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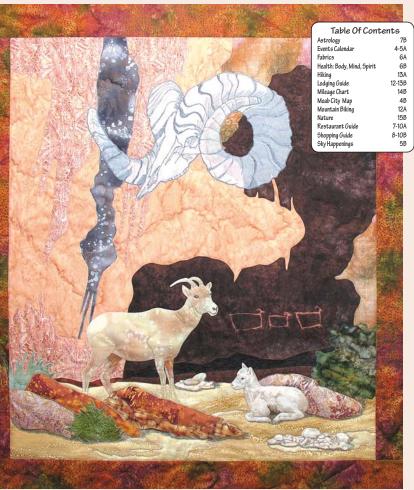


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### MOAB HAPPENINGS



# FILM HAPPENINGS

The Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour returns for the 6th annual screening in Moab on Monday, March 9th (see ad on page 11B). The event showcases the year's best films on mountain sport and culture. It is a mixture of adrenaline, scenery, culture, human interest, and environment. In selecting the films, the usual effort has been made to balance adrenaline with culture.

Highlights from this years show include Red Gold, recipient of the People's Choice award, about the fate of a wild salmon river in Alaska.



© Red Gold. Credit: Ben Knight. Courtesy of The Banff Centre

Crux, recipient of the People's Choice Radical Reels Night award, showcases the skills of the world's best technical bike rider Ryan Leach. Leach has been featured in past years, but, this time, he truly adds new meaning to going out for a bike ride.



© Crux. Credit: Derek Vanderkooy Courtesy of The Banff Centre

The Last Frontier, a more complete kayak film, is on tour this year and according to the reviews it even appeals to non-kayakers. The film chronicles an expedition into a rarely visited area of Papua New Guinea. Besides adrenaline filled kayaking, this film offers beautiful tropical scenery and delves into the culture and environmental issues of the area.



Courtesy of The Banff Centre

There will also be a climbing film among the remaining line-up which will total between six and ten films lasting somewhere between two to two and one half hours.

The event is a benefit for Utah Open Lands, a statewide land trust, which has protected over 50,000 acres of open space. All proceeds from this event go directly to support the stewardship effort at Castleton Tower. Castleton Tower was included in Fifty Classic Climbs in North America and is recognized as the birthplace of desert sandstone tower climbing. It is also a famous scenic landmark of southeastern Utah. In 2003, Utah Open Lands acquired 217 acres at the base of the tower. Although Castleton Tower sits on BLM land, this private parcel, which contains the trailhead of the access trail and the primitive rock climber's campground, was slated for development. With support from the outdoor industry, rock-climbing community, and many foundations,



Utah Open Lands purchased the property to preserve the area as open space and protect both the public access and the historic use.

Petzl America, a leading manufacturer of climbing gear and headlamps world-wide, was one of the companies that worked closely with Utah Open Lands to preserve this land. The Banff Mountain Film Festival comes to Moab because of Petzl. The company is a sponsor of the overall film festival and tour. As a result, they are given priority when a new tour date opens up. This is a rarity. Back in 2004, fresh off the Castleton Tower Preservation Initiative,

a date opened up and Petzl suggested to the Banff people that the tour come to Moab, the adventure sport capital of Utah, to benefit Utah Open Lands' stewardship efforts at Castleton Tower.

With this support the stewardship effort has blossomed. Utah Open Lands is partnering with the Access Fund, the national climbers' advocacy group, and the American Alpine Club to steward not only the trailhead and primitive campground but also maintain the access trail to the crags. Most of this trail is located on BLM land and the stewardship of it is a cooperative effort with the federal agency. The strength of the partnership was tested last year when an August thunderstorm dropped approximately two inches of rain in forty-five minutes. The saturated hillside oozed down slope obliterating much of the access trail. In partnership with the Access Fund, Utah Open Lands organized an Adopt-a-Crag event in October to repair the trail.

This significant undertaking was successfully completed with the technical direction of the Rocky Mountain Field Institute, the financial support of the Access Fund, American Alpine Club, and the Bodenhamer



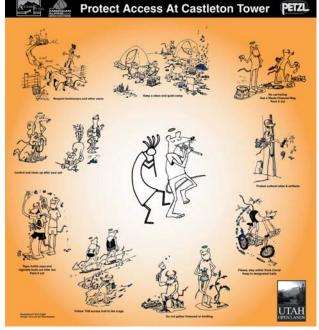
hoto: Dave Erley/Utah Open Lands

Foundation, and, most importantly, the hard work of more than 50 volunteers over three days. The Access Fund named Utah Open Lands' Field Director, Dave Erley, their Conservationist of the Year for coordinating this project and the ongoing stewardship effort at Castleton Tower. Obviously, this award really belongs to the volunteers and trail professionals who did the hard work. Thank you.

In addition to trail repair and native plant re-vegetation at the trailhead, the stewardship effort at Castleton Tower has spawned a desert etiquette education campaign for rock climbers. In partnership with Friends of Indian Creek and again with funding from Petzl, Kokopelli Climber was born. Using comics by Tami Knight, a climbing magazine comic from Vancouver, British Columbia, the various topics of desert etiquette, ranging from staying on the trail and off the macro-biotic crust to the disposal of human waste were addressed in a manner that is both humorous and approachable. Local Moab area artist and graphic designer Yrma van der Steenstraeten donated the time and talents needed to compile the comics into an attractive graphic for use on signage. The information kiosks at both Indian Creek and Castleton Tower display this sign and a consistent desert etiquette message is being presented to the climbers visiting the Colorado Plateau.

Again, all this stewardship work starts with the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour in Moab. It is made possible by the generosity of our local sponsors: Adventure Inn Moab, Canyon Voyages, Eddie McStiff's, FootPrints, Moab Half Marathon, Pagan Mountaineering, Poison Spider Bikes, and the Ye Ol' Geezer Meat Shop. Utah Open Lands and the Moab sporting community thank these great local businesses for their commitment and generosity!

For more information on Utah Open Lands please visit www.utahopenlands.org





# MOAB AREA EVENTS CALENDAR



# March 2009

Fallen Arches Square Dance Club, Grand Center Thursday Nights, 7:30 - 9:30 pm. All square dancers and visitors welcome. Please call to verify dance and for lesson information: Bob or Flora 435-259-2724; Tom or Sandy 435-719-4169 Grand Center located at 182 N 500 West.

Cat & Kitten Adoptions, 11am - 1 pm, Moab BARKery There's still time to adopt a lovable lap warmer. Cat Adoptions. Pictures & info in AdVertiser & www.moabpets.org Event sponsored by Humane Society of Moab Valley

Quilting in the Red Rocks Quilt Show, Grand Center Delicate Stitchers' Quilt Guild sponsors this event held at the Grand

Delicate Stitchers' Quilt Guild sponsors this event held at the Grand Center, 182 N. 500 W. Admission is FREE. Saturday Hours: 9 am - 5 pm and Sunday 10 am - 4 pm. Traditional, art & antique quilts as well as wearable art, cloth dolls and quilted home decor will be on display. A merchants mall with vendors from Utah and Colorado will offer fabrics, threads patterns, books, kits, notions and more. A certified quilt appraiser will be available to ap praise your quilts (for a fee). There will be a free-motion quilting class on Saturday and demonstrations on Sunday. Hourly door prizes will be given. A beautiful quilt will be raffled off, with the proceeds going to a local charity. For more information. Call Bonnie at 259-0246 or Marian at 259-6447. See article on page 6A

Racing in the Rockies, Spanish Trail Arena Arches Winter Series Barrel Racing - Old Spanish Trail Arena (3641 S. Highway 191) Sat & Sun. Features WRPA divisional tour race, featuring professional women's barrel racers. Open Race, Youth (15 and under), Senior (50 and over) and a PeeWee division (8 and under). Spectators are always welcome and there is no admission fee For more info visit www.racingintherockies.com or call 970-390-3712.

Banff Mountain Film Festival, GCHS Auditorium Bann Mountain Film Festival, GCHS Auditorium The Banf Mountain Film Festival World Tour features the year's best films on mountain adventure and culture. 7:00 p.m. in the Grand County High School Auditorium (608 South 400 East). Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Doors open at 6:15. Gear Raffle during Intermission. All proceeds benefit Utah Open Lands and stewardship at Castleton Tower. Ticket Outlets: Back of Beyond Books - Canyon Voyages - Pagan Mountaineering - Poison Spider Bikes. For more information email dderley@frontiernet.net or call 435-259-4859. See article on page 3A and ad on page 11B 259-4859. See article on page 3A and ad on page 11B

Annie Hall, film - Star Hall Canyonlands Film Society - Winter Film Series Doors Open at 6:30 pm, education piece at 6:45 pm. Show begins at 7:00 pm. www.canyonfilm.com

- Ute Bear Dance Film, Moab Library, 6:30 pm Event Sponsored by Moab Valley Multicultural Center.
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- Ute Spiritual Storyteller, Larry Cesspooch Humanities speaker featured at the MARC (Moab Arts & Recreation Center) 7:00 pm. Mr. Cesspooch is well versed in many areas of media, Ute history, culture, spituality, music and teated music and storytelling. For more info contact Moab Valley Multicultural Center 259-5444.
- 13-14 Humane Society Huge Indoor Yard Sale Indoor yard sale with lots of great things to buy. Fun company too! Still accepting tax deductible new & gently used donations. Call Debbie at 259-4089 or 259-4862 for pickup & drop off information. Preview Friday night for \$5 entrance fee from 5 8 pm at St. Francis Community Hall on Kane Creek. Saturday hours: 8 am 3 pm

Moab Art Walk, 6:00 - 9:00 pm Enjoy an evening stroll, meet artists and view some of their work in a variety of downtown locations. See map and article on page 2B. www.moabartwalk.com

- Dog & Puppy Adoptions, City Market Come meet your new best friend, 10 am 12 noon. Dog adoptions. Pictures & information in AdVertiser & www.moabpets.org. Event sponsored by Humane Society of Moab Valley.
- Artist Reception, "Toy Pictures", Moab Art Works A series of photographs created by Steve Mulligan with the plastic camera. Opening reception 6-8 pm at 11 North Main Street #2.

14-16 Skinny Tire Festival, (see more on pages 12A & 14A) The three rides of the Skinny Tire Festival highlight Moab's different road riding opportunities. The first day follows the mighty Colorado River road riding opportunities. The first day follows the mighty Colorado River corridor downstream passing by ancient puebloans petroglyphs. The next two days leave the valley and climb the beautiful canyon roads into red rock country to Dead Horse Point State Park and through Arches National Park. Channel the energy of riding through this grandeur of Moab's canyon country by putting purpose behind your cycling. This event raises funds for cancer survivorship programs. For more information contact 435-259-2698 or visit www.SkinnyTireEvents.com.

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# MORE MOAB AREA EVENTS

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- Canyonlands Half-Marathon & Five Mile Run, Swanny City Park 21 34th Annual running race. Two events run simultaneously along the scenic river road (Highway 128) and ending at Swanny City Park. Over 4000 runners will participate. www.moabhalfmarathon.org 21
  - Star Count, Ken's Lake Celebrate the International Year of Astronomy with an evening of stargazing, telescope viewing, and the GLOBE at Night Star Count. Join Faylene Roth and the Red Rock Astronomy Club at Ken's Lake. Meet at the parking lot at 8:10 pm. See Sky Happenings (on page 5B) for more information and follow-up dates in case of inclement weather. FREE event sponsored by Wabisabi; all ages welcome.
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- 27 Moab Poets & Writers Open Mic, Held at The Good Place, 350 South 400 East, beginning at 6:30 pm. The Beats Return to the coffee house. For more info call 259-6197
- 27-29 Moab Muni Fest 2009

"MUni" is short for Mountain Unicycling. "Fest" is short for Festival, and that's what the Moab MUni Fest is all about. It's a place to test and expand your limits, hone your skills, and learn new techniques from other riders. The entire Slickrock area is red sandstone rock, which means you'll have traction to climb and descend angles you never thought possible. The landscape is a trials course. For non-trials riders it's just as much fun figuring out how to avoid the obstacles. In either case there's plenty to keep you entertained. It's a great place to make and renew friendships within the com-MUni-ty of riders. For more info visit: www.moabmunifest.com

- 28 Dog & Puppy Adoptions, City Market Come meet your new best friend, 10 am - 12 noon. Dog adoptions. Pictures & information in AdVertiser & www.moabpets.org. Event sponsored by Humane Society of Moab Valley.
- 28-29 24 hours of Utah Team Relay and Solo Challenge Experience the beautiful desert landscape of Moab, Utah while testing your own personal limits. This years race will be run on the beautiful Monitor and Merrimac trail 16 miles north of Moab. Racers will run 6 mile laps with approximately 430' of climbing per loop. For more information visit our website at 24HourstheRun.com, or call 303-249-1112.
- 28-29 Moab 100 Runners race to complete 100 miles on a 6 mile loop course on beautiful trails. For more information visit our website at 24HourstheRun.com, or call 303-249-1112.

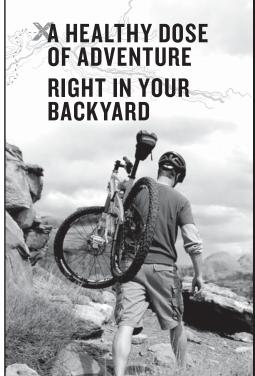
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#### **Grand County High School Activities**

March 4 ... Youth Fair, Center street gym sponsored by Dept. Workforce Services & Moab City Teen Club Red March 5...District Spelling Bee March 7....PROM March 9....Red Devil Baseball Emery @ Moab March 10.....Red Devil Softball Monticello @ Moab March 10 .... Red Devil Girls Golf Rules Meeting/Grand March 12 ..... Red Devil Boys Soccer Richfield @ Moab March 13 & 14...Red Devil Baseball Pagosa Springs @ Moab March 24 ..... Red Devil Boys Soccer So. Sevier @ Moab March 24.....Red Devil Softball San Juan @ Grand March 24 ... High School Band Concert March 27...Red Devil Baseball Richfield @ Moab March 27 ..... Red Devil Softball Richfield @ Moab March 28.....Red Devil Baseball Dove Creek @ Moab March 28....Red Devil Softball Carbon @ Moab March 28 ..... Red Devil Boys Socc Carbon @ Moab March 31 .... Red Devil Boys Tennis Parowan @ Moab



### 2009 Events

March 7-8 March 9Quilting in the Red Rocks Quilt Show Banff Mountain Film Festival Skinny Tire Festival Canyonlands Half Marathon
April 4-12Easter Jeep SafariApril 17-19NADACDog Agility CompetitionApril 24-26April Action Car ShowNADACDog Agility Competition
April 30 - May 3 Moab Photo Symposium Moab Spring Quarter Horse Show
May 8-10 NADAC Dog Agility Competition
May 23-24 May 30 The Durga Moab Arts Festival belly dancing
June 4-6 June 6 Canyonlands PRCA Rodeo Moonshadows in Moab
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### FABRIC HAPPENINGS

### QUILTING IN THE RED ROCKS QUILT SHOW







A riot of color and pattern will greet visitors to the Delicate Stitchers Quilt Guild's fifth biennial Quilting in the Red Rocks Quilt Show on March 7 & 8 at the Grand Center, 182 N 500 W. Admission is free. The hours are Saturday, March 7, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, March 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Local quilt artists are prolific, and viewers won't be disappointed when they enter the door of this very popular event. Antique, traditional and art quilts, quilted home décor and wearable art will be on display, along with this year's beautiful charity raffle quilt, which was made and donated by guild member Carol Unruh. The folded Origami-style blocks are done in shades of purple, black and white.

On Saturday, Kari Harvey, of Hi Fashion Fabrics in Grand Junction, CO, will teach a 6-hour class on beginning/intermediate free motion quilting. The class fee is \$60 for non guild members and \$45 for guild members. Registration forms can be picked up at It's Sew Moab, 40 W Center. Crystal Day, owner of It's Sew Moab quilting shop, will be in the Merchants Mall, along with other vendors from Utah and Colorado. They will offer fabrics, patterns, threads and books and notions, as well as quilt appraisals (for a fee). Moab quilter, and lawyer, Sandra Starley, is now one of 90 accredited quilt appraisers in the nation; and one of only two in Utah. Door prizes will be given hourly and there will be scheduled demonstrations on Sunday. Come and enjoy the old and new in quilting.

The Delicate Stitchers Quilt Guild was founded in 1998 by a group of women who realized there were a great many quilters in Moab and the surrounding area. They also recognized the need for an organized group that would foster this fiber art form. Monthly meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Grand Center, 182 North 500 West, in Moab. There is a lesson given at each meeting and members bring their projects, completed or in progress, for "Show and Tell" An annual charity project is undertaken; and in 2008, 46 lap quilts were made for children undergoing cancer treatments. Dues are \$15 per year. All quilters and "wannabe" quilters are welcome! Be sure to mention that you read about it in Moab Happenings!





Sandra Starley, an AQS certified Quilt Appraiser will be available at the show to appraise your quilts. She is nationally certified to appraise all types of quilts: antique, vintage and newly made and both traditional and art quilts. The fee is \$35.00 per quilt with a discount for two or more quilts. Questions, call 435-259-7475 or gingham@frontiernet.net





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AARP, Chapter 1539		Moab Community Theater (Kaki Hunter)	
ACME Theatre Company (Paul Malluk)		Moab Country Club (Rob Jones)	
Alcoholics Anonymous/Alanon		Moab Duplicate Bridge Club Audrey McDougald: 259-5771 or B	ob Erikson: 259-2724
Alpha Rho Sorority (Bobbie Long)		Moab Friends For Wheelin' (Jeff Stevens)	
American Legion Post (Bill Smith)		Moab Half Marathon (Ranna Bieschke)	
Arches Adult Education (Trish Hedin)		Moab Horse Racing Association (Chuck Henderson)	
Arches New Hope Pregnancy Center (Debbie Nelson)		Moab Horse Show Association (Tosha Audenried)	
BEACON (Stephanie Dahlstrom)		Moab Lodging Association (Britnie Ellis)	
Boy Scouts of America (Kent Dalton)		Moab Music Festival (Andrew Yarosh)	
Canyonlands Field Institute (Karla Vander Zanden)		Moab Poets & Writers (Marcy Hafner)	
Canyonlands Film Society (Becky Thomas)		Moab Points & Pebbles Club (Jerry Hansen)	
Canyonlands Rodeo Club (Kent Green)		Moab Quarter Horse Assoc. (Kathy Wilson)	
Canyonlands Wildlife Federation (Dave Bierschied)		Moab Rod Benders (Jim Mattingly)	
Center for Water Advocacy (Harold Shepherd)		Moab Ropers Club (Terry Lance)	
Daughters of Utah Pioneers (Inalyn Meador)		Moab Sportsmen's Club (Frank Darcey)	
Deadhorse Motorcycle Club (Terry Flynn)		Moab Taiko (Stephanie Dahlstrom)	
Delicate Stitchers Quilt Guild (Debbie Hughes)		Moab Teen Center-Club Red	
Elks Lodge #2021 (Dan Stott)		Moab Trails Alliance (Kimberly Schappert)	
Fallen Arches Square Dancers (Bob & Flora Erickson)		Moab Valley Multicultural Center (Carrie Alexander or Leticia Bentley	)
Friends of Indian Creek (Emma Medara)		Mutual UFO Network (Elaine Douglass)	
Friends Of the Grand County Library (Adrea Lund)		Order of the Eastern Star (Ivy Gates)	
Grand County Public Library		Parent Teacher Association (Tiffany Saunders)	
Girl Scouts of The U.S.A. (Cynthia Williams)		Plateau Restoration/Conservation Adventures (Tamsin McCormick)	
Grand Area Mentoring (Dan McNeil)		Red Rock 4-Wheelers (Ber Knight)	
Grand County 4-H (Marion Holyoak)		Retired Senior Volunteer Program RSVP (Jody Ellis)	
Grand County Extension (Michael Johnson)		Rotary Club (Kyle Bailey)	
Grand County Food Bank		Seekhaven Crisis Center (Jaylyn Hawks)	
Grand County Hospice (Tracey Harris)		Senior Center (Verleen Striblen)	
Grand County Prevent Child Abuse		Sierra Club (Mike Stringham)	
Humane Society of Moab Valley Animal Services 259-4862	Administration 259-4089	Solutions - www.moab-solutions.org - (Sara Melnicoff)	
Ladies Golf Club (Chris Corwin)		Southeastern Utah Back Country Horsemen (Helen Sue Whitney)	
League of Women Voters (Cynthia Smith)		Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (Liz Thomas)	
Lion's Club (Tom Warren)		Toastmasters International (Al Boyd)	
Moab Aglow Lighthouse Fellowship (Murine Gray)		Trail Mix Committee (Sandy Freethey)	
Moab Arts Council (Bruce Hucko)		Valley Voices (Marian Eason)	
Moab Arts Festival (Theresa King)		Veterans of Foreign Wars (Fred Every)	
Moab Arts & Recreation Center (Bailey Rogers)		WabiSabi (Jeff Cohen)www.wabisab	
Moab Bird Club (Nick Eason)		Word Watchers (Nancy Kurtz)	
Moab Chamber of Commerce		Youth Garden Project (Jen Sadoff)	
Moab City Recreation (John Geiger)		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	

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In addition, wine only is available at two local wineries - Castle CreekWinery located at Red Cliffs Resort on Hwy 128 (259-2002) and Spanish Valley Vineyards & Winery located at the southwest corner of Stocks Drive and Zimmerman Lane (259-8134).

Beer (3.2% alcohol content) for takeout can be purchased at food stores and convenience stores off-premise consumption only. On-premise (you can drink it here) is available at

> golf courses, bowling alleys and also restaurant locations that have the required beer license. Restaurants may also be licensed to serve mixed drinks and wine by the glass, provided that they meet the state food requirements. You may become as confused as most of the

people who wrote the laws in some restaurants. To satisfy the variety of demands of the public, many locations will have two or more licenses. You may be sitting at a "beer" bar and see the bartender mixing a mixed drink. If you try to order one, you will be told that you have to go into the "restaurant," which may be less than 10 feet away.

Club" -membership establishments - but don't let this keep you from stopping in to have a drink because private clubs are easily accessible to nonmembers. When you enter the club you can pay a minimal fee to either join the club or to receive a visitor card which is valid for three weeks

of visits. Moab has four private clubs... Club Rio located at the Rio Sports Bar & Grill on West Center Street, Frankie D's Bar & Grill at 44 West 200 North, World Famous Woody's Tavern at 221 South Main and Zax Restaurant on Main and 100 South.

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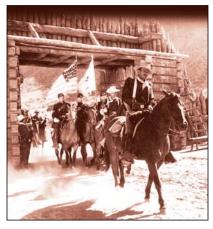
RESTAURANT GUIDE

### MUSEUM HAPPENINGS

### Movie & Western Memorabilia Museum at Red Cliffs Lodge

Red Cliffs Lodge, on the banks of the mighty Colorado river, is home for the Moab Museum of Film & Western Heritage. The lodge is built on the old George White Ranch, a key location for nine of the big westerns including Rio Grande, Cheyenne Autumn, Ten Who Dared, The Commancheros, and Rio Conchos.

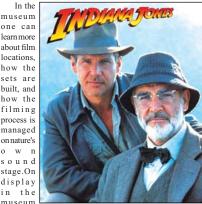
The late George White was founder of the Moab to Monument Valley Film Commission, the longest ongoing film commission in the world.





John Wayne leads his troops into the fort at Red Cliffs Ranch, in the movie Rio Grande, directed by John Ford in 1950

learn more about film locations. how the sets are built, and how the filming process is managed on nature's o w n sound stage.On display in the museum



are production photographs, movie posters, autographed scripts, props from the many pictures filmed in the area, and displays about the western ranching heritage. For information, call Red Cliffs Lodge at 259-2002.

Through the magnificent landscapes of southeastern Utah, writers have been inspired and stories born here. Zane Grey, the famous western novelist, traveled through the area in 1912. His visit inspired him to write his book Riders of the Purple Sage. The book was made into a movie starring Ed Harris and Amy Madigan, and filmed on locations around Moab.

A partial list of stars

that have made movies in Moab John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara, Henry Fonda,

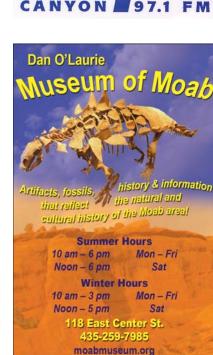
Lee Marvin, Rock Hudson, Jimmy Stewart, Richard

Boone, Anthony Quinn, Mickey Rooney, Shirley

Temple, Kris Kristofferson, Billy Crystal, Robert Duvall, Gene Hackman, Bill Murray, Jack Palance,

Susan Sarandon, Geena Davis, Ted Danson,

Tom Cruise, and many more



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### EDGE OF THE CEDARS STATE PARK MUSEUM Durango Photographer Dave Manley exhibits at Edge of the Cedars

The first major exhibition of work by Durango Photographer Dave Manley will be featured at Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum. The exhibit, entitled "Written in Stone", includes images of rock art and landscapes of the Colorado Plateau. The exhibit runs through November 1, 2009. A reception for the artist is planned for Saturday April 4 at 2:00 p.m.

Photographer Dave Manley moved to Colorado 24 years ago to attend Colorado Mountain College where he studied commercial art and took up mountain biking and climbing. Over time mountaineering became his passion and eventually he picked up a camera to record those adventures.

Dave's early work captures expansive vistas and 360-degree images from mountain summits. His work may also be viewed at www.grandeurimages.com. More recently Dave's travels have taken him to areas in the Four Corners region previously inhabited by ancient cultures where rock art abounds. Now his lens is focused on this early art form



Utah showcases the Great Gallery and other rock art, ruins, landscapes and wildlife from the Four Corners region.

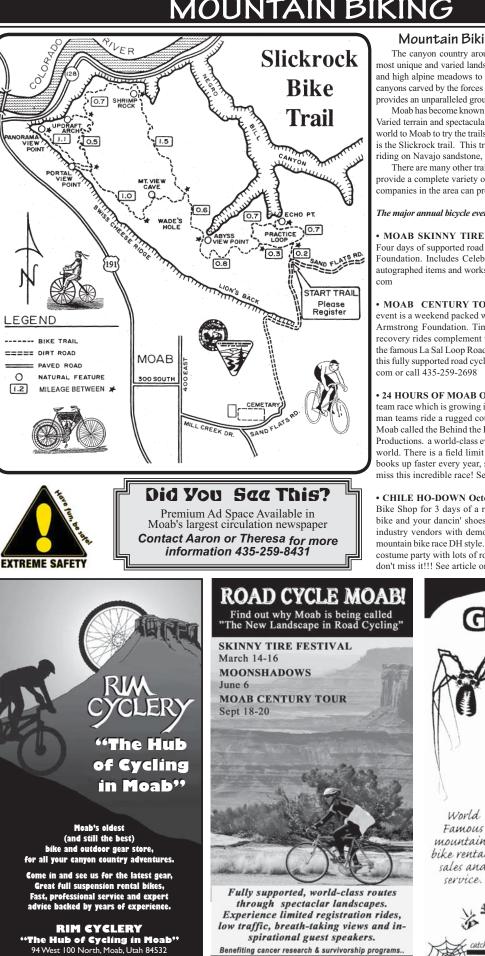
The Museum is located at 660 West, 400 North, in Blanding. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission is \$5. For more information contact the museum at 435-678-2238. Be sure to mention you read about it in Moab Happenings

that continues to speak to us from another millennium In 2008 two

pieces of Dave's work were selected out of hundreds of submissions for the Farmington Museum's Gateway to the Imagination national juried competition. Fort Lewis College's Center for Southwest Studies juried competition awarded Dave Best of Show in 2008 for his photo of the Great Gallery and accepted two submissions for the 2009 contest. Dave is currently involved in a rock art recording project in the Dinetah (Navajo homeland) in Northwestern New Mexico. The upcoming exhibit at the Edge of the Cedars Museum in Blanding,



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Moab has become known worldwide as a mountain biking mecca. Varied terrain and spectacular scenery bring riders from all over the world to Moab to try the trails. One of the most famous and popular is the Slickrock trail. This trail is 12 miles of moderate-to-difficult riding on Navajo sandstone, located a few minutes from Moab.

There are many other trails and old jeep roads in the area which provide a complete variety of mountain biking challenges. Several companies in the area can provide rentals and information.

#### The major annual bicycle events include:

• MOAB SKINNY TIRE FESTIVAL, March 14-16, 2009 Four days of supported road cycling benefits the Lance Armstrong Foundation. Includes Celebration Party, silent auction with VIP autographed items and workshops. Visit www.SkinnyTireFestival.

• MOAB CENTURY TOUR, SEPT 19, 2009 - This annual event is a weekend packed with road cycling benefiting the Lance Armstrong Foundation. Time trials, pasta dinner, warm up and recovery rides complement the main cycling event Saturday over the famous La Sal Loop Road. 45, 65, and 100 mile route options on this fully supported road cycling tour. Visit www.skinnytirefestival.

• 24 HOURS OF MOAB October 10 & 11, 2009 -an endurance team race which is growing in popularity with each year. The fourman teams ride a rugged course approximately 12 miles south of Moab called the Behind the Rocks area. Produced by Granny Gear Productions a world-class event that draws teams from all over the world. There is a field limit of 450 teams plus solos and the race books up faster every year, so get your team entered early. Don't miss this incredible race! See article on page 19B.

• CHILE HO-DOWN October 2009 - Come join Chile Pepper Bike Shop for 3 days of a rockin' good time! Bring your fat tire bike and your dancin' shoes. Group shuttles, a townie tour, bike industry vendors with demos and swag, a big air contest, and a mountain bike race DH style. Oh, and we can't forget the Halloween costume party with lots of rock'n roll. Sound like fun? You bet, so don't miss it !!! See article on page 17B.



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# HIKING HAPPENINGS

### Delicate Arch – A Treasured Icon

You could search the whole world over and still not find the density of sandstone arches that exists in Arches National Park. With so many arches to choose from (over 2,000 have been catalogued), Delicate Arch is probably the most popular and most endearing to the majority of people that come here. It's the unique shape, the jaunty placement on the skyline that has captured everyone's imagination. This horizon-hugging arch has been imprinted on a large audience by commercials, billboards and advertisements. It appears on Utah license plates and government stationery. A postage stamp with that familiar image came out in 1996 to commemorate Utah's centennial anniversary of statehood and in the winter of 2002, populations around the world watched The Olympic Torch pass through its famous portal. In a sense Delicate Arch has become the poster child for Arches National Park, as well as a treasured icon for the state of Utah

Over the years the name has changed, but it's still the same arch. Local cowboys called it "The Chaps" and "The Schoolmarm's Bloomers."

It received its current name in the winter of 1933-34 from Frank Beckwith, leader of the Arches National Monument Scientific Expedition, who was exploring the area at that time. Ironically, Delicate Arch was not included inside the original 1929 boundaries when Arches was designated as a national monument (it became a national park in 1971). That didn't happen until more land was acquired in 1938.

Entrada sandstone is the major building block in arch formation in this little corner of the universe. It all began ten million years ago when erosion started stripping away more than 5,000 vertical feet of the original underlying



rock, opening up cracks in the anticlines. Water seeped in, washed away loose debris and eroded the cement that held the sandstone together, leaving behind freestanding fins.

Ice formed and its expanding pressure broke off bits and pieces of rock until many of the fins collapsed. But some, with the right balance and hardness, survived as arches.

Arch can be yours just a few hundred steps up the trail from the Delicate Viewpoint parking area. Arch For an up-close personal point of view, however, you have to hike a moderately strenuous 1.5-mile trail. Delicate Arch will not come into view until the very last minute, so if you're planning on bagging a very special

> your time and enjoy the scenic journey that opens up to constantly changing views of The Windows, Cache Valley, the southern expanse of the park and the majestic La Sal Mountains

parking lot where John Wesley Wolfe and his son Fred in 1898 quickly saw the advantages of putting their ranch here. They had a steady water supply from Salt Wash and close proximity to the railroad stop at

Thompson (just a mere one day wagon ride away)

John's daughter, Flora, her husband and their two children joined them in 1906. Anxious to please his daughter, John replaced the original cabin with a more modern woodfloored structure and that intact building and root cellar are found adjacent to the parking lot. In 1910 the ranch was sold and the family moved back home to Ohio.

To get there from Moab, go three miles north on Highway 191 and turn right into the entrance of Arches National Park. Then drive 11.5 miles, where a sign to the right will direct you to Delicate Arch.

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Immediately after walking over the bridge, a short side trail leads to a panel of petroglyphs that were chipped out by the Ute Indians, who moved into southeast Utah around 1300 AD. The inclusion of riders on horseback on this panel



arch, be prepared to go the distance. My advice is to take

The trail begins at the Wolfe Ranch

Springs

glimpse of this treasured icon. Note: If you go in the spring, summer

reflects a period of time after 1650 when the acquisition of the horse had changed their way of life. Returning to the main trail, the first half-mile is easy

walking on a well-defined gentle dirt path that is bordered on the north side by a very long, sweeping alcove. That steady drip of water has encouraged the production of an extensive hanging garden. When the dirt changes to slickrock, the trail disappears and the uphill climb gets serious. Big piles of rocks called cairns will now be your guide.

At the second cairn, stop, take a deep breath and look behind you. The diminished appearance of the parking area will make you realize

that you've already come a long, long way.

Eventually the trail weaves in and out of a jumble of large rocks and into a wash where the junipers, pinyon pines and Mormon tea like to grow. Next comes the rock stairwell followed by a narrow ledge that bumps into the side of a steep cliff. On the other side of this skinny ledge is a huge drop-off. On this north-facing section of the trail, snow and ice tend to stick around during the winter and after being on a dry trail this might come as a big surprise. Use extreme caution even when the footing feels secure! If it doesn't feel right to you, turn back !! One false move and it's a long hazardous plunge of 100 feet or more down a slippery

precipice. By now, you are so close – just around the corner 52-foot tall Delicate Arch, highlighted against the snow-white La Sal Mountains, suddenly pops into view.

Even on this off-season chilly day, I am still very surprised to discover that no one else is here as I carefully walk past a cavernous, steep-walled bowl to navigate around this intriguing arch that at certain angles looks like a fossilized tooth. A short time later an enthusiastic foursome from Great Britain shows up and I take great pleasure in watching the wonderment of this group that is getting their first in-depth

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or fall, start your hike early while parking spaces are still available. Keep in mind that in the summer there is little shade and hot temperatures can be deadly. Wear a hat, use sunscreen and carry plenty of water. Better yet, try to avoid hiking during the heat of the day.





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A long-distance view of Delicate

# SKINNY TIRE HAPPENINGS

### Road Cycling Events in the Mecca of Mountain Biking

Cyclists know of the incredible slickrock terrain Moab has to offer mountain bikers. This long recognized Mecca for mountain biking' now has an ironic twist; it's becoming known as the 'new landscape for road cycling'. Not only are "roadies" coming to Moab to experience the spectacular views, low traffic and great roads all accessible from town, they are also coming for three major road cycling events. The Moab Skinny Tire Festival kicks off the cycling season March 14-16th with fully supported rides along the Colorado River, to the edge of the earth at Dead

Horse State Park and through worldrenowned Arches National Park Moonshadows in Moab follows in June with a rare chance for а supported moonlit ride to Dead Horse State Park and the Moab Century Tour ends the season in September with out-of-category an climb

Not only have these events made the favorites list of world-class cyclists such as Marty Jemison, Ron Kiefel and Bob Roll who have all competed

in the prestigious Tour de France, but also of the Huntsman Cancer Foundation for its ongoing efforts in the fight against cancer. Since its concept, roughly one million dollars has been raised, and donated, to



national and regional organizations.

"We have been a great admirer of the Festival and the phenomenal experience it provides to the riders," explains Lori Kun, Director of Development at the Huntsman Cancer Foundation. They have the Utah Population Database that has allowed researchers to identify more cancer genes than any other cancer research institute, helping to create earlier diagnosis, better treatments, and more survivors. "I've always been a roadie, and it seems that Moab must be one

of the best kept secrets road cycling. in Clearly, the beauty is unparalleled; the viewsareinspirational and incredibly motivational. But it is the intangibles of this Festival that makes it so special. Providing more than fund-raising dollars, the Skinny offers a fellowship of people all coming out for the same cause. for friendships, for



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building awareness, creating loyalties which in the end creates and sustains hope.

The Moab community has benefited from the rides with a \$300,000 pledge towards The Moab Cancer Treatment & Resource Center in Moab Valley Healthcare's new medical facility. Joy Trotter of the hospital explains, "Development of the physical design features, as well as proposed care models, for The Moab Cancer Treatment and Resource Center (MCTRC) began after a tour of the Huntsman Cancer Institute, providing a superlative

model on which to base new cancer-related services appropriately delivered in a rural setting. For many of us living in smaller communities this concept will fulfill a need that can only be understood when one is in the throes of cancer treatment and must travel many miles and countless hours to receive something as simple as infusion therapy.'

The ability for locals not to have to travel for hours for infusion therapy greatly reduces patient stress, and helps to speed recovery. After working on the Navajo Reservation, local doctor and cyclist Steve Rouser saw illness being diagnosed in alternative ways. "Unfortunately, the majority of American doctors oriented towards disease and symptoms. This doesn't take the whole person into account when dealing with treatments." After recovery, participating in an event like the Skinny Tire Festival has tremendous benefits. "It just feels good to cycle," Steve added. "It increases self-esteem, celebrates accomplishments in terms of

survivorship and carrying on with life '

A surprising fact to many, road cycling was actually the original cycling sport in Moab. Before fat tires and slickrock was a small group of avid "roadies" who organized time trails and closed Arches National Park to vehicle traffic for races. Steve and local cyclist Jose Tejada helped organize those events. Jose traveled across country on his bike



Someday you'll be touched by cancer, whether you like it or not. It feels fantastic to be part of the Skinny and it is a great way to show local support. If you've enjoyed riding a bike at some point, try it!

Local cyclist and doctor Ken Williams has followed the fund raising efforts for the new hospital and says, "It's a

privilege to be able to bring resources like this to Moab. This is really nice because we're actually seeing economic input, donating directly money for services actually stay that in the community. It's amazing; it rekindles my faith in humanity.3

Fellow local Jav Zuckerman agrees. Being part of the Canyon Ranch Resort

whose focus is on health and wellness, Jay believes cycling is one of the best ways for him to stay fit and healthy. 'Anytime you combine an event to promote health with philanthropy, it creates a perfect combination. Sometimes it's not about you, it's about what you can do for someone else. Philanthropy for me is for the results of giving. Seeing the benefits that come from the efforts of the Skinny Tire Festival inspired me to make a contribution through the Zuckerman Family Foundation. It's something you can't articulate; it's just the right thing to do."

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Now Moab is attracting participants to the Festival like Fred Methany, co-owner of RoadBikeRider.com, the largest online road cycling newsletter, and Robert Kunz of 1st Endurance and personal nutritionist to Levi Leiphemier who won the 2009 Tour of California, Cyclists will find endless inspiration in fellow riders such as Brett Weitzel who had his leg amputated after a 13-year battle with cancer. Brett went on to travel 215-miles on his bike from Telluride to Moab in 2008. He believes anything is possible.

It seems he's right. After losing his brother to cancer and having two other family members surviving cancer, event founder Mark Griffith believed he could make a difference, He put purpose to his cycling and invited others to join him. Almost ten years later Moab is experiencing the amazing results with thousands of road riders who enjoy the simple pleasures of riding their bikes, while doing something for the health and well being of others.

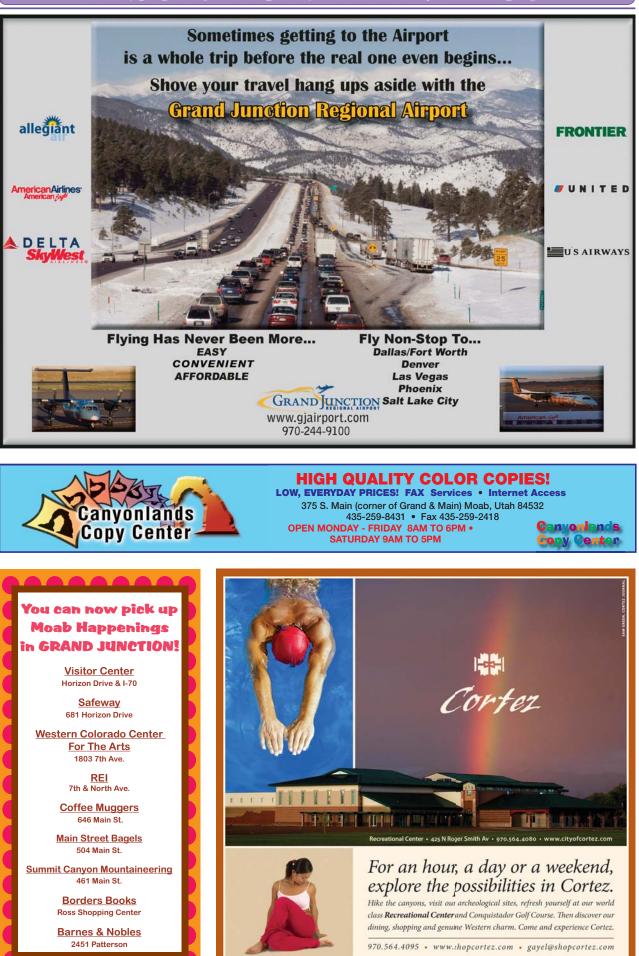
Please visit HuntsmanCancerFoundation.org for more information on how to educate and fight cancer diagnosis, and SkinnyTireEvents.com or call (435) 259-2698 for event information. And remember; every rider, every dollar and every spin of the sprocket is one step closer to finding a cure for cancer, all in one of the most breath-taking places on earth.





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### Moab Art Walk, Saturday March 14, 6–9pm

#### The Western Image Page Holland

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# VISITOR SERVICES DIRECTORY

MOAB, UTAH, located in southeastern Utah has become a mecca for the adventurous. Moab was first settled in 1855 by Mormons who quickly abandoned their remote outpost because of conflict with the area's Native American population. It was resettled in 1876. Moab and its people have carved an existence as changing as the eroded desert around it. Moab has served as a river-irrigated fruit growing center, a dock for ill-fated steam powered paddle boats on the Colorado River, and in the 1950's, a uranium boom town. In the 1980's the uranium market fell and Moab was forced to look to other means of economic income. Some locals decided to build a bicycle shop, rent bicycles, and offer guided tours. Tourism became a significant part of Moab's economy

ARCHES NATIONAL PARK: Located 5 miles north of Moab, Arches National Park features the world's largest concentration of natural stone arches. There are over 2,000 arches, along with other unusual formations found throughout 74,500 acres of National Park land. Landscape Arch is the park's longest arch at 306 feet. Arches is open year-round. An entrance fee is charged to enter the park. Peak visitation occurs from March through October. The colder weather months, when snow occasionally blankets the red rocks and crowds are small, are great times to visit.

The Devils Garden Campground at Arches is 18 miles from the park entrance. The fee for individual sites is \$20 per night. Advance reservations for camping can be made by contacting the National Recreation Reservation System at 1-877-444-6777 or www. ReserveUSA.com. Sites may only be reserved for the nights of March 1st through October 31st.

If you do not have a reservation and would like to camp in the campground, you must pre-register for campsites at the visitor center between 7:30 and 8 a.m., or at the entrance fee station after 8 a.m. These individual sites are on a first-come, first-served basis. The Arches campground fills daily, sometimes by early to mid-morning.

The popular Delicate Arch is a 3-mile round-trip hike that begins and ends at Wolfe Ranch. The Fiery Furnace area requires an additional fee. Ranger-guided hikes are available, or permits may be obtained to hike on your own.

CANYONLANDS NATIONAL PARK: Moab is located in the heart of Canyonlands. The Green & Colorado Rivers divide Canyonlands National Park into three sections. The Island in the Sky section is 35 miles north of Moab. The Needles section is 80 miles south of Moab, and the Maze section is approximately 140 miles to the southwest of Moab. All sections of the park are open year-round.

DEAD HORSE POINT STATE PARK: Dead Horse Point State Park is located 30 miles north of Moab. Perhaps Utah's most spectacular state park, Dead Horse Point towers 2,000 feet above the Colorado River - providing a breathtaking panorama of the pinnacles and buttes of Canyonlands. There is a visitor center at the park with interpretive exhibits, rest rooms, and a 21-unit campground.

### Visitor Centers Moab Information Center

Main & Center Street, downtown Moab Hours: Open Every Day - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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 Camping Available
 (435) 259

Blanding Visitor Center 12 North Grayson Pkwy On the north end of Blanding, Utah (435) 678-3662

Canyonlands National Park Park Information (435) 719-2313 www.nps.gov/cany

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Maze District

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LA SAL MOUNTAINS: The La Sal Mountains grace the southeast view of Moab. The second highest range in Utah, these alpine mountains offer excellent opportunities for hiking, camping, cycling, mountain climbing, cross country and hut-to-hut skiing, fishing, ATV riding, and are a perfect place to escape the summer heat. The La Sals also serve as the beautiful backdrop for Arches and Canyonlands National Parks. Campsites are available at Oowah Lake and Warner Lake on a first-come, first-served basis.

SLICKROCK BIKE TRAIL: The Slickrock Bike Trail has become very popular in recent years, and is known worldwide. The loop is 10.3 miles of wild ride with the route marked by slashes of paint on raw rock. First-timers should try the 1.7-mile practice loop - a good ride in its own right. The Slickrock Bike Trail is physically and technically challenging, but the giant vistas and the



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San Juan County Multi AgencyVisitor Center Inside Frontier Museum Corner Hwy 191 & 200 South, Monticello, Utah (435) 587-3401 Open 10:00 am to 4 p.m. Monday - Saturday Closed Sundays and Holidays

> Blanding Visitor Center 12 North Grayson Pkwy. On the north end of Blanding, Utah

thrill of the ride are worth the effort. The Slickrock Bike Trail is located in the Sand Flats Recreation Area and managed through a unique partnership between Grand County and the BLM. Trail maps are available at the entrance and a day-use fee is charged.

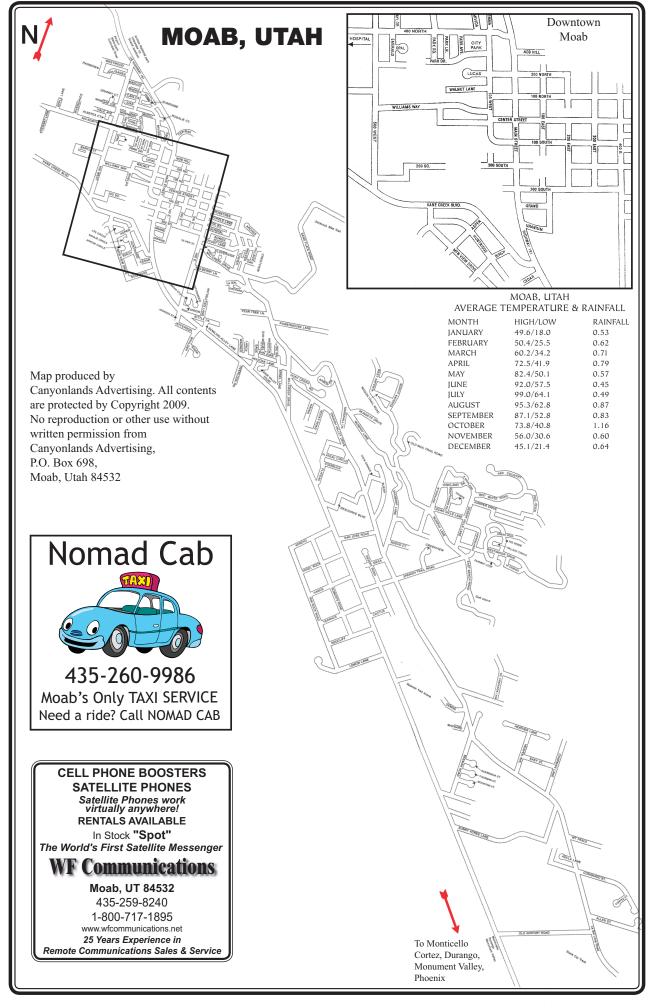
COLORADO RIVER: The Colorado River is located 2 miles north of Moab. The river cuts through a red rock gorge with incomparable vistas, meandering along in some sections, rushing boldly in others. Whitewater rafting, kayaking, canoeing, and jet boat tours abound. The drive along the Colorado River - Scenic Byway 128 and Scenic Byway 279 - offer incredible views, petroglyphs, dinosaur tracks, arches, famous movie locations, red rock spires, and rock towers that loom 1,500 feet above the valley floor.



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Community Church of Moab • 544 MiVida Drive	259-7319
Episcopal Church of St. Francis • 250 South Kane Creek Blvd • P.O. Box 96	259-5831
First Baptist Church SBC • 420 MiVida Drive	259-7310
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church • 360 West 400 North	259-5017
Jehovah's Witnesses • 25 West Dogwood	259-8166
Moab Baptist Church • 356 West Kane Creek Blvd.	259-8481
River of Life Christian Fellowship • 2651 East Arroyo Rd.	259-8308
St. Pius X Catholic Church • 122 West 400 North	259-5211
Seventh Day Adventist • 4581 So Spanish Valley Drive	259-5545
Friends (Quakers) Meeting for Worship, 10am Sundays Location: Seekhaven, 81 N 300 East	259-8664





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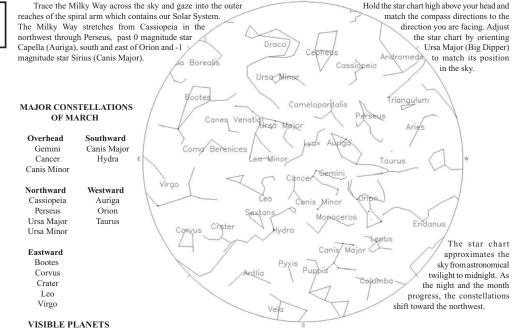
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# SKY HAPPENINGS

### The Sky for March 2009

By Faylene Roth



Jupiter - Look in the early morning twilight for Jupiter, shining brightly at -2 magnitude. It rises in the southeastern sky with Capricornus throughout the month

Mars - Identify Mars in the late morning twilight about seven degrees below Jupiter. It appears beneath Mercury and then passes it during the first few days of the month. At 1.2 magnitude, it shines fainter than Mercury but with a red-orange glow. Mars will be difficult to see this month, but it is worth the effort on the morning of March 1 to look for it rising within one degree of Mercury.

Mercury - On the morning of March 1, Mercury is one degree above Mars in the early morning twilight. Mercury, at -0 magnitude, will be brighter than Mars. Look for both planets as nautical twilight begins, just as color appears in the landscape.

Saturn - On March 8 Saturn reaches opposition with the sun, which means it is on the opposite side of the earth from the sun. Look for it in the eastern sky as the sun sets and find it in the western sky as the sun rises. Shining at 0.7 magnitude, Saturn follows Leo's bright star Regulus across the night sky. Compare the yellow light of Saturn with the blue light of Regulus.

Venus - Look in the early evening western sky for a brilliant view of Venus, shining at -4.6 magnitude throughout most of March. It becomes visible in late morning twilight around March 21. For a few days, it may be seen rising 30 minutes before sunrise and setting 30 minutes after sunset. With binoculars, or telescope, Venus appears as a thin crescent before it disappears into the glare of the sun. It reaches inferior conjunction on March 27 when it passes between the earth and the sun.

Note: Apparent magnitude values range from -4 to +6 for most planets and visible stars. The lower the value the brighter the object. A decrease of 1.0 magnitude is 2.5 times brighter.

#### DAYLIGHT

March is the month of light. Daylight Savings Time, which begins on Sunday, March 8, provides an extra hour of sunlight each evening. In addition, the period of daylight increases over the month by one hour and fifteen minutes as the sun continues to rise and set farther north each day. Even though Daylight Savings Time delays sunrise by one hour clock time, most of this delay is recovered by month's end with earlier sunrises. Twilight also extends the daylight period. Civil twilight continues about one-half hour after sunset with little change in observable light. Nautical twilight provides another half hour of light as color fades from the landscape. Astronomical twilight fades to darkness about one and one-half hours after sunset. By month's end it will be 9:00pm before darkness overtakes the skies. The reverse progression applies to dawn. Sunrise and sunset times are calculated for a flat horizon. Actual times may vary up to one-half hour or more depending upon the surrounding landscape.

#### MOON HAPPENINGS

March 2 find a waxing crescent moon high in the western sky near the Pleidaes. The moon reaches first quarter phase March 4 at 12:46am. View the full moon on March 10. It rises sometime after 7:18pm depending upon the surrounding landscape and becomes full at 8:38pm. The bright star near the moon on the night of March 13 is Spica (Virgo). On March 17 the waning gibbous moon rises with Antares (Scorpio). Third quarter moon occurs March 18 at 11:47am. A waning crescent moon rises with Jupiter on the morning of March 22 just ahead of astronomical twilight. New moon arrives on March 26 at 10:06an

#### VERNAL EQUINOX

Spring arrives on March 20 at 5:44am. On this day the sun rises due east and sets due west. It is above the horizon for exactly 12 hours. Due to refraction of light waves around the curvature of the earth, we actually see the sun for about four minutes before it rises and after it sets. Equinoxes occur when the ecliptic crosses the celestial equator. The ecliptic marks the sun's path across the sky throughout the year. The celestial equator is an extension of the earth's equator into space. The three stars of Orion's belt sit on the celestial equator.

#### CELESTIAL EVENTS

Comets: Find dark skies outside the city limits and look for

Comet Lulin moving westward each night. At the beginning of the month look for it below the head of Leo. Look for a fuzzy blur shining as bright as a +5 to +6 magnitude star. With binoculars or telescope, it appears as a ball with a string-like trail of dust pulled westward towards the sun. An antitail may appear to the east when the comet is nearest to the sun. A few days later it passes through the center of Cancer. The comet appears much fainter by midmonth as it approaches Gemini.

Meteor Activity: No scheduled meteor showers occur this month, although random meteor activity may be observed at any time.

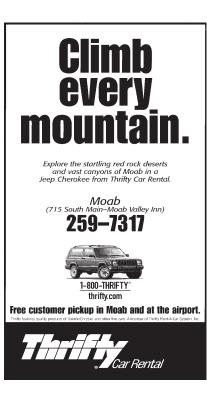
#### ZODIACAL LIGHT

Imagine sunlight streaming through a window and illuminating dust particles floating in the room. In the same way, the setting sun illuminates dust particles present in the inner solar system. Near the vernal equinox, the sun's rays shoot high into the sky after sunset, and we can see this display. It is the zodiacal light. As astronomical twilight fades, look for a cone of light originating from the point where the sun set and leaning a little to the south. Best time to view is early in March before the waxing moon brightens the evening sky. Find a high vantage point with a clear view of the western sky. After March 23 the zodiacal light is visible in the morning before astronomical twilight begins

#### LOCAL STAR COUNT

Wabisabi is sponsoring an evening of stargazing, telescope viewing, and the GLOBE at Night Star Count to celebrate the International Year of Astronomy. Meet at the Ken's Lake parking lot on Saturday, March 21, at 8:10pm. Cloudy skies or inclement weather cancels the event. Follow-up dates are Sunday, March 22, or Saturday, March 28, as weather allows. Bring the star chart from this page and a flashlight covered with a red shield or a small brown paper bag. Dress warmly and bring a blanket or chair if desired. This event is free and open to all ages. Call 259-3313 for additional information

Note: Hold your hand at arm's length to measure apparent distances in the sky. Adjust for the size of your hand. The width of the little finger approximates 1.5 degrees. Middle, ring, and little finger touching represent about 5 degrees. The width of a fist is about 10 degrees. The hand stretched from thumb to little finger eauals 20 degrees. The diameter of both the full moon and the sun spans only 0.5 degree.



# HEALTHY HAPPENINGS

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# ASTROLOGY HAPPENINGS

### Your Monthly Horoscope - March 2009



Pisces: Happy Birthday Pisces! This is your month to shine and with the Sun and other planets in your 1st House of Self, you will be the center of attention this month. It's a mental month for you with many secrets being entrusted to you. After the 20th the Sun moves into

your 2nd house of Money and your focus turns happily to your pocket book for the remainder of the month. Good news around the end of the month. A possible raise may be in you future.



Mar. 21 - Apr. 20 Aries: You must be careful this month and watch out for accidents to your hands and feet. Don't let yourself get run down as you could be a cold or flu magnet this month, as well. Time to relax a little more than usual, and enjoy the view. The Sun enters our sign on the 20th and the energy starts

to flow again. Still, take it a little easier than your normal fire drill pace for a couple of weeks.



Taurus: Dream your future this month. Lay down some plans that will take all year to accomplish. With Jupiter in your 10th House of Career, that would be the most productive focus. Wait until after the 10th for any overt moves in the office. This gives you a ten day window until the 20th

when the Sun moves into your Behind the Scenes house and you can slow down a bit for the next month.



May 22 - June 21 Gemini: Your career is popping this month. The planets are aligning to really stir things up. Don't give into the rumor mill and don't start any of your own. Avoid confrontations but don't give up any ground along the way, either. If you keep your head and your words

under control you'll be very happy with the results by the 10th when the Sun moves into your Friends and Wishes house. Good times are on tap after that date.



Cancer: Chances are pretty good that you'll be speaking to your church group the first two weeks of the month. Choose your first topic carefully as it could ruffle a few feathers. Whatever happens, the chances are you'll be asked to speak a

second and possibly a third time. You'll be quite the hit. After the 20th the Sun moves in your Career house and you'll most likely be spending more time at the office than you usually do. It's time well spent this month.



Leo: Jointly held finances and assets have you burning the lights into the night as you tussle with the taxes. Take the time to get up to snuff on those changes as they could work to your advantage and the results could really surprise you. Encouragement comes from your



partner during this period. Make a point of saying "Thank You" many times. From the 20th on you find joy in higher interests like school or church. It's a lovely way to set the tone for the coming spring month of April.



Sep. 23 - Oct. 23

Aug. 24 - Sept. 22 Virgo: Your partnerships are key this month. Little upsets and sudden halts and jerks continue for you. But as the Sun passes through this area of your life you get some help solving problems. Use this time well, for in three months you will pass through another testing

period. After the 20th you get the opportunity to fine tune your taxes and your jointly held assets with your partner. This year savings accounts are very important. Start one.

> Libra: This month it would be a good idea to get your health checked. The 8th could find you run down and wondering why. Avoid getting chilled, overly excited or angry on that day as it could cost you later. This is doubly warned if it happens in the work place. After

the 20th the warming rays of the Sun enter your house of Partnerships as you near the holiday season for this spring. As always you can look forward to a great time.



Scorpio: Just when you think that your love life has flagged, tanked and drawn its last breath along comes this month's aspects to breathe new life into what has felt like a lost cause for far too long. Get out there and be seen. Stop hiding from

the world, Scorpio. The 20th finds the Sun moving into your house of employment and health to find Venus waiting there. Good times in the office could get you a new position a raise, or a romantic interest. It's called the "Jackpot".



Sagittarius: Seems this month your day to day life is churned and moving with a life of its own. Surprises await you this month. Prepare for a matter that requires your attention around the 8th with regards to your living quarters. Then the Sun enters your house of Romance on

the 20th energies shift to matters of springtime and love. Venus has set the stage this year for a special romantic treat, so be ready



most active communication month you've had in some time. From the first day of the month to the last you must stay on top of all forms of communication. Careful how you choose your words this month, as

Capricorn: March could prove to be the

you seem to have twice the verbal power. Expect some resistance at times for what you say. After the 20th the shift is to calmer waters and a slower pace for the next month. With Venus joining the Sun in your House of Home you should consider having a little party for the spring.



Aquarius: Jan. 21 - Feb. 18



Your money sector gives you surprises and heart stops this month. The 8th hands you some grounding and grinding news to chew on for a day or two. Best advice for the month is to pay the bills on time and hang on to every penny after that. Put off any big purchases until the end of April. After the 20th the Sun moves into your communication house and the warm

messages start rolling in for the spring holiday season. Never miss an opportunity to pass along the Love this coming month



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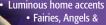
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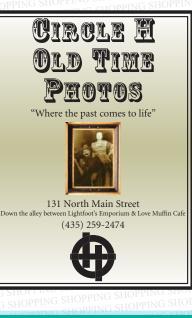
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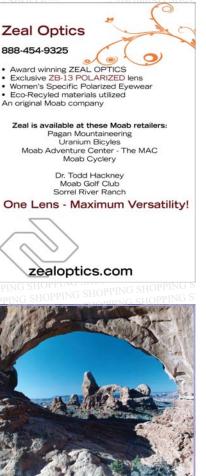
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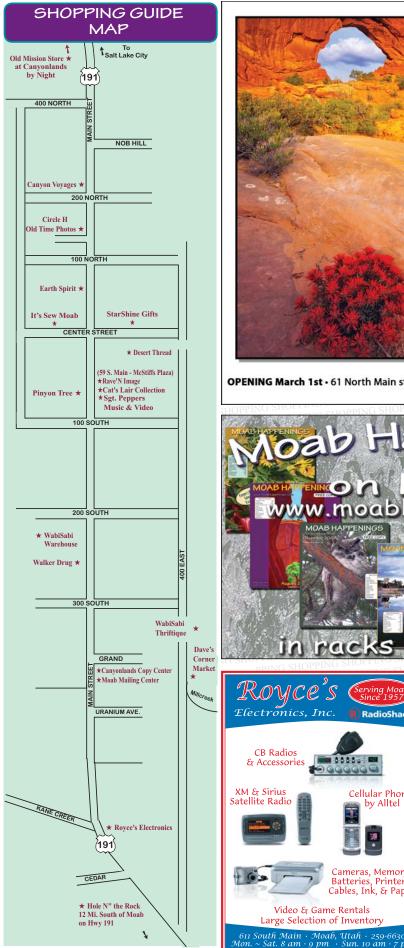


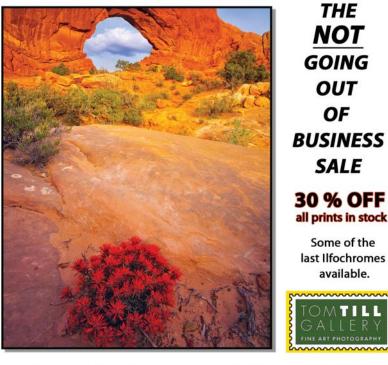
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Moab is a small town located in the red rock desert of southwestern Utah. It is world - famous for its spectacular natural beauty and is one of the greatest places for hiking. biking, river trips and jeeping adventures. Nevertheless, in this beautiful surrounding there are many talented and devoted artists who live and work here, quietly interpreting the natural beauty around them into stunning works of contemporary art.

So, we are searching for the hidden and known talents in our region and beyond, so you, our visitors, will enjoy the refreshing experience of original art.

This month we would like to talk about 2 artists whom we enjoy to represent in our gallery.

#### Ekaterina Harrison (Tatarovich)

Ekaterina Harrison was born in the Soviet Union in the city of St. Petersburg. She comes from a long line of artists. Most of her family line was involved either in the visual arts, music or the literary arts. However, she did not have much contact with most of these artists as she and her family immigrated from Russia when she was very young. She grew up in Salt Lake City and attended the University of Utah, where she received various awards and a



scholarship. Soon after that she heard about the Johnson Atelier, which was an internationally acclaimed sculpture school and production art foundry.

The Johnson Atelier proved to be an incredibly inspiring environment for growing up artistically and technically. There she had the opportunity to work with some of the most significant contemporary sculptors of our time. One very significant aspect of the Johnson Atelier, to Ekaterina, was that both the instructors and apprentices were artists that came from all over the world. This multicultural sharing and learning created a very vibrant and inspiring creative environment. While apprenticing at the Atelier she also apprenticed with the "Blacksmith of Trenton".

In 1996 she move west to Santa Fe and worked in another art foundry. From there she moved to La Sal, Ut. Where she has built her studio and is currently working on various commissions and a new body of work. Here she has joined the Rocky Mountain Smiths and A.B.A.N.A. (Artist Blacksmith Association of North America). She loves to improvise and continues to explore and expand her own potential by drawing on the knowledge and inspiration that these two organizations provide as well as researching and exploring other fields.

#### Suzanne Storer

Suzanne was born and raised in Oregon. She received a BFA at California College of Arts and Crafts. She has done many workshops with Paul Soldner, Akio Takamori, Robert Peipenburg and Jim Romberg.

Suzanne's ceramic art centers around life itself. Animals, birds, water life and the human forms inspire her pottery and sculpture. Her southwestern style bowls and platters evolve from the spirited imagery painted and pecked into the rock walls and boulders in the desert canyons of southern Utah. Her sculpture focuses on the relationship between the female human form and rock land forms inspired by the desert canyons of Southern Utah.

This Oregon native has made her home in Utah for the last 20 years and makes her living as a professional potter.



As long as you are here in the gallery, check out the new and unique jewelry by Olga Martinova. Olga works at her jeweler's bench and greets her customers, who appreciate the opportunity to meet the artist and watch her work. She makes many custom beaded earrings and necklaces upon request; you can watch her make your piece while you wait.

She also spins wool and silk. Often you can see her spinning when you walk into the gallery. She will often give demonstrations to customers who has never seen this ancient art practiced in real life.

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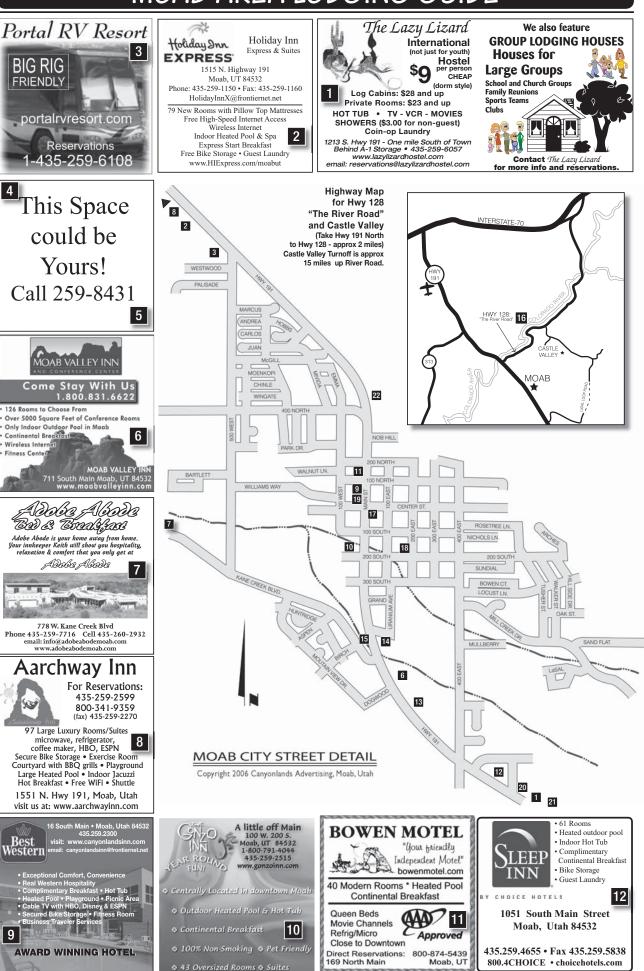


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### **RIVER BRIDGE MEMORIAL**

A big boulder that tumbled from the sheer cliffs and crushed a man in a guard shack north of the Colorado River Bridge during World War II is now being considered as a site for a memorial monument.

It was a big story when it happened, and oldtimers remember hearing about the tragic event as children, imagining what an awful way that would be to die. Among those children was Verlynn Westwood, who counts her family's blessings when recalling the story.

"What I remember about it was, my Uncle Neil had that job of watching the bridge every other night, and this Mr. Ellis (Otto) had taken over my uncle's shift, when the rock fell down," said Mrs. Westwood, who was born in Moab in 1936.

"I was in Moab back then, and it was important to me, and my uncle wasn't killed," she said. "Everybody in town talked about it. The news went around quickly and it was talked about all over town."

Kenny Ellis, 50, the grandson of Otto Ellis, said family still talks about the incident, which happened when his father, Raymond -- now 73 and living in Sunnyside -- was a child. Now the story is embellished with rumors of a ghost at the river and a possible plot hinting at homicide.

"I was told when I was a kid that my dad was 10, that it was his dad at the bridge, and his job was to keep the Japanese from crossing that bridge," Ellis said. "They don't know if the boulder came down by accident, or if it was on purpose. You know how those stories go...and there's supposedly a ghost that walks the river bridge. Supposedly, they didn't find the body, so that's why there's a ghost out there. It's the spirit looking for his body."

During the past year, Westwood began suggesting to local historians and public officials that the tale of the war-era guard shack should be memorialized in interpretive signage or a plaque with the name of the victim and surviving guard, Neil Westwood. The idea has been suggested as part of a larger proposal for improvements to the Lions Park area on the south side of the Colorado River Bridge and development of a nature park with an informational kiosk on the north side of the new footbridge, which is within a stone's throw of the fatal boulder.

The new steel footbridge, several hundred yards east



by Vicki Barker

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of the Highway 191 vehicle bridge, was dedicated last May. Since then, the local Trail Mix organization has received grant funds as part of a long-range inter-agency effort to upgrade existing mountain-biking and hiking trails and develop pathways from north Moab to the bridges

and up the river road, Highway 128.

"The long-range plan -- having bike lanes from town to Lions Park -- is to link trails further up 128 and eventually (provide) a bike lane all the way to Negro Bill Canyon, in conjunction with a shuttle concept," said Nick Eason, a longtime member of the Lions Club. About \$700,000 of the grant is specially earmarked to develop a trailhead underpass beneath the Colorado River Bridge, and a system of trails on the north side of the river, he said.

The whole system is envisioned as the northern gateway to the southeastern Utah recreational area.

Besides the Lions Club, governmental and other groups engaged in the planning include the City of Moab, Grand County, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, and the National Recreational Trails and Conservation Assistance program.

Mrs. Westwood said the guard shack that her uncle and the other fellow manned during World War II was built to ensure no disruption in the supply and transport of food and equipment for military ordnance depots, and to prisoner-of-war or intermment camps that were established in the Colorado Plateau area around 1942-1945. With gas rationed and a shortage of food, her family felt fortunate because her father, Vere, and her mother, Evelyn, helped haul military supplies and therefore had enough gasoline to occasionally pile the family of nine children into the back of the truck and drive out to the river to see her uncle and haul out the fishing poles.

"I have one memory of one summer when we went fishing, we went out that way and stopped and we took him some candy -- probably hard-tack," she recalled. "We'd fill that truck full up. We'd go out and catch catfish. We supplemented our food with that."

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### March of the Redtails

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If you look up into the sky at a soaring hawk and say, "Red-tailed hawk," you'd probably be right about 75% of the time. Redtails are one of the most widely distributed hawks in North America and that red tail is a sure giveaway

This bird of prey is in the group of soaring hawks called "Buteos." Other local buteos include the ferruginous and Swainson's hawk, and broad-winged and roughlegged hawks that are migrate through or winter in the area, respectively.

The first redtail collected for science came from Jamaica, hence, its scientific name is

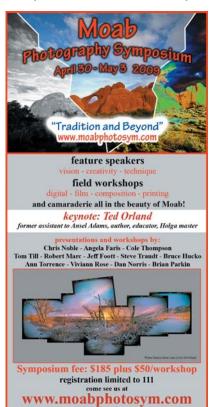
Buteo jamaicensis. No, the birds don't sport dreadlocks, and their call is not, "Ya, Mon."

But if you happen to watch television, you've probably heard the plaintive "keeer-r-r-r" cry of the redtail. One of the more commonly used calls, Hollywood inserts this distinct sound

even if the bird on the screen is an owl duck or sparrow. Scientific accuracy must crowd creative genius.

Hereinthe Canyonlands Region, redtails are visible vear round. They may start their courtship displays in March. and these include stooping flights, soaring with dangling legs and periodic calling. Though

redtails probably mate for life, they do not spend all their time together. And if one mate dies, the survivor finds another partner. Nature's mantra, "Survival of the species



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must continue," influences this action

The answer to where to find redtails is simply, "Pretty much anywhere." In the sparse and open Cisco Desert, red-tailed hawks build nests in low junipers or on narrow ledges of cliffs. Out there, territories of redtails and ferruginous hawks may overlap

and the birds are tolerant of their neighbors. This is because the two prey on different groups. Ferruginous







nawks take primarily prairie dogs while the redtails work the mice and rabbit populations.

In the canyons you might find redtails nesting on a ledge or within the protective confines of a large alcove. Redtails like their nest site to be open not tucked into a small alcove like a raven's nest often is. Look for a cluster of sticks projecting from the ledge and maybe some whitewash down below, a definite clue. When the young are in the nest their tendency is to back up to the edge and poop over the side. This whitewash rains down and stains the wall below the nest. Searching for these obvious patches of white on the redrock walls is a good starting point for locating a nest.

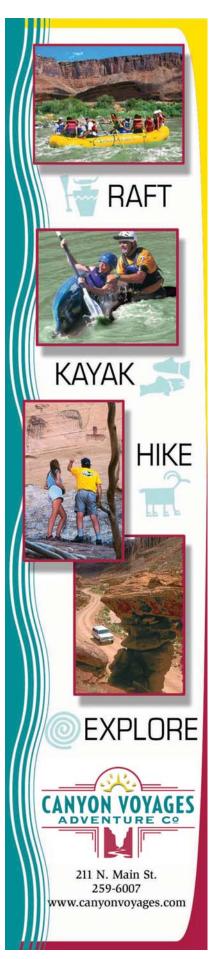
Then again, the birds may select a large cottonwood or conifer in which to build their nest. A bit harder to locate, these large nests are usually high up in the tree and screened by branches. These tree sites and the canyon wall nests may also be in close proximity to another bird of prey, the great horned owl.

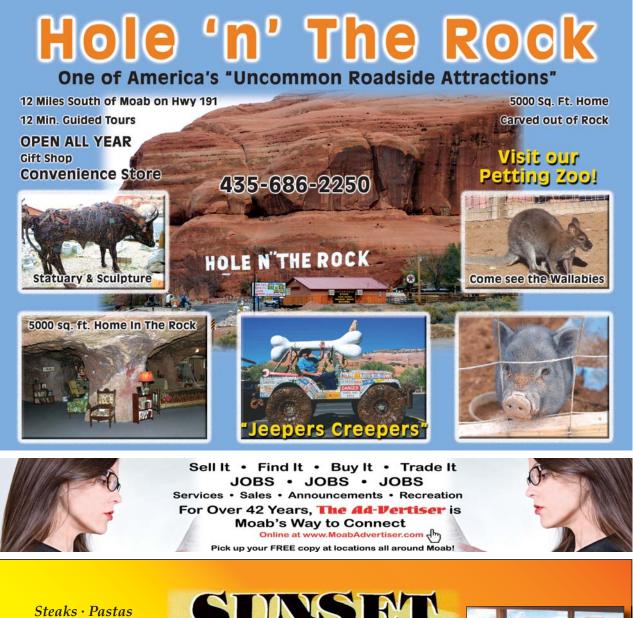
Though the two species tend to share the same prey base (rabbits), their hunting periods of day for the hawks and night for the owls, tends to separate the birds and minimize conflicts. Of course, since great horneds eat everything, they have been known to dine on redtail hawk nestlings

But like the owls, redtails are not parochial in their diets. They consume gopher snakes and rattlesnakes, mice, ground squirrels, rabbits, bats, waterfowl, small birds, grassshoppers, toads, and turtles. And that's just for starters. I've seen these hawks carrying limp snakes in their talons, and I've always wanted to see one drop the snake onto the slickrock like a gull dropping clamshells on coastal rocks. Sandstone, the avian meat tenderizer.

There has be a certain level of daring or maybe desperation on the part of the redtail who carries rattlesnakes back to the nest. "Hi Honey, look what I got!" may not win too many partner points if the snake is still alive. Kids definitely do not try this at home.

So this March think red while hiking in Canyon Country. Not only will there be splashes of red on the ground with the Indian paintbrush, Utah penstemon and hedgehog cactus in bloom, but also there should be some up, soaring as well.





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