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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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June, 1992

P. O. Box 3593 Peoria, IL 61612



We're havin'a picnic

JUNE PICNIC: Wed., June 17, 6:30 P.M. at Hollis Park District, 5624 W. Tuscarora Rd., near Bartonville. Exit 474 onto Airport Rd. south. After several miles, turn right at the T onto Tuscarora Rd. Park is 1/8 mile. Potluck: Bring table service, covered dishes, & drink. Auction: Bring white elephants, baked goods (especially apple pie), books, rocks, etc. Auctioneers-Colonels Harkrader & Johnson

HAVANA TRASH INCINERATOR: GOOD CITIZENS OF MASON CO. NEED HELP IN BATTLE WITH MAMMON

For many people in our region, the primary conservation issue is the proposal for a mass burn incinerator at Havana to burn 2,250 tons of trash daily from Chicago and other places.

The \$50,000 "objective" study, paid for by the incinerator developers, has been released. Does anybody doubt what it said?

Mass burn incineration is easy to understand: Every molecule that goes in comes out, and it comes out far more highly toxic than it went in, either as fumes in the air or ashes in the ground. It breaks the legs of recycling and perpetuates the consumptive.

At a time when the Earth Summit is organizing to stem global warming and environmental toxicity, the U.S. is building trash incinerators that spew out carbon dioxide and monoxide, nitric gases, and emit some of the most deadly toxins known to man, dioxins, furans and mercury compounds. And they destroy resources.

The money establishment proposes them; grassroot groups strive to keep their political representatives from going along with them. . . We can ask; How did we develop such an out of balance society where the gold of mammon so distorts?

Help the citizens of Mason County with letters to the Havana City Council, newspapers, legislators; donations, whatever. Phone of Citizens for a Better Environment is 217-482-3124 (Dr. Dorothy Anderson.)

They're doing yeoman job, but need your help. It's our air, too. Tom Edwards

BE A SQUEAKY WHEEL-SPOTTED OWLS NEED LETTERS

The national Sierra Club is asking for letters to Senators & Representatives requesting they oppose the Bush administration's plans to undermine the Endangered Species Act. Sec. Lujan is urging Congress to adopt a plan for the spotted owl which would halve the protected acreage. In addition, the cabinet-level Endangered Species Committee ("God Squad") voted to override the Endangered Species Act & allow the Bureau of Land Management to sell off 13 old-growth forest areas in Oregon to timber companies. Write Sen. Alan J. Dixon, Hart Bldg., Room 331, Washington, D.C. 20510 & Sen. Paul Simon, 462 Dirksen Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510. Zip code for Congressmen is 20515.

\$4.6 MILLION NON-ISLAND PROJECT GETS BIG DELAY

What happened to the \$4.6 million so-called "island" project that was actually to add more fill to an existing peninsula in upper Peoria Lake, carve up the lake's last large woodland for a wade-in duck hunting area, & gash open a quiet backwater slough so more river water can flow through it?

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers told the state that it would have to pay 100% rather than 25% of the maintenance costs if the Corps pays 75% of the construction cost. The Ill. Conservation Dept. long balked, is now reportedly agreeing.

If the re-worked project gets approved by the Washington office of the Corps, bids would be taken at the end of this year. -T.E.

PERFECTLY CLEAR

"Do not give your power away, not ever. Be proud of your emotions, your right. Use your intuition. Know you are right. Don't bow to peer pressure. Be idiosyncratic. Be different because you have something unique to offer. You don't have to have all your teeth straight because everyone does. You don't always have to please people. Speak the truth. Make people uncomfortable because only thru discomfort will they discover the truth. That's love. Do not give away your integrity, your essence, your soul." — Dr. Helen Caldicott, "Perfectly Clear"



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- June 17 Picnic-6:30-Hollis Park District
23 Excom-6201 N. Jamestown Rd., call L. Leiken for directions 691-3933. All members welcome.
29 Newsletter Deadline. Send copy to K. Berry, 705 E. Republic 61603.
July 6 Newsletter paste-up, 7 P.M. 705 E. Republic
7 Newsletter Mailing Party, 7:00 P.M. Peoria Heights Pizza Works. Bring Staplers.
15 Group Meeting: Collaring Kangaroos by Al Harkrader

POSITIONS: Welcome to new Excom member & Secretary Al Harkrader. If you would enjoy serving as Outings Chair, Calendar Person, or Membership Chair, call Shirley, 676-5479.

RECYCLING: Bring Aluminum Cans to every group meeting for our recycling fundraiser!

TREASURER'S REPORT: May 31 - \$606.42

THANKS to Judy Donath & Kathy Berry for manning our Sierra Club booths at Northwoods & the Indian Pow Wow. S.O.

ROCK ISLAND TRAIL

WORKDAYS - 7-11-92 and August 1, 1992

Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Trail office in Wyoming. Enter Wyoming on Rt. 91, building is on your left between IDOT and Magnussen Chevy, the office is in the rear of the green and white building. Call Chris 691-2246 or Paul 695-2228 for more information. paid ad.

LAKE EVERGREEN FAMILY FLING

Camp, swim, fish, rent canoes or sailboats, campfire & marshmallows, nature trails, & playgrounds. Comlara Park near Bloomington, June 27 & 28. For families of 1 or more! Come for the day or bring your tent. Must call Shirley, 309-676-5479.

THE BECKER-EAST PEORIA MARINA

The Corps of Engineers states that it has put on hold the processing of the permit application for a 600-boat marina in E. Peoria pending the city's response to questions and an alternative location proposal it has received from the public, including Sierra

At the May HoI member meeting it was unanimously voted that if there is going to be such a marina, that it instead be located at the CILCO fill site on either side of I-74, but by NO means the present proposed site in middle of lake. Letters to Gov. Edgar, U.S. Rep. Robt. Michel, & U.S. Corps of Engineers are the lights to turn this project around:

Letter

DEAR GOV. EDGAR & U.S. REP. MICHEL,

The current Earth Summit meeting in Rio began with a call to limit world development to that which is environmentally responsible.

Also, in this nation there is a rising hue & cry to find ways to change the political process that continues to plunge the taxpayer further in debt.

Locally, we have a situation that lands squarely on both of these overwhelming issues.

It is a proposed 600-boat marina that would require over \$12 million in state & local tax funds at the outset, and is a project that would

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MACOMB-CARTHAGE AREA MEMBERS: If you are interested in becoming more active on environmental issues in your area, call Angela Moorehouse at 217-357-3732. The Excom hopes to establish an area subcommittee with which we can work closely. S O'Connell

subtract from Peoria Lake, fill more wetland, & consume vital floodplain.

"It's crazy," fumed one local taxpayer.

Moreover, it funnels this tax money and resulting construction work through one politically influential contractor, G.R. Becker.

If you do deem a publicly funded, privately operated marina is vital to this area, there is a far better location, ecologically, financially, & aesthetically for it, the CILCO fill area at the base of the lake. (See enclosure.) At that location marina type development would add to rather than take away from the lake.

The unraveling of the world environmental and financial dilemmas must start at every level. I urge that it begin right here in the Peoria area with:

1 -- Public explanation of the political process that led to this situation so that it can be avoided in the future.

2 -- A good hard look at the environmental pluses that exist for the CILCO site, and ways of fostering private investor funding of marina type development at that site.

Sincerely, Tom Edwards, Conservation Chr.

