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DELICIOUS IDEAS

When it comes to palate-pleasing party fare, cheese and figs CAN BE A DELICIOUSLY CLASSIC COMBINATION. IT CAN HELP TO START WITH JARLSBERG CHEESE, WITH ITS MELLOW-NUTTY FLAVOR, THE CHEESE PARTNERS DELIGHTFULLY WITH THE DELICATE SWEETNESS OF GOLDEN CALIMYRNA (CA-LI-MYR-NA) OR DARK PURPLE MISSION FIGS, TWO varieties readily available from Sun-Maid and Blue Ribbon ORCHARD CHOICE, HERE'S HOW YOU CAN COMBINE THOSE INGREDIENTS INTO AN EASY, SURE-TO-PLEASE APPETIZER: MAKE A GENEROUS SLIT IN EACH FIG AND STUFF THE FRUIT WITH A PIECE OF JARLSBERG, WRAP WITH PARTIALLY COOKED BACON—IT SHOULD BE A BIT LIMP—AND HEAT AT FOUR HUNDRED DEGREES FAHRENHEIT, JUST UNTIL THE BACON IS CRISPY AND THE CHEESE BEGINS TO MELT. FOR ANOTHER TASTY TREAT, YOU CAN SIMPLY SKEWER A PIECE OF FIG BETWEEN A CUBE OF JARLSBERG AND ONE OF CURED MEAT, SUCH AS SALAMI, AND YOU'VE GOT A QUICK AND DELICIOUS NO-COOK HORS D'OEUVRE, YOU CAN FIND MORE SWEET AND SAVORY HOLIDAY RECIPES AT VALLEY-FIG--DOT--COM AND J-A-R-L-S-B-E-R-G-U-S-A--DOT--COM.