



WHAT'S NEW

Hamming It Up

Freda's Kitchen serves fat, flavorful sandwiches with funny names.

BY CARRIE OLEJNIK

Watch out Corned Beef Row, there's a new Reuben in town—only this one is in Mt. Washington. You'll find this worthy contender at **Freda's Kitchen** (1604 Kelly Ave., 410-367-7840). Linda and Marty Emmer opened the cafe with their son, Josh, last summer,

offering more than 30 Jewish-style deli and hot sandwiches with playful names like The Pig Pen (ham and Swiss) and That Says It All (chopped liver and onion). But definitely try The Witness Protection (\$8.50), filled with layers of hot corned beef with coleslaw and Russian dressing on rye. If corned beef isn't your thing, there are other items to choose from, all under \$10, including a classic club (\$8.99), vegetarian powerhouse (\$6.50), and BBQ brisket (\$5.99), served on the toasted bread of your choice (there are eight) with a pickle. Some come with a side of sweet, white potato salad. There is also soup, a salad bar (\$6.99 a pound), and a kids' menu. If you're up early enough, you can also catch breakfast until 11:30 a.m. (or all day on Sundays).

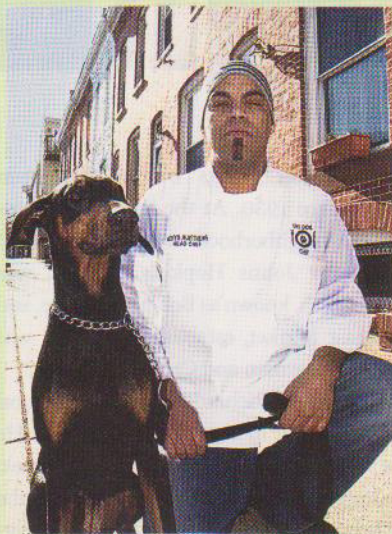
CHEF APPEAL

GOING TO THE DOGS

Personal chef whips up meals for hungry hounds.

BY JASMINE TOUTON

Kevyn Matthews rises at 5 a.m. to buy wholesale sweet potatoes and squash from the Restaurant Depot. Next, he swings by local fish markets for fresh tilapia and salmon. He then wields his chef's knife, setting choice cuts of protein atop tiny dices of apples, chickpeas, and kiwi to create 25 or more meals. After four hours of prep work, he'll slide one meal—with a drizzle of yogurt on top—into Greta's dish. Greta is his Doberman pinscher and the inspiration for a business that took four years to create. For \$6 to \$15, Matthews, a 35-year-old Federal Hill resident, will be your furry friend's personal doggy chef. He came up with the idea when walking his dog. "People were like, 'What are you doing to your dog? She looks gorgeous!'" he says. Matthews was feeding Greta basil for her breath and avocado to



Kevyn Matthews with his Doberman Greta.

keep her coat glossy. After careful study of the best and worst ingredients for dogs, Matthews opened his online business (thedogchef@gmail.com) in 2008 and currently delivers in the city and Baltimore County. And if your pup doesn't like what he licks, the meal's on Matthews.

LISTINGS KEY

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The Key

B Breakfast	★ Fireplaces
L Lunch	☼ Outdoor Dining
D Dinner	Ⓜ Free parking
† Kids' menu	☎ Reservations
♻ Accessible	☛ Carry out
	★ Award winner

Pricing

\$ Entrées cost up to \$15.95
\$\$ Entrées cost between \$16 and \$19.95
\$\$\$ Entrées cost between \$20 and \$24.95
\$\$\$\$ Entrées cost over \$25

Baltimore City

Above North Avenue

- ALONSO'S RESTAURANT AND PACKAGED GOODS** 415 W. Cold Spring Ln., 410-235-3433. Reborn local bar famed for huge burgers now serves Italian, too. **L,D** daily, brunch Sat-Sun. Ⓜ \$\$\$ ☛ ☛ ☛
- AMBASSADOR DINING ROOM** 3811 Canterbury Rd., 410-366-1484. Royal Indian cuisine in a Tudor setting. **L,D** daily. \$\$ ☼ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛
- ANGELINA'S** 7135 Harford Rd., 410-444-5545. Italian restaurant with crab cakes and an Irish pub. Under new management. **L,D** Tue-Sun. †† & \$\$\$ ☛ ☛ ☛
- BRASSERIE TATIN** 105 W. 39th St, 443-278-9110. Contemporary French brasserie serving classics and a few surprises. **L** Tue-Fri, **D** daily. \$\$\$ ☛ ☛ ☛
- BOMBAY GARDEN** 5511 York Rd., 410-323-8440. Tandoori, curry specialties. **L,D** Tue-Sun. \$\$ ☛ ☛ ☛
- CAFE HON** 1002 W. 36th St., 410-243-1230. Homey food, hon: meatloaf, burgers, roast beef with mashed potatoes, crab cakes. **B,L** Mon-Fri, **D** daily, brunch Sat-Sun. †† & \$ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛
- CAFE ZEN** 438 E. Belvedere Ave., 410-532-0022. Cheery venue for simple, homestyle Chinese. Near The Senator Theatre. **L,D** daily. Ⓜ \$\$\$ ☛ ☛ ☛
- CARLYLE CLUB** 500 W. University Pkwy., 410-243-5454. Terrific Lebanese food that can be ordered as entrées or mezzes. **D** Tue-Sun. \$\$\$ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛
- CHAMELEON CAFE** 4341 Harford Rd., 410-254-2376. Charming French-inflected restaurant is a Lauraville favorite. **D** Tue-Sat. \$\$\$ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛
- CREPE DU JOUR** 1609 Sulgrave Ave., 410-542-9000. French cuisine in a warm atmosphere. Brunch Sat-Sun; **L,D** Tue-Sun. \$\$\$ ☛
- CROSSROADS AT THE CROSS KEYS INN** 5100 Falls Rd., 410-532-6900. Hotel dining room with contemporary menu. **B,L,D** daily. †† & \$\$\$ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛
- CRUSH** 510 E. Belvedere Ave., 443-278-9001. Lively bar area and white tablecloth dining on other levels. **L,D** daily. \$\$ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛
- DESERT CAFE** 1605 Sulgrave Ave, 410-367-5808. Middle Eastern light fare in comfy cafe. Belly dancers on week-ends. **L,D** Tue-Sat. \$ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛
- DOGWOOD** 911 W. 36th St., 410-889-0952. Organic gourmet and deli. **L,D** Mon-Sat. Ⓜ \$ & ☛ ☛ ☛ ☛
- DONNA'S COFFEE BAR AND CAFE** 3101 St. Paul Street, 410-