

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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A GUIDE TO THE GREATER FORT MYERS ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE

Misha Misha, Misha!



Rise & Shine each Saturday morning with Southwest Florida's favorite morning personality

Wake up with Misha:

When: Saturday mornings
Where: NBC-2
Time: 6:00 am

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To the average person, a TV show airing at 6 a.m. on Saturday sounds like a less-than-ideal time. After all, the sun isn't even up yet! But then, Misha McK (pronounced MEE-sha Mick-KAY) isn't your average person. Her new weekly half-hour show on NBC 2, "Wake Up With Misha," could air later, but she embraces the 6 a.m. time slot. "Yes, there's an 11:30 time slot available," she says. "There's a 9 o'clock time slot available. But guess what happens by 11, 9 o'clock? Dog's gotta go out, baby's gotta be fed, phone is ringing, someone wants breakfast. There's no time for TV. I can't sit down and listen. "I love 6 a.m.! I love it! I love it!" Misha exclaims. "I'll tell you what else I love, when people say, 'Oh Misha, I

tried to wake up.' I say, 'That's OK, you'll get there.'" One viewer told her that she'd woken up, watched Misha's show, then fell back asleep. That was fine with Misha. "She saw a positive show on TV that motivated her to say, 'You know what, life is awesome!' My whole objective with the show is for people to wake up to positivity. You need that dose. Then you can handle that phone call. You can handle that dog, the baby crying. You need that extra Umph! You need that iron, that

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Downtown arts building progressing



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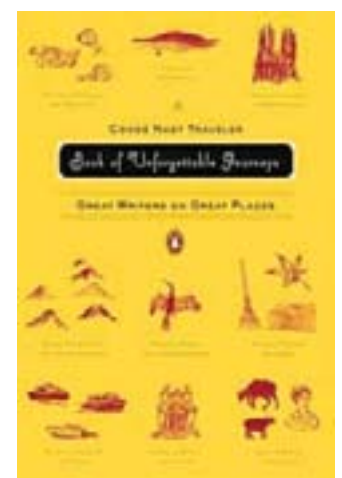
The new Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center is undergoing interior renovations. Officials there said it'll be ready for the Nov. 3 opening.

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Having been promised a downtown arts center that will provide world famous entertainment, galleries, a rooftop sculpture garden and rooftop bar, a passersby might be curious as to why the interior of the Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center remains vacant. Jim Griffith of Florida Arts, originator of the project, is a mild mannered, middle-aged man whose soft features neatly underlie his gentle but inventive steersmanship of the arts center operation. He explained that the Nov. 3 opening date will not be the end of construction at the site. "It's the end of one phase," Griffith

said. "...the first phase will be the completion of the mezzanine and the elevator. Then, the second phase will cover the second floor and the rooftop sculpture garden." The grand-opening gala on Nov. 3 is expected to raise funds that will bring the arts center to its final form. It is titled "The Phantom of the Art Center Gala." So far, along the way, help has come from many sources, some unexpected. "Kraft really came on board to make this thing happen by Nov. 3," Griffith said, speaking of the Kraft Construction Company. "They approached us. They

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