

THE STONE CHIPPER

THE 628TH MEETING OF THE AUSTIN GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, **AUGUST 28TH, 2008, 6:00 P.M.**, AT THE AGMS CLUBHOUSE, 6719 BURNET LANE, AUSTIN, TX. PHONE: (512) 458-9546.



The August program will be our annual auction! **It will start at 6:00 p.m.** You may wish to arrive earlier to look over the items up for bidding.

**AGMS Annual Show
Gem Capers 2008
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PURPOSE

The purpose of the AGMS is to promote interest and education in the various Earth Sciences and other related subjects.

MEETINGS

The Society meets the fourth Thursday of every month except October which is show set up day. There will be a meeting on the THIRD Thursday in November. December is the Invocation of Officers meeting held on a date and at a place determined by the officers. Board meetings are called as needed. All members are welcome to attend. Society Officers are listed on the back page of this publication. Please feel free to contact any of them for information.

DUES FOR 2008

Membership dues are:

\$15.00 annually for an adult \$20.00 annually for a couple \$4.00 annually for juniors

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2002,2003,2004

President's Message



What a great meeting we had in July. The presentation on pegmatites in Central Texas was especially meaningful to me, since I had the opportunity to visit some in the Northeast. It's too bad we can't access everything we saw at the meeting. We will have to keep working on it. Who knows when one of the landowners may let our society visit their property?

I finally made time to mess around with getting an exhibit ready for the Houston show in Humble in September. Don't forget the deadline for entries is August 24th (If my memory serves me well, but you may want to check on this.) I plan on doing a fluorescent display, but having never entered a competition before, I have some doubts. Still, the training we received from Ron Carmen was very helpful, and with additional input from past competitors, like Grant Gibson, it may turn out pretty good after all. If anyone is still interested in doing a group case on fluorescence, contact me before the entry deadline. If only they had even more powerful lamps that were affordable. I may even decide to do a locality exhibit, but will see how I am doing with the fluorescent case first. It takes a considerable amount of effort and prep work to compete, as I have found out from Grant. Much more goes into this than meets the eye, and it is a recommended task everyone should take a chance on at least once while involved in this hobby of ours. It gives you a greater appreciation of the mineral kingdom, as well as your own collection. You may just find the direction you have been looking for by taking on this task. It also gives you something to do in the air conditioning during this exceptional summer we are having. Just do it.

Don't forget our annual auction at the August meeting, and to bring by your donated items early (within the next two weeks would be good.) There is a round table in the faceting room (next to the main workshop area) where you can leave them. Don't forget to label as to what, where from, any interesting features (like fluorescence), who is donating it/them, and such. Aside from dues, and the show, this is our big fund raising event for keeping up with the expenses of keeping our site in good condition, paying bills, etc. In addition, we could still use some volunteers for the Treasurer, 1st and 2nd VP offices, as well as more volunteers for the show in October.

Consider it like "paying it forward," and as the Good Book says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." I know the price of gas has limited what some can do, and we all seem to have a dozen things pulling at us every day, but you will be glad you contributed to the society if you do. As Henry David Thoreau espoused, every one should leave the earth somewhat better than when he/she came in, and contribute in some way to make things better. I would encourage you all, especially if you have yet to serve the AGMS, to do your part. Now go and do the right thing. You'll be glad you did. See you all in August, and happy bidding.

One last note on rock happenings; by the time our August meeting happens, I will have one daughter married, and be a happy empty nester. At the wedding, we will have some sort of a nature-theme going, with herbs, greenery, and even rocks. I am borrowing some of the tumbled stones for the Gem Mine to fill the vases for the table flower arrangements (don't worry, the AGMS will get them back), and I will use crystal specimens from my collection to also decorate each table. I will take some photos to demonstrate how rocks and minerals can even be used for weddings. My daughter is considering joining the AGMS and taking some classes, now that she will be joining the ranks of the married folks. It almost makes up for my younger daughter buying slag in Arkansas at Christmas time. And there was great rejoicing in the land.

~Alan Cherepon, President



Library News

Two issues of *Mineral News* (a periodical), are missing from the library. No one has signed the checkout notepad (located on the library work table) for these. If someone borrowed these issues without signing out for them, please return them to the building and follow the policy for checking out library items. The missing issues are June 1998, Vol. # 14 No. 6 and January 2008, Vol. # 24 No. 1.

One of the privileges of current members is free access to our library. Although this is an honor system, accountability is a must for this to continue. The librarians do thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

~Andrea Miller, Co-Librarian



July 2008 Meeting Minutes

Program: The July program featured Frank Roberts speaking on the rare earth pegmatites of Central Texas. He presented slides on the types and occurrences of these minerals, many of which are radioactive, in our area, and discussed which areas were available for collecting with permission.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Alan Cherepon, president.

Minutes: Susan Postlethwait moved that the minutes of the June meeting be approved. Josie Middleton seconded the motion, and it passed.

Old Business:

Treasurer: There was no report from the Treasurer. Alan Cherepon said that candidates are still needed for officers for next year.

Federation: Paul Good said that the AFMS show, hosted this year by the South Central Federation, will be in Houston in September, and that application forms for the Editors' Breakfast and other functions are available online.

New Business:

Show Committee: Susan Postlethwait stated that the committee had stuffed envelopes at the last meeting. She said that no one had brought items from which to select the Saturday prize, so this would be done at the next committee meeting. She said that the gem mine needs 700 pounds of tumbled stones for the show, and that the person who brought the most tumbled stones would get a \$50 gift card for Z Tejas restaurant. Susan said that she has show pins for sale at the meeting for \$2.50, and that they will cost \$3.00 at the show.

Field Trips: Alan Cherepon said that he is working on trips to quarries in the Hill Country.

Historian: Ed Gage asked that members keep the pictures coming.

Workshop: Gef Fisher thanked Richard Dorsey and James Lopez for covering for him in the workshop while he was moving. He said he would start up the workshop again on the first Wednesday in August.

Nominations: Susan Postlethwait said that Tom Bowers has agreed to be on the board, and Linda Northcote has agreed to be secretary. Still needed are first and second vice-presidents and treasurer.

Library: Diann Hill said that members can now download a listing of books, magazines, etc., from the library page on the club web site.

Meetings: Alan Cherepon announced that the next board meeting is August 5th, the show committee meeting is August 21st, and that the August general meeting is the annual auction. Anyone wishing to donate items to be auctioned should bring them before the meeting. Place donations on the table in the back of the faceting room, marking what they are and who donated them. The auction will start at 6:00 p.m., with a break for a short meeting around 7:30, followed by the rest of the auction.

Membership: Susan Postlethwait announced that 68 members were present, as well as 11 visitors and 1 junior.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

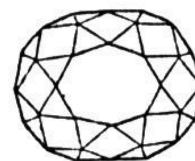
~Pauline Denson, Secretary



Sunshine
Committee

Sadly we must report the death of club member **Wally Giesler**, age 82, who passed away on August 4th. Our deepest sympathies go out to his wife Mary, his family, and his friends.

Please send sunshine news to Kathleen Howard.



Refreshments



AUGUST: The following persons have volunteered to bring refreshments to the August AGMS Meeting: **Pauline Denson, Mary Eisenmenger, Zanzea Fajard, and Charlotte Morriss.**



It's Auction Time!

If you can, now is the time to start rounding up items to donate at the annual AGMS club auction. In lieu of a program, once a year we instead hold an auction of donated rock related materials to raise money to support the society. It's great fun for everyone! Please make sure not to miss this month's meeting and have a good time.

If you have items to donate, please drop them off at the club house as soon as possible. Leave them on the round table in the faceting room. Please fill out a label for each, describing what it is, where it's from, and who is donating it.

The auction will start at 6:00 p.m., with a break for a short meeting around 7:30, followed by the rest of the auction. You may wish to come earlier to look over the items up for bid. See you there!



Paleo Club News

At the monthly meeting of the Austin Paleontological Society on August 19th, the speaker will be Linda McCall giving a talk entitled, an "Updated Version of Edwards Fossils of Georgetown." This will be from a paper that she co-authored with Dr. Ann Molineaux and Dr. Sprinkle of UTA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We want to downgrade the pile of rocks occupying valuable space in our garage, etc. If you are interested, please call to set up a time convenient to yourself and us between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon almost any day. Items for sale include some palmwood, Arkansas crystals, west Texas agate, and more. If you buy rocks, coffee is free, otherwise it's \$1.00 a cup!

~Adolph and Marion Krchnak

A.G.M.S. Calendar

- Aug 19 - Paleo Club Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- Aug 21 - Show Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Aug 27 - Clubhouse Clean Up (volunteers needed)
- Aug 28 - Club Meeting - AUCTION 6:00 p.m.
- Sep 02 - Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Local Show Announcements

August 16-17

Bossier City, LA

Ark-La-Tex Gem & Mineral Society

<http://larockclub.com>

August 23-24

Jasper, TX

Pine Country Gem & Mineral Society

Lonnie Stalsby, (409) 382-5314

August 30-31

Arlington, TX

Arlington Gem & Mineral Club

www.agemclub.org

September 20-21

Farmer's Branch, TX

Pleasant Oaks Gem & Mineral Club

www.pogmc.org

September 26-28

SCFMS/AFMS Combined Show

Humble, TX

Houston Gem & Mineral Society

www.hgms.org

~www.rockngem.com

Board Minutes Synopsis August 5, 2008

NOTE: These are synopsis minutes. For full text of board minutes, please contact the club secretary, Pauline Denson.

~Editors

Door replacement – Robert Morriss will schedule the work when he gets back from vacation

Lock boxes – Susan Postlethwait found a 3-compartment lock box at a garage sale. Need to decide where to hang it.

Richard Dorsey said that the roofer had agreed to look at the problem, but he did not show up the three scheduled times. Richard and Paul will both call him to try to get his attention.

A discussion was held on the matter concerning the board's request that a member come to this meeting to discuss issues about building and equipment usage. The member did not appear at the meeting. The result of the discussion was to find the allegation unsubstantiated, but the member was still required to meet with the board.

Diann Hill moved that, since the member failed to appear before the board as requested by letter, the member not be allowed to hold classes until he comes before the board to discuss building and equipment usage. David Wenger seconded the motion, and it passed.

Policies and procedures for classes were tabled until Robert Morriss provides a draft.

What can we do to keep track of members who have keys? Consensus that policing keys was not possible.

Time for the yearly renewal of the termite control - tabled to the next meeting.

Joyce Hrapsky said that Ed and Lester will not offer more classes until next year, and that Craig will not offer classes for several months. Joyce will send an email to the AGMS list asking anyone interested in a class to let her know so she can try to set something up.

A vendor has withdrawn from the show. The Saturday prize will be chosen at the next meeting. The club house will be open between 6 and 8:30 so members can bring donations for the auction.

Alan Cherepon said that he was trying to set up field trips at two places, but the owners had not called him back as yet.

Gef Fisher will be starting the workshop again on Wednesdays in August.

The August program is the annual auction.

Stretch Young said that the scholarships have been paid to the colleges, which will pick the recipients. One school is requiring the recipient to work four hours at our show.

~Pauline Denson, Secretary



SHOP TIPS

Cabochon Tips

Diamond trim saws of 6 to 10 inches are most commonly used for making cabs. Some tile-types use water and have rust resistant blades while others use oil. If water is used they must be drained each time they are used or they will rust out quickly. Don't ever - "E v e r" - flush drain cuttings or water from your equipment down the drain - unless you want to buy a new sewer system. This stuff sets up like cement in your pipes.

Cat litter is a good way to absorb oil out of slabs that have been cut with an oil saw. Also, some dish soap and water help finish the cleaning. 3/16th is the most common thickness cut for cabs. For higher crowned cabs or double sided cabs greater thicknesses are needed.

Many types of things can be used for dop sticks including nails, flat end bolts, etc. Salvaging thin cuts and special types of fractured rock by gluing on doublets with epoxy then finishing a cab was intriguing. Changing the color of the base under translucent or thin types of material can change the appearance and color of the cab.

By using vinegar or another acid based product with the polish (tin oxide), you can quickly bring out a high glossy finish. Check cabs when they are dry rather than wet when moving through grit sizes to see the scratches which need to be removed.

~From Beehive Rock & Gem Club 03/08, Tips assembled by "Rocky Ray", via Strata Gem 5/08, RockCollector 06/08, Stoney Statements 06/08

NOTE: Please send notices of changes of address or to report errors on the mailing list to: **Bob Greenway**, treasurer. To get signed onto the AGMS email list and/or to receive the newsletter via email, please send a note to the editors at StoneChipper@austingemandmineral.org.

John Frank Woodward, Jr.

I thought I would let you know that John Frank Woodward, Jr., my husband's father, passed away July 8 after a long illness. He was a charter member of the Big Bend Gem and Mineral Society, a member of the Rollin' Rock Club, the El Paso Gem and Mineral Society, and probably many others.

Frank was the prime "mover and shaker" in building the rock and gem business at Woodward Ranch, south of Alpine, Texas. The ranch has been operated for several years now by Frank's son, John F. Woodward III (Trey).

~Jan (Jayson) Woodward, S.C.F.M.S. Newsletter 7-8/08

Fossil and Mineral ID Day

The Texas Memorial Museum at the University of Texas at Austin will be holding a fossil and mineral ID day. It will take place on Sunday, August 24th, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Scientists and experts from all over Central Texas will be on hand to look at and identify natural objects (fossils, bones, rocks, gems, etc.) For more info visit <http://www.utexas.edu/tmm/>.

~Synopsised article from Fredericksburg Rockhounds Newsletter, 08/08



Show Talk

At the next show committee meeting we will be choosing the Saturday Grand Prize. I invite all members to attend the meeting as we choose the Saturday Grand Prize by popular vote. Members are encouraged to bring an item in to be considered. It can be a specimen, jewelry, or any other type of lapidary arts that is suitable for a Saturday Grand Prize. All submitted items will have a number on them to facilitate voting. Simple.

We will also look at the two or three cases that need repair.

For added fun, we will arrange the meeting room for the annual club auction - stuff like setting up tables and chairs. This will really help Brian get ready for the auction. If anyone would like to drop off donated items for the auction, Come On Down! We will leave the light on!

I need each chair to attend the meeting (or send an email) and have a complete status report. Please try to include everything.

- What has been accomplished?
- What needs to be done? How long will it take and please come prepared to pick a date from the calendar to get the work completed!

So don't forget, Thursday, **August 21st at 7:00 p.m.** at the clubhouse; rain or shine or heat wave. The show committee meeting is the place to be!

AND....we need about 300 to 400 pounds more of tumbled stones! We are getting there but we really need your help with this one. The Gem Mine is one of the most popular activities we have at the show, for both kids and adults, tied only by the Wheel of Fortune. Word is getting out; we put on a great show!

*~Respectfully submitted, Susan Postlethwait, 2008
Show Chair*

Life isn't about how to survive the storm, but how to dance in the rain.

~Source not listed, Rain, The Rockytier, 06/08

Silent Auction Donations

Just a quick reminder to all club members that we still need donations for the Silent Auction that is held during our annual show [Editors' note - not to be confused with the club auction held for the August program this month]. The proceeds from the Silent Auction go to both the South Central Federation and our club.

This is a very popular event for our customers as well as being really, really, really popular with our club members. There is just something exciting about bidding on something, anything! There are always good finds at this event. Just drop off your donations at the club with the following information: that the item is for the Silent Auction, what it is, who donated it, approximate worth (If you know). If you have any questions you can contact Mac Ellis or me, Susan.

~Susan Postlethwait, 2008 Show Chair

Court Humor

Lawyers aren't typically funny—unless by accident. Case in point: the following questions from lawyers were taken from official court records nationwide:

- Was that the same nose you broke as a child?
- Now, doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, in most cases he just passes quietly away and doesn't know anything about it until the next morning?

Q: What happened then?

A: He told me, he says, "I have to kill you because you can identify me."

Q: Did he kill you?

- Was it you or your brother that was killed in the war?
- The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?
- Were you alone or by yourself?
- You don't know what it was, and you don't know what it looked like, but can you describe it?
- Do you have children or anything of that kind?

Q: I show you exhibit 3 and ask you if you recognize that picture?

A: That's me.

Q: Were you present when that picture was taken?

- Were you present in court this morning when you were sworn in?

~from Bill Rinker, Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore,
via AFMS Newsletter 04/04, Fredericksburg
Rockhounds Newsletter 05/04

WHY IS THE TEXAS CAPITOL PINK?

Back in the 1880's a man by the name of G.W. Lacy owned a ranch in the Hill Country northwest of Austin near Marble Falls. On this ranch was a huge chunk of granite—in fact a real mountain of it that stuck 150 feet out of the ground. You know the problems some farmers have with rocks in their fields. Well, this was one big rock and Mr. Lacy couldn't figure out just what to do with it. Nothing would grow on it and after all, this is what ranches are for. At one time he tried, but unsuccessfully, to swap it to a neighbor for a horse and saddle.

About this time, sometime in 1884 we're told, the people at the Capitol grounds in Austin had run into a problem that threatened to shut down construction of the new State Capitol building. The limestone that had been specified for the exterior walls had arrived, about 60 tons of it, and the construction superintendent declared it to be unsuitable. It had pyrite inclusions that would leave rust stains down the sides of the building, and besides, it would weather to an ugly gray color, the man said.

A suggestion was made to have white granite shipped from Indiana. This was flatly rejected by the governor, who was incensed at the idea of the Texas Capitol being made of "foreign" material.

When Mr. Lacy heard about this he knew his great opportunity had come to get rid of at least part of that pesky rock, so he went down to Austin and offered to give the state all it could use. There was only one problem... it was pink. It sounded like a good deal anyway, to the fellows down in Austin, so about 104 of them with a scattering of newsmen boarded a special train and headed out to take a look and, at the same time, enjoy a good free meal and a snow job by the local townspeople.

The end of this story is that "Granite Mountain," as it was called, became the official quarry for the Texas Capitol, and Texas has a beautiful pink Capitol.

~From Gneiss Gnews 07/98, via SCFMS, The
Rockytier, The Southwest Gem 08/03, The
Fredericksburg Rockhounds Newsletter 09/03

For more about the Capitol Building, visit <<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/library/ahc/capitol>>.

Pebble Pup

You pack a boy into a car
And head for distant lands,
Searching for some agate rare
With lovely colored bands.

The boy leaps from the auto
With vigor and with glee,
Dashing o'er the landscape
Running wild and free.

He gathers wood and bits of stone
And never seems to care
If any piece is worth a "whoop"
Or should be left right there.

He gathers pounds of country rock
And packs it to the car,
Then wanders off to the distant hill
To see what lies afar.

When the day afield is over
And the fire is burning low
He snuggles there beside you
To watch the embers glow.

A coyote wails on a distant hill
The moon is coming up.
Tomorrow he'll be a rockhound
Tonight, he's a "Pebble Pup."

*~By Wm. D. Thompson, In NFNS Directory, via
Rockhound Gazette, 2/08, The Roadrunner 5/08*



Rock News

The famous "Wall Arch" in Arches National Park, Utah, fell sometime just prior to August 5th, 2008. Its demise was attributed to the same forces that shaped it, erosion and time. The arch was 71 feet wide and three stories tall.

~Submitted by Susan Postlethwait, reference: <<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2008/08/080811-arch-photo.html>>

Safety First Dangerous Rocks and Minerals

By Alex Wade



Like mushrooms, rocks sometimes have substances in them that can be quite dangerous. Even though your risk of exposure to dangerous levels will be small, you should be aware of a few hazardous substances.

A number of minerals, especially the metallics, have highly toxic substances as part of their elemental makeup. Galena, of course, is our primary source of lead and is known to have serious side effects. Realgar, orpiment, and arsenopyrite are rich in arsenic, which is a deadly poison. Iron, aluminum, and antimony dust can make you sick if inhaled. Cinnabar is a basic ore of mercury, an ancient poison if you follow Shakespeare and Greek theater. Uranium ores, such as uraninite and pitchblende, can be hazardous if you inhale its dust or if exposure is prolonged and close. You should wash your hands after handling any of these minerals.

Some rocks are dangerous only because of the way they chip and fracture. Any quartz-based rock such as chert or jasper can be dangerous in this regard. A nasty gash can occur if the material is mishandled. On a recent trip to collect obsidian, I was amazed at the number of cuts and blood-letting I endured before I got smart and slipped on my gloves. The cuts, if left untended and exposed to bacteria, can become infected.

Asbestos, once a staple of any rock collection, has been identified as a dangerous substance. This is definitely not one of your scratch and sniff minerals. I keep my specimen in a drawer rather than in the open. You might be wise to keep your example in a small box with a transparent cover.

Lastly, be especially wary of the most dangerous mineral of all: chuckerite (A2Z). Chuckerite has been known to cause severe injury when unintentionally tossed in the direction of a fellow collector.

*~From EFMLS News 12/98, via Gem Cutters News
12/98, The Roadrunner 05/03*

Tektite

A tektite is a glassy stone that may look like a teardrop, ball, disk, rod, dumb-bell, or button. Tektites measure from about ½ inch to several inches across. They are black, dark brown or dark green and they usually have grooved or pitted surfaces. Tektites differ chemically from meteorites, but some of them contain small bits of meteorite iron. Some scientists believe that tektites were formed when giant meteorites or comets crashed into Earth. The blast melted the solid and splashed drops of liquefied rock over great distances. These drops solidified and fell to earth. Still others think that impacts on the moon blasted chunks of material weighing millions of tons through space into orbit around the earth. These chunks then broke into smaller that melted and solidified again while descending through the earth's atmosphere.

~From Oregon Rockhound Bulletin 02/04, via the Pyriter, Wasatch News & Views, Golden Spike News, Stone Age News 04/04, Rock-N-Rose 11/07



S.C.F.M.S. News

The Houston Gem and Mineral Society (**HGMS**) is hosting the combined **AFMS/SCFMS annual show for 2008** from **September 26th – 28th**. There will be 40 dealers along with kids' activities. They will have jewelry making and gemstone cutting demonstrations, a fluorescent rock room, and the free identification of rocks, minerals, gemstones, and fossils. As an added bonus the **Texas Faceters' Guild** is having their symposium as a satellite show to be held at the Comfort Suites, Kingwood.

The show will be held at the Humble Civic Center. The hours are 9-6 Friday (Kids' Day), 9-6 Saturday, and 10-5 on Sunday. Prices are \$5 for adults (all three days), \$3 for students, teachers, or seniors, and children under 12 are free. The parking is also free. For more information on all aspects of the show, please visit the website at <www.hgms.org> or contact Shiara Trumble at shiara.trumble@sbcglobal.net or call (281) 463-7954.

~S.C.F.M.S. Newsletter, 03-04/08



A.F.M.S. News

AFMS Code of Ethics

- I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.
- I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.
- I will leave all gates as found.
- I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.
- I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
- I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.
- I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- I will report to my club or federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use Good Outdoor Manners and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public Image of Rockhounds everywhere.

~<http://www.amfed.org/ethics.htm>

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August 2008

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