Applications due April 1.
- University of South Florida:** Applications due March 1.
- University of West Florida:** Applications due June 30.

COLLEGE

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under normal circumstances, to try to get our enrollment lined up with the state support."

Among the state's 11 public universities, preliminary estimates show 17,000 students might be turned away in the fall.

State education group ENLACE Florida, or Engaging Latino Communities for Education, painted a gloomy picture in a report released this month called "Higher Education in Florida on the Brink." The report predicts that as many as 60,000 Florida students could get shut out of state universities during the next few years because of the enrollment caps and budget cuts.

While ENLACE specializes in Hispanic education issues, the report studies the potential effects on all college-bound students. The report warns there may not even be space for all community college graduates or Bright Futures scholarship recipients, two groups traditionally guaranteed spots in the state university system.

"Access to a higher education is at risk for all Florida students," the report states.

ENLACE used data from the Board of Governors that show university enrollment trends and projected high school graduation rates. Enrollment at state universities has increased an average of 3.2 percent a year in recent years, the report states. ENLACE came out with several scenarios of what may happen if demand continues to rise while the universities freeze or reduce enrollment.

If the university system froze enrollment at 300,000 spots, the report predicts, about 40,000 qualified students would be denied admission to state universities by 2012. The report also considers a 1.5 percent enrollment decline, a "worst-case scenario that is not beyond the realm of possibility," to estimate 60,000 students could get shut out by 2012.

Universities already have started turning students away.

Florida Atlantic University is preparing to accept fewer freshman and transfers.

"We need to deliver to the commitments that we made to the students that are here," said Ken Jessell, FAU's vice president for financial affairs. "We would probably limit the size of our freshman class and perhaps limit transfer students who do not have an AA degree."

It's a similar situation at every other university, including the University of Florida.

"We have been told to freeze enrollments even as we received a record number of 28,000 applications for next fall's freshman class," UF President J. Bernard Machen said in a statement.

Last week in Tallahassee, Florida International University President Mitch Maidique said that FIU is turning away qualified students — including students with SAT scores above 1,100 and better than B averages.

After hearing this year is the most competitive for high school seniors, St. Edward's School senior Natalie Kornicks applied to 16 colleges. UF, where she has wanted to go since middle school, is her top choice, she said.

Natalie, 17, initially thought she had a pretty good shot at getting into the college — high test scores, a solid grade point average, extra-curricular activities and entire family on her father's side who are UF alumni.

"It would make sense I would get in, but who knows?" said Natalie, who wants to study journalism. Natalie is editor of the St. Edward's yearbook.

So far, Natalie has been accepted to five of the 16, but she's not sure if she wants to go to them. Most of the other schools aren't sending acceptance letters until April, she said.

Jack Bourret, 18, a senior at Martin County High School, doesn't think he'll be affected by the cuts and caps. He has been accepted at the University of Central Florida and is waiting on other responses.

"I'm a pretty good student and I've gotten a lot of good credentials, so I'm not really worried," he said. "I would be really nervous if I hadn't even applied to college yet. It's a huge deal and it will determine what will happen for the rest of our lives."

And although Florida universities might not be taking in new students, community colleges still plan on keeping their doors open.

"Over the next few years we're going to see the largest increases in community college enrollment that we've seen for a while," said Ed Massey, Indian River Community College's president. "We have an open door policy and we're committed to the open door. Depending upon the budget cuts it's going to become very difficult for every student to get every course they may need."

Best of Education



As the college continues to grow in scope and role, the name is changed to Indian River Community College.

1970

The Mary L. Fields Health Science Center, which features a simulated hospital environment for training in health care, opens.

1999



1960

Indian River Junior College opens in a single building on Preston Court in Fort Pierce, offering two-year degrees. In 1962, ground is broken for the first building on the main campus of Indian River Junior College on Virginia Avenue, shown at right. From left are Attorney General Richard Ervin, Junior College Division Director Dr. James Wattengerger, former state Rep. D.H. "Banty" Saunders, School Board chairman Kirby Hayes, Tribune editor Charles S. Miley and Maxwell C. King, the college's first president. IRJC merges with Lincoln Junior College in 1965.



2001

The Richardson Center, at the Mueller Campus in Vero Beach, opens as IRCC's first conference center for businesses and the community.



From Indian River Junior Community College...to

BY SUSAN BURGESS

Mary Locke first saw Indian River Community College in 1976, right after she'd moved to Fort Pierce. Its 87-acre campus on Virginia Avenue held less than 10 buildings, and served a few thousand students. Locke was a student then, thrilled to be taking her first college classes, hoping a degree in two years would offer her a chance for a good career.

Today, Locke is Dr. Mary Locke, the college's vice president of instructional services, the college has 42 buildings on 252 acres on its Fort Pierce campus, four branch campuses among the four Treasure Coast counties, and a new \$38 million public safety training complex on 50 acres will open a year from now.

"I can't remember a time in the last 20 years that we haven't had construction crews here," she said.

Perhaps the most radical sign of growth though, is the fact that the college began offering four-year bachelor's degrees in January. To mark that milestone, a name change is on the way.

"We've asked the state Legislature to grant a name change, making us Indian River College," said IRCC President Dr. Edwin Massey. "If it's approved, then as soon as the governor signs it, it's official."

The college has come a very long way from its early days when, as Indian River Junior College, it opened in 1960 in a single building on Preston Court in Fort Pierce, offering two-year associate of arts degrees. Three years later, it moved to its current campus on Virginia Avenue after the city of Fort Pierce donated the acreage to the school. In 1965, it merged with Lincoln Junior College, creating a single college for all Treasure Coast students.

From providing just the core courses needed for a college

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IRCC and FAU partner to increase the number of bachelor's degree programs on the Treasure Coast and open a joint campus at St. Lucie West.

Commencement produces the college's largest class ever, with 1,396 students earning their degrees. Citing the college's growth and expansion in offering several bachelor's degree programs, college officials propose changing the institution's name to Indian River College. The change must be approved by the 2008 Florida Legislature.

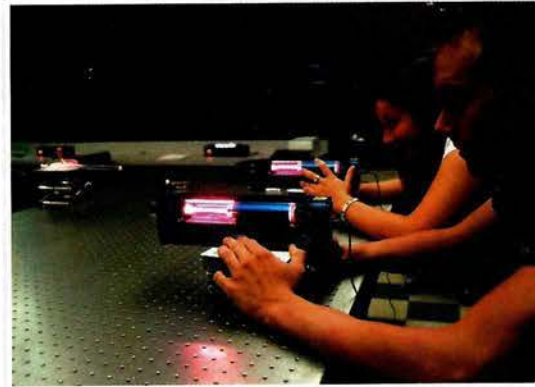


2002

2007

2005

The Kight Center for Emerging Technologies opens, preparing students for high-skill, high-wage jobs in emerging technologies such as lasers and optics.



College...to Indian River Indian River College?

education in the 1960s, the college now offers hundreds of courses, associate of arts and associate of science degrees, technical training, certifications, and lifelong education to 40,000 full-time, part-time and occasional students in St. Lucie, Martin, Indian River and Okeechobee counties.

The growth of the Treasure Coast's population along with the need for access to education beyond high school spurred the college's growth, Massey said.

"In 1970, after we had added a community-based occupational training program, we changed our name to Indian River Community College."

What prompted the college to add four-year degrees to its offerings was the same thing that spurred the growth of the college through its 49-year history: community needs.

"For years we'd received inquiries from businesses, schools and students," Massey said. "What really made us look at it was the economic development in our community.

We did a needs assessment and had a tremendously strong response. We moved very quickly — it's just a year later and we have our first class of 517 students for bachelor's degrees in nursing, in education, and in organizational management."

The new programs include a four-year training program for bio-technicians, which will prepare students for careers that may include employment by the biotech firms moving to Port St. Lucie, he said.

Locke, who has grown with the college, going from an associate's degree to a bachelor's, masters, and capping it off with a Ph.D., said the new programs "are essential for our region's transition to the Research Coast. And on a personal level, they will make the dream of earning a bachelor's degree a reality for thousands of Treasure Coast students, just like my dream of earning an associate's degree came true years ago." *PR*

IRCC plans sessions for new bachelor's degree programs

Indian River Community College, soon to be Indian River College, has introduced nine Bachelor's Degree programs. With the launch of the four-year degree programs, Treasure Coast residents have new opportunities to earn a Bachelor's degree close-to-home in Nursing, Education, Organizational Management, Public Safety Administration and Health Care Management.

To provide more information on how to get started, IRCC will hold Bachelor's Degree information sessions at 6 p.m. on March 10, 11, 12 and 13 according to

the following schedule: Wednesday, **March 12**: Dixon Hendry Campus at 2229 N.W. Ninth Ave., Bldg B, Okeechobee

The Bachelor's Degree programs are offered with the same emphasis on quality education, small classes and personal attention that has characterized IRCC for over 48 years, all at reasonable cost within easy driving distance for all Treasure Coast residents. Tuition is \$79 per credit for Florida residents, about 1/3 less than the per credit cost at Florida public universities.

Students can attend full-time

or part-time and choose online classes, traditional classes or blended classes that combine both online and in-classroom experiences. Courses from other colleges and universities can be transferred into the IRCC programs.

IRCC's Bachelor of Science Degree in Teacher Education arms students with the education they need for rewarding teaching careers in math, science and Exceptional Student Education (ESE). The Bachelor of Science in Nursing program prepares registered nurses with

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an Associate Degree in Nursing to advance to leadership and management positions. The Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree opens the door to advancement in a wide variety of fields, providing seamless transfer into a four-year degree program for those who have earned an Associate in Science Degree or Associate in Applied Science Degree in any career field.

For more information, call the IRCC Information Call Center toll-free at 1-866-866-4722 or visit www.ircc.edu.

PALM BEACH COUNTY

Prosperity Reigns

In the county that started this region's high-tech and bio burst, the good news keeps coming.

In June 2007, the California State Teachers' Retirement System and First Industrial Realty Trust, a Chicago-based real estate firm, bought 537 acres and 6 million square feet of in-place industrial development rights in the county's Florida Research Park. In late 2006, Office Depot decided to keep its 2,100+ jobs in Delray Beach. Jarden Consumer Solutions — the marketer of such brands as CrockPot, Mr. Coffee and SunBeam — consolidated operations here, as did aerospace firms Coastal Optical and Lockheed-Martin. Palm Beach International Airport is looking to more than double the length of a runway, and the Port of Palm Beach is hoping to purchase property near Belle Glade for an inland port facility.

On the horizon are more business and financial services companies eager to serve the area's affluent community. Says

one business leader, "One thing that has not decreased is the amount of wealth in our county."

Connecting the biotech dots

South Florida's rapidly expanding Internet Coast regional initiative designed to spur entrepreneurship and research surrounding science and technology development, needed mobility. So Nancy and Ed Iacobucci (he's the founder of Boca software firm Citrix) launched DayJet Corporation, the first per-seat, on-demand air carrier. Users book a single seat on one of the company's "very light jets" for flights between cities with little to no direct service, like Boca Raton (where DayJet is headquartered), Lakeland, Gainesville, Tallahassee and Pensacola. The cost? Between \$1 and \$4 per nautical mile. The company expects to grow its employee base from under 200 today to 350 and its equipment to 300 jets (already ordered) across Florida and beyond, says Traver Gruen-Kennedy, the company's vice president of strategic operations. "We connect the region."

HEALTHCARE GAINING STRENGTH

New facilities for research, training and patient care

- ▶ **The Foundation for the Advancement of Cardiac Therapies** will bring almost 80 jobs to its new medical research facility and headquarters in Palm Beach Gardens.
- ▶ **Palm Beach Community College** is building a 90,000-square-foot biotech training academy in Palm Beach Gardens to train research associates for area biotech employers.
- ▶ **Florida Atlantic University**, the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine and Boca Raton Community Hospital are joining forces on a 530-bed teaching hospital on FAU's Boca Raton campus. Funding will come, in part, from a \$75-million donation from the Schmidt Family Foundation.

MARTIN COUNTY

Pace Is Picking Up

Development is catching on in Martin County, especially in the county's western reaches. In the once largely agricultural area around Indiantown, Quillen DRI and Venture Corporate Park have joined Indiantown Commerce and Technology Park as prospective industrial development sites. Martin County's population is expected to top 150,000 within three years, and many residents between the ages of 25 and 64 who currently commute to jobs outside the county are workforce-ready and eager for employment closer to home.

Amassing gas

Long-time Houston energy executive Brad Williams sensed opportunity in Martin County where energy use is on the rise and natural gas has been coming in by way of just two pipelines that

converge outside of Indiantown. Why not build a storage facility? So Williams has created Floridian Natural Gas Storage Company LLC, and has filed for permitting on a 145-acre former Superfund site. Construction of the \$500-million project will take three years and 350 workers, some of whom will be trained in a program offered jointly by Indian River Community College and the American Welding Society.



Florida's workforce training programs teach practical skills such as welding.

Homes for real people

The Quillen development from Delray Beach-based Ascot Development LLC is a master-planned community slated to bring 2,250 homes, 150,000 square feet of mixed-use commercial, office and residential development, a school and natural preserves to 586 acres in Indiantown.

Under one roof

Applied Concepts Aircraft Solutions is consolidating its engineering and design headquarters in a single building at the Treasure Coast Commerce Center. The move retains three jobs already in Martin County with five professionals from the former headquarters, along with plans to add five more in the near-term.

Founded in 1998, the company is involved in helicopters and aircraft manufacturing with customers that include Sikorsky, Lufthansa, Technik, BE Aerospace and Jet Aviation.

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY

Continued Growth

In contrast to 26 miles of picturesque beachfront, the widening of Interstate 95 through Indian River County is a clear sign of this area's continued growth — and traffic patterns. East-west traffic is flowing more smoothly, as State Road 60 through Yeehaw Junction toward Osceola County gets widened to four lanes. For companies moving in, housing prices are dropping as inventory sits idle.

More than a two-year school

Indian River Community College in 2008 will offer nine four-year degree programs, including nursing, applied science, and middle and secondary education training. President Ed Massey, Ph.D., says. In addition, IRCC has partnered with Florida State University's College of Medicine to open a new regional medical school on its Fort Pierce campus. "All the components of economic development — a trained workforce, educational foundation and top facilities — are critical for any company to relocate to an area," Massey says.

Stats: The Keys

> Gross Sales

2006 \$3.83 bil.

2005 \$3.65 bil.

Source: Florida Department of Revenue

> Sales Tax Collections

Up 4.49% for tourism and recreation

> Statistics

At \$40,000+, the Florida Keys have among the highest starting teacher salaries statewide.

MONROE COUNTY / KEY WEST

Adapting to Change

Long known for its laid-back lifestyle, Monroe County, which encompasses the Florida Keys, has lately undergone an evolution of sorts. Over recent years, the population has dropped as some four in 10 residences here are second homes or vacation getaways, and the region now serves more seasonal and part-time than year-round residents. Employment, however, is up, as are sales and tax collections. The Key West channel and harbor were recently dredged to accommodate increasing traffic. Expanded passenger ferry services from Miami, Fort Myers and Marco Island to Key West now bring in some 124,000 visitors annually. A new bus route from Marathon to Key West serves a mobile working class and student population. And the \$1-million renovation currently under way at Key West International Airport will turn this facility into a more fitting home for the corporate and personal jets that fly in for long weekends.

"Show Me the Money"

When Damien Jacquinet needed a \$1.5-million line of credit to finance receivables and triple the output of Nida-Core Corp., he turned first to a traditional bank. "Regular banks have pretty strict covenants that get your attention out of what you do best, which is running your business," he says. So now, instead of dealing with a single bank, Jacquinet is considering the Research Coast Business Financial Consortium.

Established in spring 2007 by the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River counties), the Consortium offers alternative funding for budding entrepreneurs. Composed of 16 banks that have agreed to set aside \$2 million each over the next two years, the Consortium aims to lure or fund growing high-tech, high-wage companies along the Research Coast with



Damien Jacquinet

competitive rates. Because the risk — from \$150,000 to \$1.5 million per loan — is spread out, lenders can offer more flexible terms than they might demand with conventional loans.



David Kunen of Raytheon and FKCC President Jill Landesberg-Boyle in the Computer Training and Testing facility at the community college's main campus in Key West.

Classrooms in the Keys

Florida Keys Community College's new president Jill Landesberg-Boyle has two primary goals: expand the marine, high-tech, hospitality management and allied health-related programs, and increase enrollment — especially into the Upper Keys from nearby Miami-Dade County. The defense and homeland security firm Raytheon landed security contracts at Key West's seaport and airport in 2006, and, as a result, has taken up residence at the community college to provide training and aptitude testing for screeners.

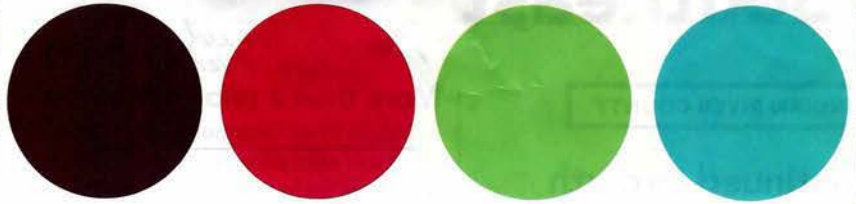
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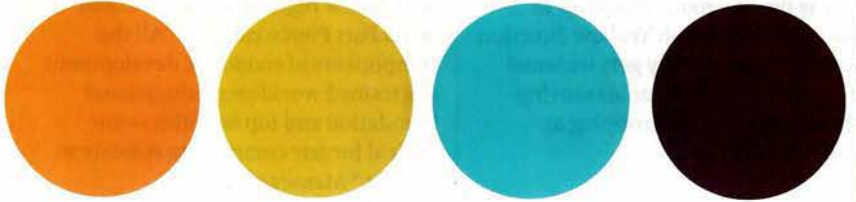
When it comes to education in southeast Florida, collaboration is the name of the game.

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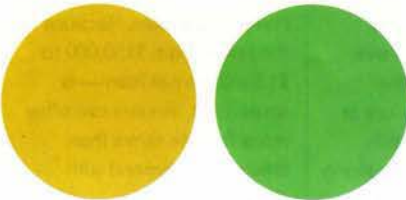
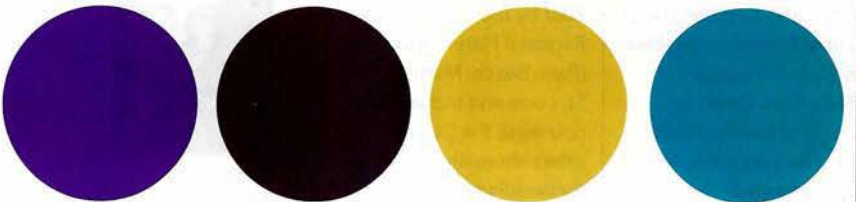
- **Indian River Community College** and the Kight Center for Emerging Technologies, along with exploratory programs offered through Florida Atlantic University's Center of Excellence in Biomedical and Marine Biotechnology provide introductory technology training.
- **The St. Lucie County Commission** and School Board, along with the University of Florida and its Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS), teamed up to create a 1,600-acre Research and Education Park.
- **Florida Atlantic University** has partnered with **Indian River Community College** on a joint campus and has acquired Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute. FAU's Center of Excellence in Biomedical and Marine Biotechnology works with Florida International University, Nova Southeastern University, the Smithsonian Marine Station and private-sector partners.
- **University of Miami and Florida International University** researchers participate in collaborative projects in south Florida through UM's Comprehensive Drug Research Center.
- **Keiser College, Nova Southeastern University and Barry University**, all of which are private educational institutions, offer a variety of graduate and undergraduate degree programs for traditional and working students.
- **Florida Institute of Technology**, an independent university located just north of Florida's Research Coast, the Martin/St. Lucie/Indian River county business development consortium, offers programs in the sciences, engineering, psychology, management and related disciplines.



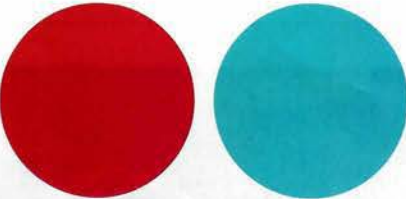
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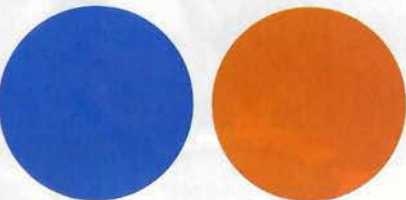
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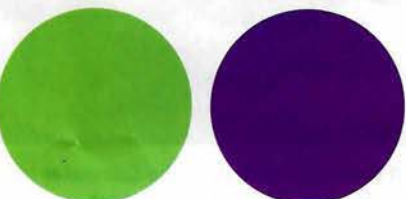
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Redeveloping the island chain

In Marathon, Spottswood Companies' Faro Blanco ("White Lighthouse") development is slated for completion in 2008 and will convert an existing resort into 88 upscale resort condos with 150 yacht slips. Scheduled to open in fall 2007, the Beachside Resort (a former Holiday Inn property in Key West) will be an upscale resort condo project consisting of 129 units with an average price of \$1.3 million. "Project Key West" is a 450-room interval ownership hotel rising on 20 prime island acres in 2008. The property also will provide 50 units of workforce housing for some of the company's 249 employees (up from a projected 189 a year ago). The Keys now cater to a new clientele: "We're becoming an Aspen-like resort," says Peter H. Batty, Spottswood's senior vice president for sales.

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RESOURCES

Universities/Colleges

- Barry University
- Florida Atlantic University
- Florida International University
- Florida Memorial University
- Lynn University
- Nova Southeastern University
- Palm Beach Atlantic University
- St. Thomas University
- University of Miami

Community Colleges

- Broward Community College
- Florida Keys Community College
- Indian River Community College
- Miami Dade College
- Palm Beach Community College

Airports

- Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International
- Key West International
- Marathon (Florida Keys)
- Miami International
- Palm Beach International

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Pro-Growth Attitude

Easy lifestyle and a welcoming business climate lure expansion-minded firms to Southwest region.

BY GARY B. SHEPHERD

Southwest Florida, which includes three metropolitan statistical areas — Cape Coral-Fort Myers (Lee County), Punta Gorda (Charlotte County) and Naples-Marco Island (Collier County) — has been earning accolades for close to 100 years. As early as 1914, the region's first celebrity resident noted the superb lifestyle. "There's only one Fort Myers, and 90 million people are going to find it out," said inventor and American icon Thomas Edison. And find it out they have. The population of this region has swelled to 1.04 million, and in 2006, *Expansion Management* ranked the upscale Naples-Marco Island MSA number 3 in the U.S. for overall standard of living.

A solid workforce, excellent infrastructure, superior educational options and pro-growth government units combine to create a welcoming business climate in southwest Florida. This region is truly international, with a heavy contingent of overseas visitors and more than 30 foreign-affiliated companies. Additionally, 600+ technology businesses call southwest Florida home.

Choice Location

Florida's Southwest encompasses more than 100 miles of exquisite Gulf beachfront. Some of the world's best shelling can be found on the renowned resort islands of Sanibel and Captiva, just off Fort Myers. And the sunny, subtropical climate spawns boating, fishing, golfing, tennis and other outdoor activities year-round. The National Golf Foundation ranks Lee County, with its more than 50 golf courses, 5th in the U.S. for golfer-to-holes ratio.

In This Region: Major public firms

- Bonita Springs-based homebuilder WCI Communities
- Magazine distributor Source Interlink (which in 2007 spent \$1.2 billion to buy the publishing firm responsible for *Hot Rod* and *Motor Trend* magazines), also in Bonita Springs
- Women's clothier Chico's FAS of Fort Myers
- Health Management Associates, a Naples-based owner of 8,500 hospital beds in 15 states. Sixteen HMA hospitals are in Florida, including five in the Southwest region

FASTEST GROWING
MSAs in the U.S.

3rd
Cape Coral-Fort Myers
Population up 29.6%
(Between 2000 and 2006)

7th
Naples-Marco Island
Population up 25.2%
(Between 2000 and 2006)

\$49k
Average annual income of Naples-Marco Island, making it one of the state's wealthiest MSAs.

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Participants from the Police Athletic League in Fort Pierce prepare to march in the city's annual Mardi Gras parade. The parade is just one of several community events in which the magazine participates. The next is a co-sponsorship of the 20th Annual A.E. Backus Art Festival March 1 and 2.

Welcome to our annual Home Edition. This edition of *Indian River* magazine is intended to give you more information and ideas about making improvements to your home, from showing you the latest trends in pool design to helping you figure out whether the neglected stuff in your attic be worth dusting off and showcasing.

We've also endeavored to give you an update on education on the Treasure Coast, from the latest at Indian River Community College and Florida Atlantic University to some of the outstanding accomplishments of public and private schools in the area.

Of course, we have our usual departments, from fishing (glad to hear sheepshead have become such a delicacy) to enjoying a night of haute cuisine at a Vero getaway. Whatever your taste, we hope you'll enjoy our Home Edition.

And speaking of homes, perceptive readers of our magazine will note that we have a new address. We have officially made the move from Boston Avenue to a more visible storefront office in the historic East Coast Lumber & Supply building in downtown Fort Pierce. We hope you'll come see us in our new home.



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An artist and an ecologist join forces to create a colorful tribute to the Indian River Lagoon.

RICK KELLY: PORTRAITS OF A RIVER

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"Jungle Trail." Rick Kelly's new book *Treasured Waters* invites the reader on a visual journey along the Indian River Lagoon.

Rick Kelly can probably rattle off facts about the Indian River Lagoon in his sleep. The lagoon encompasses three main bodies of water: the Indian River, the Mosquito Lagoon and the Banana River. It is over 150 miles long and its ecosystem includes the entire watershed, not just the water within its banks. If it rains 10 miles west of the lagoon, the water eventually joins the lagoon via one of the many freshwater tributaries and man-made canals that flow into it.

The quality of the water in the lagoon is vital to the

health of the fish that live in it, and to the birds and other animals that subsist on it. And because the lagoon flows into the ocean, the health of that vast ecosystem depends upon the viability of the lagoon.

Rick Kelly is not a biologist. He is a fine artist who has joined forces with ecologist Camille Yates to produce a book that combines art with the history and biology of Florida. *Treasured Waters: The Indian River Lagoon* marries Rick's landscape paintings of the lagoon with Camille's text about its natural history and that of the

people who have lived alongside it: aboriginal peoples and European explorers, settlers, ranchers and citrus growers.

Illustrated with 80 color reproductions of Rick's work, the book shows the natural places along the lagoon from Ponce de Leon Inlet to Jupiter Inlet, including Canaveral National Seashore, Merritt Island National Seashore, Pelican Island, Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge, Savannas State Preserve and other areas where conservation trumps development. For readers who wish to experience these places in the flesh (most are on public access lands), the paintings' scenes are located on a map in the book's index.



Sunrise on the Indian River Lagoon is a study in primeval splendor.



Rick's paintings often include birds that depend on the lagoon's bounty. These ibis are shown at home among the many groves at the water's edge.



Rick Kelly at work in his Vero Beach studio.

The book is scheduled for release in March by Pioneer River Press. Founded in 2002, Pioneer operates under the auspices of the Indian River Community College (IRCC) Foundation. According to its mission statement, it is charged with publishing the work of the college's faculty and others "to inform and inspire scholars, students and thoughtful general readers."

Treasured Waters is the seventh book it has published. Other titles include *Beautiful and Rare Birds of Florida*, by rancher and photographer Alto "Bud" Adams Jr.; *Words to Teach By*, by Dr. Henri Sue Bynum, IRCC's Vice President of Academic Affairs, and *The Early Years of Port St. Lucie*, a memoir by former Port St. Lucie resident Strelsa Schreiber.

Monique Walker, Pioneer's project director, says that Rick and Camille approached the IRCC Foundation and its executive director, Ann Decker, a year ago with their book proposal. "We took a look at the project to make sure that it met all our goals," Monique says, adding that Camille Yates' knowledge of the lagoon – she helped to write the Indian River Lagoon Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan for the St. John's Water Management District – and the book's local angle recommended it to Pioneer's review committee.

Writing a book for Pioneer River Press is a labor of love; authors receive no payment. The money that the IRCC Foundation obtains from book sales (above the cost of their publication) supports the foundation's projects. In the case of *Treasured Waters*, Monique Walker says that half of the money raised by the book will help fund student scholarships; the other half



A view from the Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge. The health of the ocean depends on the viability of the Indian River Lagoon.

is earmarked for lagoon education and conservation programs.

Treasured Waters: The Indian River Lagoon is not as much a book as it is a journey. "In order to paint the lagoon you have to go to as many places as you can," says Rick, who began work on his series over two years ago. Rick and Camille and their spouses, Laura and Clay, combined research for the paintings with pleasure, taking a number of leisurely one- and two-day trips on the lagoon in the Yates' 20-foot open skiff. Equipped with a sketch pad and camera, Rick gathered visual material for his paintings, which he later executed in his Vero Beach studio.

The journey that led to the book began in 1985, when Rick first put brush to canvas. He was a firefighter and paramedic in St. Lucie County then. Born in Boston, his family had moved to Fort Pierce when he was six. He grew up hunting and fishing the backwoods of Florida with his father, who was a



"El Dora Storm" is one of Rick's favorite paintings. It captures the intensity of a brief summer shower.

cattle feed salesman.

Rick displayed no artistic talent as a boy. "I didn't do any art work, and didn't know I had any talent whatsoever until I was 35 years of age," he says. Recovering from back surgery, he decided to take up a hobby. "I had always been



"Old Florida" is Rick's favorite theme. These weathered piers on the Sebastian River hearken back to a more leisurely pace of life.

interested in painting scenes, and one day I just started. I believe my talent is a gift from God, at a time when I needed something to give me a direction in life."

Rick's first paintings were two small landscapes. Curious to know if he had talent, he took them to A. E. "Beanie" Backus for evaluation. Rick recalls that Backus studied the paintings in silence. Then he stood up and said, "I'm too old to give art lessons, but I would like you to come and paint with me."

Backus gave Rick a box of paints and brushes, and the very next day he was a member of a group of Backus disciples that included Jacquie Schindehette, Jackie Brice and Don Brown. "It was an open studio in his house," recalls Rick, who painted with Backus "a minimum of three days a week" for about six years, until Backus's death. "I retired from fire-fighting in 1992," Rick says. "My work now is my art."

Backus' legacy to Rick included more than the mechanics of painting the Florida landscape. He also introduced

Rick to the places in Miami where he exhibited and sold his paintings. "We were showing together at the Rod & Reel Club, the Museum of Science, the Riviera Country Club and others," Rick says, adding that his first professional show was a big annual art exhibition sponsored by the *Miami Herald*. Before long, he says, "I was selling almost everything I could produce." Today, Rick's admirers are found from Miami to Tallahassee, where his work is on display in the Florida statehouse and where, last year, he received the Florida Senate Medallion of Excellence for his artistic contributions to the Sunshine State.

After Rick began his Indian River Lagoon series he started thinking about how he could exhibit a large, related body of work in a meaningful way. A book, he decided, would do the trick, but he wanted it to include commentary on the scenes he was depicting. Not up to the task of writing about his subject as well as painting it, he began to ask friends and associates to recommend writers. Several

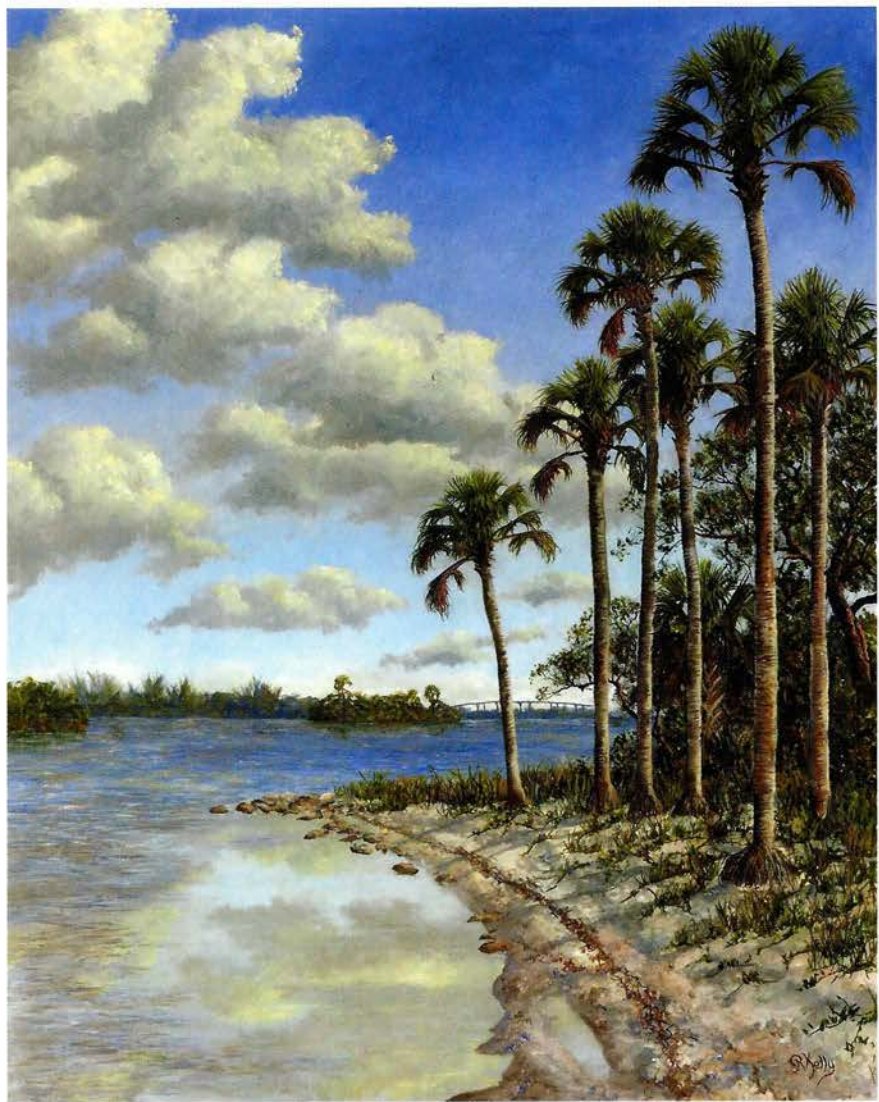
people mentioned Camille Yates.

"I think it was because of my background, the fact that I'm a scientist," she says. "I've worked in the lagoon for a long time."

Camille was no stranger to Rick. She had been an acquaintance for some years and then married a family friend. "The more I got to talking with her, the more I appreciated her knowledge of the birds in the lagoon" and her outlook on conservation, Rick says. "She is a wonderfully upbeat individual. I wanted this collection to be an educational look at the area. You could enjoy the paintings and also learn a little bit about the lagoon."

Camille Yates grew up in Dallas. Her interest in nature began at an early age, eventually leading her to a Master of Science in Ecology, which she received in 1997 from the Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne. For the past 10 years she has worked for the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority (FPUA), initially as the curator of the Manatee Observation & Education Center (which is managed by the utilities company) and now as community and corporate relations manager for the FPUA.

Her career in environmental management began when she arrived in Florida 23 years ago. At first, she was an employee of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service at the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge. Later, she worked as an independent contractor for the Smithsonian Marine Station at Fort Pierce, the Environmental Protection Agency and the St. Lucie and Volusia County Mosquito Control Districts. Those jobs exposed her to lots of work in the field, observing and counting wad-



One of the few modern structures in Rick's work is the Merrill Barber Bridge, a distant focal point in the view from Duck Point.



Manatees cavort in peace in "Sykes Creek," with below - and above - water vantage points.



"Prima Vista." A portion of the money raised by Rick's new book is earmarked for lagoon education and conservation programs.



Ecologist Camille Yates provided the text that accompanies Rick's paintings in Treasured Waters.

ing and shore birds: egrets, herons, ibis and others.

So when Rick asked Camille, "Would you consider writing a book?" she was "ecstatic," Rick says. "We just went from there."

The idea of taking a boat trip on the lagoon came about because Camille and her husband own a johnboat, a flat-bottomed vessel that is perfect for navigating shoals. The Yates' johnboat boasts two motors, one for trolling and one for cruising. Where the water is too shallow to use them, the boat is propelled by hand with a pole. Thus the intrepid explorers – Rick and Laura Kelly and Camille and Clay Yates – were able to get up close and personal with the lagoon and its banks, and the creatures that call it home.

The foursome started at Ponce de Leon Inlet just north of New Smyrna Beach, and worked their way south to the lagoon's end at Jupiter Inlet. They did not make the entire trip at one time. Instead, they took several shorter trips, visiting the lagoon's most scenic spots. They would trailer the boat to a public access site and spend the day boating and hiking.

"We've been sunburned more than once," says Rick. "I think we know every boat ramp there is along the lagoon's 156-mile stretch and have put in at each one at one time or another."

At the head of the Mosquito River, the party disembarked at the Eldora State House Historic site at the northernmost tip of Canaveral National Seashore. The park is accessible from A1A, but "the majority of the lagoon needs to be viewed from the lagoon," Rick says. "Canaveral National Seashore has 12 miles of island habitat running along the eastern side of the lagoon. That has no road access, and so it all has to be done by boat. You get out and explore over the dune line."

Eldora was once a thriving settlement on the island. All that remains of it today are two buildings that have been preserved by the park for their historical



"Dummett's Grove" portrays the site of Florida's first commercial orange grove.

interest, and a scattering of orange trees among the natural vegetation in what used to be the first commercial orange grove in the state. A painting titled "Dummett's Grove" shows a sand road winding past moss-hung live oaks; the trees vignette the blue lagoon and a sky full of puffy clouds beyond.

Before his collaboration with Camille, Rick's paintings took a panoramic view of the Florida landscape. "I challenged Rick," Camille says. "I said it would be nice if we could do close-ups of some of the species which are imperiled."

Two of the animals she particularly wanted to show in their habitats were the gopher tortoise and the scrub jay. The opportunity to study the latter at close range came one day as they drove along a public access road at Canaveral National Seashore. Rick spotted a scrub jay and stopped

the car, hoping to get a photograph.

"I had these pistachio nuts," Camille recalls, "and I knew that scrub jays are very accustomed to humans." She got out of the car and held a pistachio up high, pursed her lips and emitted a high-pitched half-whistle, half-shushing sound: Pssh-shh-shh-shh! The bird swooped over, snatched the nut from her hand and flitted away to a nearby bush to enjoy the treat. After Rick got over his surprise – "He was blown away," Camille says – he snapped away, getting the photograph on which he based the jay's portrait.

"We would come upon the neatest wildlife that was right there, almost posing for us," Camille says, referring in particular to a great blue heron that their party spotted from the boat near Orange Island. The bird was sitting on a partially submerged stump against a backdrop of mangrove and blue water. It remained on its perch for about 30 minutes while Rick made a pencil sketch and took photographs



"West Bank." Rick Kelly's vision of Florida is that of a natural paradise where man has made a few, feeble inroads.

of it. "If he feels it, smells it, captures it" in his sketches and photos, he can recreate the mood of the place in his paintings, says Laura Kelly. "We saw the lagoon through his eyes."

Rick Kelly's vision of Florida is that of a natural paradise, a place in time where man has made few and feeble inroads. "I try not to do a lot of man-made structures or objects within the lagoon," Rick says. Instead he depicts it "...perhaps the way it was 100 years ago. My paintings show what is still there, in places."

In Rick's paintings, Florida's beaches are forever pristine, its shining flats reflect feeding spoonbills and wood storks, its primeval swamps are guarded by the egret and the heron. Vegetable majesty abounds in live oak, slash pine, cypress and legions of cabbage palms. And everywhere

there is life-giving water, from the deep blue of the ocean to the mirror perfection of a tree-lined estuary.

The few signs of human encroachment that he does include are picturesque: the concrete and steel railroad trestle crossing marshy Turnbull Bay in New Smyrna Beach, a distant view of the Merrill Barber Bridge seen from Duck Point. More often, human presence is indicated by rustic wooden docks and rutted sand roads. The human figure never makes an appearance in these works.

But people leave their mark on the environment in other ways, as well. For gardeners perusing Rick's paintings, the hand of man will be seen in his inclusion of non-native plants. True to Rick's vision, most of these exotics were first seen in Florida over a century ago. They were brought here for a variety of reasons: for decoration, for shade, to



"Orange Island." The great blue heron posed for 30 minutes while Rick made a pencil sketch of it.

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—Rick Kelly

stabilize sandy ground. At least one of the paintings in *Treasured Waters* features a royal poinciana, a Madagascar native that came to Florida by way of the Caribbean. It is as prized here by local artists – famously, the Highwaymen – as it is by homeowners for its florid accent in an otherwise green landscape.

Australian pine, an exotic from Oceania, can also be found in Rick's paintings. "You could not portray a spoil island without painting the casuarine," he says, referring to the species' Latin designation, *Casuarinaceae*. There are three species of it in Florida. Because it self-propagates so effectively the casuarina, like the Brazilian pepper, is considered a threat by environmentalists to Florida's natural habitat. "I don't paint Brazilian peppers real well," says Rick. It is more likely that he is unwilling, rather than unable, to depict one of Florida's most destructively invasive exotics. It has been steadily displacing natural vegetation for more than 115 years.

Rick acknowledges that there is trouble in paradise. He

says that during his 41 years in Florida he has seen the degradation of the lagoon. The water quality has declined due to agricultural run-off into the estuaries that feed it, and this has affected the fish population, he says, adding that canal systems and the dredging of inlets and waterways for boat traffic and access to waterfront neighborhoods have changed water flow and habitat. "There are very few places today, versus my childhood, where you can go and wade along the shoreline, collect oysters, fish or just view birds," he says.

On the other side of the coin Rick reflects that human intervention has been good for, well, humans. "One hundred and fifty years ago, the state of Florida was almost uninhabitable," he says, citing a lack of transportation and a surplus of mosquitoes. Camille Yates' text will examine ways in which people from Ponce de Leon to Jonathan Dickinson to Douglas Dummett survived in Florida and left their mark upon it for future generations.

"We've changed the entire environment, and now Florida is one of the finest places to live," says Rick. His hope for *Treasured Waters: The Indian River Lagoon* is that the book will educate people about the natural beauty that is still part of Florida's heritage. "If people can just become aware of the pristine places, perhaps they might gain a little bit of respect and appreciation for the lagoon," says Rick. "If we don't take care of it and protect it, we will lose it." ❁

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There is a prayer, "The Final Analysis" by Mother Theresa, that sums up my feelings on charitable giving and part of it reads:

What you spend years building,
someone could destroy it overnight:

Build anyway.

If you are honest and frank,
people may cheat you:

Be honest and frank anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness,
they may be jealous:

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today,
people will often forget tomorrow:

Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have,
and it may never be enough:

Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see in the FINAL analysis,
it is between you and God:

It was never between you and them anyway.

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Construction Zone: Public safety training

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The Treasure Coast Public Safety Complex is a seven-building, 50-acre training complex on the main campus of Indian River Community College (IRCC), Fort Pierce, Fla. The first building in the complex, Vernon Smith Public Safety Education Building, is under construction and scheduled for completion this fall.

"IRCC is planning a unique educational complex combining law enforcement, fire science, emergency management and forensics in one place for training in coordinated response to all types of emergencies," says Edwin R. Massey, the college's president.

Project highlights include new quarters for the 19th Judicial Crime Lab, featuring a simulated booking center with jail holding cells; headquarters for IRCC's Disaster Relief and Humanitarian Assistance Program; a simulated environment for re-enactments of robberies, assaults and other crimes within a "tactical village," complete with facades of retail shops, residential features and a 360-degree digital "shoot-no-shoot" firearms training room; outdoor training fields for search-and-rescue tactical simulations, including a crashed airliner fuselage partly submerged in a 30-foot-deep lake; and an indoor tactical training facility with movable partitions that allow the facility to be configured into an office, school, retail store or apartment for tactical training exercises.

The architect is FLA/Florida Architects, Inc. (Orlando).

IRCC's mock emergency rattles student

By PAUL QUINLAN
Palm Beach Post Staff Writer

FORT PIERCE — Indian River Community College administrators staged a mock emergency Friday during a scheduled day off from classes.

In an automated phone call, about 500 staff members were warned that gunmen had taken over two buildings on the Fort Pierce campus. The warnings went out in three phone calls 10 minutes apart, beginning around 1:15 p.m. At the end of the message, callers were told it was just a test.

But the warning jangled some nerves.

Nicholas Brandano, a 20-year-old student whose number was on the list because he works for the school as a mentor, got the call while driving to a movie with his girlfriend. He immediately imagined the worst, then called friends to make sure all was OK.

"I wasn't really paying attention to the end," Brandano said. "Your second nature is, 'I should definitely call someone to be sure it didn't say something else.'"

The school also placed mock bulletins on its Web site and tested its loudspeaker system and closed-circuit cameras.

All tests ran smoothly, IRCC spokeswoman Michelle Abaldo said.

It was a coincidence that the tests came a day after Thursday's shooting at Northern Illinois University, Abaldo said. But the Virginia Tech shootings in April and other violent episodes prompted administrators to make campus security a priority.

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IRCC WILL BE SITE FOR ROAD RADIATION TRAINING

To increase safety on our nation's roadways, IRCC's Employ Florida Banner Center for Homeland Security and Defense has joined the Florida Department of Transportation and the Department of Homeland Security to provide training to more than 100 Florida DOT officers to use new technology to detect radiation and nuclear materials.

The training will better prepare state authorities against the smuggling of radiological and nuclear materials and defend against acts of terrorism. IRCC is the nation's only higher education institution involved in the Southeast Transportation Corridor Pilot Project.

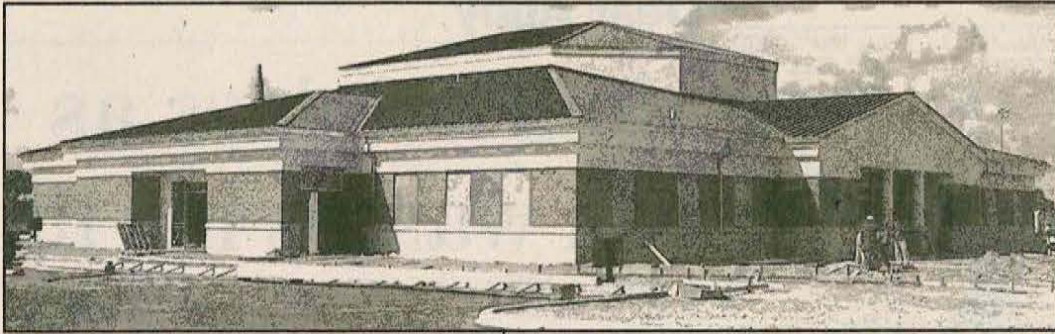
The training at the IRCC Indian River Academy in Fort Pierce demonstrated the new pager-size devices that will sound an alarm in the presence of high-level radiation.

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With this training, DOT officers will be able to isolate the location of dangerous materials, determine the level of danger, intervene and notify appropriate authorities.

The officers also learned existing laws and regulations regarding the transport of radioactive materials.

For information about public safety programs at IRCC, call the Information Call Center at (866) 866-4722.



Okeechobee News/Pete Gawda

A work in progress

Work is progressing on the \$5.2 million Williamson Conference and Educational Center on the Dixon Hendry Campus of Indian River Community College, on N.W. Ninth Ave. Construction is scheduled to be completed this fall. The building is named for longtime Okeechobee residents, Frank "Sonny" and Betty C. Williamson who donated the lead gift to the IRCC Foundation fundraising campaign for the center. Mr. Williamson has also served on the IRCC Foundation Board of Directors for many years. The 15,000 square foot facility will house a multipurpose auditorium, professional catering kitchen, strategic planning room, nursing classroom and labs, biology lab and computer lab.

IRCC is recognized for partnerships

Indian River Community College was honored to receive recognition from the Florida Division of Community Colleges with the 2007 Chancellor's Best Practice Award for Exemplary Partnerships. The award recognizes the creative, innovative partnerships which IRCC has initiated that are geared towards enhancing student learning.

IRCC excels in developing sustainable community partnerships that benefit students, educational institutions and industry. The Power Plant Technology Institute, Living Science program, IRCC Tech Prep program and the Florida Atlantic University and Indian River Community College Joint Campus were four partnership areas specifically recognized by this prestigious award.

The Power Plant Technology Institute is a partnership that meets the needs of current Florida Power and Light employees look-

ing for professional development and also serves new students seeking a promising career with a local employer.

Another area recognized was the Living Science program. The Living Science program provides faculty development opportunities for area teachers, including laboratory and field activities that can be easily integrated into math and science instruction.

Also recognized was the IRCC Tech Prep program. Tech Prep allows area high school students who are in career and technical programs in their schools to smoothly transition and continue their studies with IRCC.

The award also recognized the Florida Atlantic University and Indian River Community College Joint Campus. At this joint campus, IRCC and FAU share a \$22 million state-of-the-art facility that houses and supports a unique 2+2 partnership that provides

students with convenient options to complete a four-year degree without having to leave home.

Expanding students options for continuing education close to home, IRCC now offers Bachelors Degree programs in nine areas focusing on teacher education, nursing, organizational management, public safety, and health-care management.

These examples demonstrate the ways that Indian River collaborates to positively impact the communities that the college serves.

The Exemplary Partnerships Award is one of five Chancellor's Best Practice Awards given by the Florida Division of Community Colleges. Thirty-five entries competed for recognition in award categories that demonstrate passion and energy for facilitating student success throughout the Florida's community college system.

OUR VIEW

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Old school tie fades at work

Bachelor's degrees not always key to success
as outsourcing and lagging pay take their toll

A new study of employment statistics reveals that, contrary to conventional wisdom, bachelor's degrees don't necessarily add value in the workplace. Note:

- Fewer than 40 percent of the nation's largest and fastest-growing job classifications require four-year diplomas.
- Fewer than 30 percent of *all* jobs demand them — a figure that has barely budged in the last two decades.
- Real wages for bachelor's degree holders are falling.

For all the talk about college being crucial to gainful employment in today's society, the Bureau of Labor Statistics finds that bachelor's degrees are no antidote to outsourcing,

underemployment and lagging pay. Among 40 occupations on the BLS' watch list for likely outsourcing are computer programmers, aerospace engi-

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neers and microbiologists.

Meantime, blue-collar trades people — from truck drivers to plumbers to electricians — are perpetually in demand. And none of these fields requires post-secondary degrees.

Even the education sector itself reflects this dichotomy. Indian River County School District, for example, hired an audio-visual coordinator fresh out of high school and paid him \$15,000 more than a beginning teacher with a master's degree.

None of this is to suggest that higher education isn't important for the knowledge it imparts. A college degree can enrich life and, in some fields, ensure upward mobility.

But Paul Barton, a senior associate at the Educational Testing Service, poses a provocative question in the title of his report: "How many college graduates does the U.S. labor force really need?"

Barton turns statistical conventions on their head by counting the number of college-educated workers in jobs that do *not* require such degrees. He found that 60 percent of people in existing jobs have "some college" or post-secondary credential — yet only one in three jobs requires that level of education.

This phenomenon is pervasive in Florida, where service-industry jobs abound. In an article last year, the Orlando Sentinel reported that "a rise in college attendance coupled with downsizing, outsourcing and a shortage of high-paying jobs is bolstering the ranks of the educated poor — people with college degrees who don't earn above the national poverty line."

The National Center for Education Statistics confirms the dour news. NCES' study of bachelor's degree recipients discovered that four years after receiving their degrees, 40 percent of those not enrolled in graduate education say they are employed in a job where a college education "is not required."

Barton's findings even overthrow the pay table. His report shows that average earnings (in inflation-adjusted dollars) for men aged 25-34 with bachelor's degrees fell from \$51,218 in 1972 to \$49,955 in 2002 — a 4.4 percent decline.

Students and educators need to take notice of these trends and act accordingly.

For high schools, this should mean expanded options in hands-on occupational training to balance college-prep curriculum. The state's underutilized three-year vocational diploma program deserves greater attention from guidance counselors and careful consideration by parents anxious about their youngsters' career prospects.

As things stand now, businesses complain about the lackluster skills of high-school graduates. Such concerns prompt Liam Julian of the education research center at New York's Fordham Foundation to opine: "If high-school diplomas actually meant something, conventional wisdom would be less likely to demand college diplomas."

Beyond high school, Indian River Community College is well-positioned to provide technical, specialized education in nursing and a growing array of selected trades. For all the status that a four-year university might bring to the Treasure Coast, IRCC is a valuable strategic resource right here, right now, geared to meet the needs of this region's economic development and diversification efforts.

For high school students, an unsentimental analysis of supply-and-demand is called for. Bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees are entirely appropriate pursuits for the academically inclined and they help keep future options open, but sheepskins aren't for everyone. And there's no shame in that.

In the real world, lawyers appear to be everywhere, while a good, skilled craftsman is increasingly hard to find — at any price.

Leap year: What would you do with an extra day?

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Clay Adams, owner of Adams Ranch in St. Lucie County

I would just loaf around the ranch and see how much wildlife I can see. I'd like to see the cattle and cowboys I could see. I'm not a good traveler so I don't want to go anywhere ... it's a very exciting day but that would suit me just fine.



Adams

What would you love to do with a whole extra day to spend however you wish? For this Leap Year Day, we decided to ask 29 people from across the Treasure Coast what they would do with their day.

Tom Bakkedah, chief assistant to attorney

I would nap the day away. It's how exciting my life is ... I certainly wouldn't work an extra day, I can tell you that.



Bakkedah



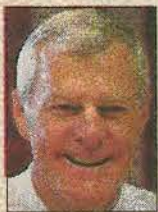
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Sean Baldwin, Fort Pierce police chief

I would start by sleeping in for a couple of hours, and then I'd spend the rest of the day up between my family — my wife and three boys — and do whatever they want to do. My job takes so much away from my family that I would definitely have to start here.



Elliott



Favole



Coy



Dickerson



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Fredrick

Bonnie Bass, immediate past president of The Friends of the Lake Library in Stuart

The first thing that comes into my mind is to get a massage and a pedicure.



Gedeon



Gibson



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Loesser

Lloyd Bell, owner of the Port of Fort Pierce

It makes me sound like a cuckoo, but we have the answers to humanity's major problems. I wish I had more than one day to study the major issues facing our planet: food, energy and water.



Massey



Still



Stinette



Stracuzzi



Trabulsy



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Voigt

Doug Bournique, executive director of the Indian River Citrus League

I'd start off with a fisherman's breakfast, which includes a large glass of grapefruit juice and a hearty breakfast. Then I'd probably go offshore fishing ... then come in after lunch and then I'd probably tee it up and play a round of golf before it got dark. And if you really want to end it really, really right, end up dining with the one you love at 11 Maple Street.

I would be perfectly happy hanging out at our house and relaxing during the afternoon. And then catching a movie and going out to dinner with my husband and two kids.

Christine Hobart, executive director of McKee Botanical Garden in Vero Beach

I've always wanted to go to Easter Island. So I will be there for not only my birthday, but also on the 29th. Just me and the Moai.

Not that I like yard work, but in Florida nothing ever stops growing and I'm always catching up. If I couldn't get an extra day, I'd declare a moratorium on plant growth. Give us winter without the cold.

Hamp Elliott, Wake-Up Team host on The Breeze 93.7

Since I have to get up at 3 a.m. Monday through Friday, I never get enough sleep. So I would sleep for the whole 24 hours.

John Favole, news anchor on WPTV NewsChannel 5

What I would do with an extra day (especially if I had it off from work!) would be pretty much my game plan on most weekends. And that is to spend it with my wife and baby girl. Grace is six months old now and changing every day. So you don't want to miss a day. Besides, she's on the verge of saying "dada" anytime now. It might be February 29th!

Kathleen Fredrick, director of the A.E. Backus Gallery & Museum, Fort Pierce

I'd like to be 25 again — to have the body I had then, the outlook I had then and the lack of responsibility I had then. But the knowledge I have now.

Lucinda H. Gedeon, director and CEO of Vero Beach Museum of Art

I'm so boring. I'd want to go to the beach and read a novel. I haven't been able to do that in a long time. That would be heaven.

James Gibson, a Highwaymen painter from Fort Pierce

I've got so many orders, and you know, there's not enough time in the day to finish everything. So that extra 29th day of February, I'd paint all day long and try to catch up.

Gayle Harrell, state representative, Stuart

I would love to have my six grandchildren come to Stuart and spend a wonderful day enjoying the beach, our beautiful rivers and having a wonderful time just enjoying the family.

Peter Jones, musician and founder of StarStruck Performing Arts Center

There is a Broadway musical living in my brain. The melodies surface every so often and, as time allows, make their way onto manuscript paper. Sometimes I think I just wrote a groundbreaking melody — a line of music that will change the world — then I realize that it sounds a lot like that Mozart sonata I played four hours ago. So with my free day, I would write without distraction. And when my Tony award-winning masterpiece was complete, I would spend my evening at home with my family, enjoying a long meal together with a few bottles of red wine.

Jeanne Keaton, manager of the St. Lucie County Fair

I want a whole day in a great big nice resort with nobody but my family. And just fun all day — and no cell phones.

John Loesser, executive director of the Lyric Theatre in Stuart

I certainly wouldn't book any shows. I would probably spend the day doing absolutely nothing — wouldn't answer the phone, and probably would be as selfish as I could possibly be.

Edwin Massey, Indian River Community College president

I'd like for my wife and six grandchildren to come and spend the night at my house the night before, so we could get an early start. Each one of them would be able to pick an activity that we would be involved in throughout the day — whether it's going to the beach, or the park or going to a movie or hitting some baseballs or playing with dolls — and doing any- and everything our grandkids would like to do on that day.

Chuck Still, executive director of Riverside Theatre, Vero Beach

Kevin Stinnette, Indian Riverkeeper

I'd like to spend that whole day playing Robinson Crusoe ... working on our little picnic area down on the bank and there's some exotics springing up that I need to cut back. We can have a little bonfire in the evening and a picnic and just cleaning up and making it all comfortable and nice.

Pat Stracuzzi, broker associate with RE/MAX of Stuart

If I had a whole extra day, I think I would be in the islands of Bimini with my children and my wife. Totally relaxing.

Linette Trabulsy, community outreach/media specialist for South Florida Water Management District's Martin/St. Lucie Service Center

"I'd load the family into our boat, turn on my favorite Jimmy Buffett tunes and go hang out at The Cove (Dynamite Point in Fort Pierce) with a six-pack of Corona Light (with limes, of course). The weather would be perfect with the sun shining, low humidity, light breeze, warm water and no threat of rain ... while I sat in my beach chair chatting with my friends. And, at the end of the day, I would thank God for the blessings I have.

Robert Udell, criminal defense attorney

My family and I would spend the day sailing along the Na Pali cliffs on the northern shore of the island of Kauai.

Deborah Voigt, international opera star and a resident of Vero Beach

Well, I probably wouldn't PLAN anything! My life is planned out years in advance, so a day to let it just unfold without appointments, interviews, dress fittings, and six hours of "Tristan und Isolde" rehearsals sounds like heaven!

Randy Brady of Fort Pierce, chairman of the Treasure Coast Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation

It may sound corny, but I'd educate as many people as I could about saving our environment.

Henry Calimotto, owner of Hook Nook Bait & Tackle in Jensen Beach

I'd be out there on my boat, just soaking up the sun and admiring it. People think I'm not appreciating it. People think when I go out on a boat that all I want to do is fish. Ironically, I'm not one of those who likes to go out and look around. ... I like to see porpoises jump around. I like seeing the manatees.

Andrea Coy, mayor of Sebastian

Of course it's going to be a beautiful day and I would spend the entire day outdoors near the beach and near the lagoon. Just watching the world go by and enjoying the view. ... I love to sit by the water.

Rich Dickerson, "Dr. Rich," co-host of "The Love Doctors" on WZR Real Radio

I would donate more kidneys, more eyes and more livers. And help more old ladies cross the street.

Tony DiTerlizzi, former Martin County resident and author of the best-selling children's book series "The Spiderwick Chronicles"

I would save the day in hopes that I get a good interest rate. Then I'd cash it in when it's rolled up to an extra year when I'm a geezer.

Kelley Dunn, anchor on WPTV NewsChannel 5

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How would your school respond to tragedy?

Indian River schools plan to simulate shooting incident soon



PAUL BEATY • The Associated Press

Northern Illinois University student Paige Osborne, right, is comforted Friday by fellow student Matt McBride after placing flowers at a memorial for the victims of the Thursday shooting in DeKalb, Ill.

ILLINOIS CAMPUS SHOOTER NAMED



Kazmierczak

• The shooter who killed five students before turning his gun on himself Thursday at Northern Illinois University was identified Friday as Stephen Kazmierczak, a 27-year-old former NIU graduate student.
• University Police Chief Donald Grady said, without giving details, Kazmierczak had become erratic in the past two weeks after he had stopped taking his medication.

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Treasure Coast school districts and law enforcement agencies practice at least twice a year and review plans annually for a day they hope never comes — a school shooting or other crisis situation on a school campus.

After five people were shot Thursday on the Northern Illinois University campus before the gunman turned his weapon on himself, districts and law enforcement say they feel prepared, but constantly are looking at their plans to see if changes are needed.

The St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office, working with the St. Lucie County School District, is simulating an "active shooter" exercise Monday at Treasure Coast High School in Port St. Lucie to rehearse what to do if someone came on campus with a firearm.

The training, planned weeks ago, comes days after the Illinois shooting.

"We do this (training) periodically," said Mark Weinberg, public informa-

"The schools are all preparing, so the staff knows what to do."

Gerry Koziel, risk management director for Indian River Schools

tion officer for the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office.

Indian River County officials have been talking about staging a similar simulation sometime this year, at the request of district principals, said the district's Risk Management Director Gerry Koziel. The district has practiced responses to bad weather and other emergencies, but never has simulated a hostage-taking or shooting, he said.

"The schools are all preparing, so the staff knows what to do," Koziel said.

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MOURNING THE VICTIMS

At NIU, six white crosses were placed on a snow-covered hill around the center of campus, which was closed Friday. The crosses included the names of four victims — Daniel Parmenter, Ryanne Mace, Julianna Gehant, Catalina Garcia. Two others were blank, one for Kazmierczak and another for his final victim, who police identified as Gayle Dubowski.



Dubowski



Parmenter



Garcia



Gehant



Mace

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Schools still are the safest places for children to be, said Lt. Morgan Sprott, school resource officer supervisor in Martin County. But that safety comes with almost daily discussions of how best to respond to an issue.

"We are trying to prepare and be as prepared as we possibly can, and hope and pray that day never comes," Sprott said.

Sprott said officials also have to know how to respond to evacuations, critical accidents in front of schools, gas leaks or a severe injury in a class. Districts work with law enforcement by sharing blueprints of schools and continually updating crisis plans.

College campuses also were looking at their crisis plans in reaction to Thursday's shooting.

Charles Brown, vice president for student affairs at Florida Atlantic University said the university has made a number of safety improvements on campus in the past few years, including locking classroom doors and improved alert systems.

He said he believes FAU is safe, but he added, "Any something like this happens we all feel uneasy."

After the Virginia shootings in April, officials with the Indian River Community College and Florida Atlantic University, said they were working on improving alert networks.

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Woman allegedly raped at IRCC dorm

BY WILL GREENLEE
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FORT PIERCE — An 18-year-old woman told police a man raped her at an Indian River Community College dormitory during the weekend, according to a police report recently released.

The woman said the incident happened late Saturday night or early Sunday morning after she received a text message from a man asking

her to "stop by and hang out with him and some of his friends," according to the report.

The man, who is about 21 years old, is a student at IRCC and lives in a dormitory there, the report stated.

When the woman and her friend arrived, six people were in the stairwell of the dormitory. The woman knew only one of the six, half of which were men.

She told police the man she knew "insisted" her friend and another person leave to get some beer. That's when the woman said the man forced her in a "back room of a bottom dormitory."

He threw her against a desk and the woman struggled and yelled before the suspect threw her to the floor and raped her, the report stated.

Police continue to investigate the incident, and no further information was released.

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This phenomenon is pervasive in Florida, where service-industry jobs abound. In an article last year, the Orlando Sentinel reported that "a rise in college attendance coupled with downsizing, outsourcing and a shortage of high-paying jobs is bolstering the ranks of the educated poor — people with college degrees who don't earn above the national poverty line."

The National Center for Education Statistics confirms the dour news. NCES' study of bachelor's degree recipients discovered that four years after receiving their degrees, 40 percent of those not enrolled in graduate education say they are employed in a job where a college education "is not required."

Barton's findings even overthrow the pay table. His report shows that average earnings (in inflation-adjusted dollars) for men aged 25-34 with bachelor's degrees fell from \$51,218 in 1972 to \$49,955 in 2002 — a 4.4 percent decline.

Students and educators need to take notice of these trends and act accordingly.

For high schools, this should mean expanded options in hands-on occupational training to balance college-prep curriculum. The state's underutilized three-year vocational diploma program deserves greater attention from guidance counselors and careful consideration by parents anxious about their youngsters' career prospects.

As things stand now, businesses complain about the lackluster skills of high-school graduates. Such concerns prompt Liam Julian of the education research center at New York's Fordham Foundation to opine: "If high-school diplomas actually meant something, conventional wisdom would be less likely to demand college diplomas."

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In the real world, lawyers appear to be everywhere, while a good, skilled craftsman is increasingly hard to find — at any price.

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IRCC partnerships recognized by Chancellor's Best Practice Award

BY ROBERT LANE
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Indian River Community College was honored to receive recognition from the Florida Division of Community Colleges with the 2007 Chancellor's Best Practice Award for Exemplary Partnerships.

The award recognizes the creative, innovative partnerships IRCC has initiated that are geared towards enhancing student learning.

IRCC excels in developing sustainable community partnerships that benefit students, educational institutions and industry. The Power Plant Technology Institute, Living Science program, IRCC Tech Prep program and the Florida Atlantic University and Indian River Community College Joint Campus were four partnership areas specifically recognized by this prestigious award.

The Power Plant Technology Institute is a partnership that meets the needs of current Florida Power & Light employees looking for professional development and also serves new students seeking a promising career with a local employer.

Another area recognized was the Living Science program. The Living Science program provides faculty development opportunities for area teachers, including laboratory and field activities that can be easily integrated into math and science instruction.

Also recognized was the IRCC Tech Prep program. Tech Prep allows area high school students who are in career and technical programs in their schools to smoothly transition and continue their studies with IRCC.

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Expanding students' options for continuing education close to home, IRCC now offers bachelors degree programs in nine areas focusing on teacher education, nursing, organizational management, public safety and healthcare management.

These examples demonstrate the ways that Indian River collaborates to positively impact the communities that the college serves.

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Gifford youth center celebrates 10 years



Photos by SAM WOLFE • sam.wolfe@scripps.com

Freddie Woolfork, right, administrator of development and marketing for the Gifford Youth Activity Center, jokes with Brooke Seymour, 11, in the center's gym as Brooke arrives for an after-school program. The center is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

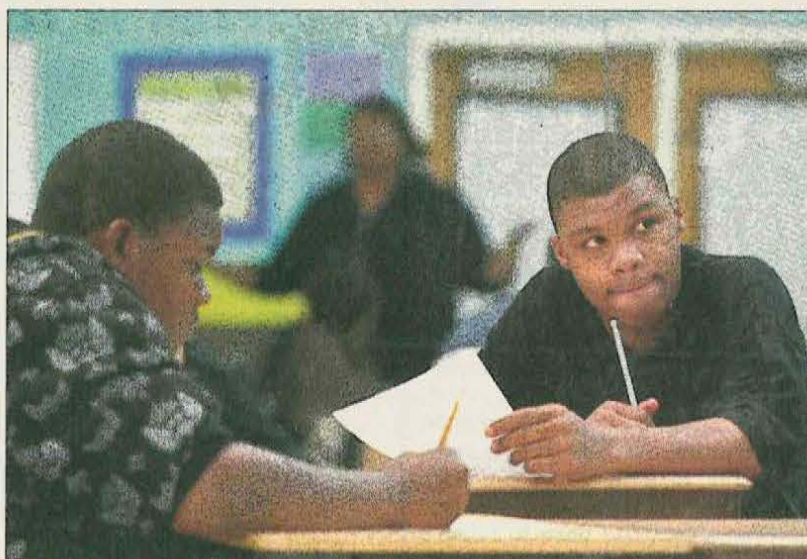
The state-of-the-art \$1.2 million Gifford Youth Activity Center is 10 years old, and its anniversary is being celebrated today.

The nonprofit center was established to boost academic achievement and character in the community, which had a history of low high-school graduation rates. The center provides after-school tutoring and recreation for school-age youths.

Today the center is not only being credited with helping increase graduation rate, but it also has helped knit the community together.

"We have crossed a river," co-founder A. Ronald Hudson said. "There is still an ocean before us." **Story, B1.**

Story by Elliott Jones



Anthony Simmons, left, and J.T. Smith do their math homework Tuesday during an after-school program at the Gifford Youth Activity Center. Each day about 300 children use the facility.

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OHS student to study OVERSEAS

By Chauna Aguilar
Okeechobee News

Experiencing Europe -- this will be one dream come true for Lionel Jones, Jr. when he travels with the People to People Student Ambassador Program to France and England. He will leave on July 3, and is returning on July 21.

Lionel is a sophomore at Okeechobee High School, only 15 years old and has been accepted to take part in a journey that he will never forget. His mother Malika Jones and his aunt Richardean Singleton are helping Lionel raise \$6,400 for this life-changing journey.

While Lionel does not know who nominated him for this journey, he is ready to take on this experience as a continuation of his life that he strives to live as a role model for others in the community. Lionel has a 3.9 grade point average and is very involved in many extra-curricular activities.

He plays basketball and runs for the Cross-Country Track Team at OHS. He was an All-Conference Runner this season.

He has also shown his leadership skills and abilities by serving as the 2006-2007 Treasurer for the Key Club.



Okeechobee News/Chauna Aguilar
Richardean Singleton (right) a teacher with the Okeechobee County School system for over 30 years is supporting her nephew Lionel Jones (left) in his efforts to go overseas through the People to People Student Ambassador program.

Lionel is an active member in the youth program at Bethel Missionary Baptist Church.

As a young man he strives to be a role model for other males and children in his community.

He participated in a summer program at Indian River Community College last summer where he was awarded a full two-year scholarship. Lionel also is actively involved with community service as a teacher's aide at Central Elementary School.

Mrs. Singleton, a teacher with the school system for over 30 years expressed her desire for her nephew to be able to take advantage of such a program.

"I am excited and looking forward to working with Lionel in preparing for his trip. He is a very nice and responsible young man who deserves such a nomination," stated Mrs. Singleton. "He is always willing to

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When asked what four characteristics described Lionel by the People to People panel he stated, "Loyal, friendly, nice and smart."

These characteristics can be seen in his GPA and by the feelings of those around him. He is excited to be able to go see new places and visit Oxford, England where he will be able to see locations where scenes from the "Har-

ry Potter" movies were filmed. Lionel is an avid reader and a fan of the "Harry Potter" series.

His aunt is excited at how this trip will enhance his knowledge by giving him experiences such as living with a host family for a portion of the trip.

While Lionel is "anxious and ready to go," he still needs help to get there. His family is planning fundraisers that will be posted throughout the coming months.

As a People to People Student Ambassador, Lionel will be able to earn high school credit that will

continue to help him in his journey for scholarships and college admissions.

There are a few ways to donate towards Lionel's People to People experience. You can send check or money order directly to People to People Office of Admissions, PO Box 34902, Seattle, WA 98124-1902. Be sure to denote that the funds are to be added to Delegate ID # 889681 in order to ensure the funds go to Lionel.

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Box #74, Okeechobee, FL 34973. Or, you can simply go to the Bank of America on North Parrott Avenue where Mrs. Jones has set up a special account for her son.

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Chaplain has a dream for firefighters in St. Lucie

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FORT PIERCE — Jack Favorite, 65, has been a firefighter since he was 17 years old. True, he lied about his age to become a volunteer with the St. Lucie County Fire Department. He fought one fire and was found out, then politely told to come back when he was 18.



Favorite

Born in Frederick, Md., he came to the Treasure Coast with his family in 1947, graduated from Dan McCarty High School, and attended Indian River Community

College. When he was 18, he returned and was made a dispatcher for the department, but the volunteers were disbanded and later he was given a paid job as property control officer. He retired after a heart attack in 1994, and now he has a dream for firefighters.

Q. What did your father do in Fort Pierce?

A. He was building contractor and the first Favorite to be a firefighter. Each of my brothers were also firefighters.

Q. What sort of career did you have?

A. I was a dispatcher for about three years, then got on as combat fire fighter, but couldn't make enough money to support my family. I was making \$42 a week and qualified for welfare. I quit for eight years. If I had stayed, longevity might have made me a district chief at a salary of \$75,000 to \$100,000.

Q. Do you think it is good that salaries have gone up for firefighters?

A. Yes. They have to be very professional. The training and the knowledge they have to learn is incredible. Within the next few years, all firefighters at least will have bachelor's degrees.

Q. How did it come about that you became the department chaplain?

A. I was an ordained minister, and I had a prison ministries going. An assistant chief asked me for three years; finally I agreed. As chaplain, I did a lot of counseling because firefighters are under a tremendous amount of stress. I did funerals, and supported firefighter families and victims of fire. I was told I would be a volunteer chaplain but that the work could not interfere with my duties as purchasing officer. I was also the public information officer for a number of years.

Q. You have a dream for firefighters?

A. Yes. I have talked with several firefighters, and I have an appointment with Ron Parrish, the current chief, about taking the old Fire Station No. 2 on the beach and making it into a firefighter's museum. I think it could operate in tandem with the St. Lucie County Historical Museum just west on Seaway Drive.

Q. What sort of things would you have in a firefighter museum?

A. Would like to have the old 1922 Pumper in the current historical museum, pictures of the worst fire, firefighting equipment, special tools and nozzles about which the public doesn't know very much. I would want it to be educational for the public, but especially for the young people. People in the museum might be current firefighters or retired ones. I think we could do it for minimal funds. Old-school firefighters are very clannish, and, if there is a firefighting museum in driving distance, they will come.

Q. Is there a possibility you might expand the museum to be the history of firefighting on the Treasure Coast?

A. I had contemplated that, but it would take the cooperation of the surrounding counties to do it. I don't know what officials would think.

Q. Why does there need to be a firefighting museum?

A. Because it is a major part of the history of Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County.

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IRCC Brain Bowl team wins regional tournament

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Students prove that CHARACTER COUNTS!

Middle and high schools students receive Joe Kendrick Youth Character Awards.

BY DIANE TOMASIK
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CHARACTER COUNTS!, a program of United Way of Martin County, recently presented the Joe Kendrick Youth Character Awards.

The awards honor middle and high school students whose lives demonstrate an enduring commitment to good character.

The annual awards are named after the late Joe Kendrick, founding chairman of CHARACTER COUNTS! in Martin County, who left a legacy to sponsor the awards. Last year, Toyota of Stuart came aboard as the presenting sponsor of the event, joining annual sponsors the Kordick Estate; Kramer, Sopko & Levenstein PA; and Proctor, Crook & Crowder, Inc.

2007-08 Award Recipients:

- Lindsay Hoffman and Leticia Lopez, Dr. David L. Anderson Middle School
- Nadia Bhagudas and Panida Charnvitayapong, Hidden Oaks Middle School
- Maria Gonzalez and Christian McKnight, Indiantown Middle School
- Richard Simonson and



CHARACTER COUNTS!, a program of United Way of Martin County, recently presented the Joe Kendrick Youth Character Awards Jan. 30. Front row, from left, are Nancy Maloch, Lindsay Hoffman, Liam Lloyd, Leticia Lopez, Panida Charnvitayapong, Nadia Bhagudas, Juan Colmenares and Cecily Ramos. Back row, from left, are Chelsea Schaffer, Winston McAdoo, Jared Taws, Brendan O'Connor, Richard Simonson, Courtland Thomas and Maria Gonzalez.

Courtland Thomas, Murray Middle School

• Juan Colmenares and Brendan O'Connor, Stuart Middle School

• Liam Lloyd, Clark Advanced Learning Center

• Nancy Maloch, Jensen Beach High School

• Chelsea Schaffer, Martin County High School

• Winston McAdoo and Cecily Ramos, South Fork High School

• Jonathan Jared Taws,

Stuart Community High School

During an awards presentation Jan. 30, the 10 eighth-graders each received a \$1,000 savings bond, and the six high school seniors each received a \$2,000 check.

The awards recognize those students whose lives and achievements demonstrate an enduring commitment to the "Six Pillars of Character" trustworthiness, respect, re-

sponsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship — and who also demonstrate any and all of the following qualities:

• Uncompromising integrity and courage shown by a willingness to do the right thing despite social pressures or personal risk.

• Generosity of spirit and willingness for self-sacrifice in devotion to helping others.

• Community service in working for the common good.

• Perseverance and inner strength to overcome physical, financial or other difficulties.

To read the students' essays and learn more about CHARACTER COUNTS! and the Joe Kendrick Youth Character Awards, visit www.charactercounts.net or call (772) 283-4800, ext. 234.

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IRCC presents "Once Upon a Mattress"

Come and find out if there really is such a thing as a fairy tale ending as the Indian River Community College Fine Arts Program presents the musical comedy "Once Upon a Mattress" February 26-29 and March 1 at 8 p.m. and March 1 and 2 at 2 p.m. at the McAlpin Fine Arts Center located on the IRCC Main Campus in Fort Pierce.

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"Once Upon a Mattress" will be performed at the McAlpin Fine Arts Center on February 26-29 and March 1 at 8 p.m. and March 1 and 2 at 2 p.m. Tickets

are \$12. Purchase tickets at the box office located in the McAlpin Fine Arts Center lobby at the IRCC Main Campus at 3209 Virginia Avenue in Fort Pierce, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., or by phone with VISA, MasterCard, Discover or American Express. Call the McAlpin Fine Arts Center Box Office today at (772) 462-4750 or toll-free at 1-800-220-9915 to reserve your seats, as shows sell out quickly.

Can fairy tale endings foil pea-brained plans?

Find at at "Once Upon a Mattress" at the McAlpin Fine Arts Center at Indian River Community College in Fort Pierce.

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through Saturday with an extra performance at 2 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$12. For reservations, call the IRCC box office, (800) 220-9915 or (772) 462-4750 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today through Friday.

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Floyd coached Lincoln JC, served as Indian River AD

Vernon Floyd will be honored at the state tournament March 7 in Marianna.

BY ERIC PFAHLER
eric.pfahler@scripps.com

FORT PIERCE — Longtime area coach, athletic director and administrator Vernon Floyd will be inducted into the Florida Community College Activities Association Men's Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame on March 7, when he will receive a plaque during halftime of the semifinals of the state basketball tournament at Chipola College in Marianna.

He will be one of four inductees selected by their peers for outstanding contributions and dedicated service to the FCCAA, its member colleges and the sport of basketball.

Floyd coached basketball at Lincoln Junior College in Fort Pierce. The all-black school was a charter member of the Florida Junior College Athletic Association in 1961 before merging with Indian River Junior College to become part of Indian River Community College in 1964-65.

Floyd also is a member of the Florida A&M University Hall of Fame and the St. Lucie County Sports Hall of Fame.



Floyd

When Floyd moved back to Florida from Texas in late 1954, he didn't plan to retire in the community.

"No we didn't," he said. "I thought after a year or so, we'd be gone. But we just became attracted to the area and the people and Fort Pierce. One year led to the next, and the next thing we knew, we'd been here for 50 years."

Floyd also was a basketball coach and assistant football coach at Lincoln Park Academy. He guided the Greyhounds' basketball team to a 62-51 record from 1956-61, capped by an 18-5 finish in 1960-61.

He went on to become athletic director at IRCC for four years. During that time, he was a part of a committee that hired current coach Mike Leatherwood.

Floyd remembered the hire fondly.

"He was a star guard for the University of Florida," Floyd said. "He had just been out one

IRCC MEN TO PLAY MANATEE AT STATE

The Indian River Community College men's basketball team will play Suncoast Conference runner-up Manatee in the first round of the state tournament at 7 p.m. March 5 at Marianna.

The Pioneers (21-8) won the Southern Conference championship. Manatee (16-13) earned a ticket to state by beating St. Petersburg 112-87 on Tuesday.

In other first-round pairings, Mid Florida champion Santa Fe (21-6) plays Panhandle runner-up Okaloosa-Walton (25-3), Suncoast champion Polk (23-5) plays Southern runner-up Broward (23-8) and Panhandle champion Chipola (29-1) plays Mid Florida runner-up Central Florida (22-10).

year as a coach. ... He was only 22 years old. It was a good hire because now he's gone on to be the winningest junior college coach in state history.

"We knew he was an outstanding young man, and it's proven to be so."

Leatherwood was inducted into the Hall of Fame as a player and coach in 1992.

JUNIOR COLLEGE BASEBALL

SEMINOLE 5, INDIAN RIVER 4:

The Pioneers scored one run in the ninth inning but left the bases loaded in a non-conference loss in Fort Pierce.

Andrew Durden and Jason Kitchen each had three hits for Indian River (7-13).

Seminole 5, Indian River 4

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Broberg, Heston (8), Soto (9) and Avchen; Moorhouse, Peterson (7), Kitchen (8) and Martin. WP: Broberg, LP: Moorhouse (2-4). 2B: Lopez (IR), Rausch (S). Records: Seminole 14-8, Indian River 7-13.

Boys & Girls Club of Martin County



Rob Ranieri and Charry Thacker, on left and Paul Kegel on right, with interior design students from Indian River Community College.

Students have designs on new facility

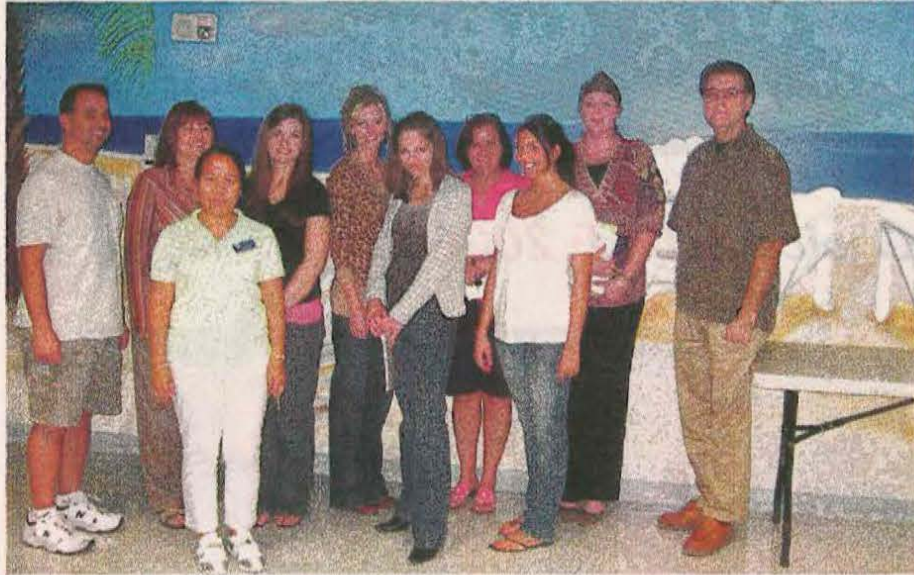
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The Club will benefit from the creativity of the students and the students,

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Riverside Bank's Manager of the Year: Tabitha Trent

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OKEECHOBEE – Among 64 of her peers at Riverside Bank, Tabitha Trent, Vice President and Office Manager, was designated Branch Manager of the Year at the Bank's annual conference in Orlando on February 1. This is the second year in a row that Ms. Trent has won the accolade. The criterion to be elected is based on teamwork, coaching, deposit growth, consumer loan production, commercial loan referrals, leadership, execution, customer service and community involvement. 65 branches.

"I like working with a team of great people, for customers I've known all my life. Helping our friends and neighbors get something done for their business or family – that's a real feeling of accomplishment," said Okeechobee-native Ms. Trent.

In addition to winning Branch Manager of the Year in 2007 and 2006, Ms. Trent can also add several top performer awards to her collection of honors, such as Branch Manager of the Quarter.

Active in her community, Ms. Trent is a board member of the Rotary Club of Okeechobee, Okeechobee Educational Foundation, Okeechobee High School Finance Academy and More 2 Life Ministries. Additionally she is a member of the Okeechobee Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Council of Okeechobee and a Captain for the March of Dimes.

Ms. Trent received her Associates of Arts degree in business administration from Indian River Community College and is currently attending the University of Central Florida. She is also attending the Florida School of Banking with graduation anticipated for 2009.

Before joining Riverside Bank in July 2003, Ms. Trent was a



Submitted photo

Tabitha Trent

Housing Grant Administrator for the Town of Okeechobee. Prior to that position, she was employed at Bank of America for 12 years in Okeechobee and Highland Counties in various roles, including VP/Retail Market Manager, VP/Residential Lending Manager, and AVP/Residential Operations Manager.

Ms. Trent resides in Okeechobee with husband Jay and their son, Chase Morgan Trent, 7. Her office is located at 1506 S. Parrot Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida 34974. She can be reached at 863-824-0400, Ext. 61713.

About the Bank

Since 1982, Riverside Bank has been helping people across Florida manage their money and achieve financial goals through a hometown style of banking. The Bank is known in the home towns it serves for friendly service, helpful solutions and local decision-making, as well as local community involvement. Its hometown style of banking has made Riverside one of Florida's fastest-growing, independent and locally owned community banks serving customers in 43 home towns throughout Florida.

YMS Teacher of the Year is Mrs. Gray

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2-11-08

By Chauna Aguilar
Okeechobee News

Yearling Middle School's Teacher of the Year is Melinda Gray who has taught eighth grade at YMS since 2003.

Prior to her teaching in Okeechobee, she taught in Rivera Beach Academy Charter School in 2002 where she taught sixth, seventh and eighth grade science, seventh grade FCAT preparation and seventh grade critical thinking skills.

She received her bachelor's



See Gray — Page 2 Melinda Gray

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in biology from Mansfield University. In 2002, she continued her education for her teaching certification at Indian River Community College.

Mrs. Gray has been a school team sponsor of the envirothon since 2007. She has been the school sponsor for five students with the DuPont Challenge since 2006.

Brian Greseth, Mrs. Gray's principal stated that she "is an enthusiastic and highly motivated individual. She is always willing to take on new challenges and do whatever she can to make her students successful and to make our school the best possible place

to teach."

According to Mr. Greseth, Mrs. Gray began a process of breaking down the eighth grade sunshine state standards by strand in order to better educate and prepare her students for the science FCAT. Her efforts were not in vain as there was an increase of 65 percent of students who scored level three or above on the 2007 FCAT Science Assessment as compared to the students taking the 2006 FCAT Science Assessment.

Mrs. Gray was quintessential to the adding of a school science fair for all eighth grade students in order to give them the knowledge and skills they will need to understand the scientific method for future testing. Over 150 students displayed their experiments to judges and many projects were

included in the district science fair which also held record numbers this year.

In addition to her regular teaching she is the YMS volleyball coach and also coaches at the Brighton Seminole Reservation.

She goes out of her way to reward the students which is shown by her organizing a field trip every nine weeks to reward YMS honor roll students.

English department chair at YMS, Christine Metrisko explained that Mrs. Gray definitely has energy. "Shortly after her marriage, they adopted a teenage girl, and then she had a daughter of her own, so she is now raising both a teenager and a toddler."

She continues to further her education even with this busy home life by working on her Na-

tional Boards and beginning her master's degree in the spring.

In addition to being an outstanding teacher, Mrs. Gray has increased student awareness to such causes as the canned food drive for the poor, March of Dimes and Toys for Tots.

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2-8-08

Mr. Dryden is OFC Teacher of the Year

By Chauna Aguilar
Okeechobee News

The Okeechobee Freshman Campus Teacher of the Year is Brian Dryden. Mr. Dryden has been teaching agri-science at OFC for over eight years.

Mr. Dryden is a graduate from the University of Florida where he obtained his bachelor's degree in agriculture with two majors, one in agriculture education and one in extension education. He also minored in environmental horticulture. Before attending UF, he obtained his associates degree from Indian River Community College. He began his teaching career

in 1993 in Henry County where he taught in both Clewiston Middle and High School agri-science. In 1996, he came to the Okeechobee school system and began his career at Osceola Middle School. Mr. Dryden then went to the Okeechobee High School for one school year and in 1999 he began his current position at OFC.



Brian
Dryden

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workshops on reading, differentiated instruction, Kaplan Thinking Maps and many others throughout the years.

Her principal, Renee Geeting stated that Mrs. Carrier's class has quickly become the model classroom for differentiated instruction in reading. Mrs. Carrier has taught struggling readers for several years, producing significant improvements in their skills, according to Mrs. Geeting.

An inclusion teacher at SES, Ashley Hawkins has worked in Mrs. Carrier's classroom where she witnessed her take a student's frustration with the inability to read and encourage them to become very able readers.

"Due to her ability to manage a class, she is able to explore more learning through a variety of integrated activities which allows the students to experience more learning opportunities," stated Mrs. Hawkins of Mrs. Carrier.

According to co-worker, Sheri Daniel, also a teacher at SES, "Mrs. Carrier possesses a true gift for teaching. She has the ability to provide her students with the guidance necessary to achieve momentous goals. She has instilled a love of learning in my two children that keeps them reaching for the stars."

Due to her moving up in grade levels, Mrs. Carrier has taught both of Mrs. Daniel's children in both first and third grade.

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EES Teacher of the Year, is Ms. Hawk

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By Chauna Aguilar
Okeechobee News

Everglades Elementary School Teacher of the Year is Heather Hawk. She currently teaches Kindergarten at EES and has held her current position for three years.

She graduated from Okeechobee High School in 1997 in the top 15 of her class and went on to obtain her Associates of the Arts degree from Indian River Community College in May of 1999. Mrs.

Hawk completed her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education in December 2003 at Florida Atlantic University.

She has been married to Shawn Hawk for seven years and has two children of her own +



Heather Hawk

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Kara, 6 and Zane, 3.

Mrs. Hawk has five years of teaching experience. She is the grade chair for kindergarten at EES and represents her school on the School Advisory Committee, Sunshine Committee and the Literacy Council.

She attends the Kindergarten SDE conference yearly and participates in numerous workshops throughout the year including Literacy First, Reading First, 100 Book

Challenge and Critical Thinking Maps workshops.

Cynthia Weigum, principal of EES, described Mrs. Hawk as a person who "is always willing to take on a challenge and do whatever is needed."

"Mrs. Hawk challenges each student in her classroom regardless of ability. Her love for children and professionalism has allowed a 'special' child to remain in her classroom with peers while continuing to learn to read and write." Mrs. Weigum continued.

Mrs. Hawk stated, "My goal as a teacher is to be fair, keep a positive attitude and be committed to do

what is best for the students."

"Young children deserve a multi-sensory and differentiated literacy program within a joyous, caring community of learners—a child's garden...It is amazing to see the kids go from saying, 'I can't read' to 'Come listen to me read!'" said Mrs. Hawk.

According to Mrs. Hawk, she has been both blessed and challenged this year with a child with special needs. Working with a child with Autism has made her realize why she is in the teaching profession.

Mrs. Hawk is living the Okeechobee County School sys-

tem's motto—achieving excellence by making her students feel adequate, worthy and special, which will in turn allow them to achieve more and have a positive outlook each day.

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NEHS Teacher + of the Year is Mrs. Nichols

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By **Chauna Aguilar**
Okeechobee News

New Endeavor High School Teacher of the Year is Dawn Nichols. She has held her current position as a reading coach for one and a half years. Ms. Nichols has been teaching for over eight years.

She obtained her associates degree from Central Florida Community College and her bachelor's degree from Saint Leo University in Saint Leo, Fla. She continued her education at Florida Atlantic University in exceptional student education and has also received her reading endorsement through Indian River Community College, the Northeast Florida Educational Consortium, the Heartland Educational Consortium and the school board.

She is certified in elementary education, exceptional student education K-12, ESOL, reading endorsement and middle grades integrated curriculum. Ms. Nichols participates in

many training workshops and courses to further her education to better her students.

Ms. Nichols is involved in committees at NEHS such as the Reading Leadership Committee which she chairs. She is chairs the School Advisory Committee and is the yearbook sponsor. She is also currently participating in the Student Code of Conduct Review Committee to revise the antiquated code.

She began her career as a long-term substitute in Yankeetown, Fla. and then began teaching third grade at Lecanto Primary School in 2000. Her career in Okeechobee began at Osceola Middle School in 2001 where she taught in Exception-



Dawn Nichols

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al Student Education until 2006.

She has been the reading coach at NEHS since 2006. Ms. Nichols has taken many courses from FLARE to be a facilitator to teach the reading competencies for teachers to earn their reading endorsement.

According to her principal, Carol Revels, "Dawn is one of those employees who need no assistance or reminders. She just knows what to do in all situations and takes charge of issues and

makes sure that all problems are solved."

Ms. Nichols has two main philosophies of teaching, "every student has the right to learn and every student needs a variety of ways to practice what they learn.

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ESE Teacher of the Year is Ms. Altman

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2-10-08

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Okeechobee News

The Exceptional Student Education Teacher of the Year is Shanda Altman. While she has only been in her current position as an ESE Transition Specialist for a year, she has had ten years of teaching experience in Okeechobee County.

Ms. Altman received her associate's degree from Indian River Community College in 1993 and her bachelor's degree in communicative disorders from the University of Central Florida in 1995. She continued her education through the University of Florida where she has completed 30 graduate hours in specific learning disabilities.

Since 2003, Ms. Altman has received exemplary on her instructional performance appraisals. She has maintained many leadership roles over the years as a mentor teacher, ESE grade chair and ESE department head.

Ms. Altman's principal when she was at Yearling Middle School Brian Greseth stated that her "caring and conscien-

tious qualities help to make her not only an excellent role model for students, but also extremely effective in working with parents and other faculty members."

According to Cathleen Blair, the Exceptional Student Education director, Ms. Altman began her role this year as the county-wide transition specialist. The focus of a transition specialist is to get the student in a position when they graduate to become employed or go into the workforce.

Ms. Altman works diligently with special needs teachers to develop life-long learning activities.

Ms. Blair stated that, "Ms. Altman is extremely creative and resourceful in finding new partners for our students to learn job skills. Every time I



Shanda Altman

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speaking with her she has another new idea she wants to implement.

Outside of school, Ms. Altman is active in the American Cancer Society Walk for a cure for Breast Cancer as a new team recruiter. She brought the schools into the walk as well by involving school clubs to form teams and raise funds.

Ms. Altman created a recycling work program ran by ESE students at Okeechobee High School. The National Honor's Society helped make the recycling boxes for the classrooms and helped spread the word about recycling around campus. The ESE students are involved in all levels of the program.

They have schedules of their assigned recycling responsibilities; some wash and sort cans and bottles and others do pickups from classrooms.

Ms. Altman stated that, "over the years I have been able to open my heart and my mind to all students that struggle academically. They have taught me that the best philosophy that I demonstrated in my classroom is that when you believe in yourself you can achieve great things."

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SES Teacher of the Year is Mrs. Carrier

By Chauna Aguilar
Okeechobee News

South Elementary School's Teacher of the Year is Karen Carrier. She is currently a fifth grade teacher at SES where she been for one year.

Her eight years of experience as a teacher were all at SES, beginning as a first grade teacher from 2000 until 2005. She then took over the grade chair seat for third grade for two years prior to her change to fifth grade.

Mrs. Carrier was raised in Okeechobee and attended Grace Christian School. She went on to obtain her associate's degree in elementary education from Indian River Community College

and her bachelors in elementary education with ESOL endorsement from Florida Atlantic University.

She graduated from FAU Magma Cum Laude.

Mrs. Carrier is active in continuing her learning and that of her peer teachers through attending workshops and even presenting workshops to new teachers in the district. She has gone to



Karen Carrier

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Mr. Dryden is the current president of the State FFA Board of Directors Area VI. He has served in this capacity twice. He has been on the board since 2002. He is a member of the Florida Association of Career and Technical Educators (FACTE) and the Florida Association of Agriculture Educators (FAAE).

He has also served on literacy initiative leadership teams to develop strategies and instruction teachers on how to implement ideas. Mr. Dryden was awarded the Teacher of the Year for OFC in 2005 and 2007.

Mr. Dryden has attended and led many other workshops to assist in his peer teacher's growth. He has received awards for his work with the FFA from all of the various schools he has worked with.

He also received the Certificate of Leadership from Commissioner of Agriculture, Charles Bronson and Jim Horne, Commissioner of Education on June 11, 2004.

According to Cary McKee, former assistant principal of OFC, "Brian has the respect of his students, fellow teachers, the administration, and the parents he works with."

From the parent perspective, Mr. McKee now has involvement with Mr. Dryden through FFA.

Mr. McKee stated that outside of simply overseeing the chapter, Mr. Dryden "teaches, guides, corrects, protects, challenges, encourages, tears down, builds back up, re-directs, laughs with, cries with and most of all loves all of his kids!"

Mr. Dryden is also actively involved in his own children's lives by coaching OCRA teams, doing fundraisers or working with the youth group at his church. He has been the youth pastor at the Okeechobee Church of God for the last two years.

According to co-worker Tonya Hargraves, "Brian has the ability

Spanish are gifted or disabled or simply not motivated ... he encourages the students to realize how their choices will affect them in the future."

Mr. Dryden has the difficult task of transporting his students back and forth to his classroom which is located at the Okeechobee High School agriculture barn and yet he still manages to more than adequately cover his objectives.

He goes above and beyond by sacrificing his planning period to teach an additional course at the high school level to offer students a course in horticulture.

Mr. Dryden believes that "teachers who want to make a difference get involved in making

decisions for the school." That why he has welcomed opportunities to be a leader with OFC and the state. He is the department head for the elect teachers at OFC and serves as representative on the leadership assessment team.

Mr. Dryden is only one of the finalists in the Okeechobee District Teacher of the Year selection process. One teacher will be chosen to represent the district at the Okeechobee County School Board meeting on Tuesday, February 12, at 6 p.m. in the boardroom.

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TREASURE COAST NOTES

St. Lucie United Way honors its founders

United Way of St. Lucie County's inaugural "Founder's Celebration" on Jan. 26 honored two men for their roles in the agency's birth in 1962 while raising more than \$18,000 for its continuing mission to help the less fortunate.

Dr. Edwin R. Massey, president of Indian River Community College, was grand marshal of the country western-themed event at the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds.

Special awards were presented to founders Alto "Bud" Adams Jr. and Harold Holtsberg for their contributions and commitment to the St. Lucie County community.

Proceeds support the United Way's annual campaign fund-raiser, which ends in March. So far, it has reached 64 percent of the \$1.9 million goal.

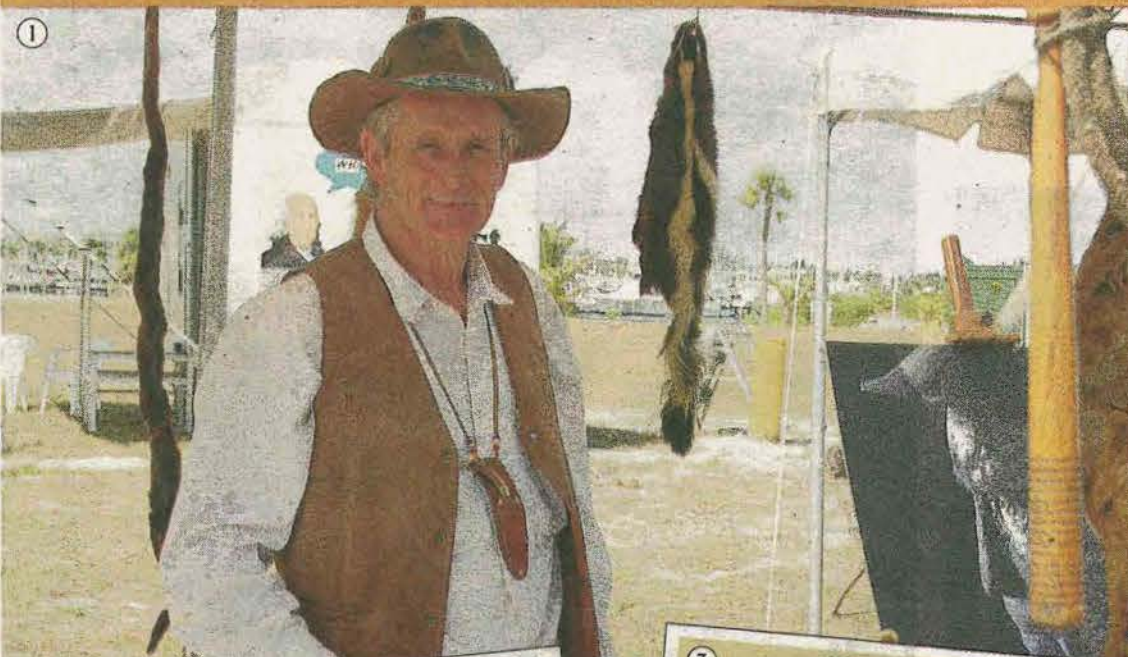
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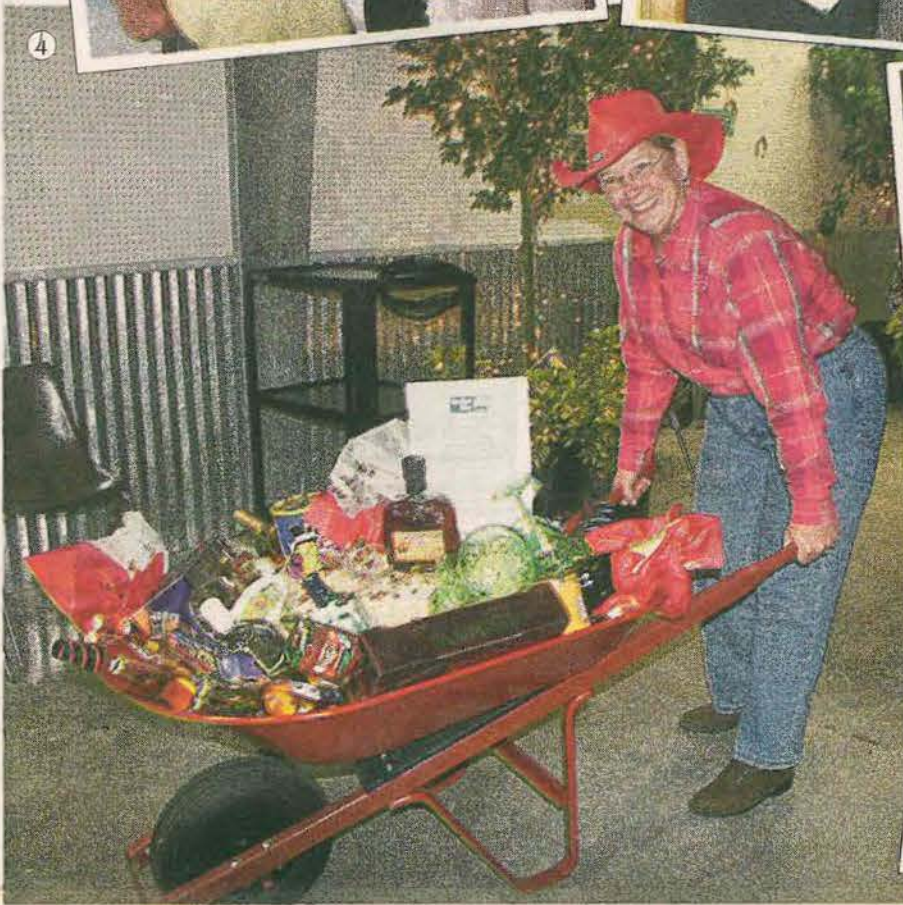
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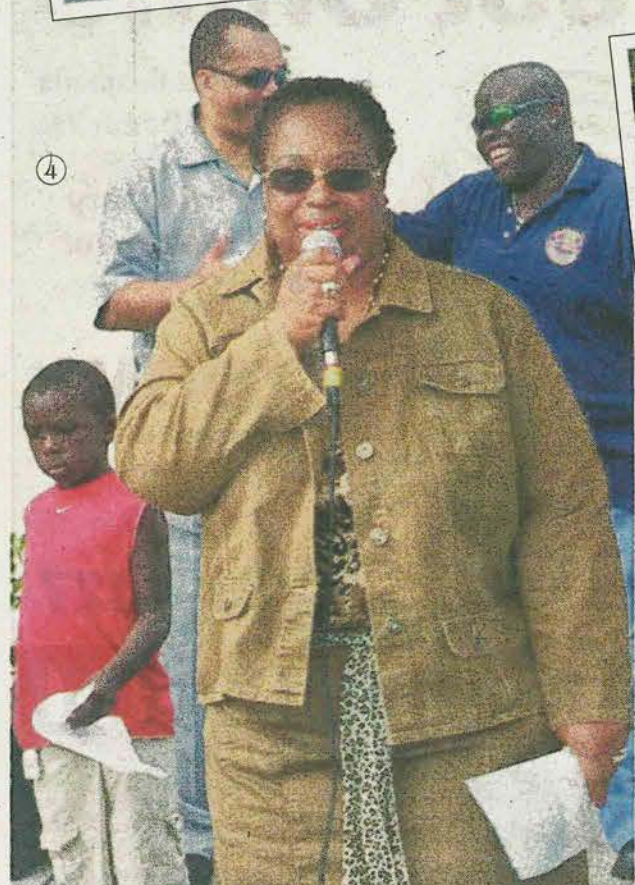
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IRCC ESL teacher to receive national adult education award

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An IRCC employee since 1992, Mr. Musgrove has taught at every level of the College's English as a Second Language program, helping hundreds of students to improve their

English speaking, reading and writing skills. He has developed curriculum for many of the ESL classes and trained other teachers in effective teaching methods.

Mr. Musgrove has also worked closely with the IRCC Health Sciences Department to develop a certified nursing assistant course for those in the ESL program.

"Ed Musgrove is dedicated to helping students develop the English language and career skills they need for a productive and successful life," said Dr. Anthony Iacono, IRCC Associate Dean of Developmental Education. "He

is an enthusiastic, supportive educator, who makes student success his first priority."

Mr. Musgrove will be presented with the Outstanding Teaching Award at the COABE Conference in St. Louis, Missouri in April, where he will be honored with a plaque and \$1,000 award.

A Fort Pierce resident, Mr. Musgrove served as a medic during the Vietnam War and spent 15 years in the building industry before joining IRCC as a teacher 16 years ago. He is a graduate of Southern Illinois University with a major in English.



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Leap year: What would
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Bud Adams, owner of Adams Ranch in St. Lucie County

I would just loaf around the ranch and see how much wildlife and cattle and cowboys I could see. I'm not a good traveler so I don't want to go anywhere ... it's not a very exciting day but that would suit me just fine.

Tom Bakkedahl, chief assistant state attorney

I would nap the day away. That's how exciting my life is ... I certainly wouldn't work an extra day, I can tell you that.

Sean Baldwin, Fort Pierce police chief

I would start by sleeping in for a couple of hours, and then I'd divide the rest of the day up between my family — my wife and my three boys — and do whatever they want to do. My job takes so much away from my family that I would definitely have to start there.

Connie Bass, immediate past president of The Friends of the Blake Library in Stuart

The first thing that comes into my mind is to get a massage and a facial.

Lloyd Bell, owner of the Port of Fort Pierce

It makes me sound like a cuckoo, but we have the answers to humanity's major problems. I wish I had more than one day to study the major issues facing our planet: food, energy and water.

Doug Bournique, executive director of the Indian River Citrus League

I'd start off with a fisherman's breakfast, which includes a large glass of grapefruit juice and a hearty breakfast. Then I'd probably go offshore fishing ... then come in after lunch and then I'd probably tee it up and play a round of golf before it got dark.

And if you really want to end it up really, really right, end up dining with the one you love at 11 Maple Street.

Andy Brady of Fort Pierce, chairman of the Treasure Coast chapter of the Surfrider Foundation

It may sound corny, but I'd educate as many people as I could about saving our environment.

Henry Caimotto, owner of Snook Nook Bait & Tackle in Jensen Beach

I'd be out there on my boat, just soaking up the sun and admiring and appreciating it. People think when I go out on a boat that all I want to do is fish. Ironically, I'm one of those who likes to go out and look around. ... I like to see the porpoises jump around. I like seeing the manatees.

Andrea Coy, mayor of Sebastian

Of course it's going to be a beautiful day and I would spend the entire day outdoors near the beach and near the lagoon. Just watching the world go by and enjoying nature. ... I love to sit by the water.

Rich Dickerson, "Dr. Rich," co-host of "The Love Doctors" on WZZR Real Radio

I would donate more kidneys, more eyes and more livers. And help more old ladies cross the street.

Tony DiTerlizzi, former Martin County resident and author of the best-selling children's book series "The Spiderwick Chronicles"

I would save the day in hopes that I get a good interest rate. Then I'd cash it in when it's earned up to an extra year when I'm a geezer.

Kelley Dunn, anchor on WPTV NewsChannel 5



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What would you love to do with a whole extra day to spend however you wish? For this Leap Year Day, we decided to ask 29 people from across the Treasure Coast what they would do with their day.

I would be perfectly happy hanging out at our house and relaxing during the afternoon. And then catching a movie and going out to dinner with my husband and two kids.

Hamp Elliott, Wake-Up Team host on The Breeze 93.7

Since I have to get up at 3 a.m. Monday through Friday, I never get enough sleep. So I would sleep for the whole 24 hours.

John Favole, news anchor on WPTV NewsChannel 5

What I would do with an extra day (especially if I had it off from work!) would be pretty much my game plan on most weekends. And that is to spend it with my wife and baby girl. Grace is six months old now and changing every day. So you don't want to miss a day. Besides, she's on the verge of saying "dada" anytime now. It might be February 29th!

Kathleen Fredrick, director of the A.E. Backus Gallery & Museum, Fort Pierce

I'd like to be 25 again — to have the body I had then, the outlook I had then and the lack of responsibility I had then. But the knowledge I have now.

Lucinda H. Gedeon, director and CEO of Vero Beach Museum of Art

I'm so boring. I'd want to go to the beach and read a novel. I haven't been able to do that in a long time. That would be heaven.

James Gibson, a Highwaymen painter from Fort Pierce

I've got so many orders, and you know, there's not enough time in the day to finish everything. So that extra 29th day of February, I'd paint all day long and try to catch up.

Gayle Harrell, state representative, Stuart

I would love to have my six grandchildren come to Stuart and spend a wonderful day enjoying the beach, our beautiful rivers and having a wonderful time just enjoying the family.

Christine Hobart, executive director of McKee Botanical Garden in Vero Beach

I've always wanted to go to Easter Island. So I will be there for not only my birthday, but also on the 29th. Just me and the Moai.

Peter Jones, musician and founder of StarStruck Performing Arts Center

There is a Broadway musical living in my brain. The melodies surface every so often and, as time allows, make their way onto manuscript paper. Sometimes I think I just wrote a groundbreaking melody — a line of music that will change the world — then I realize that it sounds a lot like that Mozart sonata I played four hours ago. So with my free day, I would write without distraction. And when my Tony award-winning masterpiece was complete, I would spend my evening at home with my family, enjoying a long meal together with a few bottles of red wine.

Jeanne Keaton, manager of the St. Lucie County Fair

I want a whole day in a great big nice resort with nobody but my family. And just fun all day — and no cell phones.

John Loesser, executive director of the Lyric Theatre in Stuart

I certainly wouldn't book any shows. I would probably spend the day doing absolutely nothing — wouldn't answer the phone, and probably would be as selfish as I could possibly be.

Edwin Massey, Indian River Community College president

I'd like for my wife and six grandchildren to come and spend the night at my house the night before, so we could get an early start. Each one of them would be able to pick an activity that we would be involved in throughout the day — whether it's going to the beach, or the park or going to a movie or hitting some baseballs or playing with dolls — and doing any- and everything our grandkids would like to do on that day.

Chuck Still, executive director of Riverside Theatre, Vero Beach

Not that I like yard work, but in Florida nothing ever stops growing and I'm always catching up. If I couldn't get an extra day, I'd declare a moratorium on plant growth. Give us winter without the cold.

Kevin Stinnette, Indian Riverkeeper

I'd like to spend that whole day playing Robinson Crusoe ... working on our little picnic area down on the bank and there's some exotics springing up that I need to cut back. We can have a little bon fire in the evening and a picnic and just cleaning up and making it all comfortable and nice.

Pat Stracuzzi, broker associate with RE/MAX of Stuart

If I had a whole extra day, I think I would be in the islands of Bimini with my children and my wife. Totally relaxing.

Linette Trabulsy, community outreach/media specialist for South Florida Water Management District's Martin/St. Lucie Service Center

"I'd load the family into our boat, turn on my favorite Jimmy Buffett tunes and go hang out at The Cove (Dynamite Point in Fort Pierce) with a six-pack of Corona Light (with limes, of course). The weather would be perfect with the sun shining, low humidity, light breeze, warm water and no threat of rain ... while I sat in my beach chair chatting with my friends. And, at the end of the day, I would thank God for the blessings I have.

Robert Udell, criminal defense attorney

My family and I would spend the day sailing along the Na Pali cliffs on the northern shore of the island of Kauai.

Deborah Voigt, international opera star and a resident of Vero Beach

Well, I probably wouldn't PLAN anything! My life is planned out years in advance, so a day to let it just unfold without appointments, interviews, dress fittings, and six hours of "Tristan und Isolde" re-hearsals would be heavenly!

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**Bank CEO to get
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Vernon Smith, president and CEO of Riverside Bank, will be recognized with the Dan K. Richardson Entrepre-



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**Local man honored
as top entrepreneur**

The contributions of Vernon Smith to the Treasure Coast will be recognized with the Dan K. Richardson Entrepreneurship Program's 2008 Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

Announcement of the award will be the highlight of the Entrepreneur of the Year dinner March 6 at the Indian River Community College Richardson Center in Vero Beach.

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A Florida State University graduate with a bachelor's degree in marketing and master's degree in business administration, Smith met his wife, Brenda, while students at FSU in the 1960s. They are longtime

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Fort Pierce residents, now building a home in Okeechobee.

Bill and Nancy Curtis have learned the art of enjoying life while helping the less fortunate.

RAISING FUNDS AND HAVING FUN

BY JAMIE JACKSON

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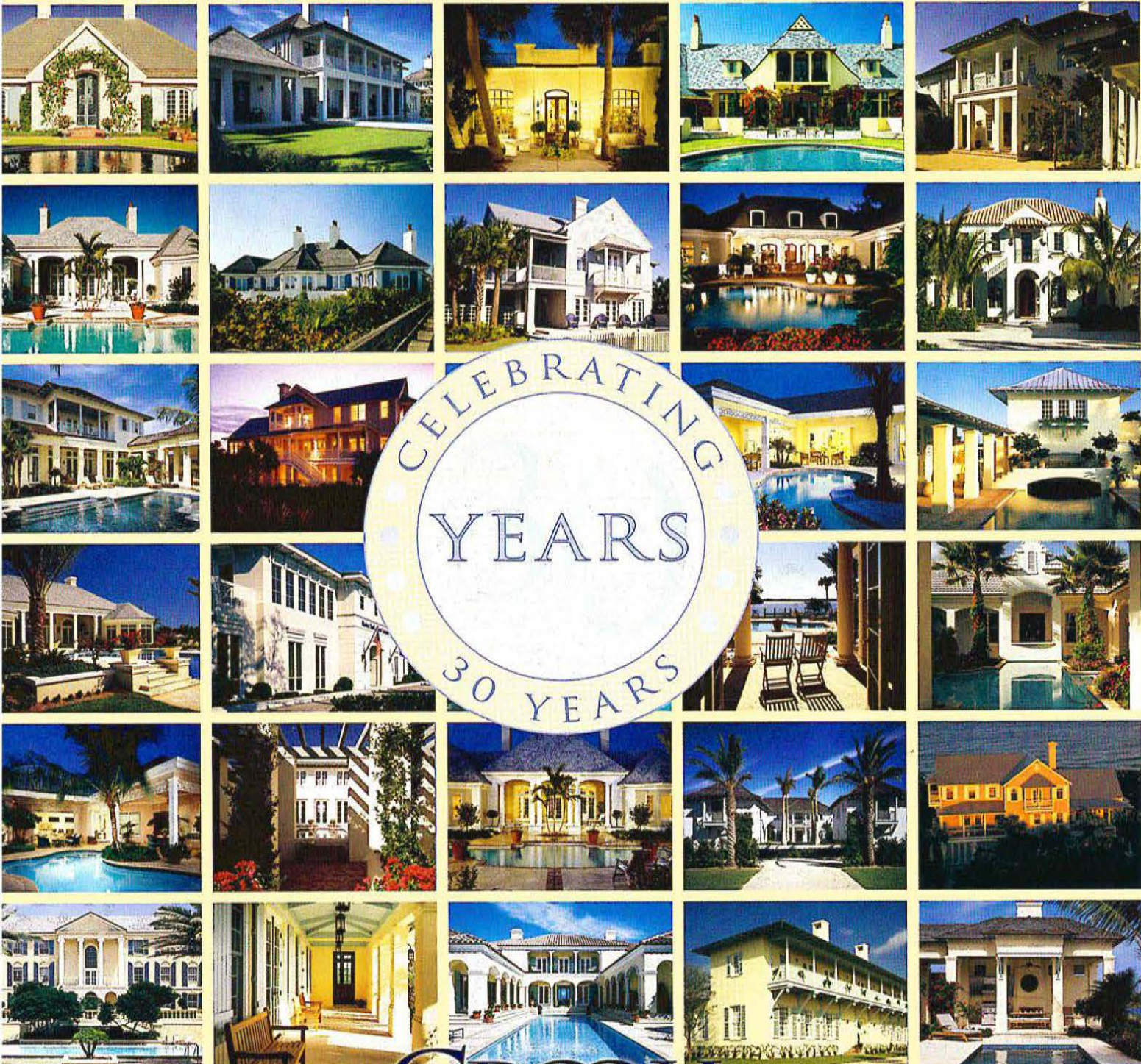


The Curtises in Vero Beach. Married 48 years, they both grew up in St. Augustine but didn't meet until Bill was a senior and Nancy a freshman at local high schools. They now have five children and 14 grandchildren.

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When someone mentions Bill and Nancy Curtis, warm smiles, bear hugs, inquiries of concern and hearty handshakes are just a few of the thoughts that come to mind. Changing lives in soup kitchens, helping homeless families find a home, organizing food distribution for migrant workers, driving cancer patients to treatment appointments and launching major fundraising campaigns are some of the activities this energetic couple have undertaken.

Working together as the chairs leading teams of volunteers, the Curtises have raised record-breaking numbers for the United Way annual fund campaign and kicked off the first campaign for the Hibiscus Children's Center in Indian River County.

When initially approached about this story, Bill encapsulated the family spirit: "After 48 years of marriage, five children and 14 grandchildren, its pretty clear that Nancy is my true love! We love being together, whether it's shopping, doing yard work side-by-side, or working on a charitable campaign. Doing it together strengthens our relationship."

Although they were both raised in St. Augustine, the couple didn't get to know one another until Nancy was a senior at the local high school and Bill was completing his undergraduate degree at the Bolles School in Jacksonville. While on a holiday vacation, the pair attended a dance at the Seagull, a local hangout where all the young folks congregated to kick up their heels. Bill's date that evening was Nancy's best friend.

The friend was a bit surly that night and Nancy was her usual jubilant self. When it came time



Charles William Curtis Jr. and Nancy Mulligan eloped and were married in August 1959. A more formal reception, pictured here, was held at the Women's Club in Jacksonville in June 1960.

to leave, Bill asked Nancy if she would like a lift home. He surprised the girls, dropping off the friend first and asking Nancy for a date. She lost a friend that night but met the love of her life.

Following Nancy's graduation from high school and Bill's completion of an undergraduate degree in English and Political Science at Jacksonville University, the lovebirds eloped to Kingsland, Ga. "It took two tries, but we got the



Nancy and Bill surrounded by their children, Missy, Bill III, Chrissy, Barbara and Nancy Lynne, at the Riverside Theatre in 2000.



Missy with her husband Eric McMurray and their two children, Matthew and Lauren, at Longboat Key in the summer of 2007.

job done," says Nancy. "The first time we attempted to get married, the man who took our blood samples looked like Vincent Price. We were spooked and left, returning the next weekend to be married by a more kindly looking Justice of the Peace."

The newlyweds began their marriage in a rustic two-

bedroom cabin in Jacksonville. One fireplace, vented into two rooms, provided heat, and a hand-me-down vinyl-and-chrome dining set from Bill's grandparents was the backdrop for many mealtime memories.

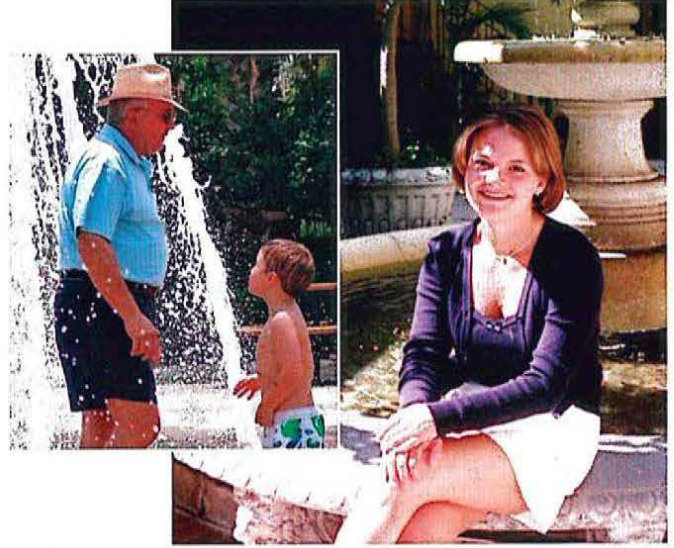
"I made my first breakfast for Bill and served it at that table," Nancy recalls. "I was so busy looking adoringly into my new husband's eyes that when I went to pour the coffee, I missed the cup and it ended up in Bill's lap!"

During the early years, Nancy worked at State Farm Insurance and Bill taught English and coached athletics, primarily basketball and tennis, in the public school system. After six years, he joined the basketball coaching staff at Jacksonville University, where he earned his master's in education and taught freshman English composition. In addition to coaching, he also recruited and raised funds for recruiting ball players, building a team that played for the national championship vs. UCLA the following year.

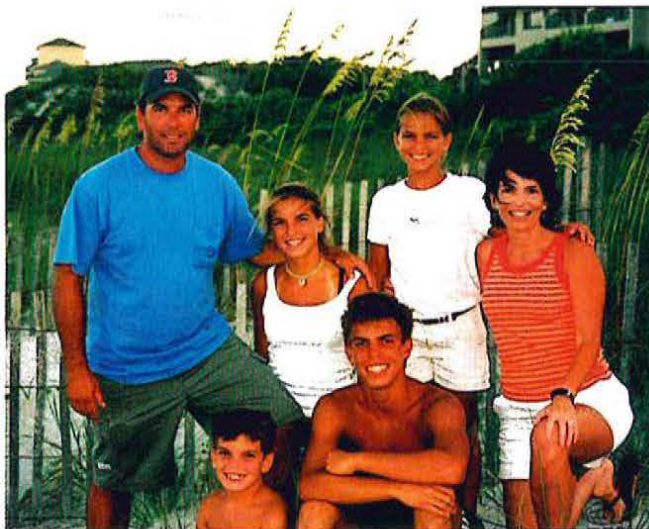
With their fourth child on the way, Bill moved from teaching to a position in the banking industry, which was the beginning of a 38-year career. It was a move he and Nancy have never regretted, except for a few weeks leading up to that game in the final of Division IA NCAA basketball.



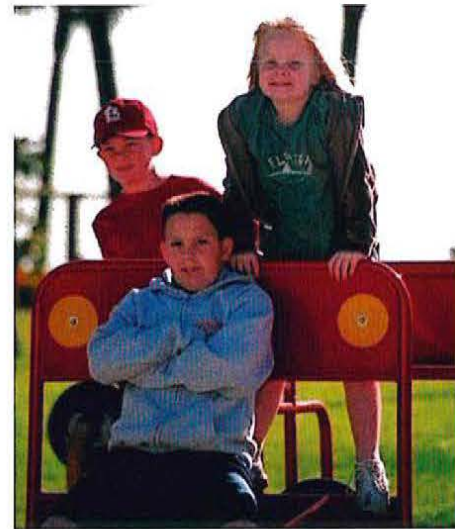
Susie and Bill Curtis with their four children, Isabel, David, Alexis and C. William (Will) Curtis IV, and their dog Buddy, in St. Augustine in 2007.



"Pawpaw" with grandson Luke at the Friendship Fountain in Vero Beach. Right: Luke's mother Chrissy in Palm Beach.



Vann and Barbara Underhill with their children, Drew, Brittany, Bryce and Emily, at the Vero Beach Disney Resort in 2006.



Nancy Lynne's children, Hunter, Connor and Courtney Crain, at Humiston Park in Vero Beach last spring.

Bill began his career in banking as marketing director at Jacksonville National Bank, where he created a marketing program, established a \$1 million corporate fundraising challenge to support a local charity and learned about consumer credit. These skills would serve him well throughout his career, as he moved from trainee to serving as president of three different banking institutions and finally to chairman of the board at Seacoast National Bank in Indian River County.

In addition to working at State Farm and raising their five children—Nancy, Michelle, Barbara, Bill III and Chrissy—Nancy began volunteering for the American Cancer Society following the death of a friend's husband to cancer.

She began driving patients to cancer treatments and organizing a door-to-door neighborhood appeal for donations. Bill also helped with the fundraising and organized a tennis tournament to benefit the cause.

After 27 years in Jacksonville, Bill accepted a position as local market president for Indian River County at Florida National Bank, a move that brought the Curtis family to Vero Beach for the first time in 1985.

Once the furniture was settled and the dishes were put away, the Curtises began establishing new relationships, which grew into a network of friends. Bill continued to

organize tennis tournaments, establishing Florida National as a major sponsor, and joined the board of trustees at the Vero Beach Museum of Art, then known as the Center for the Arts. Nancy furthered her volunteerism with the local branch of the American Cancer Society, stepping in as interim director for a short period and continuing to drive cancer patients to appointments. The couple also found time to help the Catholic diocese of Palm Beach raise the funds to build Holy Cross Church.

First Union Bank eventually bought out Florida National and Bill was offered a local market president position in Sarasota. In 1989 the Curtises packed their belongings once again and moved to the Gulf Coast. During their six years in Sarasota, they continued to expand their gift for giving by providing leadership in the local chamber of commerce, supporting the local American Cancer Society, chairing a gala event for Catholic charities, and raising funds and volunteering for the local high school, March of Dimes and Sarasota Ballet.

When citrus tycoon and former state senator Ben Hill Griffin's granddaughter needed help in her bid for a seat in the Florida House of Representatives, the Curtises brought their penchant for supporting endeavors with a successful outcome, and rolled up their sleeves to help elect Katherine Harris to her first public office. Bill served as the campaign treasurer and provided counsel encouraging Katherine to meet her constituency in a door-to-door canvassing effort. Harris was later elected to the posts of Secretary of State of Florida and in 2002 to the U.S. House of Representatives representing



Bill and Nancy tour a new classroom named in their honor at the Schumann Center with Dr. Edwin R. Massey, president of Indian River Community College.

Florida's 13th congressional district.

In 1995 Bill retired from First Union and accepted a position as Indian River County president of the First National Bank (now the Seacoast National Bank). The Curtises returned to Vero Beach, hitting the ground running upon their arrival.

Keeping pace with their credo to have fun while raising funds, they chaired the inaugural Citrus Gala & Cattle Baron's Ball in 2001 and once again in 2002 to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. An unexpected blip appeared on the radar screen during their first term when Bill was himself diagnosed with cancer. With Nancy's help, he researched the most successful path to a cure and the couple took what they refer to as their "radiation vacation" at a treatment facility in the Atlanta area. They emerged victorious and Bill's cancer remains in remission today.

The Cattle Baron's Ball has become a major fundraising initiative that raised \$198,000 in 2007. This month, Bill and Nancy will join forces as chairmen for an event at Le Classique Jewelers sponsored by Cartier for the "Cartier Kicks Cancer" campaign, where they expect to raise \$70,000 towards finding a cure.

In 2006, the Vero Beach Museum of Art board of directors decided that they would introduce a one-of-a-kind annual gala to kick off their 20th anniversary celebration. Bill and Nancy stepped up as chairs for "An Evening in Giverny," which celebrated the influence of Impressionism in artful style and set the standard for the museum's future annual galas. Bill is also a life trustee of the VBMA and



Linda and Don Proctor, and Ruth Stanbridge with Event Chairmen Bill and Nancy at the first Citrus Gala & Cattle Barons' Ball, a benefit for the American Cancer Society, on March 10, 2001. The inaugural event raised \$130,000 for the Society.

has served as chairman of the board.

As honorary chairs of the Treasure Coast March of Dimes 2006 Walk America, the Curtises also helped raise funds for the prevention of birth defects. This is a cause close to their hearts, as a grandson, Hunter, was born with a congenital heart condition.

On a special day in November 2004 the Curtis children gathered with a tri-county representation of community leaders to honor their parents at the Treasure Coast Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) National Philanthropy Day Luncheon, where Bill and Nancy received the Volunteer Fundraisers of the Year award. In its 2004 newsletter, the AFP wrote, "Often described as 'unstoppable', this powerhouse couple motivated and inspired thousands of residents in Indian River County to give millions last year to United Way of Indian River County and numerous other charitable organizations." The Curtises chaired the annual fund campaign for United Way of Indian River County in 2003-4.

Most recently, the Hibiscus Children's Center Foundation came to call. Although many people contributed to the construction and opening of the Hibiscus Children's Village, the operators had never established a fundraising initiative to provide for the daily operating costs, which have risen from \$2 million to \$8 million a year with the opening of the new facility. A campaign goal of \$600,000 had been earmarked as the local share of operational funding to keep



Nancy Curtis and Jessica Klencz assemble grocery donations at Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission.

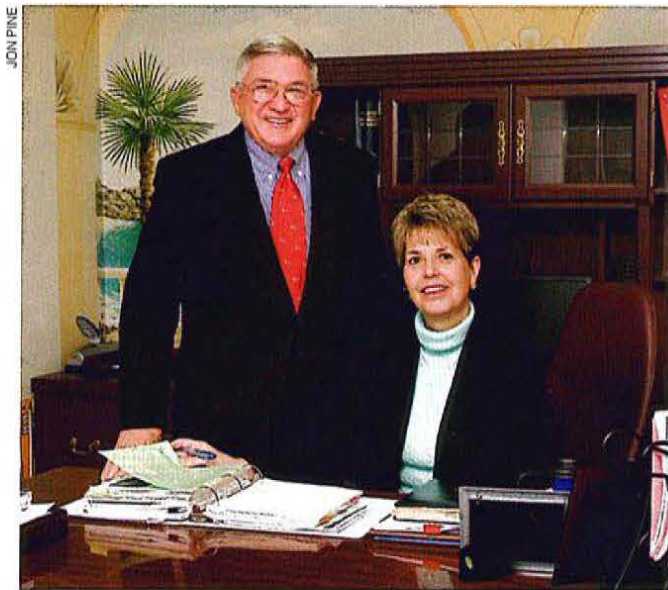
the institution's programs alive, but the foundation soon realized it would need additional funds.

"We were looking for community leaders who would bring structure, organization and the ability to touch the people who can make a difference," explains board chairman Clay Price. "We selected Bill and Nancy, and when they got involved they jumped in with both feet. Our goals would not have been met without their efforts."

Stirred by insight into the appalling situations that exist for so many children, the Curtises look forward to working with Hibiscus. Bill was in an abusive situation with a stepfather as a child and their youngest daughter, Chrissy, works with foster children in Volusia County.

"Our lives have been greatly enhanced by helping others," Bill explains. "We believe that God expects us to do all we can to overcome the forces that cause harm and abuse in this world. One of the awards we treasured during the past year was being chosen by the Exchange Club for their Book of Golden Deeds. We knew Alma Lee Loy had received this distinction and we were thrilled to receive it also. The fact that Nancy and I receive recognition jointly is special for us, like the AFP Philanthropy Award and others."

By the time you read this, Bill will have retired for a second time, though happily the couple plan to remain in Vero Beach. "Most of our family is located in northeast Florida," Nancy explains, "and we looked all over that area to be closer to the children and grandchildren. However, we enjoy living in Vero Beach because it's such a neat environment and amazing for a city of its size. So we've decided that Vero Beach will continue to be the place we'll call home after all." ❁



Bill Curtis, chairman of the board for the Indian River County Chamber of Commerce, meets with Executive Director Penny Chandler. Under his leadership, the chamber has embarked on a \$1.5 million capital campaign to build new, state-of-the-art facilities.

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The GED Boss

BY SUE-ELLEN SANDERS
PHOTO BY GREG GARDNER

Donna Sizemore's life could be written as a country song: Girl drops out of school to work at the carwash, marries at 16, loses her husband at 18, pulls herself up by her bootstraps, gets her GED diploma and continues to further her education. Ends up heading the department that gave her the first push ahead.

It's a lyric with a happy ending, because that's the one Sizemore, a 48-year-old Fort Pierce native, wrote for herself. The oldest of six children, Donna Sizemore was raised in a home where the money was tight; her dad was on disability and her mom was a homemaker. Making a living seemed more important than education, so at 16, Sizemore dropped out of high school, married her childhood sweetheart and got a job at the carwash. Can you hear the refrain now?

"Where I came from, it was all about survival," Sizemore says. "You're a product of your environment and you think because of where you are, that this is where you're supposed to be and that's the way life is, until you are exposed to education."

Then Donna's young husband was killed in a hunting accident, and she became an 18-year-old widow. "I was devastated, but I realized that I had my life in front of me and I didn't want to work at a carwash forever. I had to move back home and turn the garage into an apartment. As sad as it was, it was an awakening for me, that I had to take care of myself. I couldn't count on anyone but me. I knew education was the way out, but I found it hard to stay motivated when I tried going to Adult High School. It seemed like such a long road ahead, working during the day and going to school at night.

"But I realized I needed that high school diploma to get anywhere I wanted to be, so I studied hard at home and took the GED exam," she says. After passing the test, Sizemore studied office skills at IRCC, gaining the secretarial know-how to get her first full-time job in the guidance department, right there at the school. "Once I was exposed to education at IRCC, I saw how important it was and I saw that it was available to me."

Here's where the song gets really upbeat-- it was up, up and away, as far as Sizemore's education goes. Although a second marriage ended in divorce, it also left her with step-



children and eventually step-grandchildren. Her Indian River Community College family gave Sizemore support and guidance over the years as she continued to earn degrees.

Today, as head of the GED Department, Sizemore coordinates 115 adjunct faculty teachers staff, eight full-time and 15 part-time employees, who serve 3,000 students annually at nine different locations in four counties, plus the GED online program. She brags that IRCC offers service far beyond just the exam. Adult Education graduates, who include graduates of the Adult High School, GED program and English-as-a-second-language courses, get tools and resources necessary to move to the next level — whether that's college or technical education, just as Sizemore did.

It's all free, with only a \$45 cost for the GED exam. Adult Ed graduates meet with specialists to help them find their way, fill out college or job applications and apply for financial aid and scholarships. Last year, more than \$50,000 in scholarships were awarded to Adult Education graduates at IRCC, to help them take the next step, like Sizemore 30 years ago. Each one has her potential, or more, she tells them.

At mid-life, Donna Sizemore's life is full; during her spare time she dabbles at interior decorating and is engaged to be married to a terrific guy. She credits it all to a world made possible by higher education, personal drive, and singing her own song of success. *SR*

Name: Donna Sizemore
Age: 48

Occupation: Department Chair of the GED Department, Indian River Community College

Family: Engaged, 5 brothers & sisters, 12 nieces & nephews, 2 step-grandchildren.

Birthplace: Fort Pierce

Education: Master of Education in Social Foundations/Educational Technology from FAU.; Bachelor of Science in Vocational Education, University of Central Florida, AA from IRCC and GED from IRCC.

What people don't know about me: "I've written several songs and am learning to play the piano, although the only song I can play right now is Jingle Bells. For years, I sang in a band."

What inspires me: "The success of every single one of our GED graduates"

Proudest achievements: "Earning my GED diploma, then A.A., B.S. and master's degrees."

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learn along with their classmates."

After raising six children of her own, Bradley decided to go back to school and earn her teaching degree. She is certified to teach kindergarten through sixth grade but prefers teaching the younger children. "I started out 23 years ago at Sebastian Elementary, and I've been here at Osceola since 1991."

Retirement? "Yes, I am in 2010. Although I am nearing the end of my teaching career, I am still as enthusiastic about motivating and inspiring young children as I was the very first day that I started in 1985. It's been fantastic being a part of the Osceola Magnet School team. I am ecstatic that throughout my career I have made a difference in the lives of over 700 students. That is awesome."

To remember all of her students at Osceola, Bradley has a teepee that she has displayed in her classroom around Thanksgiving time since 1991 when she began teaching there. Every one of her students' names and thumb prints is on the teepee. "When I retire, this teepee will be placed in a very special place in my home. And when one of them becomes famous someday, I can look at their little thumb print and say, 'I had you in my class.'" *BR*

Name: Beverly Bradley

Age: 60

Place of Birth: Hobe Sound

Occupation: Kindergarten teacher, Osceola Magnet School, Vero Beach, FL

Family: Married 41 years to husband, John, 6 children (3 girls, 3 boys ages 27 to 40), 7 grandchildren

Education: Bachelor's degree from Florida Atlantic University; Master's degree in early childhood education from Nova University

What people don't know about me:

"Every year for the past 23 years, I have anxiously waited for the exuberant, bright students to enter into my classroom ready to participate in new adventures and experiences."

What inspires me: "My six wonderful children and my seven beautiful grandchildren. Being a grandparent is



Name: Kathy Kernan

Age: 54

Place of Birth: Newark, N.J.

Occupation: Art teacher

Education: B.A. Rutgers University; national board certification in early middle childhood art

Family: Sons, Zachary, 28, and Justin, 25

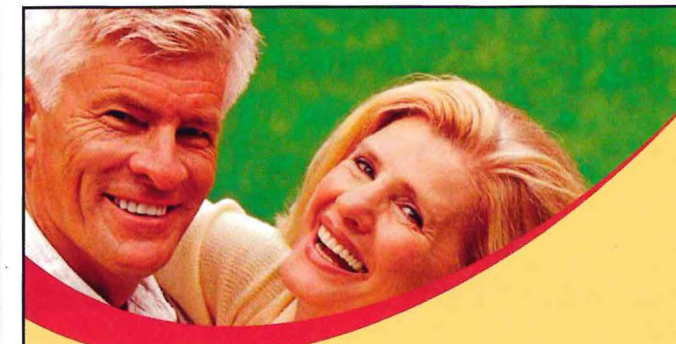
What people don't know about me: "I'm an ardent music lover and I have met some famous people such as Yoko Ono, Salvador Dali and Lenny Kravitz. I have a secret desire to learn to play the congas."

What inspires me: "Simple things, nature, light on the water, blue skies and happy people."

Proudest achievement: "Having the love and respect of my two sons. Having the respect of my fellow teachers."

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True community effort 2/11/08

Seems the whole community came out to support the Education Foundation's **Indian River Regional Science & Engineering Fair**, where more than \$1 million in awards and scholarships were given out. Nearly 200 local professionals judged student projects. Core volunteers include **Circkett Buker, Elizabeth Cannon, Dr. Scott Ferguson, Joan Frary, Debbie Gowland, Carol Haffield, Margie Hale, Pat Hiser, Dr. Ralph Knowles, Sarah Rhodes, Teresa Rockwood and Patti Schultz.** Rhett Palmer did an amazing job leading the festivities. Try pronouncing 556 names correctly! **Environmental Learning Center, Boys & Girls Clubs and Habitat for Humanity** provided volunteers. Among the many sponsors were **Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, Florida Atlantic University, George E. Warren Corp., John's Island Community Service League, Piper Aircraft Corp., Quail Valley Charities, School District of Indian River County, Syngenta Crop Protection, Indian River Community College, Florida Institute of Technology, National City Foundation, Publix Super Markets, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and Peace River Citrus.**

IRCC scholarship benefit

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Tribune
GOOD FOR YOU *Stuart*
News
LLOYD RECEIVES 2-10-08
AWARD, SCHOLARSHIP

Clark Advanced Learning Center high school student, **Liam Lloyd**, has been selected to receive a Joe Kordick Youth Character Award and a \$2,000 scholarship in conjunction



Lloyd with the United Way Character Counts! program. The Stuart resident was chosen on the basis of outstanding character and commitment to trustworthiness, responsibility, respect, fairness, caring and citizenship and competed against other Martin County high school students. Lloyd, a senior at the CALC, is majoring in computer technology.

ROYAL PALMS GIVES *Tribune*
\$23K TO CHARITY *2-24-08*

The Royal Palms of St. Lucie hosted its annual awards ceremony Jan. 10 and presented \$23,000 to local charities and organizations that benefit women and children. The Gold recipient of the Palm Pyramid, Daniel M. Foundation, received \$10,000.

This agency provides family focused services to parents of children with emotional and behavioral difficulties through respite care and parent training.

The money will enhance the learning lab by providing the children with math and reading programs.

The two Silver recipients, which received \$3,500, were PACE Center for Girls and United for Families (Shoes that Fit Program). The four Bronze recipients, which received \$1,500, were CASTLE, Children's Home Society, Alzheimer's Community Care, and IRCC Foundation.

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Photo courtesy of Fran Frazer
 Fran Frazer poses with her son, soldier Capt. Adam Snyder, at her birthday celebrations in September 2007. It was the last photograph she took with her son, 26, before he was killed in Iraq last December.

Community gives generously to fallen soldier's Memorial

BY SAMANTHA JOSEPH
 Staff writer

FORT PIERCE — A scholarship fund set up in honor of a local fallen soldier has generated an outpour of support.

Organizers were hoping to provide one student with books and tuition from the Captain Adam Snyder Memorial Scholarship fund.

But strong community response to the program to memorialize the 26-year-old Army soldier killed in Iraq last December will make it possible to offer two college scholarships, administrators say.

"It's been a shock, said Fran Frazer, Capt. Snyder's mother. "The response has

definitely been amazing to me. It was definitely more than I ever expected."

The fund has raised more than \$17,000, which will be matched by state grants — enough to provide two students with an education at Indian River Community College.

"We were hoping to get to \$10,000, but within a week of sending an e-mail to Adam's mailing list, it just jumped," Ms. Frazer said.

The goal had been to raise \$10,000 to endow the scholarship and allow yearly disbursements, ship annually.

Not only did the fund meet that goal, but it can now also double the num-

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ber of students who can benefit.

At least two working students will get help in funding their education, said Julaine Ivy, a spokeswoman for the IRCC Foundation, the group that created the fund.

"The nice thing about it is that every penny raised will go to the scholarship. Adam gave his life forever, and this scholarship can go on forever," she said.

Ms. Ivy, a friend of the family who received at least three phone calls from people interested in donating to a memorial fund, spoke with Capt. Snyder's family to gain their thoughts and permission to do so.

The family consented, and the response was immediate.

"I was there at the church and at the visitation and saw the thousands that came out, so I was not surprised. I feel that people are pretty good in giving and they just want to do something. You want to feel useful in a situation like that," she said.

Ms. Frazer personalized the effort by requesting that the selection committee award the scholarship to a student who works full-time and provides financial support to his or her children, while attending college.

"That's what I did when Adam was young and I

wanted to further my education. I did it through a scholarship, so we wanted to help in that way," she said.

Capt. Snyder grew up in Fort Pierce and graduated from Lincoln Park Academy. He spent four years at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, where he graduated in 2004.

"I think he'd be surprised at the number of people who've donated and the amount of money that has been raised," Ms. Frazer said of her son. "He was a pretty humble guy and didn't think he was anyone so special. He was just a soldier doing his job. I think he would be pleased."

WPSL Christmas Kids

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PSLBW goes above and beyond



Marilyn Lawless and Carol Wyatt

Members of the prestigious Port St. Lucie Business Women will soon play host to the civic organization's annual fashion show and luncheon — this year scheduled for April 19 at the exclusive Harbour Ridge Yacht & Country Club. Funds raised from the event provide scholarships to women attending IRCC, as well as many other community causes.

Marilyn Lawless, president of the Port St. Lucie Business Women, recently presented a check for \$500 to Carol Wyatt, owner of local radio stations WPSL, WSTU and WJNX,

in support of WPSL's Christmas Kids of St. Lucie County.

The Christmas Kids originated in 1946 when the first radio station on the Treasure Coast broadcast an appeal to help a little girl, with brain cancer. The generosity of listeners was overwhelming and the toys and money donated helped little Reba Nell

and many other children. In 2006, the Christmas Kids provided toys for more than 1,800 children referred by St. Lucie County Community Services and other agencies. Over the years, the Christmas Kids expanded to include summer recreation programs for children, plus medical supplies and school clothing for families with no other place to turn.

For additional information about the Port St. Lucie Business Women, call (772) 871-5209. To learn more about WPSL Christmas Kids, call (772) 340-1590.

Support for fallen soldier is unrelenting

Fran Frazer still is astonished by the mail, gifts, cards and phone calls that keep flooding in from total strangers.

Frazer's son, Army Capt. Adam Snyder, died in December from injuries caused by a roadside bomb in Iraq.

Back home in Fort Pierce, there was a corresponding explosion of grief and community support.

He attended Lincoln Park Academy and worshipped at Westside Baptist Church.

More than 1,000 people came to Adam's visitation; 800 attended his funeral. Tributes from friends, family, even Mayor Bob Benton, came pouring in.

Fran Frazer's still slightly in shock over it all.

"Yes, it did surprise me. Adam hadn't been here for seven years, since he graduated from LPA. And it's not just coming from this community, I'm getting things from complete strangers all over the country."

Frazer talks about a quilt made up of panels contributed by Veterans of Foreign Wars groups and schoolchildren.

"It's wonderful that people are still giving their support. I'm very lucky that people still care and that he's not been forgotten. It all helps the grieving process," she said Friday.

And members of this community and elsewhere will now be able to help even more. Frazer and Indian River Community College have teamed up to establish the Captain Adam Snyder Memorial Scholarship.

Frazer hopes to help part-time students, single parents like she was 20 years ago, struggling to earn a bachelor's degree in elementary education while she raised Adam.

"I remember how hard it is for full-time working parents, especially if they're supporting a child."

Adam loved to act, Frazer said, and performed in numer-



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ous school, church and community theater productions. Once he'd completed his five-year stint in the military, she said, he was planning to head to Hollywood to try his luck in the entertainment industry.

Scholarship applicants are required to submit an essay that describes either their involvement in community drama programs, or about their own service in the Armed Forces or that of someone close to them. Frazer will make the final selections.

Adam graduated from West Point in 2004 and originally intended to make a career in the military. His experiences in Iraq left him at odds with the day-to-day mechanics of military service but not its overall mission, his mother said.

"He felt frustrated by all the



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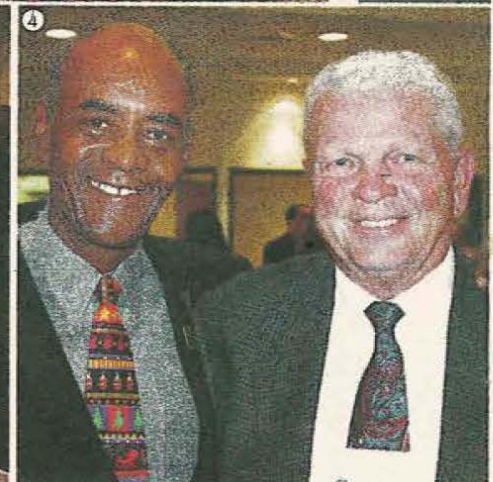
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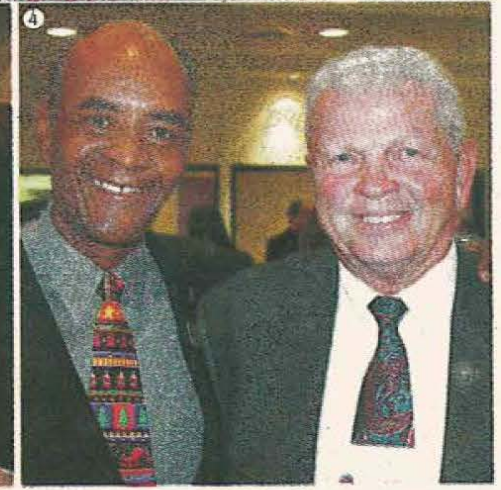


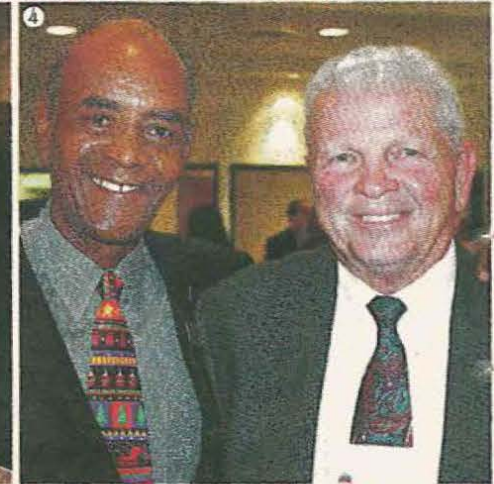
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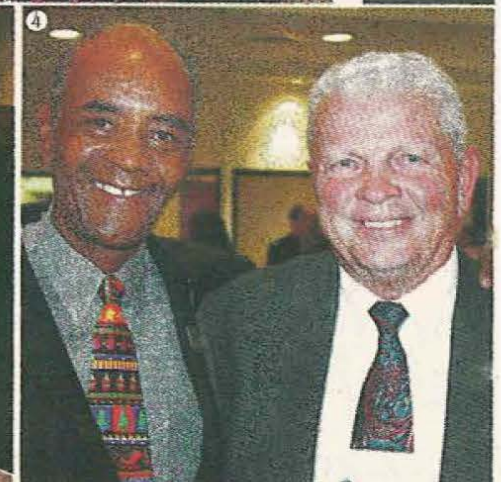


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A group of attendees pose at last year's Hattitude Luncheon at Indian River Community College.

“Hattitude” honors author

Hats, hats, and more hats — and a fashion show, music and silent auction — will all be featured at the 3rd Annual Hattitude Luncheon in memory of the late Harlem Renaissance author Zora Neale Hurston to benefit the St. Lucie County Cultural Affairs Council.

Because Zora Neale was rarely seen without a hat, guests are invited to join the fun and show off some of their magnificent millinery. During the luncheon, Hassie Russ, of Granny's Kitchen in Fort Pierce and a former

student of Zora Neale, will share her personal memories of the late author.

The Hattitude Luncheon is one of several activities leading up to the 4th Annual Zora Fest! “The Harlem Renaissance” on March 29. The luncheon is from 2-6 p.m. Feb. 23 at the Koblegard Student Union at Indian River Community College's Fort Pierce campus. Reservations are \$30 per person and can be made by calling the St. Lucie County Cultural Affairs Council at (772) 462-1767.

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**Join workshop on financing
your child's college education**

Parents of middle school and high school students are invited to attend a free workshop, "How to Finance Your Child's College Education," at 6:30 p.m. March 6 at the Clark Advanced Learning Center.

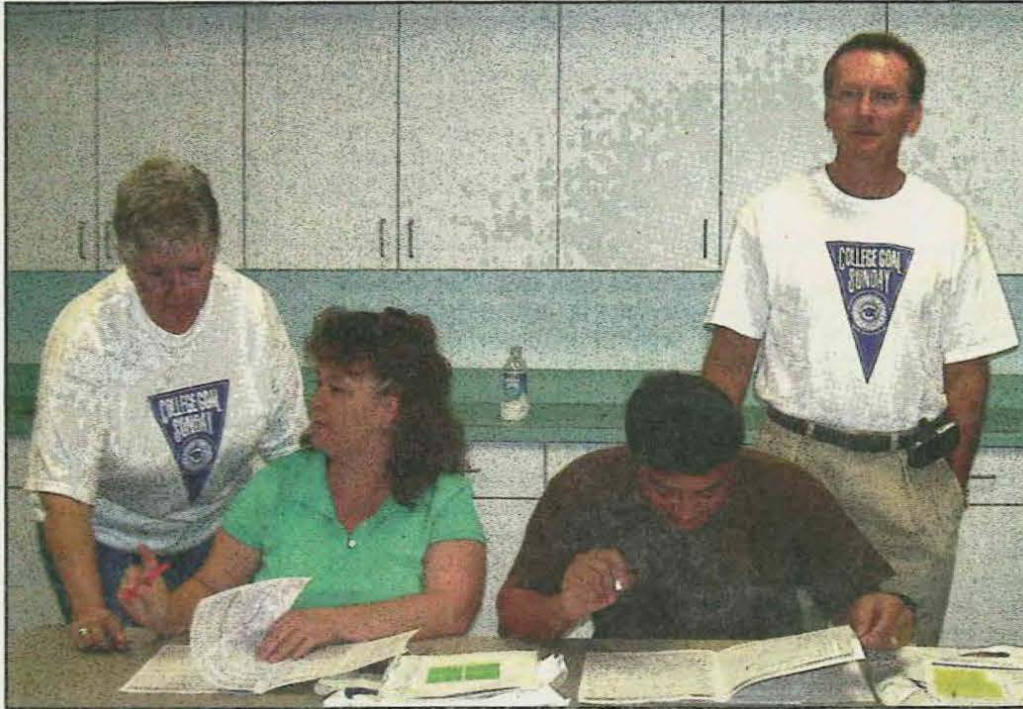
The workshop will feature Robin Blank, financial aid representative from the Florida Department of Education. Blank will explain the different financial aid options available to parents and students and provide valuable tips about planning ahead.

The Clark Advanced Learning Center is at the Indian River Community College Chastain Campus at 2400 S.E. Salerno Road in Stuart.

For information, call (772) 419-5750.

IRCC hosts: College Bowl Sunday

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Okeechobee News/Tonya Harden

"We have a large crowd today," said Sam Smith Okeechobee's IRCC Provost. The College Goal Sunday held yesterday was received with anticipation and eager attendance.

Need money for college?

By Tonya Harden

Okeechobee News

Attention all Okeechobee High School graduating seniors and prospective Indian River Community College applicants: There is help. A new program was implemented within the IRCC financial aid office recently. It is designed to help future students navigate their way through the financial aid process. IRCC staff have been eager to share the key tools make applying for this crucial assistance simplified.

College Goal Sunday was created to show those apply-



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counted against you, but it could delay your application process," said a representative from the IRCC financial aid office.

A new initiative to the college experience has become known as a relief to some who otherwise might not have been able to pay for further education.

"I didn't think I'd be able to afford college. When I was told about financial aid and I got the packet I thought there's no way I'll ever fill this out right. But the help of College Goal Sunday and the instructors really made this easier on me," said a local

mother of three who also holds a full time job.

At each scheduled College Goal Sunday there is not only information about how to correctly apply for financial aid but also information on available scholarships, a \$500 scholarship drawing and study abroad information. The seminars are an hour and a half and the goal is that at the end you will have correctly completed your FAFSA and be well on your way to paying for the next level of education.

For more information about College Goal Sunday or to learn the date of the next scheduled event please call 1-866-866-4722.

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IRCC's career development program can ease return to work

If you are returning to the workforce, maybe you've raised kids, retired or you are a returning veteran, you'll probably want to go over to visit the people in the Career Development Program at Indian River Community College.

Originally begun in 1979 to help moms enter or re-enter the workforce, the Career Development Program has grown to help people of all ages prepare to enter the workforce in a good job.

"We have men and women in the program from age 19 to their 60s," said Marsha Thompson, Career Development Program coordinator.

"Our 24-credit hour Technical Certificate in Business Management is specifically geared to people who have been out of the workforce," she said. The program is designed to update their job skills for the continually updating workplace and lead to a job that allows them to be self-sufficient.

Students take a Computers in Business or College Computing course to help them get started on the newest office technology upgrades from Microsoft Office. "Technology changes," said Thompson. "We've upgraded our computers in the office and I'm having to learn all over again."

And this course is not only good for people who need to update their skills, she said, it is basic enough for the student who have used a computer very little. The program has hosted plenty of students in their 20s or 30s who have never had a computer at home. "The main thing is to become comfortable with the computer," she said.

The program also includes classes in leadership, interpersonal relations and business and helps returning adults gain the confidence they need to step into the workplace or to continue on with their education, she said.

And, as part of the program's mid-management seminar, they focus on resume writing, career search and other job search skills

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students to highlight skills they have developed outside of the workplace, said Thompson. "What are some of the things you've done while you were out that will enhance your resume?" she asked.

"Volunteer work, faith-based work, working at your child's school," she said. "These are things people don't often think of as job-related skills."

In addition to the 24-credit certificate, the program has a number of programs to help adults including one-credit Personal Enrichment / Lifeskill Courses, Equity NTO (Non-Traditional Occupation) program for women and men pursuing a career that is non-traditional for someone of their gender.

Returning adults may also consider programs from the Office Systems Technology Department at IRCC. They teach entry-level programs that provide office skills training to individuals who would like to pursue a career as an administrative assistant or office manager.

There are two tracks, the certificate track and the degree-seeking track, said Veronica Pino, the instructional chair for the Office Systems Technology Department.

The certificate track is a clock-hour program that is open-entry and open exit, she said. Students may come into the course at any time, work at their own pace and leave when they have successfully completed the program requirements.

The open entrance program is especially favored by students who may be in a welfare-to-work transition or adults who want to quickly update their office skills and get back into the workplace, said Pino.

Students on the two-year, de-

management track. Even though it is an associate of science, students may transfer to a bachelor's degree program if they also take their general education courses to prepare for continued studies, she said.

Students can go on to further study or get jobs in fields such as education, legal, medical office or medical coding or transcription, public safety, homeland security or any field with an office, she said.

"This person is not the secretary of the past," said Pino.

"Now, we have an administrative assistant who has a critical role," she said. "They use the latest technology to help make management decisions."

"They use technology for records management, financial management, human resource management, document production, Power Point presentations," she said. "If you were to poll managers, they would tell you they would be lost without their administrative assistant."

Whether you choose a degree program or a quick way to update your skills, the goal is to get back into the workplace and begin earning a wage.

Thompson said she encourages people to visit the Career Center at IRCC for help developing a resume and a job search plan.

For information about the Career Center or the Office Systems Technology program, call (866) 866-4722.

For more information about the Career Development Office call (772) 462-7685 from St. Lucie County or toll-free (866) 866-4722 x7685.

For information about benefits and programs for returning veterans, call the Veteran's Services Office toll free at (866) 900-3243

DOE works to help students go to college

Tallahassee – The Florida Department of Education (DOE) is working to break down financial barriers for Florida students who want to go to college. For the third year in a row, Florida is hosting College Goal Sunday, a free statewide event that provides expert assistance filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), a form needed to receive federal and state financial aid for college tuition. Florida's College Goal Sunday 2008 will be held the weekend of February 24th at sites serving all of Florida's 67 counties.

"We launched this program to help students who dream of going to college gain better access to millions of dollars in financial aid," said Commissioner Eric J. Smith, Florida Department of Education. "In just one day, anyone who wants to learn about the financial aid process can get one-on-one help from the experts."

Eighteen year-old Cheyenne McGregor spent a few hours at the College Goal Sunday event in the Tampa Bay area last year and walked away with free money in her pocket for college. The aspiring TV personality won a \$500 on-site scholarship and qualified for financial aid after receiving help completing her FAFSA.

"Before I heard about College Goal Sunday, I wasn't sure I could afford college. The experts there answered all of my questions and told me about the average costs for books and

tuition," Cheyenne explained. "With the help I received, I got money to go to Florida A&M University where I'm now a freshman in the School of Journalism. I was also excited to win the \$500 scholarship drawing just for showing up."

Not only will students have a chance to win an on-site scholarship, they'll also receive credible and reliable information about grants, work study programs and scholarships to pay for college. Several companies are now using heavy television and radio advertisements to promise money for college tuition. Students or their parents may be tempted by these offers.

"Some programs saddle students with high-interest loans, which have to be paid back. We're different," said Chancellor Will Holcombe, of Florida's Community Colleges. "Our program is designed to help Florida's college bound students qualify for as much free money as they can through state and federal funds that don't come with a hefty price tag."

According to the Florida Office of Student Financial Assistance, college-bound students who complete the FAFSA could qualify for thousands of dollars in federal and state need-based financial aid.

"By getting access to free or low-interest money, students can reduce their exposure to high interest loans and huge debts after graduation," said Need Unit Director Cynthia Williams, Office of Student Finan-

cial Assistance.

In addition, national data provided by the Lumina Foundation shows that a large number of students who qualify for financial aid are not completing their FAFSA accurately and on time, which decreases their funding options. This is particularly true among students from low-income and minority households, or who are the first in their family to attend college.

To reach students from diverse backgrounds, the DOE is working with a number of community groups and multicultural organizations across the state to promote Florida's College Goal Sunday events. These groups include the Boys and Girls Club, the Florida High School Athletic Association and ENLACE Florida – a community-focused initiative designed to increase the number of minority students going to college.

"Many students face barriers that make it difficult for them to pursue an education past high school. We believe that Florida's College Goal Sunday removes many of these barriers and that is why we are helping spread the word," said Braulio Colon, Assistant Director of ENLACE Florida. "I applaud the Department of Education for tailoring this program to meet the needs of our diverse population with bi-lingual financial aid experts and materials translated into Spanish and Creole."

Florida's College Goal Sunday is meeting a need. Last year more than 4,600 students and

families participated in College Goal Sunday events and many were from low-income and minority households. With help from its community partners, Florida's community colleges, some universities and high schools, the DOE expects to exceed that number the weekend of Feb. 24.

"Money is available for college, but if you've never been through the financial aid process, it can be overwhelming," said Chancellor Holcombe. "Florida's College Goal Sunday program is back to give students help in navigating the process."

To find the location of the College Goal Sunday event in your community and what documents to bring, visit www.fldoe.org/collegegoalsunday.

College Goal Sunday

The College Goal SundaySM program was created by the Indiana Student Financial Aid Association with funding from Lilly Endowment, Inc., and with supplemental support from the Lumina Foundation for Education. Florida's College Goal Sunday is a joint effort of the state Department of Education, the Foundation for Florida's Community Colleges, and financial aid directors across the state who have volunteered to help make completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) easier for students low-income, first-generation college bound students. For more information, visit www.fldoe.org/collegegoalsunday.

Discover your inner poet, with Jan Day Fehrman

Okeechobee News
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Lifelong Learning Institute offers membership

Treat yourself to membership in a "health club for the brain." The Indian River Community College Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) celebrates the wisdom of men and women 50 plus. Members come together in learning environments that encourage participation on a shared topic of interest. Among peers, group leaders may begin with a presentation or point of view and engage the group in lively discussion. Facilitators are all members and have enjoyed a variety of careers, interests and hobbies they are eager to share. The Spring 2008 Sessions provide a wide range of offerings at IRCC campuses in Fort Pierce, Vero Beach, Stuart, Port St. Lucie and in Okeechobee.

Discover Your Inner Poet will meet at the Dixon Hendry Campus in Okeechobee. This offering will meet on Thursday afternoons beginning March 13. Jan Day Fehrman is the Peer Leader for this exciting new offering. Fehrman is a published author and poet and will provide insight into the world of poetry and lead the class in lively discussion.

A unique offering at the Main Campus in Fort Pierce is entitled Your Opinion, Please! You'll en-



Jan Day Fehrman

joy friendly debate on how to handle communications problems described in real-life situations. Delve into critical foreign policy topics on Mondays with Great Decisions. The 20th Century Classic Novels and their Film Adaptations offering will meet on Tuesday afternoons.

Join in reading and discussing the works of recent Nobel Laureates in Literature. Readings will be augmented with film clips, audio recordings and relevant articles at the St. Lucie West Campus Library. Also at the St. Lucie West Campus, Topics in Technology will teach basic skills and Blogging Basics will clarify what blogging is all about.

At the Chastain Campus in Stuart, The ABC's of Opera will enhance appreciation of opera,

while one of the most important periods of American history will be examined in The History of the American Civil War.

In Vero Beach, Dr. Paul Forage will present China's Past Present and Future, a look at China and its global impact. Attendees will enjoy A Taste of Italian Culture with guest presentations on the history and art of Rome, the renovation of a Tuscan villa, the value of the Italian diet and the wines and cheeses of Italy. Or, take a look at India through an insider's perspective in Destination, India. Three hundred years before Freud appeared, Shakespeare wrote with deep understanding of humanity. The Monday offering, Shakespeare and the Human Condition, will engage participants in exploration of the deeper meanings of Shakespeare's plays. On Wednesday, February 25, Genealogy Primer will help you research your family history. Computer offerings at various levels, including handling photos and digital slide shows, are held at the Mueller Campus in Vero Beach. The Beginning Computer offering will be held at the Sebastian City Hall Annex.

To find out more contact the IRCC Lifelong Learning Institute at IRCC by calling toll-free 1-866-866-4722, extension 7880. Visit www.irccfoundation.org to obtain additional information.

IRCC hosts ^{Okeechobee News} ₂₋₂₂₋₀₈ College Goal Sunday event

By Chauna Aguilar
Okeechobee News

Indian River Community College has been well known for its contribution to the local community not only as an educational resource but in helping IRCC students to attend courses regardless of their financial situation.

IRCC will hold their third annual College Goal Sunday on Sunday, Feb. 24, where new and returning students go to apply for financial aid.

College Goal Sunday will occur at all campuses across the Treasure Coast, including the Dixon Hendry Campus, 2229 N.W. Ninth Ave., at 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

At this event college-bound students of any age can get no-cost, professional assistance completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. The FAFSA is required for any student seeking federal and state financial aid,

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including grants and loans.

"Don't let concerns about money stop you from getting a college education. At College Goal Sunday, you will get the assistance you need to apply for financial aid for college so you can get started on a brighter future," said Mary Lewis, IRCC Director of Financial Aid.

There will be a \$500 scholarship awarded at each campus.

With the introduction of four-year degrees now being offered at IRCC, soon to be Indian River College, IRC the need for financial aid has increased. Individuals can now apply to obtain financial assistance to send them to obtain their bachelor's degree in the following areas: teacher education for middle and high school math and science; exceptional student education (ESE); nursing; organizational management; public safety administration; and health care management.

IRCC chose to add degree programs which address the criti-

cal employee shortages that are prevalent in the Treasure Coast area and throughout the state. The programs were developed in direct response to the educational and workforce needs of the IRCC community.

Across the country, College Goal Sunday connects students with assistance for school. College Goal Sunday first started in 1989 in Indiana. Since then, it has expanded to nearly 20 states and will serve more than 100,000 students and families this year. This free event for college-bound students and their families will pro-

vide one-on-one assistance with filling out forms and answering questions.

College Goal Sunday is a national initiative to overcome one of the main barriers to higher education -- high cost. Plan to attend College Goal Sunday at the IRCC campus nearest you. For more information on College Goal Sunday, call IRCC the local campus at (863) 824-6000 at 1 (866) 866-4722 toll-free or visit www.ircc.edu.

Post your opinions in the Public Issues Forum at www.newszap.com.

Reporter Chauna Aguilar may be reached at caguilar@newszap.com.

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College Goal Sunday to come to IRCC

BY TAYLOR COUCHMAN
Correspondent

College Goal Sunday has been making applying for student financial aid an easier task for thousands of students across the country. This Sunday, local students and parents can learn about their options at Indian River Community College campuses throughout the Treasure Coast.

At the event, students will fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA form, which is required for all federally backed financial aid. Students will receive guidance on the application process, and they will have the opportunity to have any questions answered by professional financial aid staff.

"Students and parents are usually confused and easily intimidated by the financial aid process. College Goal Sunday takes some of that confusion and intimidation away," said Mary Lewis, IRCC director of financial aid.

At each campus, there will be a drawing for a \$500 scholarship that will go to one of the students who attend.

Here is a look at the Sunday event and some quick pointers when searching for financial aid.

COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY

The free presentations will be at 1:30 and 3 p.m. at the following IRCC campuses:

- The IRCC Main Campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce
- St. Lucie West Campus, 500 N.W. California Blvd., Port St. Lucie
- Chastain Campus, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart
- Mueller Campus, 6155 College Lane, Vero Beach
- Dixon Hendry Campus, 2229 N.W. Ninth Avenue, Okeechobee

WHAT TO BRING

Students and families should bring the following items to College Goal Sunday:

- Social Security number/card
- Driver's license
- 2007 income tax return (if completed), W-2 Forms and other records of money earned
- 2007 untaxed income records such as Social Security, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, welfare or veterans benefits records
- 2007 bank statements
- 2007 business and investment mortgage information, business and farm records, stock, bond, and other investment records

SOME TIPS

Here are pointers for parents and students applying for financial aid:

- The best way to begin searching for financial aid opportunities is through your high school or through the college you wish to attend.
- You can also conduct a thorough scholarship search on the Internet.
- Be careful of scholarship opportunities that require you to pay a fee. There is always the possibility of a scam.
- Try for grants and scholarships before you look for a loan. Loans might leave you with a huge debt after graduation.
- Apply for as many scholarships as possible as early as possible in order to better ensure your financial aid.
- Before applying for federally backed financial aid, make sure you fill out a FAFSA form. You can fill one out at College Goal Sunday or go to www.fafsa.ed.gov.

TREASURE COAST
**IRCC hosts college
money clinic**

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seek federal and state financial aid, including grants and loans.

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Indian River Community College will host its third annual College Goal Sunday on Feb. 24 to help new and returning students obtain financial aid.

At IRCC campuses along the Treasure Coast, college-bound students of any age can get no-cost, professional assistance completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form, which is required to

A \$500 scholarship drawing will be held at each campus.

For information, call 1-866-866-4722 toll-free or visit www.ircc.edu.

TREASURE COAST

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College Goal Sunday**

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**Today is College Goal
Sunday**

Don't let a lack of money keep you from going back to school.

Today is College Goal Sunday at Indian River Community College, a one-day event to help new and returning students find financial aid for college. College Goal Sunday presentations will be at 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. at all IRCC campuses across the Treasure Coast.

College-bound students of any age can get no-cost, professional assistance completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. The FAFSA is required for any student seeking federal and state financial aid, including grants and loans.

There will be a \$500 scholarship drawing at each campus.

Plan to attend College Goal Sunday at the IRCC campus nearest you. For more information on College Goal Sunday, call IRCC toll-free at (866) 866-4722 or enter www.ircc.edu into your browser's search bar and click on College Goal Sunday for information and a list of campuses and their addresses.

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Sunday event offers financial aid assistance

Need money for college? On Feb. 24, Indian River Community College will host its third annual College Goal Sunday, to help new and returning students obtain financial aid. Held at all IRCC campuses at 1:30 and 3 p.m., this event will provide college-bound students with free, professional assistance completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The FAFSA is required for any student seeking federal and state financial aid, including grants and loans.

Participating campuses are: IRCC Main Campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce; St. Lucie West Campus, 500 N.W. California Blvd., Port St. Lucie; Chastain Campus, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart; Mueller Campus, 6155 College Lane, Vero Beach; or Dixon Hendry Campus, 2229 N.W. 9th Avenue, Okeechobee.

There will be a \$500 scholarship drawing at each campus.

College Goal Sunday started in 1989 in Indiana and has expanded to nearly 20 states and will serve more than 100,000 students and families this year.

Call (866) 866-4722 or visit www.ircc.edu.

CALC OPEN HOUSE

To familiarize Martin County parents and students with the Clark Advanced Learning Center, the student-centered high school will hold an open house on Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m. and a gaming tournament for Martin County eighth through 11th graders on Feb. 22 from 6 to 10 p.m.

Located at the IRCC Chastain Campus, the national model high school provides a small school environment for 200 sophomores, juniors and seniors with diverse interests,

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aptitudes and goals.

Parents will learn about the career-related activities as well as college campus advantages. Through dual enrollment, CALC students are able to earn college credits at no cost while still in high school.

During the gaming tournament, up to 96 gamers will compete for an XBOX 360 and gift certificates by playing "Age of Mythology," and gamers will also play "Guitar Hero," "Madden NFL" and "Mech Warrior." The fee is \$5, including pizza and soda, with payment at the door. Registration should be completed at ClarkAdvancedLearningCenter.org.

Call (772) 419-5750.

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY CAREERS

An information session for opportunities in surgical technology will be Feb. 21 at 4 p.m. in the Mary L. Fields Health Science Center, Room H106, at the IRCC Main Campus.

Surgical technologists make a media wage of \$17.60 per hour on the Treasure Coast, and this profession is projected to grow more than 25 percent in the next 10 years. The largest employers of surgical technologists are outpatient care centers, but significant growth in employment opportunities in physicians and dentist offices is projected.

IRCC's 12-month program provides students with the skills and knowledge for employment in this field through classroom, laboratory and clinical instruction.

Call (866) 866-4722 or visit www.ircc.edu.

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VERO BEACH

Join IRCC's College Goal Sunday Feb. 24

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The Vero Beach campus is at 6155 College Lane. There will be a \$500 scholarship drawing at each campus.

For more information on College Goal Sunday, call IRCC at (866) 866-4722 toll-free or visit www.ircc.edu.

¿NECESITAS DINERO PARA ESTUDIAR EN LA UNIVERSIDAD?

Consiga ayuda financiera **GRATIS** para estudiantes en Indian River Community College este **domingo 24 de febrero. Feb 24**

Este evento será el tercer **'College Goal Sunday'** que ayuda a estudiantes a obtener ayuda financiera. En todos los campus de IRCC a la 1:30 PM y a las 3:00 PM, estudiantes de cualquier edad pueden recibir asistencia profesional para completar la planilla de Solicitud Gratuita de Ayuda

Federal para Estudiantes (FAFSA).



"No deje que las preocupaciones sobre los gastos, detengan sus sueños de obtener una educación universitaria. En el 'College Goal Sunday', usted obtendrá la información para poder aplicar para

ayuda financiera. Así podrá empezar su futuro más brillante," dijo Mary Lewis, la directora de Ayuda Financiera de IRCC.

Planifique asistir al College Goal Sunday en el campus más cercano a usted, llame a IRCC al **1-866-866-4722** ó visite al **www.ircc.edu**

Para mayor información dirijase a: **Campus Central de Fort Pierce, 3209 Virginia Avenue;** en el **Campus de St Lucie West, 500 NW California Avenue;** en el **Campus Chastain, 2400 SE Salerno Road en Stuart;** en el **Campus Mueller, 6155 College Lane en Vero Beach;** o en el **Campus Dixon, 2229 NW 9th Avenue en Okeechobee.**

Habrará una rifa de **\$500** para una **beca** en cada campus.

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Al and Donna Rivett attend a dinner celebrating the 45th anniversary of the founding of United Way of St. Lucie County.

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Catch the career wave in office administration

More than 255,000 administrative assistant and secretarial positions will be added in the U.S. between 2004 and 2014, representing growth of 6.2 percent. To help meet the need for these skilled employees, Indian River Community College provides training for individuals employed in office support positions, as well as introductory programs for those ready to launch a career.

An information session will be at 6 p.m. Monday in the B-Building, Room 220, at the IRCC Main Campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce.

IRCC HOSTS CAR SHOW

IRCC is partnering with XTREMELOWZ of West Palm Beach to host the River Classic 2008 Custom Car Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 2 on the IRCC Main Campus. Participants in the competition may register between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Admission and parking for the public is free. Proceeds go toward funding IRCC Automotive Technology scholarships. The rain date is March 16. For information, visit www.ircc.edu and click on the River Classic 2008 Car Show link or call (866) 866-4722.

BUILD A CAREER IN CARPENTRY

Learn about IRCC's hands-on residential carpentry program at an information session at 4 p.m. Thursday in the Kight Center for Emerging Technologies at the Main Campus. Students frame several houses in cooperation with the Treasure Coast Builders' Association, learning techniques and proce-

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dures used by local builders. Scholarship support and guidance with job placement are available.

STUDY ABROAD IN THE GREEK ISLES

The Greek Isles Study Abroad tour will begin in Athens on May 29, featuring a guided tour of the Acropolis and imposing Parthenon, the perfectly proportioned temple to Athena. Other stops include the island of Santorini, the ruins of Thera and Crete, the largest Greek island and home to the ancient Minoan civilization, linking Greece and ancient Egypt.

Contact the Information Call Center at (866) 866-4722.

GET STARTED IN REAL ESTATE OR INSURANCE

Pre-licensing courses in real estate and insurance will be held over the next two months. The real estate brokers pre-licensing course will meet on Monday and Wednesday evenings at the Fort Pierce campus beginning Feb. 25. The introductory course for sales associates will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in Fort Pierce beginning March 6.

For those interested in an insurance career, the Life and Health insurance course will be offered during weekends at the Chastain Campus in Stuart, and the focus will be on property and casualty insurance from March 10 through June 18 at the Main Campus. Call (866) 866-4722.

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St. Lucie County Cultural Affairs Council



A group of attendees pose at last year's Hattitude Luncheon at Indian River Community College.

“Hattitude” honors author

Hats, hats, and more hats — and a fashion show, music and silent auction — will all be featured at the 3rd Annual Hattitude Luncheon in memory of the late Harlem Renaissance author Zora Neale Hurston to benefit the St. Lucie County Cultural Affairs Council.

Because Zora Neale was rarely seen without a hat, guests are invited to join the fun and show off some of their magnificent millinery. During the luncheon, Hassie Russ, of Granny's Kitchen in Fort Pierce and a former

student of Zora Neale, will share her personal memories of the late author.

The Hattitude Luncheon is one of several activities leading up to the 4th Annual Zora Fest! “The Harlem Renaissance” on March 29. The luncheon is from 2-6 p.m. Feb. 23 at the Koblegard Student Union at Indian River Community College's Fort Pierce campus. Reservations are \$30 per person and can be made by calling the St. Lucie County Cultural Affairs Council at (772) 462-1767.

IRCC Lifelong Learning Institute Offers

Okeechobee Times
2-14-08

"Discover Your Inner Poet" Sessions in Okeechobee

press release

Treat yourself to membership in a "health club for the brain." The Indian River Community College Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) celebrates the wisdom of men and women 50 plus. Members come together in learning environments that encourage participation on a shared topic of interest. Among peers, group leaders may begin with a presentation or point of view and engage the group in lively discussion. Facilitators are all members and have enjoyed a variety of careers, interests and hobbies they are eager to share. The Spring 2008 Sessions provide a wide range of offerings at IRCC campuses in Fort Pierce, Vero Beach, Stuart, Port St. Lucie and in Okeechobee.

Discover Your Inner Poet will meet at the Dixon Hendry Campus in Okeechobee. This offering will meet on Thursday afternoons beginning March 13. Jan Day Fehrman is the Peer Leader for this exciting new offering. Fehrman is a published author and poet and will provide insight into the world of poetry and lead the class in lively discussion.

A unique offering at the Main Campus in Fort Pierce is entitled Your Opinion, Please! You'll enjoy friendly debate on how to handle communications problems described in real-life situations. Delve into critical foreign policy topics on Mondays with Great Decisions. The 20th Century Classic Novels and their Film Adaptations offering will meet on Tuesday afternoons.

Join in reading and discussing the works of recent Nobel Laureates in Literature. Readings will

be augmented with film clips, audio recordings and relevant articles at the St. Lucie West Campus Library. Also at the St. Lucie West Campus, Topics in Technology will teach basic skills and Blogging Basics will clarify what blogging is all about.

At the Chastain Campus in Stuart, The ABC's of Opera will enhance appreciation of opera, while one of the most important periods of American history will be examined in The History of the American Civil War.

In Vero Beach, Dr. Paul Forage will present China's Past Present and Future, a look at China and its global impact. Attendees will enjoy A Taste of Italian Culture with guest presentations on the history and art of Rome, the renovation of a Tuscan villa, the value of the Italian diet and the wines and cheeses of Italy. Or, take a look at India through an insider's perspective in Destination, India. Three hundred years before Freud appeared, Shakespeare wrote with deep understanding of humanity. The Monday offering, Shakespeare and the Human Condition, will engage participants in exploration of the deeper meanings of Shakespeare's plays. On Wednesday, February 25, Genealogy Primer will help you research your family history. Computer offerings at various levels, including handling photos and digital slide shows, are held at the Mueller Campus in Vero Beach. The Beginning Computer offering will be held at the Sebastian City Hall Annex.

To find out more contact the IRCC Lifelong Learning Institute at IRCC by calling toll-free 1-866-866-4722, extension 7880. Visit www.irccfoundation.org to obtain additional information.

STUART

**IRCC conducts sessions
on bachelor's programs**

Indian River Community College will conduct information sessions at 6 p.m. on March 10, 11, 12 and 13 about its nine new bachelor's degree programs.

Degrees are being offered in nursing, education, organizational management, public safety administration and health care management.

Sessions will be conducted:

- March 10 at St. Lucie West Campus, Schrieber Conference Center, 500 N.W. California Blvd., Port St. Lucie.
- March 11 at Main Campus, Kight Center for Emerging Technologies, 3209 Virginia Ave. Fort Pierce.
- March 12 at Chastain Campus, Wolf High Technology Center 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart, and at Dixon Hendry Campus, 2229 N.W. Ninth Ave., Building B Okeechobee.
- March 13 at Mueller Campus, Richardson Center, 6155 College Lane, Vero Beach.

Tuition is \$79 per credit for Florida residents. Students can attend full time or part time and choose online classes, traditional classes or blended classes that combine both online and in-classroom experiences. Courses from other colleges and universities can be transferred into the IRCC programs.

For more information, call (866) 866-4722 or visit www.ircc.edu.

Learn MRC skills at IRCC

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Individuals in health-related professions or with medical backgrounds who want to make a difference in their community during an emergency should consider signing up for the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). A well-trained and ready volunteer response team is vi-

tal in emergencies. Join with Indian River Community College as it partners with the St. Lucie County and Indian River County Health Departments to provide valuable training at no cost to those who want to be prepared to help in an emergency event. Training is planned at two convenient locations, at the IRCC Indian River Academy Site at 5900 Tedder Rd. in Fort Pierce on Monday, March 3, at 6 p.m. and at the IRCC Muller Campus in Vero Beach on Tuesday, March 4, at 6 p.m.

Physicians, Nurses, Dentists, Physical Therapists, Pharmacists, Psychologists and other medical and medical support personnel are encouraged to take this valuable training. The classes will of-

fer core competency training at no cost which will prepare volunteers prior to an emergency event. Training includes; incident command, special needs shelter assistance, mass medication dispensing, pandemic flue response, and behavioral health first aid. Volunteers in the MRC program will also have the opportunity to participate in additional training, community disaster planning and exercises.

To enroll in one of the MRC training classes, visit the MRC website at www.SLCMRC.com or contact Betty Kruska, personnel manager, St. Lucie County Health Department at (772) 873-4939. Reserve your space early, as space is limited.

Training institute opens courses to employees

The Corporate & Community Training Institute at IRCC, which previously offered work-related training only through employers, recently opened courses to employees and would-be employees.

This month, the institute has expanded its courses by offering a host of new eLearning courses that workers can "attend" online, on their own time, in their own homes, dressed for success or dressed in a bathrobe.

Most of CCTI eLearning courses are equal to a half (6 to 11 hours) or one credit (12 to 16 hours) and flexibly scheduled. You get a certified Indian River Community College instructor and online support. Some of the offerings include:

Sales training:

- Negotiating, making the sale and strategic partnership
- Successful selling and strategic planning
- The complex sale and presenting your proposition
- Sales team management

Marketing:

- Creating and writing a marketing plan
- Marketing management and analyzing a successful marketing campaign
- Strategic marketing and analyzing the market

Leadership:

- Team building, communicating in teams and manager's performance guide
- Leading the workforce generations

Accounting:

- Accounting fundamentals, systems and closing activities
- Cash flow, accrual accounting and accounting for merchandising businesses

- Principles and components of financial statements and analyzing income
- Statements and balance sheets
- Accounting for partnerships and corporations
- Analyzing cash flow and master budgets
- Cash flow and ratio analysis for financial statements
- Annual report-credibility, disclosure and analysis

Administrative assistant:

- The effective administrative support professional
- Advanced skills for administrative support professionals

To learn more or to register, go to the CCTI Web site www.ircc.edu/ccti. Click on TrainingMatrix in the left column, see the other available CCTI eLearning courses, fill out the course registration and pay online. For more information, call the CCTI toll free at (888) 283-1177.

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FORT PIERCE
Florida historian
to speak at IRCC

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A Florida historian who chronicled the rise of the Sunshine State from a Southern backwater to the fourth most populous state in the union will speak at 6 p.m. Feb. 12 at Indian River Community College as part of a Florida Humanities Council lecture series.

Gary Mormino, author of "Land of Sunshine, State of Dreams: A Social History of Modern Florida," will speak in the Wynne Black Box Theatre on IRCC's main campus in Fort Pierce and show portions of a recent PBS documentary, "The Florida Dream."

A reception and book signing will follow. Admission is free.

Before Pearl Harbor, Florida was the least populous state in the South. Today, its population exceeds 18 million. According to Mormino, much of the growth was caused by World War II, as thousands of military personnel who trained in Florida returned as tourists, snowbirds and permanent residents.

"Florida has always been exotic or even mystical," Mormino said. "World War II provided exposure."

A history professor at the University of South Florida at St. Petersburg and co-founder of the school's Florida studies program, Mormino is the author of a book about Italian-Americans in St. Louis and co-author of "The Immigrant World of Ybor City: Italians and Their Latin Neighbors in Tampa, 1885-1985."

For information, call (772) 462-7822.

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Get free OSHA construction training at IRCC

English and Spanish safety training offered at Corporate, Community Training Institute

BY JAN PAGANO
BJ guest columnist

Free OSHA construction training to prevent safety hazards is being offered to small privately owned construction and engineering firms in English and Spanish by the Corporate and Community Training Institute of Indian River Community College.

Through the end of the year, a 10-hour construction safety course for employees and 30-hour course for supervisors is available at IRCC campuses and business locations in a flexible format to accommodate each firm's schedule. Training is customized based on employer needs.

With more than 20 percent of job-related fatalities occurring on construction sites and the incidence of construction related vehicle accidents at an all time high, it's important that Treasure Coast construction firms provide employees with OSHA training to keep them accident free. Lack of training can

result in serious accidents and costly quality mistakes, so this training can provide a real benefit.

Your safety program has a direct effect on your company's worker's compensation insurance rate. With properly trained employees, you'll reduce job site accidents today and save money tomorrow with lower rates.



Pagano

The courses address the prevention of four prevalent safety hazards: falls,

electrocution, caught-in, and struck-by.

The supervisory training includes guidance on development of a company-based safety program.

Spanish-speaking instructors create a job-specific, easy-to-use manual and handouts for use with Spanish-speaking workers. Upon completion, participants receive OSHA cards and may be eligible to receive college and continuing education credit.

The program is funded by a \$217,121 Susan Harwood Training Grant to the college's institute to implement comprehensive OSHA training for the prevention of construction hazards. This award is part of \$10.1 million nation-



Photo provided

Dave Van Cise, master instructor for IRCC's Carpentry program, right, demonstrates safe construction techniques to students Nick Wickware, Brian Nobles and Ivan Moreno.

wide from OSHA to 55 nonprofit organizations for safety and health training educational programs.

For more information, call the institute at 888-283-1177 or visit

www.ircc.edu/ccti.

Jan Pagano is associate dean of the Corporate and Community Training Institute at Indian River Community College.

Technology expands role of administrative assistants

BY VERONICA PINO
BJ guest columnist

As technology expands in office operations, the role of the office professional has evolved. Office automation and organizational restructuring have led secretaries and administrative assistants to assume responsibilities once reserved for managerial and professional staff.

Many secretaries and administrative assistants now train and orient staff, conduct Internet research and operate and troubleshoot new office technologies.

To help meet the need for those highly skilled employees, Indian River Community College provides training to enhance skills of area residents employed in office support. The college also offers introductory programs for those ready to launch a career.

Office assistants have expanded their role with the increased use of technology, but their core responsibilities have remained much the same: performing and coordinating an office's administrative activities; and storing, retrieving, and integrating information for dissemination to staff and clients. Small business owners and managers value versatile office assistants who can juggle

those tasks and can use technology to make offices more efficient.

In fact, businesses continue to rely on office professionals with more than 6 percent growth in positions anticipated over the next seven years.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, secretaries and administrative assistants held about 4.1 million jobs in 2004, ranking among the largest occupations in the U.S. economy. Secretaries and administrative assistants are employed in organizations of every type. Around 9 out of 10 secretaries and administrative assistants are employed in service providing industries, ranging from education and health care to government and retail trade. Most of the rest work for firms engaged in manufacturing or construction.

This is a growth field:

- More than 255,000 administrative assistant and secretarial positions will be added between 2004 and 2014, representing growth of 6.2 percent, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

- The number of medical administrative specialists, sometimes called medical secretaries, employed in Florida in 2006 was 28,670. It is projected that in 2014 there will be 33,192, an annual av-



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Veronica Pino, chair of the IRCC Office Systems Technology Department, works with student Nikia Robinson, at right.

erage growth rate of 2 percent.

IRCC students can qualify for those jobs through medical, legal and office management technical certificates or develop supervisory skills with an asso-

ciate degree in office administration.

Veronica Pino is chair of the office systems technology department at Indian River Community College.

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St. Lucie County



1 Patricia Harrison, Mike Ingle, Priscella McKenzie, Donna Leopold, James Hall, Walter Woods, Debra Parker, Alan Auer, Jean Astarita, Pernell Patterson, Michael Marotta, Michelle Lomangino, Onese Alexander, John Rowe and Susan Mooris, all HMSHost employees at the Turnpike's Fort Pierce Plaza, show their support for Pink Tie Friends, Inc.



2 Lisa Von Seelen (second from right) of the PACE Center for Girls, accepts a check for \$1,200 from Larry Thibaut, Al Chicchese and Frankie-D-DeCesare, all of Al De La Entertainment, representing proceeds from a concert of local talent recently held at Tradition.



3 Kathy Basile, executive director of the Children's Services Council, accepts the Dave Thomas Child Advocate of the Year award from Lawrence Brooks, director of Children's Home Society at its annual meeting recently held at IRCC's Schreiber Conference Center in St. Lucie West.



4 Diane Gallagher, volunteer extraordinaire, stands with flowers presented to her as she accepts the Volunteer of the Year award at the recent annual meeting of Children's Home Society.



5 Norm Penner, Thondra Lanese and Eric Wetsig at a recent Rotary Club meeting in Fort Pierce when Cris Adams, president of Heathcote Botanical Gardens, made a presentation to the membership on the the Garden's expansion program.



6 Pat Dunn, past president of Lawnwood Regional Medical Center's Auxiliary, holding her plaque that was presented in appreciation for serving as president.



7 Flora Cramer, incoming Auxiliary president, receives her President's Pin from past president Pat Dunn at the recent Lawnwood Regional Medical Center Auxiliary recognition meeting.



8 Tom Pentz (third from right), CEO of Lawnwood Regional Medical Center & Heart Institute, installs new Auxiliary officers Marjorie Buhro, Dorothy Schwarzkopf, Harry Vander Molen, Flora Cramer, Pat Dunn and Pommy Hardie.

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- ④ Jan Lauffer, American Cancer Society, Indian River Unit board member, and Alli Golden of Cribzz show off the Cattle Can that will be auctioned at the March 1 Citrus Gala & Cattle Barons' Ball
- ⑤ Rosemary Askren, Loretta Beasley, Joe Askren, Elgene Stone, Bob Johnson, Joan Johnson, Deanna Sutton and John Beasley, members of the American Family Association's board of directors, recently met at Regency Park to prepare for the 18th Annual AFA dinner to be held Feb. 23 at IRCC's Richardson Center.

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⑤ Rosemary Askren, Loretta Beasley, Joe Askren, Elgene Stone, Bob Johnson, Joan Johnson, Deanna Sutton and John Beasley, members of the American Family Association's board of directors, recently met at Regency Park to prepare for the 18th Annual AFA dinner to be held Feb. 23 at IRCC's Richardson Center.

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Hear the best from Broadway at IRCC show

The show will feature popular Broadway music along with big band classics

BY ROBERT LANE
Posted on YourHub.com

Indian River Community College will feature some of the best Broadway has to offer, including big band classics and more, as the IRCC Fine Arts Program presents "Broadway Revisited" March 13-15 at 8 p.m. and March 15 at 2 p.m. at the McAlpin Fine Arts Center on the IRCC Main Campus in Fort Pierce.

The show will feature popular Broadway music along with big band classics as the IRCC "Company" Singers present a mix of popular standards, jazz tunes, and Broadway selections.

After celebrating some of Broadway's best, the finale of the show will pull out all the stops for a Star Spangled finale featuring the music of George M. Cohan and others.

Tickets are \$12. Purchase tickets at the box office located in the McAlpin Fine Arts Center lobby at the IRCC Main Campus at 3209 Virginia Ave.

in Fort Pierce, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 3

p.m., or by phone with VISA, MasterCard, Discover or American Express.

Call the McAlpin Fine Arts Center Box Office at (772) 462-4750 or toll-free at (800) 220-9915 to reserve your seats, as shows sell out quickly.

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IRCC to hosts annual Custom Car Show

BY ROBERT LANE
Posted on YourHub.com

Car enthusiasts will want to put their best polish and shine on their custom or classic ride and get ready for the fifth annual River Classic Custom Car Show at Indian River Community College.

IRCC is partnering with XTREMELOWZ of West Palm Beach in sponsoring the River Classic 2008 Custom Car Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 2 on the IRCC Main Campus in Fort Pierce. Participants in the competition can register between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Admission and parking for the

public is free.

Car enthusiasts can enter cars and trucks for competition in 31 categories including Classic, Muscle Cars, Ladies Ride, Low Riders and Trucks. The event will also include a Sound Challenge.

Individuals interested in participating in the car show can register cars for \$25. Entry in the Sound Challenge is also \$25 per car and \$10 for an additional run.

For information, visit www.ircc.edu and click on the River Classic 2008 Car Show link, call (866) 866-4722 or e-mail acordary@ircc.edu.

River Classic Custom Car

Show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday at Indian River Community College, 3209 Virginia Ave. Registration takes place 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Categories include classic, muscle cars, ladies ride, low riders and trucks. Registration fee is \$25. This year's event will also feature a Sound Challenge. Entry fee for the Sound Challenge is \$25 per car and \$10 for an additional run. Judging begins at 10 a.m. Awards at 4 p.m. Those wanting to display their car in a non-juried competition can participate in the Park-n-Shine display for a \$15 entry fee. Admission and parking is free to the public. Proceeds benefit IRCC Automotive Technology scholarships. Rain date is March 16. For information, call (866) 866-4722. On the Web: www.ircc.edu.

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**CO-CHAIRS NAMED FOR
MARCH FOR BABIES 2-24-08**

The March of Dimes Treasure Coast Chapter announces that Pat Alley, executive vice president of Riverside National Bank, will serve as honorary co-chairman for St. Lucie County's March for Babies; so will Tom Pentz, chief executive officer of Lawnwood Regional Medical Center & Heart Institute.

The event, formerly known as WalkAmerica, is the March of Dimes' premier fundraising event and benefits all babies.

In St. Lucie County, March for Babies will be April 19 at the IRCC/FAU St. Lucie West Joint Campus. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m., and the march starts at 8:30 a.m.

Other

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College Goal Sunday: Free professional assistance completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form. IRCC Dixon Hendry Campus, 2229 N.W. Ninth Ave., Okeechobee, 1:30 and 3 p.m. (866) 866-4722; www.ircc.edu.

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**CLARK ADVANCED
LEARNING CENTER**

FCAT WRITES is February 12th. All 10th graders must be present and on time.

February 15th is a student holiday—NO CALC or IRCC classes.

The Keystone Club brought presents and entertainment to the elderly on January 30th. Way to go!

Congratulations to CALC junior Billy McClure. Billy was recently featured in the newspaper for outstanding golfing, shooting a double-eagle during a Junior Players' Tour match.

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CALC open house is February 21st at 6:30 p.m. for new students and parents to learn more about our school.

Gaming Day will be held February 22nd at 6 p.m. Bring your friends!

Seniors: Come to College Goal Sunday February 24th at the Chastain Campus. Receive free professional assistance to complete FAFSA, apply for financial aid, and learn about state-wide student services and admission requirements. The senior panoramic picture is March 10th at 12:50 p.m. Order in advance at the front office.

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College Goal Sunday: Free profes-

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Nobel Laureates in Literature:

Reading, discussion group with librarian Elaine Sabol. St. Lucie West Library, IRCC St. Lucie West Campus, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Thursday, March 20, April 17. \$18-\$43. (866) 866-4722. *PSL News 2/22/08*

Robotics, Photonics: Learn about careers in robotics, photonics. IRCC Main Campus, Kight Center for Advanced Technology, Room V-116, Fort Pierce, 4 p.m. Free. (866) 866-4722 ext.7575. *PSL News 2/20/08*

Surgical Technology: Information session. IRCC Main Campus, Mary L. Fields Health Science Center, H-106, Fort Pierce, 4 p.m. Free. (866)866-4722. *PSL News 2/20/08*

Sponsor a future employee in Martin County

The Human Resource Management Association of Martin County is looking for businesses and individuals to sponsor the future employees in Martin County while preparing for the eighth annual Steps to Success workshop.

With approximately 135 attendees every year, Steps to Success is a highly regarded educational event where Martin County high school students can learn not only how to get the job, but to be a valuable employee.

"Ready, Set, Work!" is the theme of this year's Steps to Success workshop. The workshop is a career program for sophomores and juniors who are enrolled in the career technical programs at Martin County, South Fork, Jensen Beach, Stuart Community high schools and the Clark Advanced Learning Center.

These students are studying careers from agritechology, industrial technology and information technology to business and finance, hospitality, health, environmental sciences and pre-engineer-



ing.

According to Coordinator Laurie Jones of RV Johnson Insurance in Stuart, students will attend sessions such as "Interviewing Skills — Impressions are lasting," "Resume writing — How good do you look on paper," Personal technology in the workplace — The positives & pitfalls of cyberspace," and "Project runway — Young professionals dress for success."

The one-day conference is conducted by the Human Resource Management Association of Martin County in partnership with the Martin County

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School District. It will be held March 20 in the Susan H. Johnson Auditorium of the IRCC Chastain Campus in Stuart.

The conference needs sponsors who are willing to make tax-deductible donations at various sponsorship levels, said Jones. For \$25, you can sponsor an individual student. Other sponsorships range from \$50 to \$1,000, she said.

Several sponsors have already signed up including Gulfstream Business Bank, Bartlett Brothers Security, Indian River Community College, Print Headquarters, AW Design Studio and Kim McCollam, recruitment specialist with Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers.

If you're interested in sponsoring the event for our future employees, please complete and return a sponsorship form on page F3 or contact Laurie Jones at (772) 287-3366 ext. 238 or by e-mail at ljones@rvjohnson.com.

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Flamenco Dancers were among the international performances at the Cultural Diversity Day at Indian River Community College.

IRCC celebrates International Education Week

More than 200 students and community members participated in an activity-packed roster of events during International Education Week at Indian River Community College. The festivities began in mid-November with a Parade of Nations, with students, faculty and staff carrying flags of their ancestral countries, singing and marching from one end of the campus to the other. Their final destination was the Koblegard Student Union, the site for an afternoon of international performers and refreshments. The entertainment featured flamenco dancers, a popular Latino singer, traditional German songs, colorful Mexican dancers and an African-American musical performance. The annual event is known throughout the College as "Cultural Diversity Day" and has proved so popular that similar activities have been initiated at the branch campuses.

On Wednesday, November 14, the Campus Coalition Government engaged students in a variety of international games outside under the pavilion at the Main Campus. Students learned the origin of chess, tennis, golf and many other popular games. On Thursday, Brigitte Benchimol, spoke on "The Adventures of an International Author and Educator." Benchimol has ventured to more than 25 countries and speaks three languages fluently.

IRCC's International Education Week activities are sponsored by the College's Global Initiatives Committee, which also supports Study Aboard experiences for students, guest speakers, a Translator's Bureau and international Web site.

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IRCC's career development program can ease return to work

If you are returning to the workforce, maybe you've raised kids, retired or you are a returning veteran, you'll probably want to go over to visit the people in the Career Development Program at Indian River Community College.

Originally begun in 1979 to help moms enter or re-enter the workforce, the Career Development Program has grown to help people of all ages prepare to enter the workforce in a good job.

"We have men and women in the program from age 19 to their 60s," said Marsha Thompson, Career Development Program coordinator.

"Our 24-credit hour Technical Certificate in Business Management is specifically geared to people who have been out of the workforce," she said. The program is designed to update their job skills for the continually updating workplace and lead to a job that allows them to be self-sufficient.

Students take a Computers in Business or College Computing course to help them get started on the newest office technology upgrades from Microsoft Office. "Technology changes," said Thompson. "We've upgraded our computers in the office and I'm having to learn all over again."

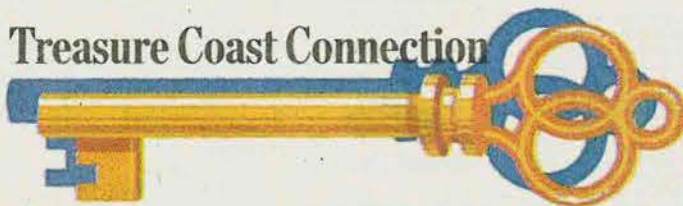
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The program also includes classes in leadership, interpersonal relations and business and helps returning adults gain the confidence they need to step into the workplace or to continue on with their education, she said.

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"Volunteer work, faith-based work, working at your child's school," she said. "These are things people don't often think of as job-related skills."

In addition to the 24-credit certificate, the program has a number of programs to help adults including one-credit Personal Enrichment / Lifeskill Courses, Equity NTO (Non-Traditional Occupation) program for women and men pursuing a career that is non-traditional for someone of their gender.

Returning adults may also consider programs from the Office Systems Technology Department at IRCC. They teach entry-level programs that provide office skills training to individuals who would like to pursue a career as an administrative assistant or office manager.

There are two tracks, the certificate track and the degree-seeking track, said Veronica Pino, the instructional chair for the Office Systems Technology Department.

The certificate track is a clock-hour program that is open-entry and open exit, she said. Students may come into the course at any time, work at their own pace and leave when they have successfully completed the program requirements.

The open entrance program is especially favored by students who may be in a welfare-to-work transition or adults who want to quickly update their office skills and get back into the workplace, said Pino.

Students on the two-year, degree-seeking track earn college credits and can earn an associate of science degree or a business

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Students can go on to further study or get jobs in fields such as education, legal, medical office or medical coding or transcription, public safety, homeland security or any field with an office, she said.

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"They use technology for records management, financial management, human resource management, document production, Power Point presentations," she said. "If you were to poll managers, they would tell you they would be lost without their administrative assistant."

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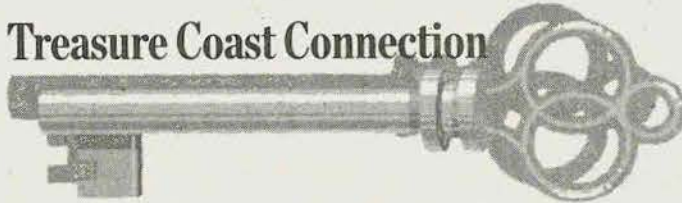
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FAU could turn away 2,000 students due to budget cuts

By BY SCOTT TRAVIS | South Florida Sun-Sentinel

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Florida Atlantic University could turn away 2,000 students and be forced to slash as much as \$16.8 million from its budget next school year if the state's bleak financial picture doesn't improve.

Ken Jessell, vice president for financial affairs, presented what he considers a worst-case scenario to members of the Board of Trustees at a meeting Wednesday.

Florida's 11 universities are dealing with potential cuts of \$92.4 million this year, and more next year, after Florida's weak economy and poor housing market resulted in less money for the state.

FAU has formed a task force of employees and students to look at long-term cuts for the university. Everything from cutting summer school classes to closing campuses is being considered, although no decisions have been made. FAU officials say summer school is still on schedule for now, but could be scaled back with a better idea of the budget situation, Jessell said.

The Board of Governors has instructed universities to limit enrollment.

FAU projects a 5.8 percent cut from the state next year, which is about \$10 million. That would equal 2,000 students that FAU could not enroll, according to Jessell's estimates. FAU now serves 26,000 students.

If those 2,000 students are turned away, FAU could face an additional \$6.8 million in losses from tuition and fees. That figure would be offset with a tuition bump next year.

"It's a large issue, one that must be seriously addressed by the Legislature, the Board of Governors and within the university," Jessell said.

The university hasn't determined which students would be turned away or what criteria would be used, if the scenario comes to pass. FAU officials discussed taking similar action to Florida State University, which is denying admission to all transfer students except those who receive an associate's of arts degree from a Florida community college.

The Board of Governors wants to increase tuition by 8 percent, enough to cover

reduced enrollment, but Gov. Charlie Crist wants no increase. The Legislature will consider tuition and state funding when it meets March 4 for the 60-day legislative session. One complicating factor is the Legislature and the Board of Governors are in a lawsuit seeking to clarify who has authority to set tuition.

Trustees discussed the possibility of eliminating programs duplicated by community colleges. Broward Community College, which is next door to FAU's Davie campus, received state approval to offer four-year teaching degrees in some critical needs areas. Indian River Community College, near FAU's Treasure Coast campus, has new, four-year degree programs in nursing, teaching and organizational management. Palm Beach Community College plans to offer a four-year bachelor of applied science degree that FAU doesn't offer.

"Community colleges are deciding to go into areas they never have before," said Norman Tripp, chairman of the Board of Trustees. "We're going to have to start making a determination if we need to be cutting back."

The trustees have already identified one area to cut back: They will pay their own way to the FAU Legislative Days in Tallahassee, scheduled for March 4-5. FAU Days is a time when university officials lobby lawmakers attending the annual legislative session

"We really feel it's important to try to go to Tallahassee, but we had to figure out how we could pay for it," Tripp said.

Officials say the decision will save between \$7,000 and \$8,000. They hope to use that savings to hold a retreat in September, possibly at the Fontainebleau Hotel in Miami Beach. Trustee David Feder is general manager there, which could mean a discount, Tripp said. Trustees canceled a retreat last year because of budget cuts.

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Workshop helps parents plan for a child's college education

Parents of middle school and high school students may attend a free workshop, "How to Finance Your Child's College Education." The workshop will feature Gerri McCormick and Eddie Serano, financial aid representatives from the Florida Department of Education, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, at the Clark Advanced Learning Center. McCormick will explain the different financial aid options available and provide tips about planning ahead. Mary Lewis, IRCC director of financial aid, will also be on hand.

CALC is a student-centered public charter high school at Indian River Community College Chastain Campus, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, in Stuart. Due to the small school environment and personal attention, students have been very successful in gaining scholarships. In addition to Bright Futures and other local, state and national scholarships, IRCC reserves several full scholarships each year for CALC graduates.

Students with a variety of interests attend CALC, majoring in health care, entrepreneurship, digital media, engineering, cyber security, information technology or a customized major. CALC juniors develop understanding of career options by job shadowing, and seniors gain real-world experience through an internship.

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For more information about the financial aid workshop or CALC, call (772) 419-5750.

LAUNCH A NEW CAREER WITH HIGH-TECH TRAINING

An information session at 4 p.m. Thursday at Kight Center for Emerging Technologies, off 35th Street at the Main Campus in Fort Pierce, will focus on the education needed to launch a high-paying career in robotic animation, photonics and laser technologies.

Information will be provided on the Cyber Security Institute on March 13; an interior design information session will be March 20; and a carpentry information session is on April 10. Call (866) 866-4722.

IRCC HOSTS CUSTOM CAR SHOW TODAY

IRCC and XTREMELOWZ of West Palm Beach host the Fifth Annual River Classic Custom Car Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at the IRCC Main Campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., in Fort Pierce. Participants in the competition may register between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Admission and parking are free.

The rain date is March 16. Visit www.ircc.edu and click on the River Classic 2008 Car Show link or call (866) 866-4722.

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Get informed on how to finance college

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It features Robin Blank, financial aid representative from the Florida Department of Education, and will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Clark Advanced Learning Center, a student-centered public charter high school on the Indian River Community College Chastain Campus, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart.

Blank will explain the different financial aid options available to parents and students and provide valuable tips about planning ahead.

For more information about the financial aid workshop call, (772) 419-5750.

FORT PIERCE

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IRCC to showcase tech opportunities

Indian River Community College will host a series of training opportunities in emerging technologies 4 p.m. Thursdays in the Kight Center for Emerging Technologies on the main campus.

- Graphic Design Information Session, Feb. 7. Room V-213.

- Robotics and Photonics Information Session, Feb. 21. Room V-116.

- Carpentry Career Information Session, Feb. 28. Room V-309.

For information, call Rosemary Wiesner at (866) 866-4722, Ext. 7575.

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Launch a new career in high-tech training

FORT PIERCE — On the Treasure Coast, Indian River Community College is the hub for training in the latest high-tech fields in the Kight Center for Emerging Technologies at the Main Campus.

An information session at 4 p.m. Feb. 21 in the Kight Center will focus on the education needed to launch a high-paying career in robotic animation and photonics, the study of light and laser technologies.

In addition to studying photonics in one of the nation's only college-level photonics/optics laboratories, students will use the state-of-the-art robotic equipment in the Jerry M. Herold Advanced Manufacturing Suite. Classes are conducted Monday through Thursday mornings, allowing students to complete the degree program in less than two years.

IRCC also offers a digital media institute developing skills in graphic design technology. Students learn 2D and 3D ani-

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mation, digital editing in virtual studios with green screen technology and a digital video editing center with the latest industry standard software.

Students learn Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, Animation, and DVD production and post-production, as well as Web site development.

In the cyber security institute, students focus on network security and Web development, studying the latest in computer programming and design for dynamic Web sites. The institute provides an excellent foundation for careers in IT support and cyber security.

Many advanced technology courses are available at IRCC campuses throughout the Treasure Coast and online. Call (866) 866-4722.

CALC IS A UNIQUE HIGH SCHOOL

STUART — High-school age

students in Martin County have a unique opportunity to attend the Clark Advanced Learning Center to engage in learning related to their career interests. A public charter high school on the IRCC Chastain Campus, the center engages 200 high school sophomores, juniors and seniors in real-world projects. Students learn how to use technology in every subject, and each student receives a personal laptop computer for research and projects.

Students with a wide variety of interests attend the center, majoring in health care, entrepreneurship, digital media, engineering, cyber security or a customized major. Juniors develop understanding of career options by job shadowing, and seniors gain real-world experience through an internship that builds responsibility and connects classroom learning to career goals.

Students also have the opportunity to get a head start on

college by earning college credits at no charge through dual enrollment.

Attend the open house at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 21 at 2400 S.E. Salerno Road. Applications are being accepted for the 2008/2009 school year. Call (772) 419-5750 or visit clarkadvancedlearningcenter.org.

GAMING TOURNAMENT

The Clark Advanced Learning Center will conduct a gaming tournament for Martin County eighth-11th graders from 6 to 10 p.m. Feb. 22. Up to 96 gamers will compete for an XBOX 360 gaming system and gift certificates by playing "Age of Mythology." Gamers also will be able to play "Guitar Hero," "Madden NFL" and "Mech Warrior."

The event costs \$5, including free pizza and soda, with payment at the door. To register, go to clarkadvancedlearningcenter.org or call (772) 419-5750.

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Sunday event offers financial aid assistance

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IRCC UPDATE

Need money for college? On Feb. 24, Indian River Community College will host its third annual College Goal Sunday, to help new and returning students obtain financial aid. Held at all IRCC campuses at 1:30 and 3 p.m., this event will provide college-bound students with free, professional assistance completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The FAFSA is required for any student seeking federal and state financial aid, including grants and loans.

Participating campuses are: IRCC Main Campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce; St. Lucie West Campus, 500 N.W. California Blvd., Port St. Lucie; Chastain Campus, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart; Mueller Campus, 6155 College Lane, Vero Beach; or Dixon Hendry Campus, 2229 N.W. 9th Avenue, Okeechobee.

There will be a \$500 scholarship drawing at each campus.

College Goal Sunday started in 1989 in Indiana and has expanded to nearly 20 states and will serve more than 100,000 students and families this year.

Call (866) 866-4722 or visit www.ircc.edu.

CALC OPEN HOUSE

To familiarize Martin County parents and students with the Clark Advanced Learning Center, the student-centered high school will hold an open house on, Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m. and a gaming tournament for Martin County eighth through 11th graders on Feb. 22 from 6 to 10 p.m.

Located at the IRCC Chastain Campus, the national model high school provides a small school environment for 200 sophomores, juniors and seniors with diverse interests,

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Parents will learn about the career-related activities as well as college campus advantages. Through dual enrollment, CALC students are able to earn college credits at no cost while still in high school.

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IRCC's 12-month program provides students with the skills and knowledge for employment in this field through classroom, laboratory and clinical instruction.

Call (866) 866-4722 or visit www.ircc.edu.

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Sunday event offers financial aid assistance

Tribune 2-17-08

Need money for college? On Feb. 24, Indian River Community College will host its third annual College Goal Sunday, to help new and returning students obtain financial aid. Held at all IRCC campuses at 1:30 and 3 p.m., this event will provide college-bound students with free, professional assistance completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The FAFSA is required for any student seeking federal and state financial aid, including grants and loans.

Participating campuses are: IRCC Main Campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce; St. Lucie West Campus, 500 N.W. California Blvd., Port St. Lucie; Chastain Campus, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart; Mueller Campus, 6155 College Lane, Vero Beach; or Dixon Hendry Campus, 2229 N.W. 9th Avenue, Okeechobee.

There will be a \$500 scholarship drawing at each campus.

College Goal Sunday started in 1989 in Indiana and has expanded to nearly 20 states and will serve more than 100,000 students and families this year.

Call (866) 866-4722 or visit www.ircc.edu.

CALC OPEN HOUSE

To familiarize Martin County parents and students with the Clark Advanced Learning Center, the student-centered high school will hold an open house on Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m. and a gaming tournament for Martin County eighth through 11th graders on Feb. 22 from 6 to 10 p.m.

Located at the IRCC Chastain Campus, the national model high school provides a small school environment for 200 sophomores, juniors and seniors with diverse interests.

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COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY

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- St. Lucie West Campus, 500 N.W. California Blvd., Port St. Lucie
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WHAT TO BRING

Students and families should bring the following items to College Goal Sunday:

- Social Security number/card
- Driver's license
- 2007 income tax return (if completed), W-2 Forms and other records of money earned
- 2007 untaxed income records such as Social Security, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, welfare or veterans benefits records
- 2007 bank statements
- 2007 business and investment mortgage information, business and farm records, stock, bond, and other investment records

SOME TIPS

Here are pointers for parents and students applying for financial aid:

- The best way to begin searching for financial aid opportunities is through your high school or through the college you wish to attend.
- You can also conduct a thorough scholarship search on the Internet.
- Be careful of scholarship opportunities that require you to pay a fee. There is always the possibility of a scam.
- Try for grants and scholarships before you look for a loan. Loans might leave you with a huge debt after graduation.
- Apply for as many scholarships as possible as early as possible in order to better ensure your financial aid.
- Before applying for federally backed financial aid, make sure you fill out a FAFSA form. You can fill one out at College Goal Sunday or go to www.fafsa.ed.gov.

College Goal Sunday to come to IRCC

BY TAYLOR COUCHMAN
Correspondent

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Tribune 2-24-08

Job Source Notes & News

Today is College Goal Sunday

Don't let a lack of money keep you from going back to school.

Today is College Goal Sunday at Indian River Community College, a one-day event to help new and returning students find financial aid for college. College Goal Sunday presentations will be at 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. at all IRCC campuses across the Treasure Coast.

College-bound students of any age can get no-cost, professional assistance completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. The FAFSA is required for any student seeking federal and state financial aid, including grants and loans.

There will be a \$500 scholarship drawing at each campus.

Plan to attend College Goal Sunday at the IRCC campus nearest you. For more information on College Goal Sunday, call IRCC toll-free at (866) 866-4722 or enter www.ircc.edu into your browser's search bar and click on College Goal Sunday for information and a list of campuses and their addresses.

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Tribune 2-25-08

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GET STARTED IN REAL ESTATE OR INSURANCE

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GOOD FOR YOU

IRCC RECOGNIZED WITH BEST PRACTICE AWARD

Tribune 2-24-08

Indian River Community College was honored to receive recognition from the Florida Division of Community Colleges with the 2007 Chancellor's Best Practice Award for Exemplary Partnerships.

The award recognizes the creative, innovative partnerships which IRCC has initiated that are geared towards enhancing student learning.

The Power Plant Technology Institute is a partnership that meets the needs of current Florida Power and Light employees looking for professional development and also serves new students seeking a promising career with a local employer.

Another area recognized was the Living Science program. The Living Science program provides faculty development opportunities for area teachers, including laboratory and field activities that can be easily integrated into math and science instruction.

Also recognized was the IRCC Tech Prep program. Tech Prep allows area high school students who are in career and technical programs in their schools to smoothly transition and continue their studies with IRCC.

The award also recognized the Florida Atlantic University and Indian River Community College Joint Campus. At this joint campus, IRCC and FAU share a \$22 million state-of-the-art facility that houses and supports a unique 2+2 partnership that provides students with convenient options to complete a four-year degree without having to leave home.

Expanding students options for continuing education close to home, IRCC now offers Bachelors Degree programs in nine areas focusing on teacher education, nursing, organizational management, public safety, and healthcare management.

These examples demonstrate the ways that Indian River collaborates to positively impact the communities that the college serves.

The Exemplary Partnerships Award is one of five Chancellor's Best Practice Awards given by the Florida Division of Community Colleges. Thirty-five entries competed for recognition in award categories that demonstrate passion and energy for facilitating student success throughout the Florida's community college system.

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IRCC to hosts annual Custom Car Show

BY ROBERT LANE
Posted on YourHub.com

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seek federal and state financial aid, including grants and loans.

Presentations will be held at 1:30 and 3 p.m. at the:

- IRCC Main Campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce.
- St. Lucie West Campus, 500 N.W. California Blvd., Port St. Lucie.
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- Mueller Campus, 6155 College Lane, Vero Beach.
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A \$500 scholarship drawing will be held at each campus.

For information, call 1-866-866-4722 toll-free or visit www.ircc.edu.

From staff report

TREASURE COAST

IRCC hosts college money clinic

Indian River Community College will host its third annual College Goal Sunday on Feb. 24 to help new and returning students obtain financial aid.

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Tribune 2-21-08

Training institute opens courses to employees

The Corporate & Community Training Institute at IRCC, which previously offered work-related training only through employers, recently opened courses to employees and would-be employees.

This month, the institute has expanded its courses by offering a host of new eLearning courses that workers can "attend" online, on their own time, in their own homes, dressed for success or dressed in a bathrobe.

Most of CCTI eLearning courses are equal to a half (6 to 11 hours) or one credit (12 to 16 hours) and flexibly scheduled. You get a certified Indian River Community College instructor and online support. Some of the offerings include:

Sales training:

- Negotiating, making the sale and strategic partnership
- Successful selling and strategic planning
- The complex-sale and presenting your proposition
- Sales team management

Marketing:

- Creating and writing a marketing plan
- Marketing management and analyzing a successful marketing campaign
- Strategic marketing and analyzing the market

Leadership:

- Team building, communicating in teams and manager's performance guide
- Leading the workforce generations

Accounting:

- Accounting fundamentals, systems and closing activities
- Cash flow, accrual accounting and accounting for merchandising businesses

- Principles and components of financial statements and analyzing income
- Statements and balance sheets
- Accounting for partnerships and corporations
- Analyzing cash flow and master budgets
- Cash flow and ratio analysis for financial statements
- Annual report-credibility, disclosure and analysis

Administrative assistant:

- The effective administrative support professional
- Advanced skills for administrative support professionals

To learn more or to register, go to the CCTI Web site www.ircc.edu/ccti. Click on TrainingMatrix in the left column, see the other available CCTI eLearning courses, fill out the course registration and pay online. For more information, call the CCTI toll free at (888) 283-1177.

Tribune 2-25-08

IRCC offers chance to go to Greece

Indian River Community College is offering an opportunity to study the Greek isles, view their antiquities and world-famous historical sites and earn college credits.

Participants in the Greek Isles Study Abroad experience will enjoy excursions, cultural encounters, food and personal discovery during the trip, May 29 through June 8.

The tour will cover AthEns, Santorini, the island of Crete and more.

IRCC Study Abroad is sponsored by the Global Initiatives Committee. Financial aid opportunities are available. For more information regarding cost, travel and registration, call (866) 866-4722.

From staff reports

Fish Fry

What: The Holy Faith Episcopal Church will host this fundraiser for fellowship and good food.

When: 6 to 9 p.m. Feb. 29.

Where: Holy Faith Episcopal Church, 6990 S.U.S. 1, Port St. Lucie.

Cost: \$10 per person.

For more information call (772) 464-4570.

River Classic

What: Indian River Community College will sponsor this juried competition for 31 categories of custom and classic cars and trucks.

When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 2.

Where: IRCC Main Campus, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce.

Cost: Admission is free. Juried competition, \$25, Sound Challenge, \$25. Park-n-Shine entry,

\$15. *Psc News Year Hdb 2/27/08*
For more information call (866) 866-4722 or visit www.ircc.edu.

Tax Aide

What: AARP is sponsoring free tax help for taxpayers with low- and middle-income, with special attention to those ages 60 and older. No appointment required, first come, first serve, please arrive early. Also, please bring your tax paperwork.

When: 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays through April 15.

Where: Morningside Branch Library, 2410 Morningside Blvd., Port St. Lucie.

Cost: Free.

For more information call (888) 227-7669.

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IRCC conducts sessions on bachelor's programs

Indian River Community College will conduct information sessions at 6 p.m. on March 10, 11, 12 and 13 about its nine new bachelor's degree programs.

Degrees are being offered in nursing, education, organizational management, public safety administration and health care management.

Sessions will be conducted:

- March 10 at St. Lucie West Campus, Schrieber Conference Center, 500 N.W. California Blvd., Port St. Lucie.
- March 11 at Main Campus, Kight Center for Emerging Technologies, 3209 Virginia Ave. Fort Pierce.
- March 12 at Chastain Campus, Wolf High Technology Center 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart, and at Dixon Hendry Campus, 2229 N.W. Ninth Ave., Building B Okeechobee.
- March 13 at Mueller Campus, Richardson Center, 6155 College Lane, Vero Beach.

Tuition is \$79 per credit for Florida residents. Students can attend full time or part time and choose online classes, traditional classes or blended classes that combine both online and in-classroom experiences. Courses from other colleges and universities can be transferred into the IRCC programs.

For more information, call (866) 866-4722 or visit www.ircc.edu.

From staff reports

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IRCC to showcase tech opportunities

Indian River Community College will host a series of training opportunities in emerging technologies 4 p.m. Thursdays in the Kight Center for Emerging Technologies on the main campus.

- Graphic Design Information Session, Feb. 7. Room V-213.
- Robotics and Photonics Information Session, Feb. 21. Room V-116.
- Carpentry Career Information Session, Feb. 28. Room V-309.

For information, call Rosemary Wiesner at (866) 866-4722, Ext. 7575.

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IRCC's career development program can ease return to work

If you are returning to the workforce, maybe you've raised kids, retired or you are a returning veteran, you'll probably want to go over to visit the people in the Career Development Program at Indian River Community College.

Originally begun in 1979 to help moms enter or re-enter the workforce, the Career Development Program has grown to help people of all ages prepare to enter the workforce in a good job.

"We have men and women in the program from age 19 to their 60s," said Marsha Thompson, Career Development Program coordinator.

"Our 24-credit hour Technical Certificate in Business Management is specifically geared to people who have been out of the workforce," she said. The program is designed to update their job skills for the continually updating workplace and lead to a job that allows them to be self-sufficient.

Students take a Computers in Business or College Computing course to help them get started on the newest office technology upgrades from Microsoft Office. "Technology changes," said Thompson. "We've upgraded our computers in the office and I'm having to learn all over again."

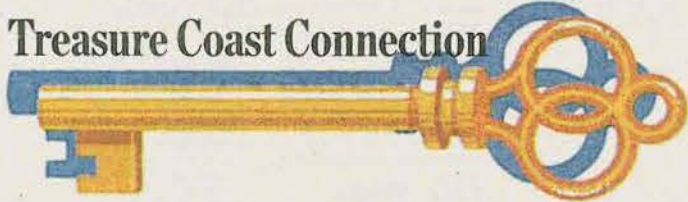
And this course is not only good for people who need to update their skills, she said, it is basic enough for the student who have used a computer very little. The program has hosted plenty of students in their 20s or 30s who have never had a computer at home. "The main thing is to become comfortable with the computer," she said.

The program also includes classes in leadership, interpersonal relations and business and helps returning adults gain the confidence they need to step into the workplace or to continue on with their education, she said.

And, as part of the program's mid-management seminar, they focus on resume writing, career search and other job search skills, she said.

One thing they do is to teach

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students to highlight skills they have developed outside of the workplace, said Thompson. "What are some of the things you've done while you were out that will enhance your resume?" she asked.

"Volunteer work, faith-based work, working at your child's school," she said. "These are things people don't often think of as job-related skills."

In addition to the 24-credit certificate, the program has a number of programs to help adults including one-credit Personal Enrichment / Lifeskill Courses, Equity NTO (Non-Traditional Occupation) program for women and men pursuing a career that is non-traditional for someone of their gender.

Returning adults may also consider programs from the Office Systems Technology Department at IRCC. They teach entry-level programs that provide office skills training to individuals who would like to pursue a career as an administrative assistant or office manager.

There are two tracks, the certificate track and the degree-seeking track, said Veronica Pino, the instructional chair for the Office Systems Technology Department.

The certificate track is a clock-hour program that is open-entry and open exit, she said. Students may come into the course at any time, work at their own pace and leave when they have successfully completed the program requirements.

The open entrance program is especially favored by students who may be in a welfare-to-work transition or adults who want to quickly update their office skills and get back into the workplace, said Pino.

Students on the two-year, degree-seeking track earn college credits and can earn an associate of science degree on a business

management track. Even though it is an associate of science, students may transfer to a bachelor's degree program if they also take their general education courses to prepare for continued studies, she said.

Students can go on to further study or get jobs in fields such as education, legal, medical office or medical coding or transcription, public safety, homeland security or any field with an office, she said.

"This person is not the secretary of the past," said Pino.

"Now, we have an administrative assistant who has a critical role," she said. "They use the latest technology to help make management decisions."

"They use technology for records management, financial management, human resource management, document production, Power Point presentations," she said. "If you were to poll managers, they would tell you they would be lost without their administrative assistant."

Whether you choose a degree program or a quick way to update your skills, the goal is to get back into the workplace and begin earning a wage.

Thompson said she encourages people to visit the Career Center at IRCC for help developing a resume and a job search plan.

For information about the Career Center or the Office Systems Technology program, call (866) 866-4722.

For more information about the Career Development Office call (772) 462-7685 from St. Lucie County or toll-free (866) 866-4722 x7685.

For information about benefits and programs for returning veterans, call the Veteran's Services Office toll free at (866) 900-3243 from Martin, Indian River, and Okeechobee counties or (772) 462-7450 from St. Lucie County.

IRCC hosts fifth annual custom car show ²⁻⁷⁻⁰⁸

Car enthusiasts will want to put their best polish and shine on their custom or classic ride and get ready for the Fifth Annual River Classic Custom Car Show at Indian River Community College. IRCC is partnering with XTREMELOWZ of West Palm Beach to host the River Classic 2008 Custom Car Show Sunday, March 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the IRCC Main Campus in Fort Pierce. Participants in the competition may register between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Admission and parking for the public is FREE.

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ive Technology scholarships. ^{Okeechowee News}

Sponsors for the River Classic 2008 Custom Car Show are Charlie's Dodge of Fort Pierce, Charlie's Nissan of Fort Pierce, R.M.M. Trucking of Loxahatchee, T&E Car Audio of Fort Pierce, MMATS Pro Audio of Riviera Beach and Sugarhill Dental Care of Jensen Beach.

The rain date for the show is March 16. For information on vehicle registration or for a complete list of juried competition categories, visit www.ircc.edu and click on the River Classic 2008 Car Show link or call 1-866-866-4722 or e-mail acordary@ircc.edu.

TREASURE COAST

Custom car show scheduled for March 2 ^{Tribune 2-14-08}

Car enthusiasts will want to put their best polish and shine on their custom or classic ride and get ready for the 5th annual River Classic Custom Car Show at Indian River Community College.

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FORT PIERCE

**Telescopes to point
at lunar eclipse**

The Treasure Coast Astronomical Society will set up telescopes at the Hallstrom Planetarium at Indian River Community College on Wednesday evening for people to watch a full lunar eclipse.

Weather permitting, the telescopes will be up from 7 p.m. until the end of the eclipse. If it's too cloudy, images of the eclipse will be projected onto the dome inside the planetarium at 3209 Virginia Ave.

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According to NASA, this will be the last total lunar eclipse until December 2010.

Viewing is free. For information, call Patty Mayer at 772-971-0159 or Jon Bell, the planetarium director, at 772-468-7517.

Once Upon a Mattress, Feb. 26 through March 2 at McAlpin Fine Arts Center, Indian River Community College, 3209 Virginia Ave. In this musical comedy Queen Aggravaine and the mute King Sextimus rules a medieval kingdom. Aggravaine has decreed that no one in the kingdom will marry until her son, Prince Daunt-

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Walls of Art at LISER DARTAI & WATER la, Jeannine Snyder, Kim Hogan and Gary Edwards. Morningside Branch Library, 2410 Morningside Blvd. Port St. Lucie, library hours, through Friday. (772) 337-5632.

"Once Upon a Mattress": Musical comedy. IRCC, McAlpin Fine Arts Center, 3209 Virginia Ave., Fort Pierce, 8 p.m., through Saturday; 2 p.m. Saturday. \$12. (800) 220-9915.

West Palm Beach Antique and Collectibles Show: South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center, 9067 Southern Blvd., West Palm Beach, noon-5 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Sunday. \$5.50-\$11. (561) 640-3433; www.wpbantiques.com.

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'Once Upon a Mattress' at IRCC

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less the Drab marries. Unfortunately, no one can pass the Queen's tests. Not until brash, unrefined and muscular Princess Winnifred the Woebegone arrives and charms the Prince, but offends the Queen. Find out if Winnifred wins the day. Based upon the fairy tale, *The Princess and the Pea*. Show times are 8 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$12. Purchase tickets at the Box Office 11 a.m.-3 p.m. or by phone. Call (772) 462-4750.

Find out if Fairy Tale Endings can Foil Pea-Brained Plans with the IRCC Presentation of "Once Upon a Matteress"

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"Once Upon a Mattress" will be performed at the McAlpin Fine Arts Center on February 26-29 and March 1 at 8 p.m. and March 1 and 2 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12. Purchase tickets at the box office located in the McAlpin Fine Arts Center lobby at the IRCC Main Campus at 3209 Virginia Avenue in Fort Pierce, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., or by phone with VISA, MasterCard, Discover or American Express. Call the McAlpin Fine Arts Center Box Office today at (772) 462-4750 or toll-free at 1-800-220-9915 to reserve your seats, as shows sell out quickly.

PSL News Your Hub 2/27/06

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IF PINK FLOYD'S NOT TO YOUR TASTE, TRY LITTLE ITALY FESTIVAL

There's a chance of rain today and Friday, but overall, the weekend looks like a great time to take advantage of all the activities the Treasure Coast has to offer. May we suggest ...

- You don't have to go to the dark side of the moon to get **The Pink Floyd Experience**: The tribute band performs at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Sunrise Theatre in downtown Fort Pierce. Tickets are \$46.
- "Tutto bene": Everything's good at the **Taste of Little Italy** street festival with food, live music and a children's area from 3 to 10 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday at the Town of Tradition in Port St. Lucie. Admission is free; the pasta's gonna cost ya. For information, call (561) 427-0500 or check out www.tasteoflittleitaly.net.
- That the butler did it isn't in dispute, the question is: **"Who's in Bed with the Butler?"** in performances at 8 p.m. today through Saturday at the McAlpin Fine Arts Center on the Indian River Community College campus in Fort Pierce. Tickets are \$12. For information, call (800) 220-9915.

- The Fort Pierce Jazz & Blues Society's weeklong **salute to women in jazz** will feature Nicole Henry in concert from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. today at the downtown Fort Pierce Library, Orange Avenue and Melody Lane. It's free, but you can buy lunch for \$8. Henry performs again at 7 p.m. today at the Fort Piece City Marina, Melody Lane and Avenue A, downtown Fort Pierce. It's free, too. Call (772) 460-5299 for information.
- The jazz really perks up when **The Coffee Beans** play from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday at the downtown Fort Pierce Library. Again, it's free courtesy of the jazz society, and lunch is available for \$8.

PALM BEACH POST
2.7.2008

'Who's in Bed With the Butler?' 8 p.m. today and Friday, 2 p.m. Saturday at McAlpin Fine Arts Center, Indian River Community College, 3209 Virginia Ave. A California billionaire bequeaths all of his assets to Constance, his only daughter, all except the yacht, art collection and antique automobiles. Constance wants it all and contests the will only to learn that the yacht, art and cars have all vanished. A comedic farce by Michael Parker. Tickets are \$12. Purchase tickets at the box office 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday or by phone at (800) 220-9915. For information, call (772) 462-4750.

Inagakuen Sogo High School Wind Ensemble to Perform at

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Prepare yourself for a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience as the Inagakuen Sogo High School Wind Ensemble performs at a special performance at Indian River Community College Tuesday, March 25 and Wednesday, March 26 at 8 p.m at the McAlpin Fine Arts Center located on the IRCC Main Campus in Fort Pierce.

Direct from Saitama-ken, Japan, this high school band consists of over 100 woodwind, brass and percussion performers. These musicians will play original Japanese compositions for Wind Ensemble, with a special Pops finale, which will include upbeat music along with synchronized movement.

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Hear the best from Broadway at IRCC show

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in Fort Pierce, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 3

Indian River Community College will feature some of the best Broadway has to offer, including big band classics and more, as the IRCC Fine Arts Program presents "Broadway Revisited" March 13-15 at 8 p.m. and March 15 at 2 p.m. at the McAlpin Fine Arts Center on the IRCC Main Campus in Fort Pierce.

The show will feature popular Broadway music along with big band classics as the IRCC "Company" Singers present a mix of popular standards, jazz tunes, and Broadway selections.

After celebrating some of Broadway's best, the finale of the show will pull out all the stops for a Star Spangled finale featuring the music of George M. Cohan and others.

Tickets are \$12. Purchase tickets at the box office located in the McAlpin Fine Arts Center lobby at the IRCC Main Campus at 3209 Virginia Ave.

JUNIOR COLLEGE ROUNDUP

Tribune 2-2-08

Indian River wins Triple Crown opener

From staff reports

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BASEBALL

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Records: Indian River 2-3, Central Florida 3-2.

JUNIOR COLLEGE *Stuart News* 2-7-08 Pioneers win 18th

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2-17-08

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Floyd coached Lincoln JC, served as Indian River AD

Vernon Floyd will be honored at the state tournament March 7 in Marianna.

BY ERIC PFAHLER
eric.pfahler@scripps.com

FORT PIERCE — Longtime area coach, athletic director and administrator Vernon Floyd will be inducted into the Florida Community College Activities Association Men's Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame on March 7, when he will receive a plaque during halftime of the semifinals of the state basketball tournament at Chipola College in Marianna.

He will be one of four inductees selected by their peers for outstanding contributions and dedicated service to the FCCAA, its member colleges and the sport of basketball.

Floyd coached basketball at Lincoln Junior College in Fort Pierce. The all-black school was a charter member of the Florida Junior College Athletic Association in 1961 before merging with Indian River Junior College to become part of Indian River Community College in 1964-65.

Floyd also is a member of the Florida A&M University Hall of Fame and the St. Lucie County Sports Hall of Fame.



Floyd

When Floyd moved back to Florida from Texas in late 1954, he didn't plan to retire in the community.

"No we didn't," he said. "I thought after a year or so, we'd be gone. But we just became attracted to the area and the people and Fort Pierce. One year led to the next, and the next thing we knew, we'd been here for 50 years."

Floyd also was a basketball coach and assistant football coach at Lincoln Park Academy. He guided the Greyhounds' basketball team to a 62-51 record from 1956-61, capped by an 18-5 finish in 1960-61.

He went on to become athletic director at IRCC for four years. During that time, he was a part of a committee that hired current coach Mike Leatherwood.

Floyd remembered the hire fondly.

"He was a star guard for the University of Florida," Floyd said. "He had just been out one

IRCC MEN TO PLAY MANATEE AT STATE

The Indian River Community College men's basketball team will play Suncoast Conference runner-up Manatee in the first round of the state tournament at 7 p.m. March 5 at Marianna.

The Pioneers (21-8) won the Southern Conference championship. Manatee (16-13) earned a ticket to state by beating St. Petersburg 112-87 on Tuesday.

In other first-round pairings, Mid Florida champion Santa Fe (21-6) plays Panhandle runner-up Okaloosa-Walton (25-3), Suncoast champion Polk (23-5) plays Southern runner-up Broward (23-8) and Panhandle champion Chipola (29-1) plays Mid Florida runner-up Central Florida (22-10).

year as a coach. ... He was only 22 years old. It was a good hire because now he's gone on to be the winningest junior college coach in state history.

"We knew he was an outstanding young man, and it's proven to be so."

Leatherwood was inducted into the Hall of Fame as a player and coach in 1992.

Press Journal
2-25-08

JUNIOR COLLEGE ROUNDUP

Pioneers rally from 6-run deficit

From staff reports

Rafael Lopez singled in Chad Platt with the winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning as the Indian River Community College baseball team split its double-header with Santa Fe with 7-6 win in the nightcap in Fort Pierce.

Santa Fe won the first game 13-5. Corey Birge, Tim Jobe and Mike Jutkiewicz each had two hits for the Pioneers.

In the second game, Indian River trailed 6-0 and then turned on the power with four home runs. Andrew Durden hit two, his eighth and ninth. Rolando Garcia, who went 3-for-4, and Chad Platt also homered.

Jason Kitchen (1-1) struck out four in 2½ innings. T. J. Kemp pitched 3½ innings of one-hit ball in relief of starter of Bobby Kennedy.

Indian River plays at Seminole Community College at 3 p.m. Monday.

Santa Fe 13, Indian River 5

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Indian River 7, Santa Fe 6

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Lambert, Neff (6), Bolling (7) and Hood, Hollis (7): Kennedy, Kemp (3), Kitchen (6) and Reyes, Martin (8). **WP:** Kitchen (1-1). **LP:** Bolling (1-1). **2B:** Reyes (IR), Graziano (SF), Mee (SF). **3B:** Miranda (SF). **HR:** Garcia (IR), Durden (IR) 2, Platt (IR), Garnett (SF). **Records:** Santa Fe 12-4, Indian River 7-11.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

BROWARD 80, INDIAN RIVER 75; Tony Dennison scored 21 points and Ryan Kartok added 14 as the Seahawks beat the Pioneers in the regulars-season finale 80-75 in Fort Lauderdale.

Marvin Gray had 18 points, six assists and six steals and Mark Caviness had 12 points and six rebounds for Indian River (21-8, 9-3).

Indian River, which won the Southern Conference, plays March 5 against the runner-up of the Suncoast Conference at Chipola Community College in Marianna.

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Halftime: Broward 35-28. **3-point goals:** Indian River 8 (Bryant 2, Remington 2, Caviness 2, Gray, MacDonald), Broward 12 (Peterson 3, Rodriguez 3, Dennis 3, Kartok 2, Szabo). **Fouled out:** none. **total fouls:** Indian River 18, Broward 17. **Technical fouls:** none. **Records:** Indian River 21-8.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ST. PETERSBURG 60, INDIAN RIVER 52: Chelsea Simpson scored 20 points to lead the Titans over the Pioneers in a Southern Conference game in St. Petersburg.

Paullette Gayle scored 15 points and grabbed 10 rebounds and Bernice Fuller added 13 points for Indian River (11-17, 5-7 conference).

St. Petersburg 60, Indian River 52

INDIAN RIVER: Fuller 4 3-4 13, Robinson 2 2-4 6, Nedd 4 0-2 8, Gadson 1 0-0 2, Gayle 6 3-7 15, Jackson 4 0-0 8. Totals 21 8-17 52.

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Press Journal 2-19-08

JUNIOR COLLEGE BASKETBALL

IRCC men clinch conference title

The Pioneers beat Miami-Dade for their third consecutive Southern crown

From staff reports

The Southern Conference men's basketball championship will stay in Fort Pierce for another year.

The Indian River Community College men's basketball team clinched its third consecutive regular-season champi-

onship Monday with a 70-58 win over sixth-ranked Miami-Dade College in Fort Pierce.

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Andrew Durden had two hits and scored all three runs for Indian River (3-5).

Rafael Lopez went 2-for-5 with an RBI and Mike Jutkiewicz was 2-for-4 for the Pioneers, who had runners at first and second with one out in the ninth before Daytona (5-0) closed out the game.

Daytona Beach 4, Indian River 3

Indian River
Daytona Beach

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Moorhouse, Tighe (5) and Martin, Reyes (6); Frymier, Vecchi (7), Schlagel (7) and Dahl. WP: Frymier (2-0). LP: Moorhouse (1-2). 2B: Durden (IR), Brotans (D), Durence (D). HR: Knox (D). Records: Daytona Beach 5-0, Indian River 3-5.

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JUNIOR COLLEGE ROUNDUP

PSL News 2-16-08

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Guard Marvin Gray averages a team-high 14.6 points per game and is fourth in the state in assists (6.2) and steals (3.2) per game.

Billy Blackmon, a Sebastian River High School graduate, averages 7.7 rebounds.

Brevard is 12-15, 2-7.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL: Indian River plays host to Palm Beach at 2 p.m. The Pioneers are 10-15 overall, 4-5 conference. Palm Beach is 6-18, 3-6.

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BASEBALL

INDIAN RIVER 8, HILLSBOROUGH 2: Indian River pitcher Damien Seguen

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Indian River 8, Hillsborough 2

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Costanza, Sceerhorn (5), Gaines (6), Wells (7), DeJesus (9) and Reys; Seguen, Swaringen (7), Peterson (8), Kemp (9) and McMann. WP: Seguen (1-1). LP: Costanza (0-2). 2B: Sanchez (IR), Lopez (IR), Jobe 2 (IR). Records: Indian River 5-8, Hillsborough 5-8.

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DAYTONA BEACH SWEEP: Indian River's softball team suffered a rare doubleheader loss Friday to Daytona Beach, 2-1 and 4-1.

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Daytona Beach scored three runs in the top of the eighth to win the second game. Kelley Smiley had two hits for Indian River (10-3).

JUNIOR COLLEGE BASKETBALL *PSL News 2/21/08*

Palm Beach upsets Indian River men

Eric Solomoviz had a game-high 20 points Wednesday as Palm Beach Community College's men's basketball team upset Southern Conference champion Indian River 76-63 in Lake Worth.

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Mark Caviness added 10 points for Indian River.

WOMEN: INDIAN RIVER 49, BROWARD 41: Latonya Nedd had nine points, nine rebounds and six steals and Tranecia Jackson added nine points and seven rebounds as the Pioneers won a Southern Conference game in Fort Pierce.

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Rafael Lopez singled in Chad Platt with the winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning as the Indian River Community College baseball team split its double-header with Santa Fe with 7-6 win in the nightcap in Fort Pierce.

Santa Fe won the first game 13-5. Corey Birge, Tim Jobe and Mike Jutkiewicz each had two hits for the Pioneers.

In the second game, Indian River trailed 6-0 and then turned on the power with four home runs. Andrew Durden hit two, his eighth and ninth. Rolando Garcia, who went 3-for-4, and Chad Platt also homered.

Jason Kitchen (1-1) struck out four in 2½ innings. T. J. Kemp pitched 3½ innings of one-hit ball in relief of starter of Bobby Kennedy.

Indian River plays at Seminole Community College at 3 p.m. Monday.

Santa Fe 13, Indian River 5

Santa Fe 303 230 2-13 16 0
Indian River 300 200 0- 5 11 5

Mee, Picard (5) and Hollis; Hardison, Peterson (4) and Martin, Reyes (5). **WP:** Mee (2-1). **LP:** Hardison (1-2). **2B:** Venegas (SF), Hartman (SF).

Indian River 7, Santa Fe 6

Santa Fe 240 000 00-6 9 3
Indian River 001 031 11-7 12 2

Lambert, Neff (6), Bolling (7) and Hood, Hollis (7); Kennedy, Kemp (3), Kitchen (6) and Reyes, Martin (8). **WP:** Kitchen (1-1). **LP:** Bolling (1-1). **2B:** Reyes (IR), Graziano (SF), Mee (SF). **3B:** Miranda (SF). **HR:** Garcia (IR), Durden (IR) 2, Platt (IR), Garnett (SF). **Records:** Santa Fe 12-4, Indian River 7-11.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

BROWARD 80, INDIAN RIVER 75; Tony Dennison scored 21 points and Ryan Kartok added 14 as the Seahawks beat the Pioneers in the regulars-season finale 80-75 in Fort Lauderdale.

Marvin Gray had 18 points, six assists and six steals and Mark Caviness had 12 points and six rebounds for Indian River (21-8, 9-3).

Indian River, which won the Southern Conference, plays March 5 against the runner-up of the Suncoast Conference at Chipola Community College in Marianna.

Broward 80, Indian River 75

INDIAN RIVER: Gray 5 7-13 18, Bryant 4 0-0 10,

Lofton 4 0-0 8, Boland 0 3-4 3, MacDonald 1 0-0 3, Remington 3 0-0 7, Caviness 5 0-0 12, Blackmon 2 0-0 4, Abrahams 3 0-0 6, Honorat 2 0-0 4. Totals 28 11-19 75.

BROWARD: Peterson 3 1-1 10, Szabo 4 0-0 9, Rodriguez 3 4-4 12, Fhaty 5 2-6 12, Kartok 5 2-2 14, Stewart 1 0-2 2, Dennison 7 4-4 21. Totals 28 12-18 80.

Halftime: Broward 35-28. **3-point goals:** Indian River 8 (Bryant 2, Remington 2, Caviness 2, Gray, MacDonald), Broward 12 (Peterson 3, Rodriguez 3, Dennis 3, Kartok 2, Szabo). **Fouled out:** none. **total fouls:** Indian River 18, Broward 17. **Technical fouls:** none. **Records:** Indian River 21-8.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

ST. PETERSBURG 60, INDIAN RIVER 52: Chelsea Simpson scored 20 points to lead the Titans over the Pioneers in a Southern Conference game in St. Petersburg.

Paullette Gayle scored 15 points and grabbed 10 rebounds and Bernice Fuller added 13 points for Indian River (11-17, 5-7 conference).

St. Petersburg 60, Indian River 52

INDIAN RIVER: Fuller 4 3-4 13, Robinson 2 2-4 6, Nedd 4 0-2 8, Gadsen 1 0-0 2, Gayle 6 3-7 15, Jackson 4 0-0 8. Totals 21 8-17 52.

ST. PETERSBURG: Lee 5 2-4 14, Lennon 1 0-0 2, Collins 0 4-4 4, Hanna 0 2-2 2, Wilson 7 2-3 16, Simpson 6 3-4 20, Johnson 0 1-2 1. Totals 19 14-19 60.

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Pioneers take two

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2-3-08

From staff reports

The Indian River Community College women's softball team won two games on Saturday in the Triple Crown Tournament in St. Augustine by beating Pasco Hernando 10-2 and Daytona Beach Community College 1-0.

In the first game, Kelley Smiley had three hits, including a grand slam and Erin Ferber had a solo home run and an RBI double.

Christiana McMillian (2-0) went five innings, gave up one run, and struck out four for the win.

In the second game, Lauren Varsalona (2-0) pitched 3 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings of hitless relief, striking out eight to get the win.

Erin Evans had two hits for Indian River (5-0).

Indian River plays today against Pensacola at 9 a.m. and St. Petersburg College at 11 a.m.

BASEBALL

ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE 13, INDIAN RIVER 0: Tim Jobe had the only hit for the Pioneers in the loss in St. Petersburg.

Indian River plays at Hillsborough Community College in Tampa at noon today.

St. Petersburg 13, Indian River 0

Indian River 000 000 0-0 1 3
St. Petersburg College 510 007 x-13 12 0
Seguen, Kemp (5) and Martin; Tullo, Thompson (7) and Blackburn. WP: Tullo. LP: Seguen (0-1). 2B: Lombardozi (SP). Records: St. Petersburg College 6-1, Indian River 2-4.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

HILLSBOROUGH CC 65, INDIAN RIVER 54: Sylvia Robinson scored 12 points and Tranecia Jackson had a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds for Indian River in a Southern Conference game in Tampa.

Indian River (9-14, 3-4 conference) plays host to Miami Dade at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

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Pioneers win 18th

From staff reports

The Indian River Community College men's basketball team beat Palm Beach 81-76 in a Southern Conference game in Fort Pierce.

Marvin Gray scored 23 points, had five steals and dished out four assists and Donimea Bryant had 17 points for the fifth-ranked Pioneers (18-6, 6-1 conference).

Mark Caviness added 11 points and seven rebounds for Indian River.

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INDIAN RIVER 5-8, DAYTONA BEACH 0-0: The Pioneers won a doubleheader without giving up a run.

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DAYTONA BEACH 3, INDIAN RIVER 2 (10 INN.): Steve Sabins hit a one-out opposite field home run in the top of the 10th inning for the Falcons.

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JUNIOR COLLEGE ROUNDUP

Indian River wins Triple Crown opener

From staff reports

Lauren Varsalona scattered four hits and struck out nine Friday as the Indian River Community College softball team defeated Middle Georgia College 6-0 in the Triple Crown Tournament at St. Augustine.

Cindy Cuare had two hits, two runs, one RBI and two steals. Sarah Spiering added two hits and three RBIs, and Brandy Luke had two RBIs.

BASEBALL

CENTRAL FLORIDA CC 21, INDIAN RIVER 11: The Pioneers (2-3) lost a road game in Ocala on Friday.

IRCC collected 16 hits, including home runs by Tim Jobe, Andrew Durden and Mike Jutkiewicz, but five Pioneers pitchers combined to give up 24 hits and the team committed five errors.

Jobe was 3-for-5 with a home run, two doubles and two RBI. Kyle Robertson was 2-for-3 with four RBIs.

Central Florida CC 21, Indian River 11

Indian River 510 002 201-11 16 5
Cnt. Florida 351 017 22x-21 24 2

Hardison, Swarigen (2), Tighe (5), Wall (6) and Clyde (8); Kale, Panicaro (6) and Ferguson (8).
WP: Kale (1-2). LP: Hardison (0-1). 2B: Jutkiewicz (IR), Roberson (IR), Platt (IR), Jobe (IR), Reid (CF), Gutteriez (CF), Penate (CF), Masa (CF), Smith (CF), Simmons (CF). 3B: none. HR: Durden (IR), Roberson (IR), Jobe (IR), Gutteriez (CF).
Records: Indian River 2-3, Central Florida 3-2.

JUNIOR COLLEGE BASEBALL

16 hits not enough for Pioneers

From staff reports

The Indian River Community College baseball team had 16 hits Monday, but could not get the runners around in an 11-4 loss to St. Petersburg College.

Andrew Durden went 3-for-5, Brandt Martin went 2-for-3 and Chris Trappy hit a two-run home run for Indian River (6-9).

St. Petersburg is 11-5.

Indian River plays host to Central Florida CC at 3 p.m. Friday.

St. Petersburg 11, Indian River 4

St. Petersburg 200 022 023-11 14 2
Indian River 020 100 001- 4 16 1

Walters, Ludlow (7) and Papa; Kennedy, Wall (5), Peterson (6), Kitchen (8) and Trappy, Martin (4). WP: Walters (3-0). LP: Kennedy (1-1). 2B: Sanchez (IR), Hardy (IR), Durden (IR), Martin (IR), Chester (SP), Dalles (SP), Papa (SP). 3B: Dalles (SP). HR: Trappy (IR), Gregory (SP).
Records: St. Petersburg 11-5, Indian River 6-9.

JUNIOR COLLEGE BASEBALL

Indian River routs Hillsborough

The Indian River Community College baseball team exploded for 21 hits and 16 runs as the Pioneers defeated Hillsborough 16-7 on Sunday in Tampa.

Mike Jutkiewicz had a big night with four hits, including a double and a triple and Rafael Lopez had four hits, including a home run for the Pioneers (3-4).

Chad Hardison (1-1) got the win.

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Indian River 16, Hillsborough CC 7

Indian River 125 011 204-16 21 1
Hillsborough 320 000 020- 7 10 2

WP: Hardison (1-1). LP: Bruce Pugh (1-1). 2B: Jutkiewicz (IR), Howroyd (H). 3B: Jutkiewicz (IR). HR: Lopez (IR), Warsaw (H).
Records: Indian River 3-4, Hillsborough 4-4.

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Westwood teammates settle on different junior colleges

BY ERIC PFAHLER
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FORT PIERCE — Carrie Samuel and Brittany Borchert will go from teammates to competitors.

The two Fort Pierce Westwood softball players on Tuesday signed scholarships to play for competing colleges. Samuel opted to stay at home to play for Indian River Community College, and Borchert decided to play for Lake City Community College.



Samuel



Borchert

team for a while, but it will be different to play against her," said Samuel, who will play third base at IRCC.

Borchert, who plays for the Eliminators in the offseason, said she wanted to remain in state so her parents could attend games. She will play first base.

"I love the campus," she said. "I went up in November, and they offered me a scholarship right on the spot. It was phenomenal."

Borchert said she plans to major in nursing.

"We've been on the same

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SOFTBALL

SAMUEL COMMITS TO INDIAN RIVER: Fort Pierce Westwood softball player Carrie Samuel has orally committed to play at Indian River Community College next season.

"I grew up in Fort Pierce, and I've always wanted to play on their team," Samuel said. "I've always wanted to be a part of that."

She will play third base for the Pioneers and has not decided on a major. The proximity of the campus played a big role in her decision.

"I had other colleges interested, but I wanted to stay close to home," she said.

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**IRCC pitcher
named pitcher
of the week**

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BY ROBERT LANE

Posted on YourHub.com

Indian River Community College's Lauren Varsalona



Varsalona

was announced as the Florida Community College Activities Association Softball Pitcher of the Week for the week of Feb. 11.

Varsalona of Sebastian earned three wins for The River at the Triple Crown Classic, including wins over Daytona Beach and St. Petersburg.

She tossed a complete game in a 6-0 win over Middle Georgia, striking out nine batters on Feb. 8. She was the winning pitcher in a 1-0 pitchers' duel against Daytona Beach on Feb. 9. She went the distance again, striking out six batters in a 2-1 victory over St. Petersburg on Feb. 10.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

St. News Tribune 2/13/08

IRCC pitcher earns weekly honor

Indian River Community College pitcher Lauren Varsalona was the Florida Community College Activities Association Softball Pitcher of the Week for last week.



Varsalona

Varsalona earned three wins for the Pioneers at the Triple Crown Classic, including victories against Daytona Beach and St. Petersburg. For the week, she was 3-0 with a 0.00 ERA. In 19 innings, she allowed only six hits, struck out 23 and didn't walk any batters.

On Friday, she tossed a complete game in a 6-0 win over Middle Georgia, striking out nine. The next day Varsalona earned the win in a 1-0 pitchers duel against Daytona Beach. On Sunday, she went the distance again, striking out six batters in a 2-1 victory over St. Petersburg.

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ALONG THE TREASURE COAST

JUNIOR COLLEGES

IRCC basketball team plays Broward

Ranked fifth in the state, the Indian River Community College men's basketball team puts its Southern Conference lead at stake when it plays Broward at 4 p.m. today in Fort Pierce.

The Pioneers, coached by Mike Leatherwood, are 6-1 in the conference, 18-6 overall. IRCC has a half-game lead over Miami-Dade (14-6, 5-1).

Broward is 17-7 overall, but just 2-5 in conference play. The Seahawks pushed the Pioneers to double-overtime on Jan. 23 before Indian River won 100-96.

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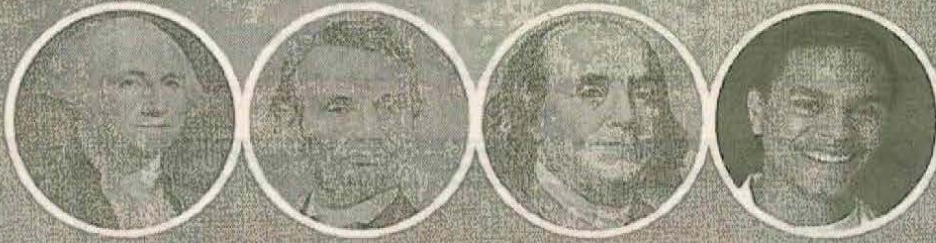
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