

THE FILMS

6:00pm, Friday, Oct. 5th
Old County Courthouse

E11

The British adjectival grading system estimates the inherent danger of the route. This fascinating study of Dave Macleod's trials and triumphs as he strives to climb the first ever E11 offers unusual insight into the motivation of one of the world's leading rock jocks. Spectacular footage of rope searing falls contrast nicely with Macleod's thoughtful approach. www.hotaches.com

10 Awards including Best Film/Peoples' Choice in Edinburgh, Best Climbing film in Vancouver
Paul Diffley and Dave Brown, England, 42mins, 2006

THE ENDLESS KNOT

Conrad Anker saw his great friend Alex Lowe swept to his death by an avalanche high on the face of Shishapangma. On his return to North America he wrestled with the loss and found solace in two vastly contrasting changes in his life. Firstly, he started a climbing school for the celebrated high-altitude Sherpas, whose death rate in the high Himalaya far exceeds that of their western employers. Secondly, and to some cynics, controversially, he moved in with Lowe's widow and assumed the responsibility of raising his three sons. This engrossing film shows how one remarkable man has made a huge sacrifice to cope with the losses in his life. www.seracfilms.com

Michael Brown, USA, 52mins, 2007

8:30pm, Friday, Oct. 5th
Taos Community Auditorium
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DREAM HOUSE

Is bigger always better? With the goal of simplifying her life and reducing her "ecological footprint", a young woman moves into a "little house on the trailer." This convention-tweaking short encourages viewers to rejoice in their smallness. www.scenic-drive.com, www.nau.com

Mark Hoffman, USA, 5mins, 2006 World Premiere

OIL AND WATER PROJECT

The incredible story of two boaters who combined their passion for the water with their desire to educate people about sustainable energy. Fueled only by bio-diesel, they traveled from Alaska to the southern tip of Argentina, kayaking, surfing and spreading their message all the way. www.oilandwaterproject.org

Seth Warren, USA, 30mins, 2007, World premiere

In person, Seth Warren

IN TIME

Two notorious Taos kayaker/filmmakers take us on an epic boating adventure from the famous rapids of Skookumchuck Narrows to the rarely run Brazos Box which is the southwest's most elusive class V wilderness run.

Yellowbird Samora and Jesse King, Taos, USA, 43mins, 2007, World Premiere

In person, Yellowbird Samora, Jesse King, John Fullbright, Seth Warren

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COMMITTING POETRY IN TIMES OF WAR

This film is a riveting reality check about the threat to our freedom of expression since the Iraq war. In 2003 seven teachers in New Mexico lost their jobs because they wouldn't quell their students' poetry, artwork or questions about the war in Iraq. At the same time, police in Albuquerque used tear gas on a peaceful group of antiwar demonstrators. Charged with electric performances by renowned student slam poets, this courageous film takes a hard look at these events, and how the artistic community responded to threats on civil liberties. www.committingpoetry.com

Best Documentary, East Lansing Film Festival, Poetry Film of the Year, Telluride Talking Gourds Festival

S. Stavros, USA, 114mins, 2006

In person, S. Stavros

9:30am, Saturday, Oct. 6th
Taos Community Auditorium
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WEATHER WE CHANGE

A skiing adventure film following athletes who have taken a pledge to search for a greener ski bum lifestyle. With spectacular powder skiing footage in the Swiss Alps, California, Washington, this unforgettable film shows how global warming is an issue that skiers cannot afford to ignore. www.adventurefilmworks.com

Duane Kubischta, USA, 51mins, 2007, World Premiere



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