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Hello Reader,

Features

[Do Members of Congress Really Get a Full Pay Pension After Just One Term?](#)



Instant full-pay pensions, Cadillac benefit plans, no Social Security deductions – there are a lot of rumors floating around the web as to perks lavished on members of Congress. I separate the facts from the fiction and put you up on some other little-known Washington swag in this week's column.

[Governor Gives Neal 20 days to Challenge County's Ruling](#)



In the land use issue that refuses to go away, Governor Scott and his cabinet, convened as the administration commission, granted developer John Neal 20 days to appeal Manatee County's rescinding of its previous comp plan amendment which was to allow a density increase for the developer's Robinson Farms project.

[High School Football Game of the Week: Bayshore at Palmetto](#)



The Palmetto Tigers have fielded one of their most-talented teams in recent years, combining an exciting, yet balanced offensive attack with a stingy defense that has given opposition fits this season. Coming off of a 27-0 route of Lakewood Ranch, they'll be a heavy favorite when they host District 10 rival Bayshore this Friday night at Harlee Stadium.



[Judge Rules that FL Legislature Broke the Law in Prison Privatization](#)



Last Friday, a state judge ruled that the Florida Legislature illegally and unconstitutionally used the budget to order the privatization of prisons in 18 South Florida counties. The court demanded that the project be stopped immediately. The Legislature had quietly inserted language into its budget during the last session that opened the door for state prisons to be privatized, rather than debating a bill and passing a law authorizing such changes.

[Weekend Adventures in Bradenton, Oct. 7-9](#)



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Government

Local

[Manatee County Commission Work Session Summary, 10/4/2011](#)



Public Safety, EMS Billing and 800 MGHZ radios were hot topics in yesterday's BOCC work session. Building and Development Services "Nuisance Abatement" and Property Registration for Neighborhood services were also subjects brought before the Manatee Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday. What makes a town tick? A lot of parts, and here are some of them at work.

[Palmetto Begins Search for New Commissioner](#)



The Palmetto City Commission struggled to see just how they would go about replacing Commissioner Lancaster's seat for Ward 1. Lancaster, a 14-year veteran of the commission, unexpectedly announced her resignation last week, much to the dismay of fellow commissioners.



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Pierette Kelly, John Horne, Linda Craig, and Amy Wick-Mavis

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[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!

[Palmetto City Commission Agenda Results: 10/3/11](#)



Palmetto City Commissioners discussed a process for the replacement of the Ward 1 City Commissioner seat recently vacated by Mary Lancaster at Monday's City Council meeting. Among other items, the 23rd Street realignment update for the Baseball Field was also delivered.

[Bradenton City Council Agenda Results, Sept. 28, 2011](#)



The Bradenton City Council met Wednesday evening for a scheduled meeting. Among the actions taken were a unanimous vote to amend an ordinance on firearms to get rid of a possible prohibition on sales of firearms during disaster emergencies.

State

[Florida Legislature to Appeal Voters' Redistricting Victory - Using Their Money!](#)



Florida voters passed a landslide referendum amendment last November that prevents gerrymandering of political districts for political benefit. Lawmakers sued them (using taxpayer money) and the courts upheld on their behalf. Now the legislature is getting set to rack up some more legal bills on their behalf by filing an appeal.

National

[Photo Gallery: Occupy Wall Street Week Three](#)



When asked what he thought of the Occupy Wall Street protests by the Wall Street Journal in a video interview this week, surging GOP presidential nominee Herman Cain said, "I don't have the facts to back it up, but I suspect that these demonstrations are being orchestrated to draw attention away from the failed policies of the Obama Administration." He might not have been paying attention. The rallies have been hyper-critical of the administration's failure to reign in financial behavior that led to the economic collapse of 2008 that is continuing to impact millions of Americans.

Law Enforcement

[MCSO Names Employee and Deputy of the Month](#)



Ashley Eannarino took the initiative to drive the streets of Bradenton Beach when she received a case on a father and child who were homeless and possibly living in a vehicle. She eventually got them the help they needed. Detective Joe Petta helped to nail a store owner who fenced stolen property and spear-headed the long-term investigation dubbed *Operation Gold Rush*, which identified three other burglary groups. Nine burglary suspects were identified and arrested on numerous felonies. They are the MCSO employee and

deputy of the month.

Schools and Education

[Manatee School Board Moves to Adopt County's Redistricting Lines](#)



Currently, when it comes to electing local officials, the school board districts are different from the county districts because school board districts are non-partisan. On October 10, 2011, the school board will begin the process of adopting shared districts – a step many feel is the right direction to unite the residents of Manatee County.

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Opinion

[Guest Op/Ed: An Open Letter To The Manatee County Commission](#)

Across our community there is a growing sense of disconnect between citizens and their government. It is most evident by the absence of a majority of citizens participating in our local elections. More and more people feel that government no longer is of the people, by the people and for the people. Instead, they feel that government is now rigged to serve

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Last Week's Poll Results

(as of 10/4/2011)

Who will win this week's big game?

Choice	%
Southeast (4-0)	23
Manatee (1-2)	76

New Poll:

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those who already hold political office. The *Don't fight City Hall* mood prevails because City Hall rigs the rules of engagement.

Business and Financial

[Ipe Clip Manufacturer Plans 80 Jobs with Move to Manatee County from South Carolina](#)



The Ipe Clip Fastener Company LLC has moved its headquarters and manufacturing operations from South Carolina to Manatee County where the company plans to add 80 employees over the next five years, according to Sharon Hillstrom, interim executive director of the Manatee Economic Development Council (EDC). Ipe Clip designs and manufactures a patented line of hidden deck fasteners, deck building tools, stainless steel screws, deck finishing products, and accessories.

[Baird's Market Strategy, Week of 10/3/11](#)



The equity markets suffered one of the harshest third quarters in recent memory with the popular averages finishing very near the lows for the year last week. Stocks continue to be plagued by events in Europe and the threat of recession at home. As a result, we anticipate additional probes of the August low near 1100 on the S&P 500 early in the fourth quarter. The latest moves by the Federal Reserve have left investors unimpressed given that interest rates were already at historically low levels before Bernanke initiated Operation Twist.

[AT&T Upgrades Local Cell Coverage](#)



AT&T announced it has upgraded 45 cell sites in Manatee and Sarasota counties year-to-date, in order to optimize network performance and provide faster data speeds. The company says it has invested more than \$425 million in their Florida wireless and wireline networks in 2011 alone.

Community

[Community News - Manatee Movers and Shakers, 10/6/2011](#)



- Desoto Square Announces New Mall Manager
- \$52,841.00 raised at the 11th Annual Anna Maria Oyster Bar Charity Golf Tournament
- Women's Financial Issues is the Focus of Women Owners' of FL October Meeting
- "Between the States" Film Fridays Series Commemorates 150th Anniversary of American Civil War
- Two Local Women Selected As Winners Of Red Cross Presidential Award Of Excellence

[Pinellas County First in Area to End Municipal Water Fluoridation](#)



Pinellas County voted 4-3 Tuesday to stop fluoridation of water to about 700,000 county residents. Public notices are to go out in the fall and the practice will be halted afterward. The cost savings will be over \$200,000 and fluoride activists hope it will be the catalyst for ending the controversial practice which converts a phosphate mining byproduct to a water additive.

[MPO Citizens Advisory Committee Taking Apps for Bradenton Rep](#)



There is an opening for a Bradenton representative on the Metropolitan Planning Organization's Citizens Advisory Committee. The committee provides the MPO input to the transportation and planning process of the local community from a citizen's point of view. Committee members are selected to represent a cross section of the citizens of the Manatee-Sarasota region.

Environment

[EV Charging Stations Coming to Lakewood Ranch](#)



Lakewood Ranch, the largest green-certified master-planned community in the state, has begun installation on two electric car charging stations. Work is expected to be complete within the next 30 days at two different locations—one at the University Parkway Information Center, and the other at Main Street.

[Bay Grasses in Classes](#)

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Ocean Harvest
* * Catch of the Week * *



Chris Partain and his dad, Steve Partain from Atlanta, Ga., with a Sarasota Bay bluefish double caught while fishing with Capt. Rick Grasset.

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On September 28, 13 marine biology students from Manatee School For the Arts with the assistance of Tampa Bay Watch, transplanted 950 plugs of a common bay area grass known as *Spartina alterniflora* or salt marsh cordgrass into Terra Ceia Preserve in Palmetto. This particular species serves many functions such as creating critical habitats, nurseries for many organisms, filtration systems, and helps stabilize the sediment in our local bays.



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[Florida West Coast RC&D Council Celebrates Resource Conservation Week](#)



The Florida West Coast RC&D will join fellow Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils throughout the United States to commemorate RC&D Week, which will run this year from September 25 to October 1. RC&D Week is held annually to recognize and celebrate the success of the RC&D Program nationwide. This year's RC&D Week commemorates the 49th anniversary of the establishment of the RC&D Program and celebrates local RC&D Councils and their partners and projects.

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Fishing

[Captain Favorite's Weekend Fishing Forecast Oct. 6, 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.



[Captain Favorite's Fishing Forum October 3, 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.

Sports

[Photo Gallery: Manatee Stomps Southeast 48-6](#)



In the biggest blowout of the 30-game history of the series, the Manatee Hurricanes (2-2) delivered Southeast (4-1) its first loss of the season via a 48-6 route last Friday night at Hawkins Stadium. While the Seminoles fought valiantly and never gave up, Manatee's fearsome defense and explosive offense was just too much for the 'Noles to handle.

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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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Proudly supports the following local businesses and urges you to seek out a local business whenever you can.

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View the [Full Calendar](#)

Other Notable Events:

October 6, 2011

- [All Children's Hospital Car Seat Check-Up](#) Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- [Manatee County Central Library Storytime](#) Time: 10:00 am - 11:00 am
- [Divorce Care Seminar and Support Group](#) Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

October 7, 2011

- [Slicks Garage - First Fridays: Car/Bike Show & Community Party](#) Time: 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm
- [South Florida Museum "Between the States" Film Fridays](#) Time: 6:00 pm
- [High School Football - Bayshore @ Palmetto](#) Time: 7:30 pm - 12:00 am
- [High School Football - Braden River @ Manatee](#) Time: 7:30 pm - 12:00 am
- [High School Football - Lakewood Ranch Vs Tarpon Springs](#) Time: 7:30 pm - 12:00 am
- [High School Football - Manatee Vs Braden River](#) Time: 7:30 pm - 12:00 am
- [High School Football - Palmetto Vs Bayshore](#) Time: 7:30 pm - 12:00 am
- [High School Football - Southeast Vs Desota](#) Time: 7:30 pm - 12:00 am

October 8, 2011

- [1st Annual Hornback Chiropractic High Heel-A-Thon](#) Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- [Kiwans Clasic Kar-B-Que](#) Time: 11:00 am - 7:00 pm
- [Palmetto Branch Library Fire Safety Program](#) Time: 2:00 pm
- [Manatee-Sarasota Fish and Game Association - Gullett Mullet Fish Fry](#) Time: 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

October 9, 2011

- [Terra Ceia Island Village Improvement Association 3rd Annual Arts & Craft Show](#) Time: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
- [Team Tony Foundation Cycle Of Life Riders' Arrival Celebration! 200 Miles In 2 Days!](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- [Tampa Bay Buccaneers @ San Francisco 49ers](#) Time: 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

October 10, 2011

- ["Money and Politics" - League of Women Voters of Manatee County](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
- [Five Elements Qigong](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

October 11, 2011

- [Project Light Open House](#) Time: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
- [KIWANIS CLUB OF BRADENTON](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
- [FLU SHOTS \(Manatee County Flu Clinic\)](#) Time: 2:00 pm

October 12, 2011

- [Bradenton City Council meeting and workshop](#) Time: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
- [Manatee County Health Department - Teen Health Clinic](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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- [Renaissance on 9th presents a "Soup's On!" Cooking Demo](#) Time: 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm



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