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Privacy rights discussion today

TCC's political science faculty will host a panel discussion at 2:30 p.m. today in Room 229 of the T.K. Wetherell History & Social Sciences Building. Today's topic will be "Are Americans losing their right to privacy?" All TCC students, faculty and staff are invited to attend. For more information, contact Rick Murgor, chairman of Political Science and Economics, at 201-8488 or email murgor@tcc.fl.edu.

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Crazy hat party honors nonprofits

By Cathy Schroeder

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

United Partners for Human Services (UPHS) hosted its sixth annual celebration Aug. 23 at the Goodwood Museum to recognize and honor area nonprofits and human service agencies in the Big Bend community. Several hundred employees and their board-of-director members came together to celebrate their efforts.

"You never know what to expect on any given day in the nonprofit world," said UPHS executive director Ana M. Villar. "That's why we encouraged our guests to wear a crazy hat celebrating the many hats they wear daily in their organization."

Many guests took the invitation to heart wearing everything from ball cap to top hat. The mood was easy and relaxed as several leaders in the community thanked members for their service.

[Tallahassee Community College](#) President Jim Murdaugh attended the event acknowledging the importance of the UPHS membership. "We want to be the partner of choice for our community. Supporting the United Partners for Human Services is one more way we are able to achieve that goal, and, in the process, help make a positive impact on the lives of individuals in our community."

TCC supported the event as its title sponsor. Other event sponsors included James Moore and Company, Strategic Benefits Group, Superior Painting and the United Way of the Big Bend.

"Our members dedicate their lives to serving others, which often means juggling several different roles to accomplish their missions," said Villar. "This gives us an opportunity once a year to recognize their everyday efforts that help build our extraordinary community."

Hundreds of middle schoolers flock to FAMU for College and Career Day

By Ashley Ames

DEMOCRAT STAFF WRITE

The chatter of more than 500 middle school students echoed through Florida A&M University's Grand Ballroom on Wednesday, as students from five Big Bend counties arrived for the second annual College and Career Day.

The event, hosted by the Florida Department of Education, FAMU and the Florida Chamber of Commerce, was held to expose the students to college, scholarship and career opportunities.

Pat Smith, communications engagement manager for the Department of Children and Families, said that the earlier a student begins to focus on his or her future, the better. This is especially true for the middle school demographic, she said.

"Everything starts in middle school," she said. "That's when young men and women really start focusing on who they are."

Students were given a checklist of 17 college and career-related displays to go to, including [Tallahassee Community College](#), the University of Florida, the Southern Scholarship Foundation and FAMU. Break-out sessions and 30-minute tours of the FAMU campus also were offered to the students, who hailed from Leon, Gadsden, Jefferson, Madison and Wakulla counties.

"You have to start making the plans, and this is the first step," said Katherine Spivey, a history and language arts teacher at Wakulla Middle School. About 60 students from WMS and River Springs Middle School had traveled from the county to be part of the event.

"The more opportunities they have to be on campus, the more aware they are of what they have to achieve at the high school level and the middle school level to get the scholarships," Spivey said.

Leslie Hernandez, a 13-year-old eighth grader from West Gadsden High School, which houses grades seven through 12, said she was enjoying the opportunity to explore the different schools. She had just returned from a UF table, where she hopes to eventually study medicine.

"I want to become a doctor," she said. "I was planning to go (to UF) as soon I get out of high school."

KEYS hosts fundraiser today

Special to the Chronicle

Keys to Exceptional Youth Success (KEYS), an organization devoted to providing educational opportunities for young adults with developmental and other disabilities, is hosting a wine-tasting fundraiser.

The event is scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. today at the home of Barry and Allison Tant Richard. It will feature a selection of fine wines, food, and silent and live auctions of items donated by individuals and area businesses. Leon County Schools Superintendent Jackie Pons has volunteered to serve as auctioneer.

Tickets are \$25 each, and all donations are tax-deductible. All proceeds will go toward tuition scholarships and other post-secondary educational opportunities for students with special needs.

"These are young adults who, without additional assistance, may not have an opportunity to continue their academic careers beyond high school," said KEYS chairwoman Allison Tant Richard. "Our mission is to make sure that opportunity is available to them. We are striving to unlock their future."

The KEYS Scholarship Committee operates under the auspices of the Foundation for Leon County Schools. Through hard work and generous contributions from the community over the past six years, KEYS has raised \$90,000, awarded 39 scholarships and provided instructional supplies to 35 vocational education students. KEYS has endowed a scholarship at [Tallahassee Community College](#) and launched the Eagle Connections Program at [Tallahassee Community College](#).

For more information about KEYS or the wine tasting, please contact Allison Tant Richard at 251-6040.

Contributions can be sent by check to KEYS c/o Foundation for Leon County Schools, 2727 W. Pensacola St., Tallahassee, FL 32304.

FSU's Army ROTC Recruiter Named Best in Nation

Florida State University

Newswise — The U.S. Army's Cadet Command has named retired Army Capt. Bob Lovins, Florida State University's Army ROTC recruiting operations officer, its 2010 Recruiting Operations Officer of the Year.

The distinction signifies that under Lovins' watch, FSU's Army ROTC program, known as the Seminole Battalion, met its mission to transform Florida State and [Tallahassee Community College](#) students into lieutenants better than any of the other 273 Army ROTC battalions.

"This award is really not about me, but about core groups of people who work together to achieve the same goal," said Lovins, who received the same national distinction in 2006.

Lovins praised the battalion's past and current military personnel, its staff of civilian employees and the cadets themselves. He also lauded Florida State's faculty and staff, and the Tallahassee community at large — groups he characterized as highly supportive of ROTC's mission.

Lovins spends a limited amount of time discussing the advantages of the ROTC with high school students at college fairs. For the most part, he focuses his recruiting efforts on the Florida State campus.

"This is the best place to recruit because the students here have already made the cut to get into Florida State," Lovins said. "I do a lot of recruiting right here in my office with assistance from the cadets who are in the program already. They are the best recruiters because they tell their peers about the training they've received in order to be able to do a certain job two or three years down the road."

When it comes to explaining the ROTC to potential recruits, Lovins tells them that being a lieutenant is the toughest job in America but also the most rewarding.

"Most officers say their favorite time in the Army was serving as a lieutenant, when they had the opportunity to lead and have a direct influence on their troops," Lovins said.

A lieutenant's first job is usually as a platoon leader, leading 40 to 50 soldiers. Most businesses in America have fewer employees than a typical 22-year-old second lieutenant manages.

"I tell potential recruits they cannot beat the experience, regardless of what their technical skill sets are," Lovins

said. "This is going to prepare them for any other challenge they will have in life. When they finish their service, they'll have a proven track record."

As platoon leaders, lieutenants also are responsible for equipment worth hundreds of thousands or millions of dollars, and the battlefield decisions they make can easily have international ramifications.

"Our lieutenants must be agile, smart and morally upright," he said.

When Lovins started at FSU in 1997, the Seminole Battalion had about 75 cadets. Despite being a nation at war, the battalion has grown to about 180 cadets.

"Young people today want to serve, at least at Florida State," he said. "There is a real sense in this student body of young people who want to make a difference. And one of the places that they can make a big difference is as a military officer."

Even though he is a tremendous advocate of ROTC, Lovins is not an ROTC alumnus.

"I was going to school in the mid-1970s at West Georgia College (now the University of West Georgia), working two jobs," he said. "I told myself, 'There has to be an easier way of doing this.' At the tail end of Vietnam, there wasn't a big emphasis on ROTC, so I went down to the recruiter and enlisted."

Lovins intended to serve three or four years of active duty and then use the GI Bill's education benefits to pay for his tuition. In January 1976, he started basic training at Fort Ord, Calif., and unexpectedly fell in love with the Army. After eight years of enlisted time, he went to Officer Candidate School. Nearly 35 years later, Lovins has earned two Associate of Arts degrees (general studies, German), a bachelor's degree with a double major (history, political science), and two master's degrees (history, philosophy). Currently, he is working toward a doctorate in history from Florida State.

"The Army paid for my education in one shape, form or fashion," he said. "I wound up achieving my objective, just not in the way I imagined. As an academic adviser to the Seminole Battalion cadets, I try to return some small portion of all the Army has done for me."

Our Opinion: Best and Brightest

Coming up this school year is the lucky seven for Leon County's Best and Brightest awards, a rocking competition that last May honored 156 seniors from the county's public and private high schools, and has honored hundreds more students since 2006.

Honoring these young people in such a positive way has become, in the words of Ron Sachs, a "game changer" and high-school tradition that's also handed down from sibling to sibling in many families.

Sponsored by Envision Credit Union, Ron Sachs Communications and the Tallahassee Democrat, Credit Union 24 and NoPetro, Best and Brightest has grown to be a tournament of stars who may or may not win glory in athletics but are hands-down MVPs when it comes to mixing academic proficiency with community service.

At Thursday morning's kick-off breakfast at Envision, high-school administrators were the ones who got the pep talk. Laura Rogers, director of World Class Schools of Leon County Inc., a program of the Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce, laid out the ground rules for this year's competition, from its Feb. 1 deadline to the May 16 awards ceremony at Ruby Diamond Concert Hall.

In addition to the leadership skills they learn, Best and Brightest student winners have earned a total of a quarter of a million dollars in college scholarships over the years. Scholarships of \$1,500, \$750 and \$500 are given to the top three winners in each of 15 academic-service areas for the higher education institution of the students' choice.

Spontaneously on Thursday, and to build enthusiasm for

Tallahassee Community College, President Jim Murdaugh and Financial Aid Director Bill Spires bumped up the amounts of TCC's own scholarship offers to \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$750 for each of two years at the college.

The awards and scholarships allow students to choose and compete in one of these 15 categories: art, athletics, business, career/technical, drama and performing arts, English and language arts, foreign language, journalism and media productions, leadership, mathematics, music, public speaking, science and health, social sciences, and technology.

A 500-word essay contest with cash prizes, new last year, will continue this school year for eighth-graders. It is meant to help them focus on the importance of citizen involvement and service to their school and community.

"We talk a lot about leadership," said Leon County Schools Superintendent Jackie Pons, "but leaders are developed, and this plays a vital role in giving children an opportunity to participate as leaders."

Our community really is the beneficiary of these great kids — in their winning, but also in their striving.

Through Best and Brightest, they expand their academic years and interests into what many of them have expressed over the years as the satisfaction and unexpected good fun of service to others.

If they happen to win a scholarship in the process, so much the better.

For more information, go to www.TheBestAndBrightestAwards.com.

Good to Great event opens TCC to community

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - [Tallahassee Community College](#) is hosting a special community event this Saturday, September 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is called Good to Great, or G2G, and is an opportunity for local community members to explore the many programs and services the College offers.

There will be a wide variety of activities for all ages. It includes performances by the TCC Concert & Jazz Band, the African Drum and Dance Ensemble and the Big Bend Woodwind Quintet. There will also be a sneak peek of Theatre TCC's upcoming Zombie Prom production. Workshops will be offered on everything from the basics of math, Sudoku and DIY home repairs to social media, customer service best practices and computer programming. Activities for kids include a marine invertebrates touch tank, Water Rocket Launches and basketball and softball camps.

The G2G event developed organically, with TCC employees coming up with the concept, designing the activities and organizing the schedule. "Good to great" is a theme emphasized by Dr. Jim Murdaugh since he became president of TCC last year and that concept inspired April White, assistant to the vice president for Academic Affairs, to find a way to share that message with the local community.

"I'm very excited about how this event has come together," said Murdaugh. "Every day we see great things happening at TCC. Good to Great will be an excellent showcase for the College and a lot of fun too."

TCC's Ghazvini Center for Healthcare Education Now Open

Tallahassee Community College's Ghazvini Center for Healthcare Education has opened its doors and has been serving students for Fall 2011 semester. Located at 1528 Surgeons Drive, the Ghazvini Center is centrally located in the heart of Tallahassee's burgeoning medical corridor.

TCC broke ground on the 85,000 square foot facility in March 2009. Now, just short of two-and-a-half years later, class is in session.

With the exception of the dental program, all of TCC's health care programs have relocated to the Ghazvini Center, including diagnostic medical sonography, emergency medical services, nursing, radiologic technology and respiratory care.

Students working towards a health information specialist certificate will also call the Ghazvini Center home. The program prepares students for employment as entry-level healthcare information specialists or to provide supplemental training for persons previously or currently employed in related health record occupations.

Accompanied by cutting-edge technology - a staple of the Ghazvini Center - students' training will include responding to emergencies in simulated real-time settings. The Ghazvini Center also houses classrooms, conference rooms, a library, laboratory space, a simulation center and administrative offices for TCC's Division of Health Care Professions.

Equally important for TCC, the completion of the Ghazvini Center will enable the College to increase its enrollment capacity in health care programs by close to 100 percent over the next five years. To support this initiative, the TCC Foundation's Healthcare Provision and Excellence Campaign continues to seek investments for facilities, state-of-the-art technology, student support services, scholarships and more.

For more information on the Healthcare Provision and Excellence Campaign, please contact Robin Johnston at (850) 201-8580 or johnstor(at)tcc(dot)fl(dot)edu.

The grand opening of the Ghazvini Center for Healthcare Education will take place Thursday, September 8.

Ghazvini Center for Healthcare Education Timeline

February 2005 – Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare provides 14.5 acre gift of land that will become the eventual site of the Ghazvini Center

January 2006 – TCC receives a large gift from the Ghazvini Family

March 2009 – TCC breaks ground on the Ghazvini Center

August 2011 – The Ghazvini Center for Healthcare Education opens for class

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TCC gets community involved

Tallahassee, Fla. (WTXL) --Tallahassee Community College leaders are hoping to get more local residents involved in the college.

The Good to Great event held Saturday gave folks a chance to see first hand the types of programs and classes available at the college.

Solar farm to bring jobs to Gadsden County

By Ashley Ames

DEMOCRAT STAFF WRITER

The sun shone brightly on the steps of the old Capitol Monday morning as James Scrivener, CEO of National Solar Power, revealed Gadsden County as the chosen site of the company's first solar farm.

"Our search for the best location to build one of the world's largest solar farms is over," he said.

The planned 2 million solar-panel farm will be made up of 20 different farms. It will generate enough energy to power approximately 32,000 homes, Scrivener said.

It also will create an anticipated 400 jobs during construction and 120 permanent jobs in a county that has an unemployment rate of almost 11 percent.

"I think you'll see it in education, I think you are going to see it in other opportunities related to economic development," said David Gardner, executive director of the Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce, of the impact the farm could have on the community. "It puts us on the map in a positive way."

One of the farms will be built on land owned by [Tallahassee Community College](#). TCC President Jim Murdaugh, credited with being one of the key players in getting the solar farm in North Florida, said that offering up the land helped the company begin to form serious plans.

"They knew they had places to begin to locate the farms," Murdaugh said. "What really put it over the edge was our conversation about how we would leverage our resources — our classroom buildings, our technology — and use that to create a place where we could do solar education."

Murdaugh said that for him, one of the most important aspects of the solar farm was the creation of jobs in the area.

"I believe what we do as a college very well is partner and support our counties in their economic development activities," he said.

Rep. Alan Williams, D-Tallahassee, who also represents Gadsden County, high-fived those who had worked to get the farm in Gadsden County. Rep. Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda, D-Tallahassee, and Gadsden County Superintendent of Schools Reginald James also were present and pleased with the announcement.

The company hopes to begin construction in the first quarter of 2012, Scrivener said.

"The jobs that we create will be based on a profitable, privately funded, clean energy endeavor that transforms solar power into electricity and sells it to the electric companies," he said.

The Melbourne-based company had narrowed down potential sites for the farm — originally including communities in Georgia and North Carolina — to Gadsden, Hardee, Osceola and Suwannee counties.

Along with the support of the region, local government and large, usable tracts of land, Scrivener said that Gadsden County's proximity to the university and college systems made it particularly appealing.

"We were very interested in the opportunity to be near a great team of higher education resources in Florida State University, Florida A&M University and [Tallahassee Community College](#)," he said. Scrivener added that the amount of support demonstrated helped with the decision.

"The thing that tipped the scale was probably the level of support at the community level that we did not anticipate," he said. "From the schools, from the school board, from individual principals and individuals within the county — it was overwhelming, frankly."

Scrivener said that the company plans to continue talks with the other counties, mentioning Hardee County in particular.

"We expect to have another positive announcement soon about our project plans there," he said.

Florida Lands One of World's Largest Solar Power Farms

By Dave Heller

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- One of the largest solar farms in the world is coming to Florida and will create hundreds of jobs.

A cheer went up at the state Capitol on Monday as National Solar Power announced it will build a \$1.5 billion solar farm in Gadsden County.

The project will create more than 400 construction jobs and 120 permanent jobs paying an average salary of \$40,000 a year.

National Solar Power, based in Melbourne, Florida, plans to build a 400-megawatt solar farm that's expected to generate enough electricity to power about 32,000 homes.

The company will sell its electricity to utilities. It has already landed a contract with Progress Energy and is negotiating with other power companies.

In Jacksonville, JEA is currently using a 100-acre farm north of Baldwin that, according to spokesperson Gerri Boyce, produces 12 megawatts.

National Solar Power CEO James Scrivener says the project puts Florida on the map in the development of clean energy.

"This is all possible as a result of many things happening within the energy marketplace, namely the reduction in price of components of solar and also our ability to sell the energy at a competitive market price."

National Solar Power also considered Hardee County, as well as sites in Florida, Georgia and North Carolina, for a solar farm. The company says it continues to negotiate with Hardee County and expects to have an announcement soon about a project there.

"The communities that we visited all remain viable options for us to continue to building as we grow our business. Namely among those, Hardee County. We've gotten into very detailed discussions with Hardee County and we expect to have another positive announcement soon about our project plans there."

The \$1.5 billion investment coming to Gadsden County was an economic prize that Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director David Gardener had worked tirelessly to win.

The announcement left him feeling exhilarated and exhausted.

"Somebody pinch me. I feel like we've run the marathon and we're here and this is going to be such a game changer for this region."

The Gadsden County solar farm will be the company's first project. It will be constructed over five years on at least 20 different sites. Each site will have a 20-megawatt facility.

Scrivener said Gadsden County won the competition because it was able to offer the company plenty of undeveloped land that could meet the infrastructure needs of the solar farm.

He said access to a qualified workforce was another key factor. As part of the project, National Solar Power will develop a small-scale solar farm at [Tallahassee Community College](#) to train students to work on the company's solar farms.

TCC President Dr. Jim Murdaugh said solar power is expected to supply half of the world's energy needs by the year 2060.

Florida's Gadsden County, "Big Bend" Region Win Southeast's Largest Solar Farm Project

National Solar Power announces \$1.5 billion 400 MW project to boost jobs, economy

National Solar Power today announced the company will build the Southeast's largest solar farm in Gadsden County, Florida – generating hundreds of new jobs and pouring \$1.5 billion in economic investment into the region.

"Gadsden County was chosen for this significant project for many reasons, including its great year-round climate, strong community leadership, incredibly inviting regional support and the strong potential for future economic growth," said James Scrivener, CEO of National Solar Power.

Along with the large solar farm planned for Gadsden County, Scrivener added that the other geographic areas the company considered in Florida, Georgia and North Carolina as a possible home for the solar farm project have excellent sites and will be considered for future expansion of solar farms. The company continues to have talks with representatives in those communities. However, discussions are most advanced in Hardee County, Florida. In the near future, plans include making an announcement about establishing a meaningful solar project in Hardee County.

In the end, Gadsden County won the nod for the large 400 MW farm because of the overall positives it demonstrated. Scrivener praised Gadsden County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director David Gardner for his "tireless work" to promote the county; Dr. Jim Murdaugh, president of [Tallahassee Community College](#), for leadership that tipped the decision to Gadsden; and Florida Gov. Rick Scott, who strongly encouraged the company to invest its resources for this historic project in Florida.

"Governor Scott and his team played an instrumental role in securing this project for Florida and persuaded us that the Sunshine State deserved to win the right to host our exciting solar project – and it's a real bonus that this is our home state, too," said Scrivener.

In a statement, Governor Scott welcomed the project to Florida.

"It's great to see innovative companies like National Solar Power choose to make their headquarters in Florida," said Governor Scott. "It's only fitting that America's "Sunshine

State" shines brightest in attracting this significant economic engine to make its home here."

Once the appropriate local and state permitting process is completed, the first phase of the project is expected to be up and running within six months of breaking ground. Hensel Phelps Construction Co., a world leader in construction that rebuilt the Pentagon after the 9-11 attacks in 2001, will design, build and operate the solar farms for National Solar Power.

National Solar Power estimates the project will create 400 jobs during the five-year construction phase and up to 120 permanent operations jobs. National Solar Power expects each farm segment will have a three-person maintenance crew, an engineer and security personnel and estimates the permanent operations jobs will have an average salary of about \$40,000 per year.

A minimum of 20 farms will be built on 200-acre sites at a cost of \$70 million each – injecting hundreds of millions of dollars in the North Florida community.

During a news conference to announce the Gadsden County Solar Farm project, Scrivener outlined a partnership National Solar Power is establishing with [Tallahassee Community College](#) (TCC) to create a solar energy educational and training center at TCC's Gadsden County campus – featuring a 2 MW utility scale solar farm. That anchoring element of the project and Dr. Murdaugh's leadership on behalf of the "Big Bend" region were integral in National Solar Power's decision to choose Gadsden County for the massive project.

"National Solar Power is making a strong commitment to education in our area – not only with the establishment of the solar farm on our campus but also with the jobs that will be created in Gadsden County and the economic development benefits that will flow to help Gadsden County's schools, students and residents," said TCC President, Dr. Jim Murdaugh. "It is projected that by 2060, solar energy will meet half of all the world's energy needs. When you realize that, it makes sense to partner with National Solar Power to provide our students with the kind of education and training that will be available at the TCC-Gadsden Solar Farm."

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It is estimated National Solar Power's planned 400-megawatt farm will be capable of providing enough renewable energy to power roughly 32,000 homes.

National Solar Power is negotiating with multiple large financial institutions and private equity investors to provide project financing. The company has entered into an agreement with Progress Energy Florida and is having discussions with other potential customers to purchase power generated by the Gadsden County solar farm project. In total, National Solar Power expects to use 4,000 acres of property across the region for the 400-megawatt solar farm project.

Along with the agreement with Progress Energy Florida, National Solar Power has executed power supply agreements for more than 3,000 Megawatts of Solar Farms in the Southeastern United States. National Solar Power anticipates much of the power produced by the solar farm project will be used for peak shaving -- particularly energy production that will occur during the summer months.

A market leader in utility scale solar power solutions, National Solar Power is uniquely positioned within the marketplace to offer cost effective solar power solutions on the utility scale. With more than 30 years of industry experience, National Solar Power's founders have been involved in the solar and utility energy marketplace and witnessed renewable energy gaining in popularity and affordability. Learn more about National Solar Power at www.natlsolar.com.main content

Gaines St. will feature FAMU banners, too

By Gerald Ensley

DEMOCRAT SENIOR WRITER

Don't worry. There will be Florida A&M banners along Gaines Street, as well as downtown.

Some residents worried earlier this month when light poles along newly remodeled Gaines Street sprouted banners celebrating Florida State football — but there were none for FAMU. Critics noted one of the goals of the Gaines Street remodeling, which still has two more phases of construction, was to emphasize the link between the two universities.

But Tola Thompson, FAMU's vice president for governmental relations, said his school was offered the same opportunity as FSU to put up banners before the football season began. He said FAMU got caught up with other matters but expects to complete design of its banners this week. Thompson said he hopes to have FAMU banners installed in a couple of weeks, possibly in time for FAMU's homecoming game on Oct. 8.

"We'd already been approached (by the city) before FSU's banners went up and we were working on it," Thompson said Monday. "We got calls (about the lack of FAMU banners) from concerned alumni and community folks; that actually has lighted a fire under us to get them designed and get them up."

FSU put up its banners the week before its first home football game on Sept. 3. The banners are on lights poles along Gaines, Monroe and Adams streets. They feature images of a Seminole football helmet or the Indian warrior Osceola or Osceola atop Renegade.

The banners were the brainstorm of Jerry Kutz, Seminole Boosters' vice president of marketing and communications, who said his organization was trying to reinvigorate a "game day" atmosphere for football weekends in Tallahassee.

"Back in the 1970s and 1980s, when you came to Tallahassee on fall weekends, you knew there was a football game in town," Kutz said. "Over the last X-number of years, (football weekends) became more corporate and less festive."

Kutz took his idea to Jay Townsend, an assistant city manager, and asked Townsend to invite FAMU and [Tallahassee Community College](#) to participate. Townsend agreed and now each school will be permitted to post 40 single banners on Gaines Street and 13 double banners on both Monroe and Adams streets.

FPSI Executive Director E.E. Eunice Announces New Appointments at FPSI

Reporter: TCC Release

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (September 28, 2011) –

E.E. Eunice, executive director at [Tallahassee Community College's](#) Florida Public Safety Institute (FPSI), has filled two newly-created positions at the Gadsden County-based facility.

Bill Bierbaum has been named Director of Certificate Programs while Kim Allen has been selected as the Director of Continuing Education.

"Due to the expansion (of FPSI) in the past several years and the many programs offered at the facility, these positions were added to help facilitate the organizational structure," said Eunice.

Bierbaum will oversee the law enforcement, corrections and fire certificate programs and will also supervise all full-time and adjunct instructors assigned to those programs.

According to Eunice, Bierbaum was selected based on his outstanding track record as the law enforcement coordinator at FPSI's Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy, as well as his many years of service to the community in law enforcement. Bierbaum completed his bachelor's degree at Troy State University and his MPA at Florida State University.

As Director of Continuing Education, Allen will oversee all advanced and specialized training courses, as well as FPSI's various grant programs.

FPSI currently offers over 70 specialized and advanced training courses each year to local, county and state law enforcement agencies that FPSI serves. In addition, FPSI administers more than \$21 million in grants that offers advanced training in traffic crash investigation and other associated training programs for law enforcement.

"She (Allen) was selected for this role based on her extensive background at FPSI as the specialized and advanced training coordinator," added Eunice.

Like Bierbaum, Allen will also supervise all full-time and adjunct instructors assigned to those programs.

Allen has also enjoyed a successful career at the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, where she helped oversee the design of the curriculum for law enforcement training. Allen has a bachelor's degree from Florida State University.

Club 25 Scholarships Awarded at TCC

Reporter: TCC Release

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (September 30, 2011) -

The members of the Club 25 organization just made it easier for four "returning women" to continue pursuing their dreams of earning a college degree.

Four [Tallahassee Community College](#) students were each awarded a \$500.00 scholarship which was made possible through the donations of the members of Club 25 to the TCC Foundation's Educate a Woman program.

Rising educational costs make it very difficult for many college students to make ends meet. Managing school, a job, a family and other responsibilities can add to the stress. Financial assistance provided through scholarships can be very welcome indeed. The four scholarship recipients are women who graduated from high school some years ago, and each was unable to further her education until recently.

Rebecca Wells Green, a 1990 high school graduate, works full-time while raising two children as a single parent. She views herself as a lifelong learner and hopes that a college degree will enhance her chances for promotion in her job.

Aeryn Davis-Batiste, a 1997 graduate, came to Tallahassee from New Orleans after her family was forced to evacuate and their home was ruined by Hurricane Katrina. A married mother of two, Aeryn plans to attend law school and assist others who have suffered from some sort of disaster.

Lisette Morales, a 2008 graduate, is majoring in accounting and plans to become a tax accountant. Her personal goal is to help people and change lives for the better.

Elizabeth Studley, a 1997 graduate, will earn an A.S. degree in dental hygiene. She finds the healthcare industry rewarding and enjoys working with people. The Club 25 scholarship was a welcome award for each of them, as they work hard to finish their college degrees.

All four scholarship recipients have maintained outstanding academic records despite the demands of full-time work, school and other life challenges.

Club 25 president Joanne Brown said, "As women who have been recognized as leaders in our community, it makes us proud to be able to help other women reach their education goals for a brighter future ahead."

Club 25 members are women who were selected for the Tallahassee Democrat's "25 Women You Need to Know" honor during the past four years. Their focus on service to the community through financial contributions and donated items has provided significant support for nonprofit organizations assisting women and girls.

TCC's Educate a Woman Scholarship program is just one of their ongoing community projects.

Gadsden County wins solar farm

By TRICIA COLLINS

TIMES STAFF WRITER

National Solar Power announced on Monday, Sept. 26, the company will build the Southeast's largest solar farm in Gadsden County. The project is expected to generate hundreds of new jobs and create a \$1.5 billion economic investment in the region.

"Gadsden County was chosen for this significant project for many reasons, including its great year-round climate, strong community leadership, incredibly inviting regional support and the strong potential for future economic growth," said James Scrivener, CEO of National Solar Power.

In the end, Gadsden County won the nod for the large 400 MW farm because of the overall positives it demonstrated. Scrivener praised Chamber of Commerce Executive Director David Gardner for his "tireless, dedicated work" in promoting the county and Dr. Jim Murdaugh, president of [Tallahassee Community College](#), for leadership that tipped the decision to Gadsden. TCC will create a solar energy educational and training center on the Gadsden campus that will feature a 2 MW utility scale solar farm.

During the announcement on the Capitol steps Gadsden's Chamber of Commerce Executive Director David Gardner, who was visibly relieved to have landed the National Solar project, gave special acknowledgement to Gadsden County Commission Chairwoman Sherrie Taylor for her outstanding work on behalf of the project. He also thanked all the County Commissioners for their support and he thanked his wife, Noreen, for her fortitude and understanding during the tension-filled wait.

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FAMU distributes 500 game tickets to TCC students

By St. Clair Murraine

DEMOCRAT STAFF WRITER

FAMU has taken another step to improve attendance for home games, reaching out to [Tallahassee Community College](#).

Starting with Saturday's game, FAMU sent a batch of 500 tickets through Department of Campus Life to make available for TCC students.

Angela Suggs, assistant athletic director of marketing and development, said the initiative also will help in recruiting students from the two-year school who might want to continue their education.

"They don't have a football team so they can come and be Rattler fans" Suggs said. "FAMU is getting more into the community."

FAMU golf coach Marvin Green and faculty member William Harrison were key players in working out the deal with TCC.

FAMU already has a tradition in recruiting former TCC student-athletes, especially in softball, basketball and baseball, the only sports played at TCC. Football also benefitted last season when receiver Brian Tyms came from TCC.

Tyms had three catches for 52 yards, including a 23-yard touchdown in the third quarter that gave the Rattlers a 13-0 lead.

Dining in the Dark

A new way of looking at things

By Jordan Culver

DEMOCRAT STAFF WRITER

The Lighthouse of the Big Bend is giving new meaning to the phrase, "I can do that with my eyes closed."

During Sunday's Annual Paula Bailey Dining in the Dark benefit, one of the agency's main fundraisers, diners got a glimpse of life for a visually impaired person while eating in complete darkness. Waiters were replaced with members of the Leon County Sheriff's Office SWAT team who wore night-vision goggles and served a full dinner.

Once inside the dining hall, there was no way to see.

Diners were led in human trains, hands on each other's shoulders, by SWAT team members. After sitting down they got to utilize the training they received about 20 minutes prior to the benefit and tried to go from salad to dessert without spilling anything.

"Food doesn't taste like it feels," said Vickie Horne, who was one of the first diners to be seated. "It's something entirely new; I didn't know it would be like this."

The organization is looking to open the community's eyes to the daily struggles of those with visual impairments.

Norine Labitzke, a retired nurse who lost her sight 12 years ago after a stroke, said life without sight was something she wasn't expecting.

But she learned to adjust.

The Lighthouse of the Big Bend provided help and she realizes now how capable she still is.

"I was deeply depressed," she confessed. "I couldn't even get around my house because I would fall or bump into things. I felt terribly isolated. I kept thinking since I lost my sight very suddenly that it would come back just as suddenly."

Labitzke said after hearing a story from Paula Bailey — the event's namesake — she learned to make the most of her situation. She said she's perfectly capable of doing everything she did before losing her sight, except drive.

"I'm very busy," Labitzke said. "I was a registered nurse in pediatrics, but mommies don't want a blind nurse giving babies their shots. I still do mental-health practice. I'm very active in volunteer work in the community.

"I mentor a second-grader every week," she said. "You name it, I'm out every day." Barbara Ross, the executive director for the Lighthouse, said she originally had the idea for Dining in the Dark after reading about a similar event in Switzerland. She said simulating total darkness and finding ways to make sure people don't "cheat" is hard. But they've put together a solid event.

"We make it so the ballroom is literally pitch-black dark," she said. "You cannot see your hand in front of your face. Your eyes are no longer working. That's what happens when you're blind. Some other events and restaurants use blindfolds, but we've found that allows sighted people to cheat."

Ross announced after the dinner the event raised \$34,000.

Assistant SWAT Team Leader Charlie Strickland said the event works in two ways.

"This gives people a new way of looking at things," he said. "It also provides some great training for the guys out here because moving in night vision messes with depth perception. We get to train without pointing guns at people."

Wearing the goggles also provides an additional perk.

"It's always fun to watch certain people bumping into something they didn't know was there," Strickland said.

The host of the event, [Tallahassee Community College](#) President Jim Murdaugh, said the event also is a way to raise awareness for programs for the visually impaired at TCC.

Ross said this event will hopefully dispel the fear of blindness.

"I want people to lose their fear of blindness," he said. "Everyone seems to be terrified of going blind. They think if you lose your sight you've lost your life and you can no longer do anything.

"That's not true," Murdaugh added. "Hopefully, by going through Dining in the Dark, people realize it's not that bad."

Campus Notes

Career Center helps with internship

TCC graduate Adam LaRose, now a senior at Florida State University, recently utilized TCC Career Center resources to obtain an internship at the Tallahassee office of U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson.

This past summer, LaRose had the opportunity to work closely with Nelson's staff, address constituent concerns and facilitate special events.

The internship with Nelson's office was the perfect fit for the political science major, providing LaRose with the opportunity to complement his passion for politics and academic excellence.

Tallahassee Lawyer to Head Florida College System

A Tallahassee bond lawyer is the new chancellor of the Florida College System.

Reporter: Associated Press

Statement By:

EDUCATION COMMISSIONER GERARD ROBINSON

Regarding appointment of Randy Hanna as Chancellor of the Florida College System

"I am pleased to announce the appointment of Randy Hanna as the new Chancellor of the Florida College System, effective November 14, 2011. Randy has a tremendous higher education background where he previously served as Chair of the Florida State Board of Community Colleges, Chair of the Florida College System Foundation and member of [Tallahassee Community College's](#) governing board. He is currently a member of the Board of Trustees for the University of West Florida. I am excited to welcome him to the DOE team and am confident his extensive higher education experience, combined with his broad knowledge of Florida's government, will lead to significant successes for our colleges in the years ahead.

"Additionally, I would like to thank Dr. Will Holcombe for his years of service as Chancellor of the Florida College System. Despite announcing his retirement more than a year ago, Will graciously agreed to continue guiding our colleges through these turbulent economic times until a suitable replacement could be found. He has been a true advocate for the vital role our colleges play in our economy and has helped maintain an open access policy that has made the Florida College System the primary access point to postsecondary education in our state. I wish him much happiness in his retirement, and have no doubt he will continue to be an outspoken supporter of Florida's colleges."

Tallahassee, FL (AP) - A Tallahassee bond lawyer is the new

chancellor of the Florida College System.

Education Commissioner Gerard Robinson named Randy Hanna to the post Friday.

Hanna will succeed Will Holcomb, who is retiring, on Nov. 14.

The system includes 28 community and state colleges.

He is former chairman of the Tallahassee Area Chamber of Commerce and has served on several higher education boards.

Hanna's currently on the University of West Florida Board of

Trustees.

He also has served on Florida A&M University's board and chaired

the now-defunct State Board of Community Colleges.

Hanna has a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida, an

MBA from Emory University and law degree from Florida State

University.

Holcombe has been chancellor for four years. Before that he was

president of Broward College.

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Model U.N. at SFC gives students taste of diplomacy

BY CINDY SWIRKO

STAFF WRITER

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu burst into the United Nations Security Council on Saturday to announce that, in the interest of his country's safety, military action is planned in neighboring lands that Israel views as its ancestral homeland.

Florida Model UN

Well, sort of.

It was actually a student impersonating Netanyahu, and it was at the Florida Model United Nations conference at Santa Fe College.

The event drew about 200 students from Florida colleges and universities to debate critical issues as if they were representatives of countries at the U.N.

"We provide college students an educational experience that simulates the real goings-on of the international community based on the organizational model of the actual United Nations," said Florida State University senior Nathaniel Johnston, acting as secretary general of the event. "It exposes them to learning about different issues going on in the world.

"When the students come, they are not representing their personal stances, they are representing the positions of a country," Johnston said.

Among the issues debated were the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, sustainable urban development and organ trafficking. Similar conferences are held throughout the U.S.

Just after the Netanyahu announcement, for example, security council members debated potential responses in a parliamentary fashion.

China, Lebanon and other countries demanded authorization for a military response.

"What we need right now is to attack. They have declared war. They have stated themselves there is no other option," said Tallahassee Community College student Obiobodo Onyeozili, representing Lebanon.

Countered Marilyn Dwyer, another TCC student, representing the U.S.: "It is not too late. We need to come up with other options so that it doesn't turn into all-out war."

Representing themselves, Dwyer, Onyeozili and other students said the event was an opportunity to learn about issues, hone their debating skills, network and meet others interested in world affairs.

Simon Persico, an SFC student, said he has participated in previous conferences and enjoys being able to debate issues.

"It's difficult to have serious discussions about meaningful issues in a casual environment. When you come here, you get that chance," Persico said. "And everyone likes the competitive side of it."

Dwyer added that the Model United Nations forces participants to argue an issue from perspectives that may be different from their own or that of their country.

Many of the students who attend are majoring in political science or international affairs. But some are off that track. FSU student Lety Mora is a theater major.

"I think because of my major, I'm not as worried about speaking and I'm more confident," she said. "I'm planning to go to law school, and this will help prepare me for that."

Fitch Rates Leon County-Tallahassee, FL Blueprint 2000 \$37MM Sales Tax Revs at 'AA'; Outlook Stable

By Fitch Ratings

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Fitch Ratings has assigned an 'AA' rating to the following Leon County - City of Tallahassee Blueprint 2000 Intergovernmental Agency, Florida's (the agency) bonds:

--\$37.4 million sales tax revenue refunding bonds, series 2011.

The bonds are expected to sell during the week of Oct. 24, 2011, via competition. Proceeds will advance refund a portion of the outstanding sales tax revenue bonds, series 2003.

In addition, Fitch affirms the following ratings:

--\$59.2 million outstanding sales tax revenue bonds at 'AA'.

The Rating Outlook is Stable.

SECURITY

The bonds are secured by a pledge of 80% of the one-cent local option infrastructure sales tax received by the county and the city.

KEY RATING DRIVERS

Solid Debt Service Coverage: Sales tax collections have stabilized after declines attributable to the recent economic downturn. The agency does not have plans for future leveraging of the security.

Economic Stability: A mature area dominated by government and higher education employers provides a deep economic base and helps mitigate potential volatility in sales tax revenues.

Sound Fiscal Management: The agency has consistently demonstrated positive operating margins. High reserve levels are expected to diminish over time as the agency allocates available funds for future capital projects.

CREDIT PROFILE

The agency was created by an interlocal agreement between the city and the county to provide the project management structure for a 15-year capital improvement program known as Blueprint 2000. The agency is governed by a board of directors, consisting

of five county commissioners (each having seven votes) and seven city commissioners (each having five votes). The agency is responsible for planning, constructing, and financing the Blueprint 2000 program, which includes projects for transportation and stormwater improvements. The interlocal agreement does not terminate until the bonds fully mature, and the agency cannot declare bankruptcy.

The sales tax revenue bonds are secured by the agency's share of the one-cent local option infrastructure sales tax levied in the county. Pursuant to the interlocal agreement, the city and county have pledged 80% of their 50% shares of the tax proceeds to the agency to secure the bonds and pay the costs of the Blueprint 2000 projects. Dedicated sales tax payments are deposited directly to the agency by the state, as opposed to passing through the city and the county, limiting potential interruptions in the receipt of the tax. The sales tax has been levied since 1989, and in November 2000, voters approved an extension of the tax for Blueprint 2000 projects by a comfortable margin, with 63% voter approval. The extension began in 2004 when the original sales tax expired and continues through 2019, a few months past final maturity of the bonds.

The additional bonds test is satisfactory, requiring that pledged sales tax revenue during any 12 consecutive months of the 24 months immediately preceding the issuance of additional bonds must equal 1.25 times (x) maximum annual debt service (MADS) for all outstanding bonds and the additional bonds proposed to be issued. The reserve account equals to the least of 10% of bond proceeds, MADS, or 125% of average annual debt service. The series 2003 surety will be amended to include the current issue. There has never been a requirement to cash fund this surety. The series 2007 bonds have a cash funded reserve.

Both fiscal 2010 and 2009 revenues provided 1.8x MADS coverage, as reduced retail sales lowered coverage slightly from 2.0x prior to the economy's decline. Overall, revenue growth has been consistent, increasing an average of 2% annually since fiscal 1998, despite a 12.3% revenue decline from fiscal 2007 to fiscal 2010. There are indications of a cessation of the recent drop, as pledged

Fitch Rates Leon County-Tallahassee, FL Blueprint 2000 \$37MM Sales Tax Revs at 'AA'; Outlook Stable....

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revenues have trended positively throughout nearly all of the past year when measured on a year-over-year basis. Fitch considers recent projections of modest annual growth in future sales tax revenues to be realistic.

Fitch's expectation that MADS coverage will remain satisfactory for the rating category is buttressed by officials' statements that they do not plan to further leverage the security and are committed to maintaining at least 1.5x MADS. Coverage also holds up well to Fitch's stress tests showing 1.5x MADS coverage were fiscal 2010 sales tax levels to decline an additional 17.3%.

The fiscal 2012 - 2016 capital improvement plan totals \$117.6 million. Funding will include annual sales tax appropriations ranging from \$2.8 million to \$6.2 million, which Fitch believes is attainable based on the agency's historical revenue pattern. Additional funding is available from existing surplus grant revenues.

Financial operations have consistently been conservative, with positive operating margins since at least fiscal 2005. A significant portion of agency expenditures fund capital projects, allowing flexibility should sales tax collections decline. The very high \$59.6 million fiscal 2010 unreserved fund balance will decline in the upcoming years as the agency allocates funds for capital projects. Operating expenses are minimal, allowing in Fitch's view the maintenance of reserves at modest levels. A recent reorganization of the administrative structure has not altered the agency's conservative approach to finances.

Leon County (implied GO bonds rated 'AA+' Outlook Stable by Fitch) is located in the northwest Florida Panhandle. The county is home to the capital complex in Tallahassee (implied GO rated 'AA' Outlook Stable) and three institutions of higher education: Florida State University, Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University, and [Tallahassee Community College](#). A significant public sector presence continues to lend a degree of stability to the regional economy through the current recession.

The local housing market has not exhibited the same level of stress with which many Florida communities have been inundated, experiencing minor tax base loss and foreclosure rates only slightly above the national average. The county unemployment rate of 8.9% in July, 2011 continues to trend below that of the nation and the state. Wealth levels are slightly below-average reflecting the dominance of government employment and a large student population.

Additional information is available at 'www.fitchratings.com'. The ratings above were solicited by, or on behalf of, the issuer, and therefore, Fitch has been compensated for the provision of the ratings.

In addition to the sources of information identified in Fitch's Tax-Supported Rating Criteria, this action was additionally informed by information from Creditscope, University Financial Associates, S&P/Case-Shiller Home Price Index, IHS Global Insight, Zillow.com, and the National Association of Realtors.

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Campus Notes

TALLAHASSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Dental class has 100 percent pass rate

TCC's latest class of dental assisting students have achieved a 100-percent pass rate on the Dental Assisting National Board Examination. The students graduated in July but just received their exam scores last week. According to Michele Edwards, chair of the Dental Health Programs, this is the second year out of three that TCC graduates have hit the 100-percent pass rate.

Big Bend News Briefs

TCC names new police chief

[Tallahassee Community College](#) has named former Tallahassee Police Department officer David Hendry its new chief of police. Hendry succeeds E.E. Eunice, who was recently named executive director of TCC's Florida Public Safety Institute. Monday will be Hendry's first day at TCC. Hendry has 28 years of experience in law enforcement –all with TPD, where he began his career as a patrol officer in 1983.

WCTV - October 12, 2011

Sport Business Degree Now Available on TCC's Campus

Reporter: [Tallahassee Community College](#) Release

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (October 12, 2011) -

Saint Leo University's Tallahassee campus is now offering a Bachelor of Arts degree in sport business. This new degree program is in addition to its criminal justice and psychology degree programs. Saint Leo University's Tallahassee campus is located on the main campus of [Tallahassee Community College](#) – one of TCC's five University Partners.

The sport business program prepares students to pursue careers in leadership positions in settings ranging from youth, amateur or professional sports, to recreational or college sports, and at sports governing bodies or in sports marketing positions. The course offerings will begin with the start of the spring 2012 semester.

Saint Leo University's B.A. in sport business and its online Master of Business Administration with a specialization in sport business are both accredited by the Commission on Sport Management Accreditation (COSMA), a specialized body that promotes and recognizes excellence in sport management programs at colleges and universities.

"This accreditation is a testimony that Saint Leo University is a national leader in sport business education, both at the undergraduate and graduate levels," said Dr. Eric C. Schwarz, chair and associate professor of sport business.

Both academic programs are offered through Saint Leo University's Donald R. Tapia School of Business.

Dean Michael Nastanski said students, prospective students, and employers can take confidence in knowing that COSMA reviewed and approved Saint Leo's overall approach to business education. Additionally, Saint Leo business programs are accredited by the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education.

Financial assistance is available through the Florida Resident Access Grant (FRAG) as well as federal aid programs. The FRAG is available to students who are Florida residents working on his or her first bachelor's degree and are enrolled at Saint Leo University-TCC as a full-time student.

Saint Leo offers TCC graduates and any other interested participants the opportunity to pursue an education without leaving TCC's main campus.

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**Birding and Sea
Life Field Trip**

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**North Florida
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EXCEL 2007 (2)

November 3, 6-9 p.m.

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Oct 20, 6-9 p.m.

\$20

FOREST FIELD TRIP (1) LEON SINKS

Oct 16, 1-5 p.m.

\$40

FOREST FIELD TRIP (2) WAKULLA SINKS

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