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ON CRAIGSLIST NOW: "Must be willing to dress up like a \$5 footlong sub while parading around on the sidewalk asking people if they would like extra mayo with it and you would have to RAISE your eyebrows or wink seductively." "I have a request. I haven't been swimming in 7 or 8 years. Public pools are gross and I don't really want to go to the beach. I work inside all day, so I need to get some sun. I am also a big guy, somewhere near 275lbs. Most people don't really want to see that, so I am just being honest!" "I recently got out from the marine corps, i am a hard worker and hate half ass work, have previous experience in a restaurant's such as houlighans, and bubbas, have lot knowledge on boat building worked for action craft which is like a rolls royce of flats boats, if your willing to train me in whatever im willing and ready to work" "Want to go to real estate auction tonight in Ft Myers for a couple of hours... anyone out there with a car want to join me???" "I've been down in fort myers and I want to start singing again. I'm willing to travel."

CRAIGSLIST COUNUNDRUM

HOW MANY THINK ABOUT — AND USE — THE BIG ONLINE BAZAAR

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What can't
you find on
craigslist?
A8

IF CRAIGSLIST WERE A MIRROR, WHAT would we see in it? A lot, in Southwest Florida. Our predilections and eccentricities, our inanities and insanities perhaps, our everyday wants and needs, our insistent business or personal goals, our pragmatic solutions to daily problems, our hopes and dreams, our kindnesses, our cruelties — all of them stare back at us from craigslist.

"It's sort of where social networking meets the classifieds," says Mike Kiniry, the WGCU-FM public radio host (90.1 FM, Fort Myers).

In light of renewed concerns about the dangers of such on-line venues, Florida Weekly decided to take a brief casual glance at craigslist in Southwest Florida as it appeared last week.

Although the on-line advertising site is often compared to classified ads in traditional newspapers, it appears to be much more — or at least much faster, much more

SEE CRAIGSLIST, A8 ▶

Swashbuckling crew sets sail from FM Beach

Pirate ship offers family adventure trips

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They steal. They kidnap. They plunder. They're in Fort Myers.

While the real ones have stirred trouble and made headlines lately, the crew of Pieces of Eight, docked at Salty Sam's Marina on Fort Myers Beach, pirate

every day and no one seems to mind.

Pieces of Eight, a 65-foot replica Spanish galleon decked out in pirate flags, took nearly a year and a half to build. Its name derives from the colonial Spanish currency eight-reals, nicknamed "pieces of eight." David Brinkley, founder of the company, started the interactive

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Soapfest

All your favorite daytime stars will be in Marco Island this weekend and you can meet them. C1 ▶



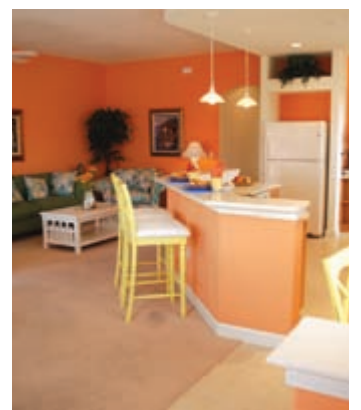
SWFL Heart Ball

And other society events in Lee County. C27, 28, 30 & 31 ▶



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New on the market

Rapallo at Coconut Point has opened a unique coach home with windows on all four sides. D1 ▶

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