

Birch Barker

Weekend of August 23, 2008

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The annual BLYC Kidz Regatta was held last week, hosted by Don and Lind Harman. The bold sailors and intrepid crews braved gusty winds and fierce seas ... and a good time was had by all.

Commodore's Comments

In writing my last column for the barker, I don't even know where to begin. These last two years being Commodore and Vice Commodore has given me a much greater appreciation for the lake that we call home and for the wonderful people who make it such a great place. My column is not large enough to list everyone that has donated time, money or both, to make this past year a success. Without the help of so many, our fabulous events would not take place. I want to say a very heart-felt "THANK YOU" to everyone that has helped through out the year. Thanks to Paul for all his help and support over the last year, I know he will do a fantastic job keeping the Birch Lake tradition going. Lastly, I need to give a big kiss to Amy for all the time and energy she put forth helping me over the last two years without her it would not have been possible.

Birch Lake has so many great attributes that make it one of "The Great Lakes," from the clear water that we use for boating, fishing, swimming and all sorts of fun, to the wonderful people that surround this beautiful piece of water. All of us have different reasons why we live here and what we enjoy about the lake. Whatever those reasons may be, the one common denominator is the brilliant and sparkling water in front of our homes and the large sense of community that it brings to us all. When situations arise, it is great to see people come together to solve them for the greater good of our beautiful lake.

This Saturday night is the annual fall dinner up at Camp T. Paul has a wonderful evening in store, hope you have purchased your tickets for this great event. With fantastic food, great camaraderie, a wonderful setting and the chance to find out who the next Vice Commodore will be, sounds like everything you need for a very exciting evening

2008 BLYC Calendar*

- Sat. Aug 16 — Kids Regatta (bring a PFD)
Harman's, 1:30 pm
- Sat. Aug 23 — Fall Dinner, 6:30, Camp T
see page 8 for details
- Mon., Sept 1 — End-of-season sailors'
meeting at 10 am BLYC
- Sat. Sept 27 — Board Meeting 9 am
- Oct 4 — Annual Chili Cook Off
- TBA — Sailing Awards
Fish & Wing Dinner
Card Party

In closing, I need to say thanks again to everyone that has made my term as commodore a pleasant one. Without the great people around this lake, this place would only be a "lake." We as a whole are what make this place one of "The Great Lakes." Please have a wonderful and safe weekend. See you on the pond.

-Mike Lutz- Past Commodore 2008

We are always soliciting and accepting materials for publication. E-mail the info to sailorphil@philvitale.com, or, if you must, put the materials in the red Barker box at 63174 Birch Rd. (East Shore). You can also mail your items to: Phil Vitale, 102 So. Broadway, Cassopolis, MI 49031, or fax to (269) 445-9200. To contact me by phone, call (269) 476-1680 or (269) 445-9200. Please note, if you do not receive a Barker, please call Mike Lutz at 476-2843 or (cell) 269-207-1153.

— Birch Lake Notes —

Line dancing

Line Dance continues at the Yacht Club, 9 am Tuesday mornings.

Birch Lake clothing

Birch Lake clothing & accessories available for purchase! Due to overwhelming requests for items presented at the Ladies Golf outing, we are happy to take orders for bathrobes (unisex&size) white embroidered for \$55, Sweatshirts & pants \$35 ea; In stock we have PING hats \$20 (black), golf towels \$8, and t-shirts \$15. Call Amy for more details (2843).

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Thanks to everyone

There is one more printed Barker yet to come this year, but I wanted to say thanks to all the folks who contributed news, columns, photos and tidbits, as well as the great crew who delivered the papers every weekend to our lake friends and neighbors.

If you would like to receive the Online Barker, you can do so at: <http://www.philvitale.com/barker>



Thanks to Steve Cranmer for the great sailboat pic

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Birch Barker Kids of the Week — so far this year ...



photos by everyone



— Birch Lake Notes —

BLYC Fall Dinner

There are still a few tickets left for the *annual Birch Lake Fall Dinner.*"

This is the last major lake event of the normal summer season.

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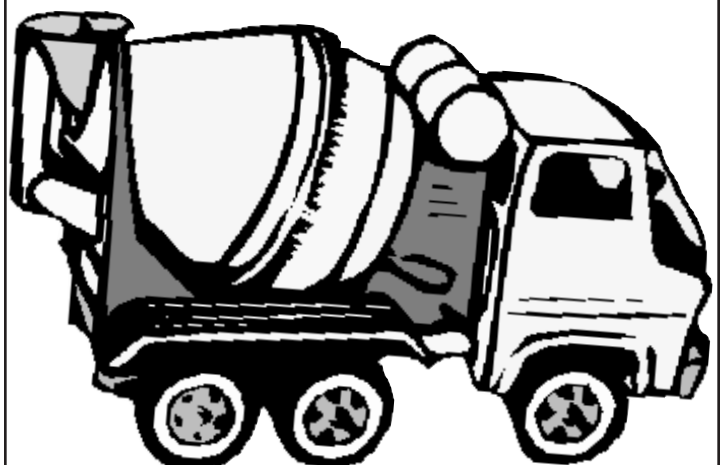
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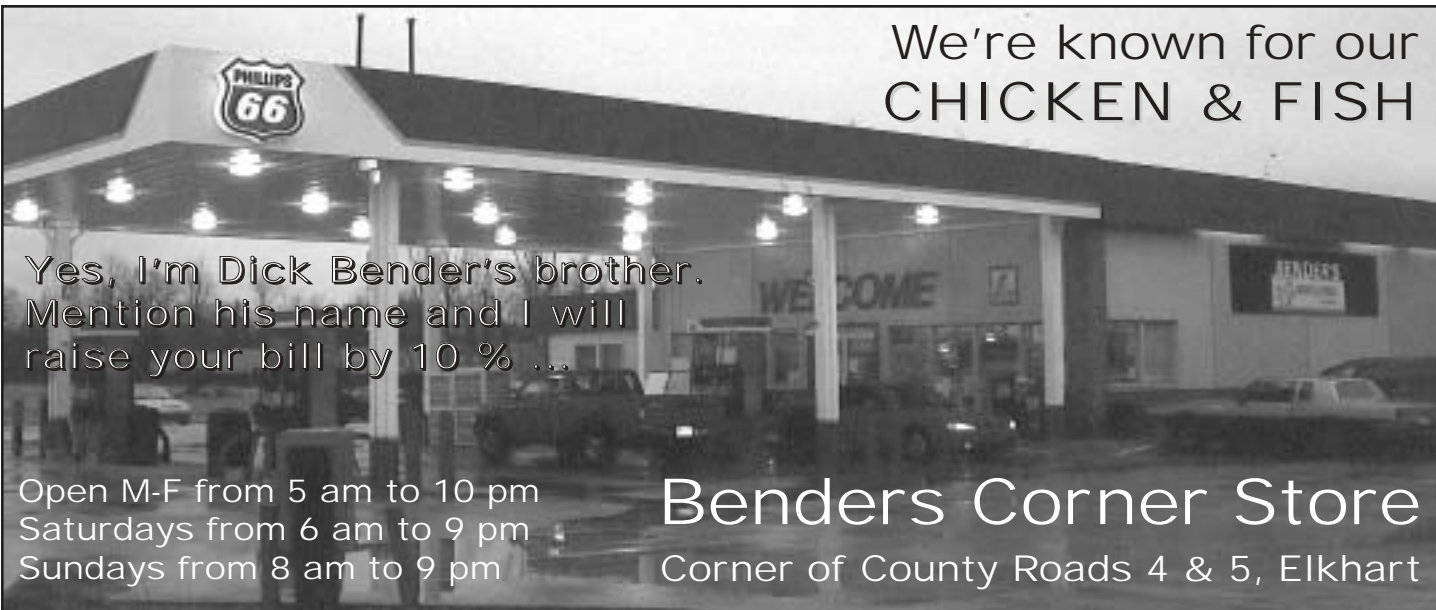
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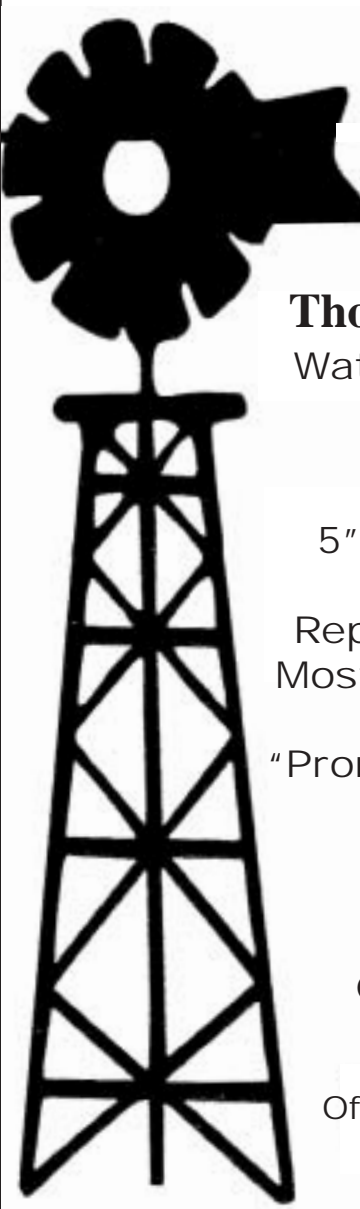
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Fleet Captains' Corner



Great weekend for sailing

WA great time was had by all at the annual Kid's Regatta! We had a nice breeze and got in three fast races. Thanks to everyone for their help - our hosts Lind and Don Harman, Mr. Bob for setting out the mooring lines, and Sanya and Erica for running the committee boat.

Sunday's races were good, too, with lots of wind and lots of sailboats. Thanks to Amber, Chas, and Denise for an excellent job as race committee.

-Fleet Captain Bill

Kid's Regatta Results

Crew	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3
Jayden Williams/Tom Howard	1	2	1
Morgan Applegate/Phil Vitale	4	1	2
Amanda Butler/Bob King	5	3	3
Kendall & Taylor Sharp/Jim Bolinger	6	4	5
Abby Rondo/Don Harman	3	6	7
Invisible Kid Casper/Bill Luecht	7	5	4
Tyler Rondot/Harold Cranmer	2	8	8
Nanette Sharp/Dave Olson	8	7	6

Last week's results & totals

Date	17-Aug	17-Aug	17-Aug	Total	Season	Races
Race #	21	22	23	Points	Average	Completed to date (including Regattas)
MC Scow(Total Season Races to Date = 23)						
Scott Troeger	2	2	2	27556	1531	23
Harold Cranmer	1	8	3	31300	1490	23
Rick Harman	DNS	DNS	DNS	2965	1483	2
Bob King	4	1	1	23071	1442	21
Phil Vitale	3	3	7	26844	1342	25
Don Harman	6	5	5	24059	1337	22
Jeff Smitley	7	4	4	30381	1321	27
Jim Bolinger	9	7	6	14186	1290	16
Bill Luecht	8	6	8	28091	1221	27
Dave Olson	5	9	9	22663	1193	22
Sunfish(Total Season Races to Date = 21)						
Tom Howard	2	2	2	32739	1559	21
Rick Russwurm	1	1	1	18572	1548	16
Erica Vitale	3	4	3	23655	1478	20
Katie Luecht	DNS	DNS	DNS	8838	1473	8
Mike Gotstein	DNS	DNS	DNS	2813	1407	2
Sandy Vitale	4	3	4	21092	1406	18
Eric Odenwald	DNS	DNS	DNS	4182	1394	3
Chris Scofield	NS	DNS	DNS	0	0	4

DNS (Did Not Sail) does not count against season score, however sailor must complete 2/3 of races to qualify for season...
 DNF (Did Not Finish) scores as one place worse than last place (if 5 boats finished, you would have finished 6th, will be scored as 7th place).
 DNF not counted toward minimum number of races needed.
 DQ (Disqualified) 0 points.
 STT (Stopped to Teach) scored as first place.
 CB - sailor who serves on Committee Boat receives a 1st place finish for that day - counted toward season total.
 Season Points are awarded on Square of 40 system (1st = 40 squared = 1600, 2nd = 39 squared, etc.)
 Season Place = total season points/number of races attempted.



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Scenes from the BLYC Kidz Regatta



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Preventing dog bites

Obviously I love dogs, yet it's naive to think that dog bites are something that just happens "somewhere else" to "somebody else." When a pack of roaming dog attacks a jogger in her own neighborhood or a child is bitten in the face by a friend's dog, clearly people do get bitten, even here.

The reality is that most victims of dog bites aren't burglars; they are people the dog knows.

Statistically speaking, every year, 4.7 million people in the U.S. are bitten by dogs, and sixty percent of them are children. Around 800,000 people require medical attention for dog bites, and about 12 people annually are killed by dogs.

The sad thing is that almost all dog bites can be prevented. Education, responsible dog ownership, and animal control are the key. In this area, the sad lack of animal control and humane services is only going to become a

greater problem as the population grows.

If you live in an area where resources are similarly limited, it's especially important that you understand why dogs bite, so you can avoid becoming yet another statistic.

Dogs bite for three primary reasons: because they are defending their territory, afraid, or expressing dominance. Often it's a combination of all three, so it's important to pay attention to the actions of any unfamiliar dog. If he seems edgy or afraid, or is behaving oddly, he's more likely to bite.

It's especially important to learn and teach your kids a few common sense rules. If you encounter a tense, aggressive seeming dog, don't approach it. If a strange dog comes up to you, stand still. Don't run and don't scream. Also don't look the dog straight in the eye. If the dog knocks you down, curl up into the fetal posi-

tion and cover your face.

When it comes to kids, never leave small children alone with dogs unsupervised.

Make sure you teach your children not to tease dogs or disturb a dog when he's sleeping or eating. Kids also should be instructed to tell adults whenever they see a stray dog or any dog that seems to be acting oddly.

Most dogs are friendly, so you don't need to walk around in fear of every canine you meet. But it pays to be cautious. You can love dogs, yet still care about people and your own safety too.

-Fido's Friend

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"What I like about summer" Wordsearch

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**Answers to
 the Birch Lake
 Critters
 Wordsearch
 from last week**

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Water Quality Committee Report

**Water Quality Program
Water Quality Committee Lake
Management Report
Rick Russwurm Chairman,
Bob & Gert Temple, Terry Dugan**

It seems that this is the year of water testing and concerns regarding contamination of our dear lake. We have just obtained two sets of testing results and will publish everything. From one man's poor opinion, I think I am seeing a pattern of occasional hot spots, but with no trending toward anything overt or pervasive. However, that is just an opinion and we will wait for much more extensive data. The two data sets represent (1) sampling of specific spots + when suspicious material was observed, and (2) the first round of systematic testing by the DEQ certified folks we asked to take four weekly samples from defined locations on the lake.

First the sampling in response to an observation of concern (**CHART AT RIGHT, TOP**).


Looking at these in isolation does raise some concern and the specific reason we have embarked on a definitive testing program. However, as can be seen these are random events that may be just that, random and not part of a pervasive contamination into the lake or maybe they are. Since they are located at specific spots and not tested in the absence of some observation of a scum etc. we do not know what is really happening. Thus, dogs, geese, gulls etc. could in theory be the source of the bacteria. Additionally, as far as I am aware the samples were taken in the morning with the lake generally still and before extensive sunlight. It should be noted that upon wave action and sunlight, the E coli would generally be sterilized unless they are continuously being put into the lake at these sites. Again, we do not know specifically what has happened to make these sites potential hot spots.

Last Wednesday the first sampling was conducted in response to the above concerns by DEQ certified personnel, and the results are presented here (**CHART AT RIGHT, BOTTOM**). We will add the new weekly data as it comes in. The samples were taken on a calm lake at about 6:30 AM on August 13, 2008.

All future samples will be taken in the same GPS located spots in approximately 3 feet of water (except for the middle of the lake). A sample of the "scum" material was taken from the Seyfarth's shore on the 19th for analysis. Should we have additional observations of high E coli, we are in conversation now with Michigan State as to how best to do a source tracking of these bacteria, i.e. human or non human.

It should be also noted that a visual inspection of the sewers is ongoing right now as well as dye testing for potential leaks. Hopefully, the mysteries will be shortly solved with clarity.

Water tests received last week




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WATER ANALYSIS

Following are the results for the tests which were requested

FOR: GERT TEMPLE

Date	Location	Time	Coliform	E-Coli
7/9	County Park Lakeshore Weesner 63542 Birch Rd Hettmansperger 63513 Birch Rd	1:30 pm	900 not provided not provided 500	240 4 >2
7/21	Birch Lake North End Birch Lake South End	8:30 am 8:30 am	1,100 150	460 23
7/24	A B	9:00 am 9:00 am	300 240	8 13
7/27	Lower Stream Welch A Welch B Curtis A Curtis B	8:30 am 8:00 am 8:00 am 8:15 am 8:15 am	>1,100 240 500 >1,100 900	>1,100 4 30 80 23
7/31	Klappauf 63049 Birch Rd Curtis 63085 Birch Rd Upper Stream	8:00 am 8:00 am 8:15 am	900 >1,100 500	23 >1,100 300
8/1	14757 Kiloqua Woods	7:30 am	1,600	350



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WATER ANALYSIS

Following are the results for the tests which were requested

FOR: BLYC

Location	Total Coliform/100ml	E Coli/100 ml
Weesner near (1) Lift station	110	2
Near upper stream (2)	23	2
Camp (3)	80	<2
West Side (4)	50	<2
Middle of lake (5)	<2	<2

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In our every day lives light seems to travel from one place to another instantaneously. When we flip on the light in a room there is no delay between when we first see the bulb start glowing and when light illuminates the far corners of the chamber. Our nervous systems are much too slow to notice the rays of light that appear from the bulb and move like a wave washing over the room.

When we deal with the immense distances of space, though, even light seems slow. When astronauts were on the Moon it took over a second for the radio waves (which travel at the speed of light) carrying their voices to reach us. Light coming from the sun takes eight and one half minutes to hit Earth. (This means that if the sun were suddenly to go dark, it would take over eight minute for us to notice) Light from the nearest stars, other than the sun, takes four and a half years to get here. From the farthest stars in distant galaxies it can take billions of years for the light to arrive..

The distance light can travel in a year is called a "light year." The light year is one of the basic measures of distance for astronomy. (Note that I said, "distance",

not time as some of our more time challenged friends may believe.)

When designing probes for trips to other planets in our solar system it is important for the planners to keep the communications time lag, caused by the speed of light, in mind. For example, a probe designed to land on Mars must be smart enough to handle problems in the flight on it's own without instructions from Earth. If a course change is needed during landing the probe would have to do it automatically. The delay caused by the probe requesting instructions from Earth and getting commands back might be nearly an hour, plenty of time for the probe to crash.

The delay caused by the speed of light can sometimes be noticed here on Earth during telephone calls. Long distance calls that have been routed over one or more space satellites may cause a half second or so delay between the speaker and the listener.

The speed of light has several properties which may seem counter-intuitive to us, but are true:

- Nothing travels faster than the speed of light.
- No matter how fast you are moving the speed of light seems to be the same speed as if you were not moving at all.
- As an object or person is accelerated toward the speed of light time slows down for it/him.

This last property leads to the "twins" effect: Twin brothers live on Earth. One

brother takes a trip to a distant star traveling at a high percentage of the speed of light. When the twin returns he will be younger than his brother because for him time slowed down during the trip.

This effect, called "time dilation," helps explain why the speed of light is the same no matter how fast you are going. As a traveler accelerates time slows down for him. This, in turn, affects his measurements.

Actually it's way more complicated than that. For now though, when you're out there enjoying the show, remember that when you look up you are seeing the moon, planets and stars not as they are now, but as they were when the light entering your eye left its source seconds, minutes or even thousands of years ago. -

Stu Spratt



The Moon tonight:

The moon for August 23 (at Midnight)
Illuminated Fraction: 0.459
0.3 days after last quarter

Horoscope for Birch Lakers

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20)

Plan events like camping or white water rafting. You can convince anyone of anything. You'll be pleased with the results if you take the time to decorate your home. Get on with your life. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- may 21)

You will have a great deal of insight when dealing with others. You are able to make changes in your home that will be favorable to all involved. You should not get involved in joint ventures. Leave things as they are for the moment and focus on reaching your highest potential at work. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Be cautious while traveling; minor accidents are evident. Put your time and energy into home improvement. Your moneymaking opportunities will flourish. Be sure to double-check the house on your way out. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

If you take on too much of a financial burden you may make yourself ill. You should be in business for yourself. You must use discretion when talking to others. Gambling should not be an option. Trips will be enjoyable, and communication with your lover will clear up any misconceptions. Your lucky day this week will

be Friday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22)

One sided attractions are likely. You should be promoting your ideas. Take time to find out if anyone has a better suggestion before you make arrangements for the whole family. Snap out of it. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23)

Don't make excuses. Don't be afraid to pursue unfamiliar grounds. Travel will be favorable. Resist overspending on luxury items. You need time to rejuvenate. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23)

Be prepared to take advantage of your good fortune. Don't let relatives get the better of you. You will have an interest in foreigners and their cultures. Put your thoughts into some trendy new ideas. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Escapist tendencies will result in a poor reputation and a lack of confidence. Don't let others saddle you with guilt that isn't warranted. You may be able to get some good advice about your personal problems. You can convince anyone of anything. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21)

Business partnerships should turn out to be quite lucrative. Things are looking up. Correspondence may not clear up issues. Keep calm. Someone around you is bouncing off the walls. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20)

You will be in the mood for entertainment. You may want to take a look at your direction in life. You should be in business for yourself. Professionalism will be of utmost importance. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19)

Travel will be on your mind; however, be careful and proceed with caution as minor accidents will cause delays. Travel will be good if you are seeking knowledge. Strength will come from your ability to overtake just about any one. Your main concern will be to spend as little as possible of your own cash in the process. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

You may be offered opportunities that will result in a higher earning potential. Social events may lead to a romantic interlude. You will do well if you mingle with the brass this week. Don't blow situations out of proportion. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

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Found on the Northshore: Inflatable white tube @ 9 feet long. Call 476-9823

Found a turtle raft on the east side, call Odenwald's at 269-476-8840, or 708-307-5245, if it is yours.

LOST

Lost: Orange and Black kayak paddle. Says "Pelican" on the blade. If found, please call Camp T at 476-2177.

WANTED

LOOKING for an MC 16ft sailboat. JP and Marlow Hoyer, 476-2656

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THANKS

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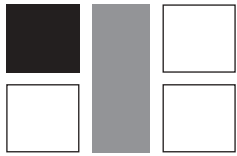
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