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leaning heavily to the kinds of things that taste best when they've been cooked on a flat-top grill with years of seasoning, and that would include the chicken-fried steak and gravy with two eggs (\$9). I always find the use of the very descriptive "chicken" in this dish instead of the weaselly "country" a key to authenticity, and that was the case here, the meat relatively thick but also relatively tender, enrobed in a light, slightly crunchy breading that didn't get soggy from the gravy. On the side were crispy hash browns and toast, in our case a thick slice of sourdough. One flaw here: The oil in which the meat had been fried apparently was on the stale side, which gave it a slightly unpleasant off-flavor.

Better was the corned-beef hash, medium-cut, nicely seasoned and crisp at the edges, which we had as part of an Eggs Your Way combo (\$8). We chose a half-order of French toast (50 cents) with this one, and it was one heck of a half-order, four generous pieces that were fluffy and eggy and sweet.

Coffee Cup's menu isn't devoid of updated, ethnic and healthful choices, and the Boardwalk Sandwich (\$7), scrambled

eggs and grilled tomato with Swiss cheese on grilled sourdough, was a nice change of pace.

And so was a cinnamon roll, a gargantuan thing that was quite the bargain besides being light and suitably cinnamonony.

Coffee was exceptionally good — they use the local Colorado River Coffee Roasters' brew — and since it was a holiday, we indulged in a bloody mary (\$6), which also turned out to be exceptional, superspicy and with a thick slice of crisp bacon, an olive, lime wedge and celery stick.

Our server was very good, but the Coffee Cup hasn't caught up to its own popularity in the wake of national TV exposure, and so most people who come in when the restaurant is full end up standing in the doorway, which causes both congestion and confusion.

But seeing the place may be the most important thing. We don't think many people go to Coffee Cup just for the food, but it's a charming reminder of a bygone era and a nice break in today.

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Executive chef classes returning

The An Executive Chef's Culinary Classroom series has returned to the Bellagio, 3600 Las Vegas Blvd. South. The first class is "Italian by the Lake," focusing on contemporary Italian cuisine from antipasti to pasta. It starts at 7 p.m. Feb. 12 and is \$135 per person inclusive. Call the Bellagio concierge at 866-406-7117. ...

The wines of Guy Farrell Vineyards & Winery will be featured in the Feb. 9 Farm Table Dinner menu at Honey Salt, 1031 S. Rampart Blvd. With an entree of whole roasted duck with caramelized shallot bread pudding, the three-course dinner is \$45, with wine pairings \$25, plus tax and tip. Call 702-445-6100. ...

For the Love of Cocktails, a celebration of the art of mixology, is Feb. 12-14 at the Delano, Mandalay Bay and Herbs & Rye. Events will include a Meet the Masters wine dinner, seminars and interactive classes, a gala and a brunch. Proceeds will benefit the Helen David Relief Fund for Bartenders Affected by Breast Cancer. For tickets and more information, go to www.ForTheLoveOfCocktails.com. ...

Thursdays are Chicas Night Out at Mercadito at Red Rock Resort, 11011 W. Charleston Blvd., beginning this Thursday. From 6 to 9 p.m. each week,

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Sammy's Woodfired Pizza & Grill is offering heart-shaped pizza kits for Valentine's Day. They come with dough, sauce, cheese and fresh basil and they're \$7 with regular dough, \$8 for whole-wheat dough or \$10 for gluten-free dough; pepperoni is \$1 extra. They'll be available from Sunday through Feb. 15 at the five Sammy's locations in the valley. ...

8 Noodle Bar has opened at Red Rock Resort, 11011 W. Charleston Blvd., serving noodle and rice bowls, and the like. Hours are from 11 a.m. through late-night daily. Call 702-797-7777 or visit RedRock.SCLV.com. ...

The first Nevada location of Midwestern favorite Handel's Ice Cream & Yogurt has opened at 10170 W. Tropicana Ave. Call 702-749-9299.

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