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## Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down: What's hot and what's not in the news (Jan. 12)

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### THUMBS UP

**A MARTIN EDUCATION:** One of the great things about Martin County is the never-ending informational sessions about the environment, politics, growth, etc. Every presenter has his own bias, but it's great to be able to listen and get another perspective.

On Jan. 25 there will be another, more intensive educational opportunity.

For the seventh year the Sustainable Martin Alliance will present "Martin County 101: It's different here," from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Wolf High Technology Center at Indian River Community College.

For \$40 per person or \$70 per couple, locals can learn more about the county and hear presentations from various experts on Martin issues, from biodiversity to biotech and waterways to wages.

Organizers claim stellar feedback from the 1,000 or so graduates of the program, and with a great speakers lineup, it promises to be another good show. For more information, call 287-5272 or e-mail [info@fireflyforyou.com](mailto:info@fireflyforyou.com).