

# ON THE MOVE

## Retirement Communities



Tesoro

**Mark Tesoro** has joined the Shell Point Memory Care department at **Shell Point Retirement Community**. The Memory Care Center, located in the Larsen Pavilion, dedicates an entire floor of resources to patients in need of these services. Therapeutic recreation programs are tailored to strengthen both mind and body. Prior to coming to Shell Point, Tesoro worked in the Lee County Health Department, serving as the supervisor for Lee County's Injury Prevention Program. Tesoro has more than 10 years of experience coordinating clinical, research, and grant activities related to language and memory disorders.

## Law



Zimmerman

**Associates and Bruce L. Scheiner**, Personal Injury Lawyers announced that **Warren Zimmerman**, the departing civil division chief of the U.S. Attorneys Office for the Middle District of Florida, has joined the firm as a civil trial attorney. Zimmerman handled dozens of jury and bench trials during his nearly 30-year career as a state and federal prosecutor. Since 1994, he has supervised up to 20 assistant United States attorneys in handling the federal district's civil caseload, including medical malpractice, premise liability and motor vehicle accident cases across the district, including Tampa, Orlando, Jacksonville, Ocala, Punta Gorda, Naples and Fort Myers.

The **Lee County Bar Association** recently recognized a number of area firms for their pro bono work. During the LCBA's monthly luncheon on Friday, Sept. 26, awards were presented for the association's quarterly and year-end pro bono service competition. For the quarterly awards, which included complimentary services from June 1 through Aug. 31, **Osterhout, McKinney & Prather, P.A.**, **Lusk, Drasites, Tolisano & Smith, P.A.** and **John E. Evans III** logged the top pro bono service hours. In the year-end awards, which considered services from Dec. 1 through Aug. 31, four firms were recognized for their outstanding pro bono totals. **Wright & Shaw, P.A.** and **Osterhout, McKinney & Prather, P.A.** tied for first. **Osterhout, McKinney & Prather, P.A.** was also recognized for the highest amount donated to legal

services organizations. Attorney **Brooke N. Bockemuehl** was recognized for most individual hours donated and **Diana L. Krueger** was recognized as the individual lawyer with the largest financial amount donated to legal services organizations.

## Healthcare

The **Lee Memorial Health System Foundation** announces the addition of two new members to its Fort Myers Development Council. **R. Dean Piccirillo** is a principal at HBK Sorce Financial LLC and a senior financial advisor. **Thomas A. Buckley** is a principal owner of McWilliams Buckley & Associates, operating in the areas of commercial and residential real estate. The Development Councils, which operate under the philanthropy principles of the Foundation, seek to get the word out about the need for medical funding within the local community.



Bess Jr.

The **Urgent Care Center of SW Florida** announced that **Dr. William Bess Jr.**, a leader in emergency medicine, has joined the staff of all board certified, residency trained emergency physicians at Urgent Care Center of SWFL. Bess graduated from the University of Miami School of Medicine and did his emergency medicine residency at Medical College of Pennsylvania. From 1989 to 2004, Bess served as medical director of Lee County EMS and developed the protocol for EMT and paramedic care in the field and supervised training of EMTs and paramedics in Lee County.

## Finance

**Leonardo (Leo) Fuentes**, a financial associate with **Alliance Financial Group**, has been awarded the Client Builder Award by The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America in recognition of early success in new business acquisition. Fuentes helps business owners navigate issues surrounding buy/sell agreements, business continuation and employee benefits programs.



Engelbrecht

**Alliance Financial Group** also announced that **Andy Engelbrecht** has joined the firm as a financial associate. He is a member of the PGA of America and was most recently the head professional for the member course at Tiburón Golf Club in Naples. He will specialize in serving

professionals in the resort and hospitality industry, especially those working at golf facilities throughout Southwest Florida.

## Banking



Gault

**Southwest Capital Bank** has hired **Wendy Gault** as manager and vice president of its residential lending division. Gault brings more than 20 years experience in residential lending to her position at the bank. She is a member of the Fort Myers Board of Realtors and the Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce.



Bennett

**Linda Bennett** has joined **Southwest Capital Bank** as a residential loan processor and closer. She comes with more than 15 years of experience in the banking industry. Originally from the Minneapolis area, she has been in Southwest Florida for more than four years.

**Leni Rivera** has been appointed teller supervisor at **First Community Bank of Southwest Florida's** newest branch at 25235 South Tamiami Trail in Bonita Springs. Rivera has been in the banking industry as a teller for 30 years. She speaks fluent Spanish.

## Religion



Robbins-Penniman

The **Rev. Becky Robbins-Penniman**, associate pastor of **Lamb of God Church**, has been chosen as one of 30 participants in the 24th class of the Clergy Leadership Project to take place in West Cornwall, Conn. Several hundred clergy were nominated from across the nation and participants were selected on the basis of talent, experience, geography, leadership ability, and other criteria. The Clergy Leadership Project is a national initiative formed to develop and strengthen clergy leaders, supporting new visions for vigorous ministries in their congregations and communities as well as support their personal growth.

## Real Estate

**VIP Realty Group, Inc.** has announced August Associates of the Month from the

Sanibel office. **The Bell Team** was named Top Sales Team, **Lynda Traverso** was named Top Sales Agent, **The McMurray-Nette Team** was named Top Listing Team, **Mike Robison** was named Top Listing Agent, **The McMurray-Nette Team** was named Top Producer Team and **Debra Hobbs** was named Top Producer. The Bell Team is comprised of **John Bates, Sherrill Sims, Robb Pailes and Holly Peeples**. The **McMurray-Nette Team** is comprised of **Mike McMurray, Trevor Nette, Brooks Selby, Inga Wilson, Arika Bjorkedal and Martha Smith**.



Willard

**Greg Willard** has joined the **Boback Commercial Group at REMAX Edge**. He is a licensed real estate agent and a member of the Realtor Association of Greater Fort Myers and the Beaches, Inc. He has lived in Fort Myers since 1969. His work experience includes 26 years in resort and residential sales and marketing with expertise in managing and producing team success through an emphasis on customer service and diligent attention to detail.



Safrany

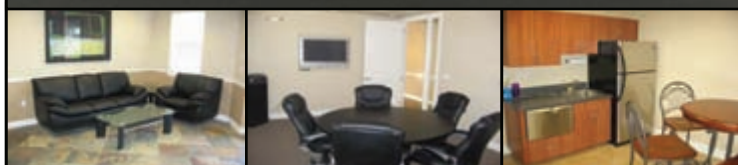
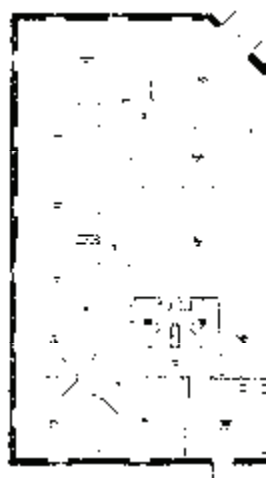
**George Safrany** has joined **Engel & Völkers Fort Myers River District**, a real estate brokerage firm, as a sales associate. Safrany grew up in Chatsworth, Calif. He lived and worked in Germany for 15 years. He also worked for the Deutsche Bank Real Estate GmbH in Germany. Safrany came from Fifth Third Bank where he worked as an expatriate specialist in the International Corporate Banking department, specializing in helping European companies and their executives with their banking needs.

## Education

**Michael Jordan**, a Fort Myers High School graduate, will produce the 85th annual Gator Growl, the world's largest student-run pep rally, which is held annually at the **University of Florida**. Jordan, FMHS class of 2004, was appointed producer for Gator Growl 2008: Road to the Swamp, presented by Verizon Wireless. It is Jordan's fourth year on Gator Growl staff. Producer is the highest position on staff and requires a year-long commitment to the planning and execution of the world's largest student-run pep rally. Jordan secured the Steve Miller Band and comedian Jon Reep to perform at this year's event. ■

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