

Enzymedica Inc. a local company with a national product

One of the joys of being a newspaperman is the challenge of writing with authority on topics you didn't know the first thing about until earlier that day.

Here's a couple of modest examples.

Yes, Virginia, there is manufacturing in Charlotte County, although you usually have to look around the Charlotte County Airport to find it.

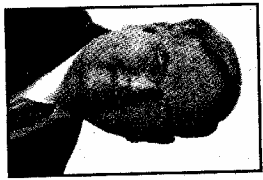
Alternatively, you could try Enzymedica Inc., a producer of enzyme-based nutritional supplements at 752 Tamianni Trail, Port Charlotte.

Tom Bohagen founded Enzymedica locally in 1998. He got his start in sales for a natural foods company, then decided to strike out on his own.

Today, Enzymedica employs about 30 people. Although its supplement capsules are manufactured out of state, packaging and shipping is handled at the local office.

Bohagen said that he started with a line of five products, which has grown to 19. The various supplements range from general remedies

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for relief of heartburn and gas to formulations targeted against more specific complaints like lactose intolerance.

Enzymedica's newest product is Vitamin & Mineral Optimize, a capsule that is supposed to increase absorption of other supplements — vitamins, minerals and herbs. It will be introduced at Expo East, a natural foods show in Baltimore, Sept. 27-29.

Enzymedica products are carried nationally by Whole Foods Market and by local independents like Fegers Health Foods, Richards Whole Foods and Sunsplash Natural Gourmet Supermarket.

Spatique Day Spa has relocated to 3527 Tamianni Trail, Port Charlotte, in the Britt Plaza. Owner **Amanda Goff** says she's marking her seventh year as an independent salon operator. Her original salon, called Garden of

Eden, was a casualty of Hurricane Charley in August 2004.

After more than a year out of business, Goff was able to reopen in temporary space. Now, she says that the new location is large enough to offer a full range of salon and spa services — hair, nails, facials and body treatments, plus other forms of pampering that me, being a guy, could not entirely comprehend.

Still, Goff notes that she is trying to build more male clientele, mainly for haircuts. She noted that artificial nails would be probably the only service that would be "ladies only."

Or at least we might hope. Goff added that pink and white artificials are all the rage these days.

Goff supervises a staff of five stylists. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Appointments are preferred. Call 941-629-7667.

I suppose that the heyday of the bumper sticker was the 1960s. Had to do something with all that chrome.

Today, I don't particularly care about reading someone's politics on the back of a Volvo, especially

stickers left over from the 2004 election. I thought they had gentle citrus-scented solvents for removing that crud.

However, **Enterprise Punta Gorda** is offering a truly innocuous bumper sticker that will allow you to express your civic pride in a 100-percent tasteful fashion.

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One of my favorite writers, Paul Fussell, coined the term "legible apparel" for contemporary T-shirt and ball cap culture.

Most of what passes for T-shirt humor is witless, if not vulgar. But I have to give major points to a young man I spotted last week at **The Panda Inn**, 3092 Tamianni Trail, Port Charlotte.

His plain black shirt bore these words in stark white letters: "There are only 10 types of people in this world. Those who understand binary and those who don't."