ON THE MOVE

Banking

Southwest Capital Bank, N.A. announces the appointment of **Jose Cuadrado** to the position of assistant vice president and branch manager of Southwest Capital Bank's Riverwalk office. He is a graduate of the Florida School of Banking and the Florida Bankers Associates Supervisory Academy. Mr. Cuadrado has been with Southwest Capital Bank since January 2007 and has 15 years of banking experience.

Cuadrado

Kerry A. Edwards, senior portfolio manager/senior vice president of **Bank of Florida Trust Company**, has earned the Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst designation, the only professional charter exclusively for alternative investment practitioners. The designation certifies a mastery of the concepts, tools and practices essential for understanding alternative investments and promotes adherence to high standards of ethical, professional conduct. Only 2,000 investment professionals are CAIA designees

Edwards

Law

Cathrine A. Hunter has joined the workers' compensation division of the law firm of **Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A.,** and will work out of the firm's Fort Myers office. Prior to joining Henderson Franklin, Ms. Hunter was in-house assistant compliance counsel to WCI Communities. She is a member of the Lee County Bar Association, Lee Building Industry Association and Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce.

Hunter

John M. Miller has joined the Tort and Insurance Litigation Department at the law firm of **Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A.,** and will work out of the firm's Fort Myers office. Mr. Miller is a former math teacher at Fort Myers High School and worked as summer clerk with Henderson Franklin before joining as an associate. He also served as a judicial intern for the Honorable Darryl C. Casanueva, United States District Court Judge for the Florida Second District Court of Appeals.

Miller

Food Service

Drew McCarley, an 18-year veteran of the restaurant industry, has joined **Aurelio's Pizza** (set to open Jan. 5) in the Gulf Coast Town Center as general manager. In his new role as general manager, Mr. McCarley will be responsible for day-to-day operations of the 210–seat pizzeria, profit and loss reconciliation, supervising lunch and dinner staffs, developing group sales and community outreach — a core principle of the 50-year-old thin crust Chicago-style pizza company's commitment to its local community.

Bayfront Bistro has hired **Mike Wilke, Marvin Avilez, Dave Wood, and Kevin Decker** to form the management team of its new waterfront restaurant on Fort Myers Beach. Bayfront Bistro, located within Snook Bight Yacht Club & Marina's newly developed $22 million facility, plans to open to the public mid-January, with an experienced management team in place. General Manager Wilke is the former general manager of Zampieri's in Destin, which was a Florida Top 20 winner in 2006 and 2007. Head Chef Avilez was formerly head chef at the popular Harold's On The Bay in downtown Fort Myers. Assistant Manager Wood and Sous Chef Decker round out the team of more than 60 years of restaurant management experience.

Utilities

Lee County Electric Cooperative announced that **Ed Ryan** has joined the company as manager of marketing and energy services. Mr. Ryan brings more than 20 years of senior level management and leadership experience to LCEC. He will be in charge of planning, directing and managing LCEC's product development, management and marketing efforts as well as LCEC product and service installation and maintenance, energy conservation programs, and business development opportunities. Mr. Ryan came to LCEC from Bishop Verot Catholic High School where he was the director of development.

Ryan

Construction

Brad Kaaber has joined **J.L. Wallace Inc.** as a project manager assistant. In this role he will work closely with project managers to help coordinate a wide range of construction-related job functions from permitting through project completion. Mr. Kaaber is currently a junior attending Everglades University pursuing a bachelor of science degree in construction management. He has almost two years experience assisting a project management team with various project responsibilities.

Kaaber

Music

Veteran choral director **Joseph Caulkins** has been appointed as the new minister of music and worship of **First Baptist Church of Fort Myers.** Mr. Caulkins, who is well known for his musical expertise with the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, will continue his duties as the associate conductor and director of choruses of the Southwest Florida Symphony and the Key Chorale of Sarasota. In his new capacity, Mr. Caulkins will be responsible for worship leadership and directing the First Baptist Choir, adult music study and the Bell Choir.

Caulkins

Interior Design

Domnick Minella, a design professional with Robb & Stucky Interiors in Fort Myers, has been selected to the prestigious position of vice president for the **National Board of Directors of the Interior Design Society.** Mr. Minella has been with Robb & Stucky Interiors since 1990 and is well-known in Southwest Florida for conducting a variety of Robb & Stucky educational seminars, teaching customers about color in the design process, accessorizing and the selection of furnishings for various rooms in the home.

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Real Estate

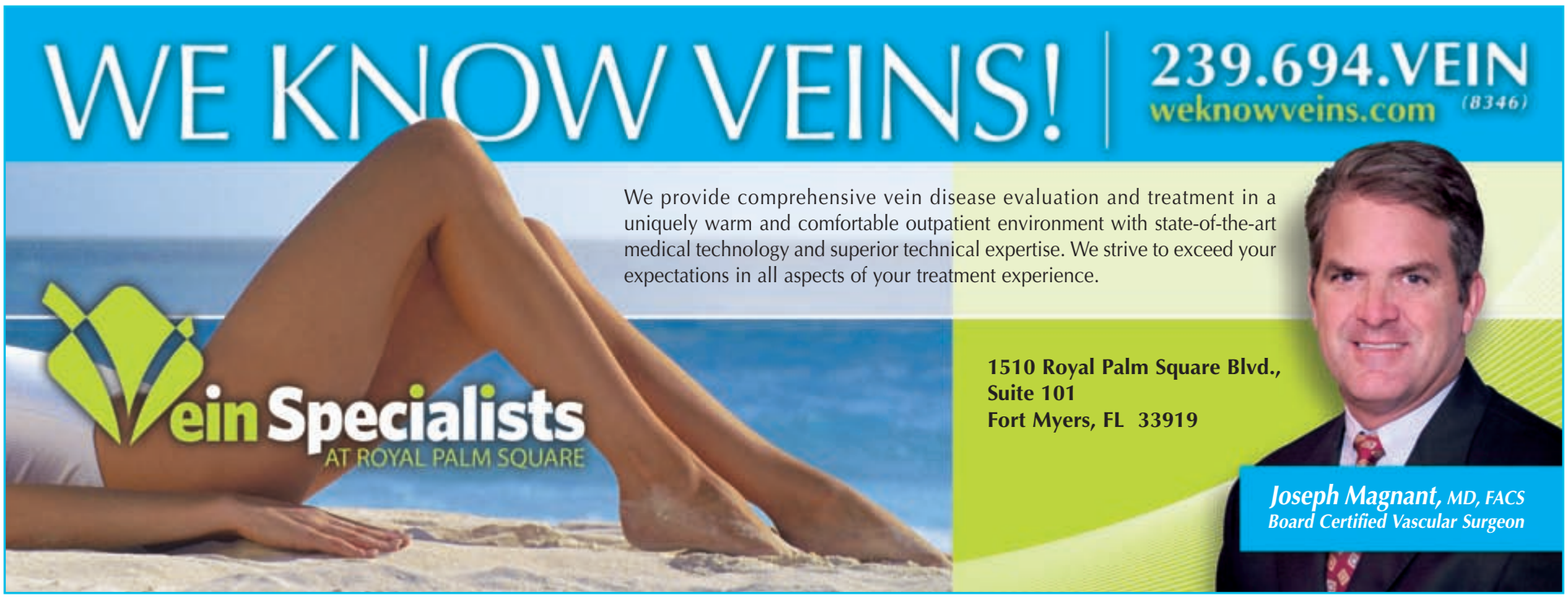
VIP Realty Group, Inc. of Sanibel recently announced the top sales producers for the month of November. **Jim and Penny Hetmanek** have been recognized as the top sales agents and the **Karen Bell Team** was recognized for the top sales. **Dan Cohn** was recognized for the top listings. Mr. Cohn has been the top company salesperson four times, the top company listing agent eight times, and he has had more than $175 million in closed sales on Sanibel and Captiva. **Mike McMurray and the Trevor Nette Team** were recognized as the top producing team and the top listers. Mr. McMurray was also awarded VIP Realty's top agent companywide and top agent for VIP Realty's Sanibel Office for 2003. **Lynda Traverso** was recognized as the top producing agent.

Cohn

Realtor **Adam Yelvington,** a specialist in residential sales, foreclosures and HUD/government homes, has joined the sales staff at **Weichert, Realtors - On The Gulf.** He serves clients in Lee County and surrounding areas as a member of the Realtor Association of Greater Fort Myers and the Beach.

The seven-year area resident has a background as a mortgage broker, notary public and notary signing agent.

Yelvington

Government

Lt. Ben Abes is the first **Lee County Emergency Medical Services** employee to complete Homeland Security training at the Center for Domestic Preparedness, a week-long course located in Anniston, Ala. The CDP is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and is the only federally-chartered Weapons of Mass Destruction training facility in the nation. Lt. Abes, of Fort Myers, is a paramedic field supervisor whose CDP training placed him in the middle of toxic gases. ■