

UPTOWN UPDATE

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF HOLIDAY MEMORIES

MARCHING BANDS, MERRY TUNES AND TWINKLING TREES!

The **20th Annual Uptown Holiday Lighting** successfully rang in the holiday season on Thanksgiving evening, creating **lasting holiday memories** for one of the largest crowds in its 20-year history.



RETAIL NEWS

Uptown Houston congratulates **Bistro Moderne**, the French-style restaurant that opened last December in **Hotel Derek**, for its exceptional rating in the *Houston Business Journal*. Touted as "high on the list of elegant upscale restaurants," the *Houston Business Journal* gave the restaurant its highest rating of **Four Forks**.

A new two-story **Borders Books & Music** will soon occupy the former Lord & Taylor Galleria location, sharing the space with several new restaurants.

Galleria III welcomes **Bice Ristorante**, a contemporary northern Italian restaurant owned by Bice Group. The company owns 23 restaurants worldwide.



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OFFICE NEWS



COMPANIES CHOOSE UPTOWN

Marathon Oil Corporation announced they will stay in Uptown Houston. After considering office space alternatives for more than a year, the company signed a long-term lease agreement for roughly 600,000 square feet. Marathon employs approximately 1,100 employees and 300 contract workers at **5555 San Felipe**.

TeleCheck International, Inc. has leased an additional 216,480 square feet of office space at Telecheck Plaza, bringing their total square footage to 428,428.

HOME TO MEGA MEDIA

Uptown Houston is the home to several major media outlets.

Four radio stations owned by **Cox Radio Houston** are located in Post Oak Central at 1990 Post Oak Boulevard.

Clear Channel Radio has eight radio stations located at 2000 West Loop South.

Univision Television Group is moving 300 employees to 5100 SW Freeway next spring. The new building will house two television stations and six radio stations and is anticipated to be the "largest media center in the country."

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Mark Bell, General Manager of The Galleria, began his career with Simon Property Group in 1996. He has served as general manager at several properties across the country, including the Knoxville Center in Tennessee, The Shops at Mission Viejo and Anderson Mall in South Carolina.



Mark holds a M.B.A. from the University of Phoenix and a Bachelor's degree from Winthrop University. He is a Certified Property Manager by the Institute of Real Estate Management and is certified as a Marketing Director and Shopping Center Manager by the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC). Mark was appointed to the Uptown Houston District Board of Directors in 2004.

CHEVRON HOUSTON MARATHON SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2006!

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