

Birch Barker

A Publication for the Members of Birch Lake Yacht Club

Volume Eight, July 15, 2000

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

The week flew by what with arranging for repairs to the Yacht Club. Dave Holdread, owner of Dave's Tree Trimming, spent Saturday removing the tree and brush. Sunday morning, Curly-Moe Construction did both destruction and put the damaged corner back under cover — yuck, yuck, yuck. The electrical contractor is due, and then tradesmen will cobble together final carpentry repairs.

An ancient tale says lightning does not strike the same spot twice — this must not apply to trees. While preparing to deliver party supplies Monday afternoon, I was notified that another tree fell on the Club Sunday night. For those who are counting, that's two trees on two consecutive Sundays. This last one spared the Club but smashed part of the deck railing. Quick-draw saw-work by Tom Rogers, Jim Beck, Bill King and Rick Russwurm had the lane open before I arrived. It makes one wonder which we will run out of first — trees or Commodores?

On the latter, may I remind that a Commodore is still needed for next year. By the time you read this I'll be six weeks from my resignation date. There are some who wonder if I might stay on a second year — I won't. There are others who figure I can't resign my post till I replace myself — I can. There are still others who assume I'm contin-

uing to ask candidates — I'm not. Plenty of capable people (who have not served) deserve a turn at the wheel. I know no one wants to volunteer but I hope someone is willing. Should none come forward, I still have that "winning" slip of paper from the '99 Fall Dinner. Regardless, on August 26th I'll retire my flag and be just another Past Commodore.

Whoever comes next will have my support and that of a great cast of Board members. The number of folks who volunteer to run annual events is wonderful. We have rebuilt the Treasury and the state of the Lake is good. Normal protocol calls for a year as Vice, then a year as Commodore. It's 50% off for the next Poobah!

Access Imprinted Sportswear has been cranking out shirts and mugs at a frantic pace. Those paid for at the Pancake will be set out at the Buffett. Limited additional items will be sold until gone, then we will take orders to be delivered at the Corn and Sausage. Yes Virginia, this is a sneaky way to get you to the parties. By the way, I decided no Directory will be printed next year (for the benefit of the next administration). You can get a '99 Directory (still only \$2) to replace last year's worn out model — while they last.

Saturday morning we will work on the Club till it's in proper Bristol fashion (or close enough). In the afternoon, put away your tools, dig

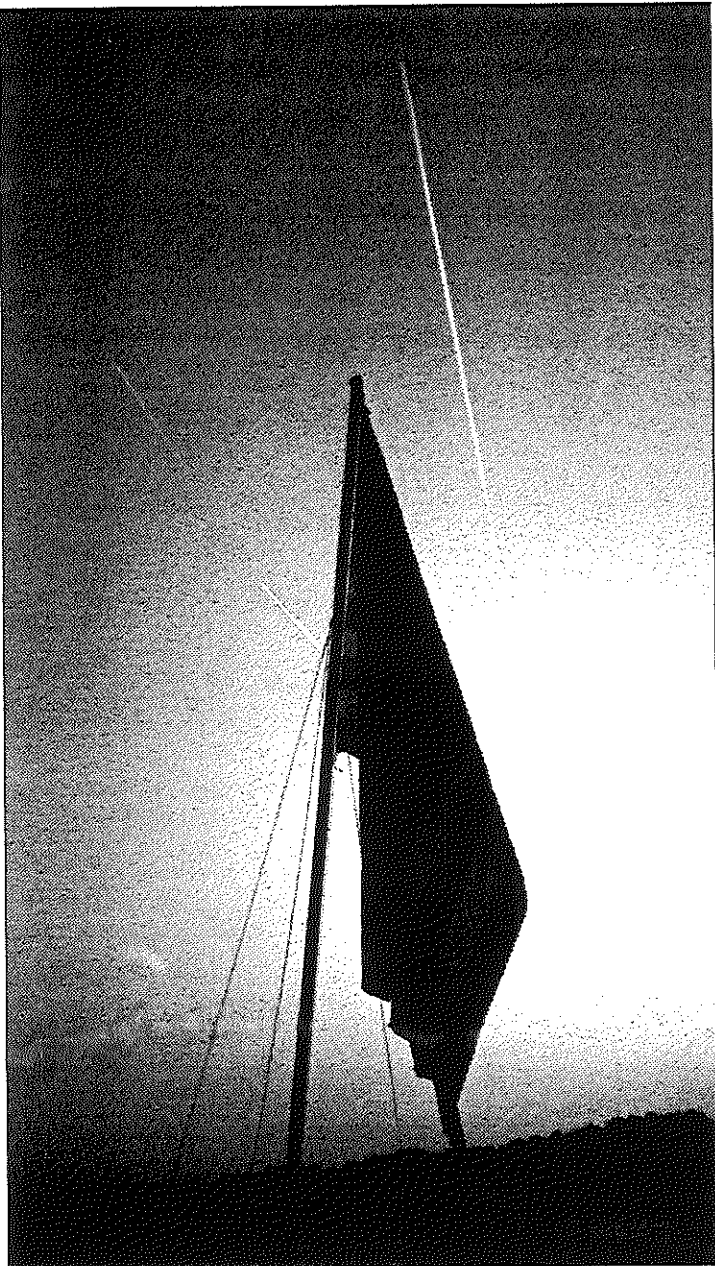


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out your wildest Caribbee wear and come up to Buffett! Buffett Kidz runs from 5-7 pm, then it's the Big Kidz turn till whenever. Parking is always at a premium so walk, car-pool or ride the public transit to save room for those who must motor. The Becks have outdone themselves again

with a Bistro entrée (hint: oink-oink) and liquid refreshments. Be there and bring a dish to share...

See you on the water,

-Bob King, CZK

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Calendar beginning July 15*

7/15 - 5-7 pm - Buffett Kidz

7/15 - 7 pm - Jimmy Buffett Party

7/22 - 9-10 am - Board meeting

7/22 - 10-Noon - Kidz Klub Daze and
Car Wash fund raiser

7/28 - 11 am - Men's Golf Outing

8/4 - 11 am - Ladies Golf & Luncheon

8/5 - 2 pm - Regatta Kidz

8/12 - TBA - Kidz Phun Phair

8/13 - Lake Walk

*See <http://www.hometown.aol.com/blcking/blvc.html> for the full calendar of events.

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Birch Lake Notes

ParrotHead Alert!!!!

Join us for the 4th annual Jimmy Buffett/Caribbean night, Saturday July 15, at 7 pm (following Buffett Kidz from 5-7). This year we will feature a hog roast, rum drinks, and open bar. Please bring a dish or snack to pass. This evening is provided for members of the Yacht Club and their guests. Feel free to make donations to the "other" fund (money that can be spent at the board's discretion). Hope to see you all there.

-Jim & Sally Beck

Girls, Girls, Girls (granddaughters)

Last week, Chuck and Cheri LaPierre welcomed most of their kids to Birch Lake. Brian and Lori Linton and their two girls, Steph, 12, and Meg, 10, enjoyed the 4th weekend as they have every year for the last 12 years. Although they loved the fireworks, the big 4th of July news was that Steph slalomed for the first time.

This weekend Chas and Amy LaPierre tore themselves away from their own lake home outside Indianapolis to visit Birch Lake - lake life has been in Chas' blood since he first came to Birch Lake for the summer 20 years ago! Their daughter, Audrey, came with the newest Birch Lake recruit, sister Chloe, 3 months.

-Cheri LaPierre

Taylor family to visit

Charlie Taylor and family, from Mishawaka, will be spending the week on the north shore.

-Stewart Spratt

Thanks from Camp

A big thank you to all the contributing Birch Lakers for the generous donation for the pancake breakfast and also for money for the campership fund. It is well appreci-

Birch Lake Housewalk



On Sunday, August 13, we will have our Birch Lake "Housewalk." So, for the next four weeks, we will "spotlight" a house that will be open to Birch Lakers.

The first home is the Weesner home on the south side.

This home is only three years old and was built on the area that was home every summer to Denny's parents (Frank & Rose Horvath) for almost 55 years. The new house has three levels. The lower level is a walk-out basement that leads to a large patio across the front. The front half of the lower level is a living area with a kitchenette, entertainment center and

two hide-a-beds for overflow company. The back part is a workshop and wine cellar for Keith. The main floor is the primary living area. The living/dining area has floor-to-ceiling windows that go up two levels and two skylights that add illumination. The large windows give a great view of the lake. The master bedroom has a small deck that overlooks a private rose garden. On the third level is the guest area. There are two bedrooms and a bath. A small balcony overlooks the living area and the lake.

It is a great house for living and for entertaining.

ated. We are half-way through our six-week resident camp summer session and things are going very very well. We still have

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-Miss Toody



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A farewell to our Birch Lake friends

It's sort of like the feeling you have when you leave a graveside burial, sadness and remorse mixed with wonderful memories of many years of the happy times and wonderful friends at Birch Lake. After 48 years of being on the lake in the summer time, missing only last summer because of an auto accident, we are sad to leave here but can't help to think of all the good time we have enjoyed.

The cove was a wilderness except for Floyd Fulmer's cottage on one end and the Coleman and Sindlinger cottages on the

other end. The road in between was just tire tracks. At night we heard screech and hoot owls in the woods and the funny sound the loons make on the water. On the waterfront, huge turtles were seen along with snakes, muskrats and other wild things. We felt like we were pioneers except we did have an out-house.

Today the cove is very busy with lots of fancy houses and docks that seem to run into each other. There have been several generations of families while we here here with each generation trying to find a place to raise their own families on Birch Lake. The lake has attracted the kind of people you

want to be friends with — and it is that kind of relationship that means the most to us and is the most difficult to leave behind.

We are at the time of our life where it is too difficult to maintain two houses 2,200 miles apart, and we want to simplify our life and be close to our children who also live in California. We are not saying farewell, only good bye for now. We will miss the wonderful friends we have enjoyed here, as well as beautiful Birch Lake.

-Tish and Bill Hayden
62705 Lakeview Drive

Letter to the Editor

Now for something completely different

Your imperial Tsarnik,

Nasty rumors have it that you are a fraud and Russian Crown Jewels is the name of cheap vodka.

Last week we had a request from a sleazy Mafia character claiming legitimate lineage. One look and we knew there was nothing legitimate about him. We hope you and your ilk will abandon efforts to infiltrate.

Sincerely,
A God-fearing White Republican

News from the cove (and outlying areas)

By Sunny Waters

Nobel laureate (wanna be).

We Cove dwellers know how to party and the Blackwoods are mavens of hospitality. Howard, Beth and various assorted offspring assembled a groaning board that would have made a medieval feast resemble a light snack. The occasion was a farewell fling for the Haydens. We ate, drank and were merry. Most of us are on the way to recovery. Table conversation was lively, the most interesting being "how-we-met-our-spouses" stories. Brad Walker won the blue ribbon with Vivian Kolber a close second (she only looks sweet). After we had all overindulged, the last hangers on told ghost stories around the campfire. Another wonderful Birch Lake memory.

Here for her annual visit and malaria prevention therapy is Rosemary Agnew, Loretta Drolet's sister. It is always an absolute joy to have this dear, fun-loving lady in our midst. Don't leave Rosie!

B.S. is exhibiting latent insecurity because he has not been mentioned recently. Dearest, perhaps you might consider water skiing au naturel. Surely that would be a newsworthy sight. Just try to choose a time when Dan Covey isn't present.

A little know fact about Beth Blackwood: She would love to drive a semi truck as long as she wouldn't have to back up.

Thought du jour: An optimist is a guy who rides through a sewer in a glass-bottomed boat.

Enjoy your week, hug a neighbor and see Neil Troeger for one-cent yard insurance.

— Sunny

P.S. Missed Manners, because no one is seeking advice, is in a snit and has transferred to Diamond Lake. Surely there are those of you who require guidance to gracious living.

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Steady wind's return leads to fast finishes

Sunday's races gave the sailors a rare taste of strong winds. Conditions were perfect: overcast skies, gusts, a few minutes of rain, and distant thunder. With fairly steady southwesterly winds, the triangular course for both races was from Kiloqua to the Outlet, to the Landing, to Kiloqua and finishing at the Outlet. Special thanks are due to Jim Beck for running the committee boat, with help from Donna Cranmer and Bruce Wagner.

Vel's visiting hobie cat again raced with the MCs. Perhaps luckily for the other Sunfish sailors, the Commodore was busy jury-rigging the storm-damaged clubhouse and didn't race. Jim Bolinger is proving to be the Sunfish sailor to watch this Season. The Fleet Captain benefitted from the tactical advice of his crew, Junior Fleet Captain Neil Troeger (who also blocked the spray nicely).

This column tends to focus on the Sunfish fleet, because that is the author's vantage point. The MC's, being faster boats, start their races before the Sunfish to keep the fleets from getting tangled up: the MC's starting "gun" is the 5 minute signal for the Sunfish race. Accordingly, I get to watch about 4½ minutes of the MC races before having to concentrate on my own. This is unfortunate, because many of the MC races are razor-close, and often feature tacking duels (but no collisions yet this Season).

Scott Troeger,
Fleet Captain

The results of the July 9, 2000 races and the Season standings are:

MC's	Race 1	Race 2	Cumulative Points Average
Harold Cranmer	3	1	1564.45
Rick Harman	1	3	1541.25
Don Harman	2	2	1521.18

Hobie Cat	Race 1	Race 2	Cumulative Points Average
Vel	1	1	N/A

Sunfish	Race 1	Race 2	Cumulative Points Average
Tom Howard	2	3	1545.76
Bob King	DNS	DNS	1514.54
Scott Troeger	1	1	1472.07
Jim Bolinger	3	2	1417.09
Dave Olson	4	4	1350.75
Rick Russwurm	5	5	1288

Next Races: Sunday, July 16, 2000 at 11 a.m. (Indiana time) 12 m. (Michigan time).



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FIRST - A WORD FROM BIRCH LAKE
MAGICAL MOMENTS to recall. Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall.
 On my water, on my shore. Here's the first of many more:

*Hundreds of fireflies flashing
 Formed a canopy of light
 In a silent wooded area on a darkened summer night
 A lonely burst of brilliance joined the wondrous sight
 When suddenly amidst the surprising view
 Lightning streaked across the sky
 Adding light to touch the firework - to touch each firefly.*

MLSA - SEA Grant - MDEQ Zebra Mussel Monitoring & Reporting Program

Once again - **LOYALTY** to Birch Lake has prevailed:
 This time in an attempt to **SLOW DOWN** the infestation of the **ZEBRA MUSSEL**

Group leaders are on every shore: South 8 - East 10 - West 6 - North 3 - Cove 1.
Together, they have distributed a total of 191 ordinary house bricks equipped with a rope. A brick hangs 1 foot above the bottom of the lake from every pier.

Together, they will assist their monitors by removing the brick when the piers go out and returning the brick when the piers go back in.

You Are An Effective Predator - Inspect Your Brick

The bricks are **HOTELS** for the larval Zebra Mussels (veligers) to settle on and form into adults throughout the course of the summer.

- 1) Monitors will report to their Group Leader:
 - a. None present on the brick
 - b. Number of adult Zebra Mussels found on the brick - and destroyed.
- 2) Each of the 28 Group Leaders will report to Gert Temple.
- 3) The water quality committee will report results to Michigan Lake & Stream Associations.

Michigan Department Environmental Quality, Michigan Sea Grant College Program (Michigan State University)

Boaters and anglers can unknowingly transport veligers (larvae) from infested lakes via boats, trailers and fishing equipment.

Inspect Your Beach

Several adult Zebra Mussels have been found on a beach on the East Shore of Birch Lake. Each was attached to clams and rocks. They were all destroyed. They were small with elongated shells marked by alternating dark and light bands. Your Group Leader has a Zebra Mussel which you can look at for proper identification.

ZEBRA MUSSELS ARE NOT WELCOME AT BIRCH LAKE

- . If mussels colonize a lake shore they will form *broad reef-like mats*.
- . Large colonies of mussels *encrust pier supports and ladders*.
- . Mussel's waste excretions speed up *corrosion on pier supports and ladders*.
- . *Feet are cut* from walking on the mussel shells.
- . *Smells* from the decomposition of mussels are *obnoxious*.
- . Mussels attach to the *hulls of boats* - reduce amount of drag, speed and fuel.
- . Mussels secrete durable elastic strands. Once infested, they securely attach to nearly *any surface*. They form *barnacle-like encrustations*.
- . The mussel's filter process may cause *bioaccumulation of toxic contaminants*.

CAN YOU PICTURE THIS ON YOUR BEACH?

- . The mussels attached to rock or gravel substrates can reach colony densities greater than 100,000 per 39 square inches with shell accumulations reaching up to 6 inches deep on the beach.

-g.temple



Unwelcome pest!

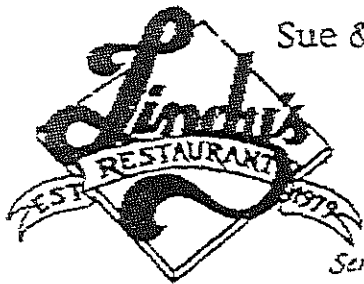
Actual photo of mature Zebra Mussel found on Birch Lake last weekend. See your Group Leader to report mussels or for additional help with identification.

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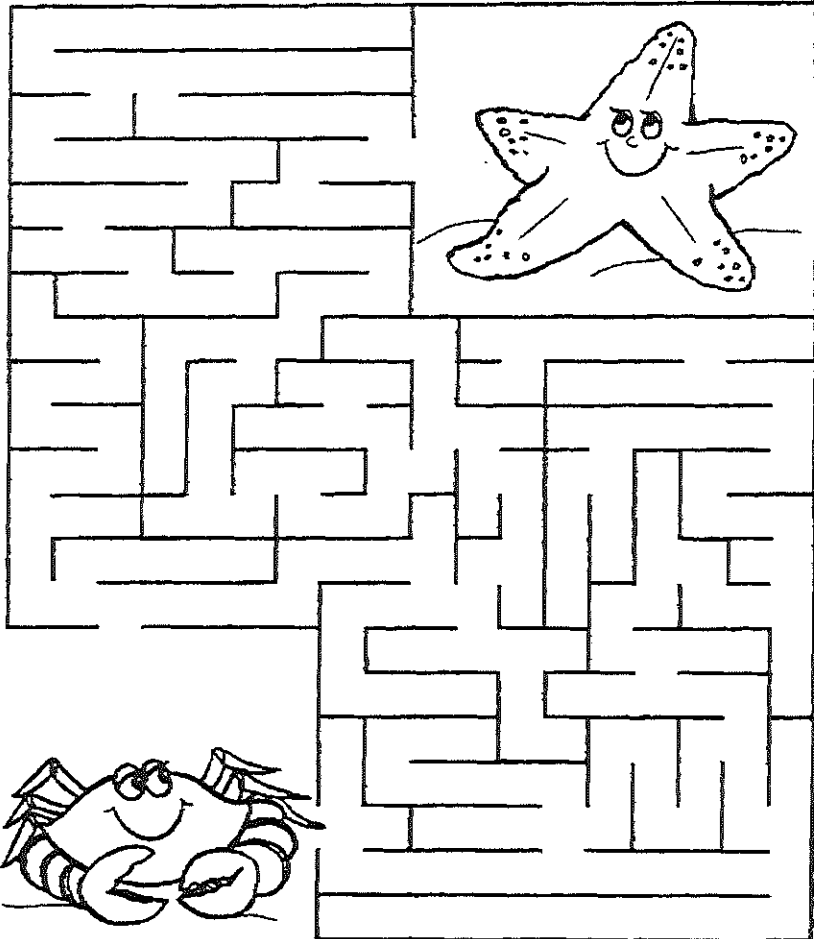
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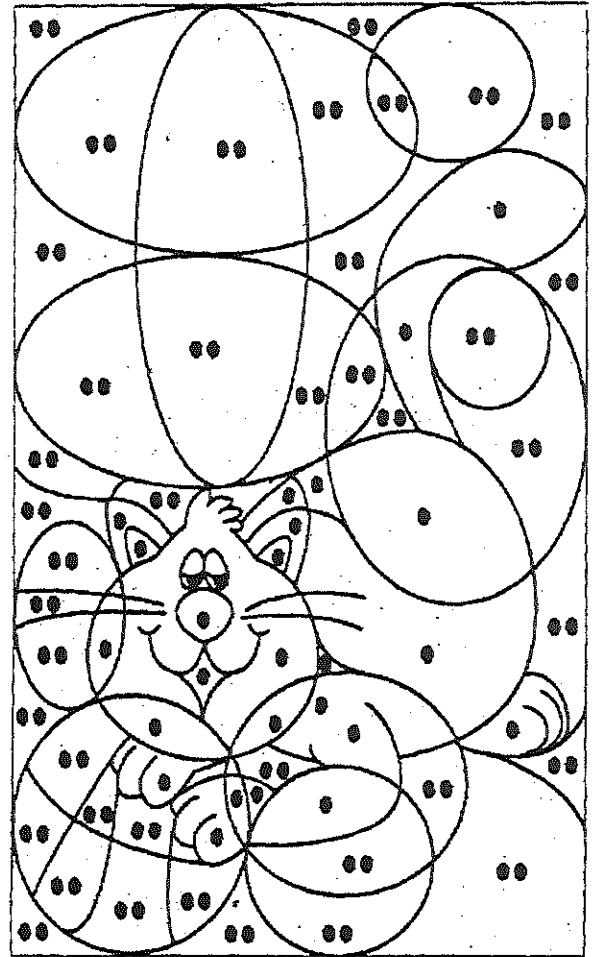
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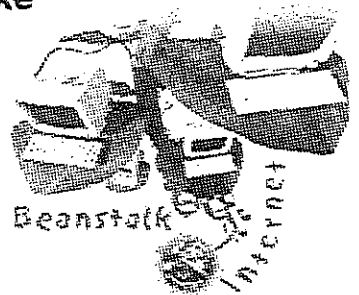
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*Never run with a puppy. Their joints and muscles are still growing, and running for long periods of time can disrupt

their growth. Walking short distances is fine. Check with your vet to find out how old your bread should be before running.

*Be careful with older dogs. Even if your old pooch is dying to go with you, he may not be up to it, and you have to consider their best interest.

*Stay put when the sun is high. On sweltering summer days, it's best to run or walk in the early morning or late evening. This will also save your dog's pads from burns from hot concrete or blacktop. Carry a small container of water for small laps to avoid overheating (for you, too).

*After your run or walk, check their pads for any cuts or injury.

Also take notice if they are stiff. If they are or have trouble breathing, cut back on future workouts.

*Take along extra Baggies. Running and walks can speed up nature's call. Poop scooping is always appreciated by your neighbors.

*Most importantly, remember that leash. Yep, you knew I'd through it in.

So let's get out there this weekend and show off our dogs!

-Fido's Friend

The rules — from your dog's perspective

A humorous set of rules from your dog's point of view:

NEWSPAPERS: If you have to go to the bathroom while playing in the front yard, always use the newspaper that's placed in the driveway every morning for that purpose.

VISITORS: Quickly determine which guest is afraid of dogs. Charge across the room barking loudly and leap playfully on this person. If the human falls down on the floor and starts crying, lick its face and growl gently to show your concern.

BARKING: Because you are a dog, you are expected to bark. So bark a lot. Your owners will be very happy to hear you protecting their house — especially late at night while they are sleeping safely in their beds. There is no more secure feeling for a human than to keep waking up in the middle of the night and hearing your protective bark, bark, bark...

LICKING: Always take a BIG drink from your water dish immediately before licking your human. Humans prefer clean tongues. Be ready to fetch your human a towel.

HOLES: Rather than digging a BIG hole in the middle of the yard and upsetting your human, dig a lot of smaller holes all over the yard so they won't notice. If you arrange a little pile of dirt on one side of each hole, maybe they'll think it's gophers. There are never enough holes in the ground. Strive daily to do your part to help correct this problem.

DOORS: The area directly in front of a door is always reserved for the family dog to sleep.

THE ART OF SNIFFING: Humans like to be sniffed. Everywhere. It is your duty, as the family dog, to accommodate them.

DINING ETIQUETTE: Always sit under the table at dinner, especially when there are guests, so you can clean up any food that falls on the floor. It's also a good time to

practice your sniffing.

HOUSEBREAKING: Housebreaking is very important to humans, so break as much of the house as possible.

GOING FOR WALKS: Rules of the road: When out for a walk with your master or mistress, never go to the bathroom on your own lawn.

COUCHES: It is perfectly permissible to lie on the new couch after all your humans have gone to bed.

PLAYING: If you lose your footing while chasing a ball or stick, use the flower bed to absorb your fall so you don't injure yourself.

CHASING CATS: When chasing cats, make sure you never quite catch them. It spoils all the fun.

CHEWING: Make a contribution to the fashion industry — eat a shoe!

Fido has rights and opinions, too!



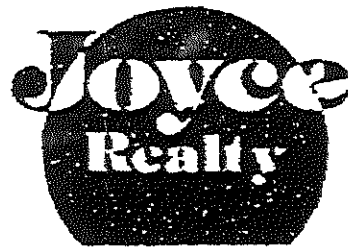
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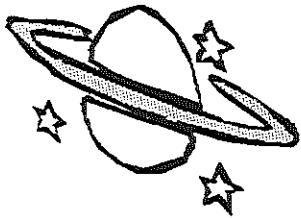
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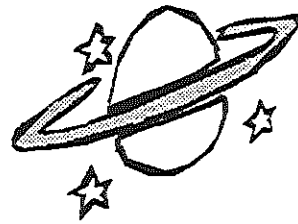
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Stu's Star Stuff*



A comet discovered last fall should begin to become visible over the next week or two. Prime time for comet LINEAR should begin around July 15, when it *might* brighten to naked-eye visibility. It will grow brighter over the next 10 days or so, but tonight's full moon will make it harder to find.

Although it may not brighten enough to see with your eyes alone, 1999/S4 (LINEAR) should put on the best showing of any comet since Hale-Bopp in 1997. LINEAR will be visible with binoculars throughout July and into early August.

Early calculations of the comet's orbit suggested it could grow as bright as magnitude 3.7 in late July — slightly fainter than the star that connects the bowl and handle of the Big Dipper.

Predicting the behavior of a comet is almost as risky as predicting the behavior of the stock market, though: bullish predictions often turn into bearish results.

As LINEAR headed toward the Sun early this year, it failed to brighten as forecast. By the end of June, it remained one to two magnitudes fainter than pre-

dicted. (In the astronomical magnitude scale, a one-magnitude jump represents a 2.5-times increase in brightness.)

The fainter-than-expected appearance suggests that LINEAR may be making its first pass through the inner solar system.

LINEAR probably came from the Oort cloud, a vast "shell" of a trillion or more icy cometary bodies up to one light-year or farther from the Sun. These objects are "dirty snowballs" of frozen water and gases mixed with rock, and most are no more than a few miles in diameter. In the perpetual deep-freeze of interstellar space, their surfaces freeze harder than granite.

As a comet approaches the Sun, its surface warms and some of its gas evaporates, freeing particles of rock called dust grains. The gas and dust grains form a cloud, called the coma, around the comet's nucleus. The coma can span millions of miles, and it makes the comet appear much brighter. Radiation pressure and charged particles from the Sun push some of the coma material into twin tails (one containing gas, the other particles of dust) that can stretch across tens of millions of miles or more.

But on its initial pass through the inner solar system, a comet's surface is frozen so hard that it doesn't lose much of its mass. It takes repeated trips to strip away

the hard surface layers and expose fluffier material below.

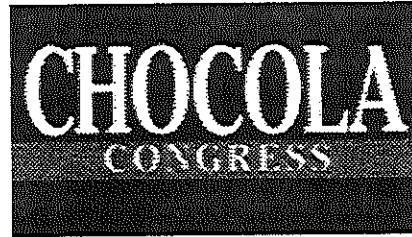
Comet LINEAR begins the week below the bowl of the Big Dipper, low in the north as darkness falls. Because the Big Dipper never sets, wheeling around the pole star, Polaris, the comet will be well up in the northeast at first light.

The comet will fade rapidly in August as it passes Leo's tail and enters the constellation Virgo. By the end of the month

it probably will be visible only through a telescope.

-Stewart Spratt

**Editor's note: Stewart lives on the planet Vogon, which, as all cool froods know, uses Michigan time.*



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Calling all Parrotheads — Attend the 4th annual Jimmy Buffett Caribbean night Saturday, July 15 at 7 pm. Hog roast, rum drinks, open bar. Bring a dish or snack to pass. Donations appreciated. Yacht Club.

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2 Garage sales Saturday, July 15 & Sunday, July

16 from 8 to 4 (M time) on Storey Hill Street (West Side of Birch Lake). Some antiques, boxes of sewing material, patterns, craft items, desk, chairs, lights and much more.

LOST

Lost along Birch Road on Sunday, July 2, O'Neil shorty wetsuit; black with green. Please call Trevor Jones at 476-2226 or 219-277-4164

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Commodore needed for 2001 — 50% off. Contact Bob King at bcking@aol.com

Kidz Wanted: to paint mural in and do general painting/cleanup outside the yacht club at Kidz Klub Daze — Saturday, July 22

FOUND

Small male cat or young kitten - Orange and White tiger with some spots. Very friendly, has not been declawed and weighs approx. 7-8 lbs. No ID tags. Found roaming Camp Tannadoonah. They are taking good care of it and will make it a counselor's pet if not claimed, but wanted to try to return to owner as it might be a child's pet. If this might be your kitty, call Bruce Harlan 476-9714 (leave message) to identify, and I will relay the info to Camp.

'02 Boat registration numbers on a piece of wood

found July 5 in the lake at Lorene Kreuger's West-side home. Registration number MC8245KM. Call 476-9905 or stop by 62967 Birch Lakeview Dr.

BLYC NOTES

Many members of the board felt that the residents who have not sent dues are just tardy. I thought some might have never intended to send them at all (& hope to convince you to help). Many dues were received by Holly over the last couple of weeks. Please continue to prove me wrong. -BK, C2k

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Birch Lake Yacht Club Lending Library for members (and associate members) is now open for browsing, borrowing or dropping off books from 1-2 pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays (Thanks to Julie Ball Lacy).

A limited number of 1999 Birch Lake Directories are available for sale; \$2 each (just like last year) at the Buffett Party. There will be no 2000 or 2001 Directory published so get 'em while they last.

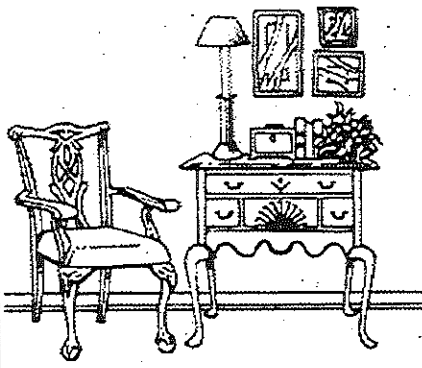
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