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The presidential election may be over, but there's one more ballot you need to mark

Well, the presidential election is over and done – at least more or less, depending on whether there was the usual election fraud, disfranchisement, and other niceties that have made recent elections in this country so special.

But it's not quite all over but the cheering (or crying or suit filing or whatever).

It's that time of the year again to mark your ballots to elect members of the Fort Worth Group of the Sierra Club's Executive Committee.

While this time around there's only as many candidates as there are vacancies on the Group's governing committee, your confirming vote will help to validate the work put in on your behalf by this dedicated group of individuals.

The terms of four ExCom members expire this year with three seeking reelection. The fourth, Group Chair Dan Smith, cannot run again at this time because of the two-term rule.

Smith has served four years on the ExCom and been chairman of the Group for the past two years.

A trio of other members, Jeneanne Carson, Susan Robinson, and James Moody, are completing their first term on the board and are eligible for another two-year stint.

Carson serves as the secretary of the ExCom. Moody is a national and local outings leader and has edited the Group's newsletter for a number of years. Haney handles most of the merchandise sales at the meetings.

The other ExCom candidate is

Dewayne Quertermous, a resident of Arlington.

Remaining on the board are ExCom members Todd Nichols, Glenn Ford, Bryan Haney.

A ballot can be found on Page 3 of this issue of The Crier. The completed ballot needs to be returned by Dec. 15, the date of the Christmas party.

Either mail the ballot to P.O. Box 1874, Burleson, Texas 76097-1874, or bring it with you to the Christmas Party. Ballots will be counted there.

Statements of the candidates available at press time follow:

Jeneanne Carson

I have been a Sierra Club member

for 10 years and active with the Fort Worth Group for the last 4 years. My involvement has steadily increased since 2000 when I participated in a few hikes and occasional meetings. For the past two years, I have been on the Executive Committee, serving as secretary. Recently, I went through leader training and have become a day hike leader. I enjoy the outdoors and people, along with supporting environment issues—the Club provides the opportunity for me to blend those together. In my “other” life, I am a paralegal with a pharmaceutical corporation and a volunteer facilitator with The Warm Place. Being

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Fort Worth Group Conservation Notes

City to demolish Cowtown Inn

Fort Worth will demolish an abandoned motel on East Lancaster. Work could begin as early as January at a cost \$1.1 million, with money coming from the City's general fund supplemented by \$500,000 from a special environmental fund. Demolition of the Cowtown Inn was originally planned using an experimental wet process to protect against asbestos release, but the EPA withheld approval of the method in the face of strong neighborhood opposition. The demolition will use the traditional and accepted NESHAP method of asbestos containment.

Assessment planned

Responding to a Fort Worth Star-Telegram investigation, Fort Worth officials announced they will conduct extensive soil and water analysis in Greenbriar Park, site of the old Fort Worth Federal Center. The newspaper reported that toxic contamination was documented at the park and an adjacent YMCA preschool. The City will ask TP&W to test fish tissue from the lake, and will post signs advising not to eat the fish there until the extent of contamination is determined.

Coalition sues EPA

A coalition of environmental groups including the Sierra Club, Blue Skies Alliance, Downwinders at Risk and Public Citizen has filed suit against the EPA, asking that

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Program Notes

The November program will be High Altitude Caving in Coahuila, Mexico, presented by Ed Goff of the Maverick Grotto (Fort Worth area) of the National Speleological Society. Presentation will include a brief Powerpoint presentation and slide show of three cave trips in the mountains of Mexico. In December, a Christmas party will be held instead of the regular general meeting. Details inside.

Coming Events

December 1, Wednesday

Outings Meeting at the Great Outdoors Sub Shop, 3204 Camp Bowie Blvd, Fort Worth at 7 p.m. to plan new outings and reminisce about old trips. For more info, contact Tolbert Greenwood, 817-737-8698, tgreenwood@canteyhanger.com. Call to verify.

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Mission statement

The purposes of the Sierra Club are: To explore, enjoy and protect the wild places of the earth; to practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources; to educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment and to use all lawful means to carry out these objectives.

General Meeting

Wednesday, November 17

7:00 Main Auditorium in use. We'll meet at Everett Hall until January, University of North Texas Health Science Center, Camp Bowie at Montgomery (exit Montgomery off I-30, go north to Camp Bowie).

Nov. 9 & Dec. 14, Tuesday, 7 p.m.

The Conservation Committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. For meeting location, contact: Chair Glenn Ford, 469-6540 or Earl Burnam, 244-2328 or Bob Scott, 282-1372.

November 17, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Fort Worth Sierra Club General Meeting. Newsletter deadline. Submit articles, ads, letters, or other information in writing. Articles may be submitted

ExCom candidate statements

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on the Executive Committee has been a wonderful opportunity for me to give back to the organization and represent your interests. I hope you will allow me to continue to represent you.

Dewayne Quertermous

Age: 35

Residence: Arlington

Occupation: administrative/technical support for a large construction company

I have been a Sierra Club member for about a year and a half and regularly attend chapter meetings in both Fort Worth and Dallas. I take part in club activities including hikes, Sierra Singles outings and dinners, as well as attending various public hearings that are of interest to the club.

Wilderness protection, habitat conservation, endangered species protection, and regulation of pollution and hazardous materials are of particular interest to me.

I believe society should move in the direction of more sustainable policies and behaviors that will ensure a healthy future for humanity, wildlife and planet Earth. I joined the Sierra Club as a way to help make a difference in these areas and to meet like-minded people.

James Moody

I've been a member of the Sierra Club and the Fort Worth Group for 13 years and an avid environmentalist for

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 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 meeting, or email jmoody166@aol.com.

November 29, Monday

Newsletter folding party at Braum's, 6770 Bridge St. at 7 p.m. Call Steve Turner, 457-7131.

December 7, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Fort Worth Sierra Club ExCom Meeting, 6:30 p.m., at Panera Bread, 1700 S. University Dr. For more information, contact Dan Smith, 410-2955.

many years prior to that.

For the Fort Worth Group, I edit this newsletter and lead outings. Since its inception, I've been one of the leaders of the November Big Bend bus/van trip, generally leading a backpacking outing.

Although it's almost a futile effort writing to Texas' conservative legislators, I still write many letters to elected officials each year on behalf of the environment.

I'm an avid proponent of all conservation issues, but most active on wilderness preservation and wildlife habitat.

Late last month I led by sixth national service project in Guadalupe Mountains National Park. For a week, 21 of us from all over the nation maintained trails in this island in the desert.

I've also participated in eight service projects to Big Bend National Park, seven as assistant leader.

I've enjoyed the past two years as an ExCom member and appreciate your support.

Vote for up to three candidates listed on Page 3. There are two boxes next to the name of each candidate. Check one box for individual membership. In the event of a dual membership, each member may vote for up to three candidates. Be sure the mailing label on remains on the back of your ballot.

BALLOT

2005 Executive Committee
(Vote for up to 4)

- Jeneanne Carson**
- James Moody**
- Dewayne Quertermous**
- Susan Robinson Haney**

Individual members, check one set of boxes. For joint memberships, each member is entitled to vote for up to three candidates. Use both sets of boxes for joint memberships. Mail ballot on or before Dec. 10, or bring to the December meeting/Christmas party on Wednesday, Dec. 15.

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Ho! Ho! Ho! You'd better watch out -- Sierra Club Christmas party is Dec. 15

You've never had such a good time doing your duty as a good citizen as you will if you bring the ballot above to the annual Christmas Party of the Fort Worth Group of the Sierra Club. The holiday bash will be held in lieu of the Christmas meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. There'll be the usual great selection of food and festive treats at the potluck dinner, all fixed up by great Sierra Club cooks (or a fast food establishment on the way to the party).

It's BYOB as well as bring a favorite holiday treat. Of course, soft drinks and tea will be provided. Once again this year, the party will be hosted by Tolbert Greenwood. Directions to his house follow. For those who can follow the faintest trail in the back-country but get lost in a mall or strange neighborhood, Tolbert's home phone number is 817/737-8698 and his cell phone number is 817/455-3302. Give him a call for the GPS coordinants (or very straightforward, simple directions).

His address is 6728 Kirkwood Rd. in Fort Worth, two blocks south of the Kings Liquors/Riskies BBQ on Camp Bowie. Turn left (south) off of Camp Bowie (as you go west) on to Wellington. Kirkwood is the second street on the right. His house is on the right at the top of the hill next to the fire hydrant.

Tickets are \$3 in advance at the General Meetings or through any ExCom Member; or \$5 at the Door.

Conservation *CONTINUED FROM PG. 1*

Federal Courts order the agency to develop a plan to combat the level of pollution in the Metroplex with specific strategies and deadlines. The suit alleges the Agency has not met its responsibility to force the State to address clean air issues, citing deadline extensions that have failed to bring the region into compliance. EPA Regional Administrator Richard Greene had no comment on the missed deadlines, but voiced fears that the lawsuit would actually delay solutions to the problem "if some decide they can no longer come to the table because of the lawsuit".

Continuance sought

TXI Operations, owner of a Midlothian cement plant, has asked the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to delay consideration of its request to modify its Permit No. 1360A until Jan. 12. TXI proposes to shut down certain pollution controls in one kiln during cooler months of the year, stating that the procedure will not materially harm air quality in the North Texas non-attainment area. This has met with opposition by environmental groups and Midlothian residents, who feel that air quality will deteriorate if this concession to TXI is granted and that the modification is a clear violation of the terms under which the permit was originally issued.

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The 2004 Sierra Club Calendars Are Coming!

Buy yours at the General Meeting or the Christmas Party?
They make perfect gifts for co-workers, family, and friends

Why not give yourself an early Christmas present of a Kelty Redwing backpack?

The Greater Fort Worth Sierra Club is raffling off a Redwing backpack by Kelty, donated by Backwoods.

With outside dimensions of 10x13x7.5 inches, the pack holds 2400 cubic inches of gear. It features compression straps, bungee cord, daisy chain, ice axe loop and a hydration tube port.

You can organize it easily with numerous large outside pockets, ski slots behind side pockets, organizer in the front pocket, and a zippered security pocket with key fob in top pocket.

It's Twin LightBeam stays curve to your back for a customized fit. The waistband easily removes.

Curved shoulder straps and removable foam waist belt with stabilizer straps assure maximum comfort.

The pack also features airmesh and wicking fabrics and padded back panel wraps around the body for a comfortable and supportive fit.

Tickets are \$2 or three for \$5 and are available from ExCom members.

A drawing will be held at the Christmas party on Dec. 15. It's not necessary to be present in order to win.

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