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Hello Reader,

Features

[Race and Redistricting: Getting Past our Past](#)



As the redistricting process continues its convoluted journey toward policy, the element of minority representation remains a red herring that clouds intelligent debate, spawning unlikely alliances that are fighting to preserve power rather than implement the will of the people, which is to make a patently unfair system of electing representatives, much less so.

[As Justice Department Focuses on Buchanan, Competition Gathers](#)



The U.S. Justice Department has launched an investigation into allegations that U.S. Congressman Vern Buchanan coerced former employees and a business partner to make illegal donations to his campaign. Meanwhile, both Rick Eaton and former District 69 state house rep. Keith Fitzgerald have filed to run against the embattled Congressman in 2012.

[High School Football Game of the Week: Venice at Manatee](#)



This week, undefeated Hardee (6-0) and Palmetto (6-0) lock up in a game that could decide the District 10 5A championship. Venice and Manatee will also collide in a game that could decide District 10's 7A champ. Take your pick, either game will be a hot ticket. But the deep-seeded rivalry between Venice and Manatee makes this matchup our game of the week.

[Community Poll: Manatee County Commission and School Board Redistricting](#)



As a result of the 2010 census, it is once again time to redraw the district boundaries for the five Manatee County School Board seats as well as the five county commission seats (6 & 7 are at-large, countywide districts). We're asking our readers to take the following poll to voice which method of drawing those districts they support.

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Government

Local

[Alarm Ordinance, Workers' Comp and History Drive BOCC Work Session](#)



At Manatee County's BOCC work session Tuesday, there were three main issues: the Alarm Ordinance, Workers Compensation Expenses, and Historic Preservation. Some days there is a few bumps in the road, some days it's a smooth ride, Tuesday it was the latter.

[Manatee County and Longboat Key Special Meeting Summary](#)

Tuesday afternoon the Manatee BOCC and the Longboat Key Commission sat down for a

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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!



pow-wow. Both governments share an important part of this county. It was a relaxed workshop setting, hashing over the goals of past and present, and focused on those to come. Helping each other was the gist of the agenda and all went home happy.

[The Open Mic](#)

[Pirates Deal Tops Good News at Manatee TDC Meeting](#)



The Manatee Tourist Development Council heard some good news amid tough economic times at Monday's meeting in the BOCC chambers of the County Administration Building in downtown Bradenton. A new marketing agreement with the Pittsburgh Pirates was the highlighted issue, drawing unanimous excitement from the board and various tourism interests.



[West Coast Tomato Farm Labor Camp Approved by Palmetto City Commission](#)



At Monday night's Palmetto City Commission meeting, approval for a farm labor camp had but a few requests; a six foot fence, security cameras, outside lighting and legal vehicles in the parking area. Those living in farm labor camps have recently found themselves a target for robbery and harassment. Commissioners are doing all they can to protect them.

[Palmetto City Commission Agenda Results: 10/17/11](#)



Palmetto City Commissioners approved the Sunnyside Farm Labor Camp and phone card sweepstakes at the 8th Avenue West laundry mat at Monday's meeting. They also heard an update on the 23rd Street baseball field. The city also announced a Veteran's Day parade on Nov. 11, with special guest speaker Rep. Greg Steube.

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[Manatee County Planning Commission Agenda Results October 13, 2011](#)



The Manatee County Planning Commission recommended approval of the Schroeder-Manatee Ranch / University Lakes General Development Plan Amendment, the Elliott-Gillette/Mendoza Road lane changes, amending a Central Park zoning ordinance revision, and the River's Reach site plan at Thursday's meeting. None of the matters were debated or contested.

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State

[Florida Legislator Moves to Block Debit Card Fees](#)



The Occupy Movement may have inspired its first piece of legislation this week when Florida Rep. Jeff Clemens (D-Lake Worth) filed legislation that would ban banks from charging monthly fees for customers who use debit cards. Bank of America was the first of the *Big Four* to announce monthly fees for the use of debit cards, followed closely by Wells Fargo. Banks are already paid a percentage of every transaction, which comes out of the retailer's end, but that fee is now limited by new federal legislation.

Last Week's Poll Results

(as of 10/19/2011)

Schools and Education

[Letter to the Editor: School District Lobbying](#)



There appears to be an arrangement between the Manatee School District and the Chamber of Commerce regarding lobbying efforts. The Chamber of Commerce has an agreement with John Ray Consulting, LLC (a lobbyist in Tallahassee) to "obtain the assistance in providing state government relations services and economic development strategies in support of the Technical Center Equity Funding Project. The Chamber has an agreement with the School District of Manatee County to pay for these services.

Is Manatee County's public educational system moving in the right direction?

Choice	%
Yes	15
No	84

New Poll:

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Business and Financial

[Baird's Market Strategy. Week of 10/10/17](#)



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.

Who do you think is the best Presidential candidate so far?

Community

[Amscot Partners with Local Law Enforcement for Helmet Giveaway This Saturday](#)



The Manatee County Sheriff's Office in conjunction with the Palmetto police Department, provide continued emphasis on traffic safety and want to make sure our youngest citizens are safe while riding on our roadways. For that reason, these entities in partnership with the Amscot Corporation will be conducting a bicycle helmet giveaway.

[Community News - Manatee Movers and Shakers, 10/20/2011](#)



- Goodwill To Open New Donation Center In Lakewood Ranch
- New Officers at Easter Seals Southwest Florida
- Community Haven Announces Interim CEO
- Tide Watchers, Grab Your Cameras!
- Port Manatee's Berth 12 Certified
- Grant Applications Now Available

[Dr. George Thomas to be Honored with Senator Edgar H. Price Lifetime Achievement Award](#)



On Wednesday November 2nd, 2011 at 6 p.m., Manatee County Rural Health Services, Inc. will hold its 4th annual Senator Edgar H. Price, Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award Dinner. The dinner is named in honor of Manatee County's past Senator, who spent his career fighting for the rights of the indigent to receive quality medical care.

[Manatee Hosts 9th Annual Goblin Gathering on Friday, Oct. 21](#)



Manatee County Parks and Recreation invites children and families to the 9th Annual Goblin Gathering on Friday, Oct. 21. This year's festivities include a costume contest, face painting, hayride, bounce houses and an 18-foot inflatable slide. Admission is \$5 for the bounce house, hay ride and face painting. Concessions will be available.

[Stockyard Feed to Host Local Purina Pink 50 Event to Support Breast Cancer Research](#)



Stockyard Feed & Western Wear in Sarasota, Florida is thinking pink this fall as they gear up to host the "Canter for Cancer" poker ride on October 15, 2011 at the Carlton Triangle Ranch in Myakka City, Florida. The event is one of more than 50 events taking place across the United States this October as part of Purina's second annual "Pink 50™ Campaign," an effort to unite animal lovers everywhere and raise awareness and support for breast cancer research through the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

Special Photo Series: Occupy Protests

[Photo Gallery: Occupy Sarasota Protests](#)



More than a hundred protestors lined up along Bayfront Park in Sarasota for the continued protest of our country's financial system last Saturday. The movement, which began with an "occupation" of the Bank of America building in downtown SRQ the week before, is quickly gaining momentum with *Occupy* demonstrations having now occurred in over 1,500 cities in the past month.

[Photo Gallery: Occupy Times Square](#)



Contributing Photographer Dale Ann Clancy narrowly escaped Occupy Times Square with her freedom. Clancy was cuffed by NYPD after an overflowing crowd (and desire for the best shot) pushed her into the street. Fortunately, police let her go once she was able to offer her press credentials, but Clancy's impression was that the demonstration was much less organized than Zuccotti Park, where protestors received training on safe and effective civil disobedience.

Arts and Entertainment

[Public Art Opportunity for SW Florida-Tampa Bay Artists](#)

Local artists are invited to apply to help make the Bradenton riverfront a beautiful and creative downtown attraction. Two public art projects for the Bradenton Riverwalk renovation are open to artists in Manatee, Sarasota, Pinellas and Hillsborough counties.

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Ocean Harvest
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[Dave Macomber, from MN, caught and released this albie on a Grasset Snook Minnow fly while fishing the coastal gulf off Sarasota with Capt. Rick Grasset.](#)

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Fishing

[Captain Favorite's Weekend Fishing Forecast Oct. 20, 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.

Get realtime updates of news and events as they are posted.

[Captain Favorite's Fishing Forum Oct. 17, 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.

The Community Notices

[Community Haven Announces Interim CEO](#)

Sports

[Manatee County High School Football Preview](#)



This week's local football action is red hot, as another out-of-area powerhouse travels to Hawkins Stadium to challenge the surging Hurricanes, who look poised to make a run at the state title. Red-hot Palmetto (6-0) and recovering Lakewood Ranch, both have bye weeks. Cypress Bay (Weston) travels to Manatee to take on Manatee.

[Local Rodeo Ranch Team to Compete in World Finals](#)



With spurs ready, boots shined and hats set low, six real Florida cowboys from eastern Manatee County will be stuffing their saddle bags and headin' west to Amarillo, T.X to compete in the WRCA world ranch rodeo finals in the second week of November.



Marla Doss named Interim CEO during leadership transition

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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View the [Full Calendar](#)

Other Notable Events:

October 20, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Manatee Memorial Hospital and The Mark Wandall Foundation Car Seat Check Up](#) Time: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- [11th Annual "Empty Bowls" Event Luncheons Benefit The Food Bank Of Manatee](#) Time: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
- [Save Your Home: Foreclosure Prevention Workshop](#) Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

October 21, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies 11th Annual "Empty Bowls" Event Luncheons Benefit The Food Bank Of Manatee](#) Time: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
- [South Florida Museum "Between the States" Film Fridays](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 12:00 am
- [Manatee hosts 9th Annual Goblin Gathering](#) Time: 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
- [Mote's Night of Fish, Fun and Fright](#) Time: 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
- [High School Football - Bayshore Vs Southeast](#) Time: 7:30 pm - 12:00 am
- [High School Football - Braden River Vs Sarasota](#) Time: 7:30 pm - 12:00 am
- [High School Football - Lakewood Ranch Vs Dixie Hollins](#) Time: 7:30 pm - 12:00 am
- [High School Football - Manatee Vs Venice](#) Time: 7:30 pm - 12:00 am
- [High School Football - Palmetto Vs Hardee](#) Time: 7:30 pm - 12:00 am
- [High School Football - Southeast @ Bayshore](#) Time: 7:30 pm - 12:00 am

October 22, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies Naturalist-Led Wagon Tours](#) Time: 9:00 am
- [Florida Maritime Museum at Cortez - Music on the porch](#) Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- [Ocean Harvest Live Music and BBQ](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

October 23, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Sarasota Concert Band Oktoberfest](#) Time: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- [Tampa Bay Buccaneers Vs Chicago Bears](#) Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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[Millers Dutch Kitchen](#)

[Mr Cheesecake and More](#)

[Planet Beach](#)

[Riverhouse Reef & Grill](#)

[Red Barn Flea Market](#)

[StaffMarket Services](#)

[USA Fence](#)

[USA Dumpsters](#)

- [Master Gardener Tour](#) Time: 9:00 pm - 11:00 pm

October 24, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [How to Start and Manage Your Business](#)
- [Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization](#) Time: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
- [Post Secondary Education Night and High School Academy Showcase](#) Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

October 25, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Bradenton Downtown Development Authority](#) Time: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
- [Spooktacular Shutter Stroll](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- [Wares Creek Town Hall meeting](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- [Annual Environmental Summit](#) Time: 6:30 pm
- [Manatee-Sarasota Fish and Game Association, Inc. - Annual Environmental Summit](#) Time: 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

October 26, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Florida Department of Transportation public hearing on the Tentative Five Year Work Program](#)
- [Courthouse Square Concerts](#) Time: 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
- [Manatee County Health Department - Teen Health Clinic](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- [Bradenton City Council](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 12:00 am



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