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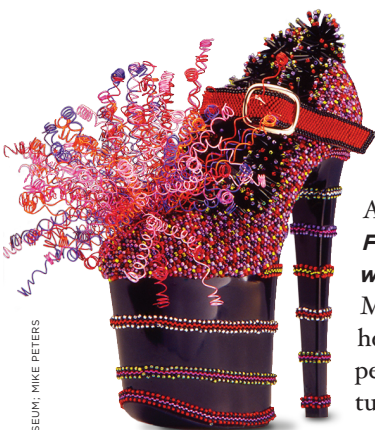
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An operatic return

Enjoy improved sightlines, seats, and acoustics at Salt Lake City's remodeled Capitol Theatre with a signature opera from one of the genre's beloved composers. Giuseppe Verdi's *La Traviata* tells the tragic story of French courtesan Violetta as she battles illness and a broken heart. The Utah Opera's production, which coincides with the year of Verdi's 200th birthday, features elaborate costumes and sets to re-create 18th-century Paris. utahopera.org. —ETHAN FLETCHER



Real sole in Alaska

Walk a mile in someone else's shoes at the Anchorage Museum's *Footnotes: Shoes with Stories to Tell*.

More than 120 pairs of heels, skates, cleats, slippers, and mukluks capture the spirit of Alaska and tell tales of its rich

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history. From the 1925 beaded caribou hide moccasins of the Athabascan people to *Not Your Mother's Mary Janes* from Aleut artist Paula Rasmus-Dede (pictured), this eclectic collection will put a hop in your step. anchagemuseum.org. —JENNA VALDESPINO



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Cutaway cuisine

Think you know how to cook? *The Photography of Modernist Cuisine: The Exhibition* at Seattle's

Pacific Science Center may give you a new appreciation for the art and science of fixing a meal. Sourced from the massive 24,000-page book created by ex-Microsoft executive Nathan Myhrvold, the pictures capture culinary dynamism and beauty with cinematic action shots as instructional as they are stunning. Cutaways of boiling pots (such as the canned veggies, above), scorching grills, and sizzling woks reveal the mystery of what's really going on beneath the lid.

modernistcuisine.com/exhibit. —RACHEL MATSUOKA

RENO'S ROCK 'N' ROLL DUEL

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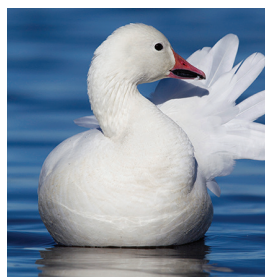
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Relive the British Invasion at Harrah's Reno with a clash of classics that'll have you pulling on your bell-bottoms.

Beatles vs. Stones: A Musical

Shootout brings tribute bands Abbey Road and Jumping Jack Flash to the same stage for alternating performances of some of rock's most revered tunes, including "A Hard Day's Night" and "Ruby Tuesday." harrahsreno.com. —J.V.

Central Valley flyover in California



The Sacramento Valley doubles as a winter retreat for millions of waterfowl migrating from as far away

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as Siberia. The 15th annual **Snow Goose Festival of the Pacific Flyway** in Chico celebrates this spectacular convergence of swans, ducks, and snow geese (left) with guided field trips and workshops on such subjects as wildlife photography and decoy duck carving. snowgoosefestival.org. —E.F.

UNPACKING BARYSHNIKOV

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Dance legend Mikhail Baryshnikov is back on stage. But this time the Soviet-born performer is ditching his

ballet shoes for the lead role in *Man in a Case* at the Berkeley Repertory Theatre in Berkeley, Calif. An adaptation of two short stories by Anton Chekhov, the production explores the Russian writer's classic themes of fear, suppression, and love—but with a modern, multimedia twist. berkeleyrep.org. —R.M.

Happy 150th, Nevada!

Ring in the Silver State's sesquicentennial with festivities across Nevada. Hometown conductor Donato Cabrera (right) leads the Las Vegas Philharmonic concert *Battle Born—Nevada Proud!* (Jan. 18, thesmithcenter.com). In Carson City, the Nevada State Museum's *Finding Frémont: Pathfinder of the West* honors the leader of the state's first scientific expedition, John C. Frémont (Jan. 29–Oct. 31, museums.nevadaculture.org). Or explore Nevada's roots with rawhide braiding, two-step classes, and music and poetry at Elko's 30th annual *National Cowboy Poetry Gathering*. (Jan. 27–Feb. 1, westernfolklife.org). —E.F.



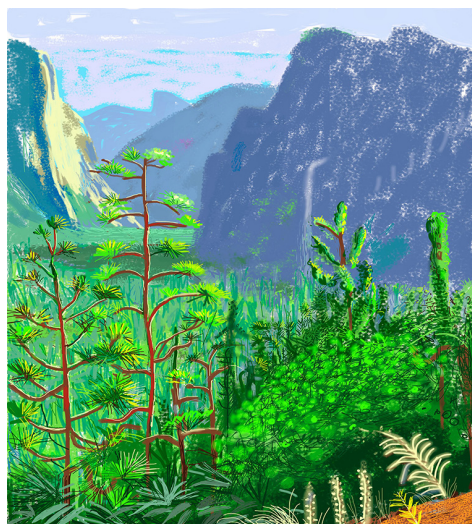
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Larger than life

From 12-foot-long oil paintings to detailed digital movies to vivid six-canvas drawings originally created on his iPad (including *Yosemite I*, left), acclaimed British artist David Hockney has never settled for a single style. See it all at *David Hockney: A Bigger Exhibition*, a collection of nearly 400 pieces, filling more than

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18,000 square feet, assembled exclusively for San Francisco's de Young Museum. hockney.famsf.org. —J.V.

Balloons over Bluff

The **Bluff International Balloon Festival** isn't the country's biggest, but it might be the prettiest. Held in southeastern Utah in the tiny town of Bluff, the annual fest draws dozens of hot air balloon enthusiasts for the chance to glide over some of the state's most

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scenic lands (below), marked by isolated buttes, spectacular rock formations, and wide-open spaces. Visitors can also check out a Southwestern cook-off, an art festival, and nearby archeological sites. bluffutah.org. —E.F.



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ANOTHER SIDE OF PICASSO

Pablo Picasso's distinctive paintings are recognizable the world over. But *Picasso: 25 Years of Edition Ceramics* at the Carnegie Arts Center in Turlock, Calif., singles out the artist's enduring interest in pottery, a medium that stretched his imagination for a quarter-century. The exhibit features dozens of limited edition pieces, among other works. carnegieartsturlock.org. —J.V.

Palm Springs goes retro

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Call it the *Mad Men* effect, but mid-century modern is hot. There may be no better place to experience the clean simplicity of this 1950s- and '60s-era design aesthetic than at Palm Springs' **Modernism Week**. Drawing upwards of 40,000 visitors, the 11-day event includes architectural tours, furniture and art exhibits, lectures, and evening soirees in which attendees can channel their inner Don and Betty Draper. modernismweek.com. —E.F.

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Mystery Spot answer (from page 52): The Sundial Bridge at Turtle Bay, which crosses the Sacramento River in Redding, Calif.