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Hello Reader,

Features

[Iran: What if...](#)



After my last column, several readers responded that war with Iran was seemingly inevitable. It's also clear that many voters and presidential candidates agree – and events this week have lent credence to that mindset. Though I hope they're all wrong, it would probably be prudent to take an objective look at what armed conflict with Iran might look like.

[Gingrich Has Momentum Heading Into Florida Primaries](#)



Coming off a big win in South Carolina and polling out front here in the Sunshine State, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich seems to have the momentum heading into Florida's presidential primary on January 31. After winning South Carolina by a wide margin, a recent Rasmussen has him nearly 10 points ahead of Romney at 41 and 31 percent respectively, while Gingrich has also taken his first lead in the national polls as Governor Romney continues to fall.

[Early Voting for Presidential Primary Open Through Saturday](#)



The office of the Manatee County Supervisor of Elections will be conducting the Presidential Preference Primary election, with early voting open until this Saturday, January 28. Anyone who is already registered as a Republican can vote at the Manatee Supervisor of Elections office from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, through this Saturday.

[Weekend Adventures in Bradenton: Jan. 27-Jan.30](#)



This weekend prepare for intellectual and cultural indulgence. Your taste buds will sing at the food and wine tasting events and an award winning writer will entertain you, while signing books of course. Put on a nice pair of shoes and come hungry, it's time for a Weekend Adventure in Bradenton!

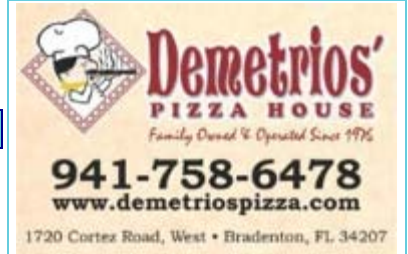
Government

Local

[Manatee County BOCC Meeting Results 1/24/2012](#)



At the BOCC meeting Tuesday, the Lakewood Ranch High School Golf team was recognized for winning the two-way 2011 Golf Championship to cap a season undefeated. The spectacular "Destination Manatee" showed off what it is made of - watch out sports fans, and Ed Hunzeker takes a stroll through Manatee County's accomplishments.



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[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. Sound of and let everyone know whats on your mind!

[The Venice Bypass is In Gear and On The Road](#)



There was no shortage of ideas at the MPO meeting Monday, about how the Venice bypass should look. There were also plenty of opinions on how each option would work, and a lot of frustration from the years of struggling to get real answers. But the only thing missing was the crystal ball needed to tell what will work best for the future.

[Sarasota/Manatee MPO Meeting Results 1/23/2012](#)



This month's MPO meeting was again dominated by the Venice bypass. Danial K. Hardy from the Renaissance Planning Group convinced members to go with the Washington D.C.. based Peer Review Group's plan of six lanes, all the way through town. Members also struggled with whether to request a study that would determine how and when to go for a Sarasota to Charlotte bus route.

[The Open Mic](#)



Fire Services

[BFD Captain to Retire After 25 Years](#)



Captain Paul Ewers is retiring Friday after 25 years with the Bradenton Fire Department. Ewers will continue his role as the department's chaplain. In February, he will be ordained as a pastor at Kingdom Life Christian Church. Capt. Ewers joined the Bradenton Fire Department in 1987 to experience firsthand the rewards and challenges of the fire service.

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Schools and Education

[Manatee 47 in Dept of Education School District Rankings](#)



Manatee County School District was ranked 47 in a new ranking of Florida schools released by the Department of Education this week. The list's numerical ranking was based solely on FCAT performance, comparing each district's total points derived from FCAT scores. Sarasota County ranked 4th in the state.

[Are All School Board Members Treated Equally?](#)



Karen Carpenter didn't sit in the back of the room to protest Monday night's school board meeting, but she was considered the Rosa Parks of the board. In an effort to become an equal amongst members, she wouldn't approve the agenda amendments – a normally routine, unanimous vote. The vote, as well as Carpenter's speech during board comments, ignited a heated debate.

[Manatee County School Board Meeting Results, Jan. 23, 2012](#)



Karen Carpenter complained that her requests for items to appear on the agenda have been ignored. During public comment, Cheryl Joseph of the Bayshore high school Alumni group said she discovered archived minutes from official school board meetings were retyped, even though there was nothing wrong with the original documents. Winners of the MLK essay contests captivated the audience with their inspirational speeches and several people were recognized as for their heroic acts in the recent school bus accident.

Last Week's Poll Results (as of 1/25/2012)

Should Florida Expand to Vegas-style resort Gambling?

Choice	%
Yes	61
No	39

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Who will you be Supporting in Tuesday's Primary?

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[Letter to the Editor: Fix Collector Roads Before Ft Hamer Bridge](#)



One reader is very disappointed in plans to construct the Fort Hamer Bridge, which he feels is not only unnecessary, but flies in the face of other needed safety upgrades on other area roads, specifically nine urban collector roads identified by Public Works in August of 2010 as needing safety upgrades.

[Letter to the Editor: Is the Manatee School District Top Heavy?](#)



There have been many allegations that the Manatee County School District is top heavy. That is, they have too many administrative positions. The Manatee Education Association (the teacher's union) has issued a report comparing similar School District's administrative expenditures to the number of full-time students.

Business and Financial

[Baird's Market Notes: Week of 1/23/2012](#)



The equity markets rose for the third consecutive time last week supported by mounting evidence the U.S. economy is gaining positive momentum. The market also benefited from the fact that the news out of Europe was less threatening, which was reflected in the better than expected performance by the financial sector. The rally last week carried the S&P 500 over the 1300 hurdle, which was felt to be resistance.

Community

[Community News - Manatee Movers and Shakers, 1/26/2012](#)



- Suzanne Kistler is Tax Collector's Employee of the Quarter
- Cool Today Awarded Angie's List Super Service Award
- Senior Enrichment Center to Host Open House
- Jon M. Talamas, 2-20 Agent joins MGA Insurance Group
- Manatee County accepting applications for Animal Services Advisory Board
- Rock Out for a Cause

Arts and Entertainment

[Artists Sought for 20th Annual Manatee Festival of The Arts](#)



This year the SouthShore Chamber of Commerce will be presenting the 20th Annual Apollo Beach Manatee Festival of the Arts. Our dedication to excellence in selecting quality artists each year has resulted in the development of a well-respected, juried show. The Festival is an innovative showcase of fine arts and fine crafts which draws talent from all across the country.

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Catch of the Week



Dave Wahl, from Sterling, Ill., caught and released this 4-pound plus trout out of a Sarasota Bay pothole on a Grasset Deep Flats Minnow fly while fishing with Capt. Rick Grasset.

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[Captain Favorite's Weekend Fishing Forecast Jan.26, 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. 23, 2012](#)



Ever wish you could understand your GPS or read a chart? Well the Anna Maria Island Power Squadron is hosting a charting seminar on January 24 and a GPS seminar on January 31. Both Events will be open to the public. The Port Salerno Seafood Festival kicks off January 28. The mild weather conditions have allowed for some great offshore fishing and grouper have been biting.

Sports

[Manatee County Is Great Sports and More](#)



It's not just the world class Regatta, IMG Sports Academy and the Lakewood Ranch Premier Sport Campus that makes Manatee County a Sports Hub. It's not just the hundreds of businesses in the sports technology and athletic performance industry, or the world class training facilities for tennis and soccer. It's all of this and more, and it is right here in Manatee County.

[Quantum Key West 2012 Wraps Up With Exciting Finish](#)



It was a frantic finish at Quantum Key West 2012 as several boats snatched victory with strong performances on the fifth and final day. Barking Mad pulled off one of the greatest comebacks in the 25-year history of the regatta, winning the Farr 40 class despite suffering a dreaded DNF. Barking Mad, skippered by Jim Richardson of Newport, R.I., did not finish Race 2 after a scary man overboard incident.

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: Jan. 27-Jan.30](#)

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Adventure in Bradenton!

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				

[View the Full Calendar](#)

Notable Events:

January 26, 2012

- Bradenton Movies
- On-Site Registration for 2012 Spring Youth Basketball League
- [Fourth Annual New College Juried Student Art Exhibition](#) Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- [The Affordable Care Act: what does it change? - League of Women Voters of Manatee County](#) Time: 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
- [*** Love is in the Air Gift Extravaganza!***](#) Time: 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- [Sunset Cruise w/ Live Music by Mike Sales](#) Time: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

January 27, 2012

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [The Studio at Gulf and Pine is pleased to present Maro Lorimer: New Paintings 2012](#)
- [Fourth Annual New College Juried Student Art Exhibition](#) Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- [Friends of the Rocky Bluff Library event features award-winning author Don Bruns](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
- [Sunset Drum Circle with Mike Sales](#) Time: 5:30 pm - 10:00 pm
- [The Bradenton Woman's Club presents Dance to Live Music every Friday night](#) Time: 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

January 28, 2012

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [DeSoto Amateur Radio Club Hamfest](#)
- [First Time Homebuyer's Class](#) Time: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
- [Sarasota County Natural Resources - World Premiere Tour of Marjorie & Marjory](#) Time: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

January 29, 2012

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [The Manatee District's School Choice Open Enrollment Begins Next Tuesday and Runs Through Friday, February 3, 2012](#)
- [Fourth Annual New College Juried Student Art Exhibition](#) Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- [Mike Sales: Live at the Bridge Street Market](#) Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

January 30, 2012

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Fourth Annual New College Juried Student Art Exhibition](#) Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- [New World Celtic Dance - Beginner Irish Dance Class](#) Time: 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
- [Artist Series Concerts of Sarasota presents Lee Roy Ream, Legendary Broadway "song and dance man"](#) Time: 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

January 31, 2012

- [Bradenton Movies](#)

[Framing by Robin](#)
[Gulf Coast Kendo & Iaido](#)
[Henry Raines Show](#)
[Heintz & Becker](#)
[Habachi Grill Supreme Buffet](#)
[Hurricane Computers](#)
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[Kern Construction, Inc.](#)
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[USA Dumpsters](#)
[Wilson's Dancesport](#)

- [KIWANIS CLUB OF BRADENTON](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
- [Manatee Forum for Republican Women Federated Dinner Event](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
- [Manatee County Agriculture and Extension Service presents Warm Winter Annuals](#) Time: 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm
- [Mike Sales: Live at Feeling Swell](#) Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- [Magic of Manatee Sweet Adelines](#) Time: 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

February 1, 2012

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Fourth Annual New College Juried Student Art Exhibition](#) Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- [Manatee County announces Storytime Schedule at Braden River Branch Library](#) Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- [Manatee County Health Department - Teen Health Clinic](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- [Artist Series Concerts of Sarasota presents Lee Roy Ream, Legendary Broadway "song and dance man"](#) Time: 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm



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Longwood Run Grill & Pub



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