

# ON THE MOVE

## Real Estate



Cole

**David Cole**, former broker of record for VIP Realty Group, Inc and business partner **Jenny Moorhead**, former sales manager with VIP Realty Group, Inc, have opened **Amerivest Realty of Lee Island Coast**, serving all of Lee County. Cole and Moorhead have a 40-year combined, comprehensive real estate background in residential sales and property management. Cole is also Director of Business Development for Amerivest Holdings, Inc., the parent company of Amerivest Realty. He oversees the development of franchises throughout Florida and the U.S. Amerivest Realty is a progressive real estate business model focused on search engine marketing that provides the services and training of "traditional" real estate.



Moorhead

**Gates D'Alessandro & Woodyard Commercial Realtors** recently added **Geoffrey Stillwell** as market research analyst. Stillwell will provide clients with market research and analysis, based on the most comprehensive data and analytical tools available. Additionally, Rosanna Herrera, Sandra Checo, and Karen Fischer joined the team as part of the administrative support staff.

## Non-Profits



Spiro

**Christopher T. Spiro** has been appointed to serve on the executive committee of the **American Heart Association's 2008 Heart Ball**. Spiro is the president and chief executive officer of Spiro & Associates Marketing, Advertising and Public Relations. To be held on May 10, the 2008 Heart Ball will benefit the Lee County Division of the American Heart Association, a national voluntary health agency whose mission is to reduce disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke.

**Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida** recently announced its new board of directors for 2007-2008. The nonprofit organization uses hands-on experience to help young people understand the economics of life. The new board, elected at the August 2007 board retreat in Bonita Springs, include: **Dilman Thomas**, Chairman; **Oswald Trippe**



Thomas

and Company; **Craig Sherman**, Chair-Elect; Bank of Florida; **Constance Jones, PhD**, 2nd Chair-Elect; School District of Lee County; **Joe Paterno**, Secretary; Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board; **Marcia Hobe**, Treasurer; Bank of America; **Richard Durnwald**, Past Chair; Northwestern Mutual/Durnwald & Associates. Board members at large include Sharon Arnold, Gravina, Smith & Matte; Rose Branda, AFLAC; Heidi Colgate-Tamblyn, SunTrust Bank; Jon Davis, McGladrey & Pullen; Howard Finch, PhD, FGCU; Todd Gates, GATES; David Hall, First Community Bank of Southwest Florida; Bob Bassett, Colonial Bank; K.P. Pezeshkan, Kraft Construction; Gerry Poppe, Waterman Broadcasting; Bill Price, McGarvey Development; Grover Whidden, Florida Power and Light; Scott Whitney, Bonita Bay Group; and Sandi Wilson, Comcast.

## Insurance



Davis

**Oswald Trippe and Company Inc.** announced the appointment of **Gary Davis** as its new chief operating officer. Gary Trippe, chairman/CEO, said Davis will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the agency. Following a tour of duty in the U.S. Marine Corps, Davis began his insurance career in 1986 as an operations trainee for The Hartford Financial Services Group in Orlando. In 1994, he had advanced to the position of president and CEO for The Hartford of Canada. In addition, Davis has held executive positions with standard, specialty and nonprofit companies, and most recently was a founding member and president/CEO of Integrus Insurance, a specialty-niche virtual insurance company based in Scottsdale, AZ.

## Law



Corso

**Michael J. Corso**, a stockholder in the law firm **Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A.**, has been named president of the Florida Defense Lawyers Association. Formed in 1967, the FDLA is comprised of over 1,000 lawyers at private practice, private corporation and public entity levels. Its goal is to promote a level playing field in civil

litigation and to foster its members' growth as professionals. Corso is the chair of Henderson Franklin's tort and insurance litigation division, and focuses his practice in the defense of non-medical professionals, including lawyers, accountants, architects, engineers and surveyors, copyright/trademark infringement, product liability and more general tort defense matters in litigation.

## Medicine



DiGiorgi

**Dr. Paul Lancaster DiGiorgi**, a cardiothoracic surgeon, has joined **GulfCoast Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgeons**. DiGiorgi received his medical degree from New York University School of Medicine, where he also completed his residency in cardiothoracic surgery. He also completed a residency in integrated general surgery at the University of Connecticut in Farmington, Conn. DiGiorgi completed research fellowships at New York University and Columbia University in New York City, and Erasmus University in Rotterdam, Netherlands. During his research, he studied cardiothoracic surgery, anatomy, physiology and neuroscience.



Gilbert

**Jennifer Gilbert** has been named a physician assistant at **Florida Heart Associates**. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from Stetson University in 2001. She received her Masters of Physician Assistant Studies from the University of Florida in 2003. Before joining Florida Heart Associates, she worked for more than four years as a Hospitalist Physician Assistant in Orlando. Gilbert is certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.

## Public Relations



Schneider

Two members of the **Southwest Florida Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association** were sworn in as officers of the state Association at its recent annual conference in Sarasota. **Lynn Schneider** and **Nancy McCarthy** were installed on the Association's Executive Committee, which consists of 17 public relations professionals from throughout Florida. Schneider is the assistant vice president of



McCarthy

marketing and communications for Shell Point Retirement Community and will serve as the Florida Public Relations Education Foundation chair. Schneider is a past president of both the Southwest Florida chapter of FPRA and the state Association, and the recipient of the 2006 John Dillin Award. McCarthy is the public relations coordinator for LCEC and will serve as vice president of accreditation and certification. McCarthy is a past president of the Southwest Florida Chapter of FPRA and a graduate of the University of Florida. As members of the Executive Committee, each will be expected to travel to quarterly board meetings held throughout the state. They will hold a term of office for one year.

## Education

**Hodges University** Associate Professor of Business Administration, **Aysegul Timur**, was honored with a best presenter award at the recent Global Business & Economics Research Conference in Istanbul, Turkey. Timur's report, "The Impact of the European Integration on the Pharmaceutical Industry," was picked best out of the 50 presentations at the global event. Her extensive and meaningful research also earned Dr. Timur the Hodges University "Dean's Award for Scholarly Research." The award, presented by Dr. Fred Nerone, founding dean of the Kenneth Oscar Johnson School of Business at Hodges, recognizes distinguished professors at the University who have presented significant research. Her report was published in the summer, 2007 edition of "The Business Review, Cambridge." Issued three times a year, the publication is the premier journal in the field of education in business.

## Technology



Andella

**InfiNetwork**, a consulting firm that provides secure computing and IT risk management services, announced **Vincent Andella** has joined the company as a business development manager. Andella brings more than 25 years of experience in computer and IT services sales, product management, technical support, and web site development to InfiNetwork. For the past 10 years, he was an independent computer consultant and web site developer in Boston. Prior to that, Andella held positions with several technology companies in Massachusetts. Andella holds multiple industry certifications from Quantum, AT&T and Intel. ■



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