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"My tongue will tell the anger of my heart
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—Katherine and Petruchio, aka Cat Lee
Covert and Michael Raver,
"Taming of the Shrew"

Calendar

Friday

- Nature Rangers: Valley Floor, 9:30 a.m.-noon
- Mad Labs: Pinhead HQ, 9 a.m.-noon
- Nature's Educators Wildlife Show: Gondola Plaza, 11 a.m.
- Palm Kidz: The Animals of Pokemon: Palm Theatre, 4 p.m.
- Music on the Green — Edison: Reflection Plaza, 4 p.m.
- "The Big Sick": Nugget Theatre, 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.
- Ah Haa Art Auction — "I Heart Rock and Roll": Ah Haa tent, 6 p.m.
- Speakeasy Swing Night with Donovan Daily Jazz Trio: Phoenix Bean, 6-9 p.m.
- An Evening with Trevor Hall: Sheridan Opera House, 8 p.m.

Saturday

- Telluride Art + Architecture Weekend: tellurideartandarchitecture.com
- Telluride Mountain Club Trail Work Day: 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Hike Into History — Blue Lake: Telluride Historical Museum, 9 a.m.
- "The Big Sick": Nugget Theatre, 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Weather

Muse: "Again and again, the cicada's untiring cry pierced the sultry summer air like a needle at work on thick cotton."
—Yukio Mishima

Forecast: Friday is predicted to bring scattered thunderstorms with a high of 67. Saturday will be partly cloudy with a high of 71.

IN ORBIT:

Friday Focus: Music & Entertainment

Shakespeare takes Town Park

Sunday: Business

NONPROFITS

Mountainfilm, festival leader split over direction

By **ANDRE SALVAIL**
Editor

Telluride Mountainfilm and its festival director for the last decade, David Holbrooke, have parted ways over what Holbrooke suggested on social media was a difference of opinion over the nonprofit's direction.

David Holbrooke out after 10 years at the helm

"Sad news, friends," Holbrooke wrote on his Facebook page Tuesday. "After 10 years of trying to make Mountainfilm its very best, the organization and I

have parted ways over its direction. It's been a true privilege to work with the brilliant filmmakers, artists and activists who are the festival's lifeblood and I

have poured my heart and soul into making sure their work was properly celebrated."

Holbrooke, through his wife, Pinhead Institute Executive Director Sarah Holbrooke, declined comment Wednesday. A news release from Mountainfilm

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Full bloom

Kate Dohnal, left, hands Laura Koval, of Tampa Bay, Florida, a bouquet of fresh flowers at the Zephyros Farm and Garden stand during a recent Telluride Farmers Market event on South Oak Street. The market is open every Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. until Oct. 13. (Photo by Justin Criado/Telluride Daily Planet)

NATURE

Cicada brood found regionally

Insects said to be harmless, focused on fornication

By **JUSTIN CRIADO**
Senior Staff Writer

The call of the cicada is unmistakable. The droning shrill is referred to as "singing" by cicada enthusiasts, and is sung by the males in order to attract mates.

The sound is reminiscent of a low lawnmower hum, and if there's a large swath of these insects, it can be deafening.

Every 13 or 17 years, depending on brood, cicadas emerge from underground to procreate. Recently, a 17-year mountain cicada brood surfaced in portions

of the Uncompahgre National Forest, creating a sense of curiosity in area residents.

"We can hear them, when we're walking around. As an amateur biologist, I just decided to investigate a little bit," K.L. Spear said.

Spear lives on the Uncompahgre Plateau's Iron Springs Mesa, just outside of Placerville along State Highway 145. The cicadas emerged in late June and were at their height around the Fourth of July, according to Spear.

"Most of them have died now," he said. "They're short-lived."

After emergence, cicadas are typically active between four to six weeks before the love song turns into a swan song: breeding, laying eggs and dying, according to cicadamania.com. (The seven-step life cycle of a cicada on the website basically explains the sole purpose of a cicada is to fornicate and die. Lucky buggers.)

The red-eyed, black-bodied insect is between two to three inches in length, flies around clumsily and terrifies anyone not familiar with them.

"They're kind of freaky looking."

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TRANSPORTATION

FREEDOM TO RIDE

On-demand transit service starts soon

By **JESSICA KUTZ**
Staff Reporter

Coming later this summer, a new service will offer an affordable, convenient option for residents of this region to get to their medical appointments, access the grocery store, visit friends and family, and more.

With a model similar to that of Uber or Lyft, Liberty Mobility Now — an organization based in Lincoln, Nebraska — soon will provide the region with an alternate form of transportation.

The service is being made available thanks to a \$25,000 grant from the Telluride Foundation and a partnership between Liberty Mobility and Tri-County Health Network, which was awarded \$30,000 from the Colorado Health Foundation and \$10,000 from Caring for Colorado to bring the transportation option to this area.

Paul Major, the Telluride Foundation's president and CEO, said the service fills a critical need.

"The only other alternative is taxis, (and) we don't generally have them and we certainly don't have an extensive transportation service," he said.

While Major said there is one taxi option in Telluride, it isn't really feasible to utilize the service for, say, a trip to Norwood, or from Norwood to Montrose.

"This is a perennial problem in rural America," he said about the lack of transportation options.

Perhaps Liberty is the solu-

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David Holbrooke out

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doesn't provide any information about the reasons behind Holbrooke's departure.

"David Holbrooke's tenure as festival director of Telluride Mountainfilm has come to an end, effective July 12, 2017," the news release states. "On behalf of the Board of Directors and the leadership and staff of Mountainfilm, and on behalf of all friends, supporters, and fans of Mountainfilm, we offer our most heartfelt gratitude to David for his decade of dedicated service to the organization."

According to the prepared statement, the annual Mountainfilm festival "grew in size, scope and impact" under Holbrooke's leadership.

"A generation of documentary filmmakers have David to thank for launching and guiding their careers to new heights," the press release adds. "...Mountainfilm audiences have been inspired by his vision, as illustrated in the films he selected and symposiums he organized."

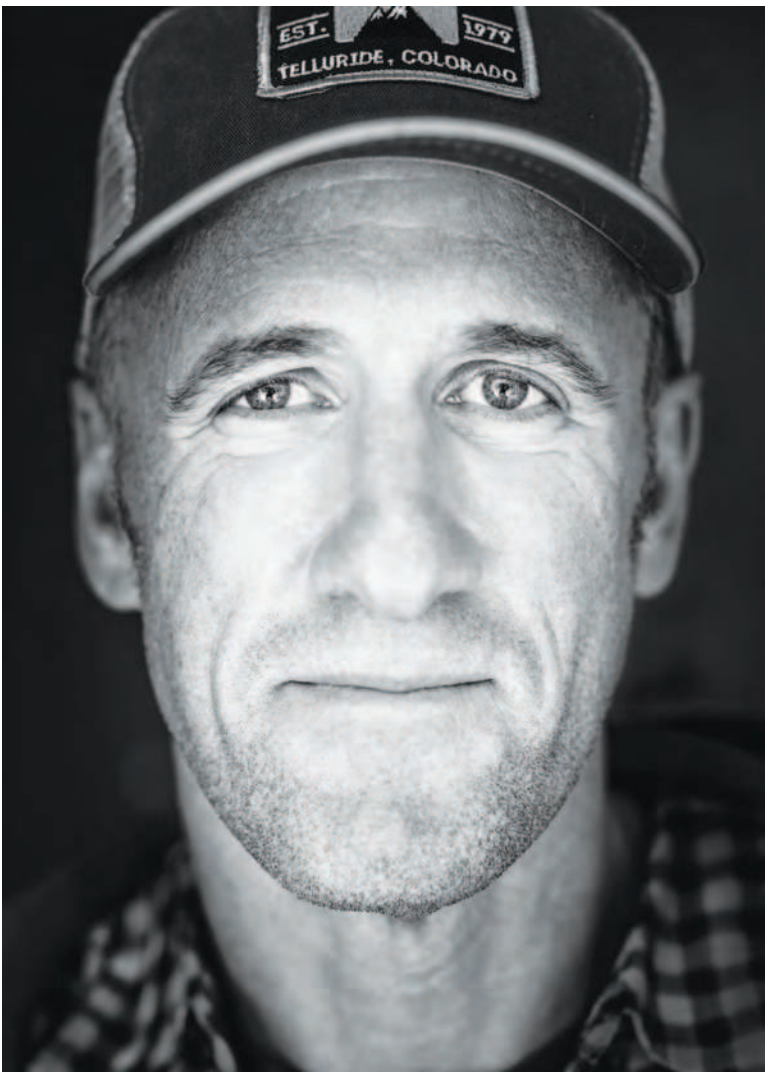
The release goes on to say that plans are underway to honor Holbrooke at the 40th anniversary of the festival in 2018, "and more information about that celebration will be shared when the details are finalized."

In the meantime, Mountainfilm will move forward with an interim festival director, to be announced next week. The search for the new permanent festival director will begin shortly, the release says.

"The Board, leadership and staff of Mountainfilm are redoubling our commitment to our mission to use the power of film, art and ideas to inspire audiences to create a better world," the release states. "We are dedicated to our core principles of embracing adventure, preserving environments, connecting cultures, building community, inspiring audiences, promoting integrity, gathering visionaries, celebrating courage, and enlightening audiences."

This year's Mountainfilm event was held May 26-29 and carried the theme of "The New Normal." Many of the featured documentaries and shorts were related in some way to the topic of climate change.

Mountainfilm provided festival attendees not only with education about climate change, but also with a punch list of actions people can take in hopes of bringing the Telluride region



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DAVID HOLBROOKE
Former Mountainfilm Festival Director

more into line with carbon neutrality.

In a guest commentary for the Daily Planet, Holbrooke wrote of the underlying reason behind "The New Normal" theme.

"Climate change is already causing a litany of planetary and societal challenges and that is the new normal. We have a presidential administration that seems hell bent (with hell being the operative word) on accelerating global warming and that is the new normal. However as I thought more about the topic, I saw an inherent duality to what it could mean. Could it be something else entirely, something hopeful? Could our new normal be Telluride working toward carbon neutrality?"

On Facebook, Holbrooke called his time as the festival's director "a wild and wonderful ride." He said he and his family would always be grateful "for what it gave to us."

"To the Mountainfilm audience, thanks for being so smart and engaged, or as the kids today call it — 'woke.' I am particularly appreciative of my former programming colleagues Stash Wislocki, Katie Klingsporn, Hayley Nenadal, Naani Sheva, Lise Waring, Drew Ludwig and our former (executive director), Peter Kenworthy, who also have given so much to MF."


Holbrooke goes on to say that he was "heartbroken" by this turn of events.

"I hold my head high as I have done this job with passion and integrity and am so damn proud of what we accomplished. It has been an honor," Holbrooke wrote in the Facebook posting. "Now, I am going to take the summer to recharge but have several films and endeavors on deck and very much plan on doing everything I can to propel the creative community forward, here in Telluride and beyond."

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Freedom to ride

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tion.

"Liberty creates a business model and a network. If you need a ride, you can match your need with someone else's availability," he said.

The Liberty model primarily consists of a smartphone app that functions similarly to other ride-sharing apps. Basically, a person can request a ride through the app and wait for a

driver to accept it.

While the main focus of the organization is to provide affordable transportation for things like medical appointments, Major said the service can also be utilized for a broad array of needs, such as grocery shopping or procuring a safe, late-night ride home.

Rasa Kaunelis, director of strategic initiatives for TCHN, said the organization is "very excited" to be partnering with

Liberty.

"Every time I talk about Liberty it brings a smile to my face," Kaunelis said. "It is going to be huge."

The partnership will offer people better, more-private access to health care as well as access to things that can affect one's health — such as affordable groceries, and an ability to maintain social support net-

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Notice of Consideration of the Telluride Airport Master Plan Update

The San Miguel County Board of Commissioners will consider approval of the Telluride Airport Master Plan Update submitted by the Telluride Regional Airport Authority.

July 19th 2017 10 a.m.
333 West Colorado Ave. 2nd Floor
Commissioner Meeting Room

The objective of the Master Plan Update is to provide a new strategic plan to support the airport's needs through the next 20 years.

A copy of the Master Plan Update is available on the County website:
sanmiguelcountyco.gov/planning

Cicada brood found regionally

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ing. I know they can be scary, they're large bugs. They're just part of the natural cycle being around the forest," said Dylan Peters, public affairs specialist for the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison national forests.

Peters said there aren't any cicadas near the main office in Delta, pinning the brood to a specific location in the Uncompahgre. The insects aren't flying throughout any nearby town or along the highway. (Thank God, because you're not going to remove a splattered cicada stain from your windshield, unless you just buy a brand new one.)

Historically, cicada broods are found east of the Mississippi River where there are lush forests for females to lay their eggs in, but there are cicadas in the West, including Colorado, Oklahoma and Utah, among other states. Cicadamania.com tracks cicada broods, but there is scant information about ones out West. There is a note about emergencies in unforeseen locations.

"Periodical cicadas are emerging in unexpected places this year. Many ask whether the unusual emergences of periodical cicadas this year is related to climate change. There isn't a simple answer to this question," the website explains.

As innocently horrifying as



A 17-year mountain cicada brood recently emerged in portions of the Uncompahgre National Forest. (Courtesy photo)

they may be, cicadas are no threat to people and plants. They don't bite or sting. They don't eat any type of plant, preferring to sip plant juice while underground. The only impact they have on the forest is when the females lay their eggs inside tree bark or twigs, but that's nothing compared to, say, a spruce beetle infestation.

"The big thing is they're harmless to the trees," Peters said.

Spear observed much of the same.

"The other thing I noticed is they like the small pine trees," he said. "You can hear them and see them in there, but they have done no damage... They have not been damaging at all."

Cicadas can be found all over the globe, and when they awake from their subterranean slumber in search of sex, the masses liken it to the 8th Plague of Egypt.

But that's another common misconception about cicadas; they're not locusts. Locusts are a type of flying grasshopper, while a cicada is their cousin. So cicadas were not on hand to smite the Egyptians as outlined in the Book of Exodus, or to destroy the Mormons' crops in 1848 before the Miracle of the Gulls. For the record, the troublemakers in each case were locusts or grasshoppers.

It's pretty safe to say cicadas were just sucking on plant roots just below the surface while their relatives wreaked havoc across the Holy Land. After cicadas release their eggs, the nymphs hatch a couple weeks later and fall to Earth, quickly burrowing underground where they'll gestate and mature for a 10-plus years before spreading their seed.

Freedom to ride

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works.

"It is important for people to be able to build and maintain (support) networks for their health, which includes being able to visit relatives who may live across the region," Kaunelis said.

While the service will be regional — extending as far as Montrose and possibly to Grand Junction — Kaunelis said the greatest need is in the West End.

In the West End, "There is just no transportation option for many people," she said. "We offer a medical transportation service through All Points Transit, but that is only on specific days, and typically it requires a full day of travel and a full day's worth of time."

Also, Kaunelis said, that service doesn't provide the type of privacy that Liberty can.

A passenger's neighbor doesn't need to see for example, if they are going to the Center for Mental Health, Kaunelis said. "Liberty provides them with the option where they don't have to talk to other people."

Tyler Bassinger, a spokesperson for Liberty Mobile Now, said the program will utilize volunteer drivers who receive training from the organization and undergo background checks and drug tests.

Bassinger said the idea is to connect "altruistic folks that are looking for a way to give back to their community" by providing



A decal to be displayed on Liberty Mobility Now vehicles is pictured. The on-demand ride-sharing service is coming to the region this summer. (Courtesy photo)

rides.

Although drivers are reimbursed for the use of their car and for gas mileage, the idea behind the program is "neighbors helping neighbors."

Kaunelis said the service also will provide drivers with a way to subsidize their own costs.

If you can be flexible about, say, making a trip to the grocery store in Montrose, you could combine that trip with assisting someone with a ride to an appointment, she said.

Passengers will pay a \$1 a mile but subsidies will be available for those who qualify for assistance to reach medical appointments.

The program's administrative details will be handled by TCHN. Liberty trains the drivers, operates the call center and provides the technology.

Bassinger said the organization is looking to hire a Telluride-based area manager, and seeks volunteer drivers.

For more information, visit libertymobilitynow.com.