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Hello Reader,

Features

[Impact of Campaign Cash on Florida Prison Privatization Questioned](#)



The amount of money that private correction companies have given candidates and its impact on the outcomes of policy decisions is drawing some attention throughout the state. For the 2010 cycle, the industry gave just under a million dollars in Florida to help get candidates elected. During the 2011 legislative session, privatization measures became a major priority, calling the impact of the lavish spending into question.

[What was the Gold Standard and What Does Being off of it Mean to the U.S. Economy?](#)



Our current financial crisis, which predictably caused prices of gold to spike, again caused debate over the merits of a gold standard and the ills of purely paper currency. Still, most educated people seem to fail to grasp the real economic forces involved and what it meant to our economy (and debt) when the U.S. completely got off the gold standard in 1971. It is perhaps more important than ever that they do.

[Ban on Sale of Fertilizer Fails. But Ban on Use Survives](#)



A divided Manatee County Board of Commissioners decided not to adopt a ban on the sale of fertilizers containing either nitrogen or phosphorus (or both) during the rainy summer months, yet also decided to forbid its use.

[Social Security - The Third Rail of Politics](#)

TBT
Special
Feature

In part 3 of this special 5 part-series on Social Security reform, author Jim Gries takes a look at just how flawed the system has become, who steered it off track, and why we can't rely on politicians to drive us out of this ditch.

[Weekend Adventures in Bradenton: Memorial Day Weekend!](#)



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Government

Local

[Manatee County Port Authority- Agenda Results for May 19, 2011](#)



The Manatee County Port Authority accepted a new 5-year Memorandum of Understanding signed with Canal Zone Director Alberto Aleman at its regular meeting on Thursday, May, 19, at the Port.

[Manatee County Commission Agenda Results, May 24, 2011](#)

The Manatee County Commission met for a marathon 10-hour meeting yesterday to cover several issues of note. The complete agenda results are available here.

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[AMICCO Announces The Appointment of new Chorus Master](#)



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

The Open Mic

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[54 Positions Eliminated as Manatee County Government Continues to Downsize](#)



As part of the ongoing process in downsizing and streamlining operations, Manatee County Government has reduced its workforce by an additional 54 positions. The workforce reductions are part of a balanced budget proposal that County Administrator Ed Hunzeker will present to the Manatee Board of County Commissioners next week.

[County Gets a 50 Percent Hike on Dam Insurance](#)



Manatee County suffered the same fate as most ordinary Floridians when it comes to property insurance in this hurricane-ridden state -- its insurance premium has gone up 50 percent. The county probably prefers to think of it as getting half as much for the same price.

State

[Florida Legislative Session Made 2011 'The Year of the Port'](#)



In a 60-day session after the election of Florida's conservative new Gov. Rick Scott, the Florida Legislature proved it could get things done - wanted and unwanted - and it struck a spark to start the state's stalled economic engine with one of its most consistent and valuable resources - its ports.

National

[U.S. Senate Rejects Medicare Overhaul](#)



Fresh off a a major upset in a Republican stronghold, Democrats in the Senate forced Republicans to vote on a Medicare privatization legislation advanced by the House of Representatives yesterday, defeating the measure 57-40 with five Republicans voting against the bill

Law Enforcement

[Manatee Sheriff's Office Stepping Up Seat Belt Citations](#)



Starting yesterday, the Manatee County Sheriff's Office began stepping up enforcement on drivers not wearing their seat belts. The *Click It or Ticket* campaign will last until June 5, 2011.

Schools and Education

[G.D. Rogers Garden Elementary Students Set Sail Saturday with Support from Community Organizations](#)



Fifth-grade students at central Bradenton's G.D. Rogers Garden Elementary School got their feet wet – literally – this Saturday, May 21, 2011, when they took their first voyage on a sail boat thanks to a unique program known as "Learn to Sail."

[Superintendent Recommends Two Different Budget Resolutions, One Cutting \\$11 Million, the Other Cutting \\$17 Million](#)



The funding situation has gone from bad to worse in regards to the Manatee County School Board. No matter what, 53 positions will be eliminated, employees will be forced to take furlough days and budget cuts will directly affect the classroom. However, the difference in how many furlough days and how much comes out of the classroom boils down to the district's self insurance plan. For the first time in months, Superintendent McGonegal admitted we need to hire someone else to take it over.

[Deadlock Over Superintendent Recommended Teacher Termination](#)

It took three motions for the Manatee County School Board to decide on the fate of Braden River High School teacher Charles Willis' career. Perhaps it was Julie Aranibar's absence that prevented the board from reaching a decision, but ultimately the board allowed Willis to keep his job with the stipulation that he would be put on an annual contract, to be

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](#)

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[Donations of Money & Supplies Needed for Kittens](#)



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Last Week's Poll Results (as of 5/25/2011)

Should The Florida Constitution Allow for a Voter Recall Process for



renewed next year at the school's discretion. He would also be suspended without pay for an additional 5 days as a form of reproach.

[School Board of Manatee County Regular Meeting Results May 20, 2011](#)



The main topic of discussion at Monday night's meeting was the superintendent's budget recommendations for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. The board will have until June 3, 2011 to consider the plan and propose any changes. There was a school-board deadlock over whether to terminate a Braden River High School teacher who posted inappropriate content on his facebook page. With Julie Aranibar absent, it took three motions for the board to agree on whether or not to uphold the Administrative Law Judge's decision to allow him to continue to be approved.

[NFL Legend and American Idol Star to Speak at Braden River High](#)



NFL legend Jim Brown and American Idol finalist Syesha Mercado will both address the Amer-I-can graduation ceremony Thursday at Braden River High. Mr. Brown is the founder and the CEO of Amer-I-Can, a program that helps teenagers overcome some of society's most pressing problems by teaching positive self esteem and valuable life-management skills.

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Business and Financial

[Baird's Market Strategy, Week of 5/23/2011](#)



The equity markets fell for the third time in a row last week. Although the decline from the April peak has been limited to less than three percent, the market has suffered a significant loss of momentum. European banking issues related to the Greek debt problem were a contributing factor to last week's performance.

Community

[Couple Quilts Security Blankets for Every Police Car](#)



The scraps of material leftover from a life-time of sewing projects were piling up in the closet. Joyce Lawson needed to do something with the pieces. She was expecting company and the fragments of her selfless task were trickling out into the room. She worked hard, sewing for hours at a time and sometimes completing two quilts in a day. Her goal was to give every officer in the Palmetto Police Department a small quilt for their police car.

[Community News - Manatee Movers and Shakers, 5/26/2011](#)



- Donations of Money & Supplies Needed for Kittens in Danger of Being Euthanized
- CS&L CPAs Recognized with Gold Award at United Way of Manatee County Awards Celebration
- AMICCO Announces With Pleasure The Appointment Of Dr. Robert Parrish As Chorus Master
- USF Sarasota-Manatee faculty article cited and downloaded more than any others in the Journal of Intergenerational Relationships
- Community Bank announces hiring of Michael Mangione as Chief Credit Officer and David Mitchell as Senior Lender
- Girl Scouts Annual Award Recognition

Arts and Entertainment

[Artistic Opportunities for Public Art on Riverwalk Renovation Project](#)



Artists with public art experience are invited to apply to the Downtown Development Authority's Riverwalk Public Art Selection Panel first phase of artists selection. Various artworks will be installed at designated locations along the 1.5 mile Riverwalk as part of the renovation being planned to turn the downtown amenity into an active city attraction.

Governors?

Choice	%
Yes	7%
No	92%

New Poll:

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Recreation & Outdoors

[Federal Boating Requirements on your iPhone](#)



In recognition of National Safe Boating Week, Florida By Water is releasing its newest iPhone application, entitled Vessel Safety Check. This app uses the Federal Boating Requirements for recreational boaters, as well as other vessel examiner documentation, so that recreational boaters have the required equipment necessary to be safe on the water.

Fishing

[Captain Favorite's Fishing Forum Week of May 22, 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.

[Captain Zach's Manatee Fishing Report, 5/24/11](#)



Not much new to report this week now that most target species are in town. On the open grass of local bays there continues to be above-average action with trout, bluefish, Spanish mackerel and shark. There are quite a number of tarpon finning around the same deep grass areas.

[Captain Favorite's Weekend Fishing Forecast May 27, 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

Sports

[Bradenton Marauders Drop Ball in 5-4 Setback](#)



Tied at four with two outs in the top of the ninth, Justin Jackson hit what looked like the last out of the inning, bouncing a ball back to the mound, gloved by the pitcher Diego Moreno. His throw to first, however, was dropped by Aaron Baker and the inning lived on. On the next pitch Kevin Ahrens doubled to the centerfield wall, driving in Dunedin's fifth run and winning the game. Bradenton went 1-2-3 in the bottom of the ninth for Wes

Etherege's 12th save.

[Calvin Anderson Homers, Leads 9-0 Tiger Taming](#)



The Bradenton Marauders, Class A-Advanced affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates, snapped the longest losing skid in the team's short history Tuesday, clubbing the Lakeland Flying Tigers 9-0 at Joker Marchant Stadium.

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:

May 26, 2011

- [Sertoma Club of Bradenton](#) Time: 12:00 am - 1:30 pm
- [Bradenton Central Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting](#) Time: 5:00 pm

May 27, 2011

- [The American Parkinson Disease Association APDA - Keys To Understanding and Coping](#) Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
- [Mike Sales Presents Friday Night Beach Party & Drum Circle](#) Time: 5:30 pm - 10:00 pm

May 28, 2011

- [Sweet Pea Pageant](#) Time: 1:00 pm
- [Ocean Harvest Live Music and BBQ](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

May 29, 2011

- [Live Music and Food](#) Time: 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- [Lakewood Ranch Memorial Day Parade](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

May 30, 2011

- [Memorial Day](#)
- [Sarasota Memorial Day parade](#) Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- [Sarasota Concert Band - Women To Remember - A Memorial Day Concert](#) Time: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

May 31, 2011

- [Lakewood Ranch Kiwanis](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
- [Bradenton Marauders Vs Brevard County](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 12:00 am

June 1, 2011

- [City Council \(workshop\)](#) Time: 8:30 am
- [Manatee County Health Department - Teen Health Clinic](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- [Bradenton Marauders Vs Brevard County](#) Time: 7:00 pm - 12:00 am

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