

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Robert Coover and Jackson Cope to speak

Whale of a program offered

Longfellow's Whale Tales, a new service from the City of Las Vegas Department of Parks and Leisure Activities Aquatics Unit designed to teach water safety to youths, becomes available Dec. 2.

Consisting of a video and hand-outs, these public presentations are available upon request at no charge to any group working with three to 10-year-old kids and is within the geographic boundaries of the City of Las Vegas. The program was created by the American Red Cross and is highly recommended for elementary school and day care centers. The program is taught by the City's certified water safety instructors. To schedule Longfellow's Whale Tales, call 229-6309 or 299-6310.

Crazy teens need not be bored



Teen Maniacs, a program for youth ages 11-13, takes place each Monday at the City of Las Vegas Mirabelli Community Center, 6200 Elton Ave. Games, tournaments and special events are on the agenda each week beginning at 6:30 pm. The program is free with the exception of special events. Call 229-6359.

'Little Women' adaptation to be put on L.V. Ballet

The Las Vegas Civic Ballet will be joined on stage by guest artists in a premiere of classical ballet based on the story *Little Women*, Dec. 6-15, at 2 and 7:30 p.m. at the Reed Whipple Cultural Center, 821 Las Vegas Blvd. North. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under and seniors. Tickets are also available through Ticket Master outlets for a nominal service fee.

Register to shoot baskets

The City of Las Vegas Municipal Sports Unit conducts registration for their annual youth basketball skills contest, Dec. 2-12. Scheduled for Dec. 12 at

the Stewart/Mojave Sports Center, 275 N. Mojave Road, the competition consists of dribbling, passing, free-throws and three-point shooting. The contest begins at 11 a.m. and is designed for ages 10-12. Entry fee is \$10, which includes a T-shirt and awards. Call 229-2089 or 378-4700.

Ethics to be topic of speech

Ira H. Peak, assistant professor of ethics and policy studies at the university, will present a lecture titled "Doing Ethics in Public?" on Dec. 2.

The lecture is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in John S. Wright Hall, Room 116 on the campus. The talk, which is part of the University Forum lecture series, is free and open to the public.

Peak said his lecture will address challenges created by an increasingly pluralistic society and its effect on the democratic political process.

Peak's talk replaces the previously announced lecture by John Cobb, a professor emeritus from the Southern California School of Theology.

The University Forum lecture series is sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and underwritten by the UNLV Foundation.

Watch out for the paddle

Table tennis tournaments are sponsored on the third Thursday of each month at the City of Las Vegas Mirabelli Community Center, 6200 Elton Ave. Entry fee is \$1 per player with registration accepted on site.

Play begins at 4:15 p.m. with three specific age groups; 10-14 years, 15-17 years and 18 and over. Novice and veteran players are welcome. Call 229-6359 for play times for each age group.

Step one, two, three...

A series of aerobics classes are available on a regular basis at the City of Las Vegas Stewart/Mojave Sports Center, 275 N. Mojave Road. The classes are designed to fit anyone's schedule and are offered six days a week. All levels of instruction are available including beginner, intermediate, advanced and step-up. The classes are designed for those 13 and up. The cost is \$2 per day or \$15 per month. Call 229-6563.

Novelist Robert Coover and author Jackson Cope, will appear together at the university Dec. 5.

The event, titled "The Novelist and His Critic," is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in John S. Wright Hall, Room 116. Part of the Southwest Gas Distinguished Artists Series, the talk is free and open to the public.

The event will include a reading by Coover, comments by Cope, and discus-

sion between the two men and the audience of Coover's fiction in general. Cope who has written a book of criticism of Coover's works.

Coover is a professor of English and chairman of the creative writing program at Brown University. He is the author of a number of novels, including *Pinocchio in Venice*, *A Night at the Movies*, and *Gerald's Party*.

Cope, a specialist in Renaissance literature and

contemporary fiction, is an emeritus professor of English at the University of Southern California.

Among Cope's books are *Robert Coover's Fictions*, *Joyce's Cities: Archaeologies of the Soul*, and *The Metaphoric Structure of 'Paradise Lost'*.

Christopher Hudgins, chairman of the English department said, "We have had many distinguished scholars as our guests at UNLV, and

we've had many distinguished writers visit us as well. However, this event is the first in which we have hosted both a distinguished writer and his most distinguished critic."

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