Kick Off the ‘08 Boating Season Right by Remembering - “Nobody’s Waterproof™”
Submitted by LCRA

Have fun this summer but remember: Nobody’s Waterproof.

LCRA’s award-winning program, “Nobody’s Waterproof™”, is ready to kick off the 2008 boating season. The campaign, started in 2006, is aimed at increasing water safety awareness and creating a more enjoyable atmosphere on all LCRA-managed lakes. Nobody’s Waterproof™ takes a direct approach to reminding Texans they’re not invincible and need to take preventive steps when boating or engaging in other water recreation activities.

LCRA is sponsoring its third year of the on-the-water public education campaign called Nobody’s Waterproof™, which encourages people to “play it safe on the lake.” The “Nobody’s Waterproof™” campaign targets males ages 18 to 34 — the most susceptible group to drowning.

Armed with water guns, floating “noodles” and water-safety trivia, the Nobody’s Waterproof™ crew (all trained lifeguards) will cruise the lakes in a specially outfitted Yamaha boat, visiting popular hangouts like Devil’s Cove and Pace Bend Park on Lake Travis. The Nobody’s Waterproof™ boats will be covered in bold banners, while amplifying popular music to engage lake users with interactive trivia games and giveaways.

This unique approach has been recognized by national and statewide groups across the United States and Texas. The program has won the North American Boating Education Advancement Award, the U.S. Southern Region Boating Education Advancement Award, the Texas Public Relations Society Silver Spur for Community Outreach Excellence, the National Drowning Prevention Alliance Community Lifesaver Award and the National Water Safety Congress Award of Merit. In 2007, LCRA teamed up with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to take the campaign statewide.

Networking Northwest Austin
Submitted by Teresa Smith

Networking Northwest Austin or NWNWA, is a newly formed networking group in Northwest Austin by 3 business women. Their goal is to build close business and personal relationships in the business arena. They believe in growing business by referrals and within the group only having a limited member base by not duplicating professions. They want people to join that have a caring, positive attitude, and who not only want to build their business, but also want to build strength within the networking group.

This is an exciting group that been formed in the Austin area and it is a group the founders believe will greatly benefit all who join. For more information call or e-mail:
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Nobody’s Waterproof™ Safety Tips for People On or Near the Water

- Users of the Highland Lakes can take simple steps to be safer:
- Always swim with a friend and recognize the signs of someone in trouble. Most drowning victims do not yell for help; instead, they panic and slip quietly under water.
- Play it safe by wearing an inflatable vest or belt pack. They’re compact, cool and stylish - and they can keep you from drowning.
- Be responsible if you drink. Many drowning accidents involve alcohol, which affects coordination and judgment, especially when boating or swimming. Always drink lots of water to stay hydrated.
- Boat safely. Familiarize yourself with lake conditions and always be aware of your surroundings.
- Have required safety equipment onboard and make sure it works properly.

For more tips go to www.nobodyswaterproof.com.

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Summer Weather 2008 - Drier, Warmer Weather
Predicted the Next Few Months

By Bob Rose, LCRA Meteorologist

It’s often said that Central Texas weather is one long drought interrupted by occasional floods. While this description often seems true, in reality, each year’s weather is often very different than the previous year.

In 2007, persistent, heavy rains characterized spring and summer weather. There were numerous floods and for the first time in 10 years, all of Texas was declared drought-free. But the wet weather didn’t last long. By late 2007, rain had become scarce and in 2008, drought returned to a large part of Texas, including the Hill Country and most of Central Texas. This summer, much drier weather than last year is expected.

The return of drier than normal weather can be attributed in part to the development of a weather phenomenon known as La Niña. In a La Niña, the Jet Stream is pushed north of its normal position and replaced by a large area of stable high pressure. This high pressure area limits the number of storms crossing our region, resulting in lower than normal rain. A weak La Nina will continue into the summer, which should result in drier than normal weather from late spring into summer. Despite dry weather, recreation will be great on area lakes. After a very wet year last year, most lake levels are still high and should remain high well into summer.

But keep in mind the weather won’t be totally dry. The month of May is typically the stormiest and wettest of the entire year and we’re likely to see a few storms from time to time. Occasional storms can bring large hail, damaging winds and brief heavy rain. If you’re caught outdoors when a storm threatens, try to seek shelter in a sturdy nearby building or as a last resort, a low spot below potential flying debris. Stay away from tall trees. And remember that creeks and streams can rise in a hurry from passing storms. Never camp near the banks of a creek, even if it’s dry.

Temperatures this spring and summer are shaping up to be very warm, much warmer than they were last summer. Look for readings to hit the upper 90s to 100 degrees beginning in June. If you’re going to be spending time outdoors, remember to play it safe and drink lots of water. And don’t forget to carry along some insect repellent. If you’re taking to the water to cool off, always remember to swim with a buddy. It’s more fun and it’s a great way to keep everyone safe.
Hundreds of Texans will join together on Saturday, June 7 for the Texas 4000 ATLAS Ride, sponsored by Sense Corp. The annual kick-off ride commences the start of the Sense Corp Texas 4000, a 70-day, 4,500 mile journey beginning in Austin, Texas and ending in Anchorage, Alaska. In addition to the fifty bicycle riders pedaling from Austin to Alaska, local supporters are encouraged to join in the journey of sharing Hope, Knowledge and Charity by participating in the ATLAS Ride.

The ATLAS Ride departs at 8 a.m. from Running Brushy Middle School in Cedar Park, TX and offers a 50- or 70-mile option. The day-long ride will culminate with a party at Pillar Bluff Vineyards in Lampasas, TX, and offer BBQ, live music, and more. People wishing to join or volunteer to support the ATLAS Ride may do so by registering at www.atlasride.org.

The ride is fully supported with police escorts, rest stops, sags and sweep teams including Bicycle Sport Shop maintenance crew and medical personnel. Come out and enjoy the beautiful Texas Hill Country!

For more information and registration, visit www.atlasride.org. Learn more about the Sense Corp Texas 4000 for Cancer at www.texas4000.org. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society and The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and Children’s Cancer Hospital.

“Sharing the Burden Because Cancer Weighs on All of Us”

Kristen Mulligan is the 2008 ATLAS Ride director. She is joined on the ATLAS planning committee by Nathasha Collmann, Sarah Hinojosa, and Richard Hill.

“We have been overwhelmed by the show of support in our community by friends and neighbors who have registered to ride or volunteer as well as businesses who have generously donated sponsorship for our fight against cancer.”

Thanks!
Kristen Mulligan
June 2008 Austin Newcomers Club Luncheon
www.austinnewcomers.com

Date: June 18, 2008
Time: 11:00 AM Social; 12:00 Noon Luncheon
Location: Green Pastures Restaurant

Art Around Texas: A 30 Minute Museums’ Tour
Presented by Dr. Karen Pope

Art historian Karen Pope is a popular speaker in the Austin area who is already known to many of our ANC members. Her expertise is in American and European art from the 19th and 20th centuries. Dr. Pope incorporates many art slides in her presentations and engages her audiences by making art history exciting and accessible at any level.

Currently, Dr. Pope teaches art history at Baylor University for the new Albritton Art Institute. She received her Ph.D. in Art History from the University of Texas at Austin. From designing and conducting art history programs for the University of Texas fine arts community in the early 1980s, her enthusiasm and proficiency for guiding interested adults through the history of art led, in 1995, to the creation of Art inSight Inc. Now in its 12th year, Art inSight celebrates art history friendships around Austin and Central Texas, around the country, and around the world.

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Visit the Insectary
Our summer gardens are full of butterflies, perhaps because we grow our own! See the butterfly babies—caterpillars—in our insectary and take note of what they are eating so you can grow them in your own garden. You might see a butterfly emerge from a chrysalis in the eclosion boxes in the butterfly garden.

Rick Tolar Exhibit
A mini-exhibit of wildflower and nature photography on canvas opens in the store May 31 and will be displayed through July 6.

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Jennifer needs to learn boundaries from a family with patience -- someone willing to let her develop and blossom in her own time.

For more information about becoming a foster or adoptive parent, please contact Tracy Eilers at tracyeilers@adopttexas.org.

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Recipe of the Month:

Oatmeal Cookies

1 cup shortening   1 tsp. vanilla
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1 cup white sugar  1 tsp. soda
2 eggs            ½ cup chopped nuts
3 cups quick oats  1½ cup flour


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