



OUT TO LUNCH

Name Dropper

Di Pasquale's takes over Towson space.

BY KATHY WIELECH PATTERSON

Sweet Lela's in Towson may have a different name over the door—**Di Pasquale's Cafe** (3 Allegheny Ave., 410-821-5352)—but fans of the popular lunch spot will be happy to know that the new owners are keeping the menu much the same. Robbie and Laurie Di Pasquale are still offering favorites like the Italian cold cut, *pictured*,

a hearty sandwich of meats and provolone with a nicely balanced topping of oil and vinegar, mild hot, and grated cheese. In the future, there may be some menu tweaks to include a few items from Di Pasquale's in Highlandtown, but, currently, the home-made and hearty tomato basil soup (\$3.50 per cup, \$4.50 per bowl) is a standout and makes for a savory lunch with half a steak salad (\$5.50/\$8.50 for a full-size portion). Di Pasquale's, which also serves breakfast, has a wide selection of espresso drinks and serves several flavors of Pitango gelato, plus other desserts.

WHAT'S NEW

DAIRY KING

A local farmer opens an organic creamery.

BY JESS BLUMBERG

The milkman may be a rare breed these days, but now Baltimore residents won't have to go far to buy locally made dairy products. Bobby Prigel, owner of Bellevale Farm, *pictured*, recently opened the **Prigel Family Creamery** in Glen Arm. "It's natural that people want local milk," he says. "I'm the one out here milking the cows, so you know exactly where it comes from." In 2007, Prigel started the business plan for the creamery, which is certified organic. But some of Prigel's neighbors opposed it, and he faced a handful of lawsuits. Luckily, most of the community rallied behind him and even held fundraisers to help with legal fees. For now, the creamery (4851 Long Green Rd., prigelfamily-creamery.com) is selling ice cream,



but will roll out cheese, milk, butter, and yogurt in the coming months. Prigel says he is excited for the next step on his fourth-generation farm. "It's all about looking out the window and seeing my kids in the garden with their grandfather," he says. "I'm glad to maintain that heritage."

LISTINGS KEY

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The Key

B Breakfast

L Lunch

D Dinner

† Kids' menu

♻ Accessible

🔥 Fireplaces

☀ Outdoor Dining

🅅 Free parking

📞 Reservations

🚚 Carryout

★ Award winner

Pricing

\$ Entrees cost up to \$15.95

\$\$ Entrees cost between \$16 and \$19.95

\$\$\$ Entrees cost between \$20 and \$24.95

\$\$\$\$ Entrees cost over \$25

Baltimore City

Above North Avenue

ALIZÉE BOUTIQUE BISTRO AND WINE BAR 4 W. University Pkwy., Doubletree Inn at the Colonnade, 443-449-6200. Contemporary French and Asian cuisine. **B,L,D** daily. ♻ \$\$\$\$ 🍷 📞 🌿

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** Fri-Sun, **D** daily, ♻ \$\$\$ 📞 📞

AMBASSADOR DINING ROOM 3811 Canterbury Rd., 410-366-1484. Royal Indian cuisine in a Tudor setting. **L,D** daily. \$\$\$ 🍷 🌿 📞 📞

BANKS'S CAFE 6080 Falls Rd., 410-377-4444. Smartly prepared comfort foods. **B,L** daily, dinner to go. \$ 📞 📞 🌿

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 Southern Indian food. **D** Tue-Sun. \$\$\$ 📞 📞 🌿

CHAMELEON CAFE 4341 Harford Rd., 410-254-2376. Charming French-inflected restaurant is a Laurville favorite. Tue-Sat. \$\$\$ 📞 📞 📞

CHIVO SUSHI 1619 Sulgrave Ave., 410-466-1000. Popular Mt. Washington spot with sushi (of course), tempura and teriyaki dishes, and a great staff. **L,D** Tues-Sun. \$ 📞

CLEMENTINE 5402 Harford Rd., 410-444-1497. Innovative food with Euro influences in casual setting. **B,L,D** Wed-Sun. † ♻ \$ 📞 📞 📞

CREPE DU JOUR 1609 Sulgrave Ave., 410-542-9000. French cuisine in a warm atmosphere. Brunch Sat-Sun; **L,D** Tue-Sun. \$\$\$ 🍷

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-