



Superfund "Polluter Pays" Amendment Loses in Senate

Measure Gains Strong Bipartisan Support, Pressure Remains on Bush Administration to Relieve Taxpayer Burden

During March, a measure to shift the burden of Superfund toxic waste cleanups back to polluters was defeated in the U.S. Senate, but the measure gained bipartisan support and increases pressure on the Bush administration to put the health and safety of communities before corporate polluters. The amendment to restate the "polluter pays" fees, cosponsored by Senators Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ), Jon Corzine (D-NJ), Barbara Boxer (D-CA), and James Jeffords (I-VT), lost 43-53. The landmark program ran out of polluter-contributed funds last year, and the amendment would have relieved taxpayers of the significant financial burden of cleaning up abandoned toxic waste sites. "The Bush administration has abandoned the landmark principle that corporate polluters should be held responsible for the toxic messes they leave behind. We are deeply disappointed that the Senate today failed to change this irresponsible course," said Carl Pope, Sierra Club Executive Director. "If the administration embraced this idea, we could more easily afford to protect Americans' health and safety." During mid March, the Environmental Protection Agency also proposed to

add 11 sites to the Superfund National Priority List (NPL), but this announcement loses its luster in light of the Senate vote and the Bush administration's failures to support the Superfund program.

"The Bush administration should demand that corporate polluters contribute to the Superfund because it is a sound fiscal measure, would enhance revenues and help cut the skyrocketing deficit," said Pope. "The Senate failed to relieve taxpayers of an unnecessary burden. The Bush administration should move forward to put the health and safety of families and communities ahead of corporate polluters." Already, 1 in 4 Americans, including 10 million children, lives within 4 miles of a toxic waste site that is considered a Superfund cleanup priority. Once a site is listed on the NPL, it takes on average 11 years before the cleanup is complete. Without the polluter-funded trust fund, sites are forced to compete with other Superfund sites and the entire program competes with other federal environmental priorities. The rate of completed cleanups has fallen by 50 percent during the Bush administration compared to 1997-2000, and site listings have slowed down as well.

For information on how the Bush administration's position on the Superfund toxic waste cleanup program, please read the new U.S. PIRG and Sierra Club report at: <http://www.sierraclub.org/toxics/fact-sheets/cleanups.pdf>

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HELP CELEBRATE NAPA'S 22ND ANNIVERSARY

Natural Area Preservation Association (NAPA), a Texas land trust founded by noted Texas environmentalist Edward C. (Ned) Fritz, is celebrating its 22nd year of preserving wild places for future generations.

The gala will be held on Friday, April 23, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. on the 42nd Floor of City Place, 2711 N. Haskell at Central Expressway.

Tickets are \$75.00.
For more ticket information,
call (214) 706-9125.

Besides a buffet dinner, music, and taking a virtual tour of some of NAPA's preserves, we will honor former congressman John Bryant with the 1st Ned Fritz Conservation Award for Mr. Bryant's successful effort in creating 34,000 acres of Texas wilderness.

Come honor these two men, support wildness in Texas, and enjoy friends, old and new.

A P R I L P R O G R A M

THE NATURAL WAY - J. Howard Garrett

Synthetic fertilizers and toxic pesticides were tools of my trade for years. I understand homeowners and landscape people who mistakenly think they are doing the right thing by using them. What changed my course was the birth of my daughter Logan. It was at that point that I seriously started investigating the organic alternatives. I now wonder why I was so foolish and how anyone can spray toxic pesticides where children play and taste everything they see. The challenges facing our environment are now my concern. Every continent is polluted, some worse than others. America is polluted and Texas has the dubious honor of being the most polluted state in the union according to the Dallas Morning News. My research uncovered that organics is much more than a human safety issue. Our entire planet is in serious trouble and the most significant discovery is that the organic approach - the natural way - works better than the traditional chemical approach. Organics is not just a switch of products, but a completely new way of life. It's about understanding and enjoying nature. Organic gardening and landscaping maintenance procedures are financially sound, environmentally sensitive, and safe to wildlife, pets, children, adults and the earth. Poor land management and the overuse of artificial products have created millions of acres of sick soils in Texas. These soils have been overfertilized, over-grazed, over-cultivated, over-sprayed, and left to parch in the Texas sun. Our soils have been eroded, and little to no recycled organic matter has been added to rejuvenate them. That must stop. Sick soils lead to sick plants, which leads to sick animals and sick peo-

ple. Organics is a modern philosophy and practice began in the early 1900s with the ideas and experiments of British agronomist, Sir Albert Howard. While working in India, Howard found fewer animal diseases on the native Indian's farms than on the government farms where synthetic fertilizers were used. He set up scientific farm management based on the native method of using natural manure fertilizers. Sir Albert taught the natives how to mix weeds, crop waste and manure to make nature's most valuable soil conditioner - compost. He taught them how to manage the soil. What Sir Albert had started was the unteaching of the work of a German chemist, Justus Von Liebig, who had declared that N-P-K (Nitrogen-Phosphorus-Potassium) were the only elements in soil important for the growth of plants. Liebig created the chemical fertilizer industry by ignoring the importance of organic matter, microorganisms, and trace minerals. As Sir Albert said in 1940, the Earth's capital - its only real wealth - is the soil. His book, **An Agricultural Testament** was one of the first attempts to point out the importance of death, decay, and life and the equal share each of these plays in the balance of nature. He also explained the balance of the soil's microscopic plants and animals. He learned the specific pieces of life's puzzle from other laboratory scientists, but he was responsible for putting the information together in order to understand the "whole" or nature. Natural or organic, the term is not important. The process is fun and works so well that you'll have gardens that are more beautiful, more productive, and more manageable than you ever imagined.



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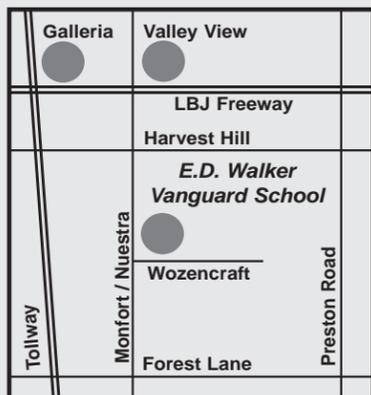
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The Dallas Sierra Club's general meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month.

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.

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

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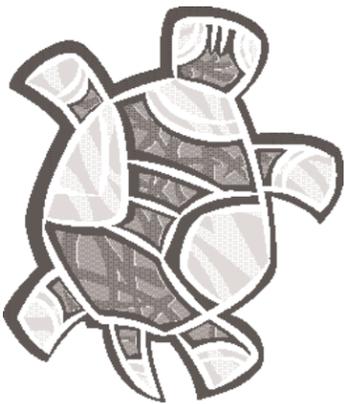
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In a recent commentary on KERA, Sterling Burnett called for an end to public investment in wind energy, arguing that it is environmentally harmful and suggesting that environmentalists are abandoning it. To the contrary, major environmental organizations, including the Sierra Club and the Natural Resources Defense Council, strongly support wind power. It is the fastest-growing source of power on the planet because it is clean, economical, abundant, and does not contribute to global warming.

Wind power emits no gases that pollute the air or warm the climate, and it produces no toxic waste. There's no such thing as a wind spill or a wind meltdown. A single one-megawatt turbine generates as much electricity over its life as burning 33,000 tons of coal.

There is an inexhaustible supply of wind, and it's free. A single modern wind turbine can produce enough power to meet the annual electricity needs of 500 average homes.

The cost of generating wind power continues to fall, making it competitive with other heavily subsidized energy sources. Wind power becomes even more attractive when you consider the external costs of fossil fuels and nuclear power that are not reflected in the price of our electricity. We taxpayers are paying the price of acid rain, global warming, respiratory disease, and nuclear waste disposal and security problems, even if those costs aren't included in our electric bill.

Wind power is a growing force for economic development. Farmers and ranchers in West

Texas earn as much as \$2000 per year in lease payments per turbine while still growing crops or grazing livestock right up to the base of the turbines. The Sierra Club says that supplying even 5 percent of the country's electricity with wind power by 2020 would add \$60 billion in capital investment in rural America, provide \$1.2 billion in new income for farmers and rural landowners, and create 80,000 new jobs.

Locations of wind turbines must be carefully chosen to minimize environmental and aesthetic impacts. Bird mortality is a cause for concern but not a reason to abandon wind power. Many more birds are killed through collisions with buildings and vehicles than with wind turbines.

Wind power is an important part of a renewable energy mix that includes other clean sources of energy such as solar and geothermal power. Cheap electricity from wind makes it economical to electrolyze water and produce hydrogen to power fuel cells for vehicles and supply electricity, heating and cooling for buildings.

When I fly over wind farms in West Texas, I don't just see windmills. I see hope for my children and future generations – hope for clean air and fewer kids on nebulizers, an end to worrying about catastrophic effects of global warming, no more destruction of the landscape from extraction of fossil fuels, maybe even freedom from dependence on foreign oil. Now that's a beautiful sight.

(aired on KERA 90.1 on March 2, 2004)

GENERAL CALENDAR

4/7 • 5/5 First Wednesday.

Executive Committee meeting 6:30 p.m. 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 Drumm at 214-350-6108.

4/14 • 5/12 Second Wednesday.

Sierra Club General Meeting 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. 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 El Fenix on Belt Line at Montfort.

4/9 • 5/14 Second Friday.

Deadline for electronic materials to be submitted to the Compass. Email DJ@dallassierraclub.org or deliver diskettes to editors during the General Meeting.

4/21 • 5/19 Third Wednesday.

Outings Committee Meeting 7:00 pm 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.

4/19 • 5/23 Fourth Monday.

Inner City Outings meeting, Monday 7:00 pm at REI.

4/28 • 5/26 Fourth Wednesday.

Newsletter Party 7:00 pm at the Churchill Recreation Center at Hillcrest & Churchill Way (MAPSCO 15V). Help sort, bundle and label the newsletter. Socializing afterward. Contact Arthur Kuehne at 214-902-9260.

Did you know you can join or renew your membership online? Buy Sierra Club calendars, notecards and gear? Have you signed up for one of our four email lists? Our website is a great resource for information about outings, conservation work, social events and other activities sponsored by the Dallas Group. Subscribe to our "news" email list for general information or to one of the special lists – Outings, Singles and ICO – depending on your interests. When you buy merchandise, join or renew your membership from our website, a portion of your purchase comes back to fund the Dallas group's activities. Go to www.dallassierraclub.org and check the "Email Lists" link in the navigation bar and the Sierra Store links to the right of the yellow current events box.

Announcements

NEWSLETTER PARTY COORDINATOR

Picks up printed newsletters at the printer in Addison (at your convenience during business hours) Call or email volunteers to remind them of the newsletter party (time 20 minutes one evening) Responsibility can be divided. Supervises the Newsletter party: Coordinates efforts of volunteers (approx. 5-12 people) who apply preprinted labels to the newsletters. Bundle then sort the newsletters according to Post Office requirements and place in bulk mail bags. (Time required up to 2 hours) Drop off newsletters at the Richardson Post office Bulk mail center (Arapaho and Central) (Time required up to 15 minutes) (total time required 4 hours / month) Contact Arthur Kuehne at 214-902-9260.

HELP PLAN OR SPONSOR OUR COMEDY NIGHT:

We're planning a Comedy Night fundraiser in June, and we are looking for volunteers and individual and corporate sponsors. If you have experience with major fund-raising events, or if you are interested in helping us plan an event to appeal to the community at large, we want to hear from you. Call Mary Colston at 214-618-1424.

NEWSLETTER PARTY

Help prepare The Compass for mailing and meet other Sierrans. Held on the 4th Wednesday each month. Contact Arthur Kuehne 214-902-9260 or just show up! 7 p.m., Churchill Rec. Center. Time: 2 hours / month.

COMPASS AD SALES

Volunteer needed to sell advertising in The Compass. Contact Ann Drumm at 214-350-6108.

ARCHIVIST WANTED

Help us preserve the Dallas group's history by consolidating our historical records into one location. Call Ann Drumm, 214-350-6108.

EARTH DAY EVENTS

Be an environmental ambassador at a local community awareness event on Saturday, April 17. We need volunteers to talk to people of all ages, and materials and activities geared toward children are needed. Call Kris Sands, 972-442-0491.

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SIERRA CHAPTER AWARDS DINNER

The Chapter Awards Dinner to recognize 2003 Chapter Award recipients for their longtime contributions to the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club will be held in Austin.

Saturday evening, April 3 at 7 pm.

This year's Awards Dinner is again being held at The Clay Pit, an Indian restaurant, located in Austin a few blocks from the State Capitol on 1601 Guadalupe Street.

There will be a cash bar reception starting at 6 pm.

Along with the Sierra Club Awards Recipients, the 2003 State Legislative Service Awards will also be presented.

The cost of the dinner is \$30 per person.

Dinner will consist of your choice of two meat entrees and two vegetarian entrees. Reservations must be made by Wednesday, March 31, 2004 to the Lone Star Chapter office in Austin.

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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.

APR 2 (FRI) DEADLINE for submission of outings to be listed in the April Outings List and May Newsletter.

Contact: Mick Nolen, 972-991-9351, mick@dallassierraclub.org

APR 3 (SAT) RICHLAND CHAMBERS WETLANDS PROJECT CONSERVATION DAYHIKE.

Take a guided tour of this wetlands project which treats wastewater from Tarrant County cities; then returns treated water into the drinking water supply. Tour the entire project, from Trinity River water source, through discharge to Richland Chambers Lake. Meet at REI no later than 9:00 A.M. to car-pool to the site near Streetman, TX (105+ miles one way). Bring a lunch and drink, or plan on eating late. Very limited parking is available at the site. This outing will be cancelled in the event of flooding at the site.

Leaders: Rita Beving Griggs 214-373-3808, rita@dallassierraclub.org, Grayson Garner 214-596-9827; graygarner@juno.com



APR 3 (SAT) SIXTH ANNUAL WORLD'S LONGEST DAYHIKE.

If you're tough enough, or crazy enough, come and join your fellow Sierrans for a 23-mile dayhike on the White Rock Creek and White Rock Lake trails. This is our sixth year. Don't you think it's time you joined us? Meet at 8:00 AM at the north end of the White Rock Creek trail in Valley View Park, on Valley View, just east of the intersection of Hillcrest and Valley View (just north of 635, Mapsco 15-R). We'll hike down to White Rock Lake, around it, and back. Bring your most comfortable walking shoes, Mole Skin, extra socks, water (water and bathrooms are available along the trail), lunch, and rain gear (if rain is in the forecast). We'll make a snack/lunch stop at the 7-11 near the White Rock Lake spillway. Optional dinner and foot replacement after the hike.

Leader: Arthur Kuehne 214-902-9260(H) or arthur@akuehne.com



APR 3-4 (SAT-SUN) BEGINNER BACKPACK TRIP IN THE BEECH CREEK SCENIC AREA.

Backpack about 9 relatively flat and easy miles round trip in this beautiful area in S.E. Oklahoma. We'll make camp near a stream. As time permits, there may be an optional day hike, or we can sit in the stream. Preference will be given to the graduates of the Beginner Backpack Class.

Leader: Marcos Jorge (972) 394-2546; mjorge@ustgolfshaft.com



APR 4 (SUN) DAYHIKE at CEDAR CREEK PRESERVE (formerly DALLAS NATURE CENTER).

We'll hike 5-miles on dirt trails over hilly terrain. Meet at the picnic tables at 10:00 AM (remember Daylight Savings Time!). The Preserve is located 2.5 miles south of I-20 at 7171 Mountain Creek Parkway. Take the Mountain Creek Parkway exit off I-20 (between exits for Spur 408 and FM

1382, in Southwest Dallas County) and continue south. The entrance is on the right just south of where Wheatland Road intersects Mountain Creek Parkway. Bring hiking boots, water, and a change of shoes, if weather warrants. No reservations necessary, just show up.

Leader: Don Calloway 817-275-7531, don@dallassierraclub.org.

APR 9-11 (FRI-SUN) BACKPACK on the OZARK HIGHLANDS TRAIL.

The Ozark Highlands Trail in northern Arkansas was voted one of the 10 best trails in the United States by Backpacker Magazine and is widely recognized as one of the country most scenic trails. We will backpack about 25 miles near the western end of this 165-mile trail. Participants in this moderately strenuous trip will experience beautiful early spring color, scenic vistas, and numerous waterfalls.

Leader: Arthur Kuehne 214-902-9260 or arthur@akuehne.com



APR 10 (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 8:00 AM for registration and refreshments.

Leader: Carol Nash 214-824-0244(H) or cnash@dallasisd.org



APR 13(TUE) BABYHIKE ON THE CHISHOLM TRAIL IN PLANO.

What's a Baby Hike? Bring your infant or toddler and a stroller and we'll see if we can make about a mile on the paved trail. Meet at 5:30PM in front of the Starbucks north side of 15th just west of US 75 in Plano (Mapsco 658V)

Leader: MickNolen (and baby Sarah), 972-991-9351, mick@dallassierraclub.org

APR 17-18 (SAT-SUN) 25th ANNUAL TEXAS WILDERNESS POW WOW.

Come join fellow Sierras and other wilderness lovers from around the state at the 25th annual Texas Wilderness Pow Wow at Ratcliff Lake Recreations Area in East Texas. Enjoy nature walks, an inspirational evening program, and live music around the campfire.

Coordinator: Arthur Kuehne 214-902-9260 or arthur@akuehne.com

APR 17-18(SAT-SUN) CAR CAMPING TRIP to Pedernales Falls State Park.

Arrive Friday evening. Saturday morning take a four mile hike to Jone's Spring. Eat lunch at the spring. Then take another route about six miles back to the start. Saturday night have a cook out for dinner. Sunday morning go to Hamiltons Pool and eat lunch at The Salt Lick in Driftwood where the trip would end.

Leader:Greg Holman,

GregHolman@webtv.net, 214-398-8061



APR 21 (WED) OUTINGS COMMITTEE MEETING.

Meet in the upstairs program room at REI (on north side of LBJ between Midway and Welch), at 7:00 PM. Bring your ideas for the Dallas Sierra Club Outings program. We will be planning outings and bus trips. All outings leaders, future outings leaders, and interested Sierrans welcome.

Contact: Mick Nolen 972-991-9351(H) or mick@dallassierraclub.org for details.

MAY 13 (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. 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 or mick@dallassierraclub.org.



MAY 28- JUN 1(FRI-TUE) MEMORIAL DAY BUS TRIP to the WHITE MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS.

Enjoy one of five different 3-day backpack trips in the central New Mexico mountains just north of the Ruidoso ski area. Hikes range from moderate to strenuous. We recommend that participants have at least one prior backpacking trip. Sign up soon, this trip fills up fast. Our chartered sleeper bus will leave Dallas at 4:30 PM on Friday, May 28 and return at about 5:00 AM on Tuesday, June 1. Cost is \$180 for members and \$195 for nonmembers.

Leader: Terry Sullivan, terry@dallassierraclub.org, 972-492-3038.

Non-Sierra Club Outings

SEPT 12-18 (SUN- SAT) BOUNDARY WATERS CANOE AREA, MINNESOTA.

Come smallmouth bass fishing in September! Far fewer people, Splashes of red and yellow start to dab the forest as the maples and birches turn color against the dark green of the pines, the bugs are gone, and the occasional northern lights sightings start to improve again. The fishing significantly improves as the lakes start cooling for the November freeze-up. Called the Looniest

Place in America by Backpacker Magazine. Possible side trip to the International Wolf Center in Ely. Fishing is catch & release. Deposit req. Permit has a limit of four canoes and nine people.

Leader: Paul Huston 972-732-6566, angler4055@yahoo.com

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SIERRA SINGLES

MARCH 15 (MON) DINNER AT BIRRAPORETTIS ITALIAN, 7 p.m., 668 Lincoln Square, Arlington, 817-265-0588. Lincoln Square is located on the Northwest corner of Collins and the Road To Six Flags, behind the Black Eyed Pea and across the road from Bed Bath and Beyond.
Contact Larry Shindel, LShindel@aol.com, 972-223-0450 or cell 214-455-5863.

MAR 28 (SUNDAY) HIKE ALONG TRINITY RIVER in Fort Worth. We'll walk approximately 3-5 miles. Meet at 3 PM at the parking lot just south of the Hoffbrau Steak House on University Drive in Fort Worth, approximately 1 mile south of I-30, just north of the Fort Worth Zoo. Bring water and sunscreen. Pace of hike will be moderate. In the event of rain, hike will be cancelled.
Leader: Claudia Blalock, claudia.blalock@alconlabs.com 817-924-6242.

APRIL 1 (THURS) WINE TASTING AT TONY'S WINE WAREHOUSE. April Fool's Day Wine Tasting at 6:30, Tony's suggests arriving 30 minutes early. 2904 Oak Lawn Avenue in Dallas, 214-520-WINE. Reserve a place by mailing a check for \$20.00 to: Larry Shindel; 254 Rolling Hills Place, Lancaster, Texas 75146-1026. Please do invite friends because we need a minimum of 25 attendees for the event to take place.
Contact Larry Shindel, LShindel@aol.com, 972-223-0450 or cell 214-455-5863.

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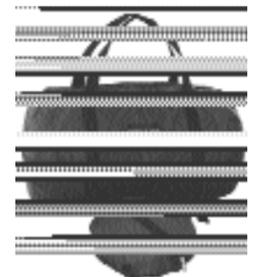
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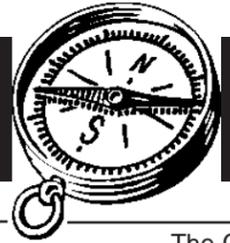
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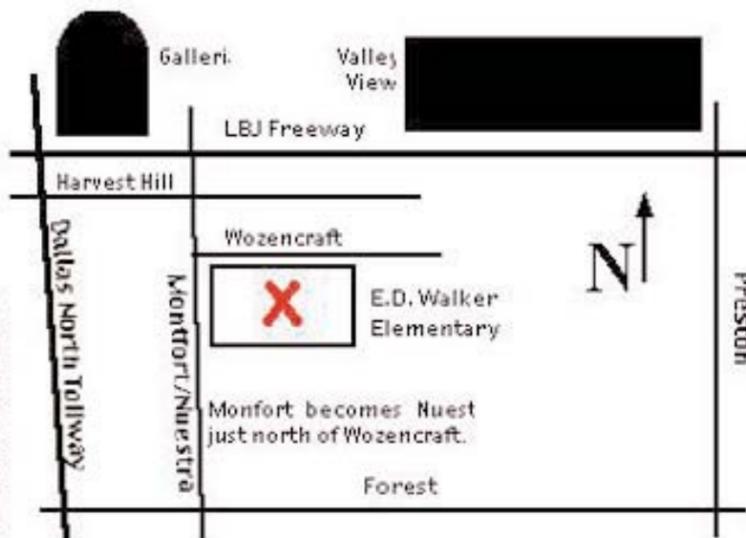
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Study Shows Organic Produce Significantly Lower in Pesticides

Most people think that organically grown fruit and vegetables contain fewer pesticides than conventionally grown produce. Studies show that they are right and that the difference is significant.

In 2002, four scientists from Consumers Union, publisher of Consumer Reports, and the Organic Materials Review Institute, a research organization in Eugene, Ore., published the first detailed analysis of pesticide-residue data in foods grown organically and conventionally. The study shows that people who buy organic produce are one-third as likely to encounter pesticide residues as those who buy conventionally grown foods.

Data from Consumers Union tests and mul-

tiyear surveys conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation all yielded similar results. The USDA data shows that 73 percent of conventionally grown produce contains at least one pesticide residue, while only 23 percent of organic produce does. Conventionally grown crops are six times more likely as organic ones to contain residues of more than one pesticide, the data show.

Why should organically grown food have any pesticide residues at all? When the authors excluded residues of long-banned insecticides such as DDT that persist in the environment, the fraction of organic samples containing pesticide dropped almost by half, to 13 percent. Beyond this past pesticide use, "drift" from spraying at nearby nonorganic farms and possible mislabel-

ing may account for some remaining traces.

Protecting Your Family's Health

There is no definitive proof that organic produce offers a nutritional advantage over conventionally grown fruit and vegetables. It is not known how much risk is entailed in consuming tiny quantities of pesticides on food over a lifetime.

Consumers Union, publisher of Consumer Reports Magazine, is an independent non-profit testing, educational and information organization serving only the consumer. For a summary of the Consumers Union study and information on how to purchase the full text (for \$22), go to www.consumersunion.org

Sierra Club Wine Tasting Tony's Wine Warehouse

Sierra Club is once again having its fabulous wine tasting fundraiser at Tony's Wine Warehouse on Oak Lawn.

**The dates for the two tastings are
Thursday, June 10 at 6:30 pm and Friday, July 2nd at 6:30 pm.**

Bring your friends and taste at least 12-18 wonderful red and white wines in a fun, classroom like atmosphere.

You will have a wine professional sharing fun facts about wines.

Tony's also offers guests the opportunity to buy any of the wines you may have enjoyed at a huge discounted price at the end of the tasting.

The tasting is open for up to 30 attendees, so space is limited. This event fills up fast with all proceeds benefiting the Sierra Club.

Reservations are with a check only.

The cost is \$20/single or \$35/couple

(a couple can just be two friends).

Make your check to Dallas Sierra Club and send to Don Calloway at 2017 Spring Mist Dr. Apt. 624, Arlington, TX 76011.

**For info, call Don Calloway at 817-275-7531
or email Don at don.calloway@comcast.net**

Tony's is located near the Melrose Hotel at
2904 Oak Lawn Ave. in Dallas.

Dress is business casual.

We ask that attendees arrive fifteen minutes early as Tony's starts the class promptly on time.

This is a great way to treat friends or meet other Sierra Club members.