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LEGISLATURE VOTES TO TURN TEXAS INTO NATIONAL NUCLEAR DUMPING GROUND

During May, in a final 23-6 vote, the Senate passed CSHB1567-- a bill authorizing the first national compact waste facility to open in the country, committing Texas to become a nuclear dumping ground for the nation.

"Dallas / Ft. Worth residents should know that their local Senators have put them at risk," commented Rita Beving, Dallas Sierra Club Conservation Chair. "These nuclear waste trucks will travel on the hazardous waste routes of I-635, I-30, and I-20 on the way to this dump site in West Texas. This bill is a dangerous proposition putting hospitals, schools, and other vital community facilities in harm's way."

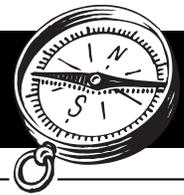
The dump, located near Odessa near the New Mexico border, will take "low level" radioactive waste from as far as Vermont and those states which subcontract with that state. As much as 300 million cubic feet of military ammunitions waste has been proposed to be taken by the privately - licensed dump operator. Though the waste has been touted as "low level" that doesn't translate into "low harm." This dangerous waste can linger for hundreds of thousands to millions of years.

The dump bill has no assurance for the

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June's Program: Bob Liles will present a slide & music show featuring diving in Fiji and backpacking in New Zealand. More details on page 1.



UNITED STATES POPULATION FACTS AND FIGURES

Many people don't know the United States is the world's third most populated country with China and India ranking first and second, respectively. Currently, according to the 2000 Census, our population numbers 281,421,906.

A historical look at our population shows some interesting facts. In 1800 our population was only 5,308,483 but jumped to 76,094,000 by 1900. That means that in the last 100 years we have grown another 70,785,517. These are formidable numbers in and of themselves but when we consider that we are 5% of the world's population and consume 25% of the world's resources, these figures have other ramifications. United States citizens consume a disproportionate amount of global resources and that impact is felt around the world. Because the size of Planet Earth is fixed (25,000 miles around at the Equator), but population worldwide (now at 6 billion plus) continues to grow, we face an uncharted future. No one knows the 'carrying capacity' of the Earth, but we do know that increasing population growth, coupled with resource consumption, unbridled land use, and the resultant pollution will stress the earth's systems far beyond what can be quantified.

Some things can be quantified. For example, if the entire world consumed

resources at the average consumption level of a U. S. citizen, we would need 4 Earths to support us all. Another example: To produce the meat for one fast food hamburger, it takes 1.75 pounds of feed and 200 gallons of water. That same hamburger also results in 12 pound of cow manure. In hunter-gatherer times, an average human consumed 2,500 calories daily, all of it from food. Today humans use an average of 31,000 calories each day, most of it from fossil fuel. North Americans use six times that much, relying on energy taken from forests, oil deposits, mines, and grasslands that may lie hundreds of miles away from supermarkets and gas stations.

So, what can an individual do? Plenty! Walk, bike, carpool, use public transportation and combine errands rather than making multiple short trips. Use compact fluorescent bulbs for lighting. Buy organic for your health and because it reduces fertilizer and pesticide use. Buy less. Refuse to buy highly packaged products. Re-use. Recycle. Say "NO" to junk mail by sending your name, home address, and signature to: Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Association, P.O.Box 9008, Farmingdale, NY, 11735-9008. Become

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IN THE SUMMER LESS HEAT EQUALS LOWER ELECTRIC BILLS

Well, the scorching days of summer are just around the corner, and along with those scorching days come high electric bills. The sun radiates with such intensity that your house can sometimes feel like an oven. Turning on the air conditioner seems to be the only defense against the heat, but that results in a higher electric bill. I know many of you have electric bills well over \$150 a month during those scorching summer months. I gasped when I heard a coworker say their electric bill went over \$300 during the summer months. OUCH!!

The key to maintaining a comfortable environment while reducing your electric bill is to reduce the amount of heat coming into your home. It's not as complicated or expensive as you may think. First, identify the places where heat enters your home, such as windows, lights, wall sockets and plugs. When you take steps to reduce that heat, you will reduce the amount of energy required to keep your home comfortable.

Windows are great but if they happen to face due East or West a vast amount of heat enters your home, not just for a couple of hours, but almost all day long! A good way to reduce that heat is to apply window tinting. Some tints can now reduce heat gain by up to 60%. Tints are inexpensive and easy to install. You can find them at your local home improvement store.

If your windows are single pane or non-insulated, replacing them is an option, but this can be very costly. If you choose to replace your windows, start with rooms that have windows which let the most amount of heat in. A consumer guide for finding efficient windows for a particular region can be found at www.efficientwindows.org.

Planting trees near East and West windows can also reduce heat. The cost will vary depending on the type and size of trees bought.

Light bulbs are necessary for reading, but has the heat emanating from them ever bothered you? Regular Incandescent bulbs add heat to your home. Changing them to compact fluorescents (CFs) can help reduce the heat inside your home. CFs use about 1/3 the power of regular incandescent bulbs, come in different sizes and shapes, and can be found at your local home improvement store. Note, however, that CFs contain minute amounts of mercury, therefore they must not be thrown in the trash after their useful life. For instructions on proper disposal contact your local recycling or hazardous waste disposal center.

Heat can also enter through wall sockets and plugs. Wall socket and plug insulators, inexpensive and simple to install, will help reduce the heat from those sources. They

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SNAPSHOT: ACCESS TO WATER

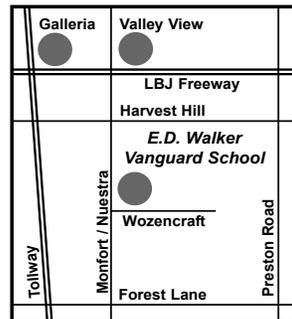
The Pacific Institute for Studies in Development, Environment, and Security (www.pacinst.org) collects and analyzes water data from around the world. Comparisons are not perfect, due to differences between urban and rural populations, regional variations, and imperfections in data collection techniques. Still, the comparisons are instructive in pointing out the vast disparities between the industrialized and developing nations as well as between different nations on the same continent. Percentages indicate the fraction of population with access to drinking water and sanitation. (Statistics are published in *The World's Water 2002-2003: The Biennial Report on Fresh Water Resources*. "Access" does not necessarily mean "safe" or "adequate".)

	Drinking Water	Sanitation
Angola	38%	44%
Chad	27%	29%
Congo, Dem. Rep.	45%	20%
Djibouti	100%	91%
Ethiopia	24%	15%
Sierra Leone	28%	28%
South Africa	86%	86%
Tanzania	54%	90%
Canada	100%	100%
Cuba	95%	95%
Haiti	46%	28%
USA	100%	100%
Brazil	87%	77%
Ecuador	71%	59%
Peru	77%	76%
Uruguay	98%	95%
Afghanistan	13%	12%
China	75%	38%
India	88%	31%
Iran	95%	81%
Iraq	85%	79%
Pakistan	88%	61%
Saudi Arabia	95%	100%
Vietnam	56%	73%
Australia	100%	100%
Fiji	47%	43%

JUNE'S PROGRAM

Our short program will feature Paul Mangelsdorf of Texas Rails Advocates (www.texasrailadvocates.org), an organization devoted to advancing passenger and freight rail service to its fullest potential in Texas. He will discuss his organization's efforts to promote rail as a more efficient and environmentally friendly transportation alternative for Texas, particularly the South Central High Speed Rail Corridor, for which State and Federal funding is being sought. Hop aboard to hear about the future of train service in Texas!

We're also going deep-sea diving in the South Pacific and backpacking in New Zealand! Join Bob Liles as he takes us on a multimedia tour through the Matangi Resort on Fiji, with pictures taken both on land and underwater. Then it's on to New Zealand with pictures from the Milford Track and Routeburn Track guided walks on the southern half of the South Island, with our destination the Milford Sound. Bob will also share his experience as one of a very few individuals who swam across the international dateline underwater at 50 feet at midnight on New Year's Eve, 2000.



The Dallas Sierra Club's general meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month. Meetings are open to all interested persons. The meetings begin at 7pm at the E.D. Walker School on the corner of Montfort and Wozencraft, MAPSCO 15S.

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can be found at your local home improvement store in the weather stripping section.

Having the right amount of insulation in your attic is the most important heat-reducing strategy. Helpful information about insulating your home correctly is posted on the U.S. Department of Energy website, www.eere.energy.gov/consumerinfo/wx.html (click on "Insulation Fact Sheet"). It has information about the kind of insulation you need and why, tells you how to determine R-value for an existing or new home, identifies other strategies to prevent heat from entering your home, and more.

Remember, the less heat that enters your home, the less energy it takes to cool your home, which results in lower electric bills.

Lisa Silguero
Energy Coordinator



LETTER FROM CHAIR

Climate Change is Hot Topic

Climate change was a hot topic at the recent Sustainable Dallas conference.

The conference featured keynote speeches by two well-known energy experts who consult with private industry and governments about energy conservation and other strategies for moving toward sustainability. Both are experts about the consequences of running an economy on fossil fuels and the need to move to an energy-efficient economy powered by clean energy.

Dr. Joseph Romm, author of *Cool Companies* and founder of the Center for Energy & Climate Solutions (<http://www.energyandclimate.org>), designs strategies for companies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and make money in the process. Amory Lovins, author of *Natural Capitalism* and founder of the Rocky Mountain Institute (www.rmi.org), is widely recognized as a visionary and one of the world's most influential energy thinkers, and RMI also consults with private industry on energy efficiency.

Dr. Romm spent much of his time delivering a primer on global warming. He called global warming "the biggest environmental problem of the century" and said that if Texas were a nation, it would be the world's 7th largest emitter of CO₂ (carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas).

What are the consequences for Texas of unchecked global warming? Plenty, according to Dr. Romm. We can expect increased summer temperatures of 3 to 7 degrees Fahrenheit, longer heat waves (70 or more 100-degree days each summer), and more floods and droughts. It's no accident, he says, that we're seeing more intense rain events and more tornadoes. Dry areas are getting dryer, and wet areas are getting wetter. The sea level along the Gulf Coast could rise as much as 1 meter by the end of the century.

Global warming is a "very real threat", he said, and "it is incumbent upon governments to take action". He pointed to a speech* by British Prime Minister Tony Blair on February 24 as evidence of the inevitability of action on climate change. In that address, Mr. Blair called the Kyoto agreement "not radical enough" because "at best Kyoto will mean a reduction of 2% in emissions", whereas a 60% reduction in worldwide emissions by 2050 is essential. He pledged to put Britain on a path to meet that target and called for "a new international consensus to protect our environment and combat the devastating impacts of climate change."

But it's not up to governments alone to address this problem. Dr. Romm and Mr. Lovins both cited examples of businesses that have substantially reduced their energy use, thereby reducing their greenhouse gas emissions and increasing profits as they move toward a more sustainable business model. They are fighting the widespread misperception that environmentalism and a healthy economy are incompatible by demonstrating that companies actually increase productivity and profits when they operate in a more energy-efficient and resource-sustainable manner.

Mr. Blair spoke to this misconception in his speech:

"...It is a myth that reducing emissions makes us poorer. The UK's economy has grown by nearly 17% since 1997 – in that time, emissions have fallen by 5%... We in Britain have shown that it is possible to break the relationship between economic growth and ever-rising pollution. And through further reductions in resource use, we will benefit our economy, business and the environment."

But educating corporate leaders is a slow process. Dr. Romm says that, "Sustainability is pretty tough. Like teenage sex, everyone says they're doing it but they're not, and those who are doing it aren't doing it very well!"

In the Rocky Mountain Institute's 2001-2002 Annual Report, Mr. Lovins explained that we live in a "tripolar world" of government, business and civil society, and that the latter two have become "the chief poles of power and effectiveness." RMI works with the private sector and communities because "Business and an Internet-empowered civil society are increasingly stepping in where the third pole – government – cannot or will not rise to the occasion."

Dr. Romm said that 30 years from now the climate is going to be pretty grim. The question historians will ask is, "Why did the people who knew about this and who knew we could take action fail to do so?"

He called on the environmental community to spend more effort educating the public about global warming. The average European knows a lot more about it than the average American. That may help explain why we haven't heard a speech like Mr. Blair's come from the current administration.

I applaud Tom Kemper, Margie Haley, and the other members of the Sustainable Dallas team for their efforts to educate the public and local leaders of business and government about these critical issues. Of course, corporate greenwashing will persist, and we should expose it for the public relations stunt that it is; but we must also recognize and support those in the business community who are genuinely trying to effect change and become leaders in energy efficiency and resource sustainability.

Ann Drumm
Dallas Sierra Club Chair

*Text of Mr. Blair's 2/24/03 speech is available at:
http://www.britainusa.com/science/xq/asp/SArticleType.1/Article_ID.3275/qx/articles_show.htm

GENERAL CALENDAR

6/4 • 7/2 First Wednesday. Executive Committee Meeting 6:30PM at REI 2nd floor meeting room (I-635 between Welch Road & Midway Road, MAPSCO 14Q), to discuss Club projects, policy and finances. All members are welcome to attend and participate. Call Ann Drum at 214-350-6108.

6/11 • 7/9 Second Wednesday. Sierra Club General Meeting 7:00-8:30pm in the auditorium at ED Walker School (Corner of Montfort & Wozencraft, MAPSCO 15S), come early to pick up activity materials and afterwards join the socializing at Juan's Cantina.

6/13 • 7/11 Second Friday. Deadline for electronic materials to be submitted to The Compass. E-mail matt@dallasierraclub.org or deliver diskettes to editors during the General Meeting.

6/18 • 7/16 Third Wednesday. Outings Committee Meeting 7:00PM REI (MapSCO 14Q), to discuss outings schedules and issues. All outings leaders, future outings leaders, and interested Sierrans are welcome. Call Mick Nolen at 972-991-9351 for more information.

6/23 • 7/21 Inner City Outings Meeting. Monday. 7PM at REI. Contact David McCallib at 972-438-1269.

6/25 • 7/23 Fourth Wednesday. Newsletter Party 7:00PM at the Churchill Recreation Center at Hillcrest & Churchill Way (MAPSCO 15V). Help sort, bundle and label the newsletter. Socializing afterward. Contact Donna Evans at 972-222-6134.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Mick Nolen



Well, where do I begin? Mick Nolen is probably the best known guy in the Dallas Sierra Club - so writing about him and doing him justice are a real task. Mick's humour, outgoingness and dedication are the glue that holds the club together.

Over the years he has held such positions as Membership Chair and Outings Chair, and has lead dozens upon dozens of outings. I would also like to thank Mick personally for getting me involved with the Sierra Club. I wouldn't have been able to do the newsletter with out him.

Mick has had a pretty eventful past couple of years with a new job, new wife and even a little junior Sierran - who's due this August.

So, everyone give Mick a pat on the back the next time you see him.

Matt Wales
Newsletter Editor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help Wanted – Compass Ad Sales

We're looking for a person to sell advertising in The Compass. We prefer a volunteer but are willing to consider paying a commission. For more information call Ann Drumm at 214-350-6108.

Raffle Donations Wanted

Can you donate an item that our members would just love to have? We'd love to offer it at our monthly raffle. Contact Calvin Nichols at 972-240-4141.

Help Us by Renewing Your Membership Through the Website

Did you know that if you join, renew your membership or purchase merchandise online that part of the proceeds come back to the Dallas group? Check out the links to the right or the yellow box on our home page and use the easy on-line method of supporting the club.

Build Your Advocacy Skills:

Volunteers Needed for Community Outreach

Are you interested in being trained to make presentations to the community on conservation issues? We're looking for energetic volunteers to help us build a long-term public education program. Contact Ann Drumm at 214-350-6108 or ann@dallassierraclub.org.

Garage Sale - Oct 18th: We need YOU! Your STUFF! And BOXES!

We have acquired storage space for our garage sale and are ready to take your stuff! We need clothing, furniture, linens, toys, TVs and computers in working order, bicycles and other usable discards. We also need moving boxes and tape for storage. If you absolutely can't drop it off at our storage facility, we'll find someone to come pick it up. Ask family and friends for stuff, too! We also need volunteers to sort and price goods, and we need drivers with trucks, vans or SUVs who can pick up large items. Contact Joenie Mein at 214-320-3275 (joenie@dallassierraclub.org) or Carol Nash at 214-824-0244 (carol@dallassierraclub.org).

We also need people with day or nighttime availability with trucks or vans to help bring things to the storage space. Thanks for your help!

Volunteer Announcements On-line

Want to volunteer but don't have lots of time? Check out our new Volunteer Board and take home the card that describes a job that suits you. The approximate time commitment is indicated on the card. New opportunities posted each month! There's also an online version at www.dallassierraclub.org.

Know a Good Speaker?

We're looking for good speakers and programs for our general meetings, and we want your suggestions. Call Ann Drumm 214-350-6108 (ann@dallassierraclub.org).

Have a Passion For Garbage?

Our representative on the solid waste committee of the North Central Texas Council of Governments is looking for an alternate when she can't attend meetings (about 4-5 times a year). Call Shirley Holland at 972-294-8078. Meetings are held in Arlington.

Audio / Visual Help At Meetings

We need one or two people to take responsibility for setting up and running the equipment at the general meetings. Contact Ann Drumm, 214-350-6108.

IMPORTANT CHAPTER EVENTS

OK, fellow Sierrans, mark your calendars for these important dates where Sierrans from all over the state from our 18 groups can get together to meet and have fun on different events throughout the year. Details will be finalized as the dates approach. For info on these events, call the chapter office at 512-477-1729 or access the lone star chapter website.

JULY 19 -20 (SATURDAY-SUNDAY) CONSERVATION CONFERENCE AND AWARDS BANQUET Learn about chapter conservation priorities and join us that evening for a banquet which honors Sierrans, legislators, and media who have done great service for the club. Location to be announced.

OCTOBER 17-19 (FRIDAY - SUNDAY) SIERRA CELEBRATION at Lake Bastrop State Park near Austin at Bastrop. Outdoor fun with Sierrans at this neat location. More details forthcoming.

Sierra Club Wine Tasting



**Friday • July 18th
Tony's Wine Warehouse
at 8:30 pm**

Come taste at least 12-15 wonderful red and white wines.
Learn about wine in a fun class for up to 30 fun Sierrans and your friends.

Cost: \$20 / Single • \$35 / Couple -- Limited Seating

RESERVATIONS WITH CHECK ONLY

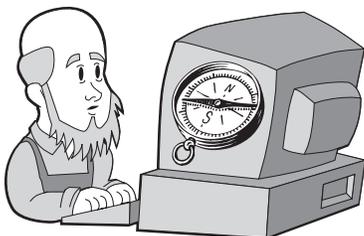
Ask your friends to join us - they don't have to be Sierra Club members.

Make check out to the Dallas Sierra Club and sent to:
Attn: Jenny Lehman at 7504 Meadow Creek Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76123
or Attn: Rita Beving at 14605 Dartmouth Ct., Addison, TX 75001

For info call Jennifer at 817-263-1357 or Rita at 972-406-9667.

Tony's is located near the Melrose Hotel at 2904 Oak Lawn Ave. in Dallas.
Please be there at 8:30pm as Tony's starts promptly at 8:45pm.
All monies benefit the Sierra Club. Thank you.

Sierra Club Wine Tasting



Contribute!

Do you have stories
and photos?

Send 'em our way.

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SIERRA CLUB OUTINGS

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 **BACKPACKING**

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 **EDUCATION**

 **SERVICE PROJECT**

Notice: To receive this outings list monthly via e-mail, send message to:

outings.list@dallasierraclub.org

Type **SUBSCRIBE OUTINGS LIST** on the subject line.

HOW THE OUTING PROGRAM WORKS

Dallas Sierra Club Outings are open to members and non-members. Some trips may require special qualifications and capabilities. The leaders of each outing / trip are serving in a volunteer capacity and assume no responsibility above that of trip organizer. If you have a medical problem, it is your responsibility to inform the leader before the outing / trip. Outing / Trip leaders are encouraged to participate in training and classes to increase their skills, but they are not paid professionals. They will assist you within their limitations. It is the responsibility of the participant to be aware of any personal limitations before going on an outing.

Radios and firearms are prohibited from all outings. Pets are not allowed unless specifically stated. All outings officially begin at the trail head or outing start point. Leaders cannot assign carpools, but may help coordinate ride sharing for energy conservation and to promote fellowship. All non-commercial transportation is the responsibility of the individual. Car-pooling is SOLELY voluntary, but the costs are shared. The usual method of sharing transportation cost is for all riders in the car, including the driver, to divide the cost of transportation equally. The recommended method of computing cost is to multiply round trip mileage by \$0.13 a mile for small cars, \$0.16 for large cars and \$0.19 for vans. Before leaving, be sure this or some other method is agreed upon.

Most outings require reservations. To participate in an outing contact the leader, who will decide if the trip you are interested in is suitable for you based on your capabilities and the demands of the trip. There is usually a limit to the number of people allowed on a given outing / trip. Reservations are necessary for outings unless otherwise noted. If you must cancel, inform the leader as soon as possible so that someone else can go in your place.

Please respect the wishes of your leader who has volunteered his / her free time to allow you to go on the trip of your choice. If you have any questions, or if you are interested in becoming a leader, contact either the Outings Chair or the appropriate Outings Committee Coordinator on the newsletter back page.

JUNE 6 (FRI) DEADLINE for submission of outings to be listed in the June Outings List and July Newsletter.
Contact: Mick Nolen
972-991-9351
mick@dallasierraclub.org



JUN 8 (SUN) BLUFFVIEW DAYHIKE
Enjoy an early summer morning with an early morning hike and brunch. We'll hike about 6 miles through the rolling hills of the Bluffview residential area and Bachman Lake greenbelt. After the hike we'll have brunch (optional) at La Madeleine. Meet at 9 AM at the northeast corner of Midway Road and Northwest Highway (Loop 12) in the La Madeleine parking lot (Mapsco 24X). No reservations necessary.
Leader: Steve Longley
214-824-1128 (H)



JUN 12 (THUR) NIGHTHIKE ON THE CHISHOLM TRAIL IN PLANO Meet at 7 PM in front of the Starbucks (north side of 15th just west of US 75 in Plano (Mapsco 658V)). We will walk 5-miles on a paved path. Bring water. No reservations, just show up. Ice cream afterwards.
Leader: Judy Cato
972-238-5738 (H)



JUNE 14 (SAT) WHITE ROCK LAKE CLEANUP Help clean up the Dallas Sierra Club's Adopted Shoreline. Meet at the For the Love of the Lake office parking lot on level below Eckerd's in Casa Linda Plaza (on Buckner facing Doctors Hospital, just north of Garland Road, Mapsco 38-J) at 8 AM for registration and refreshments.
Leader: Carol Nash
214-824-0244 (H)
cnash@dallasisd.org



JUN 15 (SUN) DAYHIKE ON EAST SIDE OF WHITE ROCK LAKE Meet at the Stone Tables at White Rock Lake at 9 AM on Lake Highlands Drive and Buckner Blvd. We'll walk 6-miles on a paved path. Bring water. No reservations, just show up. Restaurant optional afterwards.
Leader: Judy Cato
972-238-5738 (H)

JUNE 18 (WED) OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING Meet in the upstairs program room at REI (on north side of LBJ between Midway and Welch), at 7 PM. Bring your ideas for the Dallas Sierra Club Outings program. We will be planning summer outings and bus trips. All outings leaders, future outings leaders, and interested Sierrans welcome.
Contact: Mick Nolen
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mick@dallasierraclub.org



JUN 26 (THUR) NIGHTHIKE ON THE CHISHOLM TRAIL IN PLANO Meet at 7 PM in front of the Starbucks (north side of 15th just west of US 75 in Plano (Mapsco 658V)). We will walk 5-miles on a paved

path. Bring water. No reservations, just show up. Ice cream afterwards.
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JUL 3-6 (THU-SUN) FIRECRACKER 4TH OF JULY, PECOS WILDERNESS NM STRENUOUS BACKPACK Fly to Albuquerque, rent a car, drive east of Santa Fe to Cowles Campground, all on your own or with a friend. Gather & start trip next am at Jacks Creek Campground (8,300'). Backpack 3 days & return to cars Sunday, drive & fly home that pm. Base out of Pecos Baldy area (11,500'). Day hikes to Middle Truches peak (13,150') or Pecos Baldy. 17 miles backpacking + 10 dayhiking. Water each night. Promises great views, high forests, alpine meadows, and glacier-cut mountains. Cool (literally) way to spend the holiday.
Leader: Jerry Lewis
214-578-6963
jerrylewis@attbi.com

JUL 4 (FRI) DEADLINE for submission of outings to be listed in the July Outings List and August Newsletter.
Contact: Mick Nolen
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JUL 12 - 13 (SAT-SUN) ANNUAL BASTILLE DAY CANOE TRIP ON THE RED RIVER Come celebrate this famous French holiday with a 20-mile trip down the Red River above Lake Texoma. We will camp Saturday night on a large sand bar and enjoy French food and wine. Participants must have some canoeing experience and they must bring something French or they will be guillotined at dawn.
Leader: Mick Nolen
214-762-9351(C)
mick@dallasierraclub.org



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JUL 17 (THU) DAYHIKE LEADER TRAINING If you would like to lead dayhikes for the Dallas Sierra Club, you should mark your calendar for this special evening of training. You will learn everything you need to know to lead dayhikes in and around the Dallas Area. The class will be held at REI, 4515 LBJ Freeway, Farmers Branch (north side of LBJ between Midway Rd. and Welch Rd.) from 7 PM to 8:30 PM. The class is free and no advance registration is required.
Contact: Mick Nolen
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JUL 19 (SAT) DAYHIKE ON THE NORTHSHORE TRAIL AT LAKE GRAPEVINE We'll hike 7¼ miles over slightly hilly terrain on dirt trails. The hike begins at Rockledge Park, next to the restrooms, just north of the dam / spillway on Fairway Drive in Grapevine. You will need water, a trail lunch, and a change of shoes if it's muddy. Meet at the trailhead at 10 AM OR for carpooling at REI on I-635 on the left (west) side of the building at 9:15 AM. No reservations necessary.
Leader: Steve Longley
214-824-1128 (H)



JUL 29 - AUG 3 (TUE - SUN) WASHINGTON STATE BACKPACK Would like to go backpacking in the Olympic National Park or thereabouts. Would fly-drive to Seattle and rent a car. After trail time, would also sightsee some of that area. Itinerary still in planning stages and receptive to input. If you are interested in joining me for all or part of that, contact Jerry Lewis.
Contact: Jerry Lewis
214-578-6963
jerrylewis@attbi.com



JUL 24 (THU) BACKPACK AND CAR CAMP LEADER TRAINING If you would like to lead car camping or backpacking trips for the Dallas Sierra Club, you should mark your calendar for this special evening of training. You will learn everything you need to know to lead these trips. In addition, we will schedule field training (a practice hike) in September. The class will be held at REI, 4515 LBJ Freeway, Farmers Branch (north side of LBJ between Midway Rd and Welch Rd.) from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. The class is free and no advance registration is required.
Contact: Mick Nolen
972-991-9351
mick@dallasierraclub.org



AUG 16 - 24 (SAT - SUN) WEEK - LONG CANOE TRIP ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER (IN MINNESOTA) Beat the heat on this exploratory canoe trip on the Mississippi River Headwaters region of Minnesota, starting at Grand Rapids and ending at either Palisade or Aitkin (100+ miles). There are no significant rapids or portages on this trip, but participants must have intermediate canoeing skills and canoe-camping experience. Dates shown for this listing include travel time from DFW area; we will be on the river 6-7 days, camping at primitive sites along the way. For more details of this river trip, see <http://members.aol.com/mmcbs3/mississippi.html>.
Leader: Mark McClain
972-253-4449
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SEP 7-12 (SUN-FRI) HIGH SIERRA FLY-FISHING The search of the elusive California golden trout requires a strenuous backpack trip of about 35 miles in the Ansel Adams Wilderness. Brookies, rainbows and browns will also be sought. This flyfishing trip is from Devil Post Pile to Tuolumne Meadows on the JMT. The trip is rated as strenuous and is only for those who have had extended backpack trips in bear country. Bear resistant canisters are required for food storage. A California nonresident fishing license and trout stamp is required for angling. There is a nonrefundable fee of \$5.00 for the wilderness permit. The check must be received by Feb 21, 2003 to meet the permit deadline. The trip is limited to 6 experienced backpackers. Contact the leaders who will determine if you qualify for

the trip.
Leaders: Marcos Jorge
Steve Longley
972-394-2546 (H)
mjorge@ustgolfshaft.com



SEP 26-28 (FRI-SUN) GRAND CANYON Leave after work Thursday return Sunday. Horseback riding into Havasupai Canyon or backpacking into the canyon. Stay at campground near renowned Emerald Falls and Pools. Hike to the Colorado River. Fly to Las Vegas, rent cars, stay Thurs in Casino, Come back out Sunday morning and fly back to DFW that evening.
Contact: Don Purinton
972-985-1774
dpurinton@attbi.com



OCT 10-19 (FRI-SUN) KAYAK THE LOWER CANYON OF THE RIO GRANDE Spend eight days exploring this remote stretch of the Rio Grande, put in at La Linda and take out at Dryden. We will hike side canyons, explore caves, view petroglyphs, soak in hot springs and maybe run some rapids (class II-III). This is an isolated area. The only way out is down the river. The trip distance is approximately 84 beautiful miles. Multi-day kayak experience is required. The group size will be small. Sign up early.
Leader: Bill Beach
214-824-4584 (H)



SIERRA SINGLES • OUTINGS •

On Saturday, JUNE 7 at 10:00 a.m. join us for a fast paced hike at the Fort Worth Nature Center. We will hike about 6-7 miles. Meet inside the interpretive center by 10:00. Rain or other inclement weather will cancel this hike.
Leader: Jenny Lehman.

On Sunday, JUNE 8, come out with other Sierra Singles and enjoy the 'TEXAS SCOTTISH FESTIVAL AND HIGHLAND GAMES'. This is a really good way to see some good Celtic music bands, sample some scones and shepherd's pies, see real men hurl heavy objects up in the air and watch sheep dogs do an old time roundup! We will meet at the front gate of the festival which takes place at Maverick Stadium UTA at 12:30pm. Cost is \$10 for adults. No reservations necessary, but if you want more info or to make sure that you meet up with the group, as well as get maps and various ideas, send an email to alogan@raytheon.com Scottish attire not required, but will be appreciated! For more info check out the website at: www.TexasScottishFestival.com

On Monday, JUNE 16 at 7:30 join us for dinner at On The Border, located by the Irving Mall.
Contact: Jenny Lehman.

On Thursday, JUNE 26 at 6:30 join us at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens for a Fort Worth Symphony concert in the garden. Jazz Under the Stars will be over but the Thursday music tradition can continue for one more week! The concert begins at 8:00 but we need to arrive early. If you can only arrive later, contact me [Jenny] first so I'll know to save a spot on the lawn for you. The concert theme is "Beach Blanket Beethoven." Tickets are \$15 if you send

me money ahead of time or \$17 if you buy them at the gate.
Contact: Jenny Lehman

On Sunday, JULY 13, let's get together and see the new exhibit at the KIMBELL ART MUSEUM entitled: The Quest for Immortality, The Treasures of Ancient Egypt". This great exhibit features sculptures, jewelry and other masterpieces of funerary art from Egypt. We will meet at the front door at 1pm and then see this wonderful exhibit. Cost is \$10 per person. No reservations needed, but if you want more info, please send email to alogan@raytheon.com Optional afternoon tea following the museum tour. For more info, see the Kimbell's website: www.kimbellart.org

On Friday, JULY 18 learn about wines at a wine tasting at Tony's Wine Warehouse in Dallas at 2904 Oak Lawn (214-520-9463) at 8:45 p.m. This is a fund raiser for the Sierra Club. You will taste approximately 15 different wines and champagne and learn about their characteristics. You must sign-up and pay in advance for the wine tasting by July 10. Please make checks for \$20 per person to the DALLAS SIERRA CLUB and mail to Jenny Lehman. Phone (817) 263-1357 or email for information.

On Monday, JULY 21 at 7:30 join us for dinner, restaurant TBA.

Just a reminder that all events officially begin at the event site/trail head. Contact for Sierra Singles information: Jenny Lehman, (817) 263 1357 or avidhiker@killersfrogs.com. See the Dallas Sierra Club home page for instructions on how to subscribe to the Sierra Singles listserv.

CLEAN AIR WEDNESDAYS



Cynthia Mulcahy owns the Mulcahy Modern Gallery in the Bishop Arts District of Oak Cliff.

Do you have a Clean Air Wednesdays story? We'd love to hear it.
Contact Bud Melton at 214-828-2144 (H) or e-mail him at melbow@swbell.net

I walk or ride a bike to work as often as my days allow, which is usually 4 days a week. My art gallery is in the Bishop Arts District and I live a nice walking/biking distance away. In like manner, my husband rides the bus to work and we often take the DART train from the Tyler/Vernon station to Cityplace and Mockingbird Station to catch a movie, eat or shop.

What seems like an effort in the beginning, quickly becomes habit, and often I have moments to read the paper and relax as opposed to glancing at the clock, gassing up the car and fighting traffic.

Any other city I visit, I usually take the public transport: trams in Zurich, subway in Mexico City, etc. Admittedly, I would like to see Dallas adopt more of this type of lifestyle and it seems like we have made good progress in the last few years. Our air will be cleaner because of it!

Cynthia Mulcahy
Dallas

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CONSERVATION CALENDAR

JUNE 22 (SUNDAY) - CONSERVATION CONVERSATION NIGHT

Join conservation member Zachary Hilbun in an informal chit chat over La Madeleine's great food and talk about conservation issues. No set agendas- let's discuss topic you are concerned about or a recent news clipping. It's starts at 6 pm at the La Madeleine at Preston Rd./Forest Lane— near Tom Thumb. Call Zach at 214-350-4207.

JULY 18 (SATURDAY) - CONSERVATION CONFERENCE AND AWARD DINNER

Join fellow Sierrans in San Marcos to learn about conservation issues and see our award winning activists, volunteers, and media heros receive awards at an evening dinner. Public is invited to attend. Details forthcoming or call 512-477-1729.

NUCLEAR WASTE DUMP

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site's security, nor for the security of nuclear waste transport. The dump is privately licensed, not in state hands. The licensee only has to put up \$20 million in insurance. A 1998 DOE report indicated that a dump with \$1.5 million cu.ft. of waste cost \$370 million to clean up. This dump may total \$400 million cu. ft. including power plant, military, and compact waste.

The Senate rejected several amendments designed to protect Texans from some of the worst environmental and financial problems created by the bill. Those rejected provisions included amendments to ensure that local fire departments and other first responders were adequate trained and equipped along radioactive waste routes to handle radioactive accidents; a transport time requirement mandating that waste would travel through cities between 12 and 5 AM.; a requirement that the most concentrated 10% of the waste to be stored above ground vaults; and an amendment increasing the post-closure security to at least \$100 million, from a woefully inadequate \$20 million.

The most important amendment offered by Duncan (Rep. / Lubbock) included proposing a cap of 36 million cubic feet of federal waste was initially passed. This amendment would have allowed the license holder to make \$1.04 billion dollars in the first five years. Minutes later, the dump supporters regrouped on the floor and voted to reconsider the amendment lifting the cap to a whopping 162 million cubic feet. This will allow the license holder to make over \$100 billion.

Harold Simmons, who is the chairman of Dallas - based Valhi, has a controlling interest in Waste Control Specialists (WCS), who is vying for the privatized nuclear dump. During this legislative session alone, Simmons has spent nearly \$1 million with a team of 16 lobbyists working on his behalf to secure the dump bill's passage. WCS is expected to be the sole licensee from the state to operate a radioactive waste dump in West Texas.

In 2001 and 2002 according to the Texas Ethics Commission, Simmons and WCS co-owner Kent Hance have given more than \$475,00 in direct contributions and PAC money to state legislators and other state officials.

Top local House and Senate recipients of these funds include Representative Steve Wolens (\$6500), Senator Jane Nelson (\$2500), Senator Royce West (\$2,000), Senator Bob Deuell (\$2,000), Senator John Carona (\$2,000), and Senator Kip Averitt (\$2000). All voted for the authorization of the dump.

During 2001-2002, Governor Rick Perry received \$150,000 from Simmons and Hance. Other state elected officials who received sizable sums were House Speaker Tom Craddick (\$6,000), Lt. Governor Dewhurst (\$23,000), Carole Keeton Strayhorn (\$40,298).

"They say money can't buy you everything, but money can seemingly buy your very own nuclear waste dump in Texas," commented Beving. "This historic bill will prove to be a monumental mistake for Texas and a huge windfall for one private company. Now the jury's out, and its in Governor

Perry's hands. The \$150,000 question is -- will Governor Rick Perry relent to this huge amount of money he's received and put his signature on this bill or not?"

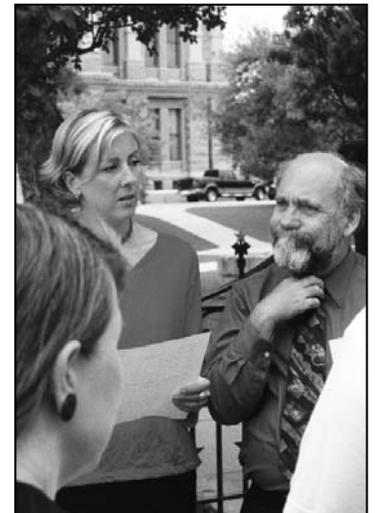
"On Earth Day (April 22), the House of Representatives passed the nuclear dump bill with a vote of 107-34" noted Katy Hubener of the Blue Skies Alliance and Sierra Club member. "In viewing this nuclear legislative fight, we are angered that so many Representatives and Senators alike voted wrong on this dangerous bill. However, there are those who did right by their constituents and fellow Texans. We would like to thank local Representatives Roberto Alonzo, Lon Burnam, Yvonne Davis, Terry Hodge, Jesse Jones, and Vicki Truitt (Rep) who had the common sense to vote against this nuclear dump."

"We are especially dismayed by those who we thought would stand for the environment who voted wrong on this bill including Representative Steve Wolens, Representative Helen Giddings and Senator Royce West. Not one Senator in the entire DFW delegation voted against this dump to protect Texas and our communities from the risk of this nuclear dump and the transport of this waste," Beving concluded. "Our members need to tell them how they feel about that through letters or in their upcoming town hall meetings. These legislators have devoted a bill to give one Texas man all the profits while putting taxpayers at risk."

At the time this article was written (May 16), the nuclear dump bill was headed to conference committee to be reconciled between both houses, and then head over to Governor Perry.

Texas currently gets rid of its nuclear waste in Utah and South Carolina, and could continue that practice. While this vote was being made, some legislators noted that the State of Washington is in a bitter fight over DOE waste at the Hanford facility.

Rita Beving
Media Coordinator



Above: Erin Rogers and "Smitty" Smith discuss game plans at the capital as Rita Beving looks on.

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October 18th

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Contact:

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informed about bills in the Texas legislature and in Washington that are harmful to the environment, then write to your senators and representatives regularly to let them know your opinions and to hold them accountable. Become active in the Sierra Club and other environmental organizations. We all have a voice and a vote. Make them count.

Joenie Mein
ExCom Member

*Factual data taken from National Wildlife Federation sources. Check their website: www.nwf.org.



Photos from Arthur Kuehne's On-line Photo Gallery

Above Right: The Masked Sierran Rides Again. Unknown individual dons part of a wayward skull on a canoe trip down the Colorado River in April.

Below Right: Alex contemplates whether to take the high road or the low road while hiking in the Caney Creek Wilderness in May.

Below: Faith and Lynda at the moment of realization that there are no outhouses in the Caney Creek Wilderness.

Photos are courtesy of Arthur Kuehne and are available on-line at www.akdallas.com.



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