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Hello Reader,

Features

[Hardee County Debacle Highlights Massive Potential for Fleecing the Taxpayer](#)



Last week, investigative reporter John Rehill shone the light on a seemingly foolhardy venture that was being attempted by the Hardee County Commission. What every taxpayer in America needs to heed from that warning, is just how much incentive exists to do all of the wrong things for all the wrong reasons – all at the taxpayer's expense.

[Judge Scott M. Brownell and the Fate of Citizens Review](#)



Last Friday, Manatee County Citizens Review panel members attended a special meeting with the Honorable Judge Scott M. Brownell at the Manatee County Justice Building to discuss Brownell's announcement that he will effectively eliminate the Citizens Review function when he resumes the juvenile court bench in 2012, by no longer referring cases to it. In earnest, the panel's chairpersons requested a meeting with the 12th Circuit Court judge, seeking clarity to his reasons and an opportunity to share their perspectives.

[From State College to Sweatshop: The Multimillion-Dollar Industry of Sports Apparel](#)



On any given day, one can see fans or alumni donning their favorite sports team on a t-shirt or ball cap. State universities have historically benefited greatly by marketing their multi-million dollar sports programs through events, television rights and apparel licensing. However, many of the apparel companies are located out of state and in some cases -- out of the country. Ironically, some of the hats and t-shirts advertising all-American home teams are being created in foreign sweatshops.

[Photo Gallery: Manatee High Wins State Football Championship](#)



The Manatee High Hurricanes won their 5th Florida State Football Championship last Friday night at the Citrus Bowl in Orlando, crushing Jacksonville's First Coast Buccaneers 40-0. Thousands of local fans made the trek to root the 'Canes to victory. Check out The Bradenton Times photo gallery of this historic event by Page Moore Photo.

[Weekend Adventures in Bradenton: December 23-25, 2011](#)




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Government

Local

[Manatee County BOCC Meeting Results, 12/20/11](#)



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The Community Notices

["Artificial Crochet Coral Reef Exhibit Opening And Meet the Reef Festival" At Robinson Preserve](#)



Featured Business

[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.



The Manatee BOCC met for a scheduled meeting Tuesday. The red light camera issue was dropped during negotiations, but held on to reasons of why they are needed. Commissioners argue that the devices save lives. South US 41 Bayside Pet Resort gets a green light to go forward with a state of the art kennel.

Sound of and let everyone know whats on your mind!

[The Open Mic](#)

[Palmetto City Commission Agenda Results, 12/19/11](#)



The Palmetto City Commission convened for a very brief meeting on Monday at the city hall. It will be the last meeting of the commission before it returns from the holiday break in January of 2012.

[Manatee County Accepting Applications for Planning Commission Vacancy](#)



Manatee County has one opening for a four-year term on the Planning Commission, a citizens advisory committee that makes recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on land use items. The four-year term begins immediately. Planning Commissioners are given a \$60 stipend per meeting. The Planning Commission is composed of seven members who are appointed by the County Commission. The group meets on the second Thursday of each month.



State

[Feds Deny Florida's Request for Private Health Insurance Perk](#)



Last week, the federal government denied Florida's request for an exemption from a part of the new federal health care law that requires insurers spend at least 80 percent of collected premiums on direct patient care. Consumer advocate groups contend that the denial would mean that many Floridians will be due rebates from companies not in compliance with the regulation.

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[Federal Agency Calls on Florida and Other States to Ban Texting While Driving](#)



The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is pushing for a nationwide ban on motorists using cell-phones and other hand-held devices while driving, saying the combination too frequently causes fatal accidents when drivers are distracted behind the wheel. Florida is among 15 states in the U.S. that do not have at least partial bans on cell phone/texting use while driving.

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Schools and Education

[Florida Loses Out in Race to the Top](#)



Florida has lost its bid to win \$100 million in federal funding for the education of young children, the Obama administration announced Monday. Nine states won the federal Race to the Top early learning challenge. Florida placed 19 out of the 37 applicants that participated.

Last Week's Poll Results
(as of 12/21/2011)

What is your favorite local Christmas event?

[School District Announces 8 Finalists for EdVantage Awards](#)



Superintendent Dr. Tim McGonegal and a caravan of other district guests surprised eight extremely talented and devoted employees of the Manatee County School District last week to inform them they had been named finalists for the EdVantage Education Awards. The EdVantage Education Awards celebrate excellence in education in Manatee County by selecting an "Educator of the Year" and a "Support Employee of the Year." Four finalists were selected in each of those categories and they were the recipients of the surprise visits today.

Choice	%
The Boat Parade	50
Winter Wonderland	17
Christmas at the Crosley	33

New Poll:

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Should state universities be able to use out of state contractors for licensed apparel?

Business and Financial

[Bayside Pet Resort Gets BOCC Approval](#)

The old Rip Van Winkle Bowling Alley will wake up after seven years out of commission. The retro hot spot is getting dressed up and will morph into a luxury pet hotel. The 21,109 sq. ft. facility will have state of the art web monitoring, television and in some



cases, luxury suites that include a couch. It's expected to be rated four paws in "Southern K-9 Living."

[Baird's Market Notes: Week of 12/19/11](#)



The equity markets continued to give ground last week against a backdrop of eroding confidence in Europe's ability to provide a painless solution to the debt crisis. Tax loss selling is also playing a role and could be heavier than usual due to the uncertainty surrounding the political outcome next year. The fact that stocks have struggled the first two weeks of December is not too different from previous years.

Community

[Community News - Manatee Movers and Shakers, 12/22/2011](#)



- 1st Choice Industries Adds HVAC Manager to Service Experts Division
- "Artificial Crochet Coral Reef Exhibit Opening And Meet the Reef Festival" At Robinson Preserve
- Red Cross Holiday Challenge Reaches Half Way Mark
- Kerkering Barberio Welcomes New Senior Accountant

[City of Bradenton Holiday Hours and Services](#)



All City of Bradenton offices will be closed Friday, Dec. 23, and Monday, Dec. 26, for the Christmas holiday. Offices will reopen at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27. There will be no change in trash collection either day except yard waste usually collected on a Monday will instead be collected Saturday, Dec. 24.

[Manatee County Government Holiday Hours and Services](#)



Solid waste hauling schedules will not be impacted by the Christmas or New Year's holidays. The Anna Maria Island Trolley and the Beach Express will have no service interruption throughout the holiday season. Manatee County's passive parks, beaches and preserves will remain open throughout the holidays. G.T. Bray Skate Park will also remain open every day throughout the holidays. Blackstone Skate Park is currently

closed for repairs

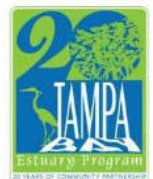
[Showdown Brewing as Bearded Clam Ignores Live Music Order](#)



Despite a development order that they not have live music outdoors after 7 p.m., as well as several visits from the MCSO and Manatee County Code Enforcement, the Bearded Clam Waterfront Restaurant & Tiki Bar continues to host and even advertise live music at their Ramada Inn location.

Environment

[Tampa Bay Estuary Program Saluted on Congressional Record](#)



On December 14, Congressman Bill Young saluted the 20th Anniversary of the Tampa Bay Estuary Program in an address to his colleagues on the house floor, canonizing the accomplishments of this local success in the Congressional Record.

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[Captain Favorite's Weekend Fishing Forecast Dec 22, 2011](#)

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Resident Jerimiah Acevedo joined me for his first night snook session. He caught and released his snook with a fly rod. Acevedo fished the lighted docks and bridge fenders on the ICW in Venice FL, "aka" Snook Alley.

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[Captain Favorite's Fishing Forum Dec. 19, 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

[Registration Opens for 23rd Annual Gulf Coast Senior Games](#)



Registration has begun for the 23rd Annual Gulf Coast Senior Games, a series of athletic competitions held in Manatee and Sarasota counties from Feb. 21 - 26, 2012. Each year more than 400 athletes ages 50 and over compete in the Gulf Coast Senior Games. It is one of 19 regional qualifying events across Florida which determine participants in the statewide Senior Games which will be held next December in Polk

County.

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!

[Weekend Adventures in Bradenton: December 23-25, 2011](#)



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December 2011						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

[View the Full Calendar](#)

Notable Events:

December 22, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Saint Stephen's Episcopal School - December Holiday Activity Camp](#) Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
- [Florida Blood Services at Wal-Mart Cortez](#) Time: 11:00 am - 7:00 pm
- [Lighthouse Treasures Thrift Store Clearance Sale: Moving!](#) Time: 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

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- [Marie Selby Botanical Gardens presents Lights In Bloom](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- [Asolo Repertory Theatre presents "My Fair Lady" December 18-23](#) Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- [Kirkwood Presbyterian Holds Longest Night Service](#) Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

December 23, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Manatee County Government announces holiday closures](#)
- [Friends of the South Manatee Library Book Discussion Group](#) Time: 10:00 am
- [Florida Blood Services at Wal-Mart Cortez](#) Time: 11:00 am - 7:00 pm
- [Lighthouse Treasures Thrift Store Clearance Sale: Moving!](#) Time: 11:00 am - 6:00 pm
- [Marie Selby Botanical Gardens presents Lights In Bloom](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- [Asolo Repertory Theatre presents "My Fair Lady" December 18-23](#) Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- [The Bradenton Woman's Club presents Dance to Live Music every Friday night](#) Time: 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

December 24, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Manatee County Government announces holiday closures](#)
- [Lighthouse Treasures Thrift Store Clearance Sale: Moving!](#) Time: 11:00 am - 6:00 pm
- [Tampa Bay Buccaneers @ Carolina Panthers](#) Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- [The Way Church of Bradenton presents Christmas Eve Under the Stars](#) Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- [Marie Selby Botanical Gardens presents Lights In Bloom](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

December 25, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Christmas Day - Government Office Closings](#)
- [Manatee County Government announces holiday closures](#)
- [Lighthouse Treasures Thrift Store Clearance Sale: Moving!](#) Time: 11:00 am - 6:00 pm
- [Marie Selby Botanical Gardens presents Lights In Bloom](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

December 26, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Manatee County Government announces holiday closures](#)
- [Lighthouse Treasures Thrift Store Clearance Sale: Moving!](#) Time: 11:00 am - 6:00 pm
- [Marie Selby Botanical Gardens presents Lights In Bloom](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

December 27, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Manatee County Government announces holiday closures](#)
- [Saint Stephen's Episcopal School - December Holiday Activity Camp](#) Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
- [NATURALIST-LED WAGON TOURS](#) Time: 9:00 am
- [NATURALIST HOUR AT THE VALENTINE HOUSE](#) Time: 10:00 am - 11:00 am
- [Lighthouse Treasures Thrift Store Clearance Sale: Moving!](#) Time: 11:00 am - 6:00 pm
- [KIWANIS CLUB OF BRADENTON](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
- [NATURALIST HOUR AT THE VALENTINE HOUSE](#) Time: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- [Marie Selby Botanical Gardens presents Lights In Bloom](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- [Magic of Manatee Sweet Adelines](#) Time: 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

December 28, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Manatee County Government announces holiday closures](#)
- [Saint Stephen's Episcopal School - December Holiday Activity Camp](#) Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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- [Lighthouse Treasures Thrift Store Clearance Sale: Moving!](#) Time: 11:00 am - 6:00 pm
- [Manatee County Health Department - Teen Health Clinic](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- [HOLIDAY HELPING HANDS PADDLE PATROL VOLUNTEER WORKDAY](#) Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm



Looking Further Ahead

December 31, 2011

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



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