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AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH ... A Movie Everyone Should See

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Al Gore is still at work and still does very well with what most of us remember him for: Data and Details.

But now, in An Inconvenient Truth, he brings two additional "Ds.": Drive and Drama, to his mission of slowing global warming and bringing sustainable living to the planet. He states that human behavior, values and lifestyle are threatening the stability and health of our planet, and as a result, human behavior, values and lifestyle are threatened.

Heat trapped by excess CO2 melts ice caps, thaws permafrost, and changes ocean and wind currents, bringing dramatic changes to weather patterns. Additionally, insects, and the diseases they carry, proliferate, virile incubation patterns expand, and feeding patterns throughout the food chain change. Drought and flood will become everyday tragedies all over the world and neighboring states will experience these phenomena simultaneously. Gore's point: Everything will change.

Gore uses the parable of the boiling frog: when one places a frog in tepid water on the stove, the frog will simply stay in the pot as the water comes to a boil and become "zuppe di rana"! But, the average sensible and sensitive frog, dumped into a pot of boiling water, will exit quickly. Mr. Gore believes that we humans are smarter than the average frog, that we have the capacity to become aware of the increasing heat of the water, and will chose to jump out..... and then turn off the stove!

Do we want to turn off the stove, Mr. Gore asks?

Do we have the will to elect the leadership necessary to affect the cessation of global warming? And will we as individuals participate in the solution by doing what we can do in our everyday lives to use less of the planet's resources and live sustainably?

For more information on the movie and on Climate Change check out www.climatecrisis.com

WOULD YOU SUPPORT A MOVE TO A PAPERLESS NEWSLETTER?

From the Editor

Volunteer Sierra Club Webmasters and Newsletter Editors from across the United States met in San Francisco June 1-4 to learn how to make their Group and Chapter web sites and newsletters the best possible communication vehicles. The training was conducted by national Sierra Club Staff.

Several Groups and Chapters told how they were successful in moving towards a paperless newsletter.

Why?

- Save money on printing costs and postage.
- * Reduce paper use and recycling. Saves natural resources.
- Produce a better looking product with more information. See <http://clubhouse.sierraclub.org/go/newsletters/porcupine/newsletter/archives/2006/06/a013.html> for an example of on line newsletters created at the training session.
- Increased access to information on a public web site.

The downside of going paperless: not everyone is on-line yet.

How would it work? To get started members and non members of the Sierra Club would provide an email address. Your Editor would send out an email once every month, or two months, to inform readers that the **Tidelines** was on line. Readers would be directed to the Group Webpage. That page would contain the Outings Calendar, the Newsletter, and links to other information. You could print what you wanted.

The Sierra Club recognizes that readers have limited time and do not want to lots of email, so our promise to you would be to just let you know when the information was on line so you could view it at your convenience.



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LOCAL ACTIVITIES

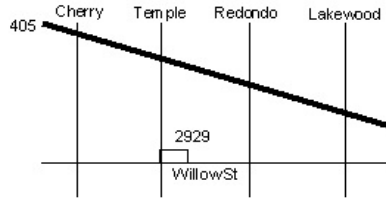
MONDAY 7:00 PM Conditioning Beach Walk. 4-5 mi of brisk, fast-paced walking. Hikes start at Belmont Pier parking lot, South of Ocean Blvd. at end of Termino St., near Belmont Pool side. Free Parking after 6 p.m. Flashlight optional. Info: Todd Williams 562-425-4748

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY. 7:00 pm. Signal Hill conditioning hikes. Tues/Thursday three hikes: A faster group, five miles 800 foot gain; moderate and slow group, 4 miles, 700 foot gain; Meet at Hill Street and Redondo. Bring water, lug soles. Flashlight optional. Info: Todd Williams 562-425-4748.

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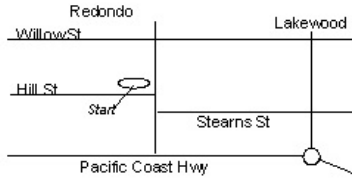
Please check your Schedule of Activities for the names and telephone numbers of the Executive Committee Members if you would like to contact the Editor of Tidelines

Meetings
Except July, August
City of Long Beach
Environmental Services Bureau
2929 E. Willow St



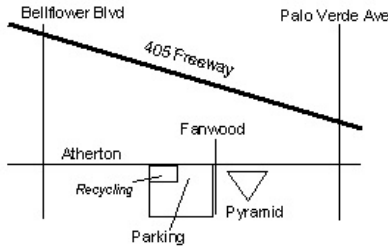
Signal Hill Hikes

Tuesday, Thursday 7pm Saturday 7 am



Rideshare Point at CSULB

off Atherton, by Recycling Center



ADA Policy: Attendees requiring adaptive services should contact the chair, or in his absence the vice chair or program chair, of the Long Beach Group at least one week before the meeting they wish to attend. The chair should also be notified at least 72 hours in advance in case of cancellation of attendance. The Long Beach Group will attempt to provide any reasonable accommodation requested.

Museum Express

From June 16 through September 17 the Long Beach Transit (LBT) Museum Express will be offering air-conditioned bus service to various museums throughout the southland. For \$6 you get round trip service from the downtown transit center to the museum of the day. Although the \$6 does not include admission to the museum, the schedule is arranged to take advantage of free admission days at several of the venues. More information is available by calling 562-591-2301 or via the LBT website at http://www.lbtransit.com/News/#museum_express.

AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH

NOW PLAYING AT: UA Marketplace - Long Beach, 6601 E PACIFIC COAST HWY LONG BEACH, CA 90803; (800)326-3264

12:15 pm | 12:45 pm | 1:45 pm | 2:40 pm | 3:10 pm | 4:15 pm | 5:00 pm | 5:30 pm | 6:45 pm | 7:15 pm | 7:50 pm | 9:15 pm | 9:45 pm | 10:15 pm

September Potluck

and New Member's Meeting

Although we have no monthly meetings in July and August, we will have our annual Potluck and New Member's meeting in September. All members, new and continuing, are encouraged to attend. Meet our activists and leaders and learn how to become involved with the club. Meet other hikers and identify opportunities to get out and explore our natural surroundings. Bring a dish for 8 to share (we stress plant-based, organic, locally grown food) and \$1 for drinks and common items (\$5 if you don't bring a potluck item), place setting, and up to 20 vacation slides to share. Meet 6:30 PM Environmental Services Bureau, 2929 East Willow, near Temple Avenue, in Long Beach. Note that we have no members meetings in July or August.



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