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Did you know that Atascocita has a website dedicated to lost and found pets? AtascocitaPets.org provides a centralized, dedicated location where area residents can post lost and found pet ads absolutely free. The website was created by local resident Lauren Shwartz, who wanted to do something to help lost pets in the area. "We saw so many lost pet posters on our neighborhood and it was so sad. I kept wondering what we would do if we lost one of our dogs, and I knew that I would want there to be a single place where we could get the word out to the community. There are several sites where people can and do post lost and found pet listings, but ads can quickly get buried and people may not see them. So I decided to build a site only for lost and found pets in the Atascocita area," Lauren explains.

The website is very user friendly and straightforward: users need only register to post an ad. And there's no need to worry about being added to a spam list or receiving unsolicited emails. "I designed the site to protect the information of our neighbors,"

Lauren says. "I am the only person who has access to the site. We don't ask for sensitive information in the first place, and no one has to worry about identity theft or anything like that."

Even though the website is completely free to use, it offers several features not found on other sites. When a user creates an ad, the website creates a unique QR code that links to that ad on the website. "I thought that using QR code technology would be beneficial in this application. You can save the QR code and put it on your lost pet posters. Then, when people are driving by, rather than stopping and writing down the information they can simply 'snap' the code with their smartphone and be instantly taken to the ad with the pet's photo, information, and contact details."

The website is also tightly integrated with social media. "Facebook is so common now, so I included a feature that auto-posts new ads to our Facebook page. Users can also share the ad they create on their own Facebook page, right from the website. The most important

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thing is for the information to be as visible and accessible as possible. This isn't about generating traffic to the site, it's about helping lost pets find their way home."

For those who don't use social media as much, AtascocitaPets.org also offers a 'Lost Pet Amber Alert system.' "This is probably my favorite feature," Lauren says, "Whenever a new lost pet ad is posted on the site, the LPAA system sends out a single email the next morning containing the ads' information." Subscription to this service is entirely voluntary, and subscribers will only receive an email if there were any lost pet ads posted the previous day. "I designed this system with the idea that local veterinarians, animal rescues, and other entities could subscribe, as well as individual residents," Lauren explains.

Lauren also points out that the site is still under development and new features will be added soon, and she is also in the process of creating a sister site for Kingwood. "I just want to do what I can to help. This isn't about money or notoriety. The website doesn't cost me anything but time, and I'm always open to ideas and suggestions from the community. As a pet mom, I understand the unique bond people have with their pets and how devastating it can be when one is lost. If this website can help even one family be reunited with their pet then that's worth every minute I've spent on this project."

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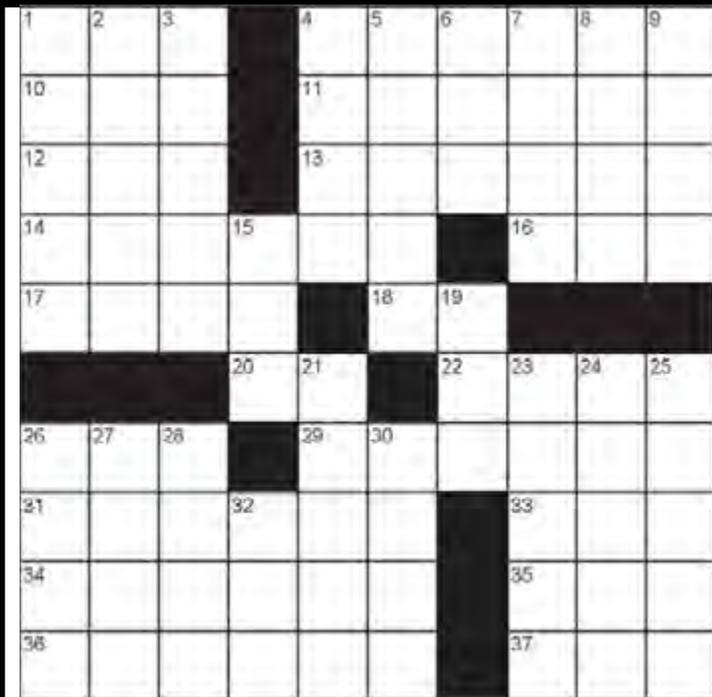


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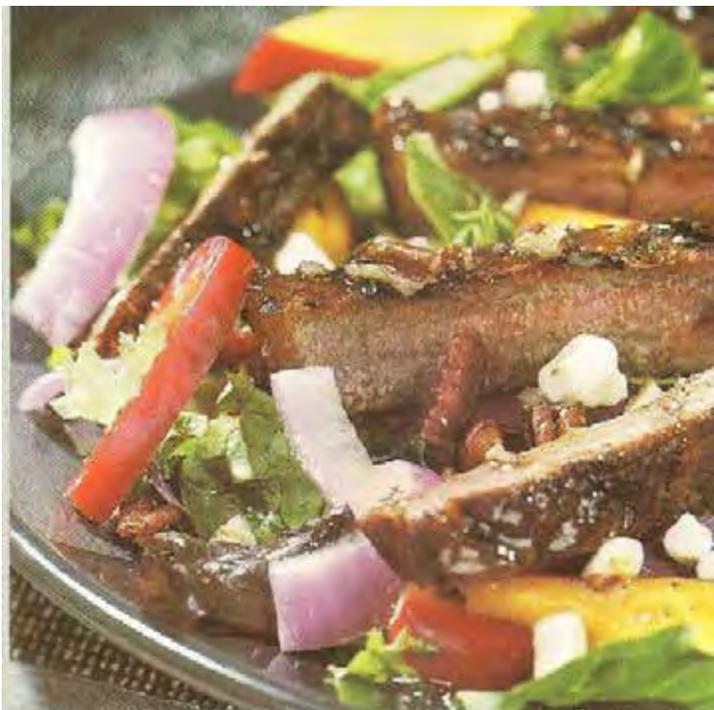
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Western Steak Salad



SALAD PREPARATION

For dressing mix in covered jar or other container 2/3 cup oil, 1/4 cup lime juice, 2 tablespoons Heinz 57 Sauce, and vinegar. Cover. Shake well. Chill in refrigerator. In small bowl combine 1/4 cup Heinz 57 Sauce, 1 tablespoon lime juice, 1 tablespoon oil and hot pepper sauce. Brush on steak and let stand 30 minutes in refrigerator. Broil steak to desired doneness. Brush with marinade once. Combine romaine and onion. Toss with 1/2 cup dressing. Slice steak across grain. Put on salad. Serve with remaining dressing.

2/3 cup canola oil
1 tablespoon virgin olive oil
1/2 teaspoon Hot pepper sauce
1 pound Sirloin Steak
2 tablespoon Red wine vinegar
6 cups Romaine
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2 tablespoon Heinz 57 Sauce
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