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Hello Reader,

Features

[If Huntsman is too Moderate, the GOP may be in Trouble](#)



The Republican base has been raising questions about whether Jon Huntsman, the former Governor of Utah and Ambassador to China who is seeking their 2012 Presidential nomination, is conservative enough. For me, there's something decidedly uncomfortable about watching the man who was formerly the party's most promising moderate jump into the muck to try and out right-wing the other base-panderers in the field, and I can't help but think it hurts GOP chances to regain the White House.

[What is the Dreaded Debt Ceiling and What Happens if it Caves in?](#)



As if Americans don't have enough to worry about - now it's the threat of a "Debt Ceiling" coming down on top of them. What does it mean? Who's at fault? What can we do about it? These are questions being asked every day by ordinary Americans. Actually, our everyday life is comprised of examples that demonstrate what it means, how it's used and what will happen if it falls.

[Sierra Club Wins Round Two with Fertilizer Giant](#)



Fertilizer giant Mosaic lost another round in the battle to expand mining at its South Fort Meade location, southeast of Tampa last week when the Sierra Club won a preliminary injunction against an "upland" mine expansion that the company argued fell outside of the previous injunction of wetland expansion granted last August.

[Weekend Adventures in Bradenton: July 15-17](#)



Get downtown to watch a movie Friday night with Reels at Rossi, catch a ballgame this weekend or make your way over to Ace's where the Chris Duarte Group will bring their potent blues/jazz sound for one of the area's biggest local concerts. The action is as thick as the humid summer air in this Weekend's Adventure!

[This Week's Daily Dose](#)



Big Oil at it again, FDR's warning on the social safety net, who's buying up Florida politics on the cheap and can Congress achieve anything – all in this week's Daily Doses, columnist Dennis Maley's weekday blog full of brain-candy for the perpetually curious.

Government

State

[Without Maps, Fair District Public Meetings May Leave Little to Debate](#)



As lawmakers travel the state to figure out what's fair and what's not about the new "Fair Districting" mandate passed last fall by voter referendum, they continue to work their way through it's boundaries and challenges. Critics contend that a lack of transparency in the process threatens to undermine its legitimacy and that the summer-long schedule of "public meetings" are little more than dog and pony shows since they will take place prior to any information on proposed districts being available.

Schools and Education

[School Board Budget Compromises Expected at Today's Special Meeting](#)

With Friday's special workshop behind them, the school board is hoping to find common ground today on what has been a particularly difficult budget debate as it considers just



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The Community Notices

[USF Sarasota-Manatee Regional Chancellor celebrates 35 years with USF](#)



Featured Business

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

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Need to get something off



how to again make deep cuts in light of declining revenues.

[Manatee School District Employees Face up to 8 Percent Pay Cut Plus Higher Insurance Premiums](#)



In a seemingly noble act, the Manatee County School Board agreed that they would take the lead in pay cuts, sacrificing a whopping 7 percent decrease in their salaries. However, this significant amount falls short of what was required from their hardest-hit employees. Ironically, in the same meeting they approved a motion to cut the highest paid SAMP employees over 8 percent, which includes mandatory furlough days.

[Manatee School Board Special Budget Meeting Results July 11, 2011](#)



It was an unpleasant outcome for many school board employees last night when the board approved \$14 million in budget cuts, decreasing employee pay up to 8 percent. Julie Aranibar and Karen Carpenter opposed all aspects of the Superintendent's budget resolution. They felt that he could have looked at more options before undertaking such a reduction in employee pay at a time when insurance premiums are on the rise.

[Rhee and Robinson Hit the Road to Sell Scott's Educational Vision](#)



If it seems like the walls are moving in on the way our schools are being run, its because they are. As each county district attempts to reign in the fluff and cut out the rust, Tallahassee gets to see it's new Commissioner of Education in full swing Friday, July 15, in Ft Lauderdale where he and controversial former D.C. schools Chancellor Michelle Rhee (a former Scott advisor) will headline a forum on student achievement.

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Opinion

[Guest Op/Ed: Making Political Office the Exclusive Domain of the Wealthy](#)



After the June 27 Supreme Court decision declaring the matching funds provision of Arizona's Clean Elections law unconstitutional, a Florida federal judge followed suit, eliminating the same provision in the Florida Election Campaign Finance Act. Frank Markham, Director of the *Florida Initiative for Electoral Reform*, argues that the decision will perpetuate the domination of public office by the state's wealthiest candidates.

Last Week's Poll Results

(as of 7/13/2011)

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

Choice	%
Strongly Agree	7%
Agree	10%
Not Sure	18%
Disagree	19%
Strongly Disagree	44%

New Poll:

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What is needed for budget

Business and Financial

[Baird's Market Strategy. Week of 7/11/2011](#)



The equity markets enjoyed fractional gains last week despite some unfriendly news from Europe, Asia and the U.S. Labor Department. Europe is still struggling with the prospects that the Greek debt situation could to spread to other countries.

Community

[Community News - Manatee Movers and Shakers, 7/14/2011](#)



- USF Sarasota-Manatee Regional Chancellor Dr. Arthur Guilford celebrates 35 years with USF
- Local CPA Completes QuickBooks Certification
- 2011 Cortez Yacht Club Commodore' s Cup Series Begins Sunday
- Photo Contest
- Brady Insurance Group Grows with the Addition of Sean "Stump" Dillon
- Laurie Fox receives Five Star Award For Customer

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Environment

[Smart Irrigation Month Puts Nation-wide Focus on Saving Water and Money](#)



Smart Irrigation Month is a public awareness campaign to promote efficient water use. Focused on July, traditionally the month of peak demand for outdoor water use nationally, the campaign highlights simple practices and innovative technologies.

[Shorebirds Killed in Posted Area](#)



Even though the nesting areas were clearly posted, a number of imperiled shorebird chicks were killed at protected sites on Marco Island beaches over the July 4th holiday weekend. Tracks in the sand indicate an unleashed dog likely killed black skimmer chicks in the posted Critical Wildlife Area (CWA) of Sand Dollar Beach, where dogs are prohibited.

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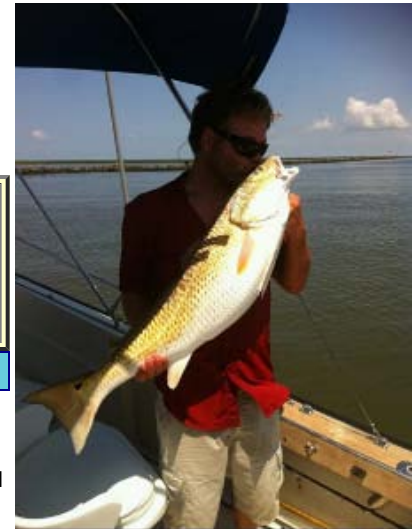
Music

[The Chris Duarte Group Will Jazz Up Ace's on Friday](#)



What's that noise? No, it's not another summer thunder storm. It is the sound of blues music floating in the hot, humid air. Follow the sound for a night of refreshing tunes and lounge back with a nice, chilled drink at Ace's. The *Chris Duarte Group* is bringing their blues-rock element to town this Friday, July 15.

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



Jason Richardson caught this giant redfish with shiners.

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Fishing

[De Soto Fishing Tourney to Include Spearfishing!](#)



The ancient art of spearfishing has once again become a popular pastime as competitive fishermen try to outdo one another in this extremely challenging class. This weekend, local anglers can glimpse the sport up close and personal.

[Captain Favorite's Fishing Forum July 11, 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.

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Sports

[Marauders Split Doubleheader with Palm Beach](#)



The Bradenton Marauders, Class A-Advanced affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates, split their first doubleheader of the 2011 season beating the Palm Beach Cardinals in game one 6-4 and falling 8-4 in game two.

[Marauders Rained Out: Double Hitter Tonight](#)



The Bradenton Marauders, Class A-Advanced affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates, saw their second washout in three days Friday, watching the opening game of their series with the Lakeland Flying Tigers postponed due to inclement weather. The game will be made up as part of a doubleheader tonight, starting at 5 p.m.

[Lorin, Baker Lead Way in Doubleheader Split](#)



The Bradenton Marauders, Class A-Advanced affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates, split their second doubleheader in the three days Saturday, 6-2, 5-4 to the Lakeland Flying Tigers at McKechnie Field.

[Late Comeback Falls Short for Marauders in 6-5 Loss](#)



The Bradenton Marauders, Class A-Advanced affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates, mounted a late comeback Sunday but fell a run short, 6-5 to the Lakeland Flying Tigers at McKechnie Field.

[Bradenton Marauders Fall 9-2 in Lakeland Finale](#)



The Bradenton Marauders, Class A-Advanced affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates, fell in the series finale to the Lakeland Flying Tigers, 9-2 at McKechnie Field. Marauders starter Nathan Baker threw well early, tossing five runs of three-run baseball. He allowed only four hits, all of them singles.

Upcoming Events

There are hundreds of things going on in Bradenton and Manatee County every week. Our Events Calendar is the most comprehensive in the area. Take a look and find something going on that is just right for you!



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July 2011						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Other Notable Events:

July 14, 2011

- [Volleyball summer camp](#) Time: 6:30 am - 8:15 am
- [Manatee Young Professionals Host Networking Event At World Of Beer](#) Time: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

July 15, 2011

- [Reels at Rossi Park](#)
- [FridayFest at the Van Wezel Celebrates the 60s with YESTERDAYZE!](#) Time: 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

July 16, 2011

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- [Manatee County Audubon Society - Junior Audubon](#) Time: 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- [Young Eagle Rally. Free airplane rides. Kids 8 thru 17.](#) Time: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

July 17, 2011

- [Sierra Groups Peace River Paddle](#) Time: 9:30 am
- [Sarasota Pride T-Dance](#) Time: 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- [Bradenton Marauders Vs Daytona](#) Time: 5:00 pm - 12:00 am

July 18, 2011

- [Republican Club of Manatee County](#) Time: 12:00 am
- [Anna Maria Island Democratic Club](#) Time: 12:00 pm

July 19, 2011

- [Gulf Coast Latin Chamber of Commerce - New Member Welcome Meeting](#) Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- [Bradenton Marauders Vs Daytona](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 12:00 am

July 20, 2011

- [Bradenton Marauders Vs Daytona](#) Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 am
- [Summer Storytime at Palmetto Branch Library](#) Time: 10:00 am - 11:00 am
- [Island Branch Library Summer Programs for Young Adults - "Your Dolphin Neighbors"](#) Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

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