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The Sunday Editorial

[Want Cheaper Gas Prices? Forget Domestic Drilling. Regulate Speculation on Oil](#)



Drilling for more oil here in the U.S. will not have much impact on prices at the pump, but regulating ramped speculation on the paper trading of oil futures could knock more than a third off the cost of gasoline in the U.S. So, why are we risking our fragile economic recovery by not doing so?

Guest Opinion

[Guest Editorial: Towards Restoring Citizen Control](#)



Citizen dissatisfaction is at an all-time high in the state and big money and special interests seem to have more influence than ever before. Lawyer and activist John Hendrick proposes we need to expand and streamline the initiative, referendum and recall processes in order to give citizens more control over the direction of the state.

Editor's Cookbook

[Poor Man's Dark Chocolate Lava Cake](#)



My mom is a very talented pastry chef. To her extreme dismay, one of her most oft-requested recipes is anything but gourmet. It's a fluke invented by some culinary hack that she picked up somewhere and once used in a time-crunched pinch – to rave reviews. Don't tell her, but I'm going to let you in on a family secret on how to make a delicious faux chocolate lava cake for under three bucks in two simple steps.

Government Forecast

[This Week in Local Governments, March 21-25](#)



In this week's local governments, the Palmetto City Commission meets on Monday evening. The Manatee County School Board is holding a workshop on the budget also on Monday evening. The Board of County Commissioners convenes for a work session Tuesday morning in county chambers. On Wednesday the Bradenton City Council holds its regular meeting in City Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m. On Thursday, the Bradenton Central Community Redevelopment Agency meets in City Hall at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Favorite

[Sunday Favorites: Son of a Son of a Sailor](#)

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Charlie Hawkins suffers from dementia. He struggles to remember the extraordinary details of his life that to his family will go on forever. But on Saturdays when his wife Virginia takes him to Emerson Point on Snead Island, he will recount incidents that took place along the Manatee River. While staring out over the calm waters of Tampa Bay, something in Charlie is rekindled. Whether it is specific memory or a feeling, we may never know, but when Charlie goes to Emerson – he goes home.

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Video Feature

[VIDEO: "Florida Watch March 20, 2011"](#)

On this week's edition of "Florida Watch" panelists Tom Tryon (Opinion Editor, Sarasota Herald Tribune), Cooper Levey-Baker (editor, Florida Independent), Dennis Maley (Editor, The Bradenton Times) and host Doug Miles talk about the immigration bill being debated in the Florida Legislature and the future of nuclear power in Florida in light of the situation in Japan among other topics.



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