

The Peach Clubhouse Newsletter imagines the minimum requirements for a sustainable, pleasurable human lifestyle within our earth ecosystem for our future generations.. We would grow a communication and educational system that teaches everyone these minimum skills:

1. The basic physical requirements for our living earth to be healthy;
2. Practical, applied compassion;
3. A rule of law that the different needs of different levels of life -- individual, population, ecosystem.

Activities of Interest

Peach Clubhouse Movie Night – Second and Fourth Tuesdays

These movies are free at the Peach Clubhouse, 1110 Justine, just northeast of downtown Bryan.

November 08, Tuesday, will be the only Peach Clubhouse movie this month, and it is a good one. Green Fire, the life story of Aldo Leopold, our most famous American ecologist.

Radio Spots – Bare Bones Biology Radio spots may be heard on KEOS FM, 89.1, three times a week. Sunday morning at 6:55 AM, Sunday afternoon at 3 PM, Tuesday evening at 8:55 PM. These may be downloaded at WWW.BareBones-Biology.com or at <http://FactFictionFancy.Wordpress.com>. The new series, beginning this month, examines the Peach Clubhouse Imaging cited in the masthead

Week of September 30 - BBB079-The Vision

Week of November 06 - BBB080-Golden Rule (attached)

and then we will see how the rest of the month progresses.

Other Activities around the Brazos Valley

The Insight Meditation Group holds a half-hour sit, followed by a short reading and discussion of a general nature, every Wednesday at noontime at the Unitarian Church in College Station, Friday at 3 pm at the Peach Clubhouse.

Wednesday, November 18, Alyssa Burgin of the Texas Drought Project will be interviewed on KEOS radio in Bryan 6-7 PM on the locally produced program Biased Transmission. She will answer questions about water in Texas and can probably comment on the Keystone Tar Sands Pipeline project. alyssa@texasdroughtproject

November 17-19 - College Station, Texas. Workshop Imagining New Futures. Poster attached. laup.arch.tamu.edu/fall-forum

A&M students check out this course offering for Spring. They want multidisciplinary students.

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Class Meeting Time: Monday 6:00-9:00 pm

- How do climate, terrain, and disturbances interact to create spatial patterns in vegetation structure and diversity?
- How does vegetation change over time?
- How does human land use influence vegetation development?

Remapping our Rule of Law

Occupy College Station

has held two public actions. The other one was considerably bigger and I have a nice video with chanting but have 't figured out how to put that in a newsletter.



Occupy Wall Street Deserves Attention

We'll see if they can sustain a dedication to a peaceful, community-based rule of law.

Occupy Waco



WWW.OCTOBER2011.ORG

The Friends of Peace is a signatory to the movement in Freedom Plaza in DC now. I hope to make it to Washington in Nov or Dec of this year. Anyone interested in participating please email me at anorthc@aol.com. For more information and to help support the actions happening there, go to www.october2011.org

<http://www.care2.com/causes/occupy-wall-street-issues-first-official-declaration.html>

<http://www.facebook.com/OccupyWallSt>

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rep-bernie-sanders/wall-street-protests_b_1000642.html

<https://sites.google.com/site/the99percentdeclaration/>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that IF the PETITION OF GRIEVANCES approved by the 870 Delegates of the NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY in consultation with the PEOPLE, is not acted upon within a reasonable time and to the satisfaction of the Delegates of the NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY, said Delegates shall organize a new INDEPENDENT POLITICAL PARTY to run candidates for every available Congressional seat in the mid-term election of 2014 and again in 2016 until all vestiges of the existing corrupt corporatocracy have been removed by the power of the ballot box.

Fracking News, water, air, soil, damaging sound waves and now -- earthquakes.

GASLAND was shown again, this time at Texas A&M, and a panel of experts and affected people commented. The new news is that the large and noisy condenser plants that are being constructed in areas of fracking can cause harm apparently as a result of the reactions of our human bodies to soundwaves that are of wavelengths of sound that are below the range of hearing of most people, so we don't know it is there, but the body reacts anyhow with symptoms that can be severe. This is breaking news and hasn't been fully investigated. Another aspect of this report is that there are several ways to "fudge" the detection equipment, so you need an appropriately sensitive measuring device and you need someone you can trust to do the measurement.

<http://cecfairfieldtexas.blogspot.com/2010/02/vote-for-charles-e-morgan.html>

GOVERNMENTAL safety concerns

http://www.rigzone.com/news/article.asp?hpf=1&a_id=110042

Regulators should require the oil and gas industry to disclose the contents of the fluid used in a drilling technique that has helped unlock vast reserves of U.S. energy resources, a panel convened by the U.S. Energy Department recommended Thursday.

The Natural Gas Subcommittee, in a report issued Thursday morning, also said the industry has to expend effort to fully address environmental concerns related to the drilling technique, known as hydraulic fracturing, and other aspects of the drilling process, including wastewater management and well design.

KEYSTONE Pipeline appears to be a replacement for the abandoned mile-wide highway that someone proposed we build from Canada to Texas (Texas, yes, which a friend of mind referred to as the armpit of America). Maybe this was the old ploy of putting up a horrifying image (the mile-wide road separating right and left halves of America), and then replacing it with something not quite so horrifying -- at least not at first thought if one doesn't think about it too long. And then when we run out of Tar Sands -- what next? All that money for a temporary fix. Wouldn't it make better sense to begin efforts to control our rampant growth upon the land so we don't NEED so much of the disappearing fossil fuels? We will still need the not-fossil fuels (that is food) no matter what we do and the only source of our food originates with growing green organisms. Where are we planning to grow them?

<http://motherjones.com/category/primary-tags/regulatory-affairs>

<http://www.nrdc.org/land/tarsandspipeline.asp>

<http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/blogs/national-affairs/nasa-scientist-hansen-arrested-at-tar-sands-protest-a-grim-sign-of-the-times-20110831>



The NOSEBLEEDS that are so common near the gas compressor plants are caused by highly volatile compounds. You may not be able to smell them, but the nose knows. My nosebleeds have stopped since I moved.

And now there is preliminary evidence that EARTHQUAKES are clustered in areas where fracking is going on. I suppose you noticed a 5. earthquake near Oklahoma City this last Saturday? With multiple aftershocks.

<http://thinkprogress.org/romm/2011/11/02/360014/shale-fracking-earthquakes/>

Has anyone out there ever heard of the Precautionary Principle?

That is, if you don't know what you are doing that is harmful Don't do it.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Precautionary_principle

Water Testing

(or send me an email if you want more info)

We've had some recent meetings here in Bryan on the subject of water quality, and we have some preliminary lists and web site recommendations on the subject of testing your water wells, local lakes and also your local city water for compounds that might appear if there is a failure of the protections that the corporations promise us. Like. There aren't very many things that are perfect, and the experience is that you can't prove contamination unless you have a preliminary test to show that the materials were not already in the water. Normal testing does not include these compounds. Today we are running out of room in this newsletter, and I am running out of energy, so we will summarize that in the next newsletter. In the meantime if you want certified water testing we recommend you contact Alicia Gill at <http://els.lcra.org/>

Compassion Corner

I realized why the dictators don't want people educated. It's not only because they won't know what's happening to them, but I think mostly because of the devastating (to we the people and to the individuals) consequences to people who do not know how to use the law of cause and effect to benefit themselves and their communities.

Mind and Life Institute

A wonderful presentation of the ecology of the earth today was presented to His Holiness The Dalai Lama during the recent Mind and Life Conference, and you can watch it yourself. Please do. If you can't find it on www.DalaiLama.com, just let me know and I'll send you a copy.

supporters@populationmatters.org

Jane Fonda <http://populationmatters.org/2011/blog/jane-fonda-people/>

"There's lots to worry about these days but you know what worries me most: the news I read day before yesterday that by something like 2045 there will be 10 billion people on the planet-or more!...I'm scared. I'll be gone but I am scared for my grandchildren and for the wild animals and for the whole human race." She might not be right on the numbers, but we share her concern.

Facing Biological Reality

"Bolivia is set to pass the world's first laws granting all nature equal rights to humans. The Law of Mother Earth, now agreed by politicians and grassroots social groups, redefines the country's rich mineral deposits as "blessings" and is expected to lead to radical new conservation and social measures to reduce pollution and control industry. Nice movie of beautiful Bolivia trying to resolve problems rather than denying them.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/global-development/video/2011/apr/10/bolivia-fighting-the-climate-wars>

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/oct/21/evo-morales-scraps-amazon-highway>

Attached is an article from NATURE, one of our leading journals of science, about our worldwide drought situation.

Have a green

And Peaceful

Thanksgiving

