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to use it as a hurricane evacuation route. Funding improvements for River road are also being justi-

fied as a way to facilitate safe evacuation during hurricane evacuation.”

“River Road was never intended to be a hur-

ricane evacuation route,”

Compton said. “It’s located on a floodplain of the Myakka River. Upgrading River Road for safe use as a hurricane evacuation route will be prohibitively expen-

sive.”

One of the biggest mis-

takes that took place at Southwest Florida was adding communities along the

Gulf in hurricane-prone areas without improving transportation needs for safe hurricane evacua-

tions 40 years ago,” Compton said. “We’re still doing it.”

Roads leading from such areas “slowly in-

vitably to safely evacuate residents out of harms

way,” he added. Forecasters at the Uni-

versity of Colorado recently evaluated their

predictions of the number of hurri-

cases that will occur in 2008. Based on the num-

ber that have already been recorded, they boosted the number of named storms to 17 from 15 and hurri-

cane seasons from eight.

In only four other years — 2005 was the most re-

corded — has a storm form-

ed in the tropics as early as March. In Bertha in July, Hurricane frequency and intensity

were high in those years.

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Accomplishments

According to Tacy, his biggest accomplishment is pedi-

ning on Janice McDermott’s term

planned Myakka River Park.

Community Center; getting the

and reconstruction of the Venice

Venice Municipal Fishing Pier

$10 million bond four years ago

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He was elected in 2002. He

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It's Crack! My doc- tor told me that eur- k! Can I live? I want to know, how do I get the bacteria to clog a- ver? 

While working at the Habitat Gondolier Sun, I have another forlorn tale. Habitat's name is familiar to many, of course. Yet that is not really the big problem. The big prob- lem is the amount of dis- cussion on every topic that comes to mind.

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What is the ‘taste’ tax? 

BY KERRY KIRCHNER GUEST COLUMNIST

As one of the original proponents of the tourist tax, I understand why it be-
comes very frustrating to many who sit up late at night or in the early morn-
ing arguing that the money is being poorly spent or that some locally elected officials and urban planners just do not see the pressing needs in the commu-
nity. Even candidates for state and local offices may not know where the mon-
ey is being used.

It is difficult to dispel the lies that are perpetuated by the name “tax” is thrown around for any purpose under the sun, and it is a common assump-
tion that this “tax” is as impor-
ant as the real thing. The purpose is to grow hands off.

All state and local tax-
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da so they could collec-
tions far out pace sales tax,

The elephant in the room:

According to one poll, 30
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Former photo editor Schmidt dies at 58

BY DON MOORE

Paul Schmidt, long-time photo editor of The Sun newspapers and The Sarasota Herald-Tribune, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Venetian Palms during a heart attack.

He was 71.

Schmidt joined the staff of the Sarasota Herald-Tribune in 1979 as a part-time photographer and pressman reporter. By 1980, he was appointed the Gondolier's full-time photographer.

This was a position he held for the San Diego Coast Community Media, the parent corporation of the newspapers, purchased the Sarasota Herald-Tribune in 1998.

After the Sarasota Herald-Tribune, Schmidt began working for the Sun newspapers, purchased the Sarasota Herald-Tribune in 1998.
If you're looking for employment in the Venice area, you'll find that visiting the Venice Area Chamber of Commerce website is a great resource for helping you explore your options. The newly designed website, which was launched in August by WebChimp Design Solutions, features a new section which includes all available data, county and state links that can help you with your job search. The Chamber's Education and Business Development Committee compiled the list in hopes of making the difficulty of finding jobs a little easier. There are many resources and services available online, as well as paid services through WC2 membership that can help you achieve your goal of finding employment.

Please visit www.VeniceAreaChamber.com and view "Employment Resources," which can be found in the Visitor Information section under Venice Area Information Resources. Call 488-2236 for further details.

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**BUSINESS OF THE MONTH**

**HONOLUANA ISLAND GRILL**


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**SEPTEMBER 2008**

- **VAYP Networking Event** - ages 21-40
  - Tuesday, Sept. 9, 11:30am
  - Kiimali Lumber, 11186 Hughes/Kial Rd., Off Jackson Rd.

- **Networking Event**
  - Thursday, Sept. 17, 7-11am
  - Community National Bank, 301 Center Rd.

- **Network Lunch** - $12
  - Monday, Sept. 22, 11:30am
  - Hospice of Sarasota, 235 W. Miami Ave.

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**Find Employment in Venice - Let Us Help**

If you're looking for employment in the Venice area, you'll find that visiting the Venice Area Chamber of Commerce website is a great resource for helping you explore your options. The newly designed website, which was launched in August by WebChimp Design Solutions, features a new section which includes all available data, county and state links that can help you with your job search. The Chamber's Education and Business Development Committee compiled the list in hopes of making the difficulty of finding jobs a little easier. There are many resources and services available online, as well as paid services through WC2 membership that can help you achieve your goal of finding employment.

Please visit www.VeniceAreaChamber.com and view "Employment Resources," which can be found in the Visitor Information section under Venice Area Information Resources. Call 488-2236 for further details.
SPORTS

Green Indians nip Lakewood Ranch

BY TRIPP MILLER
SPORTS EDITOR

One of the most impressi- nes of the game for Venice coach Brian Whearley’s team at Venice High School finally has a regular season varsity game under its belt. The Indians (1-0, 1-0 in 5A-12) swept Lakewood Ranch High School 25-11, 25-20, 25-10 on the road Tuesday night. Although Venice is young — the Indians have no seniors on the varsity roster — junior Joy Keeler- Noga believes things are flowing better for them in year seven. “I’ve been playing with these girls a long time. I don’t play with the girls that I played with before when I was a freshman, but I’ve been playing with (these seniors and juniors) since I was in my seventh grade, so it flows a lot more,” she said.

Capasso and fellow juniors Blinn Allen and Kenyser believe being the varsity experience while the underclassmen have built-in chemistry from playing with their varsity team back in middle school. Already Venice’s timing on defensive plays is beginning improve from what they’ve seen in years past. “I think they’re getting a lot more comfortable with it,” Capasso said.

The Indians had 5 touch- downs, while the Warriors scored last two minutes in their 44-2. Owen Wood’s four touchdown runs were enough to defeat the Miami Gardens High School. The Warriors also scored one touchdown, while the rest of the offense was held to two points.

You can hardly blame the Venice High School defense for not possessing the ball very long as Cardinal Mooney High School Friday night. The Indians had 5 touch- downs, while the Warriors scored 21-11, 25-25, 25-10 in the game Tuesday night. The Indians were defeated by the Warriors 25-11, 25-20, 25-10.

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Former Venice High School mid-
fielder Case Richards is making an immediate impact as a true fresh-
man on the Armstrong Atlantic State
Unviersity volleyball team in Savannah, Ga.

Richards led the Pirates with 17
digs on the weekend and led the Anderson (S.C.) Invitational over the weekend.
Senior Michelle Riekert added 12

Armstrong went on to defeat

Benedit College 25-11, 25-8, 25-14
to close out the invitational with an
unfounded record.

The Pirates (1-4) are off to their best
start since 2004, when Armstrong
began the year 10-6 and made it to a 2-8
and an NCAA Championship
appearance.

Armstrong competes in the Peach
Bolt Conference in NCAA Division II.
Richards played four years at

Venice during her class’ tenure with

the Indians, Venice won the 2005

Class 5A state championship, played

for the boys or girls from Venice.

The ones that make state are defi-

nitely ready. They’ll be better prepared,

that is, where else, he said.

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Tuesday, September 2, 2008

The date of the first publication
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September 17, 2008 to be held
at the Venice High School
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W. State Street, Venice,
FL 34285.

The District Board of Trustees,
State of Florida, by and through
the Sarasota County School
District, acting as its legal
representative, hereby gives
notice that it intends to re-
consider and/or vote to approve
the following matters:

The date of the notice of

Matters to be Considered:

The date of the notice of
August 27, 2008.

The date of the notice of
April 29, 2008.

The date of the notice of
August 13, 2008.

The date of the notice of
May 14, 2008.

The date of the notice of
September 9, 2008.

The date of the notice of
March 20, 2008.

The date of the notice of
June 20, 2008.

The date of the notice of
September 3, 2008.

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April 25, 2008.

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June 9, 2008.

The date of the notice of
September 6, 2008.

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April 30, 2008.

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June 30, 2008.

The date of the notice of
September 24, 2008.

The date of the notice of
April 1, 2008.

The date of the notice of
September 25, 2008.

The date of the notice of
April 8, 2008.
There were many people fishing on the jetty Monday afternoon despite the crashing waves.

This Labor Day was forecast to be rainy and windy. It turned out to be a beautiful day enjoyed by families, surfers and other beachgoers.

Surfers reported that Sunday’s waves at the North Jetty were the best the area has seen for a long time.

High waters and strong winds did not deter surfers and spectators from enjoying the 6-foot waves.

**POLICE BEAT**

**Venice Police Department arrests**

- Jack Murray, 41, 800 block Myrtle Ave., Venice. Charge: obstructing or opposing an officer. Bond: $1,120.
- Todd Monahan, 54, 100 block Cocoa Place, Nokomis. Charge: DUI. Bond: $500.
- Richard Theodore Preiser, 44, 2200 block Edmonston Road, Noko- mis. Charge: driving while license suspended, DUI refusal to submit to DUI test. Bond: $10,120.

**Sarasota County Sheriff’s Office arrest**

- Michael Mitchell, 42, 400 block Glen Oak Road, Venice. Charge: obstructing or opposing an officer without violence, assisting arrest or detention in retail theft, petit theft. Bond: $1,170.

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**Habitat for Humanity**

Come join the Venice Gondolier Sun staff and build a Habitat for Humanity house on Pelican Road in South Venice (behind Sea Side Inn) Saturday, Oct. 18, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Register: 488-1075. Lunch and refreshments provided. Rain or shine. Bring work clothes and sunscreen. No children under 18. Call 488-1075 for info.

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**Habitat for Humanity**

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Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. To volunteer or for information please call Dana Kohlheber, volunteer coordinator at 493-6606.
Artist tackles painting on water storage tank

BY DANA SANCHEZ
STAFF WRITER

A local artist has been commissioned to paint a water-themed mural on a million-gallon reclaimed water storage tank at the Englewood Water District in Rotonda West Thursday.

Coleen Henry paints a sea turtle on the side of a 1-million gallon, reclaimed water storage tank at the Englewood Water District in Rotonda West Thursday. SUN PHOTOS BY MOLLY DEMPSEY, MDEMPSEY@SUN-HERALD.COM

In addition to acrylic paints and brushes, it’s a job that requires a wide-brimmed hat, scaffolding and a bucket for lifting her high enough to reach places only birds like to go.

Henry, 56, began painting the mural in mid-June and hoped it would be completed within three months. The scene depicts the water cycle and is intended to raise awareness of responsible water use.

Her colorful mural will include pond life such as turtles, frogs and lilies, and will splash dramatic thunderstorms and pelting rain across a canvas measuring 2,200 square feet. She will earn $18,500 from the Englewood Water District for the job.

Completed two months ago by the Talman Road near L.A. Ainger Middle School. The site is surrounded by quiet neighborhoods, some with empty lots dotted by houses here and there.

Other than water district employees, the road appeared little-used when Henry set out to work.

That will change once Winchester Road is extended from State Road 776 to County Road 775 near Bear Creek, according to Charlotte County Public Works.

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Tips on buying a foreclosed property

FROM NAPSA

Challenging times in the U.S. real estate market means there are record numbers of foreclosed homes for sale. Some homeowners are considering purchasing a foreclosed home because these properties are often going for what seem like bargain prices. But buyers beware, there are some tips and tricks you need to keep in mind if you are considering purchasing a foreclosed home.

Online real estate site Trulia.com assembled a panel of industry experts and asked them to come up with things every buyer should know before purchasing a foreclosed property.

1. **Prioritize your needs:** Make a list of “must-haves” for your new home. The foreclosed house you choose should have an overall appeal as well as all of the items on your list.

2. **Talk to experts:** Make an appointment with an experienced foreclosure agent. Don’t be afraid to ask a lot of questions.

3. **Be current:** Look at neighborhood data with experience in foreclosures.

4. **Avoid pre-staged deals:** The preforeclosure/short sales is typically not the most profitable. You could wait until Friday or Monday to public auction. The foreclosure stage can mean there are record numbers of foreclosed homes across the country, and they can sell for full advantage of this market risk that might otherwise make them hesitate.

Trulia Inc. is a residential real estate search engine that helps homebuyers find the best deals are often situated where the homes have been on the market for 60 days or more.

According to Pete Flint, cofounder and CEO of Trulia, providing guidance from foreclosure experts combined with comprehensive information on foreclosed homes across the country can help potential homeowners take full advantage of this market while avoiding the kind of risks that might otherwise make them hesitate.

You’ll receive a tax deduction if you talk you into getting a computer. Now how do you turn it on? It’s a joke, call 861-1270 to register for the Sept. 4 class.

Video Lecture Series Watch “Earth Changing Chemistry” with Dr. Richard Wollffen of Missouri State College Sept. 4, 2-4 p.m.

Chess Club We don’t care about your age, we don’t care about your skill level, we just want to get together and play chess. If you just want to have fun, join us every Sunday. 1-4:30 p.m.

Toddler Tale Time Toddlers ages 1 and their parent, grandparent or caregiver, are invited to join us Sept. 5 for stories, rhymes, songs and playtime. Two sessions, each at 9:30 a.m. and 1:04 p.m., with a different theme each week. Please observe age requirements.
Food giveaway  Time: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  Where: Venice Community Center, 230 S. Nokomis Ave.  Contact:传感器.extracted_text() LINK: sensorsextracted.text()

Put brush to canvas  Time: 9:30 a.m.  Where: Senior Friendship Centers, 230 S. Scenic Drive  Notes: Free paint, canvas and instruction  Call: 584-0075  LINK: sensorsextracted.text()

Senior dancing  Time: 3:15 p.m.  Where: Senior Friendship Centers, 230 S. Scenic Drive  Notes: Social dancing  Call: 584-0075  LINK: sensorsextracted.text()

Kayaking safety  Time: 8:30-11 a.m.  Where: North Jetty/Island  Notes: Learn about entering/exiting, padding, proper technique, rules, how to get into your kayak if it overturns and how to help rescue another  Cost: $20  Call: Terry Bawley, 960-1055


Win Bingo  Time: 6-8:30 p.m.  Where: American Legion, 1770 E. Venice Ave.  Notes: Bingo every Monday, 50 cent admission  Call: 465-1157

Game day  Time: 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  Where: Venice Art Center, 905 S. Nokomis Ave.  Notes: Play a variety of games at the center.  Call: 480-7100  LINK: sensorsextracted.text()

Amphibious Forces  Time: 11 a.m.  Where: American Legion of Venice, No-Val Post 159, 1770 E. Venice Ave.  Notes: Amphibious Forces unit will be on view Wednesdays of each month.  RSVP: Leroy, 497-5455

Easy exercise  Time: 9 a.m.  Where: Senior Friendship Centers, 230 S. Scenic Drive  Notes: Easy yoga  Call: 584-0075  LINK: sensorsextracted.text()

Making crafts  Time: Noon  Where: Senior Friendship Centers, 230 S. Scenic Drive  Notes: Arts and crafts  Call: 584-0075  LINK: sensorsextracted.text()

Gardening answers  Time: 9 a.m.-noon  Where: Venice Public Library, 300 S. Nokomis Ave.  Notes: Sarasota County Extension Service experts answer gardening questions.  Call: 480-7442

Kayak and snorkel excursion  Time: 8 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  Where: John Suckey for information and required reservations  Notes: All kayak equipment will be provided. Bring your own snorkel equipment. Travel from Turtle Beach to Point of Rocks.  Call: 966-7308

Poetry open reading  Time: Sand Dollar Bookstore, 222 Miami Ave. W., Venice  Notes: Call of Venice, free and open to all, meets every Thursday  Call: 408-1030  LINK: sensorsextracted.text()

COMING SOON

Marriage renewal  Date: Sept. 7  Time: 7:30 p.m.  Where: Venice Christian Church, 2300 Southboard Ave.  Notes: Hosted by the Venice Women’s Sailing Squadron, aka the Bitter Ends, is planning a Learn to Sail course from Sept. 8-12. We sail in large and larger VW’s! It belongs to Florida Women’s Sailing Club.  Call: 484-1402 or 223-6049

American Legion Auxiliary  Date: Sept. 7  Time: 6-10 p.m.  Where: Venice YMCA, 710 Center Road  Notes: Group guitar lesson taught by Gary Byrkd. Includes instructions and materials and a CD. All ages and playing levels welcome. Free. RSVP to sign up in advance. Space is limited.  Contact: 525-50 members  Call: 497-4222 to sign up

American Legion Auxiliary  Date: Sept. 7  Time: 7 p.m.  Where: American Legion Harmon Hall, 1770 E. Venice Ave.  Notes: Learn about Safe Place and Rape Crisis Line. No charge, but reservations are required  Call: 955-7333  LINK: sensorsextracted.text()
For most of my life I’ve had dogs. Some were simply lovely pets, while others were, shall we say, guardian of my domicile. I found comfort in knowing that should anyone dare to break in to it, they would immediately be consumed by one of my dogs.

Once in a world of me and my carelessness, I let a chihuahua into the yard. It was a sad day. I’m_suffered from this, but only to a small degree.

For example, I no longer have a hankering to take long walks carrying one of those little plastic bags in case the poop fries the urge to have a calling card for me to be left behind. As a matter of fact, the poop is now an artifact of my past. I’ve no need for a Rottweiler for protection. I’ve already called my dogs, and they would break in to it, they would immediately be consumed.

I should clarify the cat story. However, I have two cats, and I can tell you unequivocally that should anyone open a can of tuna within 25 miles of either one, it will attack. I am living proof that one who does not open anything emitting a fishy odor without fear of losing one eye, or both and a major part of an arm, or at least a couple of fingers.

I, however, was concerned with security that I had when having crops grown in my garden. I was worried that I would lose my house unattended.

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**25TH ANNIVERSARY**

Connell

Barbara and Thomas Connell, of Venice, celebrated their 25th anniversary on Aug. 28, 2008. They were married in Somer-ville, N.J. on Aug. 28, 1983.

Barbara Connell is the former Barbara Stein Malavenda. She works at Nokomis Bank in Nokomis.

Thomas Connell work-ed as original owner of Bugs Restaurant Barbara-Ann’s Too! The couple are the par-ents of four children: Alisa Malavenda, of Milwaukee; Wine.; David Malavenda, of Mansville, N.J.; Thomas Connell, of Westport, N.J.; and Sandra Connell, of New Providence, N.J. They have six grandchildren.

Barbara Connell said they were surprised when everyone at their home Friday, took them on a party bus to Patti Geoges Restaurant Satur-day, and there and a party for 30 at their home on Sun-day.

**50TH ANNIVERSARY**

Bradtmiller

Nancy and Paul Bradtmiller, of Venice, were married 50 years ago on Aug. 24 in Basha, N.Y., in a military wedding.

They celebrated their 50th anniversary with a family cruise to Alaska at the end of June. The couple has three children: Linda Sheilds, of Lakewood Ranch, Fla.; Lee McCracken, of Chas-otte, N.C.; and Eric Bradtmiller, of Pascadero, Calif.; and five grandchildren.

Paul Bradtmiller is ret-ired from the U.S. Navy and Junior Utilities Com-pany. Nancy Bradtmiller worked at the University of Vermont in a school of business administration.

The Bradtmillers move-d to Venice 19 years ago from Shreveport, La., where he was affiliated with Ver-mont Electric Power Company and Vermont Electric Power Company.

**ENGAGEMENT**

Downes-Wright

Stewart and Donna Downes, of Sanata, Fla., announce the engage-ment of their daughter, Katie Hope Downes, of Ellenton, Fl., to Gregory Wright, of Ellenton.

He is the son of Dan and Connie Wright, of Par-ks, Fl.

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Venice High School, in Venice, Fla., and a 2003 graduate of University of Central Florida, in Orlando. She majored in psychology and is employed by Tax Technologies Inc.

The wedding is planned for April 2010.

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