



# The Bradenton Times Sunday Edition

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## The Sunday Editorial

### Editorial: Identifying with Being an American



A friend said something very interesting to me recently. He complained that he feared Americans no longer felt a connection with being members of their country, but rather identified themselves exclusively by their role in its economic system, and that whether that role was vital or trivial largely defined their overall sense of self-worth.

## Manatee Restaurant Profile

### Popi's Does It Again – Number VI is Open for Business



Everyone knows the Ameres family. If you don't know them by name, then you probably have heard of their popular chain of restaurants, Popi's Place (pronounced Pope-y not Poppy). They have just opened the doors to the sixth restaurant in west Bradenton at 6409 Manatee Ave. Although many people are familiar with the Greek/American cooking, few know the origins behind the

successful business.

## Government Forecast

### This Week in Local Governments, March 14-18



In this week's local governments, the Manatee County School Board meets Monday evening. The Board of County Commissioners hold its regular meeting Tuesday morning in county chambers. On Wednesday the Bradenton City Planning Commission convenes in city hall for a workshop and meeting beginning at 1:00 p.m. The Port Authority holds a meeting on Thursday morning at Intermodal Center in Palmetto.

## Sunday Favorite

### Sunday Favorites: Being Hernando de Soto is a Privilege and an Honor

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Curt Mahoney doesn't like to talk about himself, but get him started on Hernando de Soto and he will talk your ear off. He knows about de Soto's birthplace, he'll tell you why de Soto left an impoverished town of Barcarrota, Spain. He'll tell you how de Soto and Columbus were friends and roommates in Honduras and how Columbus tried double cross him and steal his gold. He'll even tell you about the treacherous path de Soto's army was subjected to while exploring Florida. Ironically, Mahoney is de Soto.



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## Video Feature

### [VIDEO: "Florida Watch" March 13, 2011](#)

On this week's edition of "Florida Watch" panelists Gary Schuster (former CBS News correspondent), Susan Nilon (co-host "Talk Suncoast" radio show), Cooper Levey-Baker (editor, Florida Independent) and host Doug Miles talk about the first week of the Florida Legislative session, the union situation, the hearings on radicalization of American Muslims, public funding for public broadcasting among other topics.



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