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GREG PECK
April 1, 2015

Filling my calendar this week are plans to write five endorsement editorials. But if I wasn't focusing on those topics, here's what I might have written in today's editorial.

The Gazette has uncovered a secret plan at Janesville City Hall and Rock-Koshkonong Lake District offices that will do away with two dams in Janesville and build a set of locks at the Indianford Dam. The project involves all federal dollars—"It's federal money, so it's

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Here's the editorial I might have written today if I wasn't so busy writing candidate endorsements.

not like it's reaching in the hands of local taxpayers,” as one local official put it—in a secret grant the city and lake district received after a series of closed-door meetings.

The city will remove the Monterey Dam—the state Department of Natural Resources has ordered expensive repairs anyway—

and the Centerway Dam. The lake district will build the Indianford locks. The result will open the Rock River to navigation from Beloit all the way north to Lake Koshkonong and beyond. The project will greatly enhance recreational boating and be a boon to the regional economy.

That's what I might have written. Of course, this being April Fools' Day, don't fall for it. If only it were true.

I also would be reluctant to print such a tale because some readers likely would miss that it's a joke. I've seen April Fools' stories printed in newspapers that resulted in chaos when too many people fell for them. Best not to go there. I've seen broadcasters lose their jobs over April Fools' pranks gone bad.

Speaking of April Fools' jokes, my wife followed me downstairs today soon after my alarm rang at 5 o'clock. I already had the TV news on and was stretching. I told her: “Kaminsky blew out his knee in practice yesterday. He's done.”

She was silent.

“April Fools',” I told her.

I can't print her response.

Yes, it's April Fools' Day. Don't believe the above stories. And don't fall for any other nonsense either!



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I don't think it would be funny to talk about the Dam. It is really a serious issue.

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You had me going, Greg...very mischievous of you...made me smile. :-)

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