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Fort Myers Beach is getting ready to see an invasion of Spring Breakers. This week has been slow, but businesses, hotels and restaurants are gearing up.

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## SWFL'S QUIRKS

We don't eat late. We like flip flops. Gulf shrimp rules. Jean Le Boeuf compiled a list of 22 things only SWFL foodies appreciate. Add your two cents in a live chat with our pseudonymous food critic 4 p.m. Thursday at [news-press.com/taste](http://news-press.com/taste).



## Mobile friendly JLB reviews map

Exclusively for our subscribers, go to [news-press.com/insider](http://news-press.com/insider) to use our interactive Jean Le Bouef reviews map. You can search JLB reviews by location, type of restaurant or by the number of stars it received from our food critic. It's a great resource to use when you are traveling about and looking for a place to eat in Southwest Florida.



### JLB PICKS

CRITIC'S FAVORITES

## Fort Myers' best spring training eats

It's that time — for baseball, burgers, Cracker Jack and cold beers.

While the food has vastly improved at Hammond Stadium and JetBlue Park in recent years, it's still nice to know where else to eat

and drink near the ballparks.

Which is where I come in...

**Best beer** — *Fort Myers Brewing Co.*: You can find some of this award-winning brewery's beers at the parks but head to the place itself for lower prices, more options. (12811 Commerce Lakes Drive; 313-6576; [facebook.com/fmbrew](http://facebook.com/fmbrew))

**Best burger** — *Fat Katz Sports Bistro*: Beef that's

ground in house, pattied by hand, seared, then layered with scratch-made accouterments. (10080 Daniels Interstate Court; 768-3541; [fatkatzsportsbistro.com](http://fatkatzsportsbistro.com))

**Best pizza** — *Nino's Italian Restaurant*: These are simple pies, ladled with owner Graziano Buccini's own sauce. It's old school and delicious. (6900 Daniels Parkway; 768-5376; [ninosondaniels.com](http://ninosondaniels.com))

**Best sushi** — *Origami*: Here they turn raw fish and perfect rice into beautifully delicious bites. (8911 Daniels Parkway #5; 482-2126; [sushiorigami.com](http://sushiorigami.com))

**Best sweets** — *Norman Love Confections*: I don't think anyone needs reminding of Love's chocolate mastery. (11380 Lindbergh Blvd.; 561-7215; [normanloveconfections.com](http://normanloveconfections.com))

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**Norman Love chocolates and Fort Myers Brewing Company's chocolate-peanut-butter porter**

# Dining out

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### THREE TWEETS

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## Belky's crafts a mean Cuban

The sandwich felt heavy. I unwrapped the paper to find a rectangle of Cuban bread pressed until its layers were like porky striations. The first bite sent bread crumbs chattering across my dash. It tasted of roast pork, sweet ham, Swiss, mustard — all in delicious harmony. I rounded out my Belky's order with guava cookies, mango juice, a café Cubano. I gave the cashier \$10 and still got change. That part felt light.

*Belky's Cuban Cafeteria is at 2924 Del Prado Blvd. S., Cape Coral; 541-8286 or find it on Facebook.*



SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-PRESS

The Cuban sandwich from Belky's Cuban Cafeteria in Cape Coral is a steal at \$4.99.

## TV Listings

### Dear Readers,

The daily TV listings are no longer being published in the Causes, Living Well, Taste, Go Coastal, Gulf Coasting and @Home sections. The identical listings are packaged together in the weekly TV schedule published inside Sunday's Tropicalia. Set that section aside each Sunday for use all week. Annie's mailbox, the crossword and comics will continue to be published every day. They can be found on page 2 of each section.