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Don't quote me but...

"Ice goes down at Hanley Ice Rink on Oct. 15. Skate fast and carry a big stick."

—Minnesota Wild fan Joe Davis, of Telluride

Calendar

Friday

- 15th annual Ouray County winter sports swap: Ridgway Elementary School, 5-8 p.m.
- Lone Tree Cemetery tour: Meet at the Telluride Historical Museum, 1 p.m.
- D3 ACT Telluride: Wilkinson Public Library, noon-1 p.m., madelinegallen@gmail.com
- "Mother!": Nugget Theatre, 7 p.m.
- AA: Christ Presbyterian, 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Saturday

- Metropolitan Opera on the big screen — Bellini's "Norma": Palm Theatre, 11 a.m., telluridepalm.com
- Black Canyon Animal Sanctuary Adoption Day: Petco in Montrose, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Indigenous Peoples Day: Telluride Historical Museum, 4 p.m.
- The Lawn Chair Kings: Last Dollar Saloon, 9 p.m.
- "Kingsman: The Golden Circle": Nugget Theatre, 5:30 and 8:30 pm.
- AA: Christ Presbyterian, 10 a.m.

Weather

Muse: "Silence is the absolute poise or balance of body, mind and spirit."
—Ohiyesa

Forecast: Friday is predicted to be mostly sunny with a high of 51, while Saturday will be sunny with a high of 63.

IN ORBIT:

Friday Focus: Music & Entertainment

Hip-hop artist heading to LA

Sunday: Sports

TELLURIDE

Finalists named in manager's search

By JESSICA KUTZ
Staff Reporter

Four candidates scheduled to visit Oct. 16-17

Telluride Town Council has released the names of four finalists for the town manager's position.

Peckham and McKenney Inc., a California-based executive recruiting firm hired to conduct the candidate search, announced the finalists at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday. Council members decided upon the

four finalists during an executive session on Tuesday.

The position opened after longtime town manager Greg Clifton accepted the town manager's job in Vail on July 28. Clifton started working

full-time in Vail on Sept. 25.

In total, the recruiting firm received 67 applications from 21 states.

Councilwoman Jenny Patterson said the finalists were chosen based on an array of

criteria, including the candidate's strengths and weaknesses, and their overall compatibility to town dynamics.

"We also looked at the breadth of their careers and where they were in their careers," she said. As well as "whether they had western state experience and what they had done in regard to

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Raising awareness

More than 85 area residents and others participate in last Saturday's Southwest Colorado Out of the Darkness Walk, which raised money for suicide-prevention efforts. The walk — co-sponsored by the Center for Mental Health, San Miguel County Public Health and the Tri County Health Network — started in Town Park and continued down Colorado Avenue. (Photo by Joe Werne)

RECONCILIATION

Indigenous Peoples Day

Native American speakers in Telluride for Saturday event

By JUSTIN CRIADO
Senior Staff Writer

It's been 136 years since the Uncompahgre Band of the Ute Nation was forced to leave the San Miguel River Basin, eventually landing in the high desert plains of northeastern Utah.

A lot has happened since then, but one thing that didn't take place until recently was a formal apology.

Former San Miguel County Commissioner Art Goodtimes began the healing process during his last term in office, crafting an official apology, which was presented

and accepted by tribal council leaders in February 2015.

"It took so long to say 'sorry,'" he said.

After the council accepted the apology, Goodtimes and the Telluride Institute began focusing on reconciliation, which involves education and collaboration.

In a continuation of those healing efforts, the second annual Indigenous Peoples Day will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Telluride Historical Museum, in conjunction with the institute's cultural outreach program. The free event

will feature three Native American speakers: Peter Pino of the Zia Pueblo and the Native American Rights Fund, Ernest House Jr. of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, and Regina Lopez-Whiteskunk of the Montrose Ute Indian Museum. Donations are encouraged.

Kiernan Lannon, executive director of the Telluride museum, said he believes the event will be a conducive environment for constructive conversation.

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SAN MIGUEL COUNTY

DRAFT DECISIONS ON TELSКИ UPGRADES RELEASED

New ski lifts and restaurant part of the plan

By JESSICA KUTZ
Staff Reporter

The Grand Mesa Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest Service issued a draft decision to approve several projects that would increase services and expand capacity at Telluride Ski Resort.

The Sept. 22 decision came after an environmental assessment conducted by the U.S. Forest Service found that the proposed ski resort improvements would not significantly impact "the quality of the human, biological or physical environment," the draft stated.

Improvements include the addition of a restaurant at the top of Sunshine Express (Lift 10); lift replacements for The Plunge (Lift 9), Sunshine Express (Lift 10) and Village Express (Lift 4); the construction of a snowmaking compressor house; a new restroom facility near the top of Village Express (Lift 4); and the creation of approximately 10 miles of mountain-biking trails and a canopy tour.

Coonskin (Lift 7) also is being considered for a replacement. Another environmental assessment will be conducted when that proj-

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