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Crowd-pleasing recipes to make your parties super

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I used to love throwing Super Bowl parties, and my house in the mountains was the place to go. ● Most of my furniture was pretty shabby, so I didn't care if you dropped a beer or two on the couch. I had flat-screen TVs on two levels; one was in the finished basement, the other across from the bar that separated my kitchen from the tiny dining room. For big games, I'd have a pony keg out on the deck. For every game, big or not, I'd smoke wings or grill sausages or something similar. ● Times have since changed. First, I had a kid, which made the days of worrying over nothing but whether the wings were done and whether my Ravens would make the playoffs a thing of the past. I sold one of the TVs for a little diaper money. Game day was much diminished. ● Then, I moved to Nashville and inexplicably bought a white couch, which I'd prefer no one dump beer on. I'm still good at throwing parties. But now I'm in a new city and it's no longer a given that the same big crew will show up with chips and salsa and plenty of things to drink. Back then, it wasn't whether people were coming, it was what were they bringing. ● But traditions have to start somewhere, and there's still time to drum up interest for a party or two. Even if you're not into the sport (and the brutality of it can indeed make it hard to watch sometimes), it's still fun to gather with people you like over good food and drinks. Even if my Ravens knocked themselves out of the running and the Titans are gone, too, I'll probably pull together a nice spread. Here's how to do the same. **See PARTIES, Page 3D**

ABOVE: Even non-vegan friends will go for these tofu nuggets tossed in a vegan hot sauce. COURTESY OF RABBIT & WOLVES

TOP: This caramelized onion dip, featuring crispy, thick-cut bacon and three different cheeses, will go fast at your Super Bowl party. COURTESY OF MARINER BOOKS

Dining, drinking and dates: Check out these Valentine deals

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Valentine's Day is almost here, and Austin is feeling the love. Here are some special offerings for you and your equally special someone, from eating at a romantic restaurant to sharing succulent sweets. Check online or call ahead; many of these deals require reservations or tickets, such as for the speed dating events.

Special Dinners

Emmer & Rye
What: Six course dinner with optional wine pairing
Where: SkyHouse, 51 Rainey St.
When: Feb. 14 beginning at 5 p.m.
Cost: \$150 per person, additional \$95 per person for optional wine pairing.

Hestia
What: Multi-course dinner with optional wine pairing

Where: 607 W. Third St.
When: Feb. 14 beginning at 5:30 p.m.
Cost: \$195 per person, additional \$150 per person for optional wine pairing.

Kalimotxo
What: Four course dinner with cocktails and limited a la carte menu
Where: 607 W. Third St. 105
When: Feb. 14 beginning at 5 p.m.
Cost: \$65 per person for set menu

Canje
What: Six course shared menu with take home dessert, kissing booth memento and optional pairings
Where: 1914 E. Sixth St.
When: Feb. 14 beginning at 5 p.m.
Cost: \$125 per person, additional \$60 per person for optional cocktail pairing or additional \$50 for non-alcoholic pairing

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 8, the 39th day of 2023. There are 332 days left in the year.

On this date in:

1587: Mary, Queen of Scots was beheaded at Fotheringhay Castle in England after she was implicated in a plot to murder her cousin, Queen Elizabeth I.

1693: A charter was granted for the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg in the Virginia Colony.

1910: The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated.

1922: President Warren G. Harding had a radio installed in the White House.

1924: The first execution by gas in the United States took place at the Nevada State Prison in Carson City as Gee Jon, a Chinese immigrant convicted of murder, was put to death.

1952: Queen Elizabeth II proclaimed her accession to the British throne following the death of her father, King George VI.

1960: Work began on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, located on Hollywood Boulevard and Vine Street in Los Angeles.

1965: Eastern Air Lines Flight 663, a DC-7, crashed shortly after takeoff from New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport; all 84 people on board were killed. The Supremes' record "Stop! In the Name of Love!" was released by Motown.

1968: Three Black students were killed in a confrontation between demonstrators and highway patrolmen at South Carolina State University in Orangeburg in the wake of protests over a whites-only bowling alley.

1971: NASDAQ, the world's first electronic stock exchange, held its first trading day.

1973: Senate leaders named seven members of a select committee to investigate the Watergate scandal, including its chairman, Democrat Sam J. Ervin of North Carolina.

2007: Model, actor and tabloid sensation Anna Nicole Smith died in Hollywood, Florida, at age 39 of an accidental drug overdose.

2020: The U.S. Embassy in Beijing said a 60-year-old U.S. citizen who'd been diagnosed with the coronavirus had died on Feb. 5 in Wuhan; it was apparently the first American fatality from the virus.

Ten years ago: A massive storm packing hurricane-force winds and blizzard conditions began sweeping

through the Northeast, dumping nearly 2 feet of snow on New England and knocking out power to more than a half a million customers.

Five years ago: The federal government stumbled into a shutdown that would end by morning, its second in less than a month, as rogue Senate Republicans blocked a speedy vote on a massive, bipartisan, budget-busting spending deal. For the second time in a week, the Dow Jones industrials plunged by more than 1,000 points as a sell-off in the stock market deepened. Hundreds of thousands lined the streets of Philadelphia as the Eagles celebrated their Super Bowl victory with a parade.

One year ago: "The Power of the Dog" topped the 2022 Oscar nominations with 10. (It would go on to win just one, best director for Jane Campion.)

Deals

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Lutie's Garden Restaurant

What: Five course pre-fix dinner featuring Texas Wagu and pasta with optional wine pairing

Where: 4100 Red River St.

When: Feb. 10-14

Cost: \$185 per person, additional \$115 per person for optional wine pairing

Aviary Wine & Kitchen

What: Four course dinner with wine pairing and a la carte menu

Where: 2110 S Lamar Blvd.

When: Feb. 14

Cost: \$120 per person

Honey Moon Spirit Lounge

What: Special menu featuring seafood and caviar

Where: 624 W. 34th St.

When: Feb. 14

Cost: Varies depending on purchases

TLC Austin

What: Surf & Turf special of beef tenderloin and lobster tail as well as champagne offerings

Where: 1100 S Lamar Blvd.

When: Feb. 14

Cost: Varies depending on purchases, walk-in only

Wax Myrtle's

What: Four course dinner featuring Parisian gnocchi and duck breast

Where: 506 San Jacinto Blvd, fourth floor

When: Feb. 10-14

Cost: \$85 per person

J-Prime Steakhouse

What: Five course pre-fixe dinner

Where: Corner of San Jacinto and Third, 301 Brazos St.

When: Feb. 14 from 3 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Cost: Varies depending on purchases

Cork & Barrel

What: Special chef's menu and option of Valentine's dinner for parties of two

Where: 4000 E Palm Valley Blvd.

When: Feb. 14

Cost: \$100 for Valentine's dinner for two, varies depending on purchases for other parties

Perry's Steakhouse

What: Three course Valentine's Day dinner, candlelight dinner on select days and second chance special offering

Where: 11801 Domain Blvd. and 114 W. Seventh St.

When: Feb. 14 for three course dinner, Feb. 11-14 for candlelight dinner and Feb. 19 for second chance dinner offerings

Cost: Varies depending on purchases

CARVE American Grille

What: Three course prix fixe menu and candlelight dinner for two

Where: 7415 Southwest Parkway

When: Feb. 14 for prix fixe menu, Feb. 11-14 for candlelight dinner

Cost: \$69 to \$79 for prix fixe menu depending on dining time, \$185 per couple for dine-in candlelight dinner, \$145 for to-go candlelight dinner

Corinne

What: Tomahawk dinner for two with optional cocktails and wine pairings

Where: 304 E Cesar Chavez St.

When: Feb. 14 from 5-11 p.m.

Cost: \$175 per couple, additional cost for cocktails and wine pairings

Laurel

What: Couple's Paint & Sip event, surf & turf meal with dessert

Where: 320 S Capital of Texas Highway

When: Feb. 10 at 6 p.m. for Paint & Sip, Feb. 11-14 for meal and dessert

Cost: \$75 per person for Paint & Sip,



Lutie's executive pastry chef Susana Querejazu has worked at celebrated San Francisco restaurants Quince Restaurant and three-Michelin-starred Saison. COMMODORE PERRY ESTATE/AUBERGE RESPRTS COLLECTION

\$85 per person for meal

Lost Draw Cellars

What: Five course New Orleans style dinner

Where: 113 E Park St.

When: Feb. 14 from 7-9 p.m.

Cost: \$175

Olamaie

What: Special pre-fixe dinner featuring duck and okra gumbo

Where: 1610 San Antonio St.

When: Feb. 14

Cost: Varies depending on purchases, additional ribeye for \$65

L'Oca d'Oro

What: Six to eight shareable dishes inspired by the bands ABBA and Big Star

Where: 1900 Simond Ave.

When: Feb. 14

Cost: \$100 per person

Fonda San Miguel

What: Three special menu items made with rose

Where: 2330 W N Loop Blvd.

When: Feb. 14

Cost: Varies depending on purchases

Trace

What: Three course menu with a complimentary rosé and chocolate-covered strawberries

Where: 200 Lavaca St.

When: Feb. 14

Cost: \$95 per person

The Well

What: Valentine's dinner featuring filet mignon and lobster coconut curry bisque

Where: 440 W. Second St.

When: Feb. 14

Cost: Varies depending on purchases

Downtown Jo's Coffee

What: Two-for-one burgers

Where: 242 W. Second St.

When: Every Tuesday in February from from 3-6 p.m.

Cost: Varies depending on purchases

The Carillon

What: Three course pre-fixe dine-in or curbside dinner for two

Where: 900 University Ave.

When: Feb. 14 from 5-10 p.m.

Cost: \$75 per person for dine-in, \$200 for curbside for two

Cocktails

Lone Star Court's The Water Trough Restaurant

What: A special Valentine's cocktail called The Lover's Garden

Where: 10901 Domain Drive

When: Feb. 10-16

Cost: Varies depending on purchases

Roosevelt Room

What: Complimentary cocktails for couples

Where: 307 W. Fifth St.

When: Feb. 14 from 4 p.m.-12 a.m.

Cost: Varies depending on purchases

Zanzibar

What: Cocktails inspired by the show "Love Island"

Where: 304 E Cesar Chavez St.

When: Through Feb. 28

Cost: Varies depending on purchases

Desserts

Cookie Rich

What: New chocolate and chocolate cherry cookie as well as new oatmeal cream pie cookie

Where: 1801 N Lamar Blvd.

When: Available now

Cost: Varies depending on purchases

Bakery Lorraine

What: Special Valentine's sweets including heart moon pie and grapefruit tiramisu as well as macaroon packs with a bouquet from Emma Lily Flowers

Where: 11600 Rock Rose Ave.

When: Feb. 11-14

Cost: \$70 for 12 pack of macaroons with bouquet, \$40 for flower box with six macaroons, other prices vary, pre-order macaroons

Takeout

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What: Takeout sushi boxes with 18 assorted nigiri pieces, two maki sushi rolls, a block of A5 Wagu, poke, two bread pastries, dessert and a bottle of Freixenet Prosecco

Where: Pick-up at Praxis Coffee Roasters on 114 Linden St.

When: Pick-up Feb. 12-14 from 4-6 p.m.

Cost: \$320 per box, \$40 for delivery

Snap Kitchen

What: Takeout Valentine's dinner bundle for two featuring lemon-roasted salmon and brownie batter chia seed

pudding

Where: Pick-up at all Snap Kitchen locations

When: Feb. 9-14

Cost: \$19.99

Other Special Offers

Cape Bottle Room

What: Charcuterie and wine night workshop as well as Valentine's Day Tasting for Two

Where: 500 San Marcos St.

When: Feb. 13 from 6-7 p.m. for workshop, Feb. 14 for tasting

Cost: \$95 per couple for workshop, \$75 per couple for tasting

Fareground

What: Special Valentine's offerings from the food hall's vendors

Where: 111 Congress Ave.

When: Feb. 14

Cost: Varies depending on purchases

Walton's Fancy & Staple

What: Floral arrangements and Valentine's pastries

Where: 609 W. Sixth St.

When: Available now

Cost: \$40 starting price for floral arrangements, \$52.99 for half dozen roses, \$94.99 for a dozen roses, call 512-542-3380 to order

Pre-Valentine's Day Spotlight Silent Disco

What: A silent disco where attendees receive a glow-in-the-dark necklace with a color representing their relationship status

Where: The Belmont at 305 W. Sixth St.

When: Feb. 10 from 10 p.m.-2 a.m.

Cost: \$20

Pre-Valentine's Day Speed Dating for Singles Age 25-38

What: Three minute speed dates with up to 15 singles

Where: The Belmont at 305 W. Sixth St.

When: Feb. 10 from 8-10 p.m.

Cost: \$35

Valentine's Day Speed Dating for Singles 35-50

What: Three minute speed dates with up to 15 singles

Where: Hideaway Kitchen & Bar at 4323 North Interstate 35 Frontage Road

When: Feb. 14 from 7-9:30 p.m.

Cost: \$35