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Fair share plan allows for 258 low-income units

By Dennis Schaal
Staff Writer

The Planning Board last week voted 7-0 to adopt a Fair Share Plan designed to give developers the opportunity to construct an additional 258 low-income housing units over the next six years within Springfield.

The Fair Share Plan and the accompanying Master Plan Housing Element, a survey of the township's housing stock and trends, will be forwarded for consideration to the Township Committee. The governing body is expected to act on the blueprint within several weeks. The township's affordable housing plan will then be sent to the state Council on Affordable Housing for certification.

The Planning Board action and similar COAH plans adopted by municipalities throughout the state stem from the landmark Mt. Laurel decision. The state Supreme Court ruling struck down certain exclusionary zoning practices in New Jersey.

Under the requirements of the 1985 Fair Housing Act, an outgrowth of the Mt. Laurel decision, municipalities must provide developers with the

opportunity to build low- or moderate-income housing within their borders. This does not mean that the housing will ever materialize, but municipalities must open zoning to accommodate it.

Through a complicated formula, COAH determined that Springfield must provide "a reasonable opportunity" for 300 additional low- and moderate-income units. The township's housing stock is expected to reach 6,300 units in 1997.

In 1990, by comparison, Springfield's housing stock was composed of 5,990 rental and privately owned units.

The Springfield Planning Board, in the Fair Share Plan adopted July 30 at its meeting in the Municipal Court chambers, tapped two sites for rezoning that could accommodate up to 258 low-income housing units. The township can comply with the 300-unit requirement by pursuing county-funded rehabilitation for 42 "indigenous" units.

The first site identified by the Fair Share Plan is a five-acre parcel bordered by Morris Avenue, Black Lane,

Main Street and Springfield Avenue. This partially developed, mixed-use site has no known environmental hazards and was identified by the Springfield Downtown Master Plan as especially suited to senior citizen housing.

The planners also tapped a second site for low-income housing zoning. This property is a four-acre site on Maple Avenue, an undeveloped tract that previously received approval for office construction. "The site appears suitable for multi-family development," the Fair Share Plan stated.

Planning Board Vice Chairman Marc Marshall said Monday that both sites would have to be rezoned to permit the construction of the low-income, multi-family units. The Maple Avenue site includes a floodplain, but Marshall said he thought potential development could proceed through "engineering remedies."

In analyzing which sites to designate for low-income housing to meet the COAH obligation, the planners identified 88 vacant properties through tax records.

The Planning Board identified 10 sites with acreage of over two acres

that could have been designated to meet the low-income housing issue. It chose the Maple Avenue and the Morris Avenue-Black Lane locations.

"The remaining sites were eliminated from further consideration based on existing site development, surrounding land uses, environmental constraints or other limitations to development," the proposed Fair Share Plan, authored by township planner P. David Zimmerman, noted.

The eight sites not designated included the Bolzak Stone site on Route 22, Baltusrol Gardens off Shunpike Road, the Quarry site, Ballunet Country Club, Mountain Avenue Nursery, a Board of Education site off Treetop Drive, a Federal Road industrial site and a Diamond Road industrial site.

During the public portion of the Planning Board session, an attorney representing the owner of the Maple Avenue site said his client felt it would be "financially unfeasible" to construct multi-family units on the property. He said the owners would be willing to work with the Planning Board on this issue.

If the Township Committee adopts

the Planning Board's Fair Share Plan, it will then seek certification from COAH that the township has met its affordable housing obligations. Township officials say the law does not have any teeth in that it does not mandate the actual construction of low-income units in suburban areas and, in fact, various avenues exist for avoiding the obligation.

The COAH-administered housing obligation has come under criticism from both sides of the political spectrum. Housing advocates say the law does not have any teeth in that it does not mandate the actual construction of low-income units in suburban areas and, in fact, various avenues exist for avoiding the obligation.

For example, municipalities can pay other municipalities to accept transfer of their low-income housing obligation. The arrangement, known as the Regional Contribution Agreement, was rejected by the Springfield Planning Board "at this time."

Other critics of COAH measures argue that suburban communities should not be forced to accept the obligation to welcome residents of a lower economic or racial background.

Also during the public portion of

the meeting, a resident urged the Planning Board to pursue the option of permitting "accessory apartments." These would include non-traditional residential arrangements where a senior citizen, for instance, might rent out a spare bedroom or two to a low- or moderate-income tenant for additional income.

The Planning Board rejected the accessory apartment idea, an option that can be used to meet a municipality's low-income housing quota, as "not being considered appropriate for Springfield at this time."

Town planner Zimmerman said the accessory apartment option would require more analysis. He recommended that the board not pursue it immediately because the time required to include it in the Fair Share Plan would delay COAH certification.

Planning Board member Jeffrey Katz, a member of the Township Committee, agreed with the resident that the accessory apartment alternative should be explored, and he said he was "not opposed to the Planning Board's consideration" of the idea.

SST



Members of the Springfield Swim Team take a break from practice this week to leave their calling card — the SST. In each of the photos, team members position themselves to form a letter — the top photo forming an S, the middle photo forming an S, and the bottom photo forming a T. Then, it was back to practice.

District reacts to below par test scores

By Dennis Schaal
Staff Writer

Members of the Union County Regional High School District Board of Education sought to grip Tuesday evening with district students' sub-par performance on a trial Grade 11 High School Proficiency Test.

The test, which did not come except as a measure of the gaps between the current curriculum and the demands of the standardized test, will be a state-mandated graduation requirement in the 1993-1994 school year. It was taken by 435 regional district students in December 1991.

In each of the three broad categories — reading, mathematics and writing — the four-high school district, when analyzed as an entity, scored below the levels of a state-defined District Factor Group, a category that reflects the socio-economic makeup of the regional district.

In fact, only southern Dayton Regional High School in Springfield surpassed the DFG score in reading, while only Governor Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights bettered the DFG mark in mathematics.

None of the four high schools could come up to the DFG performance in writing.

Board member F. Donald Paris of Clark led the chorus of disappointment expressed by the other representatives and district staff.

"We pride ourselves on excellence," Paris noted. "We can't keep carrying these high per-pupil costs and see test results like these. I must express my disappointment."

Frank Kenny, the district director of Pupil Personnel Services, presented the results to the board and noted that district students "did not perform satisfactorily" either in comparison to the DFG or the state-scaled score mean, a less rigorous measure.

The district performed above the state-defined mean in the three categories, but in numerous sub-categories individual district schools performed below that level.

"Comparison of the regional students' scores with the state and the DFG scores indicates a need to revise curriculum to bring it more in line with the content of the Grade 11 HSPT," Kenny's report indicated. "These curriculum revisions have been under way for the past year and are continuing."

"I don't think anyone is satisfied with the results," Kenny commented at the board meeting at Jonathan Dayton Regional High School, "but I don't think we should over-react."

Board discussion centered upon the reasons behind the less-than-stellar results.

Board President Burton Zitomer indicated that Superintendent Donald Merschink had previously expressed the view that one reason for the results was that students were not motivated to do their best because the scores did not count.

Kenny acknowledged that lack of motivation might have been a factor, but he sought to downplay its weight. He also mentioned that December is not an optimum month to give a test.

Paris bristled at these suggested reasons. "Everyone throughout the state was on the same plane," he said. "Everyone took the test in the same month and was subject to the same lack of motivation."

Zitomer stated that the results were "a bit of an embarrassment. We can do an awful lot better."

The board president said that the students should be informed about the disappointing results they noticed and that perhaps this fact would motivate them to strive for a higher level.

Kenny also released the results of the Stanford-Test of Academic Skills and the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test, which district students in all four grades took last April.

"The overall achievement of reg-

ional students on these tests was very good," Kenny disclosed. "Students in all grades, at all four schools, scored in the above average or high average categories."

The director of Pupil Personnel Services emphasized that the positive results on those latter tests did not compensate for the HSPT scores. He said the Stanford and Otis-Lennon tests were "not as demanding" as the HSPT and constituted "a less complex instrument."

The December 1991 HSPT test was the second of three "due notice" trial exams designed to give districts the ammunition to target priorities in curriculum change.

In other business, Superintendent Merschink released the results of the district's annual report on incidents of vandalism and violence. The 42 reported incidents in the 1991-1992 school year were the lowest number since the district began compiling the statistics in 1984-1985. The 42 incidents cost the district \$8,400 in damages.

A year earlier, the district reported 53 incidents with a tab of \$6,680.

Merschink explained that the high-cost in 1991-1992 resulted primarily from two incidents that involved the theft of computer and video equipment.

Tests confirm lead in water supply

By Dennis Schaal
Staff Writer

Some Springfield apartments, homes and businesses may be drawing tap water with lead levels well beyond the federal standard.

The New Jersey-American Water Company, which provides water to Springfield from its Canoe Brook Road treatment plant in Short Hills, confirmed this week that tests on the water supply of several homes in Springfield elicited water with the high lead levels.

Water company spokeswoman Bonnie Raad emphasized Monday that the potentially dangerous metal contamination does not emanate from the water itself or from company water mains, which are made of ductile iron. Rather, she said, the source seems to be lead piping and lead fixtures owned by property owners.

NJAWC has already taken steps to counter the high lead levels. It added a phosphate-based product at its treatment plant to "help protect the water system and residential plumbing from corroding," Raad said.

But the NJAWC spokeswoman acknowledged that the chemical additive may not adequately kick in for "six months."

The NJAWC spokeswoman, however, refused to disclose how many homes in Springfield were tested, how many exceeded the regulation, and what the levels were.

"Some recent water samples taken at homes constructed between 1982 and 1985, as well as homes with lead service lines, were found to have lead

levels greater than 15 ppb or the level at which the company must take action," NJAWC Division Manager Don Conyers explained in a prepared statement.

"This does not mean that the water leaving the company's treatment plant contains lead," Conyers added. "It confirms that lead dissolves in the drinking water because of the elements water makes contact with before it comes out of the tap."

Raad argued that the company's supply and equipment cannot be the source of the lead because its water meters that transport the water from the treatment plant to Springfield and other communities do not contain iron.

Water utilities are required to provide "mandatory alert language" when the lead levels exceed standards.

"Lead can pose a significant risk to your health if too much of it enters your body," according to the literature. "Lead builds up in the body over many years and can cause damage to the brain, red blood cells and kidneys. The greatest risk is to young children and pregnant women."

The literature recommends numerous measures to counter potential lead

hazards in drinking water. It urges property owners and apartment dwellers to determine if the service line connected to their home is made of lead and to use lead-free solder, a practice that was banned in 1987.

Lead service lines can safely be replaced with copper, steel, iron or plastic pipes.

"If the service line that connects your dwelling to the water main contributes more than 15 ppb to drinking water, after our comprehensive treatment program is in place, we are required to replace the line," the NJAWC says. "If the line is only partially controlled by the NJAWC, we are required to provide you with information on how to replace your portion of the service line, and offer to replace that portion of the line at your expense."

NJAWC urges residents concerned about the lead level to run tap water for a few moments before using it if the tap has been unused for six hours and to avoid using it for drinking or cooking.

NJAWC customers can contact the company for further suggestions at 1-800-232-9520.

news clips

Pool closing announced

The Springfield Recreation Department and Springfield pool managers have announced that the Springfield pool will be closed Sept. 2 through Sept. 4.

Day Camp a success

The second and third week of the Day Camp at the Springfield pool continued to be successful as well as fun.

Half membership offered

The Springfield Recreation Department is offering a half-season membership to the Springfield pool effective Aug. 1.

Supervisor is sought

The Springfield Recreation Department is seeking a supervisor for its Youth Soccer Program for the fall 1992 season.

student update

Strulowitz has degree Springfield resident Elizabeth Strulowitz was among the students who received degrees during the 61st annual commencement exercises of Yeshiva University in New York City.

Three earn plaudits

Springfield residents Francine D. Borczak, Concetta T. Insuato, Cathleen J. Surodzki and Barry T. Teitelbaum were among the 440 undergraduates at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

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children learned how to kick and breathe properly while swimming with the help of lifeguards. They also learned how to float on their backs and stomachs.

The third week's badge activity consisted of first aid — the Heimlich maneuver and ways to save a drowning person by forming a chain were taught. The Klutznicks formed four groups and practiced forming a chain in the water. The Klutznicks also made safety signs to hang at the pool.

Gardner works displayed

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These small glass objects don't include reptiles, flowers, snowflakes and animal figurals. Instead of glass, Gardner uses a technique called lampworking, in which a glass rod is heated with a torch until it is soft. He then shapes and molds the glass with metal rods. A finished product can be produced in approximately one hour and the majority of Gardner's works are of original design.

More books purchased

The Mountainside Newcomers Club continues its tradition of purchasing a book in the name of each new baby born to members of the club.

Two awarded scholarships

Scholarships were awarded by the GFWC Mountainside Woman's Club Inc., member of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs, at the annual awards program of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School.

Swearing-in

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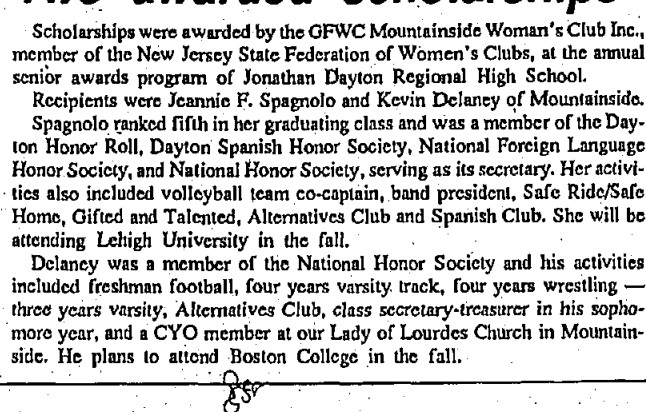
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—Peter A. Kropotkin

Bye, bye cameras

Legislators are not credited with doing much right these days, but we must commend the Senate for approving, by 37-0, a ban on police use of cameras to nab speeders, and putting to rest, at least for the time being, the experimental program which started a year ago on Interstate Routes 80 and 280.

The Assembly had previously passed the ban and the measure awaits the signature of Gov. Jim Florio, who we urge to sign it.

The state police have been experimenting with the idea since they received a \$250,000 federal grant for the trial program after officials said the state needs to take stronger measures against speeding to ensure safety and federal highway dollars.

However, while no tickets have yet been issued under the program in which radar records the speed of the offending vehicle and a camera photographs the license plate and the driver, automatically issuing a speeding ticket and summons to the owner, legislators heard the phones ringing off the wall in opposition to the program and acted wisely.

The problem with the program is that it smacks of the Big Brother element of having police photograph unknowing drivers and the unbending enforcement of a 55-mile-per-hour speed limit by which few abide.

While we applaud New Jersey lawmakers for stepping down the program, Congress should have put the money to better use by, perhaps, hiring more police officers or for other programs. Or, it's been suggested, let's put grants of that size toward helping the homeless and finding people places to sleep and eat instead of placing cameras on our highways.

A dumb idea

We've said it before and we'll say it again: The New Jersey Highway Authority, which is responsible for operating the Garden State Arts Center in Holmdel, should get out of the entertainment business and concentrate on its "specialty."

The NJHA, which royally botched the introduction of tokens, and has had its share of problems at the Center through 25 years, purchased a time capsule for \$10,000 to commemorate its silver anniversary.

The occasion deserves a commemoration and celebration, but a state of the art aluminum alloy, 4-foot long box filled with inert gas to preserve contents such as pictures of artists who have performed there and other memorabilia. For \$10,000? Give us a break! What a waste of money that can be better spent rather than burying mementos in the ground.

If the NJHA has that kind of money to waste, perhaps it's time to seriously consider rolling back or altogether doing away with tolls on the Garden State Parkway, New Jersey Turnpike and Atlantic City Expressway.

Letter writers

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Science center is great investment in kids

Writing an "issue oriented" column can give you a depressing view of New Jersey and the world. Realistically, what are my options each week? Another pressing problem unresolved in Trenton? Something Jim Florio did wrong? What Tom Keen never tried to do at all? Yes going up? Business is going under? The death penalty? Government corruption? Growing racial tensions? Crime? Greedy special interests? Lazy legislators? The selfish public? The latest budget crisis? Or the health care crisis? The crisis in urban education? Then there's always — auto insurance.

Last summer, all this negativity came to a head. My mother was reading the column — something uplifting, like the earth's ozone being destroyed — at our family's shore house and she suddenly stopped in the middle and said, "Can't you ever write about anything positive? It's always doom and gloom. Every week you write about what's wrong. Isn't anything right in New Jersey?"

My mother had a point. What a way to make a living. Journalists can become obsessed with what's wrong in society. We argue that that's what positive writing is all about. As we say, such a mindset can distort your perspective on things. It can cause you to forget that there are some pretty terrific things going on in this state in the Garden State. So I made

Screening New Jersey

By Steve Adubato Jr.

My mother's promise. At least once every year, preferably during her summer vacation, I would write a "positive" column. Not a puff piece, but something that's right and good in New Jersey.

Last summer, it was an inspiring football and educational camp for underprivileged inner city kids run by community groups and volunteers. Football Giant Carl Banks put up the money for the camp, brought in his football buddies and spent real quality time with those often neglected youngsters. It was a huge success and it didn't cost taxpayers a penny.

This summer it's the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City. Set to open in the fall, this \$65 million project, built with public and private dollars, has the potential to be a real winner. Let's face it, our schools haven't done a very good job teaching kids about science, especially in our cities. It's 1978, a group of New Jersey business decisions something like the LSC was needed. Warner Lambert put up the first \$2 million to get the project moving. Since then more than 100 other corporations have kicked in.

All the experts say the best way to learn science is through "hands on" exploration, not from outdated textbooks or dysfunctional labs. That's what the LSC is all about. Open to all visitors, but especially dedicated to youngsters, the LSC has more than 300 "interactive exhibits" focusing on three themes: environment, health and invention. Invention exhibit manager Max Cameron says, "The goal of these exhibits is to explore the process of invention, not just as an end product, but as a vital form of problem solving and creativity." LSC President Charles Howard simply says, "Science should equal fun."

The LSC can help prepare youngsters to compete in a more technologically complicated marketplace. Most of all, it will help them learn about the world in which they live. It has the potential to make them better, more well-rounded, responsible citizens. I can't think of anything more important or more "positive." I hope you're happy, Mom, because next week everyone agrees "hands on" science was a great idea. But great ideas are a dime a dozen without the dollars and the people to make them real. In 1978, a group of New Jersey business decisions something like the LSC was needed. Warner Lambert put up the first \$2 million to get the project moving. Since then more than 100 other corporations have kicked in.

But private sector money wasn't enough. The help of government was needed. The feds put up \$15 million while the state contributed \$10 million.

And the LSC site at Liberty State Park. The bottom line is that this public-private "partnership" raised \$654 million to make this innovative and exciting project a reality.

The LSC is not a cure-all, but what a great investment in our kids. Our future. It won't turn every kid in New Jersey into a scientist, but that's not its mission. The LSC can't take the place of our public schools, but it can be a powerful educational supplement. It will undoubtedly turn some kids on to science, the environment or health. Especially in places like Ashbury Park, Trenton, Paterson or Atlantic City. That's a big deal.

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letters to the editor

Bring back Campus Sub

To the Editor:
I have been a Springfield pool member for many years and in that time my family and friends have never been so disappointed and angry over the snack bar situation as this year. What little selection of food they do have is horrible, it tastes terrible and they are very high priced for the amount of food you get, not to mention how very noisy and rude and very unfriendly these people are. Last year when Campus Sub was there, I was always buying lunch for my kids six or seven days a week, and we stayed for dinner on an average of four times a week. Why? Because Mike had good food, decent prices and a very large selection so my family was able to eat something different all the time. His food was definitely a better quality of food. Mike was also very accommodating; nothing was too much trouble. He and his staff were always courteous to everyone and we all sort of became friends.

Last year there was a long line at the snack bar all day long — this year, there's not even a line at lunch time. Most pool members think of Campus Sub as bringing their lunch and leaving the pool early to go out for dinner or have dinner sent in. A big part of going to the pool and staying late is so that moms don't have to go home and cook.

There have been rumors as to why Campus Sub is not at the pool this year. I'm sure there is only partial truth to any one of those stories, but the fact still remains, what ever happened to "Support Your Own Town?"

If Campus Sub is not back next year, I know I won't be, and my friends from town and out of town are saying the same thing.

Mer. D.P. Miller
Springfield

It's difficult to remain silent

To the Editor:
I am not in the habit of writing letters to the newspaper — this is only my second one in the 35 years that I've lived here — and I am not in the habit of publicly defending my husband because he can take care of himself. But, I am finding it increasingly difficult to remain silent while Harry Pappas and Jeffrey Katz bombard my husband with their distortions and outright lies.

To begin with, just think how easy it would have been for us if Phil Kurnos went along with Pappas instead of opposing him. His certainly would not have been subjected to this weekly bombardment of slanderous and libelous accusations. Accusations, by the way, that he straggles off with a smile because he knew they were coming. Months ago, my husband warned me that if he stands up against Pappas and his group, they will do everything they can to try to discredit him.

Let's take a closer look at some of those accusations leveled against him. Many meetings were held in my house and I was privy to a lot that was said. For instance, they claim that Phil Kurnos appointed himself to the Regional Ad Hoc Committee. Why anyone would want to do that has yet to be determined. However, I happen to know that, last December, Jeff Katz and Marc Marshall decided that my husband should be on that committee. Marshall was leaving office and Katz didn't want any part of it, perhaps because his daughter was entering high school. But, in any event, now Pappas and Katz want everyone to believe that this was a real plan of a position that Phil couldn't wait to get. What it actually consisted of was a lot of hard work and a headache, no-win situation. And, in spite of what they say, they were kept informed every step of the way. As a matter of fact, Katz's wife went to some of the meetings with my husband and they spent a lot of time discussing the various options available.

It was in my house that Jeff Katz met with my husband, Summit Mayor Janet Whitman and another council member from Summit to discuss holding a possible ways to save money through the sharing of firefighting equipment and, perhaps, services. Instead of admitting that this is what actually happened, Pappas and Katz tried to make it look like Phil didn't want to tell anyone about this meeting because this incident, along with the others, proves that he wants to run this town by himself. Anyone who knows Phil will tell you how absurd that is.

It was in my house that Jeff Katz vowed that if Pappas and Republican Chairman Ruocco insisted on naming Blitzer and Fruchter on the Republican ticket, he would help my husband run to Am. Holmes and Richard Sherman in a primary fight against them on an independent ticket.

I was at home when Gary Ties called my husband to ask if he could help him get into the pool. Let's take a look at all the facts that prompted Phil to help Gary has been a member of the pool for almost his entire life. When he got married and decided to settle in Springfield, he and his family continued as pool members. On this particular day, when Gary called, it was 3 p.m. and he said that his wife had just forgotten to sign up but would do so the next day. It's not only because Gary is the president of the Board of Education or that his husband coached him in basketball that Phil helped Gary out this time, but Phil helps out anyone who needs help — people he doesn't know as he puts it, "That's what this job is all about — helping people."

Now, let's talk about the sign that they made such a fuss about. For those of you who do not know what I am referring to, Pappas and Katz made a big "to do" about a Parking for Mayor Only sign that my husband had the Road Department install. First, let me say that my husband was a retired fireman who had chosen to spend a lot more time in Town Hall tending to mayoral duties. He has

been going back and forth many times during any given day and as many of you may know, it's not always easy to find a parking space there. What most of you don't know is that my husband is a wounded veteran who has this form of disability of his hip shot away by a Japanese sniper. Although he refuses at this time to get a handicapped parking license plate, he is certainly eligible for one. He just thought that getting this Parking for Mayor Only sign would be the easiest way to go, never contemplating that there should be any such thing.

It is unfortunate that Pappas' gutter politics is intent on attacking a man who gave almost 30 years of his life to this community. However, on the bright side, I want to thank the legions of people from both parties who stop on the street or call to tell us that they understand and are with us all the way.

Shirley Kurnos
Springfield

Objects to 'attack politics'

To the Editor:
Because Tom Canavan failed to report about it, I am writing to repeat some of the comments I made to the Springfield Township Committee at its most recent meeting.

Dealing only with the most important issue that I raised, I most strenuously object to the "attack politics" practiced by Harry Pappas and Jeffrey Katz at the July 14 meeting of the Township Committee.

Just this past January, Pappas and Katz supported the selection of Phil Kurnos as mayor. But recently, there has been trouble in paradise. As soon as Pappas became aware that he no longer had the majority allegiance of Phil, he turned on him — viciously, ruthlessly and with a typical lack of factual basis. Thus, Katz and Pappas each prepared an attack on the mayor and delivered them publicly at the meeting. These attacks were politically motivated and would have been delivered at a Township Council or other public hearing. There was no legitimate governmental purpose for the attack.

Harry and his henchman, Katz, acted only on their own behalf. Their use of the Township Committee meeting for political purposes is detrimental to Springfield and an embarrassment to all of its citizens. Thus, to make matters worse as the July 28 meeting, Pappas' gutter politics, Republican candidate Fruchter, continued to bring politics where it does not belong, and renewed the attack upon the mayor.

I say to Harry and his friends: Take the politics out of our town government. Put Springfield first, not yourselves.

Bruce Bergen is chairman of the Springfield Democratic Committee.

Fruchter's remarks were political

To the Editor:
At the most recent meeting of the Springfield Township Committee, Republican candidate Harvey Fruchter spoke during the public portion of the meeting. Unfortunately, rather than take the opportunity to make some positive remarks or express some of his ideas, he did nothing more than launch a political attack and make divisive statements.

There is enough division and fighting already on the Township Committee. The last thing we need is another person who wants to tear down, rather than build up.

I trust the voters will remember this in November.

Leo Elson
Township Committee

Bush owes apology to POW families

To the Editor:
I would like to comment on the demonstration by the POW/MIA family members while President Bush addressed the annual meeting of the National League of Families on July 24.

Declassified documents are now proving that our government has callously lied to and emotionally abused these families for years by conducting an unorganized, underfunded half-effort to gain the release of POWs. Over 50 family members stood up and yelled, "No more lies," and the president was forced to stop his speech for five minutes on what a good job he was doing for the POWs. As the demonstration continued he was forced to turn to back member Jeff Donahue, who told the president that the families had had enough lies.

No one felt good about embarrassing the president, but it was long overdue for the people in this country to find out the frustrations that the families have and are enduring. President Bush's response was, "Sit down and shut up!" How sad that our president could be so insensitive. He should apologize to the families for the remark and for over 25 years of lies. Remember that Bush was in charge of the CIA in 1976!

Daniel Wood, State Chairman
National Forget-Me-Not Association
N.J. Chapter

County's needy will receive largest grants

The growing list of domestic needs is prompting more Americans to question how their taxes are spent by Congress. Fewer Americans are willing to send more foreign aid to other countries that are in a desperate condition. Many more have been urging Congress to cut back on the defense budget.

"We have to take care of our own people first," the American people insist, and indeed it is a duty of our government to provide the basis for public and private investment in the health, safety and economic vigor of our own country. The American people cannot help others while our economy is imperiled by massive public and private debts. They need to be reasonably assured that government is not ignoring our essential needs at home.

What many people tend to overlook is that the federal government subsidizes transportation, highways, housing, pollution cleanup, health care, economic sewers, flood control, economic investment and a host of local social services that they often take for granted. Without this annual assistance from Washington, fewer New Jersey commuters could afford to use trains, buses and airports, and our highways would be hopelessly clogged and in disrepair. Without aid from the federal government, New Jersey would be suffering from increased pollution, ever higher housing costs and a deteriorating public infrastructure.

For instance, over the next year in Union County, senior citizens, poor families, the homeless, occupational trainees and the disabled will receive the largest share

Report From Washington

By Matthew Rinaldo

One of the newest projects, called the Congregation Hospitality Network, involves 14 churches and synagogues that are providing shelter beds for single women, parents and children. It will receive a modest grant of \$12,000 in federal funds. The bulk of support comes from religious congregations, private food donations and volunteers. The program's impact does not depend on government funds but on the goodwill and charity of people in the community.

Economic development projects designed to provide jobs in urban core areas of Elizabeth and Plainfield are also on the list. Social service agencies affiliated with United Way will receive a total of \$152,554 for local and countywide projects that include day care, domestic violence cases, occupational training and economic development.

Low-income neighborhoods in Plainfield will receive slightly more than \$11 million for 25 projects on the priority list submitted by the Union County Community Development Revenue Sharing Committee, the most of any municipality except Elizabeth, which is funded separately. The largest amount, \$48,000, is for Plainfield's rent assistance program to help low-income families. Another \$60,000 is for slum clearance.

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Laws help avoid abuse of power

Not long ago the U.S. Supreme Court handed down a decision on a South Carolina case involving a home builder who bought a couple of beachfront lots, and afterward found he could not build houses on them. It was a case he will hear more about, and it's being watched in New Jersey.

That's because South Carolina has passed a law declaring that the beachfront was such a hazardous place that to construct anything meant disaster for occupants.

The law followed the hurricane that devastated the South Carolina coast a few years ago, and it became clear that the cost to the public of residential construction so close to the water's edge was more than the people of South Carolina wanted to bear. H. Lucas, the builder, went to court. He claimed the Constitution said that the state had stripped all value from his land, and therefore the state had taken it for public purposes, and owed him money. Lower courts agreed, awarding Lucas more than \$1.2 million.

However, the South Carolina Supreme Court said no, that regardless of the extent of the diminution in value created by the regulation, if the law was preventing "harmful or noxious uses," Lucas was owed nothing. Lucas appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Justice Scalia, writing for the court, disagreed with the way the South Carolina Supreme Court decided the case, but did not say there was a taking of private property either.

Trying to define the line between public and private rights isn't easy, indeed, it is a moving target, so the Supreme Court sent the matter back to the state.

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letter to the editor

Help save New Jersey Network

To the Editor:
As I am sure you are aware, legislation is being introduced that will in effect erase New Jersey Network from existence.

Without NJN, New Jersey will be the only state in the nation without its own public television system. TV licenses are an extremely rare commodity. If New Jersey lost its licenses to another entity, the state would never be able to get them back. NJN was created 22 years ago when the New York stations failed to adequately cover New Jersey.

There is simply no one who will care about New Jersey as much as the people who live and work here. Who will help to educate our children? Who will provide the information we depend on? Who will honor New Jersey's Only NJN? You, your family and friends can help to save NJN. Call their offices at (609) 530-5030 and let them know you want to save NJN.

Call and write your thoughts and concerns to your local assemblyman and state senator.

Karen Haber
Clark

Call the editors

Ever want to talk about something you think should be in the paper? Know something that might make a good story? Do you know someone who might be the subject of an interesting feature? Do you know of a sports story we don't? If the answer to any or all of the above is yes, call the editors at 686-7700. Sports news: Jim Paruchini, sports editor. Problems: Tom Canavan, editor.

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Mountainside wins final 2 dual meets

Mountainside finished the 1992 dual-meet campaign with two wins last week to finish 5-3 in Division 4 of the North Jersey Summer Swim League. That finish enabled Mountainside to be New Providence for second-place honors. Perennial champion Westfield won the division again.

Mountainside swam in the Division 4 championships Tuesday at New Providence. The league championships are scheduled for 4 p.m. today at New Providence. The top 12 swimmers in the league compete in each event at today's meet to determine who will be handed the gold medal for each race.

Mountainside clinched another fine season with wins over at home over Livingston 239-170 July 29 and at Berkeley Heights 239-199 last Thursday.

In the win against Livingston, Mountainside's 8/under group achieved first-place finishes in all but one race. Jennifer Beznutzky claimed victories in the freestyle and backstroke events. Lauren Whitenour and Ashley Ferrell combined with Beznutzky to give Mountainside a clean sweep in the freestyle and Jamie Kardos won third in the backstroke.

Alicia Gunther won the breaststroke and Colleen Shanahan came in second. The two young ladies switched places in the butterfly and Ferrell finished closely behind to capture third-place honors.

The boys were equally impressive as Patrick Hearno and Stephen Kress handed a 1-2 punch to Livingston in the backstroke and Chris Systak

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in the backstroke as Frank Palumbo ended third in the same race. Timothy Broderick and Hearno won the breaststroke and butterfly events, respectively.

The 9-10 swimmers were even more impressive as they won every race, including two first, second and third-place sweeps. Jennifer Meyer won the backstroke and breaststroke and Nicole Kress finished third in the same race. Juliana Muir placed second in the backstroke and Ariel Wagner did the same in the breaststroke. Megan Shanahan won the freestyle and Muir the butterfly with Shanahan second.

Hank Hansen won the freestyle event and 1992's male coach's award go-recipient Tise Gunther finished second in the freestyle and backstroke. Derrick Whitenour captured top honors in the breaststroke, as did Jonathan Hamill in the butterfly. Justin Broderick was third in the butterfly.

The most impressive finish was Matthew Grett's record-setting first-place swim in the boys' 25-meter breaststroke. He broke the record which had been held by Mountainside coach Stephen Fowler.

Erin Lape won the freestyle for 11-12 girls and also came in second in the backstroke. Courtney Kardos finished second in the same race. Amy Hansen won the backstroke and butterfly. Jodi Mastellone was third in the breaststroke.

Jim Farrington, Michael Powell and Mark Leyer finished 1-2-3 in the

boys freestyle event. Leyer also placed third in the backstroke and Powell was second in the breaststroke. Jonathan Winkler placed third in the butterfly.

Springfield's 13-14 swimmers performed well as they did not give up a race. Winning in nothing new to undefeated team MVP Sarah Leyer, as she captured top honors twice more in the breaststroke and butterfly. Male MVP Matthew Collins won the butterfly for the boys.

Heidi Pascucci placed first in the breaststroke and butterfly events. Amanda Muir was third in the freestyle and breaststroke races. The triumphant boys 9-12 squad included Winkler, J. Broderick, Grett and Patrick Collins.

The 11-12 freestyle team that was consisted of Samantha Mason, Finken, L. Leyer and M. Collins. Mountainside concluded its dual-meet season in style with the win over Berkeley Heights.

The 8/under swimmers again saw Beznutzky win the girls freestyle and backstroke. Gunther won the breaststroke, as did Shanahan in the butterfly. Whitenour was second in the freestyle and Kardos second in the backstroke.

Kress won the backstroke and placed third in the freestyle and Hearno took first in the butterfly along with a second in the freestyle for the girls.

Palumbo finished third in the backstroke and Jeffrey Robinson was third in the butterfly.

Meyer won the backstroke and breaststroke for the 9-10 girls and Muir came in first in the butterfly and second in the backstroke. Kress finished third in the breaststroke and Mastellone was second in the freestyle and butterfly.

The boys again saw Grett capture top honors in the backstroke. Hansen won the freestyle with John Corbin a close second. Whitenour won the breaststroke and Hamill was second in the butterfly. Third-place finishers included Gunther in the backstroke, Joshua Zavislavic in the breaststroke and Broderick in the butterfly.

For the 11-12 swimmers, Mastellone and Leyer started things off with third-place finishes in the 100-meter individual medley. Hansen won both the freestyle and butterfly and Lape won the backstroke. Mastellone took another third in the breaststroke and Mastellone did the same in the backstroke.

The boys saw Farrington, 1992's Most Improved male swimmer, win the freestyle and finish second in the backstroke. Collins ended second in the freestyle and breaststroke and Powell and Winkler took third in the breaststroke and butterfly events.

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competition. Leyer finished her season as an undefeated swimmer in both the freestyle and backstroke events for 13-14 girls with two victories at Berkeley Heights. Muir finished third in the breaststroke and Pascucci was second in the butterfly.

Collins won the freestyle and butterfly races for the boys. Finken won the backstroke and was second in the breaststroke. Shanahan was third in the freestyle and breaststroke. Mark Kress took second-place honors in the butterfly and Broderick was third in the backstroke.

Muir, the 13-18 co-ed medley team captain, won the freestyle and butterfly events. Mastellone was second in the freestyle and butterfly and Lape won the backstroke. Mastellone took another third in the breaststroke and Mastellone did the same in the backstroke.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Griggs' paintings echo the call of the wild

By Bea Smith
Lifestyle Editor

She calls herself the "Wildlife Artist" and has appropriately called her exhibition at the Les Marmont Gallery in the Union Public Library "Wildlife, Birds and Animals." The exhibition of paintings by Barbara R. Griggs includes oils, watercolors and pencil drawings. The show, which opened with a public reception on Sunday afternoon, will run through Sept. 2.

"I love animals," Griggs exclaimed during a recent visit to this office. "That's why my main theme is animals. And, the attractive head teacher at the Eggenoth Early Childhood Center, a preschool day care facility in Elizabeth, said, 'I like to call myself the 'Wildlife Artist.'"

Griggs, who shows her concern for the environment and its effect on living creatures in her paintings, said she specializes in painting nature, birds and animals in watercolor. And most of her inspiration comes from growing up on a farm and from her own back yard. "We have two dogs and a pet rabbit," she explained. "My husband, Nicholas, also loves animals. He was a National Hunt jockey. He's trained horses in England, steeplechase horses, and in Ireland and the Eastern Coast. He is of Scottish descent of the MacGregor clan. We've visited Scotland often, and I've also been inspired by the landscape to paint nature in watercolor."

"Actually," she admitted, "I'm learning to identify birds, by sight and by song. In our backyard, we have some birds who come to meet us. We feed them different seeds. We have a Carolina wren who's been nesting in our stove vent for two years now. He goes back and forth — he leaves for the early spring and several months later, he's back again. Before the sun is up every morning, he sings the most beautiful song."

"It's kind of nice to be awakened to hear the announcement and promise of a good day whether it rains or not," she laughed.

"We have a wren house in the garden for the Eastern wrens. They just came back a couple of days ago. They are fascinating. They also wake you in the morning to make a weather report."

Born in Wilmington, Del., Griggs "grew up in the country and became acquainted with lots of animals. After

high school, we moved to Philadelphia.

"I was an artist all of my life. I studied art with Caroline Wyeth of Chatsford, Pa. She is Andrew Wyeth's sister."

Griggs received her art education at the Moore Institute of Art in Philadelphia, Kean College of New Jersey, Union, and the School of Textiles in Galashiels, Scotland. She also studied with Ed Hughes of Hillside. She married Nicholas 31 years ago in Wilmington. "We moved to Union 27 years ago when our son, Chip, was a baby because my husband, who used to train horses, changed his career. He became a dental technician. His brothers, who were dentists, were up here in Union, and my husband worked with them. Now the brothers are in Pennsylvania."

Griggs explained why she calls her son Chip. "His real name is William

Nicholson Hunter Griggs Jr., but as a youngster, he was always a chip off the old block," she laughed. "And the name stayed with him. He will be 30 this month, and he is an artist in his own way. He works as manager for Foremost Manufacturers Inc., where he makes light reflectors through the use of computers. He's more technical, although I consider him an artist because he does so many things with

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DINING REVIEW

MR. NINO'S
The very best Italian food — enjoy it pizzeria style or in their charming dining room.

By Robert Walters

Benvenuti. Welcome to Mr. Nino's, the year-old family restaurant and pizzeria in Union that has gained a reputation for excellence.

Besides the fresh, authentic Italian dishes at reasonable prices, the restaurant offers an ambience to suit any mood or occasion.

Do you have a yen for a zesty meatball parmigiana sandwich or a hefty Sicilian pie? Choose a table in the front room or find a seat at the lunch counter and enjoy an informal dining experience.

Perhaps you have romance on your mind and a craving for a delicious meal. Ask to be seated in the rear dining area, a warm, charmingly decorated room that gives one the sensation of entering an upscale bistro.

The servers are warm and friendly at Mr. Nino's. Diners can expect to have their beverages and a basket of warm Italian bread placed on their table almost immediately.

Customers can then choose from an assortment of appetizers before ordering their main course. Starters include mouth-watering delicacies like antipasto, stuffed mushrooms, baked clams, scungilli salad and shrimp cocktail, all priced under \$6.

Three happy diners feast on portions of Mr. Nino's famous rigatoni and Chicken Scampallo. From left: Jackie Corning, Maria Schlegel and Zuleika Alves.

My dining companion and I selected two main courses which are popular dishes at Mr. Nino's — both exemplified the restaurant's commitment to high quality and customer satisfaction.

My choice was a perfectly cooked rigatoni topped with a delicious pink basil sauce, while my companion enjoyed the delightful Chicken Scampallo, a plump portion of chicken, potatoes, sausage and peppers, seasoned with vinegar and garlic.

Our meal was delightfully complemented by our own choice of wine which we brought with us. The

restaurant welcomes customers to do so and will gladly pour and serve it for you.

Diners are advised to save a little room — if possible — for the homemade dessert at Mr. Nino's, of which there are hundreds. A good choice is the Italian cheesecake, although the chocolate eclairs and tiramisù are equally delicious.

Mr. Nino's is located at 1026 Stuyvesant Ave., between Morris Avenue and Vauxhall Road. Customers can place take-out orders by calling (908) 688-5505. The restaurant is open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday and Saturday until midnight. Plenty of parking in the rear.

This column is intended to inform our readers about dining opportunities in the area.

Union advances to title tilt

The Union Little League 9-10-year-old All-Star team won two games last week to advance to the championship of the Ford's Clara Barton Invitational Tournament. Union was scheduled to play Kenansaw Monday for the title.

To get to the championship game, Union defeated Elmora (Elizabeth) 7-6 and Irvington 7-4.

Against Elmora, Kevin McCarthy allowed three hits in five innings and Jason Perera finished in relief.

Elmora had the tying run at third base with one out in the bottom of the sixth. Union first baseman Brian

Little League

Burke caught a foul pop up and, with the runner tagging from third, fired home to catcher Antonio Pino for a game-ending double play.

McCarthy and John Damato each belted two hits and Perera ripped a triple to pace Union. Pino, Rob Piccirillo and Greg Santos also delivered key base hits.

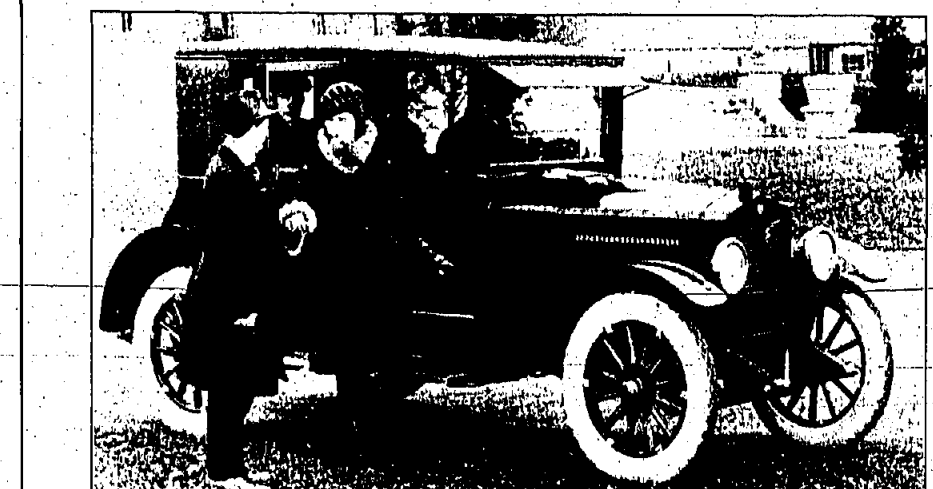
Union's game against Irvington turned out to be a battle of unbrakes. Union took the early scoring, scoring four runs in the first inning on hits by

McCarthy and Piccirillo (two-run triple).

Union increased its lead to 7-0 with three more runs in the third inning. Runs were produced by hits by Burke, Piccirillo and Paul Calaforo (two-run single).

Jim Nann pitched three innings for Union and allowed two runs. Perera and McCarthy pitched in relief.

Irvington challenged in the final inning, leading the bases after cutting the lead to 7-4. McCarthy struck out the final two batters to get the save.



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For week of Aug. 9-Aug. 15
ARIES (March 21 to April 20) This week could hold good news with the return of a relative or friend from overseas. You could find surprising warmth in personal relationships, reflecting your own generosity. There could be some minor health worries, so you should take precautions to maintain your fitness. Financial matters may be under some stress around midweek.

TAURUS (April 21 to May 21) Business and financial affairs should prosper now, and you may be able to pull off a deal that could be very advantageous.

Don't let your stubborn ways ruin a valuable relationship. Be sure to look at both sides before jumping to conclusions. Accept social invitations you usually wouldn't, there's room for adventure in your life.

GEMINI (May 22 to June 21) It's possible that you haven't been taking much interest in your surroundings at home recently. This could be a good time for you to do some redecorating. Romance appears to be cloudy now, and if you have a disagreement with your partner, it might be best to make no moves that exacerbate the situation.

CANCER (June 22 to July 22) Recently there have been some upheavals in your personal life, but this week should see things returning to their accustomed harmony. Take some notice of anything out of the ordinary on Tuesday and/or Wednesday, for you may be the best of a peculiar joke.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 23) Take care that you don't overlook something important — such as car registration or insurance — this week. There could be some travel in store for you soon; you go somewhere that requires you to make use of a map. This weekend a mysterious Scorpio of the opposite sex will enter your life!

VIRGO (Aug. 24 to Sept. 23) Business dealings will go smoothly, and a long-term project will finally be completed. It

seems as though all your hard work has paid off. Now it's time to relax and have some fun. A loved-one wants to spend more time with you; you should oblige.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 to Oct. 23) A close friend may have had a bitter disappointment recently and will be looking for a shoulder to cry on. Try to help as best you can. If you are by inclination a naturalist, you could pass a very pleasant time in the country, searching for rare flowers or wildflowers.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 to Nov. 23) This week starts off with a rather harsh note, with possible arguments between yourself and loved ones. With tact and diplomacy, you should be able to get over this. Midweek may see you out to dinner with some friends, and suddenly you'll realize that

you're having fun and your problems are now resolved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 to Dec. 21) Someone for whom you have considerable affection may require your moral support during the week. Though you have the wisdom and sincerity to provide it, this action might be misinterpreted by some and turned into gossip. Professional advice about your financial future could prove worthwhile.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) For the sake of your health, it would be sensible to avoid late nights even though the prospect of partying into the wee hours with your friends may attract you. If you're thinking of asking for a raise or promotion, this would be a good time. Caution might succeed where bravado may fail. You find strength from within.

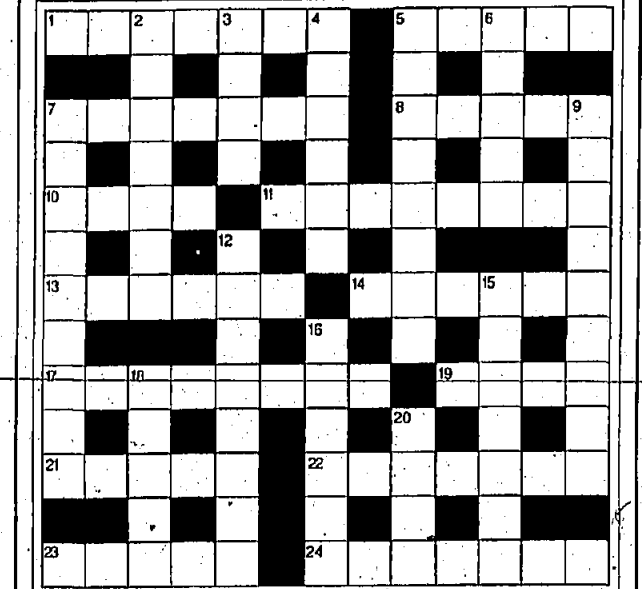
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) This is not the time to be adventurous in your relationships with loved ones; they might mistake your actions and criticize you unjustly. On the other hand, if you allow

your ingenuity full rein at work, you might find that some novel ideas are immediately acted upon, which could improve your reputation. Good news comes in the mail.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) There are indications that you will find yourself in a quandary this week over conflicting demands for your presence. You may have to be quite firm and decisive about what you want to do. An opportunity to make new friends may occur, but you must watch out for possible conflicts with your responsibilities.

Your birthday this week There will be some milestones in the lives of those closest to you. This could mean attending a few weddings and some other types of celebrations. In one of these events, you will meet someone who could play a significant role in your future. This person is likely to be an Aries or a Pisces. If you want to start things out the right way, remember honesty is the best policy. That includes being honest with yourself. There will be some travel this fall.

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- CLUES ACROSS**
- Smarmily dressed
 - Lazy person
 - More robust
 - Comical
 - Lean
 - Illustrious
 - Covered
 - Fall grown
 - Hugged
 - Slip
 - Whimsy
 - Study of rocks
 - Belief
 - Cultured
- CLUES DOWN**
- Eerie
 - Wading bird
 - Corner
 - Casual
 - Language
 - October 31st
 - Day before
 - Separate
 - Anonymous
 - Coalition
 - Twip
 - Shingle

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- ACROSS**
- Cash 3, Mob 5, Smug 2, Wrongdoer 9, Atom 10, Peel 11, Cheer 14, Rider 15, Along 17, Again 18, Throw 19, Gully 20, Latch 23, Trust 25, Scan 27, Linelight 28, Mock 29, Tot 30, Pick
- DOWN**
- Coma 2, Harm 3, Murch 4, Badge 5, Step 6, Girl 7, Wonderful 8, Recycled 11, Crowl 12, Exact 13, Range 14, Rat 16, Gay 21, Avert 22, Hoist 23, Trim 24, Tick 25, Ship 26, Nook

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