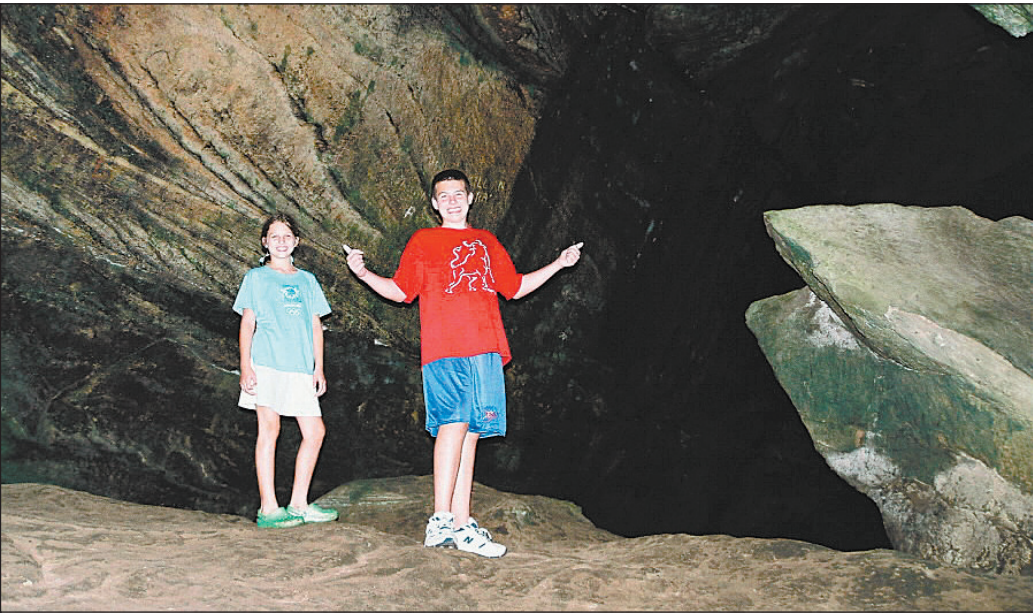


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Youth Board member Mallie Lang and Youth Board president Joseph Lang at Dismal Canyon on a Fresh Air Family adventure.



Raven Whitfield searching for fossils at Shark Tooth Creek

HALLOWEEN PARTY TO BENEFIT FRESH AIR FAMILY

The event: The annual awards ceremony and benefit will be a Halloween carnival — with galactic flair — from 3 to 6 p.m. on Oct. 12 at Bottle-tree Cafe, 3719 Third Ave. South.

The scene: Alien pumpkins and scarecrows from the planet Vulcan will greet guests.

Just like its adventurous programs, the benefit features festivities for the entire family.

Laurie Kramer at Art Works Alabama plans an exciting craft program. Artists at Art Works will help children create personalized masterpieces worthy of framing. The usual cost of these projects is \$25 per piece, but two crafts will cost only \$20 a child.

Craft tickets can be purchased at the same time as the event ticket, which is \$7.50 per guest at the door.

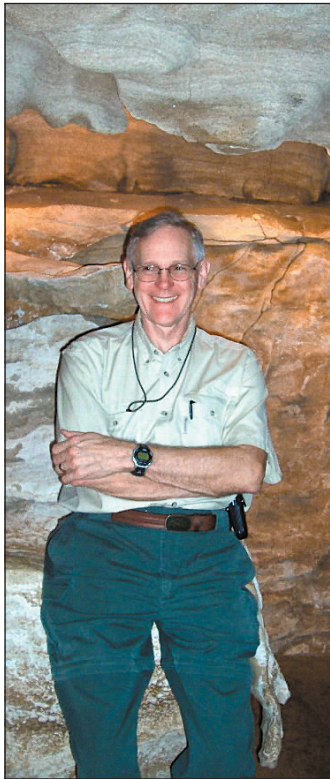
Daniel Noll will create a

sculpture with Alabama mud. He will also be passing out free samples of mud to the kids.

Roger Reid, producer and writer of Alabama Public Television's "Discovering Alabama" series, will be discussing his newest young adult mystery novel "Space." His last novel "Longleaf" was a huge success and "Space" continues the saga of teenage sleuth Jason Caldwell in a tale that incorporates factual information about astronomy and America's space program into its intriguing tale of suspicion and pursuit.

A "celebrity" of sorts will be the Hodges meteorite. It was in 1954 when "Stars Fell on Alabama," and it's the only confirmed meteorite to actually strike and injure a human.

The cuisine will feature Bottletree Cafe's award-winning vegetarian chili, a choice of



David Glasgow at Rickwood Caverns

beef or tofu hot dogs, turkey pesto wraps and more.

The space adventure also includes a movie showing. A diligent search came up with one of the best of the worst movies ever made. "Plan 9 from Outer Space" is so bad it's funny, according to the Fresh Air Family founder **Verna Gates**.

Attire is alien or Halloween costume. There is a costume prize for finest alien and for best non-alien.

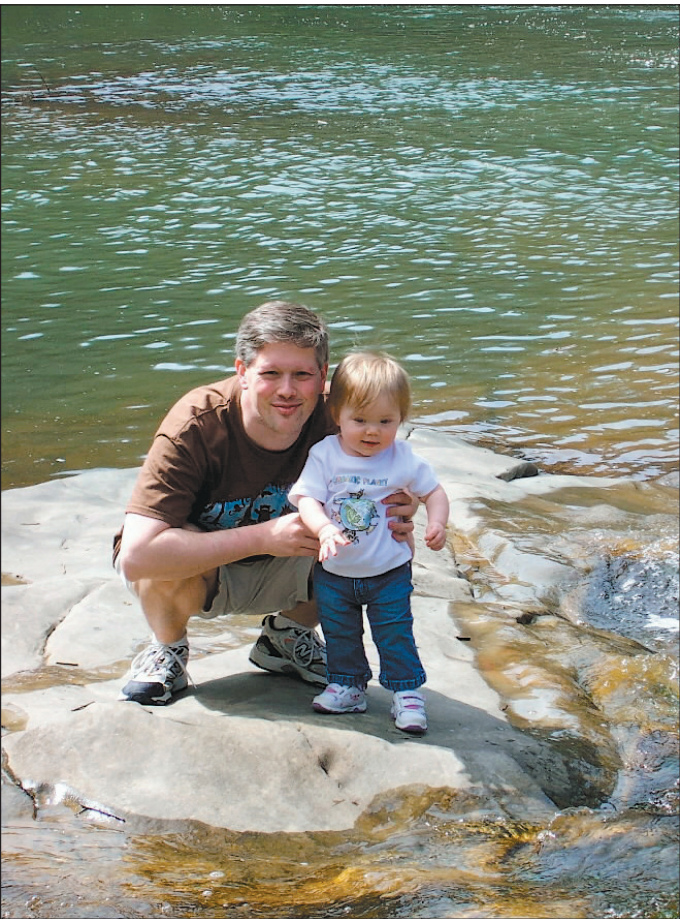
Kids can bring a decorated pumpkin and enter the "Best Alien Pumpkin Contest." There will be a silent auction.

Fresh Air Family's adventures prove that the best theme park is nature. Verna, the longtime president of the Birmingham Wildflower Society, founded Fresh Air Family in 2006. Fresh Air Family has a year-round calendar of outdoor events and activities that encourage people to explore the state —giving them a little healthy exercise at the same time.

Fresh Air Family has visited the Dismal Canyon near Florence, the Conecuh National Forest in Andalusia, Shark's Tooth Creek in Aliceville and The Walls of Jericho in northeast Alabama. Most of its events are free, and some are low in cost.

Planners: Planning the benefit with Verna are **Misty Cuthbert** and **Melissa Hendon**.

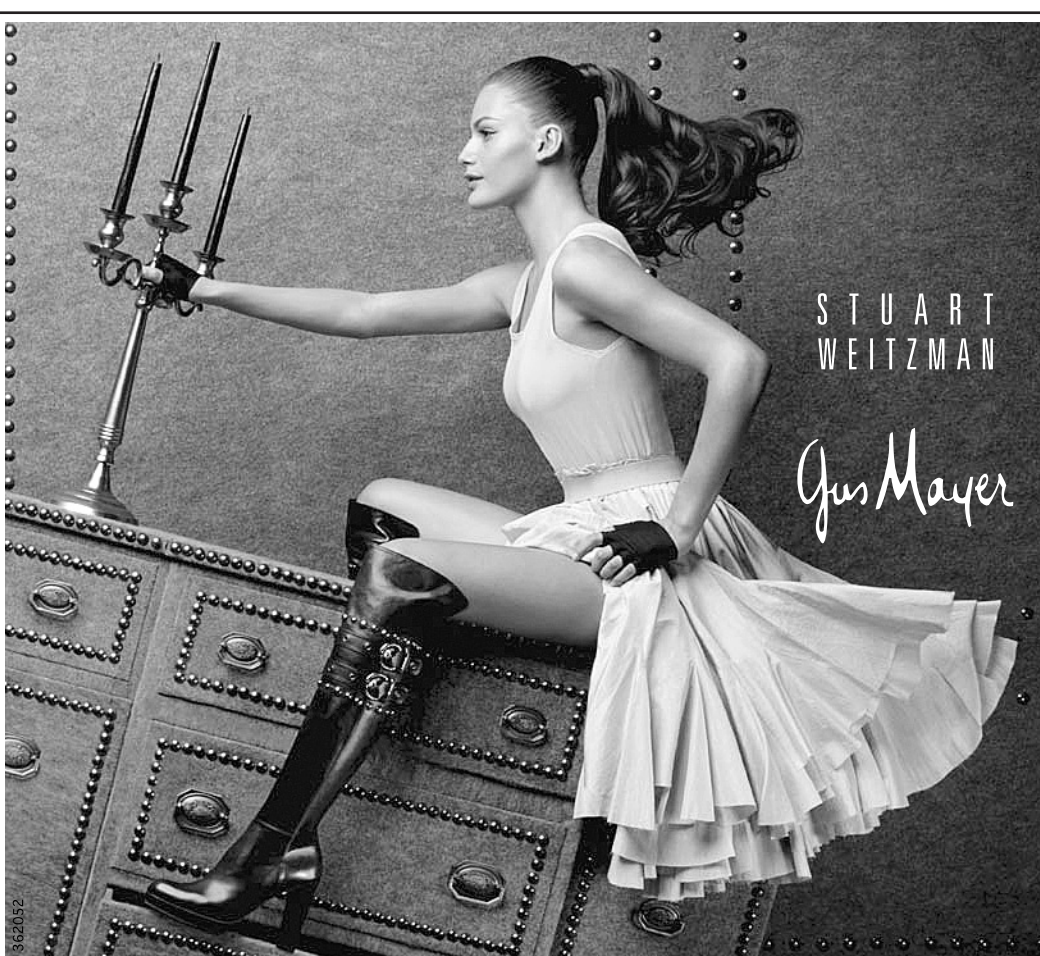
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Matt and Kendall Cuthbert at Turkey Creek



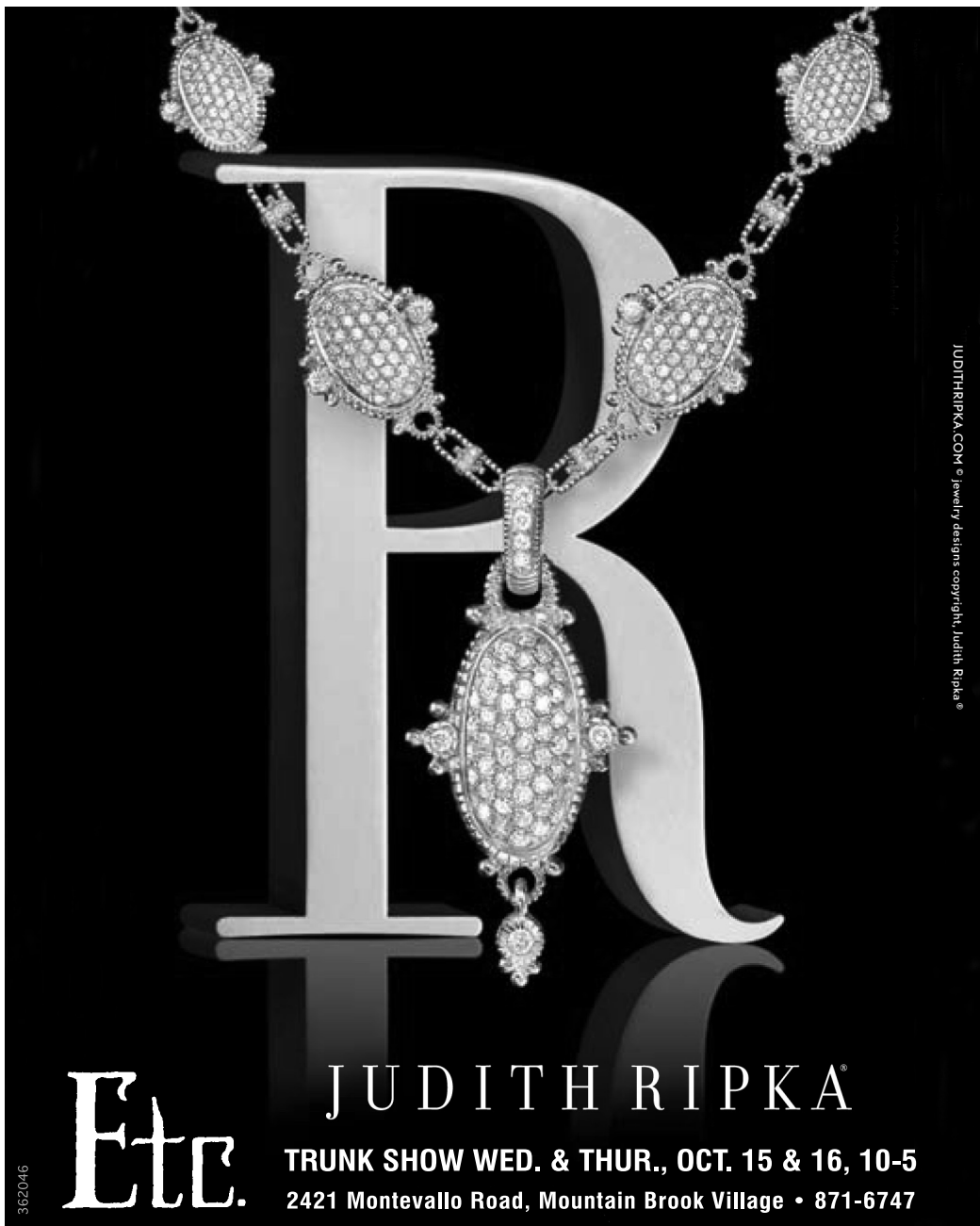
Misty Cuthbert and Verna Gates at Dismal Canyon



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