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NOVEMBER 2001

Four spots up for grabs on Fort Worth ExCom

■ The Page 6 ballot may be mailed in or brought to the Christmas party

With millions of votes cast, every vote was important in the last presidential election.

In contests such as the Fort Worth Group ExCom election where the turnout is generally extremely light, every vote takes on an even greater significance.

That's why you'll want to turn immediately to Page 6 of this issue of the Crier and mark four of the five candidates on the ballot while you're thinking about it.

Once it's marked, you can mail it in per instructions on the ballot, or you can put it up some place where you won't forget it and bring it to either of the next two Group meetings.

The November meeting, don't forget, is a week early due to the Thanksgiving Big Bend bus trip. The December meeting isn't even a meeting at all – at least not in the usual sense. It's the Group's annual Christmas party.

This year two incumbents are seeking another two-year term on the ExCom and three political newcomers are also in the race for one of the four open positions.

The Group chairman, Tolbert Greenwood, is seeking another term on the board, as is Jenny Lehman, who heads up the Sierra Singles for both the Fort Worth and Dallas groups.

First-time office seekers are Don Callaway, Jim Nelson, and James Moody.

Nelson, an electrical engineer, has just completed training to become an outings leader; Callaway, an environmental professional, would like to stress outreach programs; and Moody is editor of the Fort Worth Group news-

letter as well as an outings leader.

Statements of the candidates follow:

TOLBERT GREENWOOD

"I have been a member of the Sierra Club and the Fort Worth Group for over 25 years, and have served on the ExCom for the last two years. Our Group has a strong outings program, and I believe it is important to maintain a strong outings program. However, on the conservation side, we need to develop more troops to help our leaders, and pass on the torch to some new firebrands. It is important to work on group communication through website, email, and other "non-snail mail" communication. We have a good chapter, I believe it has been working well, but there is always room for improvement."

JENNY LEHMAN

"I am running for ex com election. I have served on ex com the past two years, and am currently vice chair. I am also the Sierra Singles coordinator for both the Fort Worth and Dallas groups. The Sierra Club is a major part of my life and I would like to serve on ExCom again because I like to help people in the club and the community get plugged in to outings and conservation programs that fit their interests. I also enjoy planning activities."

JIM NELSON

"My name is James F. (Jim) Nelson. I was born and raised in Laurens, South Carolina, and moved to Texas in 1976. I am an electrical engineer and am retired from Southwestern Bell. I have been an avid outdoorsman all my life, and have enjoyed hiking, camping, fishing and canoeing for many years. Some of my favorite vacations throughout the years have been trips to the beautiful national parks of America, and I have a keen interest in preserv-

ing and helping others to enjoy and appreciate our national resources. My wife Jane and I have two daughters, Wendy and Leslie, who live and work in Austin. Leslie works as an environmental activist for a private foundation devoted primarily to water conservation issues, so she keeps us abreast of environmental issues across the state. My wife Jane and I became members of the Sierra Club about two and a half years ago, and after a bus trip to Big Bend and spectacular hikes with the Fort Worth group, we were both hooked. We have both recently completed outings leadership training, and plan to soon become more active in that regard. I will miss the October meeting as I will be returning to South Carolina to canoe/ camp on the Edisto River with the Dallas Sierra Club, but would be pleased to serve on the ExCom Committee when I return if elected."

DON CALLAWAY

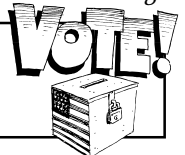
"I would like to serve the Greater Fort Worth Group by focusing on outreach programs to "sell" our programs and the Sierra Club philosophy to prospective new members.

"My background is in environmental protection. I hold a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Environmental Science and Engineering, and have worked for over 25 years as an environmental professional. I have also served in volunteer capacities, as Chair of the City of Austin's Citizens' Environmental Board, and as President of the La Grange (TX) Economic Development Corporation.

"Although I have lived in the Metroplex for only two years, I have been very involved in a number of conservation activities with both the Dallas and Fort Worth Groups."

Please see *ELECTION* Page 2

The executive committee urges all members to read the position statements of the candidates and Vote. The voter "turnout" has been quite light the last few years. Please mail your ballot on or before Dec. 14 or bring your ballot to the Christmas party Wednesday, Dec. 19



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Election will fill ExCom places

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JAMES MOODY

"I have been a Sierra Club member 10 years and have edited the Fort Worth Group newsletter, *The Crier*, for the past five years. I lead service projects at the national level and backpacking outings for the Fort Worth Group in both Big Bend and Guadalupe Mountains national parks. I collect aluminum cans at every meeting as a fund-raiser for the Group and serve as a volunteer at various activities.

"As much as I enjoy the wilderness experience, I believe just as strongly in protecting the environment. I have chaired projects in Burleson that resulted in massive tree plantings and participate in semiannual clean-up campaigns. I publish seven community newspapers – all published on recycled newsprint – and have received state and local awards for environmental news coverage. I regularly send letters, emails, and comments in support of the environment."

The Nominating Committee of Russell Andrew, Susan Robinson, and Eddie Jean Kriedeman have nominated these five candidates to fill the four ExCom positions for a two year term. After reading the candidates' position statements, the nominating committee and members of the ExCom urge all

members of the Fort Worth Group to mail their ballots by Dec. 14 or bring them to the Christmas party Dec. 19.

Bylaws revision also on the ballot

You'll see more than just a slate of familiar names when you look over the ballot on Page 6 of this issue of *The Crier*.

In addition to the ExCom election, which is held annually by the Group, there's another ballot issue this time around.

At the request of the National and Lone Star Chapter, the Fort Worth Group ExCom has approved a revision to our Group Bylaws so that all of the Chapter and Group Bylaws will be similar and conform to National policy and legal requirements.

The revised Bylaws are substantially the same and will not alter normal operating practices of our Group.

The Ballot includes a vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" approval of the revisions.

The ExCom recommends approval. If approved the new Bylaws will become effective Jan. 1, 2002.

November-December

Fort Worth Sierra Club

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
5	6	7	8 ExCom meeting 6:30 p.m.	9	10 S.E. Oklahoma Backpack	11
12	13	14 General Meeting 7 p.m. Newsletter deadline	15	16	17	18 Trinity Trail Dog Hike
19	20	21	22	23 Big Bend Bus Trip Nov 21-26	24	25
26	27 Conservation Committee meeting	28	29	30	Dec. 1	2
3 Newsletter folding/labeling party 6 p.m.	4	5	6	7	8	9

Greater Fort Worth Group Sierra Club Outings

Fort Worth Sierra Club outings are open to members and nonmembers. Trip leaders serve in a volunteer capacity and assume no responsibility above that of organizing the trip. If you have special needs or medical requirements, notify the leader prior to the trip. All outings officially begin at the trailhead. Leaders cannot assign carpools, but may help coordinate ride sharing. Many outings require advance reservations at the trip designation as well as from the participant. Notify the trip leader promptly if you must cancel. Donations of \$3 per person and \$5/family are requested for overnight trips to be used for conservation efforts of the club. Any park and/or camping fees are the responsibility of the participant. In order to participate on one of the Sierra Club's outings, you will need to sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver prior to the outing, please see <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms> or call 415-977-5630.

November 10-11, Saturday-Sunday

Backpack the David Boren Trail. The trail is located in Beavers Bend State Park in Southeastern Oklahoma. The trail will cover about 10 miles with spectacular views on a bluff overlook. Camp will be along a flowing stream. The trail will have some steep hills and stream crossings. If you want a challenging hike, come and join the fun. Leader: Wendy Lambert (817) 251-0016 (H) or wlambert@concrete-pipe.org Co-leader: Marcos Jorge.

November 18, Sunday

Dog hike on the Trinity Trail. Join Claudia Blalock and her dog Molly for a canine-led hike of approximately 3 miles on the Trinity Trail. Meet at the parking lot just south of the Hoffbrau Steakhouse on University Dr. in Fort Worth approx. 1 mile south of 1-30. Bring water for yourself and your pet and wear appropriate clothing. In the event of rain, hike is cancelled. Leader: Claudia Blalock, 626-6063.

November 21-26, Wednesday-Monday

Bus trip to Big Bend National Park. A sleeper bus will depart Wed. evening before Thanksgiving to carry 40 campers to the park and return by 5 a.m. on Monday. Four trips will be offered to accommodate all levels of physical fitness. Trip 1 is a strenuous three-and-a-half day backpack in the Dead Horse Mountains. Trip 2 is the High Chisos backpack, rated moderate. You'll hike into the mountains to set up a base camp and make day hikes. Trip 3 (also rated moderate) participants will camp in the Basin and make day hikes. Trip 4 group will camp at Rio Grande Village and make easy day hikes. More information on the Fort Worth Group

web site: <http://sierraclub.org/chapters/tx/fortworth/index.html> or for the Dead Horse Mountains backpack: www.thestargroup.com/BigBend.htm. Registration form is on Page 5. For additional information, call Todd Nichols, 472-0710, Claudia Blalock, 626-6063, or James Moody, 295-1623 (cell phone, 688-3656).

Dec. 7-9 , Friday-Sunday

Car Camp at Chickasaw National Recreation Area near Sulphur, OK. Camp at Chickasaw National Recreation Area, near Sulphur, Oklahoma. (two hour drive from Ft Worth area). Camp Friday and Saturday night (Dec 7-9), but those preferring could meet us on Saturday morning for the hikes. Saturday hike 6-10 miles along the Rock Creek Trail. Sunday, take some short hikes to Antelope and Buffalo Springs and visit the Travertine Nature Center. If we have 10 or more people we can reserve a group campsite. Otherwise camp in the Cold Springs Campground (no reservations taken). Leader: Dan Smith, phone 817-419-2955 or e-mail RiverDogDan@aol.com "RiverDogDan@aol.com"

December 9, Sunday

Dayhike at Fort Worth Nature Center Meet at Hardwicke Interpretative Center at the Fort Worth Nature Center at 1:45 p.m. We will hike a leisurely hike of approximately 3 miles on an easy trail through a pretty forested area. Hike will be rescheduled in case of rain or mud. We will make final decision by 9 PM the night before in case of questionable weather. Call Pat Leach at 817-295-5009 or e-mail pkale@att.net for other information or in doubt of weather.

January 12, Saturday

Dayhike at Lake Ray Roberts State Park Join Jim and Jane Nelson on Saturday, January 12, for an invigorating winter hike along the Greenbelt at Ray Roberts Lake State Park near Denton, TX. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. at the parking lot of the south trailhead off U.S. Hwy 380, and shuttle to the midpoint of the Greenbelt Trail at FM 428. From there we will hike 6.5 miles back to Hwy 380. Bring water and snacks for the trail. To see a map of the Greenbelt, go to the Ray Roberts Lake State Park website and click on Greenbelt Corridor Map. Please register an inter-

est by emailing us at jfnelson@home.com or jfnelson@home.com.

Jan 25-27, Friday-Sunday

Cabin Weekend at Beavers Bend State Park. Shake of those winter blues. Beavers Bend State Park is a 5,135-acre park situated along the Mountain Fork River just South of Broken Bow Reservoir in Southeast Oklahoma. Total drive is about 200 miles. The park has cabins of various size accommodating 2 to 6 persons. All cabins have kitchens and some are available with fireplaces. We plan to spend Friday and Saturday nights in the cabins and day hike part of the David Boren Trail. The winter rates are \$58 - \$115 per night. For cabin information and registration call: 580 494-6300. Please make your own cabin reservations. This is a beautiful park and should be quiet this time of year. You might get to see a bald eagle. Leader: Wendy Lambert (817) 251-0016 (H) or: wlambert@concrete-pipe.org.

February 22-25, Friday-Monday

Join veteran hiker John Parker for an easy car camp in the Chisos Basin Campground of Big Bend National Park. Feb. is the perfect time to see this grand park. Day hikes may include: Santa Elena Canyon, Boquillas Canyon, Cattail Falls, Grapevine Hills, Hot Springs, and Ernst Tinaja. On Sunday, we will hike Devil's Den on our way to the Gage Hotel in Marathon where we will stay. To reserve a room at the Gage, call 915-386-4205. For more details, contact John Parker, 817-274-0859.

New calendars here

Can't ever find the time to do things you want to do? Well, the Fort Worth Group of the Sierra Club is selling time – time as in the 12 months represented in the beautiful new editions of Sierra Club calendars.

A Wilderness wall calendar is just \$12; an Engagement calendar, just \$13.

Deliveries provided in the Metroplex or we can mail for added postage. These calendars make great gifts for friends and business associates. To order, call Gary or Eddie Jean Kriedeman, 429-3346, or mail a check made out to Ft. Worth Sierra Club to 3819 Rochelle Dr. Arlington Texas 76016

The calendar proceeds help pay for your newsletter.

Coming Events

November 8, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Fort Worth Sierra Club ExCom Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at LaMadeleine's Restaurant, 305 Main St. For more information, contact Tolbert Greenwood, 346-3140.

November 14, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Fort Worth Sierra Club General Meeting. See box at right for details.

Newsletter deadline. Submit articles, ads, letters, or other information in writing. Articles may be submitted by mail, email, or on Iomega Zip disks accompanied by hard copy. B&W or color nature photos and electronic images (150dpi or greater) will be accepted (prints returned if submitted with SASE). Photographs of outings or other club activities are particularly encouraged. Identify subject of photo and state photographer's name. Please do

General Meeting
Wednesday, November 14
7:00 Main Auditorium, University of North Texas Health Science Center, Camp Bowie at Montgomery (exit Montgomery off I-30, go north about a mile to Camp Bowie).

not write on the back of photos. Mail submissions to Newsletter Editor, P.O. Box 1925, Fort Worth 76101, bring to the ExCom meeting, the general meet-

Thanks to Home & Garden volunteers

TCEA extends its thanks to those who volunteered for the Fall Home & Garden Show booth. There were 29 who served two shifts or more for the 12 two-hour slots over the 23 hours of show time. These volunteers are:

Claudia Blalock, Berry Bock, Robert Briggs, Josephine Briggs, Earl Burnam, Jeneanne Carson, Cirt Crum, Bob Cureton, Judy Cureton, Pam Edmondson, Linda Hanratty, Ann Hoover, Terry Jolly, Allison Kane, Marty Kissinger, Don Landers, Pat Leach, Jenny Lehman, Terry McIntire, Marsha Malinsky, Corina Munsch, Bill Richerson, Susan Robinson, John Parker, Gail Shipley, Helen Talbot, Paula Thompson, Jim Young and one more.

We could not provide environmental education materials without your aid.

Vote 'Yes' on Proposition 8; 'No' on Proposition 19

Everyone who likes to camp, hike, hunt, fish, bird watch, bike or otherwise experience nature or history in Texas should vote yes on Proposition 8, one of 19 ballot items before Texans on Nov. 6. Proposition 8 includes \$100 Million for Texas Parks & Wildlife over the next 6 years for repairs and improvements at state parks, wildlife management areas and fish hatcheries.

The Proposition 8 ballot language will read "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$850 million in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for construction and repair projects and for the purchase of needed equipment."

Proposition 8 would authorize the largest bond issue in Texas Parks and Wildlife history, up to \$100 million over the next six years for repairs and improvements at state parks, wildlife management areas and fish hatcheries across the state, as well as funds for facility repairs at 11 state agencies and the state schools for the deaf and blind.

Proposition 8 would fund repairs at state parks and other sites across Texas, but it's particularly significant for the Houston area, with \$12 million to renovate the San Jacinto Battleground and \$12 million for dry dock repairs on the Battleship TEXAS. There would also be about \$2.5 million to build the Sheldon Lake Environmental Education Center at Sheldon Lake State Park.

This new facility in Northeast Houston would offer hands-on education for schoolchildren at ponds, boardwalks and viewing decks, using former fish hatchery wetlands as a giant natural classroom. It is a flagship example of TPW efforts to help urban youth and ethnic minorities connect with nature and the outdoors.

Proposition 8 would provide \$15 million to address the remaining critical repair backlog identified at Texas Parks and Wildlife sites in the 1990s and \$8-to-10 million per year for proactive, preventive maintenance.

Finally, it will invest in big-ticket repairs and improvements at some of our flagship historic sites, plus fund a few new projects in the key areas of urban youth outreach and African-American and Hispanic heritage."

The Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club has taken a position AGAINST the passage of Proposition 19 and urges Sierrans to vote "no" on that item. Prop 19 would authorize an additional \$2 billion in bonding authorization to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), a state agency, to fund water and wastewater projects.

The Sierra Club opposes Prop 19 because it is being touted by some proponents as a "down payment" on an estimated \$17.9 billion in dams and pipelines proposed in the draft state water plan, many of which are un-

ing, or email jmoody166@aol.com.

November 27, Tuesday

Conservation meeting. Contact Bob Scott, 282-1372.

December 3, Monday

Newsletter folding party, Smoky's Ribs, 6 p.m., 5300 E. Lancaster. Eat, or have the beverage of your choice, while working with other Sierrans to prepare the newsletter for mailing. Call Steve Turner, 457-7131.

essary, environmentally destructive, and not cost-effective.

The Legislature has established an interim study committee on water resources to look at water financing needs (among other topics) and to make recommendations to the 2003 state legislative session on those matters. The Sierra Club believes that it is prudent to wait until after that review before making irrevocable decisions now about financing water projects that are not needed and would do irreparable environmental harm.

Volunteers needed

The Alternative Bazaar will be held the first two weekends of December. Volunteers are needed to man the Sierra Club booth to sell calendars, T-shirts, day packs and pass out Sierra Club literature. The Bazaar is always an enjoyable time and one of our big fund raisers of the year. The first weekend, Dec. 1-2, the bazaar will be at the Unity Church of Fort Worth, 5051 Trail Lake Dr. The following weekend, Dec. 8-9, the bazaar will be at the First Jefferson Church, 1959 Sandy Lane. Volunteers are needed 9 to 5 on both Saturdays and 12 to 2 on both Sundays, and to assist in setting up on both Fridays. Please call Tolbert Greenwood to sign-up to man our table (817) 346-3140, or day (817) 877-2842.

BALLOT

2002 Executive Committee
(Vote for up to 4)

- Dan Callaway
- Tolbert Greenwood
- Jenny Lehman
- James Moody
- Jim Nelson

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The Bylaw Revision Proposition

Revision of Group Bylaws become effective Jan. 1, 2002

- Approve
- Disapprove

For joint memberships, each member is entitled to vote for up to four candidates. Use both sets of boxes. Mail ballot on or before Dec. 14, or bring to the general meeting and Christmas party on Wednesday, Dec. 19.

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Sierra Singles have multiple activities set

The Sierra Singles monthly dinner and planning meeting for November will take place Monday, Nov.12 at 7 p.m. at J. Pepe's Mexican, 7750 N. Macarthur Blvd. in Valley Ranch.

Join the Sierra Singles the weekend of Nov. 17-18 for an easy car camping trip to east Texas to (hopefully) see beautiful fall colors. Be prepared for cold weather, especially at night. Location: Daingerfield State Park for one night of camping, with a possible side trip to Bob Sandlin State Park nearby. Hiking boots or tennis shoes required, bicycles optional. Contact Jenny Lehman to sign up. RSVP required.

Join us on Saturday, December 1 at 10:15 a.m. to tour the International Exotic Feline Sanctuary in Boyd, Texas. Directions will be provided soon.

See www.bigcat.org. Meet at 10:15 at the entrance to begin the tour by 10:30. RSVP required. Contact: Larry Shindel at lshindel@aol.com or (972) 223-0450.

Contact for Sierra Singles information: Jenny Lehman, (817) 263-1357 or lehje30@hotmail.com. Web page: http://texas.sierraclub.org/fortworth/Singles/sierra_singles.htm.

Big Bend Thanksgiving Trip Registration Form

Mail to: Todd Nichols, 200 Hibiscus Dr., Arlington, Texas 76018-1420

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

___ **Dead Horse Mts. Backpack:** Strenuous. James Moody

___ **High Chisos Backpack:** Moderate. Tolbert Greenwood

___ **Basin Day Hikes:** Moderate. Jim Walling

___ **Rio Grande Village Day Hikes:** Easy. Jordan Minyard

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (optional) _____

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