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Techbyte Event Covers Gulf Coast Venture Forum and Early-Stage Funding

Suncoast Technology Forum (www.suncoasttechnologyforum.com) is hosting an educational and networking event, the Techbyte Luncheon, on Nov. 15 at the Polo Grill and Bar in Lakewood Ranch. The event features Sara Hand, president of the Gulf Coast Venture Forum's Sarasota chapter, speaking on "The Gulf Coast Venture Forum, SWFL and early stage funding." Cost: \$15 for pre-registered members and guests; \$25 for nonmembers. Register online at suncoasttechnologyforum.com.

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Are you in favor of proposed legislation that would allow U.S. citizens whose parents are illegal immigrants to qualify for in-state university tuition if they are Florida residents? Visit Biz941.com to vote!

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Fawley Bryant President Re-Appointed to Manatee Chamber Redevelopment Comm.

Fawley Bryant (www.fawley-bryant.com) president Rick Fawley has been re-appointed to serve on the 2012 Manatee Chamber of Commerce Downtown Redevelopment Committee. This will be Fawley's second term as chairman of the committee.

Don't Get Hacked!

Biz(941) and USF's Institute for Public Policy and Leadership are presenting "Cybercrime 101: How Businesses Can Protect Against Hacking," 4 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 3 at the USF Selby Auditorium. Panelists include business computer security expert Dr. Cihan Cobanoglu, John Jorgensen of Sarasota-based cybersecurity company the Sylint Group, and FBI agent Stacy Arruda, who is in charge of the Tampa Division's Cyber Crime Program. The event is free and open to the public. [RSVP online](#), or contact Holly

Lundgren at hlundgre@sar.usf.edu or (941) 359-4774.

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Girls Incorporated Names 2011-2012 Board Members

Girls Incorporated of Sarasota County (www.girlsincsrq.org) has named the following individuals as 2011-2012 officers for the organization's board: Kathy Francoletti, president; Susan Jones, vice-president; Jim Schell, treasurer; and Emily Walsh Parry, secretary. [Click here](#) for a complete list of board members at large.

Sarasota, Manatee and Venice to Hold Tri-Chamber Business After Hours Event

The Sarasota, Manatee and Venice Chambers of Commerce will host a tri-chamber Business After Hours event on Nov. 16 at the Sarasota Bradenton International Convention Center, from 5-8 p.m. \$10 members; \$20 guests. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Email hkasten@sarasotachamber.com or call (941) 556-4056 for more information.

Bennett Park to Open in Manatee County – Celebration Planned for Nov. 12

Manatee County Parks and Recreation (www.mymanatee.org) will hold a Nov. 12 grand opening ceremony for the new 180-acre Bennett Park. The ceremony begins at 9 a.m., at 400 Cypress Creek Blvd., west of the Wal-Mart Supercenter, S.R. 64. Two hundred fifty live oak saplings, donated by Turner Tree & Landscape and Holland Construction, will be given away to attendees. Learn more at mymanatee.org/parks.

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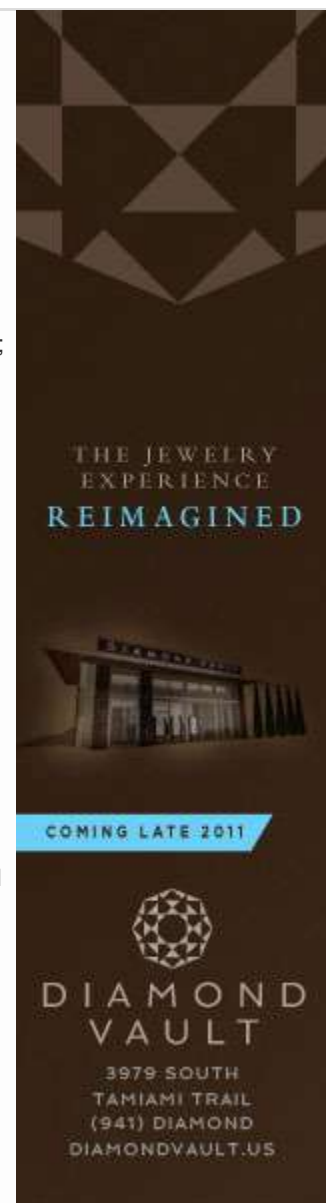
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U.S. Health Care Q&A Presented at USF Sarasota-Manatee

The Institute for Public Policy and Leadership, University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee (www.sarasota.usf.edu) will present "The New Health Age," a Nov. 29 discussion about changes to the U.S. healthcare system. Participating will be David Houle, professor at Ringling College of Art & Design, and Jonathan Fleece, a Tampa Bay attorney, both co-authors of *The New Health Age*. Selby Auditorium, 4-5:30 p.m., reception and book signing follow. For seating, call (941) 359-4774.

Sarasota Memorial Opens Specialty Clinic at Kobernick Anchin Campus

Sarasota Memorial Health Care System (www.smh.com) will open an outpatient specialty clinic this week on the Kobernick Anchin (www.kobernickanchin.org) retirement community campus to help residents and the community manage anticoagulation medications like Coumadin, Jantoven and others. This is the first clinic Sarasota Memorial



has opened in a retirement community but the fifth anticoagulation clinic it has opened in Sarasota and Manatee counties.

Commercial Transaction

Plush Smith, P.A., Certified Public Accountants and Consultants, has leased a 1,654-square-foot space at One Sarasota Tower, 2 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. Susanne Stovall with ICORR Properties International handled the transaction.

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November issue online!

In this issue we profile newcomer and financial heavyweight David Kotok and his boutique investment firm, Cumberland Advisors, in "Market Winner." Kotok gives us his take on the U.S. economy and why Sarasota was his choice for a new office. We also profile Sarasota landscape designers Eric Bowyer and Peter Imrick of **Site Concepts International**, a firm that creates some of the most extravagant settings in resorts around the world. If you've got a bricks-and-mortar business, read "Bricks or Clicks" for lessons from four companies that have made eCommerce a profitable part of their business strategy. And don't forget to check out our monthly **business makeover** for the latest fashion transformation of a young professional.



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