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While away your Wednesday with Zach Theatre's "A Christmas Carol"

1. "A Christmas Carol" at Zach Theatre

7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday through Dec. 31. \$25-\$150. 202 S. Lamar Blvd. zachtheatre.org.

This Zach Theatre tradition is back for the fourth year running, though it's not quite as fans of Charles Dickens' book will remember it. Zach's production combines new songs and reimagined carols with traditional Victorian setting and costumes, creating an infectious spirit that will have you dancing in the aisles. Join the loving Cratchit famil and three soulful ghosts as they take Ebenzer Scrooge on a joy ride that will take him from grouchy miser to a giving man willing to open his heart to friends and family.

2. "Up and Vanished" Live

8 to 11 p.m. Dec. 6. \$29.50. 713 Congress Ave. austintheatre.org.

Learn more about the hit podcast "Up and Vanished: The Investigation of Tara Grinstead" in its first-ever live tour. Host Payne Lindsey will play never-before-seen footage and exclusive audio from his two-year investigation into the disappearance of Tara Grinstead, a Georgia teacher and former beauty queen. He'll also revisit the untold stories of season one. Have questions? There will be a live audience Q&A with Lindsey and other "Up and Vanished" contributors.

3. "The Last Tree on the Planet" at Lora Reynolds Gallery

11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday through Feb. 3. 360 Nueces St. Ste. 50. lorareynolds.com.

Jason Middlebrook's fourth show at Lora Reynolds features his new sculptures and drawings, inspired by a scene in the recent blockbuster "Blade Runner 2049" that depicted the last tree on earth. By isolating his paintings from the slabs of wood he typically paints on, he is imagining a world without trees. That's a dark

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premise, but his work is ultimately joyful. By reminding us what is at stake, he is celebrating the delights of nature and the power of conservation.

4. Burnet Road Eats

11 a.m. Dec. 6. \$10 and under. Various locations. andiamoitaliano.com/events.

The monthly day of dining deals, created by the Andiamo Ristorante in North Austin, is continuing at restaurants along Burnet Road. About a half-dozen participating restaurants along the burgeoning eatery district will offer a drink and dish special priced at \$10 or under. These include founding spot Andiamo as well as top-rated restaurants like Barley Swine, Bonhomie and Bufalina, and more relaxed places like Lucy's Fried Chicken and Noble Sandwich Co.