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Nevada Dance Theatre's 20 member touring company returned from a national tour of 17 states for the Community Concerts organization booked by Columbia Artists Management. The company, comprising of 15 dancers, 3 stage crew, 2 management, the bus driver and "Coc-teau" the Fox Terrier mascot, gave 44 performances, each in a different city, in 55 days, covering 12,000 miles.

Rehearsals are underway for the closing program of the 85/86 season on May 3 and 4 at Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall. This mixed repertoire program features 3 diverse and entertaining ballets, "Concerto Grosso," "La Valse" and "Cole." Former stars of the Joffrey Ballet, Patricia Miller and James Canfield, will be guest artists performing two well known classical pas de deux.

This program is being sponsored by KVVU TV 5. NDT is supported in part by a grant from the Nevada State Council on the Arts. For information call 739-3838.

All senior citizens are invited to play cards and have coffee on Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Doolittle Community Center, Lake Mead and "J". Bring a friend with you or come meet new friends. There is no charge for this activity. The center will provide a well-rounded program especially for you. For more information contact the center at 386-6374 or 386-6375.

UNLV's Jazz Ensemble took first place in the recent Orange Coast Jazz Festival held in Costa Mesa.

The jazz band competed against groups from eight other colleges in California, Arizona,

Washington, and Nevada.

The festival judges, including such jazz greats as Horace Silver, Gerald Wilson, and Shorty Rogers, said they were "impressed by the band's very polished and professional approach."

The Jazz Ensemble has won numerous awards in recent years, including first place in the Orange Coast Festival in 1980, the Pacific Coast Jazz Festival in 1982, and the Chaffey College Jazz Festival in 1983.

Three-time Emmy-Award-winning comedy writer Gene Perret will be the guest speaker at the April 18th luncheon meeting of the Greater Las Vegas Advertising Federation at the Palace Station, 12:00 P.M. Cost to non-members is \$15.00.

Perret has been a comedy writer for many superstars including Bob Hope, Phyllis Diller, Carol Burnett, Bill Cosby and Tim Conway. He will entertain the Ad Federation audience with his wealth of comedy writing experience in his "Laughing Matters" messages to help make life's trials more bearable and life's wonderful triumphs more fun.

Perret's presentation will follow a buffet luncheon and brief general business meeting, all beginning at 12:00 P.M.

The Dance Theatre of Harlem, one of the world's great dance companies, will make its first appearance in Las Vegas April 30 in UNLV's Artemus W. Ham Concert Hall. The 8 p.m. performance is presented by the Las Vegas Chapter of Links, Inc., in association with the Allied Arts Council of Southern Nevada.

Tickets for the single performance of the Dance Theatre of Harlem will be priced at \$100, \$50, \$25 and \$10, and all seats will be reserved. Tickets will be available at Bullocks, at the Las Vegas Artists Co-op in the Meadows Mall, and at the

Allied Arts Council. For more information, call the Allied Arts Council at 731-5419.

The City of Las Vegas Mirabelli Community Center located at 6200 Elton Avenue (Jones and the Expressway) will be offering a Senior Citizen Walking program beginning April 21. The walks will take place on Mondays at 1:00 p.m. The class will include stretching before and cooldowns afterwards. Fee is \$3 for a six-weeks session. Registration will take place April 14-18 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All persons must pre-register. For more information call the center at 386-6359.

UNIVERSAL DANCE STUDIO & CLUB offers guest parties each Wednesday and Friday evening at their studios located at 3333 So. Maryland Parkway/#6. Light refreshments are served. Admission is free to the public without obligation. The ballroom dancing fun begins at 9 p.m. both evenings. For more information, call 796-0133.

The UNLV College of Hotel Administration and Southern Wine and Spirits of Nevada have announced plans for the 12th annual UNLVino wine tasting.

The event that raises scholarship funds for the hotel college will be May 10, 3-9 p.m., in the Thomas and Mack Center. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$20 at the door. For additional information, call 739-3230 or 876-4500.

Learn baseball skills in a contest sponsored by the City of Las Vegas Charleston Heights Community School, 300 S. Torrey Pines. The contest is set for Saturday, April 26 at 10:00 a.m. and will involve pitching, hitting and throwing. For additional information call Mark Romeo at 878-8644.

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