

Valentine's Day inspires colorful, inventive dishes and cocktails



Andrea Rocca-Capano Scotch 80 Prime at the Palms gives its Fire & Ice Banana Split a Valentine's twist.

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ALENTINE'S DAY is traditionally a busy time for Las Vegas-area restaurants, with special menus and creative dishes. Here's a selection of the more colorful offerings.

Chica at The Venetian will celebrate Galentine's Day from 4 to 11 p.m. Thursday, with choices including a chocolate fountain station, \$20, and a red velvet churro tower, \$18. The restaurant's Valentine's Day celebration will involve an optional six-course tasting menu, \$75.

Bahama Breeze Island Grille, 375 Hughes Center Drive, will celebrate Galentine's Day all day Thursday with five \$5 specialty cocktails, including the Frozen Bahamarita.

The Capital Grille at Fashion Show mall will start its celebration early by offering couples complimentary after-dinner Veuve Clicquot brut or rosé and chocolate-covered strawberries on Thursday evening.

A delicate heart-shaped macaron is one of the dessert choices on the prix-fixe menu at Morels Steakhouse & Bistro at Palazzo from 4 to 11 p.m. Friday. The three-course menu is \$105 per person.

Scarlet Heaven, \$18, a new cocktail at Mott 32 at The Venetian, has a citrus cloud encased in a bubble that rests atop the drink, the cloud dispersing when the bubble is burst.

VegeNation, which is at 616 E. Carson Ave. downtown and 10075

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Different kind of Kobe burger

Bar Code Burger Bar, 1590 E. Flamingo Road, is honoring Kobe Bryant with a tribute burger that will benefit the foundations set up for the victims of the helicopter crash that killed the NBA star. And it's packed with references to



Al Mancini Las Vegas Review-Journal The Kobe burger is available through the end of February at **Bar Code Burger Bar on East** Flamingo Road.

the superstar. It starts with an 8-ounce patty of "Kobe" beef (technically American wagyu), in recognition of Bryant's first jersey number as a Laker. Other touches include goat cheese (a reference to "greatest of all time"), purple onions and yellow tomatoes, five golden onion rings and something called "mamba sauce." And 24 percent of the \$19.95 price is being donated to the cause, a nod to his later jersey number.



Capriotti's/Instagram Bobbie sandwiches from

Capriotti's will be among food items given away at The Swoop Building opening Feb. 20. Swoop to descend

The Swoop Building, developer J Dapper's midcentury-modern project at the Huntridge Shopping Center, 1122 S. Maryland Parkway, will debut with a celebration from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 20. The event will include free Bobbies from Capriotti's, free chicken tacos (limit three) or one bean and cheese burrito from Roberto's, five free boneless wings with any purchase at Wingstop, \$1 beer and free hot chocolate at Huntridge Tavern and free bottled water at Circle K.

Sababa closes Sababa Grill on Durango Drive has

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