

Vegas Seven July 1-7, 2010



SEVEN DAYS

The highlights of this week in your city.

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Thur. 1

Welcome to July, the hottest month of the year in our Valley. But you don't know hot. To learn, head to Las Vegas Motor Speedway, (644-4444), for the **Night of Fire** at the Bullring, which is a ton of racing capped off by a fireworks show and a "jet car burn"—a junk car incinerated in the exhaust of a jet-powered dragster. Beavis put it best: "Fire!" Gates are at 4 p.m., fireworks and jet car go off at 10:15 p.m. If that's too acultural for you, author **Beth Raymer** is at the Clark County Library, 1401 E. Flamingo Road, 7 p.m., to talk about her new book *Lay the Favorite, a Memoir of Gambling* (Spiegel & Grau, 2010, \$25). It's a tale of Raymer's crash-course in sports betting after landing, jobless, in Vegas in 2001. Good stuff.



Sun. 4

Fireworks today at: Boulder City, 9 p.m. at Veterans' Memorial Park, activities start at 6 p.m., 1650 Buchanan Blvd.; Henderson, 9 p.m. at Heritage Park, with viewing and party starting at 6 p.m. at the Basic High School football field, 400 N. Palo Verde Dr.; Lake Las Vegas, 9 p.m., barbecue and activities throughout the day, 1600 Lake Las Vegas Parkway; Station Casinos (Red Rock Resort, Green Valley Ranch, Aliante Station, Boulder Station, Fiesta Henderson, Texas Station, Sunset Station and Santa Fe Station), 8:45 p.m.; Mandalay Bay and Caesars Palace, 9 p.m.; Las Vegas Hilton, 9:20 p.m.

Mon. 5

OK, straight up: the pickings are slim today. It's a holiday, everyone is hung over from drinking to freedom all weekend and/or on their way home from the beach. So why not learn to dance like a stripper? There's nothing else to do. **Stripper 101** has daily classes at the V Theater in the Miracle Mile Shops. Classes are at 3 and 4:30 p.m. and tickets start at \$49.50. Call 260-7200 for info.



Fri. 2

The Bureau of Land Management is drafting a **new plan for managing the Lake Mead National Recreation Area**, and today is deadline for public input. If you have an opinion about things like removing rock-climbing bolts from the park, or adding trails in some areas and closing roads in others, go to parkplanning.nps.gov, search for Lake Mead NRA and then click on the Wilderness Management Plan. Civic duty taken care of, it's free outside **movie night** at The District at Green Valley Ranch in Henderson, 8 p.m. near the Whole Foods Market. Tonight's offering: *Monsters vs. Aliens*.



Tues. 6

Does your cooking suck? Do people turn down your dinner party invitations claiming sudden illness or surprise visits from relatives? If so, the city of Henderson has just the thing for you: a series of **cooking workshops** beginning today, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Multigenerational Center, 250 S. Green Valley Parkway. First up: Thai basics, at which you will learn how to make *tom yum* soup, egg rolls, fried rice and chicken in green curry sauce. The cost is \$35 per person, plus \$10 for supplies. Sign up online at cityofhenderson.com.

Sat. 3

Why wait until tomorrow to get your patriotic on? Summerlin is hosting its **Patriotic Parade**, from Hills Center Drive to Trailwood Drive, starting at 9 a.m. North Las Vegas is also getting it done early with its 11th annual **Independence Day Jubilee**, starting at 6 p.m. at Seastrand Park, 6330 Camino Eldorado. The party features music, food and activities for the tots. Fireworks are at 9:30 p.m. Call 633-2650. Boulder City is throwing its 62nd annual **Damboree**, with a parade starting at 9 a.m. on Colorado Street and festivities throughout the day at Broadbent Memorial Park, 1301 5th St.



Wed. 7

As of today, Henderson's main library is back: The **James I. Gibson Library** is opening the doors to its new digs. The old building, at the corner of Water Street and Basic Road, closed May 15. The new, bigger and better version, at 100 W. Lake Mead Parkway, opens today with a ceremony at 8:30 a.m. It features more parking, more space and a drive-through window to pick up reserved materials. Best of all, the cost of the new building was covered by selling the old one to the city of Henderson for \$4 million.

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