

## WEEKEND

## DINING DIRECTORY

Restaurant ratings: Satisfactory | Good | Very Good | Exceptional.

Price categories: \$ entrees mostly \$10 or lower | \$\$ entrees \$10 to \$15 | \$\$\$ entrees \$15 to \$20 | \$\$\$\$ entrees \$20 and higher

**H** Indicates restaurant is fully equipped for wheelchairs. **R** Indicates reservations are strongly recommended.

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## MICRO RAVE



DONNA E. NATALE PLAMAS/HERALD STAFF

• **Our Place:** "You can come in having a bad day, and leave with a smile on your face," says Marino Carbonell, left, joking with his wife, Karelia Martinez-Carbonell, and Rick Gonzalez, co-owner of the small, homey South Miami restaurant. "I eat lunch there almost every day and the owners (Rick and sister Vilma) treat me as if I were their son — by the way, they treat all the customers that way, referring to us by nicknames like *mi niño* or *mi niña*." Carbonell, a licensed addictions specialist, especially enjoys the crispy *vaca frita* with black beans, white rice, and fried sweet plantains; *rabo encendido* (oxtails in spicy sauce); *tamal/en cazuela*; "and of course the homemade flan (made from scratch) with caramel topping" at his "favorite Cuban-style family restaurant." While it's been open more than 15 years, the restaurant can be hard to find, says Carbonell. "I would like more people to know about this little gem." Our Place is at 7434 SW 48th St., South Miami. 305-661-0883.

Have a favorite restaurant you'd like to share? Submit your raves to [weekend@herald.com](mailto:weekend@herald.com). For dining reviews and other restaurant news, see Thursday's Tropical Life Food section.