



Tom and Earl Troeger with the first trophy ever given by our yacht club. The year was 1948, and it was the yacht club's first year — which makes BLYC 60 years old this year. Sailing on Birch Lake is also 60 years old.

Thanks to Earl Troeger

Lutz Retires Early

Commodore's Comments

That's right. After enticing a relatively wet-behind-the ears newbie to accept the Vice Commodorship by promising to do all the real work forever, Commodore Mike Lutz is walking away from his role (a role he performed so naturally and well) and leaving those behind (or below) him to carry the ball. Quite a lot of nerve huh? Come witness Mike's last stand and abdication of his duties as he leaves the helm behind him on his way out the door. And see who, if anybody, agrees to take it in a year.

On a more gentle note, Mike and his beautiful sidekick Amy, are fixing to ride off into the sunset of beautiful Birch Lake. Come honor and thank them for their year of Commodorship at this year's Fall Dinner. Mike, Amy, and all of their little people have played an important part

in helping you enjoy another year at Birch Lake. Everybody that's anybody should be there.

BLYC Fall Dinner details:

Saturday, August 23, 2008
@ Camp Tanadonah
6:30 PM - Social Time with beer and wine or BYO
7:15 PM - Dinner Served
8:15 PM - Nomination & Election of New Directors
Fare: Polish Wedding Feast with Iced Tea & Lemonade
Fee: \$20 / Adults & Teens
\$10 / Kids (3 - 12)

Tickets: only available through Tuesday, 8/19/08
 North Side: Le & Bill King
 Cove: Vickie Rogers
 West Side: Karen Brovold

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
 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

South Side: Denny Weesner,
 Katha Machalleck
 East Side: Judy Olson and The Fallons

See you at the party!

-Paul Fallon
 Commodore 2009

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 —



Celebrating Ray Sanders

Please join us as we celebrate the life of Raymond Sanders, 86, who passed away early Sunday morning at his Birch Lake home. A memorial service will be this Saturday, August 16 at St Peter's Lutheran Church, 1200 Arnold St, Three Rivers. A luncheon follows at the church and

then further visiting at the Sanders Birch Lake home. Ray and Sonia have been enjoying Birch Lake since 1951.

We will dearly miss our father, husband, brother, grandfather, uncle, cousin and dear friend who never gave less than 100%. He loved us all dearly and we will always keep him in our hearts.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CARMEN

The birthday flags will be flying high on the south shore to celebrate Carmen's Parkinson's 9th Birthday.

Book Club reminder

A reminder to the Book Club members and other Birch Lakers: This Saturday, at 10:00 at the Yacht Club, Scott Teter (former Prosecuting Attorney) will be speaking/answering questions about the Rainbow Farm incident that was located near Vandalia. Whether you have read the book or not, come to find out more about what put Vandalia on the national map in 2001. Everyone is invited.

Busy, busy, busy

Doug & Julie Weaver have been on the move for several weeks. First Ryan and Kim Wilcox of Aubry, Texas and his sister Tracy & our son

Barker Kid of the Week



This is Jonas Alan Custard and his "Grumpa" Phil. Jonas is 15 months old and lives in Northfield, Minnesota. This was his first trip to Birch Lake.

Dewayne Weaver met for dinner and a visit to see the lake. Then the next was the corn & sausage roast which was enjoyed by all.

The following Wednesday Kim and Randy Lee and their children Tanner and Jillian, Lynn (Erhardt) Gaudiano and Cheryl (Erhardt)

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Wilcox, who is Tracy's mother, all 6 of the Dallas, TX area spend a few days. The women enjoyed a Candlelite party Wednesday and a **BIG** party Thursday with extras Bob and Kay (Jensen) Greenig and Lesley of California, Linda (Ebeling) Hammes and grandson Tyler, and Todd and Allyson Weaver with sons Riley & Collin, of Union, Jeanne Olgiun and Kaighn Hankins and daughter Kiaya of Elkhart and friends of Lynn's from South Bend. So we had about 24 people having crab, shrimp, steak and trimmings.

This past week Lelah Steffe of Rome City, IN who is Doug's aunt, her daughter Melody Norton of Orland, IN and her daughter Lia with her two children Shelby and Seth arrived. Also Melody's other two grandchildren Bland and T.J. Norton came so there were 4 generations of Doug's family here.

This weekend there will be a get-together for Allyson Weaver's big — birthday (she doesn't want the big — mentioned). Happy Happy A!

A good time has been had by everyone.

-Doug & Julie Weaver

Carol Dugan's photos

If you would like to catch the show before it closes, Carol Dugan's

Birch Barker Kids of the Week



Thomas Blackwood (5yrs) and his new brother Joseph Blackwood (1 month), sons of Jill & Tim Blackwood, son and daughter-in-law of Birch Lake residents Beth and Howard Blackwood.

photography is up at Carnegie Center for the Arts in Three Rivers through August 31. Carnegie is located in Three Rivers on Main Street across from the post office.

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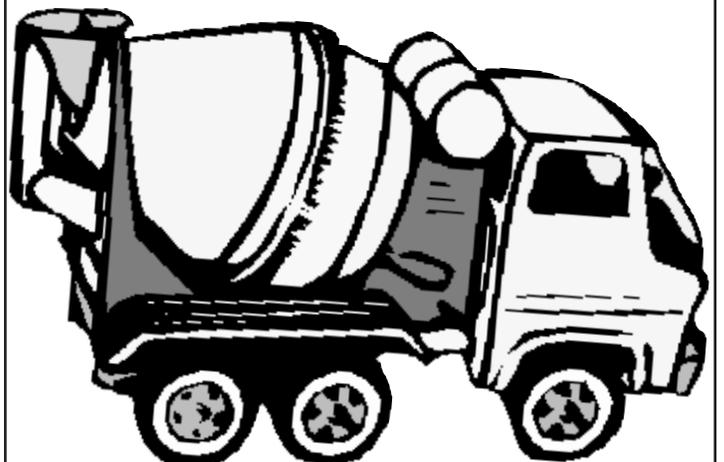
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— Birch Lake Notes —

Birch Barker Kids of the Week



Sara Talbot's (South Side) grandchildren - (from left) Sean, Eric Streitmatter (Peggy) & Megan Feeney (Tracy).

zantine gallery on the second floor. The theme is 'Surprised by Beauty.' The collection includes pieces done in photo print, metallic finish, giclee on canvas and giclee on pearl.

Thanks for the frustration
A thank you (I think) to the per-

son who has been putting the WordSearches in the Barker each week. Frustrating at times but fun.

-Judy O

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).

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.

Auntie YaYa's dessert tortillas

By popular demand, a recipe from last weekend:

16 oz. tortilla
1-1/2 stick butter
2 cups sugar
1/2 cup cinnamon

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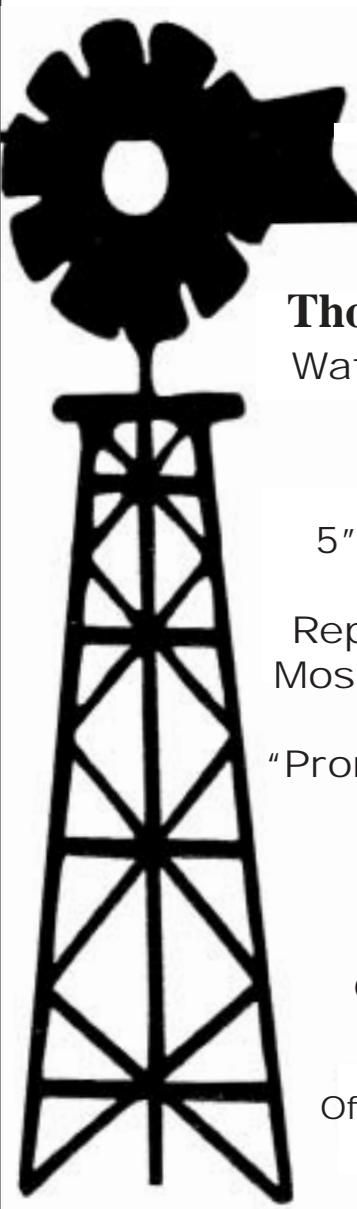
Birch Barker Kids of the Week



Ben Thomas (7yrs) and his cousin Thomas Blackwood (5yrs) on the tube, grandchildren of Birch Lake residents Beth and Howard Blackwood



The Luecht family, Bad Patty and Bill (front), Katie & John in back.



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The Kinzlers on the West Side are having their 2nd annual all-guys trip to the lake. It has been named "sausage fest." Be on the lookout, there is talk of the waterskiing pirate making his debut on Birch Lake! Also beware of 20 guys wearing "sausage fest 2008" shirts with logo barbequeing like mad. Hopefully this will continue as a Birch Lake tradition for many years to come.

Two old guys and a horse of the Week



Bill King's Grandfather (right) and Great Grandfather (left) — we're not sure who the guy in the middle might be (or his horse).



Fleet Captains' Corner



What a beautiful day it was for sailing last Sunday! Well, okay, the wind was a little bit gusty, and all the sailors and sailboats got beat up, but it was still a great day. It was good to see Rick Harman and Eric Odenwald out on the water. Rick just wanted to remind the other sailors that he still knows how to handle an MC. Dick and Peggy Cowen did a

great job running the committee boat. And thanks to Earl Troeger for the extra anchor!

So far this season, we have had 20 MC races and 18 Sunfish races. The scoring table shows the number of races that each sailor has completed (remember that we are counting regatta races towards the number of races needed, but not including them in the season scores). Sailors need to complete

two-thirds of the races to qualify. That's 14 for the MCs and 12 for the Sunfish.

-Fleet Captain Bill

Trivia Question: What do the letters "MC" as in "MC Scow" stand for? MC Scows are the larger boats with a single (hint, hint) sail that make up one of our sailing fleets at Birch Lake.

Last week's results & totals

Date	10-Aug	10-Aug	10-Aug	Total	Season	Races
Race #	18	19	20	Points	Average	Completed
MC Scow ... (Total Season Races to date = 20)						
Scott Troeger	4	1	DNS	22993	1533	20
Rick Harman	1	3	2	4565	1522	3
Harold Cranmer	2	4	3	27167	1509	20
Bob King	DNS	DNS	DNS	18502	1423	18
Jim Bolinger	DNS	DNS	DNS	10781	1348	13
Phil Vitale	5	2	5	22800	1341	22
Don Harman	DNS	DNS	DNS	18642	1332	18
Jeff Smitley	3	6	4	26487	1324	24
Bill Luecht	6	5	6	24688	1234	24
Dave Olson	7	7	1	19319	1207	19
Sunfish (Total Season Races to date = 18)						
Tom Howard	1	2	1	28176	1565	18
Rick Russwurm	3	1	3	13772	1530	13
Erica Vitale	2	4	2	19398	1492	17
Katie Luecht	6	DNS	DNS	8838	1473	8
Sandy Vitale	5	5	DNF	16910	1409	15
Mike Gotstein	DNS	DNS	DNS	2813	1407	2
Eric Odenwald	4	3	4	4182	1394	3
Chris Scofield	DNS	DNS	DNS	0	0	4

2008 Kid's Regatta

Saturday August 16 -

at Don & Lind Harman's home on the East shore. All kids are welcome! Sail over, or, join one of the Birch sailors.

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Let sleeping dogs lie ...

Research confirms what pretty much every dog owner knows: dogs dream when they sleep, just like people do.

Dogs have different phases of sleep, just like humans do. The only difference is in the length of time. Our sleep cycles tend to be longer, but like people, dogs go through slow wave sleep (SWS) and rapid eye movement (REM) sleep. All that dreaming happens in the REM sleep cycle.

When your dog is still and breathing deeply, he's probably in the SWS sleep phase. Although he seems to be doing a great imitation of a rug, he's actually much more likely to wake up during this sleep phase than during REM sleep. Once the dog starts "running" or twitching, he's in the REM cycle, which is extremely deep sleep and when tests have shown there is the most brain activity.

Apparently a dog's sleep position also indicates how they sleep. A dog curled up in a tight ball may look like he's sleeping hard, but may not be. To

enter the deepest REM sleep a dog has to be completely relaxed. But he can't be completely relaxed when all his muscles are tensed to keep him curled up. So that compact hound may be more awake than you thought.

Along the same lines, a dog sleeping on his back with his feet in the air isn't doing it just to be weird. Dogs have less fur on their tummies, so when they are hot, they tend to sleep upside-down, since it cools them off.

And here's one I always suspected. Dogs who lie back to back are bonding with one another. When they lie with their back resting on you, they are bonding with you. This contact shows a desire to be with the other dog or human. It's a way of showing affection.

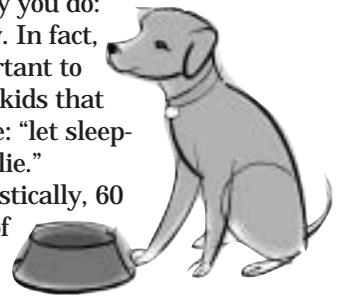
Interestingly, puppies and old dogs dream more than middle aged dogs. So as your dog ages, you can expect more dream activity. This change also may be part of why older dogs may seem to be more irritable. Dogs that are awakened from deep REM sleep may respond in much the

same way you do: grouchy. In fact, it's important to instill in kids that old adage: "let sleeping dogs lie."

Statistically, 60 percent of dog bites happen to children and 70 percent of dog bites occur on the owner's property. In other words, the family dog can and will bite the kid if the kid hasn't been taught how to behave around the family pet. People always seem to think that their child or their dog "would never do that," but annually 4.7 million people in the US are bitten by dogs, so dog bites are hardly uncommon.

Although it's fun to watch the antics of dreaming dogs, it's best to let them dream their happy dreams of chasing squirrels uninterrupted.

-Fido's Friend
LEASH YOUR DOG IT'S THE LAW!



Lake Critters Wordsearch

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Answers to the Birch Lake Wordsearch from last week

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Tanadoonah Tidbits

Last week of Camp for the summer ... :-)

Well, camp is officially over for the summer season. We finished the summer with a total of 457 campers, which surpassed our goal of 450. Including staff kids, we had a total of 491! I've summarized the summer in a table for our end of summer report to the board, and thought it would be interesting to share here. We had many campers who signed up for extra programs like tennis, jewelry making, and photography as well.

What's really amazing to me, though, is the number of campers we were able to help attend camp through the campership program. A total of 64 campers received funding from the campership fund, and we had over \$14,000 in campership funds for the summer. Most of the camperships were partial camperships, averaging just over \$225 in financial aid per camper. Last year we were only able to give about 10 campers financial aid, so this is clearly a significant increase.

I also have some updates on the cabin adoption drive. All of the shores have been extremely generous in their donations, and I can't thank you all enough for the support of our camp property and facilities. The West Shore will be adoption Wallace. The South Shore has chosen to adopt Rotary. The East Shore will either adopt Luta Koda or Exchangettes. We also received a donation at the Pancake Breakfast from a family on the East Shore to adopt Exchange.

I apologize for not having exact num-



bers at this point on the donations from each shore — I'm still working on summarizing all the information I have received from our shore captains, and will have a final report ready soon. But in any case, we are very grateful for the generosity of everyone on the lake, both for the cabin adoption drive and the campership funds. Your support of Camp Tanadoonah is what makes it possible for us to provide such a special camp experience for our campers.

This week I'm working on plans for our

fall events up at camp. Right now we have dates for the annual Fall Festival camp weekend (September 26-28), and the Family Camp Weekend (September 19-21). We hope to get 20 or more families up to camp for Family Camp, so if you're interested in attending, please let me know. I'll also be looking for people to help staff the Fall Festival weekend, so if you want to help out, call or email me for more info.

Now that camp is over, I hope you will all be seeing more of Chas and me out on the lake. We don't know what to do with all this extra time in the evenings! We're looking forward to the Fall Dinner up at camp, and hope to see everyone there.

-Miss Amber

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	Total kids	Camperships (campers)	Tennis	Ropes Challenge	Bejewel	Scrapbook	Photo
Week 1	83	\$7115 (23)	17	3	11	1	6
Mini	43	\$150 (2)	1	5	0	0	1
Week 3	37	\$600 (2)	8	5	5	0	3
Week 4	93	\$400 (3)	15	22	5	2	2
Week 5	68	\$2275 (11)	11	3	13	4	6
Week 6	65	\$625 (3)	13	12	0	0	5
Week 7	102	\$3450 (20)	13	6	11	2	11
Totals	491	\$14,615 (64)	78	56	45	9	34

Summer's over — time for the BLYC Fall Dinner

It's time (dammit).....For the "I can't believe it's already upon us, and yes it is depressingly named, annual **Birch Lake Fall Dinner.**" While the title may leave something to be desired (a bad taste in your mouth so to speak) the dinner certainly won't. This is the last major lake event of the normal summer season. Don't miss this opportunity to mingle & say good-bye to all your summer lake friends. If talk of the onset of the next season has you bummed, just remember our enjoyment of the highs of life is a function of our ability and willingness to accept its lows also.

Tickets are available from the following people:

North Side: Le & Bill King; **Cove:** Vickie Rogers; **West**

Side: Karen Brovold; **South Side:** Denny Weesner, Katha Machalleck; **East Side:** Judy Olson and The Fallons

BLYC FALL DINNER

Saturday, August 23, 2008 @ 6:30 PM

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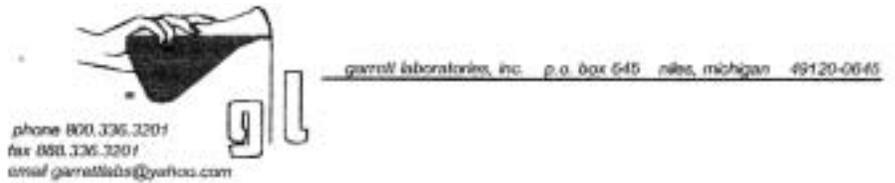
**Water Quality Program
Water Quality Committee Lake
Management Report
Rick Russwurm Chairman,
Bob & Gert Temple, Terry Dugan**

About a month ago the Water Quality Committee published data from samples taken at 6 sites on July 1 in response to the observation of a concentration of bubble masses on the East side. The concern was pollution at that time leading to the surface "bubble mass" observation that extended for some distance along the East side and for a few hundred feet out into the lake. The sample sites included the affected area as well as sites around the lake. Two numbers were given for each of the sites. Total coliform in colonies per 100 ml, and E Coli in terms of colonies per 100 ml. Total coliform levels were no higher than 500 and E coli was highest at 23. Levels of more than 300 for E coli would have to be observed for immersion, i.e. swimming safety per the DEQ. If samples were taken from an identical site and averaged over a month-long period, the E coli number is 130 colonies per 100 ml, indicating a continuous and persistent presence.

Coliform bacteria are ubiquitous to surface waters etc. and thus do not indicate fecal contamination. E coli is a marker bacteria for fecal contamination. However, E coli presence could be due to many factors since they are an intestinal bacteria of all warm blooded animals. Thus, any E coli in the water could be due to sewage contamination, a gaggle of geese swimming by, or run off from lawns where the dog poop had not been scooped up, i.e. any non-human warm-blooded feces which found its way into the waterway.

For the current testing that will be conducted at Birch Lake, we will take samples from the same locations each week. Each site will have multiple control samples taken each time. The goal of the formal sampling is to provide a firm reliable database to determine if any issues exist or responses are necessary. This will not be done by the Water Quality Committee or Yacht Club alone or in isolation. One real issue, should

Water tests received at August board meeting



WATER ANALYSIS

Following are the results for the tests which were requested

FOR: GERT TEMPLE

Date	Location	Time	Coliform	E-Coli
6/10	East Shore No address	10:30 am	300	110
6/17	East Shore 63542 Birch Rd.	12:30 pm	300	240
6/23	North Shore Bliler-14785 Birch Northshore West	11:30 am	240	17
	Rieth-62729 Birch Lakeview	11:45 am	240	30
	East Shore	10:30 am	300	8
	Olson-63486 Birch Rd			
	East Shore	10:30 am	500	23
	Weesner-63542 Birch Rd.			
	South Shore	1 pm	30	23
	Williams-15256 Birch Lakeshore			
6/29	North Shore 14757 Kiloqua Woods Lane	6:30 am	1100	15
7/1	Camp T	10:30 am	240	2
	Public Landing	10:45 am	240	4
	East Shore	9:45 am	500	4
	Sharpe-63286 Birch Rd			
	East Shore	10:00 am	240	4
	Weesner-63542 Birch Rd			
	East Shore	9:30 am	240	23
	Welch-63300 Birch Rd-North			
	East Shore	9:30 am	500	2
	Welch-63300 Birch Rd-South			

the numbers warrant, will be to ascertain whether any bacteria observed are of human or non-human origin. If human this indi-

cates certain questions to ask and potential directions to follow. If non-human, we need to ask other questions. Thus at this time, any data presented is not indicative of either human or non-human origin.

We have recently obtained a few additional samples that were taken by Gert prior to the July 1 sampling. Two things to remember here. (1) these samples were not necessarily taken from identical sites of the July 1 sampling. (2) Each sample represents single samples at that site.

Again, the current sampling program is designed to formally establish what we can observe over a defined testing period. We will publish all results either in the printed Barker up through Labor day or on the online version post Labor Day. We will also discuss this data with relevant academic and local experts and authorities to ascertain if any issues do exist and if so how to take the next analytic steps. This will be done methodically and carefully. We welcome questions and concerns from lake residents.

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Stu's Star Stuff



Grain or Green Corn Moon

The Moon is full today as it lines up opposite the Sun. The full Moon of August is known as the Grain Moon or Green Corn Moon. The Moon will be partially eclipsed early today as it passes through Earth's shadow. The eclipse is not visible for us here at the lake, however, because it takes place during the day. It will be visible across Africa, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, and India, so go there.

Planets and moons are big and heavy. Even so, if they get a little top-heavy, they may just tip over.

Scientists had already found evidence of this tipping business on Mars and on Enceladus, one of the moons of Saturn. And now they've also seen it on Europa, one of the moons of Jupiter.

In all three cases, scientists suspect that lots of ice built up at the poles. The extra mass made the worlds unstable, so they tipped over on their sides. Yet they

didn't spin on their sides -- the poles moved, too. It would be like Earth tipping so that the ice caps were along the equator, with the poles in the middle of the Pacific and Atlantic oceans.

On Europa, scientists found evidence of such a tip-over in pictures of large curved basins on the moon's surface. These depressions are near the equator today, but in the past they might have aligned with the poles. They suggest that when the ice at the poles grew thick enough, Europa's axis shifted by about 80 degrees -- about a quarter of the way around the big moon.

Jupiter appears near our own Moon tonight. It looks like a brilliant cream-colored star that's a little to the upper right of the Moon at nightfall. They scuttle low across the south during the night. Even through the lunar glare, binoculars should reveal Europa and Jupiter's three other big moons. They look like tiny stars lined

up quite close to the planet -- worlds with their own intriguing stories. Get out there and check it out. -*Stu Spratt*

The Moon tonight:

The moon for August 16 (at Midnight)
Illuminated Fraction: 0.998
0.4 days after full moon



Horoscope for Birch Lakers

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20)

Rely on yourself and you will look good to superiors. You should be putting in some overtime. Social get-together will bring you in contact with intelligent new friends. Follow through on some of the good ideas that come up, and you could have a real winner of a deal.

Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- may 21)

Opportunities will unfold; however, you must be willing to pay the price. Don't back down but don't ignite the situation. Be careful how you handle friends and relatives, they may take things the wrong way. Hold on; your time will come. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

You should feel a little more stable about your position; however, don't be surprised if a job offer comes your way. Your dedication and fortitude when dealing with humanitarian groups will enhance your reputation. Problems with in-laws or relatives may be more damaging than you realize. In-laws or older individuals may give you a bit of a hard time this week.

Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Opportunities for advancement at work are apparent. You can mix business with pleasure to get favorable results. Sudden romantic infatuations could lead to a significant and prosperous connection. You should get

involved with activities that can be enjoyed by both young and old alike.

Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22)

Be sure that the person you're drawn to is not already involved. Be careful not to hurt the ones you love. You need to concentrate on solving existing problems. Get involved in creative groups.

Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23)

Your creative talent may well be recognized by others this week. Work quietly at your own goals and forget about situations that you can do little about. You are ready to blow up and your stress level has gone into over drive. Travel will be fun and entertaining. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23)

Look into career choices and courses being offered. Stabilize your own position by locking up your savings. Try to keep any mood swings under control; they may result in alienation. Drastic financial losses may be likely if you lend money.

Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

You may make someone else look bad. Your emotional state could leave you vulnerable and confused. Offers of joint ventures are likely. Take that long overdue vacation if you can. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21)

Being unappreciated by your boss could make it hard to do your work effectively. Your mate is going to want and need some attention. Put your thoughts into some trendy new ideas. You may want to clear the air where older relatives are concerned. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20)

Social events will be favorable. Someone you least expect could be trying to make you look bad. Don't get depressed, get busy. You can accomplish a lot if you're willing to put in a little extra time. Do not over expand if you have your own business. Sit tight.

Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19)

You will be highly entertaining when in contact with your lover. Your intellectual charm will win hearts and bring opportunities that you least expect. Get busy putting your place in order. Travel will entice you; however, a tendency to overspend is quite possible. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

Use your added discipline to get what you want. Toning, fitness, pampering should all be scheduled. Travel will be in your best interest regardless of whether it is business or pleasure. Be prepared to make compensations and adjustments.

Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

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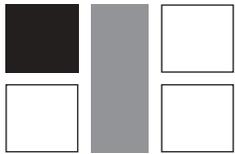
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