



# The Bradenton Times Sunday Edition

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## The Sunday Editorial

### [Rick Santorum's War on Sex](#)



Rick Santorum is positioning himself as the anti-sex candidate. In addition to statements made on women's health issues over the last two weeks, the former Senator from Pennsylvania brings with him a litany of quotes on his personal beliefs and political positions that may play well with the far, far right, though they're likely to have mainstream America scratching its head, should he make it to the big stage.

## Special Guest Op/Ed:

### [Why I Voted Against Salary and Benefit Cuts](#)



This week, Manatee County School District Superintendent Tim McGonegal made some very critical statements regarding two school board members who voted against a pay cut and healthcare premium increase for district teachers. One of those board members, Julie Aranibar, discusses the reasons for her recent vote in this special guest editorial.

## Sunday Favorites

### [Desegregating Florida](#)



Recent reports of picketing the school administration building have headlined newspapers all week, but during the civil rights movement, things were also complicated. Instead of complying to federal mandates, former Governor Claude Kirk took it upon himself to travel from Tallahassee to Manatee County, suspend the superintendent and take over the entire school district in order to halt plans to bus African-American students and teachers to other schools. Kirk maintained throughout his lifetime that it was the mandatory busing

he was against—not desegregation, but most of his constituents could see through his actions.

## Opinion

### [Mother Nature Wants Her Children to Ride the Bus](#)



Traveling to school during my childhood consisted primarily of riding the bus. As a kindergartner, I remember the first time I solemnly boarded that long yellow icon and turned slowly to wave goodbye to my mother, then walked down the aisle and filed into the next available seat. From that day on, I looked forward the two-block walk to the bus stop where I was sure to start up a conversation with a

new friend. For me, riding the bus gave me a sense of independence, expanded my social life and taught me to appreciate public transportation – it was literally the highlight of my day.

## Guest Op/Ed:

## Your Sunday Ads ... Delivered

### [The Bradenton Times Paperless Circular](#)



Your virtual Sunday circular delivers the deals

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[Corky's Bait & Tackle](#)

## [Florida is Turning Down Funds for Families](#)



Despite a tough economy and shortfalls in state revenue, Florida continues to turn down federal funding that could benefit residents in our state. Florida ranks 48th in the country in terms of federal grants it has received, according to a 2011 report by Florida TaxWatch. Florida is near the bottom in most grant program areas, including education, housing, Medicaid and Medicare, transportation and family support. TaxWatch calculated that if the state received federal grants equal to its share of taxes paid, we would have received \$3.2 billion in additional funding.

## Arts & Entertainment

### [The printers, the studio, the gallery: F8](#)



About a year ago, the house at 1329 11th Street West was abandoned, lost in the wave of foreclosed homes in the area. The dilapidated building was halfway through a project to convert the house into a duplex. Holes in the floor revealed the dirt below in the foundation. On February 3, that same building housed the grand opening for the F8 gallery. After major restorations, the building became part studio for Matt Allison, part photography gallery and part home for owners Allison and Tara Sell.

### [Anna Maria Island Orchestra Delights Packed House](#)



Poo-bah.

The Anna Maria Island Concert Chorus and Orchestra provided a delightful afternoon of musical entertainment Sunday with a concert version of the Gilbert and Sullivan classic, *The Mikado*, at CrossPointe Fellowship. The sellout crowd was alternately treated to good music and good humor, thanks especially to a skillful balance of the orchestra and chorus by conductor Alfred Gershfeld and a commanding performance by chorus director, Robert Parrish, as

## School & Education

### [Carpenter Says Accelerating Cuts Ultimately Unnecessary](#)



On Thursday, Manatee School District Superintendent Tim McGonegal reportedly accused Manatee County School Board members Julie Aranibar and Karen Carpenter of “playing politics” in voting against Wednesday's decision to cut teacher pay, raise insurance premiums and require two furlough days. Because of the timing in the school year, it creates a circumstance where teachers will suffer a year's worth of cuts compressed into just 11 weeks worth of paychecks, for as much as \$300 per month at the top of the pay scale. Carpenter says it's a matter of morale and good information.

### [School Board Votes to Cut Teacher Pay and Raise Insurance Costs](#)



The Manatee County School Board voted 3-2 for a 1.75 percent cut to teachers and teacher aides' salaries this year at an impasse hearing Wednesday night. In addition, teachers will have to take two furlough days, which also passed by a 3-2 margin. The board also voted 3-2 to increase health insurance premiums by 29 percent and get rid of the raise that was given after achieving a year of experience, known as a step increase.

## Bradenton News

### [City of Bradenton Monday Trash Collection Schedule](#)

Monday, February 20, is a city holiday (Presidents' Day) and there will be changes to the trash collection schedule for City of Bradenton customers. If your household garbage is normally collected on a

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Monday, it will instead be collected Saturday, Feb. 18. The landfill is closed Monday. All City of Bradenton offices will be closed Monday.

## Community

### [Kids Against Hunger and Local Kiwanis Clubs Team Up to Feed the Hungry](#)



Kids Against Hunger is a nonprofit worldwide organization with a sole mission: to significantly reduce the number of hungry children that are starving throughout the world. In order to help with this work, the Kiwanis Club Of Bradenton, the Manatee Sunrise Kiwanis Club and the Lakewood Ranch Kiwanis Club combined their efforts with local Boy Scouts, as well as students in their Manatee Key Club to package 30,000 meals last Saturday at Kiwanis Hall in Bradenton.

## Manatee County News

### [Manatee County Government Offices Closed on Presidents Day](#)



Manatee County Government offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 20 to commemorate Presidents Day. Trash, recycling and yard waste collections for the week will be postponed one day from Tuesday through Saturday for residents in unincorporated Manatee. Manatee County Area Transit and the Anna Maria Island Trolley will operate normal daily routes.

## Community News

### [Manatee Spotlight February 19, 2012](#)



- "Women of the Month" Named at the Lakewood Ranch Chapter of SWAT Networking
- Salt & Light Productions Awards Grant To Taylor Emmons Scholarship Fund
- Student Exhibit: Opening at the Anna Maria Island Art League
- Springfest Fine Arts and Crafts Festival Features National Artists, Boosts Local Economy
- Beta Kappa "RUN FOR A CURE"

## Government Forecast

### [This Week in Local Government: Feb. 20-24, 2012](#)



It's a light week for local governments, which are closed for President's Day on Monday and without a typical Thursday county meeting. The Manatee County Commission will workshop again on Tuesday, this time the subjects will be Transportation planning/WCIND and health care. The Bradenton City Council has a regular meeting Wednesday evening.

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