

A Squadron of Pelicans and One Black Bear
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so on this week
of strange and amazing
happenings
a black bear shows up
placid and cozy
up a neighborhood tree
right here in *Spirit on the Lake*
Sheboygan, Wisconsin
while downhill North Point
ribbons of pelicans pose and preen
for human squawkers
yearning for that one more glimpse
into what we don't know
but crave to touch
maybe grow wings
or at least climb to that next height
a way to see
the world fresh and new
a perspective we all desire
some time anyway
in what seems
our too common lives