

Birch Barker

Weekend of July 19, 2008

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Thanks to Bad Patty for the great sailing pic from a couple weeks ago.

Commodore's Comments

What a relaxing time we had last weekend. After going, going and more going on the 4th of July weekend, it was nice to just sit back and relax a little bit. You know I just cannot say enough about the weather that we have been having, not too hot, but not too cold, just perfect. I know the sailors will disagree with me after the treacherous winds they dealt with on Sunday. All I can say is that wind is still better than rain and gloomy skies.

This weekend brings another great annual event to the forefront! Our delicious spaghetti dinner will be held this Saturday night 6-8 pm. Tickets are pre sold, so if you don't already have your tickets, please call me by Friday evening, so I can get you some tickets for great Birch Lake event!

Our spectacular Men's golf outing is

scheduled for July 25 with a shotgun start at 12:30. Come out and enjoy some fabulous Birch Lake camaraderie, load up your clubs and join us for some great fun. The Women's golf outing with follow the next Friday, August 1st 9 am shotgun start. Take a morning off and come out and enjoy this wonderful and fun event.

We have many events remaining this year, the ladies' luncheon, corn & sausage roast, fall dinner, and the annual chili cook off. I hope you will put these events on your calendar, and share in the fellowship that make these occasions something special.

All of these events along with this great lake make this a wonderful place to call home. Please take time to enjoy all of these great things and the people that make them happen. Have a safe and wonderful weekend, and see you on the pond.

-Mike Lutz

Commodore 2008

2008 BLYC Calendar*

- 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 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

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 —

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

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.

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.

Line dancing

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

Birch Barker Kids of the Week



Allie Fox, Katie and John Luecht are this week's kids of the week ... Fox was visiting Birch Lake for the first time last weekend.

Engagement

Carl and Sandie Klappauf are proud to announce the engagement of their son Brian to Coreyanne Tankersly of Diamond Lake. Brian proposed while watching the fireworks on Birch Lake. The couple

will marry on June 6, 2009.

Propane Tank Warning

There's a new target in the war on drugs, and it may be sitting under your grill. Methamphetamine users are now using propane tanks to cook their drugs by emptying the propane

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— Birch Lake Notes —

Birch Barker Kid of the Week



Taylor Marquez, granddaughter of Randy and Fran Welch (east side) on her 8th Birthday!

and filling them with anhydrous ammonia. Once the drug users are done with the tanks, they return them to a propane exchange facility, where they are refilled with propane for the next user.

When purchasing a propane

tank, be cautious and examine the valve for any blue or green residue which is a sign that it has been in contact anhydrous ammonia. If you find that you have already purchased a tank with this residue, use extreme caution and call your local Fire

Department, Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Unit, or the nearest office of the United States Department of Justice's Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for information on properly disposing of the cylinder.

For more information please visit www.npga.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=529 or 1-800-728-2482

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— Birch Lake Notes —

Thanks from Mike Kelly

Sunday was truly a "Hobie Day!" Even after 40 years of owning my Hobie it's a real thrill to go out and "Raise a Little Hull". My novice crew of Courtney and Travis Limes were just the right ballast for scooting along on one hull, that is until old Zephyr the Greek wind god sneezed and blew us over. What a thrill that always is!

This brings me to the real reason why I'm writing this. I want to "Thank!" Steve Cranmer and the other neighbors who showed up to be sure we were all safe and to see if we needed any help. While capsizing on a Hobie is a common occurrence, at least when I'm at the helm, there is always a comforting feeling knowing that if something goes wrong there are good neighbors there to help. So any time you see me out there with my boat laying on its side, resting, feel free to stop by and see how things are going.

Thanks again. Looking forward to another "Hobie Day!"

-Mike Kelly



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August 1, 2008

SAUGANASH GOLF CLUB
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9:00AM Shot Gun

12:00PM Lunch

\$45/\$20

If you have not played Sauganash, you will be amazed at this lovely course, and only 10 minutes from Home Depot/Meijer's in Three Rivers. We'll play a Florida Scramble on the back 9 and then enjoy a lovely luncheon in the clubhouse. So, call you friends or those new neighbors you have been wanting to meet. We'll need your check payable to BLYC and names of your group before July 27. If you need help arranging your four-some, just call and I will be happy to help. If golf is not your game of choice, come for lunch and raffles. It's a great tradition and fund raiser for the Yacht Club, so join in and contribute; We know you will have a good time.





Fleet Captains' Corner



Wind, wind and more wind

This has got to be the windiest year on record. And last Sunday was a typical day for the windiest year: wind gusts at over 15 mph, whitecaps on the lake, and a few brave MC sailors who ventured out to try their luck.

It was a good day to have an extra person on board — the extra weight stabilizes the boat and allows the sail to be trimmed in hard for more speed — and Jim Bolinger and his friend Vance Roberts proved that it works by winning both races Sunday.

I had the pleasure of having two extra crew members on my boat — my daughter Katie and her friend Allie Fox — and although we didn't win, we had a lot of fun, especially with all the screaming and yelling that teenage girls are capable of.

Thanks to the committee boat crew — Lind and Don Harman, Deb Bolinger, and Mike Lutz. They had their hands full trying to keep their boat at the starting line.

-Fleet Captain Bill.

Last week's results & totals

Date	13-Jul	13-Jul	Total	Season
	Race 9	Race 10	Points	Average
Sailor				
MC Scow				
Harold Cranmer	2	DNS	13851	1539
Scott Troeger	DNS	DNS	10659	1523
Don Harman	CB	CB	11355	1419
Bob King	3	3	9905	1415
Jim Bolinger	1	1	6816	1363
Phil Vitale	DNS	DNS	10670	1334
Jeff Smitley	4	2	12771	1277
Bill Luecht	6	5	12769	1277
Dave Olson	5	4	10426	1158
Sunfish				
Tom Howard	DNS	DNS	12721	1590
Erica Vitale	DNS	DNS	4642	1547
Katie Luecht	DNS	DNS	7613	1523
Rick Russwurm	DNS	DNS	3042	1521
Sandy Vitale	DNS	DNS	4488	1496
Mike Gotstein	DNS	DNS	2813	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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Dog body language



Although certain canine body language is specific to the dog, a few signals are more or less universal. Learning these mannerisms can give you an insight into your favorite canine's mood. A few things are obvious. For example, a dog that is happy and excited will be wagging his tail, prancing around and/or jumping around. A dog that is cowering in the corner is afraid. Here are a few other common canine mannerisms and their meanings:

■ **Play Bow:** Rear end up, front down, and tail wagging generally means "I want to play."

■ **Tail Wagging:** Doesn't always mean that the dog is happy or friendly as generally assumed. Some dogs also

wag their tails when they are scared, agitated or unsure about a situation. Look for other signals to determine the dog's mood.

■ **Tail Between Legs and Ears Back:** The dog is afraid or feeling apprehensive about something.

■ **Ears Perked Up:** The dog is alert for some reason. During obedience class, the dog looking attentively at you with her ears perked up is ideal. It means your dog is paying attention to you and waiting for your next command.

■ **Frontal Approach:** A dog standing still facing another dog or person with direct eye contact, hackles raised, and ears and tail up indicated dominance or a sign of imminent attack.

■ **Raised Paw:** A dog that raises a paw

with bent foreleg is showing submission.

It can be interesting to just sit and watch a dog. By observing your dog, you'll see how her posture changes and how she uses her ears, eyes, eyebrows, lips, nose, mouth, tail and coat to express her mood. You can be sure that your dog knows your body language, so if you take the time to learn her body language, you'll be one step closer to improving the relationship you have with your dog.

Yap at cha next week.

-Fido's Friend

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E-10 fuel posing problems for boaters

If your dependable outboard motor bogs down instead of revving up, the problem might be ethanol in your gasoline. E-10 fuel — 10 percent ethanol, 90 percent gasoline — is often replaces “normal” gasoline.

If your boat sits idle for a while, as you accelerate, the motor might bog, then idle rough.

The problem is with the effects of “aged” E-10 on outboard motors. E-10 fuel works just fine in modern outboards ... if it’s fresh. But let a tank of E-10 sit in a boat’s gas tank for a while, and bad things can happen. Ethanol can wick moisture out of the air, and a phenomenon called “phase separation” can occur when ethanol/gasoline is exposed to a lot of water over a period of time. Ethanol and water will mix (dissolve) with each other, creating a kind of hybrid liquid. When that ethanol/water solution has reached a saturation point, extra water will form a separate layer in the fuel.

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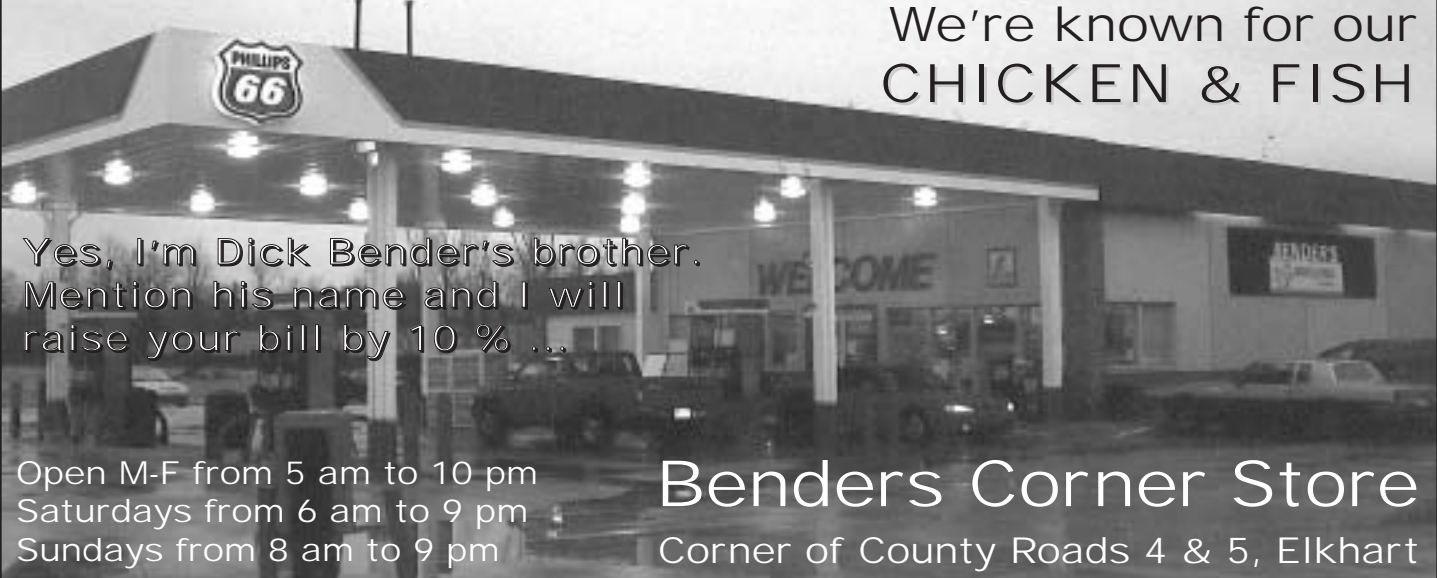
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Tannadoonah Tidbits

A wild and crazy week at Camp T.

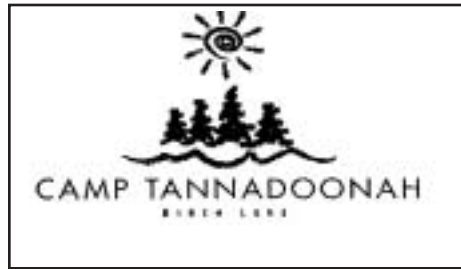
It's wild and crazy up here at camp this week! We have 93 campers this week, our biggest week of the summer. The theme this week is Christmas in July and we've had a great time making ornaments, hanging Christmas lights, and decorating the Christmas tree in the dining hall. You may even have heard us playing Christmas music over the loudspeaker one night!

A few thank yous to mention this week. Thank you very much to Mike Machalleck and Pam Mullin who helped teach tennis this week when our instructor had to go home for a family emergency! Also, a HUGE thank you again for the amazing turnout at the pancake breakfast. We have received the donation from the Yacht Club as well as the matching donation. It is simply incredible how generous everyone has been, and many campers will benefit from these campership funds.

It's been an amazing year so far up here at camp. We've been able to offer partial or full scholarships to 47 campers this year, thanks to the generosity of all the people up here at the lake. I'm hearing from other camps that their numbers have been way down this year, and yet somehow we're showing increases for all of our sessions.

We have officially passed the 400 camper mark for the year, and we're currently at 412 official campers. That's 61 more than we had last year, TOTAL! And we're still receiving registrations for the remaining three weeks of camp. If we include the campers who are children of our staff members, we're at 449 campers, just one away from my goal of 450!

I really believe that the quality of the staff has a lot to do with the number of campers we get the following year. We had a great year last year with staff, and this year is even better. So hopefully that translates to even



better numbers next year! Here are some more bios for our super staff members this year:

Mr. Bobby, Mr. Dan, & Mr. Andrew all live with the youngest boys in camp (usually ages 5 to 8). They live in the Cardinals & Wrens cabin. Mr. Zach lives next door in Robins & Woodpeckers.

Mr. Bobby is from Elkhart and will be a sophomore at Indiana University in the fall. He is studying elementary education, and plans to be a kindergarten teacher. Mr. Bobby is a member of the IU Swim Club, and typically spends his days teaching swimming and boating down at the waterfront. He also likes to help out at archery when he doesn't have waterfront classes to teach.

Mr. Dan is also from Elkhart, and just finished his sophomore year at Oakland University in Michigan. He plans to spend the next year studying abroad in Ireland. Mr. Dan loves "creepy-crawly" things and spends most days leading nature hikes and finding snakes, salamanders, slugs and bugs to show to the kids. He also loves to play soccer.

Mr. Andrew is one of our jun-

ior counselors, and is a student at Penn High School. He has been attending camp as a camper and a CIT for many years, and his mom was a camper here, too. Mr. Andrew is on the robotics team at Penn. He loves to build things and has been very helpful with projects around camp. He typically can be found at sports and games, archery, or nature.

Mr. Zach just completed his sophomore year at Butler and will be transferring to IU in the fall. He is studying English and philosophy, and has talked about having a Tannadoonah book club with some of the kids. Mr. Zach is usually out at the sports and games field or leading nature hikes with Mr. Dan.

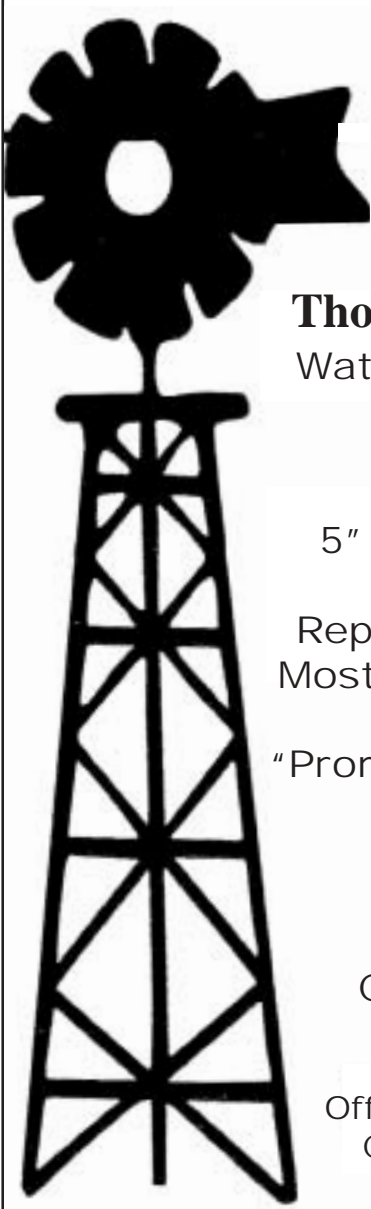
Hope to see you all out on the water this weekend!

-Miss Amber

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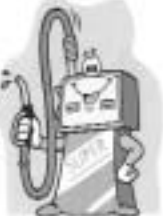
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Water Quality Committee Report

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

Eurasian Milfoil Update:

In the late spring a survey was conducted by Tony Groves of the lake basin for the presence of Eurasian Milfoil. The identity of this is no surprise to the folks on the northeast part of the lake where a large mat of Eurasian Milfoil had arisen in the area treated last year. However, prior to treatment, it was desired to have a full survey in order to be in position to treat all suspect sites. The large previously marked section on the northeast side of the lake was treated on June 24th (pictures provided in the Barker by Phil Vitale). The additional two identified sites could not be treated at the same time since they were new and did not fall under the previous permit. The permitting process is ongoing.

Information was provided to those in the affected treatment area regarding swimming restrictions and lawn watering. If you have any further questions please direct these to members of the Water Quality Committee and we will investigate and get back to you.

Renovate is a relatively slow acting systemic herbicide and thus we waited two weeks prior to removing the markers around the treated area. Prior to that time, fragments of the milfoil could potentially still contaminate new areas and generate new patches of this invasive species. This should not be an issue for this dying mat of plants now.

Following the treatment of the additional sites, Tony Groves will again come to the lake to evaluate the treatment. Should anybody feel they have suspect Eurasian Milfoil sites or think they have seen something suspicious, please contact a Water Quality Committee member so that we can map this out and take Tony to these sites when he is out here. Both our standard Birch Lake milfoil and the Eurasian variety have four leaves, but a big difference is that on each leaf (feathery) the standard has a broad distribution of about 8 leaflets per side, while the Eurasian has 12 plus. Additionally the Eurasian tends to grow in mats and the flowering parts break the surface. The stems contain air pockets giving them much greater floatation than the standard variety.

Water Testing Update:

In response to recent concerns about the levels of bacteria, the Birch Lake Yacht Club Board of Directors has requested the Water Quality Committee to hire an independent firm to test the lake. More will be reported when data becomes available.

Doug Eichorst asked us to share the following:

Do you have MUSKRATS traveling under your seawall and into your lawn???

I will share some information I have gathered so far.

- They are fur bearing and therefore can only be trapped after securing a permit and only during the season of November through January.
- Getting rid of the MUSKRATS must be a lake wide program to be effective.
- Eradication the pests at a few locations will just be temporary until MUSKRATS from another part of the lake will re-infest.

I talked to Animal Control and a Biologist from Michigan Department of Natural Resources. I also talked to a member of the Landowners Assistance Program.

Landowners Assistance is a private statewide network of trappers who will legally trap with the permission of the landowner at no charge. They do keep the pelts. Right now I am waiting for a telephone call with the name of a trapper in our area.

Doug has offered to assist with the MUSKRAT issue and we appreciate the courtesy and the interest shown. If you would like further information please contact Doug at 474-9740.



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Stu's Star Stuff



Last week we talked a little about Hercules. According to mythology, the night sky would be a lot less interesting if not for the exploits of Hercules. The sky is filled with creatures and people who were killed by the strongman, then placed in the sky by the gods or by Hercules himself. The list includes Leo, the lion; Cancer, the crab; and Hydra, the water snake.

Many of the objects we see up there are named after characters in Roman or Greek legends. Some of these stories are clearly tall tales but most are fascinating and often quite dramatic. One of my favorite constellations, Cassiopeia, it high in the north on summer nights.

On his way back from his victory against the Gorgons, Perseus came across a woman chained to a rock, waiting to be sacrificed to a sea monster, called either Cetus or Draco, depending on which version of the myth you believe. This woman was Andromeda, the Princess. Her mother, Cassiopeia boasted that she and her daughter were more beautiful than the

Nereids (or sea nymphs), which were the daughters of Poseidon (or Neptune), the god of the sea. Angered by the insult to his daughters, Poseidon sent floods to the lands ruled by Cassiopeia and her husband, King Cepheus. Cepheus consulted an oracle who told him that the only way to quell Poseidon's anger was to sacrifice his daughter.

Luckily, Perseus came on the scene just in the nick of time and killed the sea monster and saved the princess. However, someone still had to pay. The Romans described Cassiopeia chained to her throne in the heavens as punishment for her boastfulness. As the sky appears to rotate, she can sometimes be seen suffering as she hangs upside down.

As a small side note, it is interesting that Cepheus shows up again in Greek mythology when he and 17 of his sons were killed by Hercules.

Anyway, look for Cassiopeia in the north tonight. Follow the pointer stars of the Big Dipper to Polaris, the north star. Keep on following that line until you

come to 5 stars that form a lazy W or M. And continue to enjoy not just the show, but the great plot that goes along with it. And they're both free. It's free.

-Stu Spratt

The Moon tonight:



The moon for July 19 (at Midnight)
Illuminated Fraction: 0.961
2.0 days after full moon

Horoscope for Birch Lake

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20)

Listen, but don't make any rash decisions. Uncertainty about your relationship is prevalent. Be careful not to divulge secret information this week. Discuss your objectives with partners or peers. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- may 21)

Don't give them the use of your credit card. Pleasure trips will be emotionally favorable. Art investment will pay big dividends in the long term. Don't make accusations unless you are completely sure that you are correct. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Get the red tape and the unwanted paperwork out of the way. Don't hesitate to voice your opinions when it comes to matters pertaining to work. Lovers may not be truthful. New love connections can be made through group associations. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)

Don't make a move; your confusion has caused this dilemma and you are best to back away and reassess the situation. Attend to things that you should have done yesterday. Some relatives will be extremely perplexing. Take time to find out if anyone has a better suggestion before you make arrangements for the whole family. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22)

You will get bored quickly, so make sure that you have scheduled enough activity to hold your interest. You must lay down ground rules so that you can complete a job. You will find good buys and you will lift your spirits. You can learn valuable information if you listen and observe what others are doing and saying. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23)

Take the whole family and make it an enjoyable outing. Education may be the answer. Do not let lovers cost you money or take advantage of you. Don't let your partner goad you into wearing your heart on your sleeve. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23)

Your accomplishments could exceed your expectations if you mix a little business with pleasure. You can clear up important legalities and sign contracts this week. Try to spend more time with children and relatives. Partners may try to argue with you; however, you must stand your ground. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Your best results will come through business trips. The answers can only come from within. You may be emotional and quick to judge others. You will enjoy physical activities more than you think. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21)

Look before you leap. You need to concentrate on the areas where you can make a difference. Family get-togethers will be interesting. Your need to get away could lead you into greater debt. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20)

Get the red tape and

the unwanted paperwork out of the way. Your input into their activities will help bring you closer together. You must make them stand on their own two feet regardless of how much you want to make things better for them. You should be traveling to that exotic destination you've been dreaming about. Your lucky day this week will be Thursday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19)

You are best not to discuss your personal life with others. Sign up for courses or join fitness clubs. Be inquisitive about unfamiliar circumstances. Join groups of a humanitarian nature. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

However, you should be concerned about what they want in return. Dream a little this week. Don't let coworkers get wind of your ideas or they might try to take credit for your hard work. Travel will be exciting. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

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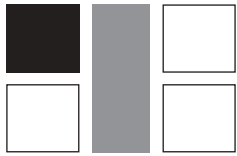
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