

**Wait:** We arrived at 6:30 p.m. on a Tuesday and were seated within seconds.

**Service:** Flancer's is the anti-Rocco's (the chaotic New York restaurant of reality TV fame), a kick-back place where people love to work and it shows. The staff is the most friendly, happy group of employees I've ever seen in a restaurant, or any business, for that matter. I've dined at this Gilbert eatery more than once, and the service is consistently warm and jovial. On this night, our server sported a silly T-shirt proclaiming "Flancer's Addict — Even Betty Ford Can't Help." Another server stopped to talk baseball with a customer who was watching the first game of the Cubs-Marlins playoff series.

**What we liked:** The goat cheese bruschetta, presented on a bed of balsamic-drizzled romaine, was served on toasted-just-right homemade bread and was good to the last crumb. My husband and I both know and love Flancer's fantastic sandwiches, so we opted to try something new, the brick-oven pizza. Although Flancer's claims to have "incredible sandwiches and pizza," I'm sorry to report their slices aren't even in the same ballpark as their Philly cheesesteaks and BLTs. But, Flancer's may want to swap "pizza" with "dessert" in their slogan, because the cafe's made-from-scratch pecan pie — sprinkled with powdered sugar and served with whipped cream — was a nutty, caramely concoction that had my husband proclaiming, "I think pecan pie might be my new favorite pie."

**Scene:** Dancing Flancer's goats (part of a goofy legend you can read about on the menu) dot the walls of the two narrow dining spaces dotted with red plastic booths and dark green tablecloths. Lots of children, some of them screaming.

**Bathroom break:** The private his-and-hers restrooms were clean and stocked.

**Tab for two:** \$43 with tip for goat cheese bruschetta (\$6.75), large salad (\$6.75), medium pizza with four toppings (\$15.99) and pecan pie (\$3.95).

**If work weren't buying:** With an amazing staff and addictive sandwiches, what's not to like?



Photos by Joe Treino

A former Dairy Queen, Flancer's Cafe is a small but cozy restaurant.

**REPORT CARD**  
**Flancer's Cafe**

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REVIEWER	AF	CP
Food	A	B-
Service	B+	A+
Scene	B	C
Bathrooms	B	B
Overall	B+	B

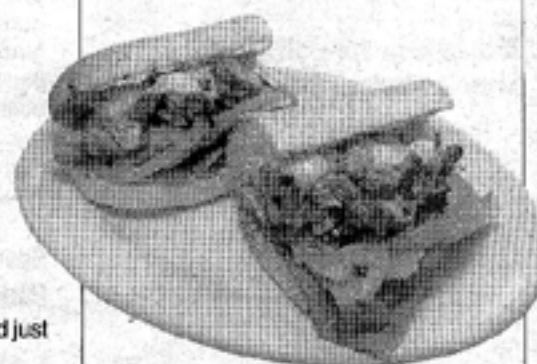
**Major cross streets:** Gilbert Road just south of Guadalupe Road

**Reservations accepted:** No

**Health report:** One violation on April 29

**Prices:** \$2.99-\$20.50

**Most interesting item:** Don't Beware of the Prickly Pear (pizza with prickly pear chicken, green chilies, tomato, olive oil, garlic and red onions), \$12.99-\$20.50



The It's About Thyme sandwich, above, and the large tossed greens salad, below, are just two reasons to try this Gilbert restaurant.

