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Reported by Emily Burnham

## THE WEEKLY QUESTION

“What’s your favorite Super Bowl tradition?”



“Eating chips and dip all day.”  
HANNAH HOLDEN, HAMPDEN



“Making Strombi, a sandwich I make every year for the Superbowl.”  
BOB ASHE, BANGOR



“I just like spending time with friends.”  
AARON SINES, BANGOR



“Making nachos on the biggest baking sheet I can find.”  
JEFF JOSEPH, BANGOR



“I always go over to my friend Andy’s for the Super Bowl!”  
ANDREW CROSE, BANGOR



“I like trash talking to my friends rooting for the opposing team. And then my team inevitably losing.”  
JONATHAN FISCHER, BANGOR

## New restaurant to bring ‘A Taste of Sunshine’ to Brewer

BY EMILY BURNHAM  
OF THE WEEKLY STAFF

The Cubano is one of the world’s great sandwiches, right up there with the Reuben, the French dip and the Muffaletta. It’s comprised of sliced ham, marinated and sliced roast pork, swiss cheese, thinly sliced dill pickles and mustard, layered on Cuban-style white bread and grilled in a sandwich press — it’s a flavorful lunch native to Florida and the Caribbean, that has since found its way to the menus of eateries nationwide.

As of this week, area

diners can now get a Cubano anytime they want, made fresh and with authentic, local ingredients by Steve Santiago and his family at their new Brewer restaurant A Taste of Sunshine in Maine.

Located at 14 North Main St. in Brewer, directly next to the Joshua Chamberlain Bridge, A Taste of Sunshine has been in the works for a long time. The idea started when Santiago, a native of New York City, retired after decades working in law enforcement and moved to Maine in 2012 with his wife and kids. Shortly afterwards,

he began teaching adult education classes focusing on Latin and Caribbean cooking at Hampden Academy.

“My students really responded to the food, and when we were cooking, we’d have the sanitation engineers walk by and peek in and say ‘What are you making? It smells amazing,” said Santiago. “I figure if we can get them to be interested in a type of food they’ve never tried, we can get anybody.”

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Steve Santiago, right, and his son, Steven, and the rest of his family are opening A Taste of Sunshine in Maine, a Latin Caribbean take out restaurants servings sandwiches and Puerto Rican, Cuban and Dominican dishes. The restaurant opened the week of February 4.



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