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Chance to sample 3-course meals for \$25 coming to end

Posted: Oct. 23, 2008

Sunday through Thursday will be your last chance to get in on the 25 for \$25 deal going on now at some area restaurants.

The restaurants, from casual to fine dining, are offering three courses for \$25 off special menus, where you'll find items such as Shanghai pork shumai, gumbo, chicken saltimbocca, red-wine braised short ribs, crème brûlée and chocolate cake with wild berry sauce.

The 25 restaurants are: Agave; America's House of Steaks; the Anchorage; Antigua; Balistreri's Blue Mound Inn; Benihana; Crawdaddy's; Eagan's; Hotel Metro; Il Mito; Jack Pandl's Whitefish Bay Inn; Jake's; Karl Ratzsch's; Kincaid's Fish, Chop and Steak House; Mi-Key's; Open Hearth; Osteria del Mondo; Rounding Third; Su Casa; Swig; Tess; Umami Moto in Brookfield; Wasabi Sushi Lounge; Water Buffalo; and Zarletti.

You might want to make a reservation. Some restaurants are closed Sunday or Monday, so at least confirm hours before you head over. Note that the \$25 doesn't include tip, tax or drinks. For more information on the program, created by the Journal Sentinel, and to see the special menus, go to www.jsonline.com/25for25.

Cooking in Vegas

Adam Siegel, the chef at Bartolotta's Lake Park Bistro who won a James Beard Foundation award this year, will join 11 fellow award winners and four host chefs for a weekend of cooking in Las Vegas.

For the Saturday night gala of the Taste America event, Siegel will prepare braised veal cheeks with mustard-onion compote - the free-raised veal coming from Franklin-based Strauss - and arugula and celery root salad. The gala takes place at the Palazzo Resort Hotel Casino.

Other chefs participating include Donald Link of Herbsaint in New Orleans, Shawn McClain of Spring in Chicago and Traci Des Jardins of Jardiniere in San Francisco.

Siegel's mentor, Paul Bartolotta, is throwing a \$300-a-plate dinner tonight as part of the festivities. It's at his restaurant, Bartolotta Ristorante di Mare, at the Wynn Las Vegas.

The annual Taste America events put the spotlight on American cuisine through dinners, cooking demonstrations and panel discussions.

Brunch and autumn

Café Calatrava at the Milwaukee Art Museum has launched a Sunday brunch, serving from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Brunch includes new entrees such as cinnamon raisin French toast with orange compound butter, syrup and black pepper bacon (\$7.95) and a Bloody Mary burrito with hash browns (\$9.95). It's also serving items from the regular menu such as biscuits and gravy with scrambled eggs (\$8.95) and hoisin barbecue salmon (\$11.95).

The café also has added fall items to its daily lunch menu, including pheasant sausage on pumpkin-chestnut puree (\$9.95) and veal sweetbreads with Swiss chard (\$10.95).

Know of a new restaurant, or one that has closed? Got restaurant news? Contact dining critic Carol Deptolla at cdeptolla@journalsentinel.com. For more food news, check out the Journal Sentinel food blog, *Taste Buds*: www.jsonline.com/blogs/lifestyle/tastebuds.html.

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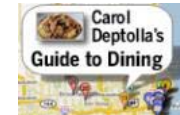
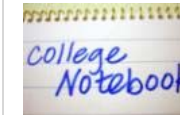

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