

## Toyota RAV4 is sporty, tough



'96 Toyota RAV4

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### Test Drive



GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Bug-cute isn't the kind of adjective most people use to describe a sport utility vehicle. After all, you take the thing through the woods, streams, fields and whatever else is in your path.

But Toyota's brand-new RAV4 (Recreational Active Vehicle with four-wheel drive) isn't your average SUV. As I said, it's bug-cute, plenty tough and is available at a Toyota dealership near you.

I got the chance to sample a RAV4 and all the rest of Toyota's more than competent SUVs down in Florida's Ocala National Forest. After a vigorous workout amongst the flora and fauna, I'll go out on a limb and make a bold prediction: Toyota will sell as many of



these things it can make.

Production will be spilt between a hip two-door aimed at kids and young adults and a more practical four-door that will serve most small families well. Both are available in front wheel or four-wheel drive. Toyota's expecting the two-door to be its biggest seller.

The RAV4's styling is its strongest suit. Where other small (and most large) SUVs are boxy designs, the RAV4 is curvy. Well, as curvy as a truck can be. There are styling cues borrowed from Toyota's own Land Cruiser and 4Runner, but its look is still new.

It may look new, but most of the RAV4 is borrowed from various Corollas (interior pieces), Celica All-Tracs (all-wheel drive system) and

Camrys (engine). Since all of those parts are proven parts, the RAV4 should have a great service record.

The interior is well done, but spartan. The dash is all mid-grade plastic, which is not bad because it adds to the vehicle's rugged appeal. The dash looks much like a Corolla's — including the dual air bags.

There is abundant space up front for two people in both vehicles. The two-door will seat four, but will be most comfortable for two. The rest of the space could be used for lots of luggage.

Four people will find the four-door more inviting. Five will fit but the person in the middle needs to be close friends with the other rear passengers. There is ample cargo space with four, volumes when the rear seat folds down. You can fold the seats down to make a lumpy bed if you decide to stay out in the woods without your sleeping bag.

Under the cute (there's that word again) hood is a 2.0-liter,

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## COCA-COLA CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

### MICHELLE B. MARRS

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CEO, C.W. Williams  
Health Center



Ms. Marrs has over twenty years experience working in a variety of healthcare settings and delivery systems. Upon completion of a Bachelor of Science in Community Health Education from North Carolina Central University in 1974, she began her career as a community health educator working in prevention of alcoholism and substance abuse among youth and women. After completing a Masters of Education in 1976 from Harvard University, with a concentration in Health Education, she worked for the U.S. Public Health Service, Division of Health Services Delivery, from 1978 - 1981.

She spent five years (1981 - 1986) at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center where she directed the Patient Care Studies Department and later coordinated the start-up of the Radiation Oncology Department.

Ms. Marrs returned to the community to direct Mattapan Community Health Center, a comprehensive community based primary care health in Boston, from 1986 - 1991. She served as a medical office administrator for Kaiser Permanente, one of the country's largest health maintenance organizations from 1991 - 1993.

In 1993, Ms. Marrs jointly founded a consulting group that specializes in community health planning, health promotion, and health facilities operations management. The firm also provides technical assistance to government agencies, higher education institutions and human services organizations. She has been adjunct staff at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, the University of Massachusetts as Boston and North Shore Community College.

Ms. Marrs is currently the Chief Executive Officer of the C.W. Williams Health Center, a community based primary care medical facility that provides comprehensive care to a wide range of patients but targets the medically underserved population.

During her career, she has served on numerous boards and committees for community organizations, hospitals, municipal and state agencies.

A native of Raleigh, North Carolina, she has two daughters, Christy age 15 and Ivanna age 6.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT THE CENTER UNDER HER LEADERSHIP INCLUDES:

1. Successfully developed and implemented two community based teen health clinics designed to lower the incidence of teen pregnancies, transmission of HIV and other STD's. Centers are located at Amay James and Greenville Community Center.
2. Wrote and obtained a small grant from the Regional HIV Consortium to offer medical service to newly diagnosed HIV patients.
3. Hosted a Bankers Breakfast with five of the city's largest banks, Wachovia, First Union, BB&T, First Citizen and NationsBank to ask them to partner with C.W. Williams Health Center to be a "Safety Net" for the working poor with no health insurance. Subsequently NationsBank donated \$5,000 to C.W. Williams.
4. Opened a Walk-In Service for established patients with non-emergent need for services.
5. Hired four new health care providers Dr. Onwuke, Family Practice • Dr. Eruchuler, Internist, Gail Tignor, P.A. and Darlene Robinson, P.A.
6. Developed 2 year strategic plan.



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