

Birch Barker

Weekend of July 26, 2008

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The Cass County's Marine Patrol watched Mr. Bob & crew aboard Ego last Sunday ...

Commodore's Comments

“One of the Great Lakes,” what does that phrase bring to mind? To me it bring so many things into my head that I just had to put them to print. First it brings the tranquil mornings with the bobber slightly moving over a nibble on the hook. Secondly, the skier making their first morning run, which also gives my bobber a little more life. Next are the ducks and blue herons that make their way from dock to dock looking for their next meal. The morning sail boat races with sails whipping in the wind and each competitor trying to outwit the other for that next position. You can't forget the afternoon boat tie-offs with wonderful friendships, cool and clear water that soothes your body as you jump in to refresh your body from the sun's rays. The evening boat cruises that put your mind at ease and

help you unwind from the days tribulations. Lastly, the evening sunsets and clear nights that let the sun and moon show off their magnificent talents. These are just a few of things, that to me make our lake “One of the Great Lakes.”

Our annual spaghetti dinner was held last Saturday night, I would like to thank everyone that came out make this event a huge success. The group from the north shore along with some others and the great notes kept by the cove over the years, made this event all possible. Thanks again to everyone!!!

By the time you read this, the men's golf outing will be over and most will still be trying to recover. Thanks Artie!!! Next Friday will be the ladies golf outing at Sauganash C.C. in Three Rivers, with a shotgun start at 9 am. August 9th will be the corn and sausage roast, I hope everyone will put this on their calendar.

In closing take a few minutes and look around to see what makes this lake

2008 BLYC Calendar*

- Fri. Aug 1 — Women's Golf Outing 9 am
- Fri. Aug 7 — Ladies' Luncheon
- Sat. Aug 2 — Board Meeting 9 am
- Sat. Aug 2 — Corn & Sausage Roast
- Sat. Aug 23 — Fall Dinner
- Sat. Sept 6 — Board Meeting 9 am
- Oct 4 — Annual Chili Cook Off
- TBA — Sailing Awards, Fish & Wing Dinner, Card Party

*all dates and times are tentative. Watch the Barker for updates

such a great place to be called “One of the Great Lakes.” We have a awesome group of people around this lake that want to make everyone feel at home, improve the things that need improved, and make this a wonderful place for generations to come. Have a safe and wonderful weekend and we will “see you on the pond.”

-Mike Lutz
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 —

Be good to yourself

Yoga classes at the Council on Aging in Cassopolis Mondays and Wednesdays 6 p.m. "Drop-in" one-hour class taught by a certified instructor. \$8 per session and bring your own mat.

Registration needed for first-time visitors.

Thanks for the spaghetti

Thanks to all who helped organize the spaghetti dinner! I know I'm not the only one who would love a copy of the delicious home-made sauce recipes. Any chance those talented cooks could publish them in a future Barker?

-Linda Witchie

The weather did not dampen this reunion for the Youskow Family. Jim & Linda Bergan hosted the 3rd Youskow Family Reunion at their home, which was enjoyed by all. The gang started coming in on Wed and continued to party till Sunday morning. They had relatives from Hawaii, Ca., Wis., and Az. and Jim's aunt Annie (at 94) traveled from Ca. to join them and made this a very special event. The Youskow name is from Jim's grandmother, Rose Marie.



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— Birch Lake Notes —

Birch Barker Kid of the Week



Gary "Gus" Eschleman's (south side) pose with his noodles was just too good ... so he gets to be a kid of the week!

Birch Lake Garage Sale

The annual Birch Lake Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, August 2 from 8 am to 3 pm.

Missing items ... thefts?

Contact the Cass County Sheriff at "911" for to report suspected thefts, suspicious behaviors or non-emergencies at 445-8644. For emergencies, dial 9-1-1.

Line dancing

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

Ladies' Luncheon

The BLYC Ladies' Luncheon (formerly linked to the BLYC Ladies' Golf Tournament) will be held on Thursday, August 7 at Brewster's in Three Rivers (at the corner of Hoffman and 131) at Noon.

Ladies' Golf Tournament

The Ladies' Golf Tournament will be held on August 1 at Sauganash Golf Course in Three Rivers. The event will feature a shotgun start at 9 am.

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Birch Barker Kids of the Week

Ayden and Brent Nation, had a wonderful vacation with Gramps and Grammie Klappauf. Both boys had firsts in their lives. Ayden (5) went knee boarding behind the boat and also learned he could swim in deep water without his life jacket.

And little brother, Brent (3) started to run and dive off the pier and off the boat in the middle of Birch Lake.

Both parents and grandparents are extremely proud.



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Fleet Captains' Corner



So, who's complaining ...

It must seem to you faithful readers that all I do in this column is complain about the weather. Well, this week I'm not going to do that. Sunday morning was a dull, gray, damp morning. Definitely not one of those nice, blue-sky summer days that everybody always talks about. Nobody was out tubing or wake-boarding or jet-skiing. Nobody was out at all except for eleven dedicated sailors. (Okay, there was one group out there partying on a pontoon boat, but that was the race committee, so we had to turn a blind eye in that direction). And it was really a nice morning for sailing — since there were no speedboats out, the water was nice and smooth, and there was a gentle wind blowing the whole time we were out there — so who could complain?

Tom Howard was the winner of the first race for the Sunfish fleet. Erica Vitale won the second race, and Tom came back to win the third. For the MC fleet, Harold Cranmer won the first race, and Scott Troeger won the second (by a mile) and third races. Bob King and Jim Bolinger deserve honorable mention for putting on a beautiful water ballet for the onlookers -- or was it breakdancing? You guys need to be more careful with those nice boats.

Thanks, always, to Harold for setting out the marks before the race and gathering them in afterward. Thanks to Gus Eshelman for his help moving the marks as the wind shifted. And thanks, of course, to the aforementioned race committee — Stewart, Deb, Fry, Patty, and Commodore Mike — for their spirited (why did he choose that word, you might ask) handling of the races.

-Fleet Captain Bill.



Last week's intrepid Committee Boat Staff included Commodore Mike, Starman Stu, Bad Patty and Driver Deb ... thanks to all!

Last week's results & totals

Race	11 7/20	12 7/20	13 7/20	Season Points	Races Started	Season Average
MC Scow						
Scott Troeger	2	1	1	15380	10	1538
Harold Cranmer	1	2	5	18268	12	1522
Bob King	4	5	2	14091	10	1409
Don Harman	7	6	8	14825	11	1348
Jim Bolinger	5	3	6	10781	8	1348
Phil Vitale	6	4	3	14708	11	1337
Jeff Smitley	3	7	4	16740	13	1288
Bill Luecht	8	8	7	16103	13	1239
Dave Olson	DNS	DNS	DNS	11582	10	1158
Sunfish						
Tom Howard	1	2	1	17442	11	1586
Erica Vitale	2	1	3	9207	6	1535
Katie Luecht	DNS	DNS	DNS	7613	5	1523
Rick Russwurm	DNS	DNS	DNS	3042	2	1521
Sandy Vitale	3	3	2	8897	6	1483
Mike Gotstein	DNS	DNS	DNS	2813	2	1407

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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Grazing ...

For a long time, I thought my dogs ate grass because their stomachs were upset. Over time, I've realized that they seem to eat grass pretty much any old time. They are just grazing fools. But it still makes you wonder, so why do dogs eat grass anyway? Pretty much every dog I've ever had has munched down on weeds like a furry sheep at one time or another. Considering dogs are primarily meat-eaters, it seems like an odd activity. After researching this question in many books and online, I've learned that no one seems to know why dogs eat grass. People have a lot of theories however. The idea that I heard years ago (from my Mom actually) is that the dog feels queasy and knows he has eaten something disgusting. So he eats grass to make his tummy feel better. You have Tums;

your dog has the lawn. Other people suggest that since dogs often throw up after eating grass, maybe they are doing it on purpose. The dog feels sick, so to make himself vomit, he snarfs down some grass or weeds. The greens irritates his stomach and he yaks everything up on the carpet. Given that so many dogs throw up after eating grass, I can definitely buy into that idea. Another theory is that dogs need a balanced diet, so Fido is just making an effort to eat his veggies because today's dog food doesn't include enough nutrition. Dogs are descended from wolves and a related theory says that dogs are after vegetable matter because it's historically been part of their diet. When wolves kill something and eat it, they get the stomach contents along with the meat. Since wolves eat a lot of herbivores, they get

sort of second-hand plant material. Ancestors of dogs used to get lots of grasses this way, so dogs still like eating grass. The consensus seems to be that unless your dog really goes nuts about it, eating grass is a normal activity for your furry friend, so you don't really need to worry about it. However, before you let your dog graze on the neighbor's lawn, make sure that the grass hasn't been sprayed with any type of chemicals, such as fertilizer (even Phosphorous free), pesticides or herbicides. Limit your dog's snacking to organically grown non-toxic greenery.



Yap at cha next week.

**-Fido's Friend
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Golf Wordsearch for BLYC

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Birch Lake Sixties Reunion Memories Shared

By Liz Burchell

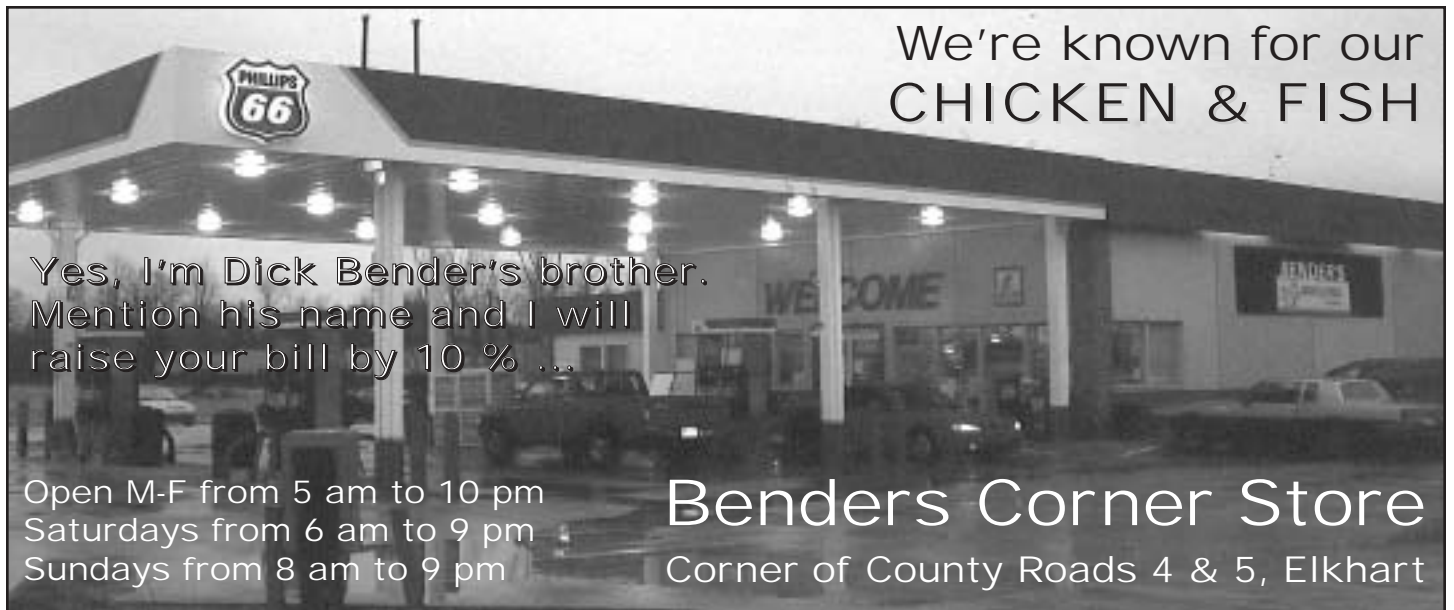
“A Time It Was” reflected the theme and the time for a gathering of Birch Lakers over the Fourth weekend. Brainchild of former Birch Laker Tim Burchell, Didi Hendersen, John Ball, and their spouses (that’s another reunion to be announced!). The “A Team” worked over a year researching and finding many of the old friends that had shared wonderful memories during the late sixties and early seventies. The event was held at the BYLC, with over 30 in attendance sharing memories from nearly 40 years (some brain cells survived!). The faces a little older — memories flowed and the years fell away as stories of the American Woman and various antics were renewed. Plenty of snacks and drinks were enjoyed and music was provided by local DJ Alex Ball who compiled music from the era. Lots of old pictures were brought to share, an original T-shirt was designed by Liz Burchell for the event, and Jill Tunnecliff Scholes compiled sixties music CDs for all in attendance, adding more fun to the evening. The night culminated when the group sat together at the Benders beach and watched the Fourth of July Fireworks. Tim Burchell grew up on



Birch Lake from a small boy living near his Aunt, 52 year resident, Wanda Winiarski. Steve King, one of his oldest friends was also an original Bircher, with his Grandma Harvey being an integral part of the development of the Lake. Others original Birchers in attendance were Darlene and Ken Troyer, Sue O’Brien Davis, Jill Tunnecliff Scholes, Kathy and Sandi Green, Didi, Kathy and Denny Hendersen, Barry DeCoudres and his sister,

Gail, Steve Echols, Patty Harcraft, Peter Winiarski, Pat Burchell Keirn, John Ball and his sister Julie Ball Lacey, Marty Asire, and memorial mention went to Kim Price and Craig Zimmerman who have passed away. Honorable mention went to all the spouses who were allowed to attend the festivities! A great time was had by all.

Liz Burchell, is a freelance writer in the Pensacola Florida area.



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Tannadoonah Tidbits

International week at Camp T.

It's International Week at Camp Tannadoonah and we have 67 campers at camp this week. Instead of the usual cabin names, this week each cabin is its own country! We have Ireland, France, China, Japan, Australia, Brazil, and Germany. We even have an international camper here at camp this week. She came all the way from China to spend a week at Camp Tannadoonah!

This week has been especially exciting up here at camp because we are having our "Tannadoonah Fairy" week at camp. This basically means that the staff members are playing pranks on one another all week, and also acting like "Secret Santas," too. It's very amusing!

Last week was awesome with 93 campers here at camp — I hope next year we have many more weeks like that! We only have two more weeks of camp for the 2008 season. Next week is Olympic Week, and the last week is Gypsy Week. If you're still thinking about sending a camper to camp this year, we do still have openings for both of these weeks. Our official number for the summer is currently 427, with a goal of still reaching 450. However, when we include staff children (e.g., nurse's kids), we're over 460! We've had a total of nearly 100 more campers this year than we had last year.

And now for the spotlight staff members of the week! This year we have five counselors who all went to high school together, and decided to come work at camp this summer. Many of you probably already know Miss Tess and Miss Rachael from the lake - they live back in the cove. Miss Rachael lives in Luta Koda with our 6th and 7th grade girls.



She will be a sophomore at Stephen F. Austin State University in the fall. She is studying Orientation and Mobility. She is most likely to be found at the Waterfront teaching boating and swimming classes.

Miss Tess will be a sophomore at Virginia Tech in the fall, where she is studying architecture. Miss Tess lives in Rotary with the 5th & 6th grade girls, and also works on the Waterfront. Miss Tess is most often out on the sailboats with the campers. Miss Rachael and Miss Tess are also twins!

Miss Kate will be a sophomore at Grand Valley State University, and is studying biology. This week she lives in Exchange with the 4th and 5th grade girls, but she's been moving from cabin to cabin each week. Miss Kate is also on the waterfront staff, and usually teaches swimming lessons, canoeing, or kayaking.

Miss Kristi will be a sophomore at Illinois State University, where she is studying elementary education. Miss Kristi is living in Wallace

with the youngest girls (kindergarten through 3rd grade). She's also on the waterfront staff, and usually teaches boating. This week she's been helping with the Bluebird Program, as well. The Bluebirds are a group of our youngest campers who have a counselor with them at all times to make sure they get to their activities and know what's going on at camp.

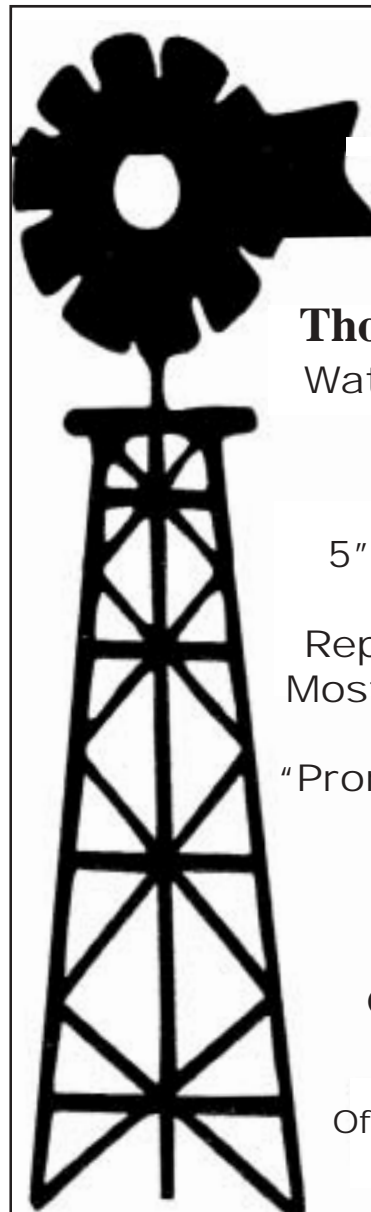
Finally, Miss Molly will also be a sophomore at Illinois State, and she is studying Food, Nutrition, and Dietetics. Miss Molly lives in Luta Koda with Miss Rachael, and works at the waterfront, too. All five of these counselors have lots of energy and always seem to have smiles on their faces. We're so happy to have such a spectacular staff this summer at camp!

Don't forget to send those campers for the last two weeks - Gypsy week is going to be especially amazing! See you all on the lake!

-Miss Amber

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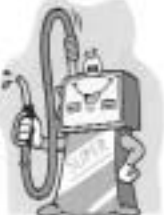
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Rick Russwurm Chairman, Bob & Gert Temple, Terry Dugan

Watching the heavy rainfall this weekend, there was the reminder that if it is around the lake and not tied down, it gets into the lake. Small watershed, steep hillsides, lots of impervious surfaces (concrete, roofs, decks), grassy slopes, and little vegetation barrier by the lake, means lots of water flow and with that everything goes into the lake. Also remember if it gets into the lake, it takes a long time for it to leave. The small watershed and deep waters means a slow lake turnover, presently estimated at about 15 years. Thus to help the lake stay clean it is important to try to impede or slow down the flow of nutrients etc. into the lake. Thus a couple of reminders.

1) If you must fertilize around the lake use only non phosphorus fertilizers. Phosphorous is the primary limiting nutrient for algal blooms and the growth of lake weeds (Eurasian milfoil loves it). Phosphorus is the middle number on the fertilizer bags. Always make sure it is 00 for use around the lake. And remember you can buy phosphorus free fertilizer from Bob Temple.

2) Firepits and leaf burning. When you burn organic material you bypass the slow decay and nutrient release that occurs naturally. Why wait for nature when you can instantly produce readily available concentrated fertilizers ready for action by burning. The ash has a whole bunch of mineral micronutrients inclusive of phosphorus. Thus, enjoy your lakeside fires and if you have to get rid of yard waste by burning. However, remembering that what is around the lake gets into the lake, get yourself a bag and shovel when the embers cool and get rid of the excess ash etc. So stop and think for a second when you do burn the fact that you can do this but still protect the lake. I will not get into the global warming and lake acidification debates from the carbon and nitrogen released by burning as it is not the point here.

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Spaghetti Dinner

Photos of last weekend's spaghetti dinner were not available at press time ... we promise to share them with you next week. In the meanwhile, thanks to the North Shore Crew for a job well done!



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Every dog star has it's day

It's July, it's hot, and it's not hard to see why: the Sun soars high across northern-hemisphere skies, and it's in view for a long time.

People in parts of the ancient world, though, blamed summer's oppressive heat on something we can't see right now: Sirius, the Dog Star. In fact, they described this time of year as the Dog Days -- a label that's still in use today.

Sirius is the brightest star in the night sky. It puts on its best showing during winter. It disappears in the twilight during late spring, and returns to view in August.

But thousands of years ago, Sirius disappeared and reappeared a little earlier. From ancient Greece and Rome, it put in its first morning appearance by early July -- just as the weather was reaching its hottest. So it seemed logical that Sirius was the cause -- its light and heat added

to the Sun's to bring things to a simmer.

That's not the case, though -- Sirius is more than eight light-years away, so we feel none of its heat.

Another part of the Sirius legend had a more solid scientific basis, though. People believed that if Sirius looked clear and white when it first appeared in the dawn sky, they could expect a mild, healthy season. But if it looked murky and red, then greater heat, disease, and famine were on the way. And there's some truth to that. Clear, bright skies are less humid and stagnant, so they're not as oppressive -- even during the Dog Days of summer.

Begin looking for Sirius in the predawn eastern sky over the next few days. The show goes on all night you know. And of course it's still free.

-Stu Spratt

The Moon tonight:



The moon for July 26 (at Midnight)
Illuminated Fraction: 0.324
1.5 days after last quarter

Horoscope for Birch Lake

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20)

You will need to do a lot of research if you wish to get to the bottom of things. Difficulties at an emotional level may be likely. Snap out of it. You need to put some trust in others.

Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- may 21)

Take care of chores that have been hanging over your head. Don't get involved in joint ventures. You will have the discipline to make changes you feel are necessary. This could be a difficult day to deal with coworkers.

Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

You may find it difficult to communicate with someone at work. Expect to have more people on your domestic scene. You must lay down ground rules so that you can complete a job. Secret affairs will only lead to heartache.

Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Back off if you want to keep the relationship intact. You will find that money could slip through your fingers. Some of that extra energy you have stored up might just be put to good use. Love can be yours if you get out and about.

Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22)

You will easily capture the interest of those you talk to. You may want to put everyone to work on a project that will keep them all too busy to complain. Be prepared to counteract the damage that adversaries are about to create. Try not to let relatives or friends cause any friction with your mate.

Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23)

Be careful to avoid wrong doings.

Opportunities for romance are present. Your outgoing nature will win hearts. Get involved in sports groups or hobbies that attract you.

Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23)

Try not to get into disputes that will lead to estrangements. Unexpected visitors are likely. Be prepared to do your chores early. You can stabilize your financial situation if you make property investments. Your emotional partner may make you angry this week.

Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Keep your feelings to yourself if you want to avoid embarrassment. Restrictions may be difficult for you to live with, but try to do things by the book. Sign up for courses that will help you understand yourself better. Talk to those in a position of power about your intentions.

Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21)

A new relationship can be yours if you get out with friends. Put your efforts into physical fitness programs or competitive sports. Don't push your luck with authority figures. Look closely at motives and honesty in your personal encounters.

Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20)

You may find that you're being used. Your involvement in interest groups may bring you popularity. Don't reveal information that is personal or confidential. Look into ways to make your home more comfortable.

Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19)

If you're in the mood, go out and socialize, or get involved in sports activities. Go out with friends. Don't be too hard on yourself. Don't be disappointed if you don't get your way emotionally.

Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

Property purchases should be on your mind. Move forward if you want to turn your life around. Arguments with relatives may lead to a split in the family. Find a quiet spot where you can work diligently and stay out of the way.

Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

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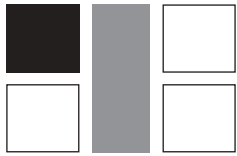
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