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OUR PAPER THIS ISSUE. This issue of the *Journal* is printed on Eco-Offset (a 100% recycled, processed-chlorine-free paper containing 80% post-consumer waste) from Dancing Tree Paper in Berkeley, California [(510) 486-1616]. This is the eighth alternative "tree-free" paper the *Journal* has highlighted in the last two years. We are proud of our role in helping to showcase new eco-papers and expand the alternative paper market.

PETROLEUM WEATHER. A record number of tornados from Long Island to California. Record flooding. Snowstorms in May. Drought-fed fires from Malaysia to Mexico. Ten thousand trees destroyed by freak winds that descended on Moscow, damaging the Kremlin walls. "El Niño" is only a part of this story. The real culprit is "El Pasa" - climate destabilization caused by the profligate burning of fossil fuels. Recently, the US government mandated that all existing TV sets must be replaced by new high-definition TVs (see story on page 30). If the White House can dictate what kind of TV sets we buy, why can't it order the replacement of polluting, gas-burning cars?

NAS TO SEITZ: "CHILL." Former National Academy of Sciences (NAS) President Frederick Seitz rocked some boats when he announced that 15,000 scientists had signed his petition questioning the credibility of global warming. A close inspection revealed that the majority of signers were not atmospheric scientists. A close inspection revealed some of the signers included "Perry Mason" and Spice Girl "Dr. Geri Halliwell." On April 22, NAS publicly disassociated itself from Dr. Seitz and reiterated the Academy's official position that global warming "poses a potential threat sufficient to merit prompt responses."

GLOBAL WARMERS ATTACK EPA. Oil and auto interests are backing Rep. Joe Knollenberg's (R-MI) plan to attach a rider to the EPA budget that would undermine federal clean air and fuel-efficiency programs. The rider would even ban the EPA from "conducting educational outreach or informational seminars" on global warming. Earth Island's Bluewater Network calls this "a gag rule brought to you by the auto, oil and coal industries." This is an election year. Call your representatives via the Capitol Switchboard (202) 224-3121. Watch how the politicians vote on this one and make notes for November.

HELP THE TURTLES. Whole Foods markets claim to support "environmentally responsible products" but won't offer Earth Island's Certified Turtle-Safe Shrimp. Call 1 (800) 859-SAVE for more info or contact John Mackey, Whole Foods, 601 N. Lamar Blvd., #300, Austin, TX 78703, (512) 477-5566, fax: -1301.

TEETH FOR TRUTH. Cancer kills 560,000 US citizens each year. The Radiation and Public Health Project believes that radiation from nuclear reactors is a major cause of cancer death. RPHP's "Tooth Fairy Project" is an unprecedented effort to analyze the strontium-90 in baby teeth. For more info and a free "tooth envelope," contact RPHP, PO Box 60, Unionville, NY 10988.

OUR SUMMER READING LIST: *The Ownership Solution* by Jeff Gates (Addison Wesley), *Going Local* by Michael Shuman (The Free Press), *In Earth's Company* by Carl Frankel, *Forests of Hope* by Christian Küchli (New Society Publishers), *Gaviotas: A Village to Reinvent the World* by Alan Wiseman (Chelsea Green), *The Coming Age of Scarcity* by Michael Dobkowski and Isidor Wallimann (Syracuse), *Bringing the War Home* by William Thomas (Earthpulse Press, Box 201393, Anchorage, AK 99520), *The Biotech Century* by Jeremy Rifkin (Tarcher/Putnam), *The Forgiving Air* by Richard Somerville (UC Press), *Un-Jobbing* by Michael Fogler (Free Choice Press), *The Enchanted Braid* by Osha Gray Davidson (Wiley) and *On Good Land* by Michael Ableman (Chronicle Books).

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Hello Mikhail-

I am writing to you from the Center for World Indigenous Studies in Olympia, WA. CWIS is a large network of people around the planet working in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Central America, South Africa, Australia, Norway and Ireland. The organization is both decentralized and operates an administrative main office in Olympia, Washington and the educational center and clinic in Yelapa, Mexico. Within these two locations we work on "research and education projects that contribute to a wider understanding and appreciation of the ideas and knowledge of indigenous peoples" such as: policy work (i.e. the way international agreements such as the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity affect indigenous people world wide and locally here in Washington State); mapping projects documenting social, economic and geographic data about indigenous people in three areas in Sub Sahara Africa, Canada, Central America, Ireland, Norway, the Philippines and the United States; Community Trauma projects that study the physical and physiological affects of war and violence on indigenous people; and the Traditional Medicine Project which links indigenous women health workers around the world.

We would like to request information about the Brewer Fund. If you have any questions about our organization you may contact me at 360-754-1990.

Thank You,

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