

**BEST EYEGLASSES**

Terry Tincher

According to his friend Terry Hall, Terry Tincher has more than 100 pairs of prescription eyewear from sunglasses to reading glasses. "He's got cases on his wall, just like you'd see at Lenscrafters," says Mr. Hall. A recent trip to L.A. had a calamitous end when someone snatched a bag with 11 pairs inside. Mr. Tincher, whose Space 39 gallery underscores his vision of Fort Myers as an arts town, collects cutting-edge eyewear the same way he buys artwork: with a passion. He's brought them home from Key West, Los Angeles, Georgetown, New York and elsewhere. He even has (and wears) his wife's grandfather's glasses from the early 1900s.

**BEST COMMUNITY GIVER**

Sam Galloway

No one works harder to feed the hungry in Lee County than auto magnate Sam Galloway. He established a soup kitchen in Fort Myers more than 30 years ago. Today, it feeds more than 300 hungry, homeless people every day. Mr. Galloway keeps the soup kitchen thriving with fund raisers, the popular seasonal hymn-sings and other events. He also fought long and hard to save the Edison-Ford Estates that began crumbling after years of city neglect. He helped raise \$7 million to rebuild the Southwest Florida icon.

BEST AUTO TAG

EAT OUT

Matt Asen's license plate gets a lot of attention. Mr. Asen, the successful owner of The Timbers, Sanibel Grill and Matzaluna on Sanibel, as well as the Prawnbroker and University Grill in Fort Myers, has had the same custom tag for more than 30 years. It says, simply, EAT OUT. He first secured these powerful six letters while a waiter in New England. When he moved to Florida, he ordered the tag again and has been promoting the pleasure of dining out to fellow drivers ever since. This year, as so many restaurants are struggling or disappearing, the tag's a great reminder to support your favorite locally owned establishment, or risk seeing it disappear.

BEST TV NEWS HAIR

Patrick Nolan

Patrick Nolan's bio on the FOX-4 Web site says he grew up without air conditioning. So apparently the incredibly thick head of hair that crowns his camera-worthy head is used to the humidity of Southwest Florida. When the floor director cues the anchors that they're "live," viewers would never have a



clue that Mr. Nolan had been biking, playing tennis or doing yoga earlier that day. His hair was made for the news-tracking, globe-trekking lifestyle to which it has become accustomed: The short, dark mane somehow always stays in place and looking great. We don't think his hair had anything to do with Mr. Nolan's winning an Edward R. Murrow Award, but we congratulate him on both.

BEST BARTENDER

Heather Smith, Bistro 41

If "Cheers" has been produced in Fort Myers instead of Boston, Heather Smith would have been the star. The smart and hospitable barkeep never forgets a face or what that face likes to drink. In the roughly four years that she's worked at Bistro 41, Ms. Smith has developed a clientele that patronizes the watering hole as much because she makes them feel so welcome as for her skill in crafting the perfect cocktail.

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