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Features

[EDITORIAL: Who Does the School Board Work for?](#)



The answer should be elementary, but as I observed Monday's school board meeting, I heard several troubling statements that made me wonder whether the board, district employees and even the taxpayers themselves might have forgotten.

[Manatee School Board Wants More Cuts, Employees Face Salary Rollbacks](#)



At last night's meeting of the school board, not much changed in the superintendent's budget proposal, but three issues stood out as problematic. The board was torn on whether or not to implement mandatory furlough days; cut school operational funds; or select the \$17 million or the \$11 million dollar budget proposal. Most likely, employees will be facing salary rollbacks to supplement the difference.

[Crystal River Nuclear Plant's Planned Reopening Raises Cost Questions](#)



It appeared Progress Energy's Crystal River nuclear power plant was destined to close. Now they have announced the plant will reopen, targeting a 2014 date. The staggering total costs should make Floridians question whether they are getting the best return on their consumer investment.

[Weekend Adventures in Bradenton: Independence Day Weekend!](#)



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Government

Local

[Bradenton City Council Results, June 22](#)



The Bradenton City Council Met Wednesday evening at City Hall for a regular meeting. Banning horses on Palma Sola Causeway were among the items discussed.

[Robert Moates Will Seek District 2 Seat on Manatee County School Board in 2012](#)

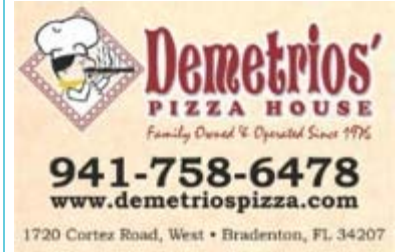


Robert Moates, a government and economics teacher at Lakewood Ranch High School, filed papers last week announcing his campaign for the Manatee County School Board, District 2 seat. Moates previously worked in both D.C. and Tallahassee with the U.S. House and state legislature.

[Venice Leaders Slam Proponents of Roundabouts](#)



Members of the Manatee-Sarasota Metropolitan Planning Organization got the word loud and clear from a succession of Venice elected officials and community leaders: They do not want roundabouts in the expanded roadway of the Venice Bypass.



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[Marina D'Abreau named Manatee County Agriculture and Extension Service Manager](#)



Featured Business

[Ronald J. Hernden, CPA PA](#)

The Open Mic

Need to get something off your chest? Just want to express yourself on the issues facing our community? Let your inner

[Metropolitan Planning Organization Agenda Results for June 27, 2011](#)



The Sarasota/Manatee County MPO met for their monthly meeting yesterday. In a novel salute to America's Independence Day, Bradenton Councilwoman Marianne Barneby opened the meeting by distributing the lyrics to "My Country Tis of Thee" and led the audience in a rendition of the song. The full agenda results are available [here](#).

State

[Scott Expected to Tap MacNamara soon for COS Position](#)



As Gov. Rick Scott's first chief of staff was confirmed by the Cabinet as the head of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, speculation was already turning to who would be the governor's second chief of staff -- and when he or she might be named.

[Florida Supreme Court Hears Arguments on Governor's Power](#)



A lawsuit filed against Gov. Rick Scott in March that accuses him of overstepping his constitutional authority by suspending rulemaking by state agencies was heard Wednesday morning by the Florida Supreme Court. In *Whiley v. Scott*, a blind woman named Rosalie Whiley says the governor is usurping a power granted to the Legislature to grant rulemaking authority to state agencies.

Law Enforcement

["Operation Sandman" is Putting Juvenile Crime to Sleep in Bradenton](#)



Since June, there has been a reduction of certain crimes in the City of Bradenton, including a 5 percent decrease in burglaries and a 2.5 percent decrease in thefts, while vehicle thefts dropped 14 percent. These statistics are compared to records from this time last year. Police say the changes are due to combined efforts of the BPD and the Manatee County Office of Juvenile Probation. Together they have created what they're calling "Operation Sandman," which requires that officers visit the homes of juvenile offenders in the area, ensuring they're home by curfew.

[Detective Jeff Beckley Named BPD Officer of the Month for July](#)



Detective Jeff Beckley has been named the Bradenton Police Department's Officer of the Month for July 2011 for his role in solving a string of recent crimes. He was nominated by Lt. Tim Christensen, Lt. William Fowler and Sgt. Dennis Stahley for outstanding work completing arrests and securing confessions.

Schools and Education

[Ad Hoc Group Calls for School Board Attorney to be Fired with Cause](#)



The CIEC, consisting mostly of past and present members of the district's budget committee, rolled out a laundry list of complaints and accusations while calling for the firing of the school district's attorney and the initiation of a search for a more qualified superintendent.

[School Board of Manatee County Regular Meeting Results June 27, 2011](#)



Despite the critical public comments of the school board's financial state, the board unanimously renewed Superintendent McGonegal's contract for another 2 years, then they sent him back to the drawing board to further analyze ways to cut the budget by 14 million. The district increased their property liability insurance, approved increases for SAMP employee insurance premiums, and adopted a new field-trip policy in one of the longest hearings all year.

[Staff Attorney Scott Martin Latest to Join School District's 100 Grand Club](#)



On a 3-2 vote in Monday night's meeting, staff attorney Scott Martin was named new Assistant Superintendent for Manatee County School District, which raised his salary to just over \$104,000 annually. Board members Karen Carpenter and Julie Aranibar voted against the action.

[GI Bill Benefit Changes Not All Good](#)



On January 4, 2011, President Obama signed into law Senate Bill S-3447, the Post 9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvement Act of 2010. The new law goes into effect on August 1, 2011. However, many student veterans excited for these changes may not be aware of certain parts of the bill that negatively impact their benefits.

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[The Open Mic](#)

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[USF Sarasota-Manatee introduces new Student Government Association officers](#)



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Of those who've announced, who is your choice so far for the 2012 GOP candidate?

Choice

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Business and Financial

[Baird's Market Strategy, Week of 6/27/2011](#)



The Federal Reserve offered no change in policy following last week's FOMC meeting: new purchases under QE2 will be concluded by the end of June, and the size of the Fed's balance sheet will be maintained indefinitely. The Fed's policy statement showed that the Fed expects more inflation and less growth than it had previously.

Community

[Captain Tom is King of the Sunset Cruise](#)



There's nothing like a sunset cruise. Let's face it, two of the best things about our tropical locale is the ability to watch a picture perfect sunset most every night and opportunities to get out on the water for a relaxing boat ride. When you can pair the two, it's a slice of heaven.

[Manatee County Animal Services Offers Active & Retired Military Half-Price Pet Adoptions Throughout July](#)



Manatee County Animal Services will honor all active and retired United States military personnel by offering half-price adoption fees for dogs and cats throughout July. All current and retired United States military personnel may adopt a dog or cat for half the regular adoption fee.

[Send a Letter to the Editor: Have Your Voice Heard in the Community!](#)



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[Community News - Manatee Movers and Shakers, 6/23/2011](#)



- Dr. Sarah Meaker to Lead Suncoast Technology Forum Education Committee
- Marina D'Abreu named Manatee County Agriculture and Extension Service Manager
- USF Sarasota-Manatee Awarded Separate Accreditation
- NetWeave Social Networking Expands Ownership with Staffer Promotion
- USF Sarasota-Manatee introduces new Student Government Association officers
- New Balance Sarasota donates sports brasto aid recovery for patients in need

Music

[Mike Sales Delivers Anna Maria Island Its own Drum Circle](#)



Last year *The Bradenton Times* raised the question, Mike Sales or Mr. Anna Maria Island? This year, it is safe to say that the Mr. Anna Maria Island moniker fits best. A one man show, singing and playing music, Sales is making his way around the island

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**** Catch of the Week ****



Captain Ryan Butler of team Tidy Coast hauled in this unforgettable 244-pound grouper that he caught on

Environment

[Piney Point Liner Tear Proves Significant](#)



The ripped liner that led to millions of gallons of hazardous discharge at Piney Point was revealed to be quite large, as crews removed it and sent it off for testing. A temporary patch will be installed today, while further tests will determine whether additional repairs to the site are needed.

[Florida Green Building Coalition Presents Manatee with Green Government Certification](#)



Manatee County Government received its Green Local Government Certification through the Florida Green Building Coalition. Dr. Jennifer Languell, past president of the Florida Green Building Coalition, executive director of the Coalition, presented the certification to Manatee County Commissioners this afternoon.

Fishing

[Captain Favorite's Fishing Forum Week of June 27, 2011](#)



Our forum has everything you need to know for fishing this week. The Bradenton Times will now feature a catch of the week, fishing regulation updates, a fishing report from a local charter captain and weather forecast. This forum is unique because it allows for the reader to send in questions, pictures and comments. Its purpose is to promote interaction between average anglers and the fishing experts.

[Captain Favorite's Weekend Fishing Forecast](#)



Your fishing forecast features, coastal temperatures, sea conditions, tides and peak fishing hours. However, the best part of this fun feature is that you can customize your own forecast by following the links. So utilize The Bradenton Times to get you where you need to go and help you catch that big one

Sports

[Marauders Sweep Miracle 7-5](#)



The Bradenton Marauders, Class A-Advanced affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates, begin the second half of the season 3-0, after sweeping the Fort Myers Miracle with a 7-5 win at McKechnie Field.

[Pittsburgh Pirates Assign Pedro Alvarez to Bradenton on Rehab](#)



The Pittsburgh Pirates today have assigned third baseman Pedro Alvarez to the Bradenton Marauders on a Major League rehab assignment. Alvarez has been sidelined since May 21st with a right quadriceps strain.

[Marauders Take Series with 8-1 Win](#)



The Bradenton Marauders, Class A-Advanced affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates, won their eighth game in nine tries Tuesday, defeating the St. Lucie Mets 8-1. Down 1-0 heading into the home half of the fourth, the Marauders batted around, plating five runs and earning a lead they would not relinquish.

a small piece of cut bait in about 400 feet of water at the Fire Charity Fishing Tournament last weekend.

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Other Notable Events:

June 30, 2011

- [Bradenton River Branch Library Family Movie Series](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- [South Manatee Branch Library - The "Real" Ghost Hunters](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

July 1, 2011

- [First Fridays: Car/Bike Show & Community Party](#) Time: 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm
- [Mike Sales Presents Friday Night Beach Party & Drum Circle](#) Time: 5:30 pm - 10:00 pm
- [Bradenton Marauders Vs Palm Beach](#) Time: 7:00 pm - 12:00 am

July 2, 2011

- [Manatee County Audubon Society - Open House at Felts Audubon Preserve](#) Time: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
- [Island Branch Library Summer Programs for Young Adults - Hoola Monsters Hoola Hoop Troupe](#) Time: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- [Ocean Harvest Live Music and BBQ](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

July 3, 2011

- [Bradenton Marauders Vs St. Lucie](#) Time: 6:30 pm - 12:00 am

July 4, 2011

- [Independence Day](#)
- [July Forth at the Riverhouse](#) Time: 7:00 pm

July 5, 2011

- [S.W.A.T. Networking - Successful Women Aligning Together](#) Time: 11:45 am - 1:00 pm
- [KIWANIS CLUB OF BRADENTON](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

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July 6, 2011

- [Summer Storytime at Palmetto Branch Library](#) Time: 10:00 am - 11:00 am
- [Manatee County Health Department - Teen Health Clinic](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- [Island Branch Library Summer Programs for Young Adults - Origami](#) Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

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