Rep. Marco A. Rubio, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, will speak at Chipola College, Thursday, Jan. 25, at 6 p.m.

Rubio’s appearance is part of the Chipola Honors Lecture Series and is co-sponsored by the Chipola FACC Chapter. The public is invited to attend.

Rubio began his two-year term as Speaker of the House in November of 2006. He has served as the House Majority Leader, the first Cuban American to hold that position in Florida’s history, and was ranked second in effectiveness during the 2003 Legislative Session by the Miami Herald.

Waste Management is continuing its long-standing partnership with Chipola by signing on to sponsor the Florida Junior College State Basketball Tournament in addition to helping the college’s academic programs.

Waste Management has served as official corporate sponsor of the tournament since 1996. The annual tournament, held in March each year, brings more than 2,000 visitors to Marianna. Tournament officials estimate an economic impact of more than $250,000 from food, lodging, recreation and incidental expenses.

Chipola College president Dr. Gene Prough said, “This is a huge undertaking which requires many volunteers and financial support. The tournament would not be possible without the generous support of Waste Management.”

In addition to sponsoring the college’s premier athletic event, Waste Management also invests in the academic programs of the college. The company has supported scholarships for first-generation college students, science majors and future teachers.

22 MONDAY
• Health Science Faculty Meeting — 11 a.m.
• Student Government Association — 2 p.m., A156
• Night Student Social — 7 p.m., D Lobby

23 TUESDAY
• Executive Council — 9 a.m., A 192
• BCM Lunch — 12 Noon, Cafeteria

24 WEDNESDAY
• Baptist Collegiate Ministries — 10 a.m., H108
• Black Student Union — 10 a.m., C104

25 THURSDAY
• Student Ambassador Leadership Conference — Arts Center
• BCM Bible Study — 2 p.m., D120
Chipola Indians lead Panhandle Conference

Chipola hosts Tallahassee in a pair of big conference match-ups on Saturday, Jan. 20, in the Milton H. Johnson Health Center. The top-ranked Chipola Indians improved to 3-0 in the Panhandle Conference and 20-0 overall with a hard-fought 76-74 win at Okaloosa-Walton on Wednesday, Jan. 17.

Jamarcus Ellis led Chipola with 26 points, 6 rebounds, 3 assists, and 3 steals. With the game tied in the final minute Ellis grabbed an offensive rebound and was fouled with 6 seconds remaining. He made both free throws to give the Indians a two-point advantage, and then stole OW’s inbound pass to secure the Chipola win.

Victor Dubovitsky had 14 points, 5 rebounds, and 3 three-pointers. Johnnie Harris scored 10 points with 8 rebounds. DeAndre Thomas added 10 points, 3 rebounds

The Indians are still the top ranked team in both the state and national polls with conference wins over Gulf Coast, OW and PJC. For the seventh-consecutive week this season, the Indians sit atop the NJCAA Division I Basketball Poll. The undefeated Indians received 158 points in this week’s NJCAA poll and 15 of 16 first place votes.

The Tallahassee men’s squad enters the game at 3-0 in league play and 18-3 overall with wins over OW, PJC and Gulf Coast. The Eagles are ranked second in the state poll.

The Chipola Lady Indians slipped to 2-2 in conference play and 14-5 overall following a 62-55 loss at Okaloosa Walton on Wednesday, Jan. 17. RaShawna Sippio led Chipola with 22 points. Gekeela Clemmons had 13.

The Lady Indians are in third place in the conference and ranked fourth in the state poll.

Tallahassee’s women (3-1) are second in the Panhandle Conference and ranked second in the state poll.


Both Chipola teams host Gulf Coast, Tuesday, Jan. 23, and OW, Tuesday, Jan. 30. Both teams travel to Pensacola on Saturday, Jan. 27.

Chipola men’s and women’s basketball games are broadcast on WJAQ (100.9). Games scheduled for Jan. 23, 30 and Feb. 21 will be broadcast on WTOT (101.7).

For the latest scores, call 718-2220.

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for his book 100 Innovative Ideas for Florida’s Future. The book was compiled by traveling around the state and gathering ideas from citizens. This was done through what Rubio calls “Idearaisers”. Ideas were also solicited on the website www.100ideas.org.

Among the ideas he has advocated are moving the Florida Primary to a week after the New Hampshire Primary, thus increasing the state’s importance in a Presidential primary. He cites the state’s importance in Presidential elections due to its status as a swing state.

He lives in Coral Gables with his wife Jeanette Dousdebes and their three children: Amanda Loren, Daniella and Anthony.

The public is invited to attend the event which will be held in Chipola’s Continuing Education Conference Center on College Street.

For information, call 718-2375.

Theatre of Illusion slated for Jan. 29

Tickets for Theatre of Illusion, the next event in the Chipola Artist Series, are now on sale in the Chipola College business office.

Theater of Illusion, a magic and illusion show, will be presented Monday, Jan. 29, at 7 p.m. in the Chipola theater.

For more than a decade, Kevin and Cindy Spencer have dazzled the world with their stage magic and breath-taking illusions. As stars of Theatre of Illusion, one of the most successful touring productions on the road today, the Spencers appear in a different city nearly every day. Audiences cross over a threshold of disbelief and are captivated moments after the pair takes the stage. The Spencers create “theatre” in the truest sense of the word and a powerful theatrical experience that audiences will never forget.

Tickets are $12 for adults and $8 for ages 18 and under.

For ticket information, call 718-2220.
Ivey Brothers return to Chipola for Honors Dance

The Ivey Brothers band will return to Chipola College for the second straight year to play “The 60 Rockin’ Years Party,” a benefit dance for the Chipola Honors Program.

The dance is set for Feb. 23 in the college Arts Center—known to locals as the old field house—the same venue where the Iveys played in 1968. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and guests can dance the night away or just reminisce with some great music.

Three brothers—Robert Ivey, Richard Ivey and Wilson Ivey—have made up the core of the group since the mid-60’s. Wilson’s son, Chase Ivey, joined the group in 2004.

The band first performed at a high school dance in 1965, and quickly progressed to college dances at Chipola, FSU, UWF and UF. Their ability to entertain with their versatile repertoire became well known in the Dothan club scene in the 70’s and 80’s. A European tour in 1977 and release of a local hit “It’s Not Worth The Pain” in 1978 made the group’s fame complete.

The Iveys have played with and backed “The Pointer Sisters,” “The Coasters,” “Jeannie Pruitt,” “Billy Crash Craddock,” and “The Platters.”

Drummer Robert Ivey is a Chipola history professor who serves as adviser to the Freshman Honors program. Math professor Bonnie Smith, who directs the program with Ivey, says, “The goal of Honors is to equip our local leaders of tomorrow with awareness and understanding which will improve the lives of our citizens. This endowment will provide resources for the many annual projects of the Honors Program.” Some 70 of the brightest students from the five-county area are enrolled in Chipola’s Honors program.

Smith said the Honors program needs support from citizens who value academics. The program brings thought-provoking speakers to campus and allows students to visit educational sites in other cities.

Dance tickets are $10 and may be purchased from any Honors student or by phoning Smith or Ivey at 526-2761. Tax-deductible gifts for the Honors Endowment also may be mailed to the Chipola College Foundation at 3094 Indian Circle, Marianna, FL 32446.

‘North Florida Light’ art exhibit opens Jan. 24

North Florida Light, a visual art exhibit by Dean Gioia, will run Jan. 24 through Feb. 4, in the Chipola College Arts Center.

An Artist Reception and Gallery Talk is set for Sunday, Feb. 4, from 1 to 3 p.m. (CST). The exhibit is sponsored by the Chipola Fine and Performing Arts Department.

Gioia lives in Tallahassee and is well known in that region for his ethereal landscapes and nocturnes. He has exhibited widely in the Southeast in a career that spans three decades.

Gioia holds a B.E.A. from Florida State University. He is a Florida Fellowship recipient and his work is in over 1,000 public and private collections including the Florida Museum of Natural History and Science, IBM, Barnett Bank, FSU, and the City of Tallahassee.

He is particularly concerned with the interpretation of light and atmosphere. His paintings incorporate these elements “to bring the viewer to a moment where perhaps a glimpse beyond the veil of normal waking consciousness is possible.”

For information, contact Joan Stadsklev, Chipola director of Fine and Performing Arts, or visit www.deangioia.com

Ward is Chipola Faculty of the Month

Chipola College mathematics professor Dr. Cherry Ward (left) accepts the January Faculty/Administrator of the month award from Dr. Lou Cleveland, Director of Mathematics, Natural Science and Education. Ward also serves as facilitator of the college’s Quality Enhancement Plan/Title III project.

Student leaders on campus Jan. 25

The Chipola College Student Ambassadors and Phi Theta Kappa members will host a Leadership Conference for the top ten seniors of each of the sixteen area high schools on Thursday, Jan. 25.

The conference will include leadership games, workshops, and free food. The students will gain valuable knowledge from speakers on a variety of leadership topics. Small group sessions will allow the students to interact with each other and Chipola students.
SCHOLARSHIPS. Applications for engineering scholarships through the Florida Engineering Society are available at the Chipola Foundation. Applicants must be enrolled in the final year of a pre-engineering program and be planning to transfer to FAMU-FSU, University of Miami or University of West Florida. Deadline to apply is February 1, 2007. Applications are also available on the web at www.fleng.org.

The Panhandle Gator Club has scholarships available for community college transfers that will be attending the University of Florida for the first time in the summer or fall of this year. The application may be obtained in A-107A or online at http://panhandle.gatorclub.com, by going to “news” and then “scholarships.”

Applications for the Bright Futures Plus Scholarship for students transferring to the UWF College of Business are available in A-107A. Applicants must be an entering Junior with an AA degree from a Florida community college, have a 3.5 GPA or higher, and be a recipient of the Bright Futures Scholarship.

SUCCESS CENTER HOURS:
Monday-Friday
8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday
5 - 7:30 p.m.

TESTING CENTER HOURS:
Monday-Thursday
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday
5 p.m.

LIBRARY HOURS:
Monday - Thursday
7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday
7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday
2-6 p.m.

TECH CENTER HOURS:
Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday
8:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Sunday
2 - 5:30 p.m.

FREE TAX PREPARATION. In order to help more local citizens get the most refund due them, Chipola business instructor Lee Shook and his student volunteers are providing free tax preparation, including free electronic filing.

The free service—for individual tax returns—will be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Fridays, Feb. 2 through April 13. Appointments are recommended.

To make an appointment, call 526-2761 x 3268.

CNA CLASS SET. Application deadline is Jan. 25 for Chipola College’s next Certiﬁed Nursing Assistant class. The six-week course begins from Jan. 29 and will meet Mondays and Wednesdays, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Applicants must complete a college application and take the TABE test.

For information, call Tracey Kitts at 718-2316.

DESIGN CONTEST. The new Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) at Chipola is holding a logo design contest open to Chipola students and staff.

The winning logo will receive a $200 cash award.

For more information and design specifications, contact Gail Hartzog at 718-2342.


The event will include squad competitions, individual competitions, and All Star exhibition routines. Admission is $5.

REPORTER TALKS IRAQ AT CHIPOLA—Lauren Davis, anchor and reporter with WTVY-TV 4 in Dothan, recently discussed her visit to Iraq with students in the Chipola College Honors program. Pictured from left are: Jicole Niemi, Tyler Land, Lauren Davis, Krystle Shelton and Buddy Clark.