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## Ozark Chapter Endorses Jacob for Lieutenant Governor

by McNear Dillon, Ozark Chapter Political Chair

The Ozark Chapter Executive Committee has voted to endorse Missouri Senator Ken Jacob in his primary race for Lieutenant Governor. The committee recognized that Jacob has been a consistent friend of the environment in the Missouri General Assembly.

It is very unusual that the Chapter should endorse any candidate in a primary race so early. Primary candidate registration does not commence until February 24. Because this action is so rare, it involved much thoughtful discussion before the conclusion was reached. It is unlikely that such an endorsement will occur again in other than the most exceptional circumstances.

The environmental movement has been extremely fortunate in having Jacob serve its interests in the Legislature. He has proposed and supported favorable legislation. He has fought adverse legislation. His timely filibuster threat caused the environmentally ruinous bill, SB 36, to be tabled in the last session of the Legislature. Throughout his legislative career in both the Missouri House and Senate, he has been a constant and reliable defender of the environment in our state.

The Chapter has twice awarded Jacob the Outstanding Legislator of the year. His performance has distinguished him as an environmental legislator greatly deserving our support.

Viewing Ken Jacob beyond our interest in the environment, we observe a remarkably able public servant with long experience in government. He served in the Missouri House of Representatives for 14 years, from 1982 to 1996, and in the Missouri Senate for eight years, from 1996 to 2004. He served as Assistant Majority Floor Leader in the Senate.

While a Senator, Ken Jacob was an active member of the following committees:

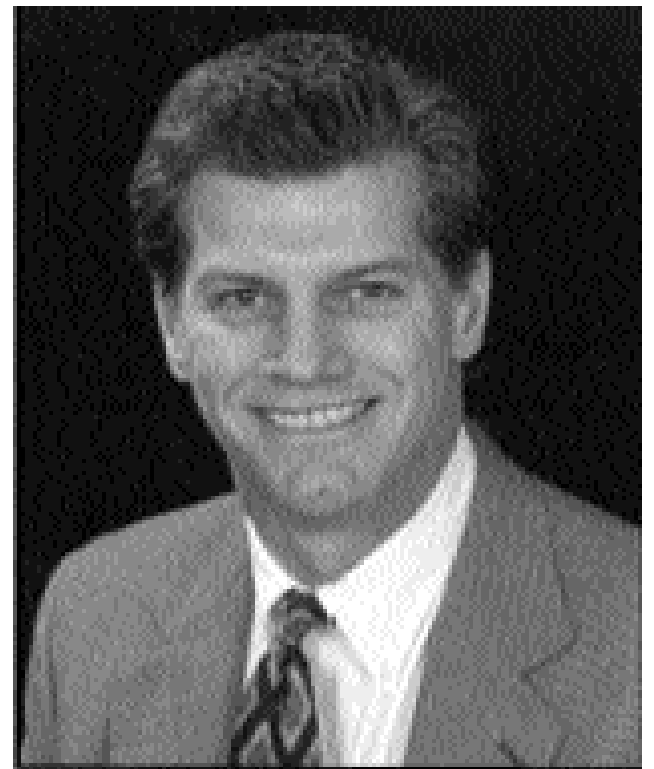
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Ken Jacob was born January 23, 1949 in Saint Louis. He and his wife, Nancy Sublette have two children, Daniel and Jessica. They presently reside in Columbia, Missouri.

Jacob first graduated from the University of Missouri at Columbia with a B.S. in Education and was certified to teach history and economics. Subsequently, he earned Master's Degrees in Education, Counseling, and Public Administration. He graduated from the University of Missouri School of Law in 1989, receiving a JD degree.

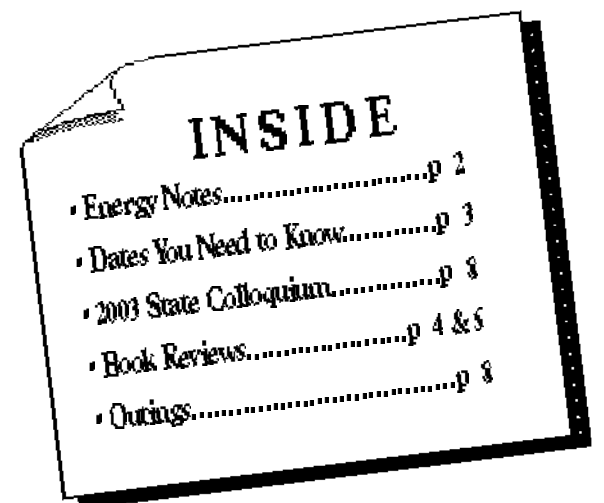
Senator Jacob has considerable education and long, distinguished service in the Legislature. He has been a leading supporter of issues favoring the environment, education, and the welfare of Missouri citizens. He is singularly desirable for public service and an excellent choice of candidate for Lieutenant Governor. He would also be well-qualified to serve as Governor if called upon.

Jacob has earned our confidence. He deserves our



Candidate for Lieutenant Governor — Ken Jacob.

support. We ask members of the Sierra Club to support him in the coming elections. —




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# Energy Notes

by Wallace McMullen, Chapter Conservation Chair

## Wind Power

Two new studies of wind power in Missouri have come out recently.

A firm named TrueWind took existing meteorological data and did a more sophisticated analysis of recorded winds, using factors such as humidity to enhance the mapping that the National Renewable Energy Laboratory did in 1986.

Also, a group of Stanford researchers has worked on extrapolating the existing wind data, which is measured at a height of 30 feet, to the heights at which utility scale wind turbines actually operate. Their results for 200 and 300 feet high (70 and 100 meters) are encouraging. Small areas of possible wind for economic development of utility-scale wind generation, previously unsuspected, appear close to transmission lines in Southwest Missouri.

Readers can see the maps showing results of the TrueWind study on the DNR website at: <http://www.dnr.state.mo.us/energy/renewables/wind-energy.htm#maps>.

## Federal Energy Bill and Wind Power

The federal energy bill which died in Congress just before Thanksgiving contained many subsidies for dirty fossil fuel industries (coal, oil, and gas), for nuclear power, and for tearing up the landscape in search of more petrochemicals. However, it also contained a small subsidy for wind generated electricity, which will now expire at the end of 2003. Some projects developing wind power in the Midwest are expected to slow down as a result of the expiration of this subsidy.

## City Utilities of Springfield Announces a Study

Springfield City Utilities had proposed to build a new coal burning powerplant, 265 Megawatts in generating capacity. They withdrew this proposal from public consideration after environmental groups and the Southwest Manufacturers' Association vigorously opposed it, and passing a needed bond issues appeared in doubt. The utility has issued a press release about exploring the development of a larger new power plant in partnership with other utilities.

City Utilities has now announced that it has contracted a consultant for \$200,000 to find the best way to increase their supply of electricity. All accounts indicate that they are firmly opposed to purchasing available wind power from Kansas.

## Kansas City Power & Light Having Problems at Hawthorn

The boiler at KCP&L's Hawthorn plant exploded in 1999. The utility has rebuilt it, and the new Unit 5A is back in service with new emissions control systems. (Readers may be interested to know that the old unit had been one of the largest sources of airborne mercury pollution in the state).

The Sierra Club has learned that the Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) system that was installed with the new boiler is not performing as expected. KCP&L has reported to DNR that it is tending to plug up with ash, and they are observing premature deterioration of the catalyst. As a result, the SCR has not been curtailing the emissions of smog generating nitrogen oxides (NOx) as expected. They have been compensating for the lowered performance by increasing the

amount of ammonia reagent that is injected into the SCR system. This has caused problems with plugging up the pulse jet baghouse bags that are to remove fine particulate matter, and has had a negative effect on the probes measuring oxygen and NOx in the exhaust stream—a greenish foreign material is forming on the probes.

KCP&L blames Western Powder River Basin coal, their chosen fuel, for causing the problems, and has suggested that DNR should allow them higher levels of emitting pollution while they work on the problem.

## Ameren Announces Community Development Corporation

AmerenUE, the large electric utility serving most of eastern Missouri, announced on November 19, 2003 that it had set up a Community Development Corporation as required by an overcharge settlement agreement with the Public Service Commission.

Quoting from Ameren's press release: "The joint settlement included a rate moratorium through June 30, 2006, the phase-in of \$110 million in electric rate reductions, over \$2 billion in critical energy infrastructure commitments from the company, and \$26 million in funding... [for] programs that will benefit low-income consumers, enhance energy conservation and support the state's economic development efforts." The Community Development Corporation (CDC) will receive \$9 million in funding from the utility. Startup funding of \$5 million has been held in escrow since

September 1, 2002. Additional payments will be made through 2006 to complete the \$9 million obligation.

The Board of Directors is an interesting mix of people: Former University of Missouri-St. Louis chancellor Dr. Blanche Touhill is to chair the board. Other members include:

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- Robert Robuck, Jefferson City, President and Chief Operating Officer of Central Trust Bank.
- Betty Sims, St. Louis, former State Senator from St. Louis.
- Steven Sullivan is Senior Vice President Governmental/Regulatory Policy and General Counsel, at Ameren Corporation.
- David Weis, Moberly, P.K. Weis Agency Inc.

No projects that might benefit from this entity were announced. —

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# 2003 State Colloquium

by Carla Klein, Chapter Director

One of the greatest advantages of belonging to a national organization like the Sierra Club is the wonderful training sessions that are available. I recently attended the Annual State Colloquium held in South Carolina. This is a training Sierra Club offers for Chapter Directors and those individuals that do lobbying at the state level for the Sierra Club.

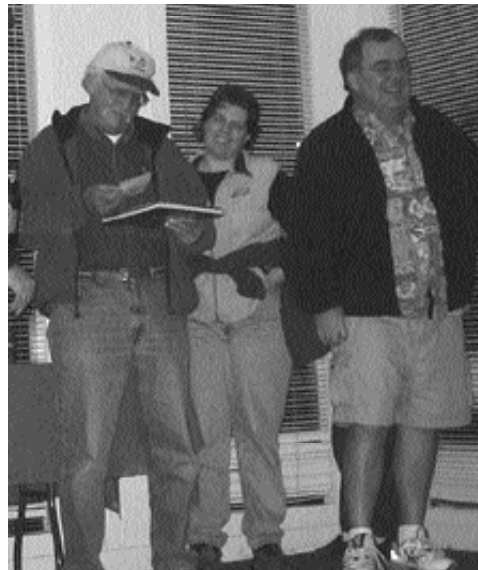
The Colloquium offers a variety of sessions—from legislative bill analysis to renewable energy options. The Club brings in excellent speakers from across the country to provide an insider's view on critical topics. An issue that many lobbyists are really having to take a closer look at during these difficult economic times is the state budget process. A session lead by Dan Grelach, Senior Policy Advisor for Fiscal Affairs to Governor Easley of North Carolina, stressed the importance of state budgets to environmental protection.

In past years attacks on the environment were usually much more straight forward, *i.e.* introducing bills that would limit the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' (MDNR) authority, such as Missouri's "Environmental Destruction Act" SB 36, that we fought off last session. Now many states are seeing attempts to limit the agencies' authority through budget cuts. Some state legislators are using the current fiscal problems in their state as a tool to strategically dismantle environmental protections. Rather than targeting true pork-barrel items in a budget they are taking aim at jobs and funds that provide inspections and enforcement of environmental laws.

We saw these tactics last session in Missouri with the introductions of bills to cut the Missouri Department of Conservation's budget in half and seeing the MDNR general revenue budget cut by 33% — more than any other state agency. MDNR is still on the cutting block as the battle over Missouri's budget woes continues.

Another important development on the legislative front was learning about ALEC, American Legislative Exchange Council, a corporate-funded membership organization of conservative and often virulently anti-environmental state legislators. This organization carefully drafts legislation that is couched in language to "protect" small business and uses "regulatory flexibility" legislation to accomplish environmental rollbacks. The group of anti-environmental legislators is very clever in their tactics. They

realize that Roasting Ken the majority of Americans value environmental protection. Therefore, in order to accomplish environmental rollbacks, they have to mislead the public with catchy titles. An example of one of their crafty bills is "SB 718 Creates Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board." Who doesn't want to see small business treated fairly — right? This bill seems harmless on the surface until you realize that the definition of a small business is one that employs less than 500 employees. This definition of a small business would include 97% of all business in the United



States. We will definitely have to be more vigilant to catch all the evildoers' tricks this next session.

Perhaps the most valuable aspect of the Colloquium is the chance to exchange ideas and war stories with other Chapter Directors and Lobbyists. The wealth of knowledge and experience in the Club is astounding. As you can imagine those that have worked for the Sierra Club for several years have formed some very strong friendships. A highlight of the entire event was the "Ken Midkiff Retirement Roast."

We all had great fun at Ken's expense while Chapter Directors

and Lobbyists alike told stories of Ken's past adventures—of course embellishing a bit and putting their own spin on the event. Ken Kramer, Director from Texas said he thought Ken had truly lost his mind if he thought he could write a book called *The Meat You Eat*. "The man hasn't eaten meat in fifteen years," Ken explained, "what does he know about eating meat?"

Ken sat quietly and good heartily taking one joke after the other. The roast ended with Bill Craven, past Kansas lobbyist, presenting Ken with the "Prince of Poop" award for all his accomplishments in fighting CAFOs (confined animal feeding operations). In a moment of seriousness Ken received a standing ovation from his fellow colleagues. I believe there may have been a tear in Ken's eye — I know there were in a few others. —



Ken Craven presents the Prince of Poop Award to Ken Midkiff

## 2004 LEGISLATIVE SESSION BEGINS

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As we begin a challenging legislative session, the Ozark Chapter of the Sierra Club is providing a new way for members to help protect Missouri's natural resources. With control of the House and Senate in the hands of a less than environmentally friendly Republican party, it is more critical than ever that we activate our members quickly when critical issues arise that require immediate action. The Ozark Legislative Alert listserv will be an effective tool to help us accomplish this.

The purpose of the legislative action alert is to empower activists to quickly identify action needed. Alerts will be limited; this is a one-way service so you will only receive notices sent out from the Ozark Chapter office on key state issues that are at a critical juncture. The alert will contain a short summary of the problem, Bill information, action needed, and legislator contact information.

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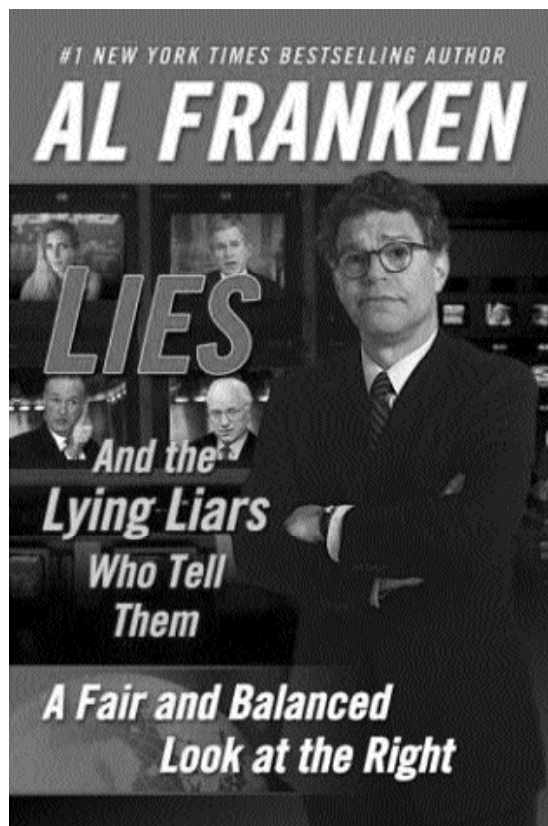
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# Franken and Moore: Two Antidotes to Right Wing Polemic

Book Reviews by Alan Journet, Trail of Tears Group Conservation Chair

In "Misperceptions, the Media and the Iraq War," University of Maryland researcher Steven Kull addresses the mystery of how it is that so many Americans believe falsehoods regarding the Bush invasion of Iraq. In relation to a belief in one of three critical but false ideas, Kull discovered that viewers of Fox Cable News were more likely than were those who paid attention to any other news source to agree with one or more false ideas. Furthermore, the more Fox they watch, the more wrong they tended to be. This report is available from the Program on International Policy Attitudes at their web site ([www.pipa.org](http://www.pipa.org)).

At times such as these, it is important to have a few authors who are prepared to take on the task of exploring the source of such distortions.



In *Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them: A Fair and Balanced Look at the Right* (Dutton), former Saturday Night Live comedian Al Franken evaluates the right wing denizens of Fox News. Having dismantled Rush Limbaugh in *Rush Limbaugh is a Big Fat Idiot and Other Observations* Franken takes aim in this tome at the likes of Ann Coulter, Bill O'Reilly, Carson Tucker, and Shaun Hannity.

With the aid of Team Franken, a group of students from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government where Franken was serving as a fellow in the Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics, and Public Policy, Franken systematically explores the claims of these and other right wing commentators. What Franken repeatedly does is simply pick up the telephone and ask critical individuals in news stories to verify or deny reports. These calls were then oft-times followed by similar calls to the commentator(s) propounding misinformation to determine why they are spreading untruths. What Franken discovered time and again was a complete failure to check

sources and facts.

Franken clearly demonstrates that the media do not exhibit the left wing or liberal bias of which they are so often accused. However, rather than arguing that the media are biased in the conservative direction, what Franken seems to suggest is that, on the whole, reporters and commentators are lazy (*i.e.* in not verifying stories but simply repeating errors that their colleagues have propounded). This laziness, he suggests, is accompanied by a profound lack of intellectual honesty in their failure to acknowledge and rectify errors after they have been presented.

For a refreshing and humorous look at the right wing media, Franken's book is highly recommended.

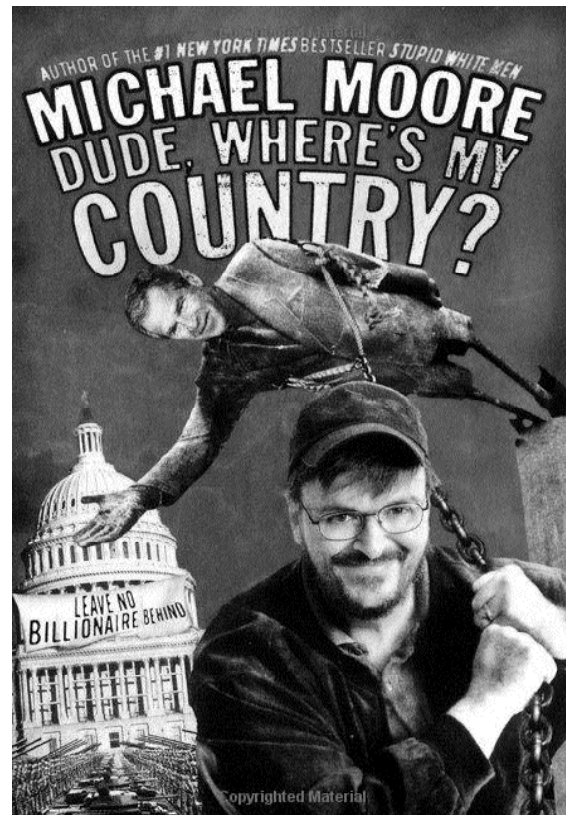
In *Dude, Where's My Country?* (Warner) film-maker Michael Moore, most recently known for his fine exploration of the gun sickness in the U.S. ("*Bowling for Columbine*"), undertakes a detailed review of the threat posed to this country and the world by the current occupants of the White House.

Emulating the successful technique that he uses in his films, Moore starts with a series of critical questions addressed to George W. Bush regarding his Iraq fiasco. Moore correctly suggests that while they have barely even been covered in the media, these demand serious and genuine answers.

He subsequently explores the arrant lies emanating from the White House that have been concocted to justify the Iraq War, and then explores the piled on lies designed to cover up the initial lies.

As a proud liberal, Moore also offers an evaluation of public opinion polls. These, he suggests, reveal that the American public is basically quite liberal; a fact that should be exploited by the Democratic Party. It is the realization that the public is liberal that, he suggests, makes conservative commentators so perpetually angry and shrill. He also explores the conservative mentality and offers some suggestions on how to deal with it. Embedded in the book we also find a humorous letter of appreciation from Moore to W for his tax cut, where he invites readers to offer suggestions as to how he can best spend this tax rebate to remove W from office.

Reading these two books is not for the faint heart; there is real possibility that the reader will be lifted to the heights of anger at the way current right wing politicians, aided by the



media, misrepresent issues and manipulate public opinion. There, is however, much in both that should provide fodder for the environment and conservation-minded amongst us in our fight to reclaim the political influence that we rightly should have. These books offer a wealth of insights for those wishing to understand more fully the extent of the distortions and outright lies that have been fed to the American people and Congress by an Administration bent solely on serving the profits of corporate America. I wish that there were more such authors as these exerting a far greater influence on a gullible public. —

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# Bowling Alone

A Book Review by Cheryl Hammond

**B**owling Alone by Robert D. Putnam (Simon and Schuster, 2000) has explained to Sierra Club activists and to activist of all stripes why it is so hard to recruit volunteers. Putnam demonstrates with page after page of examples how our general participation in public life has decreased dramatically in all arenas.

## Loss of interest in civic organizations is a trend

Until recently, civic organizations in the United States had flourished, with garden clubs, parent teacher groups, bowling leagues, and groups of all kinds finding increasing membership. However, today's significantly growing organizations are no longer organizations which provide meetings and fellowship, but organizations providing services and remote lobbying, such as the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). These organizations grow not from an invitation from your co-worker, friend, or neighbor, but from solicitations from national mass mailings. You become a "member" of these organizations only in the most broad terms. As a member, you most likely could not name another person who is also a member.

Unfortunately, we see this same trend with environmental groups. Greenpeace, The National Wildlife Federation, the Wilderness Society, and on and on are mostly checkbook organizations with paid lobbyists, but no local chapters and no meetings of members. Granting "memberships" is just a device for fundraising. By writing checks to these organizations, we are making important contributions to protecting the environment, but we are doing this by proxy. On the other hand, "grassroots" organizations, such as the Sierra Club, encourage hands-on, personally active environmentalism.

Interestingly, Putnam finds that the older generation is not dropping out of garden clubs, Kiwanis, veteran associations, and all the other community building groups. Instead, the younger generation is not dropping in. At some point, the concept of being a "joiner" lost ground.

What is killing civic engagement

## What pulls us from the community

Putnam ranks factors which separate us from community:

- Pressures of time and money — 10%. Two career families especially contribute to this.
- Sprawl, commuting — 10%.
- Electronic Entertainment — 25%. Especially television.
- Generational change — 50%.

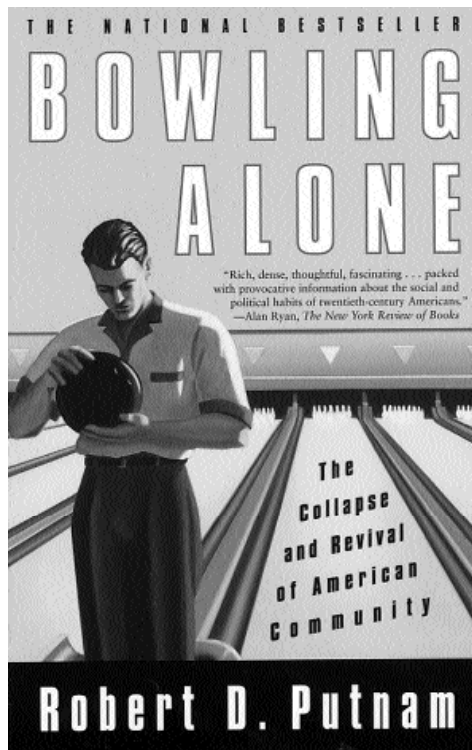
## How sprawl affects us

The effects of sprawl are especially compelling to the Sierra Club. We see sprawl as destroying open space, forests, and farmland. We also see the negative effects on our air quality from the increase in commuting.

However, Putnam has displayed for us another negative of sprawl. Putnam points out that as more of us have moved into suburbs, our lives can increasingly be traced by a large triangle — home — work — shopping — home. Americans average seventy-two minutes every day behind the wheel. This is more time than we spend cooking or eating, and more than twice the amount of time the average American spends with their kids. This car culture is bad for community life. Putnam finds that for each additional ten minutes of daily commuting time, involvement in community affairs is cut 10 percent. This is 10 percent fewer meetings attended, 10 percent fewer church services attended, 10 percent less volunteering, etc. This is 10 percent less involvement with the local Sierra Club. Also, the spatial configuration of our suburban lives works against us. After a long commute home from work, we don't feel inclined to make another long trip to the city or another suburban location to attend a Sierra Club committee or general meeting.

## Generational change

We can understand and deplore time pressures and



over-dependence on at-home electronic entertainment. However, generational change may surprise us. The generational change is more than just the usual split of interest of the younger and older populations. For example, sports clubs usually attract younger people. But this is not the generational change that Putnam finds.

Putnam tracks cohorts through various life stages and concludes that in all measures of civic engagement, there is a striking loss in civic engagement as the youngest cohorts pass through each life stage. Members of cohorts were tracked on such items as frequency of voting, club meetings attended in a year, whether the person had worked on a community project in the last year, whether the person wrote to a congressperson in the last year, etc. Putnam finds the World War II generation is the most civic minded generation and raises the possibility that the internal cohesion introduced by World War II was the factor which created those attitudes.

## Need for renewed civic life

Putnam's message is that we desperately need to create renewed channels for reinvigorating public life. As we make personal decisions on where to live, where to work, and all our other life decisions, we need to consider not only the affect on our financial capital, but the equally important effect on our stock of social capital.

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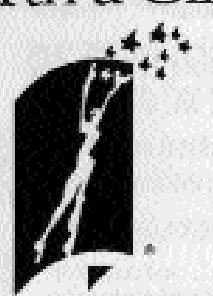
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The night wind whispers softly through the leaves,  
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 The birds sing a gleeful song to the weeping willow,  
 As deer settle down on a soft mossy pillow.  
 As dusk becomes a murky blanket that covers the earth,  
 Nocturnal sounds fill the air with wonder and mirth  
 Nature is a most glorious place to behold and treasure,  
 It gives us never-ending and serene pleasure.  
 But, tragically, nature unprotected will not survive for long,  
 And soon will only murmur the echo of a once-beautiful song.  
 For without our stewardship and care,  
 The wilderness will have nothing left to spare.

*by Hanne Hartmann-Phipps  
 Reeds Spring, Missouri  
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# Outings Continued

**Apr 10-11 (Sat-Sun) Backpack into the heart of the farting frog country.** Camping next to a beaver pond we will wait until dark for our friends to sing to us around the campfire. If we are lucky maybe we will hear the Ozark Trail Frogs, Spring Peepers and always funny Camp Fire Frogs. A great trip for beginners. We will walk about three miles a day. This trip is rated Easy. Contact Robert Gestel (636)296-8975 or Paul Stupperich (314)429-4352.

## Osage Group

**Jan 24 (Sat) Eagle Days in Clarksville.** We hope to see some eagles along the Mississippi River. We will then eat at a local restaurant. Greg Leonard (573)443-8263 or egreg2@yahoo.com.

**Jan 31 (Sat) Glade restoration at Washington State Park near Potosi.** Joint outing with Eastern Missouri Group of Sierra Club. Help park staff burn cedar trees encroaching on a glade. One day or both; a park cabin is available if staying overnight. Roscetti (573)636-8205.

**Feb 4 (Wed) Star Search.** See a close-up view of the planets and stars at MU Physics Building and then adjourn to a local brew pub. Denise Johnson (573)256-5228.

## Thomas Hart Benton Group

**Jan 24 (Sat) Arabia Steamboat Museum.** Explore the recovered treasures of the steamboat that sank in the Missouri in 1856, then enjoy lunch at the adjacent River Market. Ages 13-59 \$9.75, 60+ \$9.25, 4-12 \$4.75, 0-3 free. Steve Hassler (913)599-6028.

**Feb 7 (Sat) Backpacking 101.** Come learn more than you might ever want to know about backpacking. We will cover food, equipment, places to go, and more. Dave Patton (816)461-6091.

**Feb 21-22 (Sat-Sun) Paddy Creek Wilderness.** We'll backpack about 15 miles on the Big Piney Trail in the Paddy Creek Wilderness. Bryan Ohrman (816)918-8741.

**Feb 28 (Sat) Perry Lake Trail Maintenance.** We'll work on scenic Section 2 where Little Slough Creek empties into Perry Lake. Bring hand tools, work gloves and lunch. Steve Hassler (913)599-6028.

**Mar 5-7 (Fri-Sun) Irish Wilderness Backpacking.** Join us on a 21-mile loop hike on the Whites Creek Trail in this beautiful wilderness full of amazing geological features. Melody Gross (816)228-6563.

**Mar 13-14 (Sat-Sun) Backpacking & Car Camping.** Car camp at Blanchard Springs (heated toilets/showers), day hike the Sylamore Creek trail and visit the fantastic Blanchard Springs Cave. Or backpack a moderate distance on the trail. Scott Hooper (816)561-0575.

**Mar 20-21 (Sat-Sun) Astronomy Campout.** Camp out under the stars at Astronomy Village, a super-dark site with great celestial views. Red flashlights only. Bring binoculars if you have them. Telescopes available for sharing. BBQ grills, coffeepots, & a heated "meteor shower" available. Ellen Brennehan (816)274-8062.

**Mar 27 (Sat) Composting Tour and Stream Hike.** Tour the Olathe Composting Facility to see how leaves and grass are turned into compost. Time and weather permitting, we'll eat a sack lunch at Ernie Miller Park and hike its trails. Elaine Giessel (913)888-8517.

**Apr 2-4 (Fri-Sun) Ozark Highlands Trail.** We'll hike Section 8 (20.9 miles) of this very scenic trail from the Richland Creek Campground to Woolum. This will be the last time this spring to really get out and enjoy the Ozark backcountry. Paul Gross (816)228-6563.

**Apr 17 (Sat) Burr Oak Woods & Nature Center.** Three trails (Bethany Falls, Hickory Grove & Wildlife Habitat) take us through rolling woodlands and past limestone outcroppings. The Visitor's Center has many exhibits. Anne McDonald (913)384-6645.

**Apr 18 (Sun) Bicycling the Katy Trail.** We'll go for a ride on this very scenic section of trail, then grab lunch at the Trailside Café & Bike Shop. Bike rental available. Dave Patton (816)461-6091.

**Apr 24 (Sat) Hidden Valley Wildflower Walk.** Meet at the parking lot for a hike to check out the spring wild-flowers.



Sierrans pause along the Natural Area trail deep in the heart of Cuivre River State Park during our October Annual Reunion.

Photo by of Jim Rhodes

Doris Sherrick (816)779-6708.

## Trail of Tears Group

**Jan 24 (Sat) Eagle Days in St. Louis.** Meet at 8 am. Cape Girardeau Public Library Parking lot to car-pool to visit the St. Louis Eagle Days Program at Clarksville & Ted Shanks Conservation Area just north of St. Louis.

**Apr 25 (Sun) Hike and wildflower excursion to Little Grand Canyon in Southern Illinois.** Meet at 9 am in the Cape Girardeau Public Library Parking lot to car-pool. Bring a sack lunch, sturdy shoes, and if the weather has been inclement, appropriate gear for scrabbling over rocks. Southeast Missouri State University Biology Dept. field botanist Allan Bornstein will guide us through the trails..

## White River Group

None submitted.

## Carl Pope's challenge to socially responsible investors for the New Year

### *Environmentally Responsible Investing: Working for Change* a speech by Carl Pope, Executive Director of the Sierra Club

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# SIERRA CLUB OUTINGS OZARK CHAPTER

## Eastern Missouri Group

**Jan 23 (Fri) Hike the 10 mile Goggins Mountain Trail near Johnson Shut Ins.** Dinner after at one of the great restaurants. Suzanne Smith (618)281-4762 (after 7:30 pm, week nights only).

**Jan 24 (Sat) Eagle hike at Winfield and Clarksville during MDC Eagle Days.** Dress warmly for this cold and windy outing. We'll warm up with lunch in Clarksville and possibly go to the Ted Shanks Conservation area afterwards. Jim Rhodes (314)821-7758.

**Jan 25 (Sun) Slide-Photo-Video Party at Sierra Club Office, 7164 Manchester, 3-6 pm.** Great vacation? Great pictures? No audience? This event is for you! Share your pictures. Ann Eggebrecht (314)725-1560.

**Jan 30 (Fri) Beat the groundhog outdoors.** Hopefully we'll see our shadows on Buford Mountain Glades, about 7-8 miles. Eat at the Chocolate Garage. Suzanne Smith, (618)281-4762 (after 7:30 pm, week nights only).

**Jan 31 (Sat) Missouri Botanical Garden hike.** (Free admission.) After lunch, we'll go to the arch to see the 33 large-format photo murals depicting major events along the Lewis and Clark Trail. Easy urban walk. Ann Eggebrecht (314)725-1560.

**Jan 31-Feb 1 (Sat-Sun) Backpack the St. Francis Mountains of eastern Missouri.** Six-ten miles. Some cross country. George Behrens (after 6 pm, only) (314)821-0247.

**Jan 31-Feb 1 (Sat-Sun) Glade restoration at Washington State Park.** Help restore native wildflowers, grasses and wildlife habitat through the removal of encroaching cedar trees. We pile the cedars into bonfires: It's fun, dirty and a good work-out! It's never too cold for a glade restoration—the bonfires will keep us warm. Diane Albright at (314)966-3645.

**Feb 6 (Fri) Castlewood hike.** We'll hike the "trail we haven't done." Late lunch at Soup-R-Salad. Great gingerbread. Suzanne Smith, (618)281-4762 (after 7:30 pm, week nights only).

**Feb 7-8 (Sat-Sun) Trail maintenance on the Blair Creek Section of the Ozark Trail.** Just continuing south. Common commissary for dinner. Bob Gestel, (636)296-8975, or rgestel@sbcglobal.net, or Paul Stupperich, (314)429-4352, lonebuffalo@earthlink.net.

**Feb 13 (Fri) Meramec Conservation Area hike.** About eight miles. Suzanne Smith, (618)281-4762 (after 7:30 pm, week nights only).

**Feb 14 (Sat) Day hike to Taum Sauk State Park.** Waterfalls, glades and The Wall will be a part of our hike. Paul Stupperich, (314)429-4352, lonebuffalo@earthlink.net, or Bob Gestel, (636)296-8975, or rgestel@sbcglobal.net.

*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.*

*In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ride sharing or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.*

**Feb 18 (Wed) Bluebird Park hike in Ellisville.** This is a surprising park in the middle of town in West County. Not very far for anyone. The trails are mostly paved and include a variety of ecosystems. Included will be a section of trail built by Virginia Day and fellow Sierrans. Strollers welcome. Katie Wodell, (636)240-0675, before 9 pm.

**Feb 20 (Fri) St. Francois State Park six-eight mile hike and late lunch afterwards.** Suzanne Smith, (618)281-4762 (after 7:30 pm, week nights only).

**Feb 21-22 (Sat-Sun) Backpack trip for beginners.** We will hike to Harper Spring by way of Cave Hollow in the Pioneer Forest. Bob Gestel, (636)296-8975, or rgestel@sbcglobal.net, or Paul Stupperich, (314)429-4352, lonebuffalo@earthlink.net.

**Feb 22 (Sun) Hickory Canyon and Pickle Springs hike.** We will hike about two miles at each place. Dinner afterwards in Farmington. Glenn (314)845-5859, or e-mail glennkw31@excite.com.

**Feb 27 (Fri) Hike a "Potosi area" section of the Ozark Trail.** Seven-nine miles. Suzanne Smith, (618)281-4762 (after 7:30 pm, week nights only).

**Feb 28 (Sat) Day hike in St. Francois State Park.** Moderate pace. Chuck Guenther & Margaret Gilleo (314)991-1305.

**Feb 28-29 (Sat-Sun) Trail maintenance on the Blair Creek Section of the Ozark Trail.** Bob Gestel, (636)296-8975, or rgestel@sbcglobal.net, or Paul Stupperich, (314)429-4352, lonebuffalo@earthlink.net.

**Mar 5 (Fri) Hike the Lewis & Clark Trail near Weldon Springs,** Suzanne Smith (618)281-4762.

**Mar 6-7 (Sat-Sun) Glade restoration at Meramec State Park.** Help restore native wildflowers, grasses and lizard habitat through the removal of encroaching cedar trees. We pile the cedars into bonfires: it's fun, dirty and a good work-out! It's never too cold for a glade restoration. The bonfires will keep us warm. Come one day or both. Spend Saturday night at a cabin in the park with us if you choose. Penny Holtzmann at (314)487-2738, or e-mail pennyholtz@aol.com.

**Mar 12 (Fri) Seven mile hike at West Tyson County Park.** Lunch at Soup-R-Salad. Suzanne Smith, (618)281-4762.

**Mar 12 (Fri) Night hike at Shaw Nature Reserve—Three miles.** One hundred percent sure we'll see and hear lots of frogs and fifty percent sure for the woodcocks. (See Mar. 26 below.) Helen McCallie (636)451-3512 (w-toll free), or (636)742-4380 (h).

**Mar 13 (Sat) Highway cleanup.** Eastern cottontail rabbits are bearing their first litters. Let's make things a little cleaner for them. Diane DuBois (314)721-0594.

**Mar 13 (Sat) Hike easy to moderately difficult trails for a total of six miles in Cuivre River State Park at a moderate pace.** Bring snacks, water, lunch. Optional, stop afterwards at Chubb's Diner, noted for hamburgers and reubens. Lois & Joe Walsh (636)343-6875, day/eve.

**Mar 14 (Sun) Outings workshop for beginners and new**

**Sierrans.** If only Lewis & Clark had known about polypro and fleece and sturdy hiking boots, how much more comfortable their journey would have been! Join us for this new presentation, where we will share our knowledge of equipment and outings to better acquaint you with the Sierra Club and our Outings Program. We will weave information about the Lewis and Clark journey into our presentation. Please sign up early as space is limited. 20 spaces are reserved for new Sierrans. \$5 donation requested to cover coffee, donuts, bagels and supplies. 9 am to 2 pm. Bring lunch. Dress for a day hike, as we will walk after lunch. Ann Eggebrecht (314)725-1560.

**Mar 19 (Fri) Nine mile strenuous Bell Mountain Wilderness hike.** Eat at Arcadia Cafe afterward or maybe the historic Arcadia Academy (homemade bread and cinnamon rolls). Suzanne Smith (618)281-4762.

**Mar 21 (Sun) Celebrate World Eagle Day at the World Bird Sanctuary and see eagles from all over the world.** We will begin the day with a three-mile hike at White Bison Trail, or a portion of Chubb Trail. Limit 15. Christina Ritter (636)296-1799, luvwildlife@lycos.com

**Mar 26 (Fri) Night hike at Shaw Nature Reserve—Three miles.** One hundred percent sure we'll see and hear lots of frogs and fifty percent sure for the woodcocks. (See Mar. 12 above.) Helen McCallie (636)451-3512 (w-toll free), or (636)742-4380 (h).

**Mar 26 (Fri) Bike the St. Joe trail and explore some nearby area.** Lunch after. Suzanne Smith (618)281-4762.

**Mar 27-28 (Sat-Sun) Trail maintenance on the Ozark Trail in the Pioneer Forest.** We will continue south removing wind falls and repairing flood damage. Gary, our camp cook will have a gourmet surprise for Saturday night dinner. Paul Stupperich (314)429-4352, lonebuffalo@earthlink.net, or Bob Gestel, (636)296-8975, rgestel@sbcglobal.net.

**Apr 2 (Fri) White Trillium Trail and the boardwalk at Makanda (home of ex-SIU hippies).** The Giant City Lodge has great food. Suzanne Smith (618)281-4762.

**Apr 3-4 (Sat-Sun) Day hike in the canyon country of Southern Illinois.** Our route through spectacular Jackson Hollow will follow the base of imposing, sixty-foot high sandstone cliffs, wind through building size boulders and past hundred-year old beech trees. This is a fairly strenuous eight-mile hike for experienced hikers. Camping will be in a primitive Shawnee Forest campground. Limit eight. Hiking boots required. Terry Allen (618)398-1087, or Suzanne Smith (618)281-4762.

**Apr 3-4 (Sat-Sun) We'll be doing the upper section of the Jack's Fork River.** We'll see Alley Spring and Jam-Up Cave. Colin Maag (314)721-7397.

**Apr 4 (Sun) Adventure hike to the south knob of Bell Mountain and Padfield Branch using my secret trailhead.** This is filled with the best of the St. Francois mountain terrain and great views, using a route you have never been on before. Not strenuous, but it's a five-hour hike. Wayne Miller (314)569-0094.

**Apr 9 (Fri) Spring wildflower time at Shaw Nature Reserve on our seven mile hike to see bluebells and other bloomers.** Lunch after. Suzanne Smith (618)281-4762.