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## Features

### [City Council Increases Property Millage Tax](#)



City Council voted 5-0 to approve a tentative increase in the property millage tax, taking it to 5.202. With all public services suffering from cutbacks, the city is left with a workforce of 498 -- down from 600. City Clerk and Treasurer, Carl Callahan, promised to keep the police force furthest from cuts, and said reducing the city workforce anymore than its current level would be unworkable.

### [This Year's Manatee County School Board Budget Resolution is a Victory in Disguise](#)



On the surface this year's budget resolution looks dismal, clouded with corruption and polluted by politics. The plan seems to keep schools, teachers and students from breaking through the surface of a struggling economy. However, in the past few months the heightened interest of Manatee County residents was a lifesaver to the most vulnerable part of the education system -- the children.

### [Florida Not Alone in Push to Make it Tougher on Teachers](#)



With state budgets all over America feeling the crunch of shrinking revenues, the big-ticket item of public education is a tempting target for savings at an ideal time to push ideological agendas. Like many states, Florida is tying tougher evaluation methods on teachers to compensation in a way that could lead to further spending reductions -- but what will be the impact on education?

### [Weekend Adventures in Bradenton: July 22-24](#)



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## Government

### Local

#### [City of Palmetto Commission Meeting Results July 18, 2011](#)



Coming up on August 15, 2011 a public hearing will be scheduled for the building development adjacent to Snead Island. Ten single-family detached residences are scheduled to be constructed on the 1.66-acre parcel just before the Humpback Bridge over the Snead Island Cut-off. A model home will be constructed first, then the developer will build more units based on consumer demand.

#### [Clerk of Court Feels S & P's Reaction to Congress Could Unfairly Affect County Portfolio](#)



Debates in Congress over the debt ceiling are already having a trickle-down effect at the local level. Friday, the credit rating agency, Standard & Poors' (S&P), decided to place the US Government's AAA-rated credit obligations on a 'credit watch with negative implications.' This action by S&P on the federal obligations is expected to cause S&P's AAA rating of Manatee County's investment portfolio to similarly be placed on a negative credit watch, due to the portfolio's investments in federal obligations.

#### [Bradenton City Council Agenda Results, July 20, 2011](#)



The Bradenton City Council met yesterday for a regularly scheduled meeting. Among the items were establishing a tentative millage rate, setting the budget hearing schedule and approving construction contracts for low income housing units.

#### [City council votes 4--1 to approve construction contracts.](#)



A vote to award two separate contracts of single family residences went forward today with a vote of 4--1. In a contentious debate over lately submitted documents, Gallo, the dissenter, objected to some of the contract documents not being submitted until right before the meeting.

### State

#### [Rep. Randolph to File Bill to Restrict Jurors from Profiting from Jury Service](#)



State Representative Scott Randolph (D-Orlando) and Central Florida Attorney Mark E. NeJame today unveiled proposed legislation to prohibit Florida jurors from being compensated or profiting from outside sources for information regarding a case in which they have served, as well as legislation exempting the release of juror names from public records unless the juror chooses to do so.

### National

#### [Sarasota Resident Appointed Officer of the Royal Norwegian Order of](#)

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## The Community Notices

### [Students at USF Sarasota-Manatee work to end homelessness](#)



## Featured Business

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

## The Open Mic

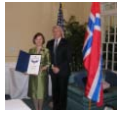
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## The Open Mic



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## Merit



Dr. Sylvia Reynolds Eckes, a Sarasota resident and professor emerita of piano from Ohio University, was recently appointed Officer, Knight First Class, of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit and received the award from the Consul General of Norway, Dr. Jostein Mykletun, at the Tampa Yacht and Country Club.

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## Business and Financial

### [Baird's Market Strategy, Week of 7/18/11](#)



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 spread to other countries.

## Community

### [Wounded Veteran Donates Motorcycle for Charity](#)



The purr of a Harley engine was music to his ears and the wind against his skin set him free. Romulo "Romy" Camargo loved nothing more than riding his motorcycle on the long winding back-country Florid roads. When duty called overseas, Camargo enlisted in the Special Forces. In the fall of 2008, Camargo was caught in an ambush in Afghanistan and took a bullet in the neck. He was paralyzed and had to face an extended, painful recovery process that is still ongoing.

### [Community News - Manatee Movers and Shakers, 7/21/2011](#)



- Rotary Club of East Manatee recognizes students
- Students at USF Sarasota-Manatee work to end homelessness
- A Brand New Online Photo Contest Raises Funds for Majical Miniatures Animal Rescue and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer
- Saint Stephen's Episcopal School Welcomes a New School Chaplain
- Kerkering Barberio Welcomes Mary Brown, CPC

## Environment

### [Horseshoe Crabs Outlasted Dinosaurs, but Can They Survive Today's Challenges?](#)



The ancient arthropod moves along the beach searching for clams with its 10 eyes. It eats while walking, using its legs to crush prey and bring it to its jawless mouth. The horseshoe crab has survived unchanged for approximately 300 million years and existed 100 million years before the dinosaurs.

### [Register for FWC Public Meetings on Coastal Conservation](#)



The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Coastal Wildlife Conservation Initiative is holding two public meetings in West Palm Beach on July 19 and 20.

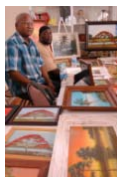
### [EPA -- A Target For Florida Republicans](#)



The EPA again finds itself a target for mining representatives over a controversy of what level of radiation is acceptable for people to live with. The mining industry is plowing forward in its attempts to trump precautionary protocol, but the EPA wants to hold its ground.

## Arts and Entertainment

### [Florida Highwaymen Art Show was Huge Success](#)



Hundreds of people gathered at the Palmetto Historical Park to buy paintings from eight of the original Florida Highwaymen over the weekend. Brilliant displays of pristine Florida fauna were exhibited in every building. Customers stood in line to purchase paintings priced anywhere from \$50 to \$3000.

### [Transplanter in Black](#)

TBT  
Special  
Feature

As part of a spotlight on local artists, we are pleased to present a short prose piece by Sarasota-based writer and sometimes TBT contributor Kafi Benz.

## Music

### [Koko Ray and the Soul Providers Release a Heavy Dose of Love](#)



*Koko Ray and the Soul Providers* have released perhaps their heaviest album yet, "5,000 lbs of Love." Their weighty title was born out of a joke told at one of their shows. Koko teased the crowd that they better prepare for 5,000 pounds of swinging meat, and someone suggested, "5,000 pounds of love." Whether it is love or meat that is swinging, there is no question about it- it's swinging.

### Last Week's Poll Results (as of 7/20/2011)

#### What is needed for budget compromise

Choice	%
Spending cuts only	96%
Spending cuts and closing tax loopholes and subsidies	1%
Spending cuts, closing tax loopholes and subsidies, eliminating Bush-era Tax Cuts	2%
Tax increases on Wealthiest Americans	1%

New Poll:

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



Jay Peck from Spencerport, N.Y., jumped this tarpon on a fly in the coastal gulf off Sarasota while fishing with Capt. Rick Grassett

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As of Wednesday, July 20, we currently have:

## [We The Kings are Ruling St. Petersburg Thursday Night](#)



We The Kings are putting Bradenton on the map with their pop-rock tunes ruling the charts. Proud of their beginnings in Bradenton, Fla., this band sure knows how to represent! Their name even originated from King Middle School, which the boys attended when they first started playing music together.

## This Space For Rent

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## Fishing

### [Marina Jack's Hosts the Sarasota Slam Fishing Tournament from August 2-6](#)



The 2011 Sarasota Slam Fishing Tournament will kick off on August 2, with the final weigh-ins on August 6. All events will take place at Marina Jack, in beautiful downtown Sarasota.

### [Captain Favorite's Fishing Forum July 18, 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 21, 2011](#)



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## Sports

### [Marauder Bats Explode in Fourth for 8-1 Win](#)



The Bradenton Marauders, Class A-Advanced affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates, secured a series victory over the Dunedin Blue Jays Friday, winning 8-1 at Florida Auto Exchange Stadium. The Marauders go for the sweep at 6pm Saturday.

### [Grossman Helps Fight Off Cubs in 7-0 Win](#)



The Bradenton Marauders, Class A-Advanced affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates, continued to exact revenge on the Florida State League's North Division, taking three of four from the Daytona Cubs with a 7-0 win Wednesday.

## 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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## Other Notable Events:

July 21, 2011

- [Bradenton Get Down Downtown](#) Time: 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm
- [Bradenton River Branch Library Family Movie Series](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- [Bradenton Marauders Vs Tampa](#) Time: 7:00 pm - 12:00 am

July 22, 2011

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- [Bradenton Dance Center](#)
- [Concrete on Call](#)
- [Coral Way Properties](#)
- [Cruz Photography](#)
- [Corky's Bait & Tackle](#)

- [Grand Opening Dance party](#)
- [Summer Treats Jewlery Show](#) Time: 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- [The South Florida Museum Film Fridays](#) Time: 5:00 pm

July 23, 2011

- [Presidency 5](#) Time: 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm
- [Ocean Harvest Live Music and BBQ](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- [Bradenton Marauders Vs Tampa](#) Time: 7:00 pm - 12:00 am

July 24, 2011

- [Bradenton Marauders Vs Tampa](#) Time: 5:00 pm - 12:00 am

July 25, 2011

- [Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization](#) Time: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
- [Rotary Club Business Luncheon](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

July 26, 2011

- [Americas With Disabilities Act Celebration BBQ](#) Time: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
- [KIWANIS CLUB OF BRADENTON](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

July 27, 2011

- [Manatee Young Professionals Mypower Networking Lunch At Anna Maria Oyster Bar Landside](#) Time: 11:45 am - 1:00 pm
- [Manatee County Health Department - Teen Health Clinic](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

[Demetrios Pizza House](#)  
[Eat Here](#)  
[Early Learning Coalition](#)  
[Henry Raines Show](#)  
[Heintz & Becker](#)  
[Kern Construction, Inc.](#)  
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