8 Decades & Counting
A 9-Course Tasting Menu Celebrating
Verla's 85th Birthday
June 19, 2020

1935 – 1945
- Green Tomato Tartare & Fried Okra on a Biscuit
- Blackened Jackfruit, Preserved Green Strawberries, & Zucchini
- Fingerling Potato, Roasted Peppers, & Eggplant Soubise
- Verla Mae Cocktail

June 19, 1935: Verla Mae Bull is born in Fort Smith, Arkansas, to Love Merle and Sudie Mae Abbott Bull.

1945 – 1955
Smoked King Oyster Mushroom, Shiitake-Fennel Brodo, & Fried Nasturtium Leaf

June 19, 1954: The Tasmanian Devil debuts in *Devil May Have* by Warner Brothers.

1955 – 1965
Yuba Crepe with Braised Collards, Caper-Brown Butter Jus, & Rye Crumbs

June 19, 1960: On his tour of the Far East, a hostile crowd of 1500 confronts President Eisenhower in Okinawa, demonstrating in favor of the island returning to Japanese control.

1965 – 1975
Italian Sausage, Tapioca Peas, Sous Vide Green Peach, & Chocolate Ancho Salsa

June 19, 1972: The U.S. Supreme Court rules that the American government does not have the authority to spy without a warrant upon private citizens in the United States.

1975 – 1985
Sundried Tomato Panna Cotta & Hearts of Palm Salad

June 19, 1978: The first *Garfield* comic appears in 41 American newspapers.

1985 – 1995
Southern Fried Banana Blossom, Crispy Grits, & Remoulade

June 19, 1990: San Francisco Giants catcher Gary Carter catches his 1,862nd career game, breaking Al Lopez's NL mark.

1995 – 2005
Potato Rosti, Farmhouse Pate, Haricots Verts, Caramelized Onion, & Devil's Steak Sauce

June 19, 2003: A 9-year-old girl marries a stray dog in India's eastern state of Bengal as part of a ritual to ward off a bad omen. She suffers no stigma, is free to marry later, and will never need to divorce the dog.

2005 – 2015
Compressed Watermelon, Merlot Lettuce, Coconut Bacon, Feta, & Miso-Plum Vinaigrette

June 19, 2006: Pablo Gutierrez pickets Celebrity Car Wash in Pyatt, Arkansas, because he has never seen a celebrity there. His next stop is Universal Studios in Florida for only doing business on Earth.

2015 – 2020
A Very Special Birthday Cake

June 19, 2020: Verla Phillips celebrates her 85th birthday.

Whole Food Plant-Based Menu

First Course

The Appetizers

Green Tomato Tartare
& Fried Okra on a Biscuit

Fingerling Potato
with Eggplant Soubise
& Roasted Red Pepper

Blackened Jackfruit
Preserved Green Strawberries
& Shredded Zucchini on a Crostini

Course #2

Smoked King Oyster
Mushroom
Shiitake-Fennel Brodo
Fried Nasturtium Leaf

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Course #3

Yuba Crepe
Braised Collards
Caper-Brown Butter Jus
Watermelon Radish
Rye Crumbs

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Course #4

Italian Sausage
Tapioca "Peas"
Sous Vide Green Peach &
Chocolate Ancho Sauce

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Course #5

Sundried Tomato Panna Cotta
Hearts of Palm Salad

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Course #6

Southern Fried Banana Blossoms
Crispy Grits
Remoulade
Garnished with Parsley
& Zinnia Blossoms

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Course #7

Potato Rosti
Farmhouse Paté
Haricots Verts
Caramelized Onions
Devil's Steak Sauce

'Meat & Potatoes'

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Course #8

Compressed Watermelon Salad
Coconut Bacon, Feta,
& Miso-Plum Vinaigrette

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Course #9
The Birthday Cake

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No need to miss out on hotdogs or pizza!

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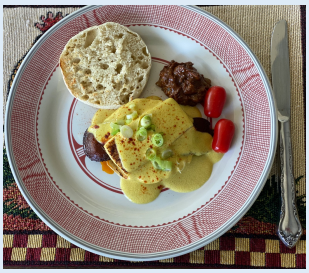

Eggs Benedict

is made with Tofu
and served with Vegan Bacon
The Hollandaise is creamy, easy to make in a blender, and never breaks.

Cheesecake

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