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BUSINESS BUZZ

Matthew J. Helms named SECS manager

Matthew J. Helms recently joined Southeastern Communication Service Inc. of Sarasota as manager, wireless/data networking. He will be responsible for design and customer services for SECS-produced wireless data networks.

82 Degrees Tech offers 'Full Steam Ahead'

82 Degrees Tech, an advocacy group for technology companies in Sarasota and Manatee counties, will present "Full Steam Ahead," an event featuring the group's 2006 work plan and a keynote address from Barry Tuchfeld, on Jan. 12 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, 8270 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota. The event will include a social gathering. Registration will begin at 3:15 p.m. Admission is free for 82 Degrees Tech members; \$10 for others. For information, call 870-0078 or e-mail 82tech@82degreestech.com.

Purvis, Gray and Co. moves to Cantu Court

Purvis, Gray and Co., a full-service CPA firm, recently relocated its Sarasota office to 2201 Cantu Court, Suite 100, Sarasota. New phone is 379-2800. The firm has other offices in Gainesville, Ocala and Tallahassee.

IBA consults on Atlanta Manhattan project

The Sarasota office of IBA Consultants Inc., an engineering firm with three offices in Florida and one in Las Vegas, will provide the consulting services for the Manhattan project in Atlanta, 27-story condo with 224 units.

Forbes and Avery both Realtor of the Year

Dan Forbes and Marie Avery of Premier Team Inc. were both named Realtor of the Year: Forbes by the Manatee Association of Realtors and Avery by the Manatee Chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors.
