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Christmas celebration in Galveston



For the tenth magical year Dicken's Evening returns to Galveston's historic Strand this weekend, bringing a host of Dicken's favorite characters, scores of Victorian entertainers and the sights, sounds, foods and flavors of Victorian-era London.

Produced by 3,000 volunteers of the Galveston Historical Foundation, Dicken's Evening celebrates the life and writings of English author Charles Dickens. This year's event will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

A festive pre-Dickens' Performance Festival will open the weekend with tonight's bash. A performance of the musical "Oliver" will be featured at The Strand Theater, "H.M.S. Pinafore" will be performed on board the restored 1877 square rigger Elissa and "Texas Orchestra Presents a Victorian Christmas" is in the 1894 Grand Opera House. Candlelight tours will be featured at Ashton Villa, the 1859 Italianate mansion and The Antique Doll Museum and certain Galveston hotels and restaurants will participate with traditional English dinners.

This year's event is dedicated to the child: not just the

10-year-old who loves Christmas and games but also to the child in every adult who remembers the warmth of a traditional Christmas. Huge parades with the wonderful characters who danced throughout Dicken's books and colorful enactments of scenes from the books have been scheduled.

There will be hoop games, and skittles and even mumbly-peg! You are invited to gorge yourself in luscious gingerbread, caramel apples and sumptuous scones.

"Dickens' Evening is now a Christmas tradition," says Co-Vice President Larry Wygant. "With ten years of authentic Victorian cheer, the event has a reputation for quality and family entertainment. I invite you to share this celebration."

Tickets are \$3 at the gate. Tickets for children ages six to 12 and adults over 65 will be \$1. Children six and under will be free. Admission is free to anyone coming in full Victorian costume.

Resort opens season

For all you ski buffs looking for places to go, Red River Ski Area in Red River, New Mexico, opened the 1983-1984 ski season on Thanksgiving Day.

Lift ticket prices remain unchanged since 1981 at \$16 for adults and \$9 for juniors says Drew Judycki, Ski Area Manager.

Red River will continue its successful program of offering free lift tickets to children 12 years of age or younger whose parents have booked accommodations through a participating Red River Area Reservations lodge. The ski area will also offer two "value seasons" in 1983-1984. They are:

The Earlybird Season — Nov. 24 through Dec. 16. Skiers booking a three-night minimum stay at a participating lodge will be able to purchase a three-day package of lift tickets and ski lessons, or lift tickets, lessons and rentals for 50 percent off the regular price. Lodging will be reduced 20 percent during this time period.

The Bargain Hunter Season — Jan. 8 through Feb. 3. Skiers booking a three-night minimum stay at a participating lodge will receive a 25 percent discount on their lift and lesson or lift, lesson and rental packages. A 10 percent logging discount will also be offered.

Red River Ski Area is located 35 miles north of Taos, New Mexico, in the heart of the Sangre de Cristo mountain range. The area has approximately 120 acres of skiing terrain, and 45 percent of its trails are rated as "intermediate."

For reservations on skiing and lodging packages call 1-800-762-6469. For information call (505) 754-2313.

Prince is subject of book

Third in line of succession to the British throne, second son of Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh and current obsession of royal matchmakers the world over, H.R.H. Prince Andrew has, at age 23, already demonstrated a flair for providing the House of Windsor with an irrepressible touch of high jinx and romantic adventure.

"Prince Andrew," by Nicholas Courtney, is illustrated with superb full-color photographs covering all phases of the life of Prince Charles' younger brother. There are close-ups of ceremonial occasions, informal family gatherings, off-duty escapades and glimpses of his working life as an active naval officer during and after the Falkland Islands campaign. In this book are the public achievements and private moments of England's "Playboy prince."



"Prince Andrew," by Nicholas Courtney. A Little,

Brown and Company book, \$7.95.

Asked-for single released

"LateNight America," the live, national call-in talk show hosted by Dennis Wholey, has announced the release of the "Theme from LateNight America" as a 45 rpm single. Musician Joseph Lo Duca is the Emmy-award-winning composer/arranger of the popular tune.

"After receiving calls and letter from viewers around the country requesting information about our theme, we decided to release the music for radio airplay," says program producer Bill Pace. "The music reflects the excitement of doing a live, nightly program from one of America's music capitals — Detroit. It has the jazz feel combined with the influence of the Mowtown sound."

"LateNight America" is

produced by WTVS/Detroit and airs Monday through Friday from 11:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. (EST) on over 100 public broadcasting stations in the U.S. The program features interviews with newsmakers and celebrities and live phone calls in response from listeners across the country.

In addition to the "A" side theme, the record includes another Lo Duca composition "Home Stretch," which is used as closing music each night at the end of the program. Information about the record can be obtained by writing to: LateNight America Theme, WTVS Channel 56, 7441, Detroit, Michigan 48202.