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Hello Reader,

Features

[Welcome to the Police State](#)



This week, the United States Senate passed a Defense Authorization Bill that includes a provision that would allow the U.S. military to arrest American citizens and imprison them indefinitely without even filing charges. Yes, you read that correctly and no, I'm not wearing a tin foil hat to keep them from stealing my thoughts. A suspected "terrorist" would get just one hearing with the military and they could be locked up for life, without ever actually being charged with anything. And that's not all that your government is up to. Welcome to America 2012.

[Bradenton City Council Unanimously Approves Development Agreement for Pink Palace](#)



The council approved development plans for the "Pink Palace," formerly the Manatee River Hotel. Renovation of the 1926 historical building will include refurbishment into a modern Hampton Inn. The first payment of \$500,000 from the Bradenton Downtown Development Agency will be funded to Widewaters Group Inc. within the next 30 days.

[Manatee Still Split in Senate's Congressional Redistricting Proposal](#)



A preliminary look at the Florida Senate's proposed Congressional redistricting map released Monday wouldn't suggest they were aware of the Fair Districts Amendment. District 11 appears to still include three counties – Hillsborough, Pinellas and Manatee. District 13 would still include a small portion of Charlotte, in addition to Sarasota and Manatee Counties.

[Manatee County High School Football Preview: Week 3](#)



Both Manatee and Palmetto are coming off big wins over district rivals as they head into the third week of the Florida high school football playoffs. The 'Canes, who won big over Venice last week, will stay at home to host the Central Cobras, while Palmetto travels to Immokalee to take on the Indians. Both opponents bring in 11-1 records and should be tough, but passable tests for our local teams.

[Weekend Adventures in Bradenton: December 2-4, 2011](#)



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Government

Local

[Get Down Downtown Holiday Celebration Approved 3-2](#)



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

[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!

[The Open Mic](#)



The Bradenton City Council was torn on whether to change the date for the city's monthly gathering Get Down Downtown. A conflict with an adjacent church concert is expected to cause major parking issues on Friday, Dec. 16, 2011. The variation passed 3-2, with council members Marianne Barnebey and Patrick Roff opposing.

[Manatee County Commission Reaffirms Practice of Invocation Before Meetings](#)

Manatee

Manatee County Commissioners Monday reaffirmed plans to continue with their longstanding practice of beginning Board meetings with a prayer. Citing Florida circuit law and federal case law, Manatee County Chief Deputy County Attorney Jim Minix told Commissioners that the County Attorney's Office believes the practice does not violate any law. "We're not trying to impose any particular religion on the public or at the meeting," Minix said. "We try very hard to make it as open and non-denominational as possible."

[County Jail Asks for Maintenance and an Overdue Tune-up](#)



Jails, like all buildings, require maintenance, and the Manatee County Jail has been waiting to be updated with current equipment and hardware for too long. Much of the work has been done, but some of the original components and technology are still in the 1995 facility today. The Sheriff and Property Management heads sat down with the BOCC on Tuesday to see what they could do about it.

[City of Palmetto General Employees' Pension Plan Meeting Results, 11/28/2011](#)



The board met yesterday for its scheduled City of Palmetto General Employees' Pension Plan Meeting. Pension funds are always a real concern considering the volatility in the stock market, but the bottom line is that Palmetto's holdings are reportedly doing fine.

[Manatee County Seeking Attorney Applicants](#)



Manatee County is seeking applicants for the position of County Attorney. After 14 years in the position, Tedd Williams, the current County Attorney, plans to retire on or about April 30, 2012. The successful candidate for replacement is expected to start approximately one to two weeks prior to that date to allow for a smooth transition.

Law Enforcement

[MCSO Announces November & December Employees and Deputies of the Month](#)



Sergeant Michael Jones, Communications Dispatcher David Marsh, Christian Rojas and Detective Salvatore Levita have all been honored for the exemplary performance in their respective roles within the MCSO. Each Month, the office names a deputy and non-LEO employee of the month.

[Bradenton Police Department Endorses Nixle](#)



The Bradenton Police Department encourages residents to take advantage of a free service that alerts them to everything from law enforcement emergencies to town hall meetings. The service is called *Nixle* and anyone is welcome to register for an account to receive brief messages via email or cellular phone text about matters concerning the police department.

Fire Services

[Battalion Chief Garry Lawson Retires](#)

After nearly 31 years, Battalion Chief Garry Lawson has worked his last shift with the fire department. Garry joined the department in Dec. 1980. When he was 10 years old, he and his family experienced a fire in their home, and the BFD was quick to respond. That



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Last Week's Poll Results

(as of 11/30/2011)

Should the BOCC and other government meetings open with an invocation (prayer)?

Choice	%
Yes	60
No	40



experience was the driving force behind his desire to fight fire.

Schools and Education

[Changing Face of Education Topic of School District Town Hall Meeting](#)



The evolving nature of public education – charter schools, virtual courses online and traditional public schools that offer International Baccalaureate programs and other specialized academic options – will be the topic of discussion when the Manatee County School District hosts its “3rd Annual Town Hall Meeting on Education” on Thursday, December 1, 2011, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the beautiful new Davis Theater at Manatee High.

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Opinion

[Letter to the Editor: What Europe and the U.S. Have in Common](#)



Europe and the USA have many things in common, one of which noted currently is the massive debt crisis both are experiencing because of politicians who fail to learn from history. George Santayana noted that those who fail to learn from the mistakes of the past are doomed to repeat them. In both Europe and the United States, power-hungry politicians have been trying to buy votes with money we don't have, taxing not only this generation but every generation in the future, guaranteeing a lower standard of living for our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

[Letter to The Editor: Warning to Boaters Visiting Boca Grande](#)



ATTENTION all visiting Boaters and Yachtsmen intent on anchoring in Boca Grande Bayou in proximity of the Pink Elephant Restaurant. Be advised of the existing attitude of the Gasparilla Inn management (Jack Damoli, mgr.) that, "we" visiting Boater's and Yachtsmen are "not welcome" and that "boats anchored" in the afore mentioned locatiqn will be "charged with trespass and the owners arrested."

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Business and Financial

[America's Promise Alliance Names Manatee County in Top 100 list of Best Communities for Young People](#)



America's Promise Alliance, a national youth advocacy organization, recently named Manatee County as one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People, Manatee's fifth time on the list. The group recognizes communities that make a youth a priority by implementing programs that keep children in school and prepare them for college and the 21st century workforce. This is the fifth time Manatee County has received the distinction.



Community

New Poll:

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What Do You think of bar-driven festivals downtown such as the recent Turkey Trot?

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Ocean Harvest

* * Catch of the Week * *



Brian Earnest, from Texas, caught and released this 4-lb trout on a CAL jig with a shad tail while fishing skinny water in Sarasota Bay with Capt. Rick Grasset.

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As of Wednesday, Nov 30, we currently have: 1,988 Followers.



- Shinn & Company's Jennifer Davis Passes CPA Exam
- Local Students Will Walk the Red Carpet for the First Screening of Their Film
- Women's Council of REALTORS® Recognizes 2011 Award Winners
- Blue Marlin Opens in Bradenton Beach
- Goodwill To Expand Job Services For The Unemployed In North Port

Salvation Army Calling All Angels



After an enlightening week of hearing the stories and strengths of Manatee County residents in need of a little compassionate support this season, The Salvation Army Manatee County continues its Journey of Hope program through the annual Angel Tree. "Now that we have identified the strengths as well as the needs of the families we will be journeying with, we are asking the community to help us fill the Christmas wishes of the 2,800 children registered for our Angel Tree program", says Julia Showers, program director and business administrator.

Six Innovative Ways to Help Your Favorite Charity This Holiday Season - Without Spending A Dime!



As the economy continues to squeeze donors, a recent report conducted by Campbell Rinker showed disturbing results — that nearly 7 in 10 Americans say they will give more sparingly to charities in the coming months. As a result, people are looking for other ways to support their favorite causes this holiday giving season. Here are five ways people can "give without giving"

Environment

Florida Rep Seeks Fee From Bottled Water Companies



Bottled Water has ballooned into a hundred-billion dollar industry with consumers regularly paying hundreds of times the price for a drink in a plastic bottle than they do at their kitchen sink. But while removing water from local aquifers comes at a heavy environmental cost, these companies are often allowed to do so without paying that community for the product. One Florida legislator would like to see that change.

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Fishing

Captain Favorite's Weekend Fishing Forecast Dec 1, 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 November 28, 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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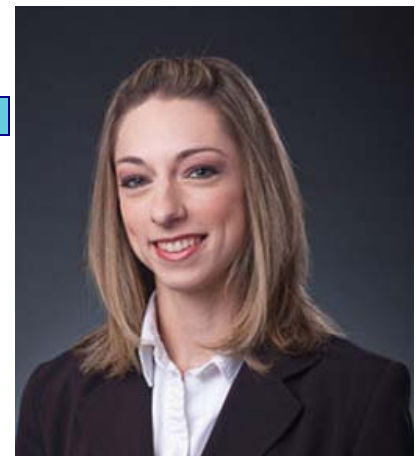


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Upcoming Events

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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Notable Events:

December 1, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Holiday with Healing Heroes at Mixon's](#)
- [Salvation Army of Bradenton - Angel Tree Drive](#)
- [15th Annual Holidays at the Crosley. Festival of Trees](#) Time: 11:00 am - 9:00 pm
- [Town Hall Meeting To Discuss The Changing Face Of Public Education](#) Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

December 2, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Salvation Army of Bradenton - Angel Tree Drive](#)
- [15th Annual Holidays at the Crosley. Festival of Trees](#) Time: 11:00 am - 9:00 pm
- [Shop 'Til You Drop - Locally!](#) Time: 11:00 am - 9:00 pm

December 3, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Breakfast with Santa. All You Can Eat Pancakes!](#) Time: 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- [Pentagon Memorial Stone Dedication](#) Time: 9:30 am - 10:30 am
- [West Central Florida Section Convention \(Tampa Bay Hamfest\)](#) Time: 12:00 am
- [Adoption event - Home for the Howlidays!!](#) Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
- [Imagine School at Lakewood Ranch's Annual Fun Festival](#) Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
- [15th Annual Holidays at the Crosley. Festival of Trees](#) Time: 11:00 am - 9:00 pm
- ["Hammer In" at Ag Museum & Palmetto Historical Park](#) Time: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
- [Bikers Raising Awareness Parade for Breast Cancer](#) Time: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- [South Manatee Branch Library Holiday Program](#) Time: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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[Nana's Treasure Chst](#)

[O'Brien Family Farm](#)

[Planet Beach](#)

[Riverhouse Reef & Grill](#)

[Red Barn Flea Market](#)

- [A Night Before Christmas](#) Time: 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm

December 4, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [West Central Florida Section Convention \(Tampa Bay Hamfest\)](#) Time: 12:00 am
- [15th Annual Holidays at the Crosley. Festival of Trees](#) Time: 11:00 am - 9:00 pm
- [Tampa Bay Buccaneers Vs Carolina Panthers](#) Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- [Helping our Own in Manatee County](#) Time: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- [Bay Chorale Inc - Do You Hear What I Hear? Sounds of the Holiday Season](#) Time: 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

December 5, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [How to Start and Manage Your Business](#)
- [15th Annual Holidays at the Crosley. Festival of Trees](#) Time: 11:00 am - 9:00 pm
- [Holidays at the Crosley. Festival of Trees](#) Time: 11:00 am - 9:00 pm
- [Helping our Own in Manatee County](#) Time: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- [Manatee-Sarasota Sierra Club - Manatee Conservation Committee](#) Time: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- ['Claus and Paws' Pet Photos with Santa at Desoto Square](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

December 6, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [15th Annual Holidays at the Crosley. Festival of Trees](#) Time: 11:00 am - 9:00 pm
- [KIWANIS CLUB OF BRADENTON](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
- [Helping our Own in Manatee County](#) Time: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- [AMI Sail & Power Squadron - A GPS Seminar](#) Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Looking Further Ahead

December 16, 2011

- [*** Jingle Bell 5K at the Ranch ***](#) Time: 5:00 pm

December 31, 2011

- [*** Bradenton Runners Club - Manatee River 5 mile Run ***](#) Time: 7:30 am

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