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FEEL THE LOVE

Happy February! While it is a short month, there are so many fun-filled things to do. February is home to a number of unique celebrations, but it is driven by Valentine's Day. From hearts and flowers to chocolates and Cupid's bow, love's favorite holiday is a time for romance and to let your dear ones know how much you adore them!



If you are short on ideas or want to shake things up a bit, reviewit has you covered with our tips and suggestions for fun or romantic things you can do on Valentine's Day, including super sweet gestures, a dreamy getaway, a fancy night out, or family-friendly adventures. So, from the informal to the luxurious, reviewit brings some excellent options to impress your loved ones!

With all the love vibes, let's also remember that February is National Heart Month. This event focuses on our health and encourages our family, friends, and communities to build a culture of heart awareness. By taking these steps, we can live longer, healthier lives and enjoy all of life's precious moments. Together, we can unite and make the healthy choice the right choice!

Now, one other notable feature in this month's issue is our WOMEN of INFLUENCE section. reviewit presents these power players who are blazing new trails in our communities. These entrepreneurs are local businesswomen, community leaders and philanthropists who have realized their dreams, acquired the knowledge and stamina to help them build their careers and have pushed the bar to levels of incredible innovation. These powerful women are passionate and determined, and their stories are an inspiration to fire you up and remind you that you can achieve incredible things! Just do it!!!

There are many other events and happenings this February, so let's go heart to heart to enjoy the good times, stay cuddled and warm, and feel the love, but have your favorite reviewit issue next to you!

Until next time,

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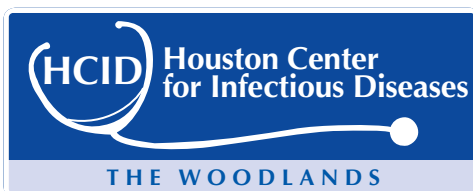


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HERE TO SERVE

Dr. Ben Cilento brings world class aesthetic and sinus services to Spring.

When asked to pinpoint the moment he knew he wanted to become a surgeon, he talks about his love of art. You see, as a young boy the two pursuits were inseparable. He spent years copying anatomical diagrams and taking detailed notes from his father's tattered copy of "Gray's Anatomy" (by Henry Gray) left behind after the divorce. "Surgery is in my blood", he says, in reference to his family's long and storied history in medicine that started with his grandparents in Brisbane, Australia. His grandfather, Sir Raphael Cilento, was knighted by Queen Elizabeth for his work in tropical Medicine and his grandmother was instrumental in bringing natural birthing to Australia. With a pedigree like this and a natural curiosity for science, it surprised his mother when he chose to enter the Marines as an Intelligence Officer after college. Although he knew his future was in medicine, he put it on hold to serve his country and broaden his horizons. It wasn't until after the Gulf War that he transferred to the US Navy and went to medical school in New York City.

"Deep down I always knew that I would find my way back to medicine," Dr. Cilento said. "I am incredibly passionate about what I do, and that fire has been burning inside of me for as long as I can remember. When I entered medical school, I had been out of that environment for so long, it all felt new to me, and so I gravitated towards the things that felt most comfortable, including art." He worked with Dr Todd Olson on the head and neck section of the well-known anatomy text, "A.D.A.M. Atlas" by Williams and Wilkins and held several personal art shows in New York City. Working on this book and excelling in surgery rotations made his choice of careers much simpler. After graduating at the top of his medical school class, Dr. Cilento was accepted in a residency at the University of Washington, one of the most lauded programs in head and neck surgery at the time. While in Seattle he focused on facial trauma, facial reconstruction after cancer, facial plastics and sinus surgery.

After residency, his first assignment with the Navy was on the island of Guam. His skills as a surgeon developed greatly due to the isolation of the island, and the diversity of the population. He was able to continue research while there and published a couple of papers on oral cavity access and thyroid nodules. He later completed

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I am incredibly passionate about what I do, and that fire has been burning inside of me for as long as I can remember.

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a fellowship at Tulane under Dr. Calvin Johnson, who has been recognized as one of the top facial plastic surgeons in the world. While he was in fellowship, he published a seminal paper on the open forehead lift and the publication won the John Orlando Roe award for the best paper of the year. The Navy then brought him to Portsmouth Naval Medical Center where he served as the Chief of Facial Plastic surgery. He was placed in charge of research for the department and served as a professor at both Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS) and Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences (USUHS). The drive to achieve nothing short of excellence in his field is apparent in every part of Dr. Cilento's life, and after serving as the Chief of Facial Plastics at Portsmouth Naval Medical Center and 21 years in the military, he made his way to Texas.

Together with his hand-selected team, Dr. Ben Cilento is focused on bringing elite, full-service care to patients throughout the community. He is constantly researching groundbreaking treatment options, and with the completion of his new state of the art facility, he will be able to service the community like never before. His commitment to being available to patients is virtually unmatched in the industry.

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Dr. Cilento and his team also offer medspa services including facials, laser resurfacing, hair removal, and medical grade skincare. Their new facility, scheduled to open March 2018, will offer a full-service experience for every patient that walks through its doors. The facility will have full surgical capabilities, overnight rooms for luxury care, and on-site CT capabilities.

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MISSION *OF THE* HEART



In the heart of Montgomery sits an unassuming garage with a classic truck out front proudly announcing that it is the home of God's Garage. If you live in the area, you've probably driven past it 100 times, never wondering what went on inside. It is in that garage that Chris Williams and his team of mechanics and volunteers help to provide single moms, widows, and wives of deployed military with safe, reliable transportation.

The garage began to serve the needs of the community after Williams spotted a mother and

her daughter walking along the side of the road one evening. When he stopped to make sure they were okay, he was shocked to find that he knew the family from church. Knowing that this need was felt in the community and there were few resources to help address the problem, Williams founded God's Garage.

The non-profit charges nothing for labor, and helps to cover the cost of parts, while also accepting donations to help keep the garage running and open for women in need. The team has become

a well-oiled machine, and the garage is pristine. It's clear from the moment that you arrive on site that this is a place where teamwork takes center stage. As the garage has grown, so have the number of applications for help.

"We've received a lot more applications and cars that need servicing," Williams said. "We are always in need of volunteers and donations. We're also expanding our services. Currently any applicants who are selected to receive a car have to pass a budgeting class, and we have seen what a difference that can make in someone's life. We are trying to meet the needs as holistically as possible, and so we're going to be launching parenting classes and life skills classes."

Williams and his team are dedicated to their mission - they've hosted garage sales, and are planning to host movie nights to help bring in much-needed donations. Every aspect of the garage is community centric, and their care and commitment is contagious.

"More than anything I want people to know that together we can do great things," Williams said. "I hope that everyone will get involved in the community in one way or another, even if it isn't with God's Garage, because it is so important to help lift our neighbors up when they are in need. That's what this is all about."

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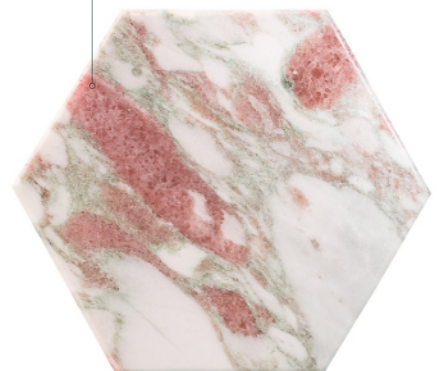


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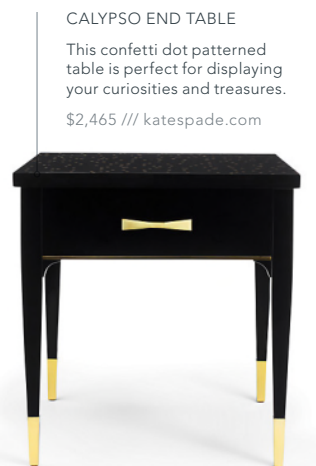
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TONYA COCKRILL

RHEUMATOLOGIST

Woodlands Arthritis Clinic



When Dr. Cockrill speaks about helping others, it's clear to see that practicing medicine is an important part of who she is. She is a compassionate listener and communicator. It is no surprise that she has achieved huge success. She holds degrees from both Texas A&M University and the University of Texas. She has been recognized by the Arthritis Foundation and nominated as one of Super Doctors 2016, 2017 & 2018 Rising Stars in Texas Monthly magazine. The result has been an impressive career as rheumatologist and CEO of the Woodlands Arthritis Clinic while raising four children, including twins.

Her success continues since she recently unveiled a new state of the art clinic and infusion facility in Shenandoah. It provides greater access to groundbreaking medications that are being used to stop inflammation and cartilage destruction in patients suffering from rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, lupus, and gout. The clinic is located at 129 Vision Park, just down the street from its previous location.

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LEAH ZILS, DDS & KATHLEEN AKERS, DDS, MS

Scott Young, DDS



LEAH ZILS, DDS *Cosmetic & General Dentist*

Dr. Zils is passionate about providing The Woodlands area with healthy, beautiful smiles. She was an undergraduate of Texas A&M University where she graduated summa cum laude from the College of Science. She obtained her DDS from The University of Texas School of Dentistry. Since that time, she has continued her education at the prestigious Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Dental Studies (LVI). Dr. Zils concentrates not only in general dentistry but also excels at cosmetic dentistry, root canal therapy, implants and the latest technological laser procedures for wrinkle removal and snore reduction (Smoothlase, Liplase & Nightlase).



KATHLEEN E. AKERS, DDS, MS *Board-Certified Periodontist*

Dr. Akers graduated from Vanderbilt University with a BA in Economics. She then attended Creighton University's Dental School. Dr. Akers attended UT Health Science Center at Houston for her Periodontics training. She holds a Masters in Science and is a Board-Certified Periodontist. Dr. Akers has been a licensed dentist in the state of Texas since 2006. She was selected as a 2017 Texas *Super Dentist* and her research on implants has been submitted for publication. She specializes in all aspects of periodontics, including dental implants, treatment of gum disease and implant-supported dentures.



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Dr. Stacey Rodgers looks forward to helping more people than ever discover healthy living in her new 4,000 square foot state-of-the-art clinic. With a spacious therapy bay and large adjustment rooms, we are educating our patients in transforming their lives and ultimately our health care system. Dr. Rodgers has been voted the "Best Chiropractor in Montgomery County" for the past four years and received the National 5 Star Award for an outstanding chiropractic clinic "excelling in patient treatment, customer service and professionalism."

Dr. Rodgers has additional certifications in pregnancy, pediatrics, and nutrition as well as specialized care in injuries of the shoulder, wrist, hand, hip, knee and foot. She is a proud member of the International Chiropractic Pediatric Association, and is certified in the Webster Technique, which aligns the mother's pelvis during pregnancy. She has also brought the Cox Technique into her practice to help patients with disc conditions avoid surgery. The Cox Technique is evidence-based spinal manipulation with a rich history of clinical and biomechanical research. This technique offers a non-surgical approach to spine conditions including: disc herniations of the lumbar and cervical spine, post-surgical pain and loss of range of spinal motion. This gentle flexion and decompression of the spine is restoring mobility, and changing the lives of our patients. She continues to serve as a mentor to students earning bachelors and doctoral degrees, and she continues to inspire others in her efforts to promote education.

Dr. Rodgers is a Lifetime Member of the Montgomery County Fair Association and is recognized as the Official Sports Physician of the Montgomery County Fair and Rodeo. She has served on the Board of Directors for the Conroe/Lake Conroe Chamber of Commerce, the Executive Board of Directors, and is a founding Member of the Montgomery County Association of Business Women.

Dr. Rodgers takes pride in treating multigenerational families seeing patients all ages and backgrounds. The mission of Rodgers Stein Chiropractic is to educate as many families as possible about optimal health through natural chiropractic care and to promote the well-being of people in her community by providing accessible, quality care for people of all ages with trust, respect, confidentiality, and compassion.

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HAIR STYLIST

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"I love what I do. Transforming the way that someone looks can instantly give them confidence and poise. I love doing weddings because the photos live on forever, and it's so special to be a part of such a life-changing moment."

At Altared Ego Salon & Boutique, Steffanie specializes in bridal and bridal party beauty needs. Whether you want extensions for your big day, or are in need of gorgeous updos for your whole party, Steffanie will have you picture-perfect for the biggest day of your life.

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The Rancher's Daughter



Rendy Kerr is a native Texan and 33-year resident of Montgomery County. A stay-at-home mom for 23 years, she cherishes the time she had to raise her three children – Taylor, Harrison and Hayden, and spending time with her two grandchildren.

Rendy is a rancher's daughter, so when she decided to start her own business, "The Rancher's Daughter" seemed like the perfect name. The Rancher's Daughter, located in historic downtown Montgomery, sells wine from more than 60 wineries in the Lone Star State, beers from

13 Texas breweries, one-of-a-kind art, and all things "fine and funky." Rendy has an eye for what Texas women want in home accessories, clothing, boots, and wine. And now, The Rancher's Daughter offers the perfect setting to host your next special event.

While she has poured her heart into her business, she credits her loyal customers for her success. Most importantly, she calls The Rancher's Daughter "a gift from God."

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"People think skin care is just for women but we have quite a few men taking charge of their skin care, especially with laser hair removal. I love bringing out the best in people by helping them be more confident as well as guiding them on developing and maintaining healthy radiant skin."

With more than 12 years leading the skincare business, Wendy at Rivela Plastic Surgery is the one the influential call on when they want real results.

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CHELSEA WILLIAMS

OWNER

Chelsea Williams Photography



After receiving her first SLR camera and tripod as a gift at thirteen, Chelsea developed her passion into skill receiving her Bachelors in Photography from SHSU. Shortly after graduating Chelsea opened her portrait photography business and never stopped growing. She continues her education to stay current and at the top of her field. She has become a leader in The Woodlands area for head shots and beauty portraits.

Chelsea focuses on making every client feel beautiful in her studio with the assistance of her professional Make Up Artist. She is active in global mission work and volunteering with local charity organizations.



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CARRIE MUZNY, DDS, FAGD

Carrie Muzny DDS & Associates
Cosmetic & Family Dentistry



There is no question that your smile is one of the first features people notice about you. At Carrie Muzny DDS & Associates, their top priority is meeting each patient's individual needs for their teeth.

Located in the heart of Market Street Square, Dr. Muzny expanded her dental loft to include more private operative suites for more extensive treatments and procedures. Many people are apprehensive about visiting the dentist, and Dr. Muzny and her team do everything they can to make your experience as easy and pleasant as possible.

Carrie Muzny DDS & Associates Cosmetic and Family Dentistry offers an expanded array of services including: sedation dentistry, implant placements, same day crowns, as well as many cosmetic procedures including veneers and smile makeovers. The office is equipped with state-of-the-art technology consisting of 3-D digital cone beam x-ray machines that allow the doctor to view your mouth in three dimensions. Doing so makes all procedures more reliable, safer, faster and more comfortable for the patient.

Dr. Carrie Muzny grew up in the Spring area and is a proud graduate of Texas A&M University. She graduated with honors from The University of Texas Dental School and is happy to have established her practice in the community she has always known as home. As a wife and mother to two children, Dr. Muzny has a shared passion of giving back to her community. Helping raise money for local non profits is a top priority to Dr. Muzny. She also enjoys sharing her art of dentistry by attending dental mission trips to provide dental care to countless people that would otherwise not have had access to care.

To experience excellence in dentistry, please visit their website or call their office. They look forward to caring for your smile.

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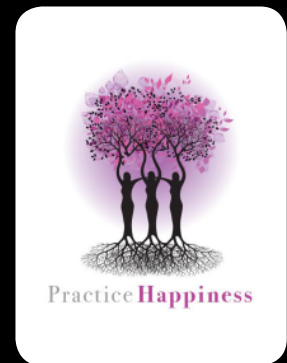
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NATALIE DRAKE, MD

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Board certified OB/GYN Dr. Natalie Drake has two decades of experience helping women, and has been a fierce advocate for women's health throughout her career. Dr. Drake received specialized training in urogynecology and pelvic reconstructive surgery after residency and practiced with an interest in pelvic dysfunction. She has been published in peer review journals The American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and The International Urogynecology Journal during her career as an OB/GYN professor at several major medical institutions. She and her family moved back home to Texas, and found a warm, inclusive community in The Woodlands in 2013 where she offers ThermiVa treatment at her practice inside Rivela Plastic Surgery.



Upon learning about the new, innovative ThermiVa technology, Dr. Drake saw how the treatment could make a difference in the lives of women living with vaginal dryness, laxity, mild to moderate stress incontinence, urinary urgency, and sexual dysfunction, that can develop naturally after childbirth and as women age and go through menopause. Today she is one of the most sought after practitioners offering ThermiVa in Texas, with patients coming from as far as Dallas to see her.

With a background in urogynecology and pelvic dysfunction, Dr. Drake is distinctively qualified to treat patients, and understands the underlying physiology in a way that other practitioners may not. Her dedication to helping women is extended throughout the community, where she participates in annual charitable events including Memorial Hermann's In the Pink of Health and The Flatwater Foundation's Dam That Cancer. Check out Dr. Drake and ThermiVa at www.Practice-Happiness.com.

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Heather M. Robert, Vice President of Cornerstone Home Lending, Inc., has the combined experience and knowledge to achieve a reputation for excellence seldom matched in her industry. Heather embarks on every available opportunity to help people become homeowners. Since joining Cornerstone Home Lending, Inc. in 2001, she has been a consistent member of the company's elite President's Club. Heather enjoys seeing the pride and excitement homeownership brings to her clients.

Her unwavering integrity, precise attention to detail, and desire to

always be available to her clients have trademarked Heather's 16-year career. She works closely with her clients to help them understand all their options, offering personalized care and guidance so they are confident in choosing the financing solution that meets their needs. Heather and Cornerstone Home Lending, Inc. offer clients state-of-the-art technology, in-house underwriting, and a wide array of national mortgage investors from which to choose. Heather's team is strong, knowledgeable, and ready to provide you with first-class service.

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Embellishments by Angela



Angela Dillon transformed her passion for sewing and interior design into a business when she launched Embellishments By Angela in 1995, delighting clients with custom bedding, table coverings, decorative pillows, memory blankets and fashion items.

In 2018, the company will begin to offer several new, unique products for both individuals and retail. Each product line will also include online-order items to be shipped directly to customers. New arrivals will include one-of-a-kind fashion purses and scarves with seasonally updated fabrics, collegiate and professional sports blankets and pillows, and plush minky baby items for individual purchase or shower-sets.

Earning a sterling reputation, Dillon has been featured in locally and nationally circulated magazines, as well as live radio broadcasts. It is Dillon's experiences as a business owner, wife, mom, and grandmother that inspire her to personalize each handcrafted piece for her customers.



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With 40 years in The Woodlands and over a decade in real estate, Kim's knowledge base of growth and market trends are assets her clients find invaluable. She and her team specialize in: Residential Sales/Rental, Development Sales, Commercial Sales/Rental, Farm & Ranch, Acreage, and Investment Acquisition/Management, making Woodlands Realty one of the area's most versatile

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GKG Dentistry



Dr. Gina Garner provides a personalized, conscientious approach to dental care in a state-of-the-art facility. Along with her dental team, she provides a warm, caring environment for patients of all ages. She realizes that for many patients, a dental visit can be a nerve-racking experience, so her top priority is making her patients feel welcome and comfortable, while delivering excellence in dental care.

In Dr. Garner's office, you will not be just another patient, you become part of her dental family. She takes the time to listen to each patient's concerns in order to best serve his or her dental needs. Dr. Garner and her experienced team are highly trained in the latest dental treatments, including cosmetic smile solutions, laser dentistry, same-day crowns using CEREC technology and non-surgical periodontal (gum) treatments, in addition to general, preventive and restorative dentistry.

Having grown up in The Woodlands area, Dr. Garner is proud to serve the community in which she was raised. She believes in giving back to this beautiful hometown by donating her time and talents to various organizations including the Junior League of The Woodlands, the Montgomery County Community Clinic and the Northwest Harris County Alumnae Panhellenic Association, as well as many local schools where she teaches youth about good oral health.

Dr. Garner graduated from The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dental School in 1998, the #1 dental school in the nation as ranked by US News and World Report. As the 1990 Oak Ridge High School Salutatorian and 1994 Honors graduate of Texas A&M University, Dr. Garner continues her dental education each year with courses on the newest technological advances in her field. For Dr. Garner, "EXCELLENCE IN DENTISTRY" is more than her office motto, it is a reality.

To experience Dr. Garner's caring approach to dentistry for yourself, call her office or visit her website.

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MICHELLE HARPER

OWNER

Right Next Door Designs



Michelle Harper, owner of Right Next Door Designs is a native Texan and has been a Woodlands resident for 28 years. She and her husband Richard have two children at home and one grown son who is married with children. Her parents also live in The Woodlands and are her strongest supporters!



Michelle is energetic, hard-working and always striving to provide her clients the transformation that fits them and their homes. With 13 projects completed last year she has experience with both commercial and residential designs which includes: selection of flooring, cabinetry, lighting, paint colors and furniture to just finishing off a room with home décor accessories. She is a firm believer that her clients utilize their spaces and be open to transforming a dining room to a sitting room if that means it is going to get more use!

When not with a client or at Market, you can often find Michelle at her home décor and gift store inside Sozo Boutique. This hidden gem is located in the Trader Joe's shopping center in Indian Springs behind Pei Wei and features more modern and contemporary pieces. Additionally, she enjoys having a booth at The Antique Gallery of Houston located off 2920 to showcase her vintage and farmhouse finds. Having two very diverse locations and inventory allows her to be more full service with her décor offerings. She doesn't believe that you have to love only one style but should surround yourself with pieces you love.

She works with local realtors to stage houses and get them ready for selling. She also loves to plan parties and build out showcase table settings for dinners, showers, weddings and more!

In addition to helping her clients transform their homes, she is also building a business with Young Living using essential oils to create healthy, non-toxic homes.

If you are looking for a simple home update or a complete transformation, call Michelle and schedule an in-home consultation today.

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MARY SCALLI

CEO & PRESIDENT

Simple Elegance



Mary began her career in the hotel industry, but after holding several management positions, she learned that this was not the ideal career for a balanced work & family life. Next she made the decision to move into the retail industry, where she quickly moved up the ladder to District Manager with Talbots. After her son was born, life called her to be a stay at home mom. Her dream was always to own her own business, so five years later when one of her best friends asked Mary to partner with her in a small interior design company, Simple Elegance Cape Cod she jumped at the opportunity. Five years later, Mary's husband was transferred to Houston and Simple Elegance Texas was born.

The team at Simple Elegance specializes in Custom Window Treatments, Hunter Douglas Shutters & Shades, Interior Decorating Services and Professional Home Staging Services. Mary is an Accredited Staging Professional Master, a Luxury Staging Specialist, Senior Relocation Specialist, Buyer Trends Specialist, and has co-authored Home Staging By the Book with Jana Uselton, founder of HSRA. Mary and her team are dedicated to excellent customer service and making a positive difference in each of their client's and team member's lives.

She has been a featured speaker at the Woodlands Home & Garden Shows, Home Staging & Redesign Association (HSRA) & International Association of Home Staging Professionals (IAHSP). In 2015 & 2017 Mary was recognized by HSRA as one of the Top Home Stagers in the United States.

When selling your house, Simple Elegance delights in partnering with you, the seller, and your realtor to prepare and market your house to get top dollar in the quickest amount of time on the market. Simple Elegance has a large inventory of furniture, art and accessories in a wide range of design styles to match any house and market needs. Call Mary and her team at (877) 458-8254 or visit them on their website, www.SimpleEleganceTX.com.



ANGELA CLEGG

MANAGING BROKER & OWNER

Vesta Real Estate Co.



Angela Clegg has been a residential real estate agent in the North Houston area for more than a decade. Under her leadership, Vesta Real Estate Co. has flourished as a boutique brokerage helping clients find their dream homes. The award-winning company prides itself on the highest quality of service for both clients and agents.

Angela's focus as Managing Broker has always been to grow and mentor agents at every stage of their career to help them develop a prosperous career. 2018 brings an exciting transition for her brokerage as they partner with a national real estate brand. Look out for the exciting announcement soon!

"As a broker it's incredibly rewarding to see agents flourish. I'm excited for the New Year, and all of the changes that we will be going through. I believe that this new partnership will be an asset for our agents and clients."

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MARY THORN

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Thistle Draftshop



The craft beer industry has been a passion of Mary's for many years, starting with Saint Arnold Brewing Company, Houston's oldest craft brewery. A longtime fan turned employee gave Mary the expanded knowledge of the craft beer business and the influential attitude of the industry. Mary's concept for the Thistle Draftshop was created to deliver the best in

class craft beer from independent local, national and international breweries. The shop incorporates a large selection of bottled and draft beer as well as wine for on and off premise sales.

Learn about the Thistle Draftshop monthly events on our website.

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RASHMI GUPTA

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I have been practicing Real Estate for the past 17 years throughout the entire Houston area. One of my greatest professional achievements is that my business is based solely on referrals. For me, it is not about simply selling a home and concluding a transaction. I aspire to build long term relationships with each of my clients, and I am proud to say some of my previous clients are now my best friends. My biggest passion and successes has been working on foreclosure homes, flipping or renting them!

I treat every BUYER as if it was me buying the next house, every SELLER as they would need maximum return on their Investment and every INVESTOR as if it was their first BUSINESS venture. I'm here to help you, your family and friends with any real estate needs. Your satisfaction is my top priority. I can find means and ways to save on your CLOSING Cost! I specialize in **Investment Properties, New Construction, Foreclosure Homes and Relocations.**



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Meet Andrea Wolter and Desiree Palmer, the mother and daughter duo of their family-owned company Intoxicating Travel Group a luxury boutique travel company started in 2013 right here in The Woodlands. Andrea and Desiree have grown their family-owned company to selling specialty designed travel experiences under each of their divisions: Tours, Romance, Wellness, Heart and their newest division ITG Corp for business travelers. As you know travel

planning can be overwhelming, stressful and time consuming for most. This company prides themselves on their travel technology and that all of their specialists have extensively traveled the world which is why this company takes traveling to another level. One of the reasons Andrea and Desiree are so passionate about what they do is the opportunity to turn tourists into travelers with once in a lifetime unforgettable experiences! Check out their social media and website.

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Montgomery County Association of Business Women



Carol Gooch founded the Montgomery County Association of Business Women in 2005 and she is the executive director. MCABW provides a local forum for business women to network and grow their business with several monthly meetings. They are also a non profit service organization that gives back to the community by helping other non profits as well as awarding college

scholarships to female graduates of Montgomery County high schools through the MCABW Foundation. "We hope the community will attend and support the March 22, 2018 scholarship fundraising event. We are 'Women Helping Women' and 'Your Local Business Sorority,'" said Gooch.

To learn more about MCABW, go to their web site at www.mcabw.org.

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LAUREN OLSON, PA-C

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Lauren Olson, PA-C, is the Founder, Owner and Medical Provider of Radiance Advanced Skin and Body Care, your premier medical day spa and wellness center in The Woodlands.

Lauren graduated from Texas A&M and Baylor College of Medicine Physician Assistant Program. She worked in Internal Medicine, Endocrinology and Family Practice for over 25 years before becoming a leader in the aesthetics community.

While practicing allopathic medicine, Lauren began to question our American medical model, finding that healthcare is largely disease management. Along with her sought after aesthetic artistry, she is also interested in addressing lifestyle, dietary and hormonal issues that can prevent many illnesses we face today. She is a certified Allergan trainer and she has been invited to speak on medical aesthetics and wellness to professional groups across the globe.

Lauren and her excellent team have a results-oriented approach to enhancing your natural beauty that has drawn a loyal following over the last twelve plus years. Radiance specializes in anti-aging medical aesthetics and custom skincare, as well as wellness, weight loss, body sculpting and massage. Radiance also offers a full service hair and nail salon.

Radiance is proud to be on the cutting edge of new technologies. Still, Lauren applies an important balance to offering the "latest and greatest" with proven, results-oriented services and technologies. She is trusted for her studious approach to new treatments. If you can find it at Radiance, you can be sure it has been vetted and approved as an effective solution to a real problem. Examples are Ultherapy for skin tightening, CoolSculpting for body sculpting, miraDry for unwanted underarm sweating, Venus Viva and PRP for skin resurfacing, and the O Shot for vaginal rejuvenation.

Lauren is pleased to introduce Roadmaps to Radiance, an exclusive consultation and treatment plan to help you meet your aesthetic goals. Lauren and the elite team of aestheticians will work closely with you to discover your unique aesthetic interests and offer effective solutions.

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DOUBLE YOUR PLEASURE!

By Linda Bauer, co-author of Recipes from Historic New England

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I am constantly asked, "Where do you go on vacation?" I almost hate to respond because I do not want everyone to follow me. However in over thirty trips to Bermuda I still agree with Mark Twain, "you can go to heaven if you want, but for me I will stay right here in Bermuda." The best and most affordable way in my opinion is one I repeat each and every year.

A flight from IAH to Boston is just over three hours and a short cab ride to the Lenox Hotel is just the beginning of ten days of delight. The Lenox is a family owned and operated boutique hotel in a great location. This historic beauty is staffed with some of the best in Boston and offers a unique pantry chock full of wonderful items that you may have forgotten or just desire. The lobby is most welcoming and the lovely well appointed rooms overlook the Back Bay and all it has to offer. They have a delightful Irish pub, Sola's, with lobster rolls and other fine offerings. We were so happy to dine out of the city with friends at Kowloon and had three of their lobsters all served cut up with many different flavors such as scallions and ginger, spicy and so many others. The next day I enjoyed my favorite lobster place on the waterfront - Hooks and they are the suppliers to Kowloon. I am happy to share that you can walk off the calories on the Freedom Trail and when you get tired I highly recommend the Old Town Trolley Tours with local guides sharing amazing trivia and stories of their beloved Boston. Our favorite was that you can enjoy a cold Sam Adams at Beantown Pub across from the Granary Burying Ground while looking at the real cold Sam Adams!

The second night we enjoyed the amazing Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel, the choice of Holland America Line, where they offer accommodations to guests sailing to Bermuda. The lobby is memorable with chandeliers and halls reminiscent of Versailles. The location is superb and a ride on the Swan Boats for only three dollars is just a short walk from the hotel. Do not miss the wonderful and very popular Oak Long Bar dining room, which offers sharing plates such as avocado and crab toast, small plates like tasty and full bodied "chowda" and one of the best lobster rolls in the city. Finish it off with an

amazing chocolate dessert for a very memorable night. In two days I had four different lobster meals and all were amazing. The Fairmont Copley is featured in two of our books on Historic America and numerous readers have commented on what a fine hotel experience it offered.

On Saturday a short cab ride to the pier allows guests to soon enjoy all that the Veendam has to offer. I like to carry on my bag and before the boat drill am already unpacked and ready to have fun. By Monday at noon the ship is sailing into the beautiful Bermuda waters and the pastel homes are a delight for the eyes. The white rooftops are used to collect drinking water. Bermuda has no rivers and only a few fresh water wells. Thus the settlers began collecting their drinking water from the famous rooftops and have constructed gutters to direct the water and fill up an underground tank through a filter making water that is safe to drink.

This was my first time to witness strong rain the first day and morning of the second and since Bermuda had been in a severe drought I was happy for them. Instead of going to the beach the first day I watched a new, first run movie as I did each day in the theater of the ship. Then a relaxing day in the spa retreat reading a good book while enjoying the heated tile beds and overlooking



Front Street was part of the charm of the Veendam. I highly recommend the HAL wine tasting also for fun and a chance to make new pals.

Thus I still was able to go up the hill each day and catch one of the inexpensive pink and blue distinctive Bermuda public buses, which are full of visitors, locals, school children and one of the best things about Bermuda. Soon I was at my favorite beach to spend hours riding the waves and viewing the luxurious scenery of pastels, the blue ocean, and glorious Longtail birds overhead.

Wednesday nights in Hamilton offer a closed Front Street to cars and soon tents, shops, food stalls and all types of fun enables locals and passengers to enjoy a bit of Bermuda. Sometimes a special event occurs and this time it was a Colombian tall ship, Gloria, docked next to the Veendam offering tours, fun and a great way to talk to the crew. Many guests to Bermuda are enamored with the friendliness of the locals, the happiness of the island, the British influence and beauty of Bermuda or they simply enjoy a Bermuda Buggy Ride. Others love the many different beaches, the Royal Dockyard Museum, the Crystal Caves and the charm of St. Georges with the stocks and the Fort at St. Catherine or the wonderful ferries.

One is able to buy a pass for the buses and ferries for

one or more days as a way to spend the time seeing all parts of Bermuda since there are not rental cars but you might enjoy a scooter rental if you are good with driving on the other side of the road and are able to navigate the roundabouts.

I love the way the Veendam is able to dock in Hamilton due to its smaller size than the huge ships that go to the dockyard. I also am partial to the way Bermuda is not only easy to reach from Houston, but also allows a mini vacation in Boston before the cruise. Four beach days are very affordable on local buses while enjoying the fun, food and Veendam amenities, and by dinner on Saturday night one is home from what is a magical time in heaven!



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own this Valentine's Day with a whole lot of sugar and a little spice.

No-Bake Cheesecake Truffles

1 box no-bake cheesecake
1 can cherry pie filling
chocolate or candy melts

1. Use a box of no-bake cheesecake and follow the instructions to make it. Top with the cherry pie filling. Once you've made the cheesecake, wrap it in plastic wrap and place in the freezer for at least two hours, or overnight.
2. Use a melon baller to scoop out balls of frozen cheesecake. The key is to scoop a little bit of crust, cheesecake, and topping in each bite.
3. Melt some candy melts according to the package. Use a spoon to carefully dip the frozen cheesecake balls in the melted chocolate. If your bites get too warm pop them back in the freezer for ten minutes. They are much easier to dip if they are frozen.
4. Top with a drizzle of white chocolate or sprinkles. Chill until you're ready to eat.



Try adding other flavors of pie fillings, jams or Nutella. Or keep it simple and skip the filling.



Pomegranate Champagne Sorbet

1½ cups brut champagne
1 cup sugar
1 tbs light corn syrup
1¾ cups pomegranate juice
whipped cream and arils for garnish, optional

1. Heat champagne, sugar, and corn syrup in a small saucepan on medium/high heat. Bring to a rolling boil, making sure all the sugar dissolves and stirs in.
2. Remove champagne from heat and stir in pomegranate juice. Place in the freezer for 2 hours to chill completely (or place in the fridge overnight).
3. Once cold, pour the mixture into your ice cream maker and use according to package instructions.
4. Spoon completed sorbet into a freezer friendly container and freeze until ready to serve. It's best to freeze 4-6 hours so it firms up enough.
5. Serve with whipped cream and pom arils if desired.
6. Enjoy and CHEERS!

photo and recipe from diycandy.com



Valentine's Day Donuts

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| 1 cup flour | 3 tablespoons vegetable oil |
| 3 tablespoons sugar | white Wilton candy melts |
| 1 teaspoon baking powder | pink Wilton candy melts |
| ½ teaspoon salt | Valentine's colored sprinkles |
| 6 tablespoons milk | |
| 1 egg | |
| ½ teaspoon vanilla | |

1. Preheat your oven to 325°
2. In a large bowl, sift together the dry ingredients.
3. Make a well in the middle of the dry ingredients, and then pour in the wet ingredients.
4. Mix until well combined.
5. Pour the batter into the cavities of your donut pan until ¾ full.
6. Bake in the oven for 10 minutes, and then allow them to cool in the pan for another 10 minutes.
7. Pour 1 tbsp oil into your candy melts, and then microwave in 30 second increments, stirring in between, until smooth.
8. Dip each donut into the candy melts, and then top with sprinkles and set aside until the candy melts harden.



photo and recipe from mybakingaddiction.com

Easy White Chocolate Mousse

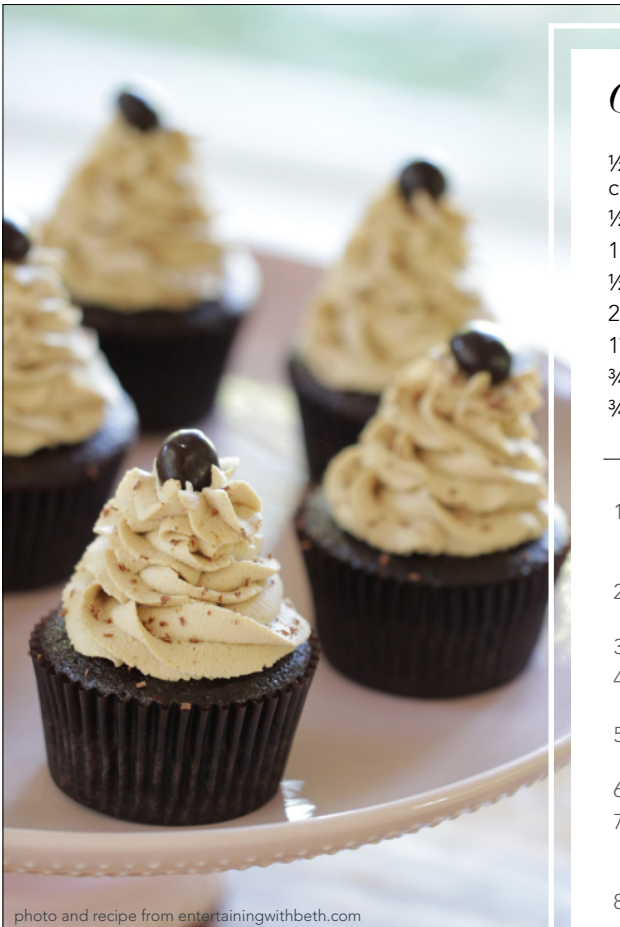
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| ½ cup whipping cream | 1-3 tablespoons powdered sugar, divided |
| ½ cup chopped white chocolate or white chocolate chips | ½ teaspoon vanilla extract |
| 4 ounces cream cheese | pinch of salt |

1. In a medium mixing bowl, beat the whipping cream at high speed until stiff peaks form. Set aside.
2. Gently melt the white chocolate in a small pot over low heat or in 30-second increments in the microwave at half-power, stirring frequently.
3. Using the same beaters you used to beat the whipping cream, beat the cream cheese and 1 tablespoon of powdered sugar until light and fluffy.
4. Beat in the white chocolate, vanilla extract and salt on medium speed until well combined.
5. Fold in the whipped cream. If it's not combining easily, you can use the mixer to beat it in on the very lowest setting, just until combined. Do not over beat!
6. Taste the mousse and if it's not sweet enough, fold in a tablespoon or two of powdered sugar until the mousse is sweet enough for your liking.
7. Serve immediately or refrigerate for 1-2 hours for a firmer version.
8. Refrigerate any leftovers for up to 2 days.

Raspberry Charlotte

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| 20-25 ladyfingers, halved | gelatin powder |
| 2 cups whole milk | 1 cup heavy cream |
| 1 vanilla bean | ½ teaspoon vanilla extract |
| 5 egg yolks | 30 oz fresh raspberries |
| ¼ cup + 1 teaspoon sugar | dark chocolate |
| 2 envelopes unflavored | confectioners sugar |

1. Line the bottom of a 8x3 inch round cake pan with wax paper.
2. Take halved ladyfingers & arrange them around the sides of the pan, sugar side out.
3. Cut vanilla bean in half lengthwise and scrape out the seeds. Put both the vanilla bean and the seeds in a pot with milk and bring to a simmer on medium-low heat.
4. Whisk the egg yolks and ¼ cup sugar in a bowl until pale. Remove the vanilla bean from the pot and slowly whisk your milk mixture into the bowl. Return the entire mixture into the pot, and stir until the mixture is thick enough to coat the spoon. Pour into a bowl.
5. Mix gelatin in with ¼ cup of water in a small, heat-proof bowl. Place dish in a pan of hot water and stir until the gelatin dissolves completely. Stir gelatin into the custard, and mix well.
6. Beat cream, remaining sugar, and vanilla extract until soft peaks form. Fold cream into custard mix, and also stir in about 6 ounces of raspberries (more if you desire).
7. Place the entire bowl in fridge for three minutes. Take it out, stir it, and place it back in fridge for another three minutes. When it is almost set, take it out and carefully spoon the entire mixture into cake pan. Cover and refrigerate for at least three hours.
8. Open cake pan to un-mold. Place the remaining raspberries on top of custard mixture and finish with confectioners sugar & grated dark chocolate. Best served chilled.



Café Mocha Cupcakes

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| ½ cup unsweetened cocoa powder | ½ teaspoon baking soda | 1 tablespoon espresso powder |
| ½ cup water | whipped cream | 1 teaspoon vanilla |
| 1 cup of sugar | | |
| ½ cup vegetable oil | Frosting: | Garnishes: |
| 2 eggs | 1 ½ cups of whipping cream or heavy cream | 12 chocolate covered espresso beans |
| 1½ teaspoon vanilla | 3 tablespoons powdered sugar | grated chocolate |
| ¾ cup flour | | |
| ¾ teaspoon salt | | |

1. Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl combine the cocoa powder with the hot water and whisk until smooth. The hot water will "bloom" the cocoa powder and bring out its best flavor.
2. Then add the sugar, vegetable oil, eggs and vanilla and whisk until smooth. Set aside.
3. In a smaller bowl, whisk together the flour, salt and baking powder.
4. Combine the dry ingredients with the wet ingredients, slowly whisking until combined.
5. Line a 12-cup muffin tin with brown muffin papers, and fill each well ½ way full. Bake for 18-20 minutes until a toothpick comes out clean.
6. Allow to cool completely. Meanwhile, prepare the frosting.
7. In a bowl, combine the whipping cream, powdered sugar, espresso powder and vanilla. Whip with an electric mixer until stiff peaks form. Transfer to a pastry bag fitted with a decorative tip.
8. Pipe a generous mound of frosting. Then garnish with chocolate shavings made with a bittersweet chocolate bar and rasp grater. Top with an espresso bean.
9. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Vegan option!



photo and recipe from thecolorfulkitchen.com

Valentine's Day Cupcakes

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| 1 ½ cups all purpose gluten-free flour | ¼ cup + 2 tbs coconut oil, softened |
| 1 ½ tsp baking powder | ¼ cup + 2 tbs applesauce |
| ¼ tsp baking soda | ¼ cup + 2 tbs non-dairy milk |
| dash of salt | 2 tsp vanilla extract |
| ¾ cup coconut palm sugar | cocoa powder, optional |
| 1 small banana, mashed | |

1. Preheat oven to 325°. Line a mini muffin tin with baking cups.
2. In a large bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt.
3. In a small bowl, stir together coconut sugar, banana, coconut oil, applesauce, milk and vanilla extract. Add contents of small bowl to large bowl and mix (by hand or with electric mixer) until smooth.
4. For chocolate cupcakes, add cocoa powder as desired (about ½ cup for half the batter).
5. Spoon batter into baking cups so they are about ¾ full. Bake for 15-18 minutes, until edges are firm.
6. Let cool completely before adding icing. Enjoy!



photo and recipe from thecrumptiouspumpkin.com

I ♥ You Fruit Tart

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| Crust: | Filling: | Fruit: |
| 1 cup all purpose flour | 1 cup strained plain nonfat Greek yogurt | 2 kiwis, peeled |
| 1 cup whole wheat flour | 8 ounces Neufchâtel (low-fat cream cheese) | 2 strawberries |
| 2 egg whites | 1 teaspoon vanilla extract | 6 ounces raspberries |
| ½ cup agave nectar | 1 cup powdered sugar | 6 ounces blueberries |
| 1 tablespoon almond butter | | |

Crust:

1. Preheat oven to 350°. Combine the all-purpose flour, whole wheat flour, egg whites, agave nectar, and almond butter in a food processor. Pulse until a ball of dough is formed.
2. Using hands, combine all dough into one large ball.
3. Set out four 4" tart pans on a baking sheet.
4. Divide dough into four equal pieces and place into each of the tart pans. Carefully press the dough into the bottom of the pan until it's about a ¼-inch thick. Press the dough up along the sides of the tart pan, being careful to ensure the dough is pushed into each of the scalloped edges. Dough should reach above the edges of the tart pan. Holding a knife horizontally, trim off the excess dough that reaches above the tart pan.
5. Bake for 12-15 minutes. Once crusts have baked, set them on the counter to cool for about 15 minutes.

Filling:

1. In a large bowl, combine strained Greek yogurt, Neufchâtel, vanilla extract, and powdered sugar. Mix with a hand blender until filling is smooth and creamy.
2. Pour filling into each of the cooled tart crusts and place in the refrigerator for about 45 minutes to allow the filling to set and become firm.

Fruit:

1. Cut the kiwi in half lengthwise. Place flat-side-down on the cutting board for stability and cut ¼ inch half-moon slices.
2. Cut the stems off the strawberries and then cut the strawberries in half. Cut a triangle-shaped notch from the top of each strawberry half to create a heart shape.
3. Remove tarts from fridge and remove tarts from their pans by pushing the removable bottoms up and out of the pans.
4. Arrange kiwi slices, raspberries, and blueberries on each tart. Top each with a heart-shaped strawberry.
5. Refrigerate for 15-20 minutes to allow tarts to re-set.
6. Keep uneaten tarts refrigerated.



Passionfruit Cheesecake

Cheesecake:

oil for pan
 ½ cup diced fresh ripe mango
 (about ½ mango)
 ½ cup passion fruit juice
 1 pound cream cheese, at room
 temperature
 1 cup sugar
 2 tablespoons Greek or drained
 yogurt
 1 tablespoon cornstarch

2 large eggs, room temperature
 3 large yolks, room temperature
 1 teaspoon finely grated lime zest
 1 teaspoon fresh lime juice

Topping:

1 cup passion fruit juice
 1 teaspoon fresh lime juice
 1 ½ teaspoons powdered
 unflavored gelatin

2 tablespoons sugar
 pulp and seeds from a fresh
 passion fruit

Mango Coulis:

¼ cup passion fruit juice
 ½ cup diced fresh mango (about
 ½ a mango)
 2 tablespoons sugar
 ½ teaspoon fresh lime juice

Cheesecake:

1. Position a rack in the middle of the oven and preheat to 325°. Brush an 8-inch springform pan with a light coating of canola oil.
2. Puree the mango and passion fruit juice in a food processor until smooth. Add cream cheese and continue to process until smooth. Add sugar, yogurt, and cornstarch, pulsing to combine. Then add the eggs, lime zest and juice and pulse to combine. Take care not to overmix the batter. Pour batter into the prepared pan.
3. Bake the cheesecake until the outside of the cake is set but the center is still a little loose, about 45 minutes. Turn the oven off and open the door to let out some heat. Close door and continue to cook the cheesecake in the residual heat in the oven for 20 minutes. This gentle finish minimizes the risk of the dreaded crack in your cheesecake.
4. Run a knife around the edges and cool to room temperature, about 1 hour. Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour.

Topping:

Put about half of the passion fruit juice and all the lime juice in a medium bowl and sprinkle the gelatin over the surface. Don't stir. Set aside until the gelatin "blooms", about 1 minute. Boil the remaining passion fruit juice and all of the sugar in a small saucepan until the sugar dissolves. Whisk the hot juice into the gelatin mixture until smooth. Refrigerate until just begins to set, about 20 minutes. Stir in the fresh passion fruit pulp and seeds and pour over the top of the cooled cheesecake. Refrigerate for at least 8 hours or overnight.

Mango coulis:

Puree the passion fruit juice, mango, lime juice, and sugar in a food processor.

Bring cheesecake to room temperature 30 minutes before serving. Remove the springform ring. To serve, dip a knife in warm water, wipe dry before slicing each piece. Serve with mango coulis.



photo and recipe from recipetineats.com

Easy Tiramisu

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| 3 eggs, yolks and whites separated | 1¼ cups hot espresso coffee |
| ½ cup caster sugar | 2 tablespoons Kahlua |
| ½ teaspoon vanilla extract | 6.5 ounces lady fingers, pavesini, or savoiardi biscuits |
| 8 ounces mascarpone cheese | cocoa, for dusting |

1. Beat yolks and sugar in stand mixer on medium high for 12 minutes or until white and thick.
2. Add vanilla and mascarpone, beat until just combined. Transfer mixture to a bowl, set aside.
3. Clean bowl and whisk. Beat egg whites until stiff.
4. Fold ½ of the yolk mixture into the egg whites. Then gradually fold the remaining yolk mixture in and mix until just combined.
5. Mix coffee and liquor together. Quickly dip biscuits in and line the bottom of a 8" square dish.
6. Spread over half the cream, then top with another layer of coffee dipped biscuits.
7. Spread with remaining cream.
8. Cover and refrigerate for at least 3 hours, preferably overnight.
9. Dust with cocoa powder just before serving - either before you cut or after placing onto serving plates.

Red Velvet Pudding Cake

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| 1 cup flour, all purpose or whole wheat | ½ cup buttermilk |
| ¾ cup granulated sugar | 2 tablespoons canola oil |
| 2 tablespoons + ¼ cup unsweetened cocoa powder | 1-2 tablespoons red food coloring, optional |
| 2 teaspoons baking powder | 1 cup packed brown sugar |
| ¼ teaspoon salt | 1 ¾ cup hot water |

1. Preheat oven to 350° and lightly grease a 9" pie plate (it will be very full, so if you have something slightly bigger feel free to use that instead).
2. In a large bowl, stir together flour, sugar, 2 tablespoons cocoa powder, baking powder, salt, buttermilk, oil and food coloring if desired until smooth. Spread into prepared pan -- it will be thick! Set aside.
3. In a medium bowl, combine brown sugar and ¼ cup cocoa powder. Sprinkle over cake batter in pan -- DO NOT STIR. Top with hot water -- DO NOT STIR.
4. Place pie plate on an old baking sheet (in case it bubbles over) and bake for 35 minutes until top is dry and puffed -- the sauce underneath will be runny. Let sit 10-15 minutes to thicken before serving warm with ice cream.



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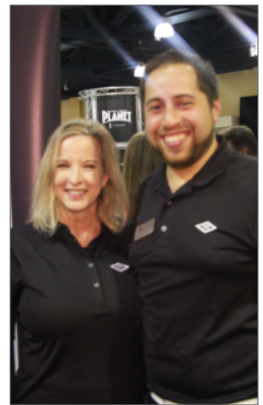
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LUCKY DOG SPORTS GRILL & BAR

The casual eatery opened last month at 9440 Louetta Road in Spring. This locally owned business has a full bar and kitchen and will be hosting a Super Bowl party as a part of its grand opening celebrations.

facebook.com

AQUA-TOTS SWIM SCHOOL

The new swimming school is now open at 6935 Cypresswood Drive, Suite A, and offers classes for children at all ability levels.

aqua-tots.com



THE CATCH

The Cajun and seafood restaurant chain will open a new location at 5203 FM 1960 this month, and has locations throughout Texas. The menu offers po'boys, catfish and shrimp, fried plates, and more.

thecatchusa.com

MARCO'S PIZZA

The Ohio-based pizzeria opened a new location at 21630 Kuykendahl, Suite 430 in January. The traditional menu includes pizzas, salads, wings, and subs.

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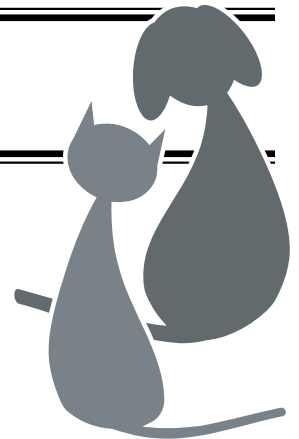


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SOCIAL CALENDAR & EVENTS

noteworthy events happening in our community this month

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5TH ANNUAL WOMEN WHO ROCK
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

The Woodlands Waterway Marriott

Join them to celebrate the Fifth United Way Women Who Rock and help change the life of a young woman and her child by supporting the Young Mother's Child Care Scholarship through United Way's Women's Leadership Council. The Young Mother's Child Care Scholarship provides child care scholarships for young moms who are committed to continuing their education beyond high school.

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32ND TEXAS HOME & GARDEN SHOW
FEBRUARY 9TH - 11ST

Times Vary
NRG Park

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texashomeandgarden.com

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2018 CASA SPEAKS FOR KIDS GALA
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

6:00 p.m.

The Woodlands Waterway Marriott

The theme of this year's gala is "Enchanted! A Masquerade Ball". They promise this will be a magical evening as you dance the night away while making happy endings for kids! This one evening will allow them to provide trained Advocates for over 200 children in the foster care system – children who've been removed from their homes because of abuse or neglect.

casaspeaks4kids.com

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WELLRED COMEDY TOUR: FROM DIXIE WITH LOVE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

6:00 p.m.

House of Blues Houston

Trae Crowder (The Liberal Redneck), Drew Morgan, and Corey Ryan Forrester are stand-up comedy and writing partners hailing from Tennessee and Georgia. The trio have been touring nationally in support of their best-selling book, Liberal Redneck Manifesto: Draggin Dixie Outta the Dark.

houseofblues.com

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MARDI GRAS PARADE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The Woodlands Children's Museum

Children delight in creating Jester Hats and Noise Makers to use in parades scheduled throughout the day. Entertainment with Juggler Claude Sims and King Cake will be served upon exit of museum.

woodlandsschildrengmuseum.org

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HOUSTON SYMPHONY PRESENTS ANDRÉS CONDUCTS DVORÁK 7
FEBRUARY 15TH - 18TH

Times Vary
Jones Hall

Experience Andrés and the orchestra's gripping account of Dvořák's dramatic Symphony No. 7. The Houston Symphony's recent recording of this work has received widespread acclaim. Plus, enjoy Dvořák's spooky retelling of the Czech legend of the Noon Witch.

houstonsymphony.org

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INSPIRE FILM FESTIVAL
FEBRUARY 15TH - 19TH

Times Vary

Waterway Square

The Inspire Film Festival is a five-day cinematic event dedicated to entertaining and inspiring audiences with films and stories that celebrate the human spirit. That Which Connects Us is the theme for 2018. The films are selected based on their ability to enlighten as well as entertain audiences, and all are beautifully shot in fascinating locations around the world. The weekend will kick off on Thursday night, February 15th on Waterway Square with short films being shown at a family friendly event.

inspirefilmfest.com

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY HEART BALL
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

6:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

The Woodlands Waterway Marriott

American Heart Association and Montgomery County Heart Ball Co-Chair's Bryan Frenchak and Marina Silver invite you to share an exciting night that will touch your heart.

heart.org

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FREDELL LACK LEGACY VIOLIN SERIES: GLORIA JUSTEN
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

2:30 p.m.

The University of Houston

The Moores School of Music will present the Fredell Lack Legacy Violin Series recital featuring Gloria Justen, with MSM string students. Justen is a versatile violinist, violist and composer who works and plays in solo, chamber, symphonic and electronic settings.

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\$27.99 sq. ft.
Installed, Including 1 1/2"
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\$1.09 sq. ft.
Includes Installation, Padding,
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starting from

\$2.29 sq. ft.
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TILE**

starting from
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