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The Sunday Editorial

[Members of Congress are Getting Richer - Why Aren't You?](#)



Congress has apparently been getting the kind of returns that would make a hedge fund manager blush, increasing their net worth by nearly 20 percent during one of the slowest two years in history, in terms of economic growth. But how are they doing it? A new report suggests they're simply rigging the outcomes of their financial bets, by purchasing shares likely to become more valuable when they pass certain legislation. That's right, Congress can invest in companies with

business before them and profit when their votes make them worth more or less and more than a few of our esteemed leaders on both ends of the aisle are making money hand over fist doing so.

Sunday Favorites

[Sunday Favorites: The Seminole Wars, Part 1](#)



They say the last American Indian who was killed in this area died at Pope Gully on a sandy embankment. He was camouflaged, hiding in an oak tree. The oak tree was left there as a kind of corner stone – wherever the war was being fought, that oak marked the end of an era of trepidation that had lasted over forty years. The old oak rotted down then sprouted up again, where it stayed and stayed.

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State Government

[Governor Scott Sends Legal Defense Work Out of State - to a Firm with Ties to both Him and GOP](#)



Law firms seem to be among those benefiting most from Governor Scott's reign, though not all of them are Florida firms. The state has paid almost \$400,000 to the law firm of Alston and Bird just since August to defend a new state law that requires public employees to contribute 3 percent of their pay to the state pension fund. The firm and its partners, Alston and Bird, have significant ties to both the Republican Party of Florida and Governor Scott.

Port Manatee

[Done Deal - Port Manatee Has New Executive Director](#)

The Manatee County Port Authority has hired Carlos Buqueras as Port Manatee's new executive director, but his contract was not without a

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few fireworks. Port Authority board members sparred over a deferred compensation package designed to boost pay, before eventually passing it 6-1. On January 2, 2012 the port veteran takes the helm of Florida's newly-improved, ever-growing international gateway.

Local Government

[City of Bradenton Could be Overcharging Many Residential Water Bills](#)



When a local elderly woman fell down and suffered a concussion as well as injured limbs, she received treatment at a local rehabilitation center. But when Dorothy Middleton's recovery was complete, she was blindsided by another bombshell— a \$400 water bill. Apparently someone had stolen her copper pipes while she was rehabilitating.



High School Sports

[Manatee County High School Football Results, 11/18/2011](#)



Lakewood Ranch nearly pulled out an historic upset at Armwood, leading the number two team in the nation late in the 4th quarter, before coming up just short. Manatee and Palmetto both cruised to easy victories in round one of the state playoffs Friday night, setting up rematches with district rivals next week when Palmetto hosts Hardee and the Venice Indians return to Hawkins Field to take on Manatee.

Sports

[A World Class Regatta Sports Center in Our Backyard?](#)



What would you call something that creates hundreds to thousands of jobs, brings \$150 million a year in economic activity and is guaranteed to give you something different to do on the weekends? A couple of the names they are throwing around include Suncoast Aquatic Center and Florida International Rowing and Training Center - an extension of the magnificent Nathan Benderson Park. No matter what you call it,

we're talking about a world class international regatta sports center right in your back yard.

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Guido's Guidance

[No Bull: Keep Eye on Value Stocks When the Run Ends](#)

There comes a time in every company's life when revenues begin to slow and bottom line growth becomes more important. Even then, we can look at these companies as growth stocks, as long as there's consistency to the growth. A company growing at 10% quarter-to-quarter (instead of 25% quarterly) is still growing, although not as quickly. Wall Street is likely to consider this when valuing the stock,

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especially if its competitors are growing faster.

Community

[Buck Strickland Named the 2011 Agriculturalist of the Year](#)



William Lee "Buck" Strickland was named the 2011 Agriculturalist of the year and inducted into the Manatee County Agriculture Hall of Fame at the annual Farm City Week Luncheon hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Bradenton this week. Mr. Strickland's commitment to both his craft and his community have been an inspiration to many. His agricultural career, which began in 1958, has been one of pioneering and persistence.

Community News

[Community News - Manatee Spotlight November 20, 2011](#)



- Manatee High Students Fast to Raise Hunger Awareness
- Renaissance On 9th Welcomes David Meador As Executive Chef
- Local Red Cross Announces New Additions to Board of Directors
- Dr. Brian Foster Certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology
- Haile Middle Students Snare Honors Against World Competitors In Robotics
- Saint Stephen's Students Win Journalism Awards

Government Forecast

[This Week in Local Government: Nov. 21-25, 2011](#)



It's a light week in local government due to the Thanksgiving holiday. In a little switcharoo, the BOCC will hold a regular meeting on Monday, while the school board will vote in a new chair and vice chair Tuesday night. All local government offices are closed on Thursday for the holiday.

Local Government

[Manatee County Port Authority Meeting Results, 11/17/11](#)



The Manatee County Port Authority has a new Director: Carlos Buqueras. Set to start Jan. 2, 2012, he will have a brand new clean machine that is being built and tuned to take the port into a future of international trade far beyond its present status. The Green Express is getting in gear and will be ready to go to points North as soon as August, 2012.

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