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Hello Reader,

Features

[Smart Meter Near Top of List for Dumb Ideas](#)



In California, there are over 10 million of them, in South Florida, millions more. They have started popping up all over the country and in some areas people are unaware that they are there. In many cases, they are right outside your door and sometimes within feet of where you sleep. They are called *SmartMeters*, put there by the power company without your permission, emitting Radio-Frequency Radiation (RFR). This Non-thermal Microwave Radiation is switched on 24/7 and thousands of residents have reported getting sick, with headaches being the most frequent complaint. What to do?

[In Tough Economic Times, Who's Watching the Kids?](#)



It's a scene that is all too familiar. A line of kids toting backpacks waits outside the elementary school for the arrival of a recognizable minivan. The teacher approaches the vehicle and the driver rolls down the window to identify himself. A few years ago this person would have been most likely been a mom – but today more and more fathers are assuming the role of Mr. Mom.

[Weekend Adventures in Bradenton: New Year's Eve](#)



It's New Year's Eve Weekend and there's plenty of ways to bring it in with a bang. With the Sarasota pineapple drop and street festival canceled this year, Downtown Bradenton's Old Main Street celebration takes center stage and they're ready to drop the ball - in a good way! Brush up on the lyrics to Auld Lang Syne, it's time for a New Year's Adventure in Bradenton!

[Sarasota/Manatee can Look to Successful Models in Curbing Gang Violence](#)



Commissioner Willie Shaw's plea regarding the violent crimes in Sarasota drives home complex concerns. Manatee County is also suffering from an epidemic of violent gang-related crime. The first potential solution is that Manatee and Sarasota Counties need to acknowledge that the violent crime in the areas is related to one and another because citizen relationships extend beyond the county lines.



Best of 2011 - A look at the year's top stories

[Best of 2011: House Defense Bill Finally Addresses the Rape Epidemic in U.S. Military](#)



A young woman who joins the military in the United States of America instantly doubles her chances of being sexually assaulted. She has a greater chance of being raped by a fellow soldier than of being killed in combat. Imagine that – if your daughter were to enlist in the service today, the greatest fear you should reasonably have is not that she will be deployed to a combat zone, but that one of the men serving with her will forever scar her with the emotional and physical trauma of sexual assault. This is a reprehensible reality that can no longer be ignored.

[Best of 2011: Sunday Favorites: Tomb of the Well-Known Sailors](#)

Rain pelted down on the stone steps leading to artist David Wegman's studio above *Le Select* in St Barthelemy. As Wegman strummed his antique guitar from 1860, it was as if we had transitioned into the past, back in time two decades to when this story took place. The

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The Community Notices

[Firefighters Balzer and Brunner Promoted](#)



Firefighter John Balzer with Fire Chief Kenneth A. Price, Jr.



Firefighter Chan Brunner with Fire Chief Kenneth A. Price, Jr.

Featured Business

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

[The Open Mic](#)

Need to get something off your chest? Just want to



tale he would pass on was a local pirate legend, a post-mortem journey, and an eerie act friendship.

[Best of 2011: A Father's Day Message: Lessons From My Son](#)



Last Father's Day, I wrote a column about my Dad and the lessons he's taught me over the years. This is the eighth Father's Day I've celebrated since being blessed with my son Sullivan, who was born to two very happy Irish families on St. Patrick's Day 2004. Today, I'd like to share some things that he's taught me.

[Best of 2011: Fluoride: Disposing of Mining Waste Through Your Body](#)

TBT
Special
Feature

If you live in Manatee County or other communities with fluoridated municipal water, your body has been enslaved by the phosphate mining/fertilizer industry to filter and dispose of its hazardous waste. If this sounds like the plot of a bad science fiction movie, it should be -- only it isn't.

[Best of 2011: Sunday Favorites: The Feral Children of Terra Ceia Island](#)



According to local legend, they had to catch the Guerro children in a castnet. Famished and in a state of confusion, the children were roaming around the Terra Ceia wilderness completely disillusioned. Mumbblings of an indiscernible language confused their captors; they wanted nothing more than to help the lost youths. But there were many questions unbeknown to rescuers. Were the children stricken with yellow fever, did they speak English and how long had their mother's corpse been rotting in the house?

[Best of 2011: The London Riots: Put on Your Seatbelt Main Street](#)



Dateline London: Over 1,200 arrested; 16,000 police, and the violence just moves to other towns. Children as young as 9 years old are being arrested by police. Prime Minister David Cameron says, "If you're old enough to throw a rock through a window, your old enough to go to jail." Are the London riots a harbinger of things to come?

[Best of 2011: Are You Smarter Than a First Grader? Not if You're Buying Bottled Water](#)



My son learned about the water cycle in school this year. He now understands what every human being over the age of five should – how the second most vital resource in terms of human survival stays in reliable supply. I hate to sound alarmist, but we are facing epidemic problems in the very near future owed to our hopelessly inept management of our water resources. The bottled water industry is the best example of why we may be too dumb to get ourselves out of this one.

[Best of 2011: Sunday Favorites: The Rise and Fall of the Pink Palace](#)



Built in 1925, the Manatee River Hotel was created of materials from all over the United States at a cost of \$1.4 million. Because steel beams supported the entirely concrete structure, it was considered to be fireproof. The property was originally regarded as the "Queen of the West Coast" because of its distinctive pink color and elegant antique furniture housed within. Today, the famous hotel lies in practical ruin as officials strive to conserve

the historic structure

Government

Local

[Registration Deadline Looms for Republican Primary](#)



January 3 is the registration deadline in order to participate in Florida's Republican Presidential Preference Primary, to be held January 31. The Manatee Supervisor of Elections Office is closed Monday in observance of the New year's holiday and will close the registration books at 5 p.m. Tuesday. The deadline also pertains to switching party affiliation.

[Manatee County Accepting Applications for Manatee County Public Library](#)

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Last Week's Poll Results
(as of 12/28/2011)

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

Choice	%
Yes, it is a free market and they should be able to do business wherever they choose	28
No, because taxpayers subsidize the schools, in-state businesses that pay FL taxes should get first crack at contracts.	72

New Poll:

[Board of Trustees](#)



Manatee County has three openings for a citizens advisory committee that makes recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on the Manatee County Public Library Board of Trustees. The Library Board is responsible for creating and recommending policy for the operation of the Library System to the Board of County Commissioners.

[Low Reclaimed Water Pressure Result of Dry Spell and High Customer Demand](#)



Manatee County Utilities Department advises reclaimed water users that low pressure will be experienced until further notice due to a lack of rain and heavy demand from our customers. We are working with our large users to balance the system demand allowing the Utilities Department to provide service with the limited quantity of water available.

[Manatee County Seeks Community Input on \\$1.9 Million in Community Development Block Grant Projects](#)



As they plan how to spend this year's \$1.9 million Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), within the eligible areas of Manatee County, Neighborhood Services Department officials are looking for more community input than ever. Manatee County will host four community meetings to ask residents how they would like to see the money spent to improve their neighborhoods.

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Opinion

[Letter to the Editor: Stunned and Disappointed Over Citizen's Review Panel Decision](#)



I was stunned and disappointed to hear that Judge Scott Brownell was planning to end Citizens' Review when he takes over the juvenile bench in January. Citizens' Review is a community asset and volunteer group that helps protect abused children who have been taken out of their homes by the state. Ending the program will eliminate an important layer of protection for abused kids in Manatee County, and it will leave our judges with less information as they make decisions about the abused kids and their families.

[Letter to the Editor: Government Cannot Succeed Without Citizen Participation](#)



As you may be aware, the community is facing an uphill battle in the fight to save the Citizens Review Program, a program that helps protect children and preserve families in Manatee County. However, despite the difficulty of the battle, I have faith. I have faith that the program helps families far beyond the already positive statistical measures shown on paper. I have faith that unlike a typical courtroom setting Citizens Review brings a human aspect to a rigid legal system where matters of the law and the heart cannot be mutually exclusive.

Business and Financial

[Pittsburgh Pirates Searching for 2012 Concessions Staff](#)



The Pittsburgh Pirates and Bradenton Marauders are seeking concessions staff for the upcoming Spring Training and Florida State League (FSL) seasons at McKechnie Field. Jobs are part-time, gameday positions in roles including cashiering, cooking, bartending and other food services roles.



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Community

[Community News - Manatee Movers and Shakers, 12/29/2011](#)



- Firefighters Balzer and Brunner Promoted
- Resolve To Help Someone With Tax Deductible Donation To American Red Cross
- LakeWood Ranch Kiwanis Supports "Take Stock in Children"

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What will be the fate of the U.S. economy in 2012?

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Catch of the Week



Gray McLean, from Charlottesville, Va., caught and released this red on a Grasset Snook Minnow fly while fishing the ICW near Venice at night with Capt. Rick Grasset.

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As of Wednesday, Dec 28, we currently have: 2,025 Followers.

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- LakeWood Ranch Kiwanis Sponsors Wrestling Tournament
- Manatee High School to Host Open House for School Choice

Environment

[NRDA Releases Early Restoration Plan Details for Deepwater Horizon Spill](#)



When a disaster occurs and the NRDA process starts, early restoration is a method to get natural resources back to normal faster. It can be implemented prior to the completion of the NRDA process, which is important because NRDA's are complex and can sometimes last many years.

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Fishing

[Captain Favorite's Weekend Fishing Forecast Dec. 29](#)



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 December 26, 2011](#)



Fishing this week produced snook, reds, trout and bluefish during the past week. According to our contributing captain, Rick Grasset, the best action was fly-fishing for snook at night in the ICW near Venice. Next week, a temporary red grouper bag limit increase will be legal in state waters on December 30, followed by the January 1 season closure. Negative low tides in the coming week should concentrate reds and trout in potholes.

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 29, 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
- [Manatee Audubon Field Trip to Terra Ceia Baywalk](#) Time: 8:30 am - 10:30 am
- [Lighthouse Treasures Thrift Store Clearance Sale: Moving!](#) Time: 11:00 am - 6:00 pm
- [NATURALIST-LED WAGON TOURS](#) Time: 3:30 pm

December 30, 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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December 31, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Manatee County Government announces holiday closures](#)
- [*** Bradenton Runners Club - Manatee River 5 Mile Run ***](#) Time: 9:00 am
- [Ring in the New Year in Downtown Bradenton!](#) Time: 5:00 pm
- [The Blue Marlin Welcomes 2012 in a New Year's Eve Celebration](#) Time: 5:00 pm - 2:00 am
- [The Bradenton Woman's Club: ROCKIN NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY - 2012](#) Time: 8:00 pm - 1:00 am

January 1, 2012

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Florida Blood Services Manatee Bloodmobile Drives January 1 - January 31, 2012](#)
- [Manatee County Government announces holiday closures](#)
- [New Years Day - Government Office Closings](#)
- [Tampa Bay Buccaneers @ Atlanta Falcons](#) Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- [Ring in the New Year in downtown Bradenton!](#) Time: 5:00 pm
- [The Blue Marlin Welcomes 2012 in a New Year's Eve Celebration](#) Time: 5:00 pm - 2:00 am
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January 2, 2012

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Florida Blood Services Manatee Bloodmobile Drives January 1 - January 31, 2012](#)
- [Manatee County Government announces holiday closures](#)
- [MTV's smash hit Friendzone sets its heart on Florida!](#)

January 3, 2012

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[Demetrios Pizza House](#)
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[Eat Here](#)
[Early Learning Coalition](#)
[Evan Guido Financial Advisor](#)
[Framing by Robin](#)
[Henry Raines Show](#)
[Heintz & Becker](#)
[Gulf Coast Kendo & Iaido](#)
[Hurricane Computers](#)
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[Juci Sun](#)
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[KMK Lawn Care](#)
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[Los Cabos Mexican Restaurant](#)
[Manatee Rural Health](#)
[MAR/KIS Insurance Agency](#)
[Millers Dutch Kitchen](#)
[Morados Body Shop](#)
[Mr Cheesecake and More](#)
[Nana's Treasure Chst](#)
[O'Brien Family Farm](#)

[Bradenton Movies](#)

- [Florida Blood Services Manatee Bloodmobile Drives January 1 - January 31, 2012](#)
- [MTV's smash hit Friendzone sets its heart on Florida!](#)
- [S.W.A.T. Networking - Successful Women Aligning Together](#) Time: 11:45 am - 1:00 pm
- [KIWANIS CLUB OF BRADENTON](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
- [Magic of Manatee Sweet Adelines](#) Time: 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

January 4, 2012

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Florida Blood Services Manatee Bloodmobile Drives January 1 - January 31, 2012](#)
- [MTV's smash hit Friendzone sets its heart on Florida!](#)
- [Palmetto Branch Library Winter/Spring Storytime Schedule](#) Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- [Manatee County Health Department - Teen Health Clinic](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 4:00 p

Don't Forget!

December 31, 2011

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

[One Stop Tire U got it!](#)
[Planet Beach](#)
[A Purple Rose Florist](#)
[Riverhouse Reef & Grill](#)
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