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Hello Reader,

Features

[Is Selling Off America's Infrastructure Something to Worry About?](#)



Cash-strapped governments are increasingly turning toward privatization as a way to balance budgets. But they're not just turning over services that were formerly performed by government employees. More and more, they are selling off the actual infrastructure and often to foreign investors. Is it a threat when foreigners own the nuts and bolts of America?

[Weekend Adventures in Bradenton, July 8-9](#)



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[Scott Okays Sunrail, Draws Criticism from Many Sides](#)



The Central Florida commuter line called SunRail will go forward, state officials announced Friday, ending months of deliberation by Gov. Rick Scott that tested the dividing line between his small-government brand of conservatism and the GOP's pro-business orientation.

[Is Shale Gas a Ponzi Scheme? Introducing the Daily Dose](#)



Featured columnist Dennis Maley's new daily blog, *The Daily Dose*, will touch on an important issue each day, giving readers something to chew on, while providing resources for them to learn more. Check out the first post which shines a light on last week's natural gas scandal.

Government

Local

[City of Bradenton Seeking Code Enforcement Board Member](#)



The City is currently accepting applications for a volunteer position on its Code Enforcement Board. The applicant must reside in the City limits and board members are expected to attend the board's monthly meetings at 2:30 p.m. every third Tuesday of the month at City Hall, 101 Old Main St.

State

[Florida Colleges Want Changes to Dual Enrollment](#)



Feeling pinched by drops in funding from the state and a heavier reliance on tuition dollars, Florida public colleges are eyeing changes to dual enrollment courses as a way to free up money. High school students who take college courses, also known as dual enrollment, don't pay tuition. Now, Florida's college presidents have begun lobbying effort to change how dual enrollment is structured and paid for.

Schools and Education

[Saint Stephen's Librarian Awarded Prestigious Fellowship](#)

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The Community Notices

[Suntrust Bank Gift Makes A Significant Impact In Manatee County](#)



Nick Roberts, Jerry Koontz, Kevin Osborne and Bruce Body

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 editor loose in the Open Mic. Sound of and let everyone know whats on your mind!

[The Open Mic](#)



A middle and upper school librarian at Saint Stephen's Episcopal School, was recently awarded a prestigious fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities as well as a scholarship to attend the Ethel Walker School's summer symposium on food and sustainability.

Local News

[Tampa Bay's Estuary Program Receives Prestigious Award](#)



The prestigious Partnership Award in the 2011 Gulf Guardian awards, which is sponsored by the Gulf of Mexico Program, was given to the Estuary Program's Nitrogen Management Consortium. Although projects throughout the Gulf of Mexico were nominated, TBEP's Nitrogen Consortium received the award due to their noteworthy accomplishments of a public-private alliance in reducing nitrogen pollution in the Tampa Bay from wastewater, storm water, air emissions and industrial discharges

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Opinion

[Letter to the Editor: Regarding RV's at Honeymoon Island State Park](#)



The FDEP has proposed setting up as many as 45 camping spots, including some for RV's, at Honeymoon Island State Park. One Tampa naturalist thinks that while some state parks might be able to accommodate such facilities, Honeymoon's small size would make it ecologically irresponsible.

Business and Financial

[Baird's Market Strategy. Week of 7/4/2011](#)



The equity markets last week enjoyed the strongest five day period in more than two years. The powerful advance was likely the result of the deeply oversold condition and excessive investor pessimism as opposed to any significant fundamental change in the global economic environment. Europe's stock markets stabilized following another rescue plan for Greece. The long-term outcome for the highly indebted European countries, however, remains very much in doubt.

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Community

[Photo Album: Bill Galvano for Senate BBQ at Palma Sola Botanical Gardens](#)



The Former Florida State Rep and current FL Senate candidate told attendees at a recent fund-raising event, held at the Palma Sola Botanical Gardens, that government needed to learn when to help and when to get out of the way.

[Bradenton Yacht Club Change of Watch - Rick Shaurette Named Commodore](#)



The Bradenton Yacht Club celebrated its 2011 Change of Watch on June 25, installing Rick Shaurette as its 62nd Commodore. Established in 1946 with the original 18 charter members, the club membership now exceeds 500.

[Please Adopt Me: The Bradenton Times Pet of The Week](#)



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Last Week's Poll Results

(as of 7/6/2011)

Where is the best local spot to watch fireworks?

Choice	%
Palmetto Side of the Green Bridge	28%
Bradenton Side of the Green Bridge	31%
Anna Maria Island	16%
McKechnie Field	4%
Siesta Beach	11%
Sarasota Bayfront Park	9%

New Poll:

[Vote on this NEW Poll!](#)

Is the Manatee County School District moving in the right direction?



Each week, the Bradenton Times features a homeless animal being cared for by Manatee County Animal Services, in the hope of finding them a good home where they can bring joy to the life of a local resident. This week's pet is Spot, a loveable lab/mix with a playful, friendly temperament.

[Community News - Manatee Movers and Shakers, 7/7/2011](#)



- Suntrust Bank Gift Makes A Significant Impact In Manatee County
- Healthy Start Coalition of Manatee County, Inc. Holds Annual Membership Meeting
- Wilde Honda Employee Receives Top Honors
- Siemer Institute for Family Stability Launches in Manatee & Sarasota County
- "Space Shuttle: On the Wings of a Dream" New Program in Museum's Bishop Planetarium Theater
- Author Laura Schaefer Releases Children's E-Book Guide to Walt Disney World

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Music

[Mighty Mongo Brings New Energy to Beach Club Siesta Key](#)



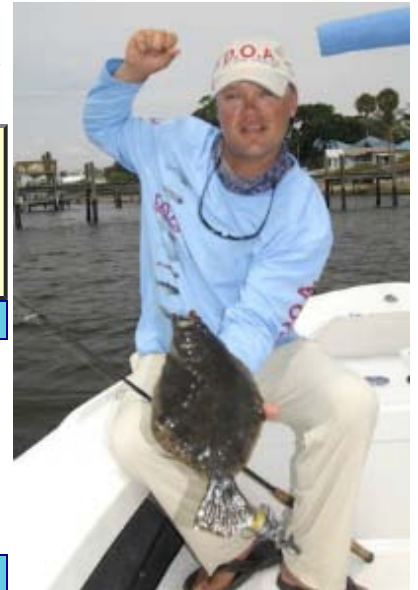
There is a new crowd gathering in Siesta Key. Somewhat rowdy, but still confined, you may notice this strange specimen venturing into Beach Club Siesta Key on Saturday nights. They are the crazed fans of Mighty Mongo, more commonly known as Mongolians. Follow them.

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



Capt. John Irwin, from Charleston, S.C., caught and released this nice flounder on a DOA Terroryz.

Food and Dining

[Beignets and Cafe Au Lait Make a Great 4th of July Tradition](#)



Warm, sugary French donuts might not be the first thing that comes to mind during Independence Day weekend, but one bite of these devilishly delicious treats might change your mind.

Fishing

[Captain Favorite's Fishing Forum July 4, 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 July 7, 2011](#)



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As of Wednesday, July 6, we currently have: **1,749 Followers.**

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[DeSoto Fishing Tourney This Weekend](#)



The 15th Annual Hernando DeSoto Historical Society Fishing Tournament takes place this weekend. The event kicks off Friday at 6:30 with the captain's meeting at the Bradenton Yacht Club, followed by Saturday's shotgun start and Sunday's weigh-in.

Sports

[Baker's Gem Leads 5-2 Win for Marauders](#)

The Bradenton Marauders, Class A-Advanced affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates, used a gem



of a performance by Nathan Baker to unravel the Palm Beach Cardinals 5-2 at Roger Dean Stadium Tuesday night.

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The Community Notices

[Wilde Honda Employee Receives Top Honors](#)



Other Notable Events:

July 7, 2011

- [Manatee Tiger Bay Club, Inc. - Monthly Meeting](#) Time: 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
- [Braden River Branch Library Family Movie Series](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

July 8, 2011

- [Hernando de Soto Historical Society 15th Annual Fishing Tournament](#)
- [Bradenton Marauders Vs Lakeland](#) Time: 7:00 pm - 12:00 am
- [Ducks in Paradise "Ducktail Party" benefiting PAC](#) Time: 7:00 pm

July 9, 2011

- [14th Street West CRA Neighborhood Market Day](#) Time: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
- [Ocean Harvest Live Music and BBQ](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- [Bradenton Marauders Vs Lakeland](#) Time: 7:00 pm - 12:00 am

July 10, 2011

- [Turtle Walk with Longboat Key's Turtle Watch](#) Time: 6:30 am
- [Bradenton Marauders Vs Lakeland](#) Time: 5:00 pm - 12:00 am
- [Bradentucky Bombers vs. Sintral Derby Demons](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

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July 11, 2011

- [Volleyball summer camp](#) Time: 6:30 am - 8:15 am
- [Rotary Club Business Luncheon](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
- [Bradenton Marauders Vs Lakeland](#) Time: 7:00 pm - 12:00 am

July 12, 2011

- [Hip Hop Hustle](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 12:00 am
- [Tea Party Manatee - Weekly General Meeting](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
- [Lakewood Ranch Democratic Club](#) Time: 7:00 pm

July 13, 2011

- [Code Enforcement Board Hearing](#) Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- [Manatee County Health Department - Teen Health Clinic](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- [Island Branch Library Summer Programs for Young Adults - College Bound?](#) Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

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