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Features

[AG Firings Draw Broader Criticism, Calls for Federal Inquiry](#)



Though Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi has expressed concern over her office's lack of documentation regarding the controversial dismissal of two state investigators, she says she stands by the decision. The AG says she wants an outside review, but after hearing statements from the two attorneys and learning of links between Bondi and some of the firms under her office's investigation, activists and Democratic lawmakers feel that a state-level investigation would do little, and are calling for a federal probe.

[Lakewood Ranch Incorporation Argument Seems Just as Thin in 2011](#)



I commented on the proposed LWR incorporation bid last year in a piece that has been widely circulated as the debate continues toward a straw poll vote. Many residents have asked me to follow up, now that nearly 14 months have passed, but a review of the charter, study and arguments waged since has done little to sway my opinion, while I've found new reasons not to like the idea.

[Robinson Farms Density Issue Back Under a Cloud Despite Ruling](#)



When Katie Pierola and Greg Geraldson beat the odds to win an Administrative Law Judge's ruling on the Robinson Farms density change approved by the Manatee BOCC against the advice of its staff, their hard work seemed vindicated. But with news that under the new growth management law, the ALJ decision will not go before the DCA, but instead in front of the Governor's cabinet, there is concern that the developer's massive fundraising efforts for Governor Scott and other cabinet members will influence the process.

[School Board Moves to Approve Tentative Budget 3-2 with Tax Hike that Voters Denied](#)



Tension amongst Manatee County School Board members peaked during the tentative budget meeting last night. The board approved, 3-2 with Julie Aranibar and Karen Carpenter dissenting, to move forward to raise the millage rate by .748, bringing the total millage rate to 7.960. Carpenter and Aranibar criticized the rest of the board for withholding information and voiced concerns of distrust in regard to board policies.

[Weekend Adventures in Bradenton: August 5-7](#)



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Government

Local

[Palmetto Gray Area Widens with Noise Ordinance Decision](#)



Palmetto City Commissioners voted 5-0 to repeal their noise ordinance after lengthy debate last night at city hall. The decision dumps the currently adopted exemption policy and incorporates more discretion for officers responding to complaints. Mayor Shirley Grover Bryant said it would, "put it back in the hands of the police."

[Manatee County Commission Votes to Move Forward with Millage Rate](#)



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[The Open Mic](#)

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[Hike](#)



The Manatee BOCC voted 5-2 in its budget reconciliation meeting to move forward with a property millage increase of .071 for the sheriff's department, raising the amount per \$100,000 in property tax by \$7.10. Most of the Commissioners say reduced assessed values will more than make up for a millage rate increase that will provide 20 new Deputy Sheriffs. The final vote on the budget is in September.

[County Highlights Progress in Council of Governments Meeting](#)



Government heads from nearly a dozen different local communities came together for a session that asked, *what can we do together to make this a better place to live*. Economic planning, going green, polishing up the airport and building some beautiful buildings were all on the menu as local leaders discussed the recipes.

[Palmetto City Commission Results, August 1, 2011](#)



The Palmetto City Commission met Monday night for a scheduled meeting, which ran late after a lengthy discussion regarding a motion to end the process of special noise permits which are routinely given by the city to residents and businesses hosting events, finally came to a vote.

[Three Citizen Seats Open on Children's Services Advisory Board](#)



Manatee County has three openings on the Children's Services Advisory Board (CSAB) which advises the Manatee County Commission on the priorities and expenditures of the County's funding source dedicated to children's services. The CSAB is comprised of 13 members who are appointed by the Commission to serve three-year terms.

State

[Florida Supreme Court Clarifies Rules for Private Information in Court Filings](#)



In a recently revised opinion, the Florida Supreme Court has specified what private information will be allowed in court documents and in what format. The Supreme Court is striving to strike a balance between protecting the individual's private information from being used in such criminal activities as identity theft with the public's right to information under the Sunshine laws.

National

[Senate Steps Up to Facilitate Debt Ceiling Deal](#)



Call it the wisdom of the high house of Congress, but the seasoned pols of the U.S. Senate showed their chops this weekend, quickly stepping up to the plate and taking the lead in crafting a bi-partisan deal that is expected to help the United States avoid default on debt obligations before the Tuesday deadline.

Schools and Education

[In Manatee County, the Best Teachers Will be Rewarded](#)



More than 200 teachers will receive Ca\$h for Cla\$\$room Grants for educational projects at the Ready for School Rally on Wednesday, August 17th at Braden River High School. Educators have been receiving grants from the Manatee Education Foundation for over twenty years, said Tricia McKay May, Director of Development for the Manatee Education Foundation.

[School Board of Manatee County Public Hearing Results Aug. 1, 2011](#)



The Manatee County School Board moved to approve, 3-2 with Julie Aranibar and Karen Carpenter dissenting, the tentative budget with the option to implement the supplemental millage rate hike if they feel they need to adopt it to make up for a \$15 million dollar shortfall facing the district. On Sept. 8, 2011 they will vote to officially adopt it.

Local News

[Partial Sunshine Skyway Fishing Pier Demo to Benefit Manatee's Three Mile North Reef](#)

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Last Week's Poll Results (as of 8/3/2011)

Where's the best local place to view the sunset?

Choice	%
Walking along Bean Point	29%
On a boat along Manatee River	16%
From the deck at Mattison's	7%
From a set at the Beach Concession	47%

New Poll:

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Where's the best local



Crews working to demolish portions of the Sunshine Skyway Fishing Pier will deliver and submerge 70,000 tons of artificial reef material off the Anna Maria Island coast early as Monday, July 18. Boaters and fishermen are advised to avoid the Three Mile North Reef area during construction which could last until February.

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Business and Financial

[Baird's Special Market Report: Debt Ceiling Vote](#)

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The Senate and House of Representatives are expected to vote today on a deal to raise the debt ceiling and cut the deficit, a compromise that President Barack Obama and leaders in Congress reached on Sunday night. The proposed deal includes \$2.4 trillion in deficit reduction over 10 years while authorizing an increase in the federal debt ceiling by a slightly smaller amount to allow the government to pay its debts through 2012.

[Baird's Market Strategy. Week of 8/1/2011](#)

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The equity markets reacted negatively last week to the debt ceiling impasse and the possibility of a downgrade of U.S. government debt. Although the debt increase commanded center stage in recent weeks, the market was also impacted by the latest reports on the economy that showed a deceleration in business activity.

Community

[Manatee County Accepting Nominations for Outstanding Agriculturalist and Agriculture Hall of Fame](#)



Nominations for Manatee County Outstanding Agriculturalist and Agriculture Hall of Fame are currently being accepted. These recognitions honor those who have contributed to the success and growth of agriculture in Manatee County. The Outstanding Agriculturalist must be a current member of our community and will be honored during the Kiwanis Club of Bradenton Farm City Week Luncheon on November 15, 2011.

[Please Adopt Me: Manatee County Animal Services Pet of the Week](#)



Tank is a playful Boxer/Rottweiler mix with a sunny disposition and boundless energy. His Bengal patterned coat with unique coloring that looks like camouflage and his squat, muscular build suits his name. Manatee County Animal Services is offering a "buy one, get one free" adoption event throughout August.

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[Community News - Manatee Movers and Shakers. 8/4/2011](#)



- Model Train Event at Palmetto Historical Park
- Boys and Girls Clubs of America Award Local Scholarships to Teens
- Rick Smith of CS&L CPAs Elected to Board
- Leadership Manatee Announces Class of 2011-2012
- International Fellowship Invites American Families to Host Exchange Students

This Space For Rent

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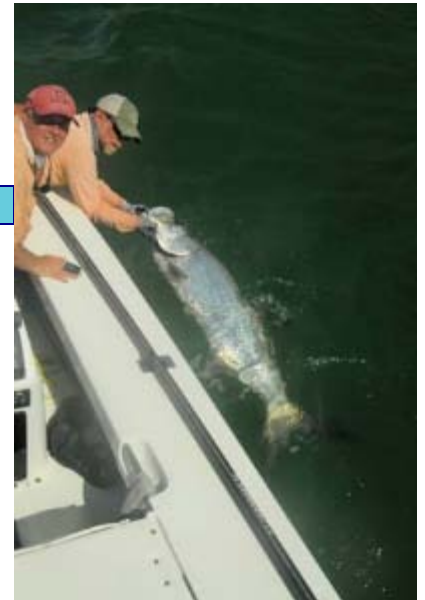
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**** Catch of the Week ****



Kirk Grasset, from Middletown, Del., caught and released this 75-pound tarpon on a fly in the coastal gulf off Sarasota while fishing with his brother, Capt. Rick Grasset.

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[Captain Favorite's Fishing Forum August 1, 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 Aug 4, 2011](#)



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' Baker Traded to Orioles for Major Leaguer Derek Lee](#)



Local baseball star Aaron Baker has been traded from the Bradenton Marauders to the Baltimore Orioles organization. The Pirates received major league veteran Derek Lee in exchange for Baker, a left-handed hitter and fan favorite who was widely seen as the Marauder with the most major league potential. With the big-league Pirates in their first pennant race in decades, it is hoped that Lee's experience will give them an edge down the stretch.



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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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August 2011

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Other Notable Events:

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whenever you can.

- [Majical Miniatures Dining to Donate at Applebee's](#) Time: 4:00 am - 9:00 pm
- [Anna Maria Island Privateers - "WALK THE PLANK" PARTY](#) Time: 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

August 5, 2011

- [Sarasota Slam Fishing Tournament copy](#) Time: 10:00 am
- [The South Florida Museum Film Fridays](#) Time: 5:00 pm

August 6, 2011

- [Model Train Event at Palmetto Historical Park](#) Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
- [Bradenton Marauders Vs Jupiter](#) Time: 7:00 pm - 12:00 am

August 7, 2011

- [Bradenton Marauders Vs Jupiter](#) Time: 5:00 pm - 12:00 am
- [Bradentucky Bombers vs. South Florida Derby Girls](#) Time: 6:30 pm - 10:00 pm

August 8, 2011

- [Rotary Club Business Luncheon](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
- [Bradenton Marauders Vs Jupiter](#) Time: 7:00 pm - 12:00 am
- [Manatee County School Board Meeting](#) Time: 7:00 pm

August 9, 2011

- [Friends of the Braden River Branch Library Book Discussion Group](#)
- [KIWANIS CLUB OF BRADENTON](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
- [Manatee County Central Library Read to a Therapy Dog program for children](#) Time: 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

August 10, 2011

- [City Council \(workshop\)](#) Time: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
- [Gaming Night featuring Wii and various board games](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 12:00 am
- [City of Palmetto Hurricane Awareness Workshop](#) Time: 7:00 pm

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