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Bill Nye the Science Guy Visiting San Antonio in Support of Solar Energy

Local non-profit, Solar San Antonio, to host annual fundraiser with Bill Nye as keynote speaker

San Antonio, TX, May 11, 2011 - Bill Nye, scientist, engineer, comedian, author, and inventor, is a man with a mission: to help foster a scientifically literate society, to help people everywhere understand and appreciate the science that makes our world work. Making science entertaining and accessible is something Bill has been doing most of his life.

As part of Solar San Antonio's annual fundraising luncheon, the science ambassador and Emmy Award-winning television personality will speak on Thursday, May 19, at the Pearl Stables at the Historic Pearl Brewery, 312 Pearl Parkway. The event begins at 11:30 a.m.

The luncheon is held annually to celebrate Solar San Antonio's recent accomplishments and honor their founder and chairman, Bill Sinkin, on his birthday - this year he will be 98 years young.

"It is exciting to know that my 98th birthday party will have such a wonderful and respected solar advocate to help encourage San Antonio to become a leading solar energy center. Bill Nye carries such a strong message with his humor and intelligence - we are so fortunate to have him take part in our special celebration," said Bill Sinkin.

Bill Nye's fascination with how things work led him to Cornell University and a degree in Mechanical Engineering. After graduation, he headed for Seattle and work as an engineer at Boeing. While working on the Science Guy show, Bill won seven national Emmy Awards for writing, performing, and producing. The show won 18 Emmys in five years.

Bill's latest project is hosting a show on Planet Green called "Stuff Happens." It's about environmentally responsible choices that consumers can make as they go about their day and their shopping. Also, you'll see Bill in his good-natured rivalry with his neighbor Ed Begley. They compete to see who can save the most energy and produce the smallest carbon footprint. Bill has 4,000 watts of solar power and a solar-boosted hot water system. There's also the low water use garden and underground watering system. It's fun for him; he's an engineer with an energy conservation hobby.

Robert Rivard, Editor of the San Antonio Express-News will emcee the special occasion. Companies who have sponsored the event include: The Helotes Creek Nature Center, CPS Energy, Grainger, San Antonio Credit Union, H-E-B, Wells Fargo, Bexar County, the City of San Antonio, Duke Energy, Falcon Bank, Frost Bank, Rackspace, RRE Austin Solar, San Antonio Express-News, SunEdison, Texas Sustainable Energy Research Institute, URS Corporation, USAA, WellMed, and Zurich International Properties.

Tickets to the event are \$98 and proceeds benefit Solar San Antonio. The event is open to the public. Media camera crews will be allowed inside the venue, but flash photography is prohibited.

A complete biography for Bill Nye may be viewed at:
<http://www.solarsanantonio.org/events/annual-luncheon/bill-nye-biography/>

Information on Bill Sinkin may be viewed at:
<http://www.solarsanantonio.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/07/AboutBill2.pdf>

About Solar San Antonio:

Solar San Antonio is a non-profit 501(c)(3) advocacy and resource center for renewable and sustainable energy applications. Utilizing community education and outreach, we strive to decrease energy costs and improve the quality of life in San Antonio and South Texas. We actively encourage the widespread use of solar and other renewable and sustainable energy sources, informing the community about benefits to the regional economy, environment and human health, as well as supporting public policies that advance this possibility

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