

# Birch Barker

Weekend of July 12, 2008

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A dragonfly and a heron windvane came together to watch the boats in the warm sun on the Fourth of July.

### Commodore's Comments

I really don't know where to begin! We had one of the most extraordinary holiday weekends that I have seen at Birch Lake. The weather was so picture-perfect, you could not ask for anything better. I have been around the lake for about 40 years and this weekend ranks right up at the top. My last two Barkers I have mentioned how "Mother Nature" has looked over us for the last couple of months, we could not have gotten much more out of her!

The 4th of July weekend always brings many people out to enjoy the lake and the activities that make Birch Lake a wonderful place to be. This last weekend showed that, with 11 entrants in the annual boat parade. A special thanks to them, our 5 judges, Linda & Jim Yoshizawa, Carol & Fred Freihofer and Denny Weesner, our pier captain/flagman, Dick Bender, Grand Marshalls Eleanor & Jim Thayer, and their escorts Marlow & J.P. Hoyer.

Between Sunday and Tuesday, I received multitudes of phone calls

exhibiting tremendous exuberance over the firework show that was displayed Saturday night. A thank you goes to Jim Bolinger who does all the behind-the-scenes work making the show possible, and to all you fabulous donors that fund our great show.

My last comment on this weekend almost leaves me speechless. We had a record turnout for the pancake and sausage breakfast. We served over 580 breakfasts and brought in over \$ 3,000.00. My hat goes off to Lind and Don Harman and their awesome crew for another fantastic breakfast. Thanks to everyone that made it up on Sunday morning, our efforts will help many children attend camp this year.

Also for those who have not heard, we have a anonymous donor that will be matching the funds from the breakfast to help send more kids to camp. Whoever "you" are we all thank you so much for your generous gift.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone that made this last weekend such an enjoyable one. There are so many wonderful people around this great lake of ours that make all these events

### 2008 BLYC Calendar\*

- Sat. July 12 — Board Meeting 9 am
- Sat. July 12 — Homeowners Meeting 10 am
- Sat. July 19 — Spaghetti Dinner 6-8 pm
- Fri. July 25 — Men's Golf Outing 12:30 pm
- Fri. Aug 1 — Women's Golf Outing
- 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

possible! Thanks again!!

Don't forget, the spaghetti dinner will be Saturday the 19th. Tickets are going fast! If you need tickets please give me a call and I can get them to you. I hope everyone has a safe and prosperous week, and see you on the pond!!

-Mike Lutz  
Commodore 2008

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# — Birch Lake Notes —

## Pancake Breakfast

First let us say what a wonderful turn out for the Pancake Breakfast. We had an all time record of 583 people. Thank you so much. We were able to donate \$3,184.00 to Camp Tannadoonah.

Don and I would like to thank all the workers that make it such a success. Jim and Debbie Bolinger, Dave and Judy Olson, Paul and Celia Fallon, Marty Sante, Dick and Peggy Cowen, Tom Rogers, Patty, Bill and Katie Luecht, Mike and Katha Machalleck, Tyler Rondot and Carla Chester.

A special Thanks to Mike Lutz and Amy Trudell, Blair Garceau and Bill Luecht for stepping in and doing the clean-up. A big thank-you to the Fallons for the donation of plates and the Bolingers for the fruit cups.

Thanks again for all your support. Birch Lake is one of the Great Lakes.

**-Don and Lind Harman**

## 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. Watch the Barker for more information.

The Ladies' Golf Tournament is

## Birch Barker Kids of the Week



*Calvin King (North shore) and visitor Sara Elizabeth Horn at the Pancake Breakfast.*

scheduled for August 1 at Sauganash Golf Course in Three Rivers. More information will be published in the Barker as it becomes available.

## 'Surprised by Beauty'

Birch Lake resident Carol Dugan is beginning a gallery show at Carnegie Center for the Arts in Three Rivers, Michigan. A reception will be held at Carnegie on Saturday, July 12 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm, cele-

brating the opening of the show. All are invited. Carol's photography will hang in the gallery from June 28 through August 31. The theme is 'Surprised by Beauty.' Local and distant landscapes are featured.

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# — Birch Lake Notes —

## Boat Parade — Winners All!

It was a glorious day for the 2008 version of the Birch Lake Boat Parade. A big thank you to the Jim and Eleanor Thayers for accepting to be the Grand Marshals and to the Marlow and J.P. Hoyer for escorting them around the lake. The Judges, Carol and Fred Freihofer, Denny Weesner, and Linda and Jim Yoshizawa, did a fantastic job deciding which boats were the award winners. Of course, accolades go to Dick Bender for his hospitality, the making of the boat numbers, and the use of his pier—thank you!

Grand Marshals—Jim and Eleanor Thayer

Grandest Pontoon of 2008—The Hoyers

Sweetest Thing on Birch Lake—The Carpenters

The Flag Ship of Birch Lake—The Odenwalds

Best Tropical Theme—The Witchies

Best Tribute to a Birch Lake

Tradition—The Lindzys

Best Oz of the West—The Scofields

Best Popular Musical Theme—The VanHuffels

Best Use of the Olympic Theme—The Luechts and Bolingers

Noisiest Canine with a Patriotic Theme—The Lutzs

## Even More Birch Barker Kids of the Week



*Bill & Le King (North shore) haven't been kids of the week for a while ... until I got this nice photo of the two of them together emailed ... Thanks to Chuck Horn for the photo*

Best Get Out and Vote Boat—The Troegers

Trash at Lake Park

In the recent past, trash at Lake Park has not been picked up. Mr. Fish at the Cass County Road

Commission has informed us that the road commission will not pick up trash at parks if it includes household items. It may be trash from our residents ... but, now we are apparently stuck with removing it.

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# — Birch Lake Notes —

Rieths celebrate at Birch

Bud & Louise Rieth came to celebrate July 4th at the annual Turtle Races held Saturday in the cove hosted by Howard & Beth Blackwood. This year was the 35th year of the wild and crazy event. Everyone always has a good time and memories they'll never forget, especially the kids with the turtles they spent days to catch and cheer onto to victory. Bud & Louise wanted to pass on their new phone number of 574-333-

2779. They now live in Elkhart but know where to come to meet up with old friends and good times.

Line dancing

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

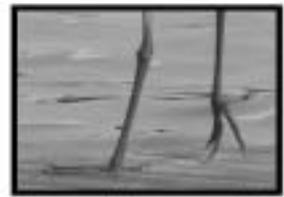
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**One more kid of the Week**

*Thought I was done until I saw this great photo of Jim Thayer in the hat ...*



## 4th Annual Spaghetti Dinner

At the Birch Lake Yacht Club  
Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 6-8:00 p.m.  
Dinner at the Club - or - carry out  
**\$7 adults / \$5 kids 3-10 / \$0 toddlers**



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Tickets must be purchased in advance (so the cooks can prepare enough for all diners). To make reservations contact: **South Side:** Denny Weesner - **West Side:** Karen Brovold - **North Side:** Le King - **East Side:** Judy Olson, Sandy Vitale or Patty Luecht.

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# Scenes from a GREAT 4th of July of July



*Jim and Eleanor Thayers (left) were the Grand Marshals for the 2008 Fourth of July Boat Parade ... and Marlow and J.P. Hoyer (below) escorted them around the lake.*



*Special thanks to photographers Dick Bender and Chuck Horn for these great pics from a spectacular Fourth of July at Birch Lake!*

# THUNDER PAWS



In some households you can easily tell when a thunderstorm is approaching. All of a sudden Fido goes into hiding, pants, drools, whines, paces or even starts to shake. Some dogs will start getting nervous before the storm truly arrives. Unfortunately some dogs go way beyond a little distress. During storms, some terrified canines react by going into a panic and may destroy your house in the process. Dogs have been known to eat furniture, break windows and tear apart secure kennels in their effort to get away.

Experts don't seem to agree on which aspect of storms frightens phobic dogs: the flashes of light, the noise of thunder, or even the barometric

pressure or electromagnetic changes that accompany a storm. Some studies have suggested that certain breeds of dog and rescued dogs may be more likely to have storm phobias.

If your furry friend is afraid of storms, the best thing you can do may be nothing. Dogs pick up on our emotions, so if you act like something terrible is happening, a dog that has a tendency to be afraid will figure you're on to something. Similarly, you should not cuddle or try to console the dog when he's afraid. You then essentially reward him for his fear.

When a storm arrives, act like nothing is going on. Be happy, laugh and go about your normal routines. If your dog retreats under the bed, or to

another place he feels safe, don't worry about him. The storm will pass and he'll come back out.

In

severe cases of storm phobia, you should consult your vet. Various medications are available that can help calm your dog's fear. For milder cases, some people also have good luck with herbal, homeopathic, or other alternative treatments, so you can ask your vet about those options as well.

Yap at cha next week,

**-Fido's Friend**

**PS: LEASH YOUR DOG — IT'S THE LAW!**

## Wordsearch for SAILORS...

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### Answers to Fido's Friend Wordsearch from last week

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 BALL  
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 BITE  
 BLUE HEELER  
 BONE  
 BREED  
 CANINE  
 CATCH  
 CATTLE DOG  
 CHIHUAHUA  
 COCKER SPANIEL  
 COLLAR

DACHSHUND  
 DOBERMAN  
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 FLEAS  
 FUR  
 GREYHOUND  
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MASTIFF  
 PETS  
 POODLE  
 PUG  
 PUPPIES  
 RETRIEVER  
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 SPANIEL  
 SPAY  
 TAIL  
 VET  
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# Fleet Captains' Corner



## Independence Day Regatta Results

On Friday the 4th, it didn't look like there would be enough wind to sail, but by Noon there was plenty of wind for everybody.

The first race was interesting, to say the least. The wind was so powerful that three MCs got blown over. Jim Bolinger recovered nicely, but Mr. Cramner's boat turtled (turned completely upside down) and he had to go back to shore to get the water out of the boat. Tom Howard was out sailing Troeger's MC (the whale boat). He had an issue with the mainsheet cleat, which resulted in the whale boat turning on its side. Thanks to Rick Dolittle's help the boat was righted and Tom was extracted from the water. But the whale boat decid-

ed to make a run for it (without captain) and had to be chased down by the committee boat ladies. Since the committee boat was off chasing stray boats, there was no one at the finish line to record the results. The results shown here are to the best of everyone's recollection.

The second and third races were uneventful, by comparison. Scott Troeger, Bob King, and Jim Bolinger were the winners of the three races for the MC fleet on Friday. Rick Russwurm won the first race and Erica Vitale won the second and third for the Sunfish.

Saturday's single race was a drifter, with almost no wind at all. Although the MCs started five minutes before the

Sunfish, Sandy Vitale passed up several of the MCs by the first mark, and she won the race easily for the Sunfish. The wind had died down almost completely by the time the MCs reached the end of their course. Phil Vitale got stopped without any wind just short of the finish line, and two or three boats were able to slide around him and finish ahead of him.

Jeff Smitley didn't have any problem finding the wind - he was in the lead the whole race and was moving fast while everyone else was parked - and was Saturday's winner for the MCs.

**-Fleet Captain Bill.**

### Independence Day Regatta results

Race.....	1	2	3	4	Regatta	Regatta
Date .....	7/4	7/4	7/4	7/5	Average	Place

#### MC SCOWS

Scott Troeger.....	1	2	2	5	2.50	1
Bob King.....	2	1	6	3	3.00	2
Don Harman .....	3	DNF	3	2	4.00	3
Jeff Smitley .....	5	4	7	1	4.25	4
Phil Vitale .....	4	5	4	7	5.00	5
Dave Olson .....	7	3	5	6	5.25	6
Jim Bolinger .....	8	7	1	8	6.00	7
Bill Luecht .....	6	6	8	9	7.25	8
Harold Cranmer .....	DNF	DNS	9	4	7.50	9
Tom Howard.....	DNF	DNS	DNS	DNF	9.25	10

#### Sunfish

Erica Vitale .....	3	1	1	3	2.00	1
Rick Russwurm .....	1	4	2	2	2.25	2
Sandy Vitale.....	4	3	3	1	2.75	3
Chris Scofield .....	2	2	5	5	3.50	4
Katie Luecht .....	DNS	DNS	4	4	4.50	5

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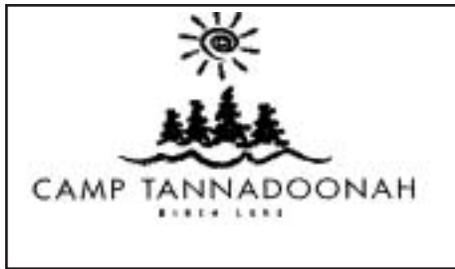
# Tannadoonah Tidbits

I hope that everyone had a fabulous holiday up at the lake! We couldn't have asked for better weather, and the fireworks were spectacular. A huge thanks to everyone who came out to the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday morning! I hear that we had a record crowd, and as I mentioned previously, all of those funds will be going to our campership fund to help kids come to camp. And we have a donor who will be matching the BLYC donation, so we can send twice as many kids to camp!

I have had a few questions and comments about the decision to put the donation towards camperships, and I'd like to address those. First, several people wanted to know why we would be putting the money towards camperships, when we need so many things up here at camp. I feel very strongly about the benefits of attending camp, and believe that every child should have the opportunity to come to camp, even if their family is struggling financially. After all, we're here to provide the camp experience to campers.

Also, the funds from camperships go straight into the general fund, just like any other camper registration fees would. The actual marginal cost of a single camper isn't that high, so the majority of that money will go right into my regular budget, to be used to cover insurance, salaries, maintenance, food, repairs, etc. I base my budget on the number of campers, as detailed in the column from a few weeks ago, so every campership we can give out helps us reach that goal of 450 campers.

The second concern I have heard about camperships is that the campership kids decrease the quality of the camp experience for other campers. This really bothered me, because although we have certainly had difficulties with some campership recipients, we have also had difficulties with just as many non-campership campers. Causing trouble at camp is definitely not limited to campership



kids! I personally have not seen any difference in the camp experience, and have not heard any complaints from parents of campers who have attended camp during weeks when camperships campers have attended.

I have also recently been fielding an enormous number of questions about the property for sale in the cove. Camp Fire and Camp Tannadoonah have had many rough financial years over the past decade. For many different reasons, we have accumulated a substantial amount of debt. Unfortunately, Camp and the other Camp Fire programs are unable to produce enough funds through programming fees to pay off these debts. Therefore, the Board of Directors has made the decision to sell one (or maybe both) of the lots in the cove.

This is something that we have never wanted to see happen — it is a last resort to sell a piece of the property. However, we need to generate enough money to cover these debts so we can focus on the future of Camp Fire and Camp Tannadoonah. With all of the hard work we have invested over the last few years, we are finally beginning to see the returns.

People have also asked me if all of the money from the sale of the property will go to Camp. The details aren't fully decid-

ed, but the first thing we need to do is pay off those debts. After that, we are considering ways to ensure that Camp will be here for generations to come.

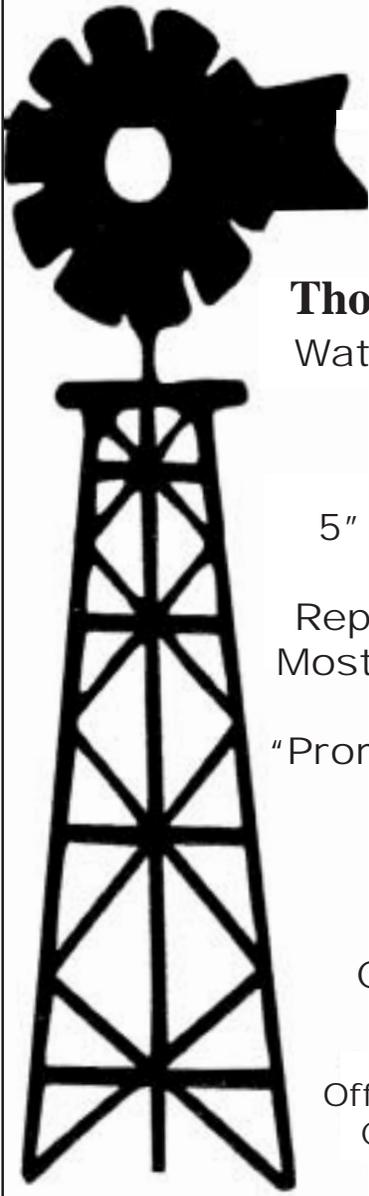
In case people weren't aware, my husband, Chas, is a member of the Camp Fire Board, and I can assure you that he and other Board members have the best interest of Camp Tannadoonah and Camp Fire in mind as they evaluate the situation here. If you have any questions about the sale of those lots or Camp Fire in general, feel free to contact our Executive Director, Maureen Koscielski at (574) 274-0815 or by email at [maureen@riverbendcampfire.org](mailto:maureen@riverbendcampfire.org).

I'm sorry for the "heavier" column this week, but I wanted to get some of this information out there. Thanks again for all the support at the Pancake Breakfast, and I look forward to seeing everyone at the lake! Also, if anyone is interested in coming up to visit camp and join us for dinner on a Friday night, please call or email me!

**-Miss Amber**

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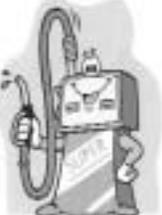


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# Water Quality Committee Report

## WATER QUALITY PROGRAM

### Water Quality Committee Lake Management Report

Rick Russwurm Chairman, Bob & Gert Temple, Terry Dugan

Bacteriological      Chemical      Physical      Biological

As some of you are aware there was a slick observed by a number of houses on the East Side last week early in the morning when the lake was perfectly calm. In order to ascertain whether this represented any health problem a series of samples were taken from this site as well as a number of sites around the lake. The testing was conducted primarily for E Coli. This coliform bacteria has been determined by the EPA and the DEQ as the best indicator bacteria for ascertaining immersion safety, i.e. swimming and health risk, primarily gastroenteritis. What follows is the report of the sampling and the how the DEQ recommends that these data be interpreted.

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## WATER ANALYSIS

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CAMP TANNADONAH 7/1/08 10:30 AM	240	2
PUBLIC LANDING 7/1/08 10:45 AM	240	4
SHARPE 63286 BIRCH RD 7/1/08 9:45 AM	500	4
WEESMER 63542 BIRCH RD 7/1/08 10:00 AM	240	4
WELCH 63300 BIRCH RD - NORTH 7/1/08 9:30 AM	240	23
WELCH 63300 BIRCH RD - SOUTH 7/1/08 9:30 AM	500	2

SUBMITTED BY: R. Russell

REPORT DATE: 3 JULY 2008

Part 4 Rules for Part 31 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (Public Act No. 451 of 1994) protect our lakes and streams for recreational uses. Rule No. 62 sets standards for bacterial counts. Before revision in 1994, this rule used a level of 200 fecal coliform bacteria per 100 milliliter sample to determine whether the body of water was suitable for full body contact.

Since the fecal coliform test responds to quite a number of different bacteria and some of these can survive and multiply outside a warm blooded animal, the fecal coliform count can be inflated by aftergrowth of these organisms. These possible anomalous responses to the test have prompted the establishment of a new standard for testing lakes and streams. This new standard requires a test for Escherichia coli. The standard is based on five samples taken during a one month period. The geometric mean of these five tests cannot exceed a count of 130 organisms per 100 milliliters. Tests for Escherichia coli are very specific and indicate a fresh source of fecal waste from warm blooded animals.

As a responsibility to the lake, the water quality committee will continue to monitor any situation that could be construed as a health risk in order to provide this information on a timely basis as well as to initiate appropriate responses from governmental authorities.



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## City of stars to pass overhead

**A** crowded but ancient "city" of stars passes high overhead this evening. It's a globular cluster known as M13. It looks like a faint, fuzzy point of light in the constellation Hercules.

M13 is about 25,000 light-years away, and it contains hundreds of thousands of stars. They're crammed into a region that's only about a hundred light-years across, so there are hundreds of times more stars than are found in a similar volume of space around the Sun.

Most of the stars in globular clusters are fairly red and faint -- a strong indication that they're among the oldest stars in the entire galaxy. In fact, the stars in M13 are probably a good 12 billion years old or more -- almost three times the age of our Sun.

The stars in M13 and most other globulars differ from the Sun in another way: They contain far fewer heavy ele-

ments.

The Big Bang created lots of hydrogen and helium, but almost nothing heavier than those simple elements.

Everything else -- from carbon and oxygen to gold and uranium -- was forged in the hearts of stars. As stars die, they expel some of these elements into space, where they can be incorporated into new stars and planets, such as Earth.

But the stars of M13 were born before most of the heavy elements found in the universe today were formed. So almost all of the heavy elements they contain were created by M13's own stars -- elements forged over the last 12 billion years. M13 is a stark reminder of how the ancient galaxy lacked the elements to give birth to planets like Earth -- and living beings like us.

Look for Hercules, the strongman, as he lumbers up the eastern sky this evening. It's a large constellation that

forms a sort of lopsided square. He's just one part of a great show. And the price is right. It's free.

**-Stu Spratt**



### The Moon tonight:

The moon for July 12 (at Midnight)

Illuminated Fraction: 0.778

3.1 days since first quarter

## Horoscope for Birch Lake

### ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20)

You will be full of energy and you need to find something constructive to do. Your outgoing nature will surprise others this week. You may find yourself in a heated dispute with a friend if you try to change your mind. Don't forget to read the fine print. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

### TAURUS (Apr. 21- may 21)

Children might be on your mind. Don't hesitate to make special plans just for two. Groups and organizations that indulge in social events to raise money will be conducive to meeting new and exciting lovers. Don't go out of your way, and don't let these unexpected guests cost you money. You will be able to borrow money in order to invest. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

### GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Take the time to close deals that have been up in the air. Romantic opportunities will develop through friends or relatives. Try to curb overindulgence this week. Don't let your emotions interfere with completing your chores. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

### CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Visit someone who hasn't been feeling well lately. Camping, swimming, and biking expeditions should all be considered. Sudden good fortune will help you cover your debts. Take care of any dealings with government agencies. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

### LEO (July 23-Aug 22)

A need to express yourself may come out in creative ways. Your compassion will be appreciated more than you can imagine. Property investments should payoff. Trouble could be brewing at home. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23)

It's hard to stay mad if the object of the anger refuses to react. Take time to help children with

projects that may be too hard for them to do on their own. You will be moody and react poorly to issues concerning your mate. Your generous nature could be taken advantage of. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

### LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23)

Toning, fitness, pampering should all be scheduled. The key to feeling good about yourself will be to do something about it. Don't be too eager to give a piece of your mind or even your opinion this week. Residential changes, renovations, or moves are likely to disrupt your routine. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

You'll be dropping friends for no apparent reason. Sudden changes regarding friendships are likely to occur if you have tried to change others. You will find that you are able to clear up a number of small but important details. Get help setting up a reasonable budget. Look into ways of making extra cash. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21)

Social activities or travel should be in your plans. Opportunities for romance will develop through group endeavors; however, the association isn't likely to last. Use your genuine warmth and compassion to win hearts. Build on friendship rather than starting out in an intimate encounter. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

### CAPRICORN (Dec 22- Jan. 20)

Romantic opportuni-

ties will be plentiful if you get out and mingle. Take care of your personal needs. Assist a relative or good friend by setting of a budget for them. You may have difficulties with in-laws or family members. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19)

Your bankbook will suffer and your restrictions will put a damper on your relationship. Exhaustion combined with overindulgence could result in minor health problems. You need to be sure that you aren't in your present relationship because it is convenient. Get together with friends and do something entertaining but not too expensive. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

### PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

You will enjoy travel and getting together with peers. Proceed with caution if operating equipment or vehicles. Your efforts will be rewarded handsomely. Relationships have not been the best for you lately and it's left you somewhat gun shy. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

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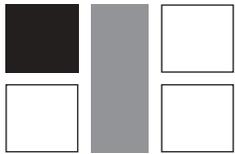
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