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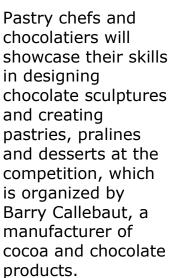
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# **NEWSMAKERS**

Sylvain Bortolini is one of seven pastry chefs and chocolatiers competing in the U.S. national selections for the World Chocolate Masters competition.

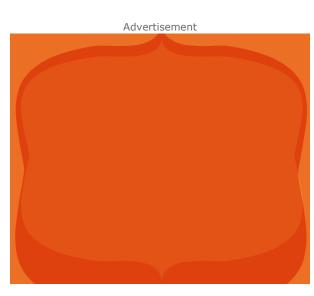


Bortolini, the assistant executive pastry chef at Bellagio, won the **Mexican Pastry** Championship in 2007. He previously worked as a pastry chef at the Fontainebleau Miami Beach resort in Florida, the InterContinental Presidente Hotel in Mexico City and for two-star Michelinrated restaurants and gourmet chocolate shops in France.







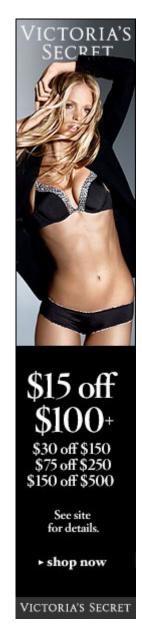


The U.S. competition will be Sept. 27-28 at the International Baking Industry Exposition at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

The winner will represent the United States in October 2011 at the World Chocolate Masters finals in Paris.

North Las Vegas resident **Ricardo Montez** placed third in El Pollo Loco's annual Grill Master Challenge June 16 in Los Angeles.

Six finalists competed in the event, which was won by



Demetrio Jurado of Los Angeles.

Montez and the other five contestants were selected from more than 1,200 El Pollo Loco cooks representing the chain's more than 400 restaurants.

The competition's judges included a panel of grilling connoisseurs from the company, and Jeff Lewis and Jenni Pulos of Bravo's "Flipping Out."

The cooks were judged on their techniques of preparing, cooking, cutting and presenting chicken and steak to the judges.

Montez received a cash prize, a trophy and a competition jacket.

The Springs Preserve recently announced the winners of its annual photo contest for local photographers.

Among the winning photographs were: "Gull in Flight" by **Katie Rupp** (best in show); "Liquid Phenomena" by **Lindzay M. Green** (first place-adult); "Elan Vital (Life Force)" by **Marz Pacheco** (second place-adult); and "Long Road Home" by **Robert Oberman** (third place-adult).

Youth winners were **Jennifer Sumiyoshi**, who won first place for "Sprout of Life" and third place for "What's Up There?" Second place went to "Afternoon Showers" by **Megan McNulty**.

In addition, four photographs were chosen for representing sustainability, history/culture, natural environment, and the best photo taken at the Springs Preserve. The winning photographers were: **Marz Pacheco** (sustainability, natural environment); **David Pacheco** (history/culture); and **Anne Cook** (best image taken at the Springs Preserve). Five images also were selected as honorable mentions.

The images are on display through Oct. 17 in the Patio Gallery at the Springs Preserve.

Assemblywoman **Marilyn Kirkpatrick**, D-North Las Vegas, will receive the Juliette Low Pearl Award from the Girl Scouts of Southern Nevada at the Dessert Before Dinner event on Oct. 9. Kirkpatrick will be honored for her years of dedication to the organization.

Dessert Before Dinner supports leadership programs for Girl Scouts of Southern Nevada. The event begins at 6 p.m. at the South Point, 9777 Las Vegas Blvd. South.

Tickets are \$275, and proceeds will support Girl Scout programming throughout Southern Nevada.

For more information, visit dessertbeforedinner.org.

Do you know an individual adult whose achievements are worth a mention? If so, send us a brief description of his or her accomplishment, including name, the city where he or she lives, and a photograph to: Newsmakers, Las Vegas Review-Journal, P.O. Box 70, Las Vegas, NV 89125-0070. Photos cannot be returned.

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