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RESTAURANT UPDATE

Katz's Deli & Bar

616 Westheimer • Houston, TX • 713.521.3838

Katz's never closes! To-go: 24 hours! Remember this spot when you are hungry and it is late! Hankamer first discovered this jewel of a deli in Austin many years ago, and thankfully it came to Houston some years back. The hugamongous and mouth-watering menu defies squeezing down, but here is a valiant effort: Appetizers-Fried pickles with ranch dressing; Homemade chopped chicken liver with horseradish; Scottish Smoked Salmon. Soups-Split pea with turkey ham; Mushroom barley; New England clam chowder; Borscht; Matzo; Chicken noodle. Salads-Blackened chicken Caesar, Cobb salad; Tavern on the Green festival, with turkey breast, turkey ham, salami, roast beef, Swiss cheese, tomatoes, and hard-boiled egg. Gourmet specialty breakfasts- Lox & onions; Eggs Linda, poached with potato pancake and sweet horseradish sauce; Pancakes; Corned beef hash; Kosher style tacos; Bagel bundle; Bagel with lox; Fluffy 3-egg omelet; David's spinach fritatta; Cheese steak omelette. Over-stuffed sandwiches- Hot pastrami; Corned beef brisket; Fresh white albacore tuna salad; Abe's hard salami; Beef BLT. Franks-Links-n-beans; Kosher-style foot long; Knockwurst; Chicken hero; Hot open faced roast beef/turkey breast. Pasta-Penne pasta Alfredo; Toby's chicken spaghetti; Spaghettii & meatballs. Desserts and colossal desserts- Cheesecake shake; Key lime pie; Rice pudding; Brownie boat; Lisa's Belgian waffle; Chocolate eruption; New York cheesecake; Chocolate silk pie; Noodle Kugel; Jumbo hot fudge sundae. Come hungry!!

El Tiempo Cantina

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Always busy and often packed around the bar with Houston's beautiful and handsome twenty-and thirty-somethings, this restaurant, operated by Ninfa's son Roland (there is a sister location at 5602 Washington Ave), is a happening, whether for food or drink or people watching. On very busy nights, Hankamer has seen Roland – a long time friend and colleague – with sleeves rolled up 'behind the line' plating up sizzling fajitas or any one of the other palate-tempting dishes for which El Tiempo is well appreciated. Botanas (Starters) include Shrimp cocktail Mexican style, served with avocado and spicy cocktail sauce; Chile con queso, with or without spicy ground beef added; Jumbo shrimp- or cheese-stuffed jalapenos; Ceviche; or Jumbo lump crab quesadillas. Ensaladas include Beef filet salad with mixed greens; and Fajita salad, your choice of fajita meat with avocado, egg, cheese, tomato, croutons, and Applewood smoked bacon. Main dishes include Chile relleno with taco al carbon; Crab enchiladas; Spinach enchiladas; Chalupas filled with fajita, sausage or carnitas; Crispy or soft tacos; Pechugas (chicken breasts) with every manner of topping or sauce. A specialty of the house is of course the sizzling grill with fajitas of skirt steak, shrimp, and chicken, served with sour cream, pico de gallo, charro beans, grilled onions, and poblano rice. Mariscos (Seafood) includes Langosta grilled; Fresh fish filet topped with lump crab and Mexican salsa; Shrimp tacos; and Super jumbo shrimp, sauteed. Carne asada (grilled meat) and Flautas, tamales, and carnitas abound in variety. All selections may (must?!) be accompanied by the Margarita, beer, or other beverage of your choice.

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Note: By way of qualifications for reviewing restaurants, Hankamer has owned and operated numerous restaurants, coffee shops, hotels, discotheques and banquet halls over the last forty years; he has travelled to over 70 countries and has studied and lived in Europe for over three years; he was co-owner of a home delivery wine of the month club and imported his own wine labels for years. The opinions expressed in Hankamer Commercial RESTAURANT UPDATE are the opinions of Hankamer only and these opinions may not be shared by RED News or any other advertising medium in which UPDATE appears.
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