

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Be leisurely aware

The City of Las Vegas Department of Parks and Leisure Activities presents a Leisure Awareness Fair, Oct. 12 and 13 at the Meadows Mall. Festivities will include information booths, program demonstrations, entertainment and activity booths. Call 229-6297 for more information.

Hunt for breakfast

Children ages 3-5 are invited to a breakfast hunt at the City of Las Vegas Mirabelli Community Center, 6200 Elton Ave., 8:30 a.m. Oct. 11. This scavenger hunt for food items will conclude with a picnic in the park. The cost is \$3. Pre-registration is required. For more information call 229-6359.

History professor to speak about Castro's Cuba

"Castro's Cuba in 1991" will be the topic of UNLV

history professor Thomas Wright's lecture 7:30 p.m. Oct. 10. The lecture is part of the University Forum lecture series.

Wright, who has been a member of the UNLV faculty since 1972, is also the author of a recently published book about Latin America titled "Latin America in the Era of the Cuban Revolution."

Wright said he plans to talk about analyze the economic and political conditions in Cuba today. Additionally, he will talk about Cuba's response to the collapse of communism in the Soviet Union.

Wright's book, "Latin America in the Era of the Cuban Revolution," was published this year by Praeger Publishers. The book defines the 30 years following Fidel Castro's successful insurrection as the era of the Cuban Revolution because of the major influence of Cuba on Latin American politics during that period.

The slide-illustrated

lecture is will be in room 241 of Frank and Estella Beam Hall. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Help with parenting

We Can will sponsor a parenting workshop with host Becky Schumacher, prevention specialist and leader of Parents Anonymous. The workshop takes place Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at the Clark County Library. Topics will include discipline

strategies, stress management and positive parenting. Children's activities are planned during the sessions. Pre-registration is required. Call 733-3616 for more details.

Seeing through artists' eyes

The second annual "Every Picture Tells a Story" exhibit is on display through

Oct. 27, at the Green Valley Library. The display incorporates original artwork by prominent children's book illustrators on loan from the Every Picture Tells a Story Gallery in Los Angeles.

"Every Picture" is sponsored by the American Nevada Corporation and the Moira James Art Gallery. Tours are available by reservation every Friday during the exhibit. Call 435-2078 for more information.

Well-traveled paintings on display

Paintings from Dottie Burton's year of travel are featured in "One Artist, One Year, One's Work," a cross-section of watercolor paintings of San Francisco, Mexico, Venice, Zion National Park and Canyon deChelly. The exhibit will run through Sunday at the Clark County Library. Call 733-3601 for more details.

David Wilcox continues folk traditions

by David Hare

If folk remains a simple musical element, then A&R recording artist David Wilcox proved Friday in his performance at the Shark Club, that simplicity can make for a reliable source of emotion and amusement.

As a performer, David Wilcox easily mixes moments of insight and wit with his audience; building an intimate rapport that brings the musician to a level more approachable to the listener. Using only an acoustic guitar and his soft fluent voice, Wilcox rang through such moments as early childhood in "Kid," nuclear warfare in the biting "Nightshift Watchman," to a strained love affair in "Distant Water." His effortless grace and understanding inspiring the crowd to a standing ovation at the end of the show. The reaction seemed as much of an appreciation for the virtues of folk music as it was for the folk artist.

Wilcox's version of folk music, straight from the schools of Harry Chapin and James Taylor, speaks of the heartache and triumph of living in a less than perfect world

and always manages to string a sense of humor or imagined optimism throughout. When his lyrics aren't offering amusing anecdotes of daily experience, they're simply reminding us of our innocence. His songs serve as personal testimonies to private pains and pleasures that can be easily shared by any audience in tune to his message.

His latest release, *Home Again*, is a piece of sensitive, thoughtful songwriting that leaves the listener profoundly affected, if not humbled, after hearing the album's familiar themes of failed family relations, "Covert War", or the compassionate grief produced by war, "Let Them In". Such songs are the stuff of truth and illumination that will continue the traditions of folk music as long as musicians like David Wilcox continue to chip in.

Opening for Wilcox was folk artist Susan J. Paul, who performed songs from her latest release, *Human Factor*. Her set was a perfect compliment to the evening, providing a glimpse of a talented new musician to be seriously reckoned with.

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