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SPECIAL COVERAGE



# Mega-developers

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The engine that drives Lee County's economy is real estate. And no one has a bigger impact on what that real estate looks like than the mega-developers. They're the dreamers, the men and women who take huge risks bringing a product to market that may or may not sell. After all, markets change, tastes change and the economy changes. Yet, the 'big-hitters' are still reshaping Lee County.

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## Rauschenberg donates \$100,000 to AIDS clinic



RAUSCHENBERG

Fort Myers facility to change name to honor artist

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Artist Bob Rauschenberg is sitting on Captiva Island, and Dr. Bob Schwartz is sitting in central Fort Myers.

Rauschenberg is arguably the

world's most renowned living artist, and Schwartz is arguably the state's most determined AIDS doctor, as director of the AIDS Treatment Center.

Until now, they had only one thing in common: both are passionate dogooders. This week the two married that passion, when Rauschenberg delivered a \$100,000 check to Schwarz for the AIDS Treatment Center, a gift that will be formally announced on Saturday, Dec. 1, World AIDS Day.

The Center cares for about 650 patients with HIV or AIDS at any one time, many of them indigent.

Deeply moved and "uplifted" (in his precisely chosen word, with its Talmudic resonance), Schwartz will now rename his financially beleaguered Center. The new name will fete the great artist and the greatest

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### Almost Maine

The Florida Rep's latest play has been called "Love in the time of frostbite." C1 ▶



### Chefs Auction

And other events this week in Fort Myers society. C19-21 ▶



### High speed

Embarq sells high speed Internet service and keeps security tight. B1 ▶



### It's all in the thought

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