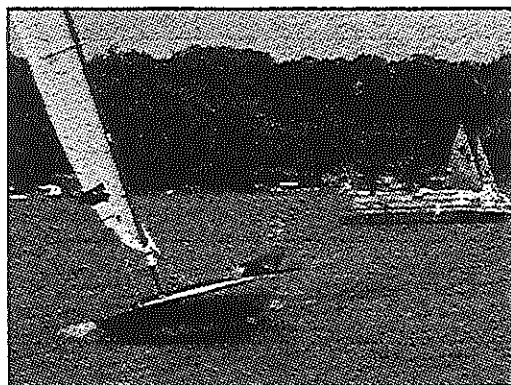
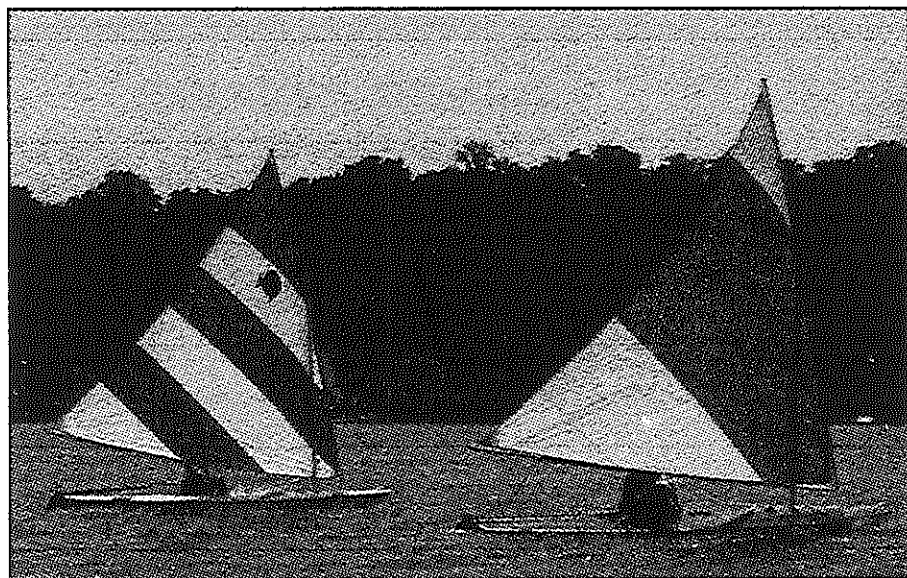


Birch Barker



Summer at the finish line



This is your last Barker of 2003, and the editor decided we hadn't had enough sailing pictures ... Thanks to everyone who bought an ad, paid their dues, delivered papers and contributed new and photos!

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Greetings fellow Birch Lakers. The summer that Phil thought would never end, has. Or is about to. Looks like it's my turn to steer the ship.

Please allow me to introduce myself. I'm not a man of wealth, and no one ever accused me of having any taste, but I have been around for a long, long time. This is my 40th summer at Birch Lake. My parents, Archie and Ginny, bought our cottage on the north side from Bill and Le King in 1967. We rented there for 3 years before. I grew up summering here, sailing in Sunfish races, waterskiing and running wild in all manner of power boats. Some of you may remember and perhaps even have called my parents to report me. When I fuss about boating safety next summer remember that I know from experience. I've broken about every rule

out there and now look back and realize that I was just a lucky kid. Ya gotta be careful.

Fast forward to the present ... I live in South Bend with my beautiful bride Kim and her son Andrew (17). She has another son, Ryan (20) and I have two boys, Chris (19) and Michael (16) that live in KY. I work as a software trainer/consultant for a company in Indianapolis and Kim is a nurse in the Peds ICU at Memorial Hospital. So there you go.

We all had a delightful time at the fall dinner. The down home country cooking was provided by Kendra Reid and Cookie Wright from South Bend. There was excellent live bluegrass background music performed by Duane Gundy before dinner, and afterward we worked off some calories with a square dance called by Roger Knapp of Elkhart. Thanks so much to all who helped set up and especially to those who stayed behind to help clean up.

Our now-past commodore, Phil

Vitale, also had a spot on the evening's agenda. Phil recognized a number of folks for all the help that he received during his term as commodore. Special recognition awards were given to Jim & Sally Beck, Jim and Debbie Bolinger and Erica Vitale and Steve Richards. And the Commodore's trophy was awarded to Dick Bender for his excellent contributions to the yacht club and to Birch Lake.

Finally, and not least of all, we announced this year's Vice Commodore (and Commodore for the year 2005). This young man has been on Birch Lake for more than 30 years. Many of you remember his parents, Don and Mary Alice. His name is John Erhardt. John lives on the south side near the turnaround with his lovely bride Nyla and their 3 boys Randy (13), Ben (10) and Luke (6). John is very enthusiastic and has a number of ideas for different events for all ages next summer. John, thanks and welcome aboard.

-Stewart Spratt

Birch Lake Notes

A note from Camp T

Well I can't believe that the summer is over. Where did the time go? First of all I would like to thank everyone who came to camp and work on the roof of the infirmary and those who donated money for materials. The roof looks wonderful, I'm sorry that I couldn't be there. I am also sorry that I couldn't make it to the dinner at the end of the season. But I heard a wonderful time was had by all.

Camp Tannadoonah may be closed for the season but there are still some things planned for the fall. Right now we are planning two fall camping weekends. September 19-21 and October 3-5. The cost for one is \$50 and \$90 for both.

For those of you I won't see until next summer have a wonderful winter.

-Mr. Dug

Thanks for the help

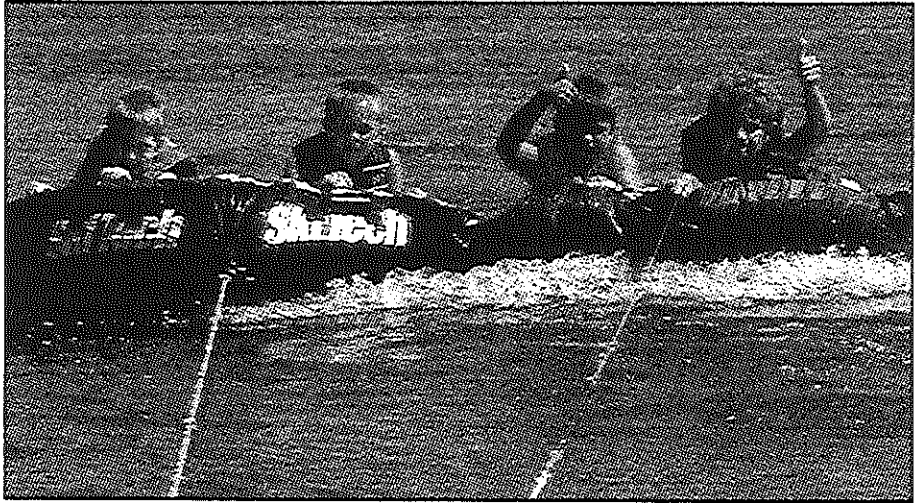
A special "thank you" to the volunteers who came to help in the reroofing of the Camp Tannadoonah Nurses this last weekend. Your time and generous donations are very much appreciated. We couldn't have completed this job without each and every one of you.

Next project ... fans for the dining room.

-Tom Rogers & Don Harman

Editor's note: Donations are still being sought to defray the cost of the roof and the fans; call Don Harman at 476-2039.

Barker kids of the week



Barker pets of the week

Mookie and Pooh Bear sunning themselves. Mookie is the Dad of last weeks pet of the week Bella.



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Thanks Barker delivery people!

Big thanks to Barb Zesinger and all of the people who helped deliver the Birch Barker around the lake every Saturday, all summer long! ... without your help we'd be black and white but not so well read all around the lake!

IST bites the dust

New Commodore Stewart Spratt has decreed that although the Barker will still print event times as Indiana time, the term *Indiana Standard Time* shall henceforth be banned from the lake's lexicon.

Board Meeting Scheduled

The last BLYC board meeting will be September 13. The Homeowners annual meeting will follow at 10:30am. All members who have paid their dues are encouraged to attend. The election for the directors for the next term will be conducted at the meeting.

Breaking news from the cove

Literally (sorry, Sunny, but I couldn't resist an end-of-the-year pun). In case you haven't heard, our beloved neighbor and ace Barker correspondent Sunny

Waters had a nasty tumble last weekend.

Seems her BS was readying their new pontoon boat for a "toodle" with family and friends, when poor Sunny missed a step and fell on the pier and broke her scapula.

Everyone at Birch Lake, and especially the overworked staff of the Birch Barker, hope she has a speedy recovery and comes back to us soon!

-by Sunny's Overworked Editor
ps: B.S., if you need any help, just give us a call!

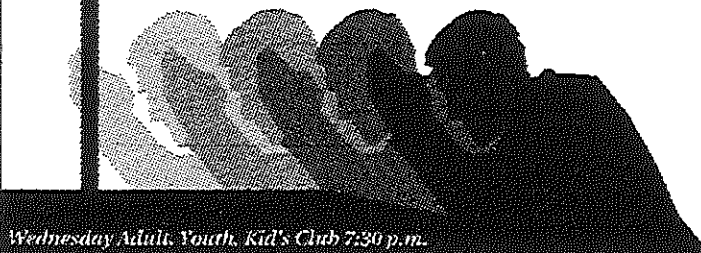
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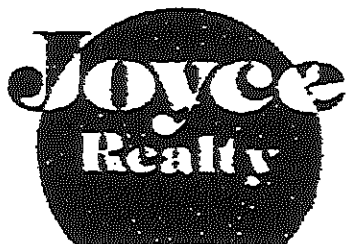
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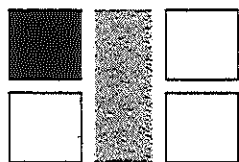
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Hugs from the Fall Dinner



SPECIAL NOTICE

Purple Loosestrife Update

Birch Lake Water Quality Committee started its Purple Loosestrife Program in 1999. At that time 13 sights were identified on all shores of Birch Lake and cleaned up with the help of property owners and Bruce and Sue Wagner.

The monitoring and clean-up has continued every year. This year we were down to four sights which were all on the west shore and in much smaller quantities than in the past. Bruce and Sue continue to be the "eradicators" and thanks to them the program continues to be a success.

Rick Russwurm
Birch Lake Water Quality Committee



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BLYC Sailing News

Great sailing last weekend — good wind, good competition and good fun!

We're entering the final weekend of the sailing year. The Labor Day Regatta will take place today and tomorrow (Saturday; and Sunday) with races beginning at 11 am both days (alternate start time is Noon).

On Monday, we will host our Sailing Season Wrap-up meeting at the Yacht Club at 9 am. We'll announce the season (and regatta) winners, award prizes and trophies and talk about next year's season.

We encourage all sailors to attend!

Last, but not least, a big thanks to Jim and Sally Beck, Bruce Wagner, the Plaias, and everyone who helped us out on the starting boat this year.

Harold Cranmer
2003 Fleet Captain

This Week Races
Saturday, Aug 30 and
Sunday, Aug. 31 11 am
Alternate start: Noon

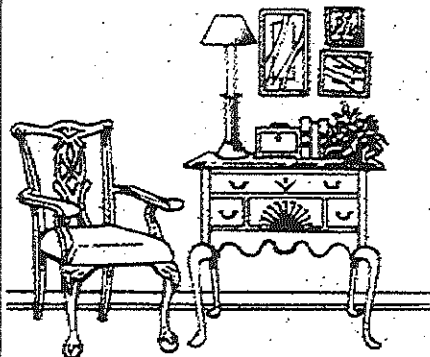
Here are the results of last weekend's competition:

Sunfish:	1st race	2nd race	3rd race
A Class			
Jim Bolinger	1	1	1
Dave Olson	2	2	4
Rick Russwurm	3	4	4
Dewayne Weaver	4	3	2
Tom Howard	1*	1*	1*
B Class			
Erica Vitale	1	2	1
Sandy Vitale	2	1	2
MCs			
	1st race	2nd race	3rd race
Harold Cranmer	3	4	1
Don Harman	4	3	2
Rick Harman	2	1	3
Scott Troeger	1	2	4
Phil Vitale	5	5	5

For averages and places, come to the Sailors' meeting Monday at 9!

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Birch Lake Recipes of the Week

Peanut Butter Roll Ups

by Le King

About 20 minutes before service: preheat broiler. Trim crusts from 10 thin, white bread slices. With rolling pin, roll each until slightly flattened. From jar of peanut butter, spread 1 tbsp on each bread slice. Roll up jelly-roll fashion and cut crosswise into 4 pieces. Cut each of 10 bacon slices in half — first crosswise, then lengthwise. Wrap a piece of bacon around each roll-up, securing with toothpicks. Place roll-ups in one layer in broiler pan; broil 5 minutes, turning once. Remove toothpicks. Makes 40 appetizers.

To do ahead: Prepare as above but do not broil. Refrigerate, covered. Broil for at least 5 minutes, just before serving. Serve hot.

Diet Nutritional Cheese Ball

by Le King

2 8oz. softened cream cheese
1 8-1/2oz. can crushed pineapple w/juice
1 cup chopped celery
1 cup chopped green pepper
3/4 cup chopped onion
1 lge package pecan chips
1 tsp Lawry's seasoned salt

Mix all ingredients adding pecans last. Refrigerate.

Caviar Pie

by Le King

Mash 1 ripe avocado into pyrex pie plate
3 T red onion (minced)
6 hard boiled eggs (grated) mixed with 3 T mayonnaise

Top with 1 jar caviar
Serve with crackers.

Suzu's Shrimp Dip

16oz. sour cream
8 oz cream cheese
2-3 tbsp cocktail sauce
3 tbsp dehydrated minced onion
1/4 tsp garlic powder
1 tbsp worcestershire
2 cans well drained small shrimp (13 oz)

Mix first 6 ingredients well in mixer. Add 1 can shrimp and mix again with mixer. Add 2nd can shrimp and just stir in. Makes 1 qt.

Cheese Canapes

by Sue Wagner

1/2 cup Hellman's mayonnaise
1/2 cup onion, finely chopped
1-1/2 cup sharp shredded cheese
1 cup black olives, chopped
1 tsp curry
1/2 tsp salt
8 halves of toasted English Muffins
Mix first six ingredients and pile on split toasted English muffins. Cut in quarters. Put under broiler briefly, just until they sizzle. Serve hot. Makes a bunch!

Parmesan Onion Canapes

by Pam Mullin

1 cup Hellman Mayo
1 cup grated parmesan cheese
1/2 cup finely chopped onion (I use less)
1 tbsp milk
1 loaf sliced cocktail bread

Mix first 4 ingredients, spread on toast. Place on baking sheets, broil 4" away from heat for 2-3 minutes.

Crescent Rolls with Cheese

by Pam Mullin

1 small can crescent rolls
1 small wedge of Gouda cheese
1 tbsp mustard — Dijon or other gourmet

In baking dish spread out rolls flat. Place cheese in center of rolls and cover with mustard. Wrap rolls around cheese and press out seams. Bake in oven on 325 until light brown. Serve with crackers. May be reheated in microwave to melt cheese.

Olive Dip

by Louise Rieth

2-8 oz. cream cheese
1/2-medium onion chipped
4 oz. chopped olives with pimento
Mix and serve with chips or veggies

Olive-cheese snacks

by Phyllis Davis

1 5oz. jar Bacon or Old English cheese spread
4 tbsp soft butte
Dash hot pepper sauce
Dash worcestershire
3/4 cup flour
30 green olives with pimento drained
Mix ingredients to form a dough, then wrap it around individual olives. Place on greased baking sheet and bake at 400 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes.

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Spinach Balls

by Pam Mullin

- 2 pkg frozen chopped spinach
- 4 beaten eggs
- 2 cups herb stuffing (packaged) Pepperidge Farm or Stove Top
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 chopped onion
- 1-1/2 tsp thyme
- 3/4 lb butter, melted
- salt and pepper

Cook spinach (according to package), drain and squeeze dry. Mix together all ingredients. Chill for 2 hours. Roll into 1" balls. Freeze on cookie sheet. When frozen, store in plastic bags until

needed. thaw before baking. Bake at 300 to 350 degrees for 30 minutes. They should be a nice crispy brown.

Thanks, Miss Vicki

The Birch Lake recipes of the Week that have appeared this year in the Barker have been collected and provided by Vicki Rogers. We all appreciate her diligence, perseverance and good taste!

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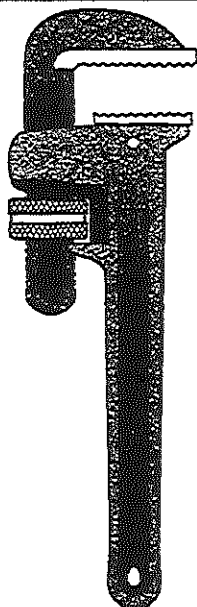
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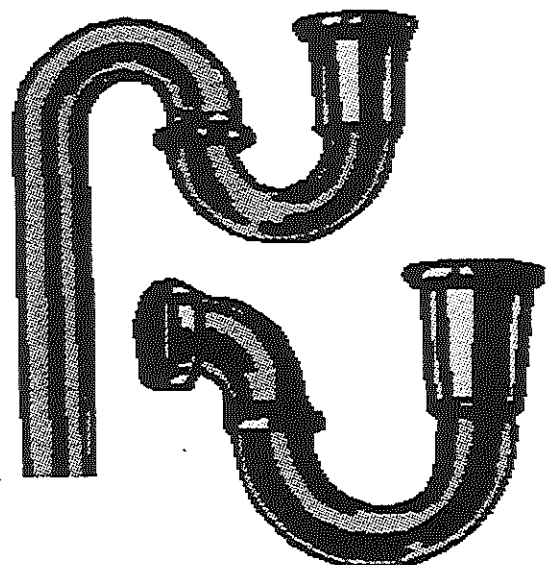
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The ABCs of healthy eating

JUST FOR THE HEALTH OF IT

by: Ima Foodnudge

I apologize to all for my twin Skippy's bad attitude. Talk about your cup half empty.

Anyway, let's move on with the finals in the Power Food list.

Walnuts - these nuts stand out among nuts because they alone provide two heart-healthy essential fatty acids:



Linoleic and linolenic fatty acids. The first can help reduce your chances

of getting a stroke and the latter (an omega-3) is associated with a lower risk of coronary artery disease.

Watercress - (a salad green) delicate watercress contains the highest concentration of

antioxidants of any vegetable. Compounds in watercress appear to protect against cancer. When smokers consumed 2 ounces of watercress a day for three days, the vegetable spurred a detoxification mechanism of nicotine according to a clinical trial published in Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention in 1999. This does not however, give you the Ok to keep smoking just by adding watercress to your diet. If you are currently a smoker, STOP IT NOW.

Watermelon - Watermelons are 91 percent water, but they also contain some powerful antioxidants. This quenching summer fruit rich in beta-cryptoxanthin, a carotenoid that's associated with reduced heart disease risk. And it's one of the



few good sources of lycopene, a free-radical scavenger that may lower cancer and heart disease risk. Unlike tomatoes, however, watermelons don't need to be cooked to provide the most absorbable form of lycopene. Two cups of water-

melon also contain more than 20 percent of your daily requirement of the antioxidant vitamins A & C.

Wine - WOW! Aren't we in luck, wines a good thing. Some of us Lakers should actually live for ever. Whether you prefer red or white, drinking wine is good for your heart. White wine's protection comes from tyrosol and caffeic acid which reduce oxidative stress and inflammation. helps



our lungs to breath better) Red wine's polyphenols appear to confer its heart

benefits. People who drank white wine in moderation had better lung function than people who abstained or drank other alcoholic beverages. Several studies show that consuming red wine in moderation lowers homocysteine, platelet stickiness (a factor in blood-clotting) and LDL ("bad") cholesterol. Unfortunately, experts consider moderate to mean two glasses a day for men and one glass a day for women.

Well, that wraps up my list of Power Foods. I have enjoyed sharing with you the information I have been able to find. It is amazing how much information is out there on natural healing. We all need to be more proactive when it comes to our health. Unfortunately, the medical community is making far too much money on our bad habits.

Couple of books I would recommend:

Prescription for Nutritional Healing by Phyllis Balch CNC and James Balch MD. *The Quick & Easy Way to Healing Foods* by Katherine Colton

Bottom line; don't eat anything with preservatives added. It's easy to spot them just by reading the ingredients. If you can, always choose organic. Organic farms do not use any pesticides. They don't genetically altered food or feed live stock antibiotics to make their buck stretch at the expense of our health.

Take care, Ima Foodnudge (did you guess who I am?)

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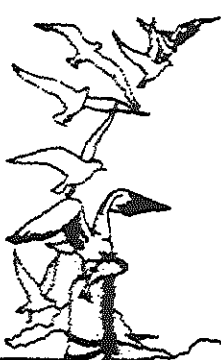
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Life's Little Surprises

Our Grandson, Madison, is about to be confronted with one of life's little surprises. For two and a half years he has been an adored only child. Each summer and early fall, both sets of his grand-parents live within walking distance of his home, (One set of Grandparents is nearby all year) and he is the only young child on our side of his family. In other words, he resides at the center of the universe, and he is the central figure in almost all of his daily encounters.

If he decides that he "wants" something, it usually arrives quickly from one source or another, and he has no shortage of adult playmates. He and his dad go fishing by themselves. His mom reads to him and to him alone. Life is good.

However, in five more weeks, Madison will be joined by either a little brother or a little sister, and things could get more complicated. He is a wonderful, happy, good-natured person, but still....

As is often the case with life's little surprises, there's no secret about what's happening here. We all talk about "the baby" all the time. Madison knows what's going to happen, he just doesn't have enough experience to understand how it's going to "happen" to him. Tune in next summer for updates.

During the past few years, I've become more aware of other instances of life's little surprises, and I have to admit, I was just as shocked by some of them as my grandson is likely to be by his upcoming experience. In most cases, there was nothing for me to "do" about my discoveries except to file them away, but they were often troubling nonetheless.

First, there's the matter of worrying about your kids. On days when they strained our patience, Shirley Anne and I used to

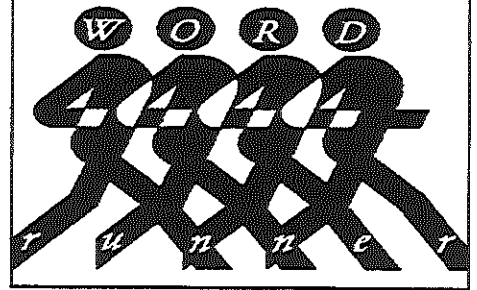
console each other with the reassurance that it wouldn't be long until they were grown-ups and we wouldn't "have to worry about "those things" anymore. They can deal with their problems themselves," we'd say.

In fact, we were right. Our "kids" are now (on average) about four decades old and they do deal with their own problems. Many times we don't even know what problems they have. But when we do know, the fact that we don't "have to worry" never keeps us from worrying. If anything, parenting appears to get tougher after you've finished "raising" your kids, because you have almost no standing (In the lawyer's meaning of that word) or ability to ward off, the difficulties and disasters that lie in wait for them. I find that I now worry all the time.

Also, it was something of a shock to me to discover that I really had to get older. I mean, I knew it would happen. It had been happening since I was born, but I kind of expected it to slow to a crawl at some point in adulthood. Instead, time has now climbed aboard a top fuel funny car, and it is rocketing me through the years. I don't feel any older that I did at 40, but I've breezed through 26 years since I hit the big 4-0, and I can't account for hundreds of days. In fact, since I'm on the subject, what happened to the twelve months of last year, and where have the days and nights of this delightful summer gone?

My problem is complicated by the fact that I'm married to a woman who doesn't seem to age. She's had some health problems that demanded attention, but she steps away from each of them as though it didn't really effect her. Shirley Anne will probably come to my funeral looking like she was my granddaughter.

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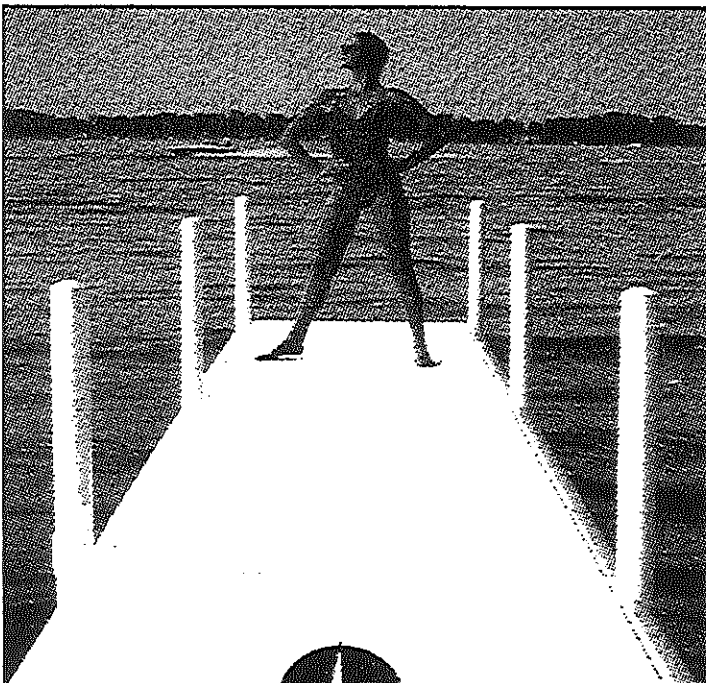
There are, of course, those other little life surprises that you would just as soon have left undiscovered. They include: Some people don't play by the rules. Not all "friends" turn out to be friends.

Life isn't always fair.

And (worst of all), we don't always don't live up to our own beliefs and standards.

Like, most of you, I can remember, vividly, those occasions in my life when I have grossly shortchanged myself as well as those around me. Those moments are now hard-wired into my brain. They'll never go away, and no amount of making up for them will ever make up for them.

Nevertheless, we are where we are, as a business associate of mine used to say. (He often took satisfaction in stating the obvious.) Life is full of surprises, some pleasant, some less so, and some everchanging. It may take Madison a long while to figure out what a pleasant surprise came his way this year. Going through life knowing that you have a brother or a sister, someone who knows you better than almost anyone else, and who will "be there" for you no matter what comes your way, now that is a marvelous surprise.



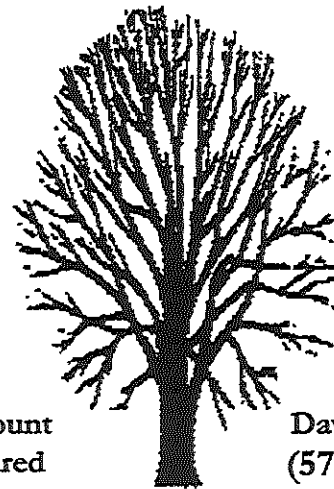
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OPINION

'Twas the night before sewage ...

Several Sundays ago my morning coffee routine was ruined. Not spilt, spoilt. Sitting at the boat-house slurping Starbucks — just me and the big birds as is the norm — when what to my wondering eyes should appear?

A large brown wedge was washing ashore from WSW. When it slid past the neighbor's pier I went out to see what's the matter? A nasty brown slick, all oily and ugly — it looked like someone had discharged a septic tank in beautiful Birch Lake.

What to do? Calling Water-Quality folk seemed a (poopy) solution — 05:35 IST (bad time for telephone calls) — it was still the wee wee hour of morning. Oh pooh sez I, take samples, get science. Butt, how to, where to store the slime? Professional septic suckers call that bubbly vanilla top the "cream" — but this looked unfit for a pitcher. Mom was still sleeping, all tucked in her bed. What bottles could be used and not later dread?

Show others who were awake? A friend stopped by and eyeballed the ooze! A neighbor wandered over to witness it, too. The slick spread 200' before the morning breeze dashed it on our seawalls. Out of sight ...

Merriam-Webster online:

septic tank : Date: circa 1902 : a tank in which the solid matter of continuously flowing sewage is disintegrated by bacteria

sewer : Date: 15th century : an artificial usually subterranean conduit to carry off sewage and sometimes surface water (as from rainfall)

Neither technology is new. Sewers have been around for centuries and people stored waste long before 1902. Disintegrate? Carry off? Given the choice to tank it or send it, many would probably choose carry off. The sewer / anti-sewer dilemma has been brewing for years. Some are well informed, some less so (I'm in the latter category). Some are even so upset at having no sewers they are posting NO SEWER signs!

Both "camps" make valid arguments. Some gave up property / some acquired property / some installed new systems / all were tested. Thanks to those vigilant few, our water is better / bluer than

most. Continued care might forestall the day when change need come. On the other hand, sewers will probably be required someday. Those needing to replace aging systems might save expense to hook up to municipal sewer. For a variety of reasons it might be cheaper to act now.

But, despite the value of lake property being in the water, this is not about money. It's about doing what's right for the lake. Not agreeing with one side or the other does not mean the other fella doesn't care. Argue if you must, but don't let contrary opinions (because that's all they are) ruin the community of Birch. Accept and embrace disagreement ... it's OK. It's even healthy.

Don't let this issue divide friends and neighbors.

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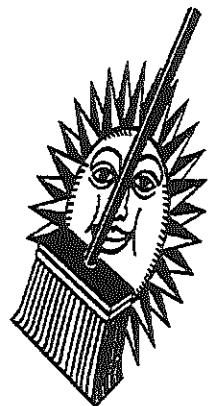
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Stu's Star Stuff



Mars is brighter this week than it's appeared in 15 years. It looks like a brilliant reddish orange star rising above the east side of the lake around sunset and cruising low across the south during the night. Mars is brighter than any other planet or star visible in tonight's sky.

Shortly before sunrise on Wednesday, Earth and the planet Mars past closer to each other than they have in thousands of years: 34 million, 646 thousand, 419 miles — give or take the length of a Bob's E scow.

This close approach is the result of a combination of factors.

First, Mars reached a point called opposition on Thursday, when it lined up opposite

the Sun in our sky. It rose at sunset and remained in view all night. Planets are always closest to Earth around opposition.

Second, today Mars will be closest to the Sun for its current orbit, just two days after opposition. Mars' orbit is pretty lopsided, so its distance from the Sun varies by more than 25 million miles. When opposition occurs when Mars is closest to the Sun, the planet is even closer to Earth, so it appears bigger and brighter.

Finally, you may remember from an earlier Barker that Earth was FARTHEST from the Sun early last month — which puts us a little CLOSER to Mars. Our planet's orbit isn't as lopsided as that of Mars, but

every little bit helps.

When you add everything up, you get an unusually close approach between the two worlds. One astronomer calculates that Earth and Mars haven't been this close together in almost 60,000 years.

Check it out with binoculars. Look for big, bright, orange Mars climbing into view in the southeast shortly after sunset, and scooting low across the south during the night. Good stargazing to everyone throughout the fall and winter. Keep looking up and enjoy the show. It's free.

-Stu Spratt

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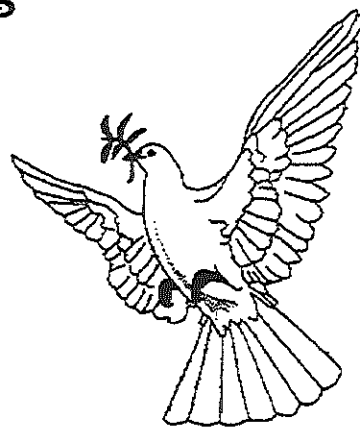
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MISC.

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LOST

Lost in the last storm ... My boogie board (small surfboard) was lost in the last big storm. It has a shark surfing with bright orange flames below. It says "hot stuff" on it and was a special gift from my trip to Maine. If you have found it or possibly know where it is please call me at 476-9583. Thank you, Indiana Cote, Age 6.

Lost in storm: Red plastic five-gallon gas tank, blown off Wiseman's pier in storm of 8/1. Please call 476-9560

Rich Pope Water Ski lost Aug. 3 near camp; please call 476-8807.

Dropped ski — blue, red and black, HO Xtra JC 59 lost along the east shore. Please call Scott Troeger at 476-9898.

Lost during storm of July 5: swim fins with colors blue and black. If found, please call 476-2526.

We lost a ski last week in the north/northwest sectors. It is a boring 30 yr old "Cypress Gardens" with a beige boot & natural wood. It might also be useful as a replacement board for a squeaky floorboard. Contact Ray & Sonia Sanders 476-8807

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