PLATE DATES

MARCH 23
Top Taco
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Thursday
Spanish Plaza, Peyprad Street at the Mississippi River
www.toptaconola.com
The event features tequila and mezcal tastings and creative tacos from Ella Oak BBQ, Bourbon House, Cochon Butcher, Dragón Sazóned Restaurant, Johnny Sanchez, Juan’s Flying Burrito, Nacho Mama’s, Patrons, Pirogues, Taquiera Chilango, and others. There’s music by OTRA, Los Pouoy-Citos, and Mariachi Jalisco. Proceeds benefit One Heart NOLA. Admission $5, early admission $9, VIP admission $12.

MARCH 23-26
Louisiana Crawfish Festival
5 p.m. - 11 p.m. Thursday, 5 p.m.-midnight Friday;
11 a.m. midnight Saturday; 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday
Frederick J. Sigur Civic Center, 8245 W. Judge Perez Drive, Chalmette,
(504) 271-0277
www.louisianacrawfishfestival.com
The festival features live music, amusement rides, craft vendors and boiled crawfish as well as dishes including crawfish bread, crawfish pasta, burgers, hot dogs, kebabs and funnel cakes. There’s music by The Molly Ringwalds, The Wsbeugys, Groovy 7, Category 6, Voodoo Gumbo and others. Admission $5.

MARCH 24-25
New Orleans Bourbon Festival
various locations
www.neworleansbourbonfestival.com
There are bourbon tastings, speakers, dinners and more. Speakers include distillers Pat Heist (Wildamass Trail distillery), Fred Booker (No 3 Coffin Road), Eddie Russell (Wild Turkey) and Greg Davis (Maker’s Mark), as well as brand ambassadors and whiskey writers. Tastings include bourbon and food from local restaurants, and there are dinners March 23 at Bourbon House, Kenton’s, Cochon, House of Blues, Salon Restaurant by Sucré and Mortons The Steakhouse. Ticket prices vary.