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Hello Reader,

Features

[2012: Wake up or Else!](#)



Reflecting on 2011 was admittedly not an exercise in optimism. Another year passed by with few if any meaningful steps taken against the greatest challenges facing mankind. Yet there were signs of life stirring that suggested we were finally awakening from our slumber and if nothing else, that is something to be optimistic about as we move into 2012. Here are some of the positives we can take from the past 12 months.

[Criminal Charges Against BP Employees for Deepwater Spill?](#)



U.S. prosecutors are reportedly preparing criminal charges against BP employees, regarding the 2010 Deepwater Horizon accident. It would be the first time criminal charges were filed in relation to the catastrophe, which killed 11 workers and caused one of the worst offshore oil spills in history.

[County Will Decide Whether to Take Over North River Ballfield Project](#)



Who will take responsibility for the "dad gum" little league fields? That was the question asked at Monday night's work session between the Palmetto City Commission and the Board of County Commissioners. The BOCC will vote at their next meeting whether they want to take on the Palmetto ballfield project that has plagued three county entities for over three years.

[Commissioner Gallen Seeks to Open School Parks and Fields to Community](#)



At Tuesday's Council of Governments meeting at the newly renovated Manatee Civic Center in Palmetto, Manatee County Commissioner Michael Gallen introduced a plan to make unused school parks and fields available to the public. Gallen urged the bodies to work together to light and unlock some of these facilities so that teens would have a place to go and engage in positive activities.

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[The Open Mic](#)

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[The Open Mic](#)



Government

Local

[Council of Governments Meeting Agenda Summary, 1/3/2011](#)

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Tuesday afternoon's meeting at the newly renovated Manatee Civic Center gave local boards a chance to get on the same page. How to coordinate efforts that would organize the unused parks and school fields to be available for after school hour use was among the issues that took center stage as the county, city councils, school board and various departments convened. A legislative update was also given.

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National

[Romney, Santorum and Paul Pull Away at Iowa Caucus](#)



The Republican Presidential Primary continued its roller coaster ride in Iowa Tuesday night, as Mitt Romney edged Rick Santorum by a mere eight votes! Each received just under 25 percent of the total. Congressman Ron Paul was right behind with 21.1 percent, while all other candidates scored 10 percent or less.

Last Week's Poll Results (as of 1/4/2012)

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

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Choice	%
The worst is yet to come	31
More of the same	30
Modest improvements	31
Things will get significantly better	6

Opinion

[Guest Op/Ed: Fuel Diversity and Price Stability: Florida's Long-term Energy Future](#)



Both politically and economically, reliance on foreign oil is our Achilles heel. We have the ability to reduce our reliance on foreign oil through multiple domestic energy resources including ethanol right here in peninsula Florida. Florida can begin immediately by developing cost-effective alternative fuels to extend domestic supplies of petroleum, and create new economic opportunities as early as this upcoming year.

New Poll:

Business and Financial

[Finance Players Eyeing Cuba](#)



Following recent announcements by at least three foreign financial players to set up or expand Cuba funds, two major Canadian banks are planning to open offices in Havana, the Financial Times reported. Joining 14 international banks and financial companies with representative offices in Cuba, Bank of Nova Scotia has filed an application with the Central Bank of Cuba to open an office, while Royal Bank of Canada is pondering a similar move, bank executives told the Financial Times' Canada correspondent. Scotiabank plans mainly to expand its trade finance business in Cuba.

[Vote on this NEW Poll!](#)

Who in the top five is your current favorite for the 2012 GOP nomination?

Community

[Community News - Manatee Movers and Shakers, 1/5/2012](#)



- Candidate College to be presented by USF Sarasota-Manatee and Sarasota Civic League
- Gulf Coast Builders Exchange; Builders Have The Spirit of Giving
- Tracy Vanderneck Awarded the Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) Designation
- Second Time Arounders Marching Band!
- Volunteer Judges Wanted for Manatee County History Fair

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[Sunshine Skyway Bridge to be Commemorated on Postal Stamp](#)



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Environment

[A Heavenly Paddle Through Robinson Preserve](#)



Manatee County's Natural Resources Department led a volunteer canoe and kayak paddle trip around Robinson Preserve last Wednesday, to help clean up trash from the waterways. It was my birthday, so my 7 year-old son and I decided it would be the perfect way to spend it. Not only was the three hour excursion great exercise, but with the help of our fabulous volunteer tour guide Wayne Douchkoff, as well as Aedan Stockdale and Sherry Kessel from NRD, we learned plenty about an ecologically important preserve, while seeing another beautiful side of this local treasure.

Arts and Entertainment

["Lobby Hero" Opens Wednesday at FSU/Asolo's Cook Theatre](#)



Lobby Hero, a play the New York Times called "The best new American drama of the first decade of this century," will open Wednesday at FSU/Asolo's Cook Theatre and run through January 22. Playwright Kenneth Lonergan was nominated for the Outer Critics Circle Award for Outstanding Off-Broadway Play for Lobby Hero, which tells the story of Jeff, a young security guard for a Manhattan apartment building who is attempting to put his life back together after being thrown out of the military.

Food & Dining

[Selva Grill Founder to Try and Revive Former Rustic Grill Location](#)



Darwin Santa Maria has had the golden touch in a difficult restaurant economy. Founder of the ever-popular *Selva Grill*, as well as Siesta Key's *The Cottage*, Santa Maria brings an impressive resume to the dining table. Fresh off some world travel with his wife and three children, Santa Maria will no doubt bring some of the inspiration he found abroad to his newest venture, Darwin's on 4th, which will open January 16 in the former Rustic Grill location at 1525 4th Street on the emerging north side of downtown Sarasota.

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Fishing

[Captain Favorite's Weekend Fishing Forecast Jan. 5, 2012](#)



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 Jan. 2, 2012](#)



Hammerhead and tiger sharks can no longer be harvested from Florida waters. Trout season is now open. With the slower tides, the best action will be centered on areas that have moving water. On days with no wind or days with light winds, deep channels and passes will produce some of the best action at lower tides. During higher tides, redfish will gather around oyster bars and around the mangroves. Mullet fishing is still going strong. Two big seafood festivals will kick-off mid January.

Ocean Harvest * * Catch of the Week * *



Jon Boulware, from N.C., caught and released this nice Sarasota Bay bluefish on a CAL jig with a grub tail while fishing with Capt. Rick Grasset.

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Upcoming Events

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Events Calendar						
January 2012						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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Notable Events:

January 5, 2012

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Florida Blood Services Manatee Bloodmobile Drives January 1 - January 31, 2012](#)
- [MTV's smash hit Friendzone sets its heart on Florida!](#)
- [Manatee Audubon Field Trip to El Con Ducks](#) Time: 8:30 am - 10:30 am
- [All Children's Hospital Car Seat Check-Up](#) Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- [Winter/Spring Storytime Schedule at Manatee County Central Library](#) Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- [Manatee County announces The Rocky Bluff Branch Library's Storytime Schedule](#) Time: 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
- [January 2012 City of Bradenton board meeting - Tree & Land Preservation Board](#) Time: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

January 6, 2012

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Florida Blood Services Manatee Bloodmobile Drives January 1 - January 31, 2012](#)
- [MTV's smash hit Friendzone sets its heart on Florida!](#)
- [Kid's Day at the The Perlman Music Program Winter Residency](#) Time: 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm
- [Slicks Garage - First Fridays: Car/Bike Show & Community Party](#) Time: 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm
- [The Bradenton Woman's Club presents Dance to Live Music every Friday night](#) Time: 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm
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January 7, 2012

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Florida Blood Services Manatee Bloodmobile Drives January 1 - January 31, 2012](#)
- [Manatee County Natural Resources Department's JANUARY calendar of events in your preserves!](#)
- [MTV's smash hit Friendzone sets its heart on Florida!](#)

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- [Manatee Audubon Open House at Felts Preserve](#) Time: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
- [Anna Maria Sail and Power Squadron present The America's Boating Course](#) Time: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
- [Robinson Preserve presents an Artificial Coral Reef Crochet exhibit](#) Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- [Save Our Seabirds Clean Up Day Volunteers Needed](#) Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- [Bradentucky Bombers Roller Derby Open Recruitment](#) Time: 9:45 am - 11:45 am
- [Island Gallery West Announces 2012 Free Art Demo Schedule for Season](#) Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

January 8, 2012

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Florida Blood Services Manatee Bloodmobile Drives January 1 - January 31, 2012](#)
- [Manatee County Natural Resources Department's JANUARY calendar of events in your preserves!](#)
- [MTV's smash hit Friendzone sets its heart on Florida!](#)
- [Manatee Unitarian Universalist Fellowship presents "Mother Earth: A Living Organism"](#) Time: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

January 9, 2012

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Florida Blood Services Manatee Bloodmobile Drives January 1 - January 31, 2012](#)
- [Manatee County Natural Resources Department's JANUARY calendar of events in your preserves!](#)
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- [League of Women Voters of Manatee County: Running for Office--or Helping Someone Who Is](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
- [Manatee-Sarasota Sierra Club: Conservation Committee Meeting](#) Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- [Snap Fitness presents a Free Nutrition Seminar](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

January 10, 2012

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Florida Blood Services Manatee Bloodmobile Drives January 1 - January 31, 2012](#)
- [Manatee County Natural Resources Department's JANUARY calendar of events in your preserves!](#)
- [MTV's smash hit Friendzone sets its heart on Florida!](#)
- [January 2012 City of Bradenton board meeting - Downtown Development Authority](#) Time: 8:00 am - 10:00 pm
- [Manatee Audubon Field Trip to Emerson Point](#) Time: 8:30 am - 10:30 am
- [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
- [Friends of the South Manatee Library present a travel film on France](#) Time: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- [Lakewood Ranch Democratic Club - January Club Meeting](#) Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- [Magic of Manatee Sweet Adelines](#) Time: 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

January 11, 2012

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Florida Blood Services Manatee Bloodmobile Drives January 1 - January 31, 2012](#)
- [Manatee County Natural Resources Department's JANUARY calendar of events in your preserves!](#)
- [MTV's smash hit Friendzone sets its heart on Florida!](#)
- [January 2012 City of Bradenton board meeting - City Council \(followed by a workshop\)](#) Time: 8:30 am - 10:30 am
- [Manatee County announces Storytime Schedule at Braden River Branch Library](#) Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- [Palmetto Branch Library Winter/Spring Storytime Schedule](#) Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- [Winter/Spring Storytime Schedule at South Manatee Library](#) Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- [Winter/Spring Storytime Schedule at South Manatee Library](#) Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- [Friends of the Palmetto Library Book Discussion Group](#) Time: 10:30 am - 11:30 am

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- [Manatee County Health Department - Teen Health Clinic](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm



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