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Could Newbury Take the Pink House?

By Stewart Lytle, Reporter

PLUM ISLAND TURNPIKE –The fight to save the nearly 100-year-old Pink House continues, although the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (F&WS) has handed it over to the federal General Services Administration (GSA) to auction it off.

If an auction of the Pink House were to succeed, a private owner would have to remove it from its current site. If it failed, the F&WS, a division of the U.S. Department of Interior, is expected to proceed with its well-publicized plan to demolish the house by winter.

“We are told the house will go up for auction very shortly,” the Support the Pink House (STPH) all-volunteer organization wrote in a new post on its web page.

But as bleak as the situation for the Pink House looks, a new option has emerged, according to the non-profit group.

The acre of dry, upland and the



The Pink House - Photo Courtesy of Support the Pink House www.supportthepinkhouse.com

already surplus Pink House could be returned to the town of Newbury, which has expressed an interest in reclaiming a much needed home and returning it to the town's tax rolls.

“This certainly is a fresh solution, and one that we endorse,” said

Rochelle Joseph, the STPH president. “Needlessly demolishing the house at an estimated cost of \$50,000 to \$90,000 is not the best use of our tax dollars, especially when you add in the federal funds spent to buy it.

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Photo Courtesy MSPCA

A Lot of Boxers to Adopt

By Ava Moeckel, Reporter

REGIONAL – After the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MSPCA) found homes for many of its dogs during last week's Adoptathon, its shelters are back to full capacity when 60 boxers were surrendered to police as part of a severe hoarding situation.

“I'll be frank: it's a lot of dogs,” said Neal Litvak, president. “We haven't done an intake of this scale in a really long time, but we certainly weren't about to turn our backs on innocent animals.”

MSPCA staff immediately placed the boxers in three area shelters: Boston, Nevins Farm in Methuen and Salem. The action was part of a multi-jurisdictional investigation into overcrowding and hoarding.

The owner handed over the dogs without incident, the police said. Merrimac Det. Stephen Beaulieu is the lead investigator. Anyone with information should call the Merrimac police at 978-346-8321.

The dogs appeared to be healthy, but they were still being examined by MSPCA officials. The examinations will determine any possible legal action against the owner.

The MSPCA is not sure yet what kind of care the dogs will require, but they will at least need spay/neuter procedures and dental care, Litvak wrote in an email.

That care is expected to cost \$10,000. Most of the dogs will be available for adoption once they have undergone the necessary medical and behavioral tests. For information about adopting a boxer, visit www.mspca.org/adoptadog or make a donation at: www.mspca.org/boxers.

Georgetown Override Failure Forces Cuts in Planned Budget Increases

GEORGETOWN – The schools, police and fire departments may have to take a sizable financial hit next year to balance the town's budget after the voters turned down a proposed \$3 million property tax hike.

The town has called a Special Town Meeting at 7 p.m., Monday, June 24, in the auditorium of the High/Middle School, 11 Winter St.

SelectBoard Chair Daryl Lamonica last week urged as many residents as possible to attend. “It's you, the residents, who will decide this budget,” he said at the SelectBoard meeting.

According to an official spreadsheet, the schools may lose about \$300,000 in the proposed new budget. This year, the schools' budget is \$17.8 million and the proposed budget approved at

percent to \$17.6 million.

The town budget for public safety would increase by 1 percent from \$2.87 million this year to \$2.9 million next year. The police and fire chiefs had hoped their budgets would increase to \$3.3 million, that was approved at the May Town Meeting to allow the hiring of more officers and firefighters.

The police department budget this year is \$1.7 million. Town Meeting raised it to \$1.8 million, but the proposed budget scheduled for a vote at the Special Town Meeting is \$1.67 million, a reduction of 2.5 percent.

The fire department may have the largest cut at 6.7 percent. The current budget is \$662,471. The Town Meeting increased it to \$933,384, but

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From left, top row: Students Joseph Lafebvre, Tosh Napier, Oliver Noel, and Katreina Green; bottom row: Hilde Vienneau. (Photo Courtesy Whittier Tech)

Whittier Tech Students Power Georgetown Police Station Safety Upgrades

HAVERTHILL — The prisoner cells at Georgetown Police Station have been upgraded courtesy of a job by Metal Fabrication students at Whittier Tech.

The 17 students, working under the direction of Welding Instructor Steve Palmer, undertook the job after Chief David Sedgwick shared with the school his concerns regarding the quality of the sheet metals and brackets inside the prisoner

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Publisher/Editor, The Town Common

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Newburyport Fire Department Extinguishes Basement Fire

NEWBURYPORT — Fire Chief Stephen Bradbury III reports that the Newburyport Fire Department extinguished a basement fire on Tuesday afternoon.

On Tuesday, June 4, at approximately 3:12 p.m., Newburyport Fire was called to 25 Duffy Drive for a report of a structure fire.

Companies arrived to find smoke showing from a rear basement bulkhead. A resident who was inside the home looking for a cat was helped outside by a Newburyport Police Officer.

Firefighters stretched a hose line into the basement to extinguish a small fire. Fire damage was contained to the basement of the home.

Much of the home was filled with smoke so firefighters also ventilated the home and evaluated two residents for smoke inhalation. Both residents declined medical transport. Both of the residents' cats were later found in good health by firefighters.

Off-duty Newburyport firefighters covered Newburyport Fire Headquarters. The cause of the fire remains under investigation by the Newburyport Fire Department, but it appears to be accidental.

LEGAL NOTICE

ROWLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act, Mass. G.L. 131, Section 40, as amended, and the Town of Rowley Wetlands Protection Bylaw, a remote public meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 7:45 pm to consider a Request for Determination of Applicability application filed by Wayne Jackson for proposed construction of a 13' x 16' storage shed on a 4" concrete pad and after-the-fact location of an 11' circular trampoline, a 15' x 10' temporary storage building, and a gravel driveway extension possibly within the 100' Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 610 Wethersfield Street (Map 11, Parcel 6 Lot 9) in Rowley, MA.

Daniel Shinnick, Chairman,

Rowley Conservation Commission

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ROWLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act, Mass. G.L. 131, Section 40, as amended, and the Town of Rowley Wetlands Protection Bylaw, a remote public meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 7:45 pm to consider a Request for Determination of Applicability application filed by Vernon Bell for proposed soil evaluations possibly within the 100' Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands and in the 25' No Cut/No Disturbance Zone at 275 Newburyport Turnpike (Map 16, Parcel 6) in Rowley, MA.

Daniel Shinnick, Chairman

Rowley Conservation Commission

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Hampton - Christian Music Festival

The 2024 Hampton Beach Christian Music Festival takes place Sunday, June 23rd, from 3 to 9 PM in the center of Hampton Beach at the Sea Shell Stage. As in previous years, admission is FREE. This year features one of the top Christian bands in the country, Consumed by Fire, featuring three brothers Caleb, Jordan and Josh Ward. The group will be traveling to New Hampshire from their home state of Oklahoma. Currently, Consumed by Fire has two top hits playing on all Christian radio stations, "First Things First" and "Walk With Jesus." The band just performed in Nashville at the K-LOVE Awards and this will be their first ever New England appearance. Bands joining Consumed by Fire include New Hampshire recording artist Tenley Westbrook, Salt and Light Company, BPC Praise Band, Wanderheart, and the final performance of the evening features Granite United Worship of Salem, NH. For further information, go to ChristianFilmProductions.org.

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TOWN OF BOXFORD - PLANNING BOARD AND TREE WARDEN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

REMOVAL OF PUBLIC SHADE TREE & SCENIC ROADS ACT

The Boxford Planning Board and the Tree Warden will hold a Public Hearing pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 87, Sections 3 & 4 (Removal of Public Shade Trees) & Chapter 40, Section 15C (Scenic Roads Act) to consider the removal of 17 linear feet of existing stone retaining wall along the northern property line and the removal of a 10" deciduous tree (Hickory) within the public Right of Way of MacDonald Drive located near an undeveloped lot on MacDonald Drive (Assessor's Map 13-3-12). The tree is posted with a notice as required.

Said hearing will be held via Zoom teleconference on Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 7:30 PM. The Zoom information will be available on the Town of Boxford webpage calendar several days prior to the hearing, or can be requested from rpoenvmire@town.boxford.ma.us.

For the Planning Board and the Tree Warden,
Ross Povenmire

(6/19), 6/26, 7/3

BOXFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

You are hereby notified that a Public Hearing will be held via Zoom video-conference on Thursday July 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. or such other time when posted for the Notice of Intent - By Applicant: Dale & Theresa Pyatt for the property located at: 14 Andrews Farm Road, Map 38, Block 3, Lot 48 to install a sanitary septic system upgrade within 100-feet of Bordering Vegetated Wetland.

The Zoom connection information will be posted on the Town of Boxford website prior to the meeting. This is a joint hearing under the requirements of MGL Ch. 131, Sec. 40, as amended, and Boxford's Wetlands Protection Bylaw and Regulations. For more information, contact Ross Povenmire at rpoenvmire@town.boxford.ma.us.

For the Commission,
Ross Povenmire, Conservation Director

(6/19), 6/26

Merrimac Police Remove 60 Dogs from Property During Animal Welfare Investigation, Appeal for Adopters

MERRIMAC — On Tuesday, June 11, 60 Boxer dogs were removed from a property in the Town of Merrimac as part of a multi-jurisdictional investigation into reports of animal hoarding and overcrowding.

The investigation was opened by the Windham Police Department, NH, and also involves the Merrimac Police Department, Haverhill Police Department, and the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MSPCA).

The Boxer dogs were voluntarily surrendered by the Locust Grove Rd homeowner, and have been placed in the care of the MSPCA and currently

reside in shelters.

As part of the investigation, Haverhill Police also searched another property in that town, however the search did not discover any dogs or find cause for concern.

"Every domesticated animal has a right to minimum standards of nutrition, sanitation and veterinary care," Merrimac Police Department Chief Eric Shears said. "Animal hoarding and overcrowding is dangerous because it jeopardizes the ability of animals to receive appropriate care, and we will investigate any reports of those occurrences."

The multi-jurisdictional investigation

is active and ongoing. No charges have been filed at this time. The lead investigator assigned to the case at Merrimac Police is Detective Stephen Beaulieu. Anyone with information is asked to call Merrimac Police at 978-346-8321.

To adopt a Boxer, monitor the page www.mspca.org/adoptadog for listings as they become available, and to make a donation to the MSPCA, visit www.mspca.org/boxers

The Boxers will become available for adoption as soon as June 17 at shelters across Boston, Methuen, and Salem.

The statements in relation to this case are allegations. All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty.

Erin Bonney Casey Named Ipswich River Watershed Association's Next Leader

IPSWICH — Erin Bonney Casey is the new executive director of the Ipswich Watershed Association. She succeeds Wayne Castonguay who led IRWA for almost 13 years and who succeeded Kerry Mackin, who led it for almost twenty years. The Watershed Association is a non-profit organization that works to restore the Ipswich River to health and protect clean water for people and nature.

According to IRWA President Ken MacNulty, the Board of Directors engaged in a rigorous search and had a number of excellent, highly qualified candidates; Ms. Bonney Casey,

who is currently serving as IRWA's Resiliency Program Director, had the necessary knowledge of the issues facing the Ipswich River and the region as well as existing relationships with partners and other stakeholders. MacNulty said, "Since joining IRWA in March of 2022, Erin has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to IRWA's mission. We look forward to the leadership, dedication, and fresh perspectives she will bring to IRWA."

Erin is a native New Englander and a recognized water management professional. Prior to IRWA, Erin became recognized as a water industry expert

during her time as a Research Director at Bluefield Research in Boston from 2013 - 2022. During this time, Erin managed a portfolio of 15 corporate and public utility clients and was the lead author of over 100 market research reports on the water and wastewater sectors globally, with particular focus on innovative project delivery in the U.S. Erin and her family moved to Salem in 2021.



THE PINK HOUSE

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"The Pink House would be useful to the town, which would then continue to contribute to the region's economy and tourism."

A high-level meeting of local, state and federal officials is being developed in hopes of saving the Pink House.

The F&WS has stated it plans to demolish or remove the Pink House, the most photographed and painted icon on the North Shore, and replace it with several benches for viewing the marsh and a handful of parking spaces off the Plum Island Turnpike.

"The view of the marsh would be essentially the same that the Greenbelt (land trust) has 300 yards down the turnpike," said Jeff Ackley, a STPH Board member.

The F&WS wants about \$425,000 in equivalent marshland owned by a non-profit group in exchange for the house and acre on the marsh. It has worked independently and with the STPH for months trying to identify an appropriate tract of land that could be traded for the Pink House.

If the house is auctioned off by the government, the STPH Facebook post states: "the house would be taken away, broken apart or whole, to another location. And the perpetual preservation restriction that STPH worked hard to create through the MA Historical Commission, to ensure its signature silhouette and pink color would forever stay the same, would not transfer with

the house."

The STPH has not stopped looking for solutions, because its members want to keep on fighting, Joseph said. "This is not dying down - and we have had non-stop calls telling every elected official we can."

For more information, visit www.supportthepinkhouse.com. Support the Pink House, Inc. 61 Pleasant Street, PO BOX 131, Newburyport, MA 01950



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cells and their risk to inmate safety. "The job was a win-win for everyone," Whittier Tech Superintendent Maureen Lynch said. "Our students obtained valuable on-site experience, and the department now enjoys better safety features, which benefits the entire community."

The job consisted of an initial site visit to assess needs, the production of mock-ups, test-fitting of said mock-ups, revisions and adjustments, and a final site visit to install the new sheet metals and brackets.

"As always, Whittier Tech is proud to support our first responders in police, fire and EMS," Welding Instructor Steve Palmer said. "On this occasion, the students both did a good job, and improved the capability of the police to serve our community."

Whittier Tech and Georgetown Police Department share a close and longstanding relationship. In the fall of 2023, the school's Culinary Arts Program prepared and supplied cookies and pastries for the swearing-in of Chief Sedgwick.

"I couldn't be prouder of, or more thankful to the students," Chief Sedgwick said. "They completed a job on-time, on-spec, and to a high standard of quality. I'm confident that our residents will soon enjoy access to many talented metal fabricators."

The Metal Fabrication Program at Whittier Tech is also currently working on a community service project for the Georgetown Fire Department.

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 - Ryan Deschenes, Haverhill
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 - Noah Allen, Haverhill
 - Adrian Angeloni, Rowley
 - Elodie Bonfiglioli, Haverhill
 - Emma Casey, Georgetown
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 - Joseph Lefebvre, Haverhill
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Ipswich firefighters at 49 Mitchell Road in Ipswich (Courtesy Ipswich Fire Department)

Ipswich Fire Department Extinguishes Fire in Commercial Structure

IPSWICH — Fire Chief Paul Parisi reports that the Ipswich Fire Department extinguished a working fire in a commercial building on Mitchell Road.

On Wednesday, June 12, at about 11:14 a.m., the Ipswich Fire Department received a commercial fire alarm activation at D&D Manufacturing, 49 Mitchell Road.

Ipswich Police Patrolman Pat Carlin was first to arrive and discovered smoke showing from the building.

Upon arrival, Engine 2 found smoke showing and a fire burning in an HVAC unit in the ceiling of a manufacturing space leased by C&C Fabricating. The fire alarm was sounding and the building was evacuated.

Engine 2, under the command of Lt. Pat Dingle, stretched a hose line into the building and knocked down the fire. A primary search was conducted. Off-duty and call firefighters from Ipswich, along with mutual aid firefighters, overhauled the building to ensure the fire was completely out.

The fire was brought under control in about 45 minutes. There were no reported injuries.

A portion of the building was closed following the fire. Chief Parisi estimates damage to the building at about \$50,000. The property is owned by K Three Realty, LLC and is assessed at \$1,073,600.

The Rowley Fire Department provided mutual aid at the scene. ActionEMS was on standby, and the Rehab 5 truck provided rehabilitation support for firefighters at the scene. Firefighters from Topsfield and Essex covered Ipswich stations.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation by the Ipswich Fire Department but is not considered suspicious.

GEORGETOWN BUDGET WOES
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the proposed budget for the fire department at the Special Town Meeting is \$706,919.

The communications center would remain at the same level that the Town Meeting approved at \$327,890, a \$23,500 increase over the current budget.

At the Special Town Meeting next week, residents will also be asked to postpone spending money to replace the carpet in the school auditorium, the room the vote will be taken in. Also postponed would be proposed masonry repairs at the school.

In addition, the town may not buy a cell phone repeater. And the proposal is to cut \$150,000 in curriculum and instructional materials.

If approved at the meeting on Monday, proposed new carpeting for Town Hall will be postponed.

Also on the chopping block is a septic system at Camp Denison and testing at the landfill for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), which can pollute the town's water. Town Administrator Orlando Pacheco told the SelectBoard last week that the threat to the water system was minimal.

The tree warden would see no cut of the proposed \$18,000 that was approved in May. But several regulatory boards and commissions may see major cuts.

The Health Department, Conservation Commission and Planning Board, all of which would oversee the proposed new G. Mello Trash Corp.'s transfer station, will each see significant cuts.

The Health Department's budget this year is \$168,000, and the town meeting in May increased it to \$182,358. If approved Monday night, the special town meeting would cut the Health Department's budget to \$143,339.

The Planning Department's budget for this year is \$142,895. The regular Town Meeting increased it to \$146,000. The Special Town Meeting proposes to cut the Planning Board to \$103,000.

The Conservation Commission's budget was cut almost in half from its current level of \$96,257. The regular Town Meeting cut it to almost \$59,000, but the Special Town Meeting cut it another \$5,000.

Cultural and recreational activities was increased by \$20,000 in May to \$105,320, only to face being cut next week to \$20,000.

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Brighter Smiles... HEALTH REQUIRES ACCOUNTABILITY



By J. PETER ST. CLAIR, DMD

Dental hygienists love it when they make suggestions to patients about home care and their dreams are answered when the patient returns 6 months later with noticeable improvement. It might be as simple as adding a good electric toothbrush or waterpik to the patient's regimen. I would like to say that we are amazed daily by the fruits of our counseling, but that isn't the case. For whatever reasons there are, changing routines is often difficult.

Over 10 years ago I wrote a column about an article I saw in a magazine, which is apparently also a book, entitled "Change or Die". What if you were given that choice? What if the doctor said you had to make tough changes in the way you think and act - or your time would end soon? Could you change? Here are the scientifically studied odds: nine to one. That's nine to one against you. I don't think we have made much headway on this over the past 10 years.

It's a pretty common theme. As Americans, we're dying at a rapid rate from five basic self-induced health problems. We eat too much. We drink too much. We smoke too much. We have too much stress. And, we don't exercise enough. These five poor choices,

manifested in scores of ailments, consume the vast majority of the nation's healthcare budget. The article is an outpouring of concern from healthcare experts and doctors, all looking for a way to change the behavior of people who love their lifestyle so much that they literally die from it.

In a Johns Hopkins study a while back, 9 of 10 heart surgery patients chose to return to their unhealthy lifestyle, rather than make the changes needed to live longer. Only a few are convinced by their doctors to make radical daily changes. One of the more successful doctors with this is Dr. Dean Ornish, founder of the Preventive Medicine Research Institute. He says NO to meat, fatty dairy products, alcohol and oil. His vegetarian diet is low-fat, high-maintenance and strict. And, it has been shown to reverse heart disease and other factors in patients who were destined for quadruple bypasses - or worse, eternal sleep.

When 90% of patients are back to their old tricks within weeks of open-heart surgery, his program is the one making a difference. How does he do it? Well, it's easy, really. Dr. Ornish coaches his patients to make changes strictly for the benefit of making them. Instead of telling them they must change or face death, he encourages them to change so that they can enjoy the endless beauty of living. With dedicated support, three-quarters of his patients are still going strong three years into their drastic lifestyle shift. I'm sure it is deeply gratifying to know that it only takes words said a certain way to make a true change in someone's life.

Why is it so difficult to get people to change? Well, it depends. You have to be sick and tired of being sick and tired, usually, before you'll make the leap and let go of whatever the resistance is to change. For many, doing more

preventively never happens. We wait for chest pain to strike or a toothache to occur before seeking help to solve our crisis problem. Then we hope, and many times expect, that our problem can be solved easily and not too much will have to change to prevent it from happening again.

Dr. Ornish would tell you the change must be profound. He would tell you to never have another cheeseburger. Your hygienist would say you need to follow a new strict homecare routine, radically different than what you currently do. Making changes like these has to mean more to you than the change itself. You must be invested in improving the quality of your life.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦
♦ Moderate ♦♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Home conditions still demand attention. Also, keep an open mind about a sudden question of trust involving a close friend. All the facts are not yet in.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Travel begins to dominate your sign as spring gives way to summer. Make plans carefully to avoid potential problems during the first half of June.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A romantic Libra sets a challenge that your "sensible" side might question, but your idealistic self finds the prospect too intriguing to resist. The choice is yours.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Those tense times in your personal life are just about over. Concentrate on reaffirming relationships. Your love for travel opens up a surprising new opportunity.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat usually loves to be in the center of things. But this week, it might be wiser to watch and learn from the sidelines. A Pisces wants to make you purr.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) "New" is your watchword this week. Be open to new ideas, both on the job and in your personal life. A romantic Aries or Sagittarian beckons.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Some difficult family decisions have to be faced, but be sure to get more facts before you act. Also, be careful not to neglect your health during this trying time.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You still need to support a loved one through a difficult time. Meanwhile, things continue to work out to your benefit in the workplace.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Aspects continue to favor expanding social opportunities. A Gemini reaches out to offer a chance for reestablishing a once-close relationship.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) There's a potential for misunderstandings in both your job and your personal life. A full explanation of your intentions helps smooth things over.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might be feeling restless on the job, but delay making any major moves until all the facts are in. Meanwhile, a Scorpio has a surprising revelation.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your business sense works to your advantage as you sort through the possibilities that are opening up. A Libra is Cupid's best bet for your romantic prospects.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for being open-minded about people. This helps you make friends easily. You do very well in public service.

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

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Super Crossword DOWNFALL

ACROSS

- 1 Washed-up star
- 8 Baryshnikov's nickname
- 13 Exhortations
- 20 Fast, in music scores
- 21 Foppish scarf
- 22 Hangs around
- 23 Punctilious attention to neatness
- 25 Contrary to
- 26 Perfumed hair dressing
- 27 Time of note
- 28 Special attention, in brief
- 30 Beginning
- 31 Krispy Kreme offering topped with colorful bits
- 36 Enlarged
- 41 Classic no-calorie soda brand
- 42 Deep anger
- 43 Stimulate
- 44 Missy
- 47 Court events
- 48 Arthroscopic surgery site
- 49 Garden plants with heads of clear blue blooms
- 52 Euro divs.
- 53 Feats
- 54 "Gotta run!"
- 55 Logger's chopper
- 56 China's Mao —tung
- 57 Mary — cosmetics
- 58 Stimulate
- 60 Neighbor of Rwanda
- 63 Family dog, e.g.
- 64 Env. contents
- 67 1984 Eurhythmics hit that's apt for six related words in this puzzle
- 72 See 58-Down
- 73 French painter Jean
- 74 Egg white
- 75 Tach stats
- 76 Gore and Unser
- 77 Everybody
- 79 Atty.'s org. & others
- 80 & others
- 82 Sight-related
- 85 Pay money for
- 86 Spongy, glazed dessert
- 90 Hotel offering
- 91 Weather phenomenon with a more famous "brother"
- 93 Mauna —
- 94 Ward off
- 95 Peat source
- 96 "— Com-plaint" (Philip Roth novel)
- 98 Altimas and Maximas
- 100 Gift lists for expectant mothers' parties
- 104 Car identifier
- 105 Letters after lambdas
- 106 Quaker grain
- 107 Some narrow strips of land
- 113 Revises jointly
- 115 Use lots of flattery, say
- 118 Egypt's — Stone
- 119 Latin for "everything"
- 120 Metallic shooting marble
- 121 Jerry Garcia's band, informally
- 122 "I — drink!"
- 123 Its capital is Mogadishu

DOWN

- 1 Lock holder
- 2 Food for Fido
- 3 Thin
- 4 Software test version
- 5 "By Jove!"
- 6 Novelist Hemingway
- 7 Tacit assent
- 8 Language of New Zealand
- 9 Honshu, e.g.
- 10 — -fi movie
- 11 Horse farm attendant
- 12 Oakland ball team
- 13 Tony winner Hagen
- 14 Seasoned stews
- 15 Farm with its buildings
- 16 From Galway, say
- 17 "Brooklyn —" (sitcom)
- 18 Made a hand motion
- 19 Old booming jet, for short
- 24 For each
- 29 Stat on a bank sign
- 32 Bouncy stick
- 33 DIYers' sets
- 34 Lubricants
- 35 Leisure shirts
- 36 Pitcher's asset
- 37 "Where — sign?"
- 38 Tools for light cleaning
- 39 Will topic
- 40 Artful
- 45 In the know
- 46 Luxury brand of Toyota
- 48 Lock opener
- 50 Toils away
- 51 Hertz car, say
- 53 Info
- 56 Cravat clasp
- 57 Dog refuge
- 58 With
- 72-Across, "Actually, I do!"
- 59 "— -haw!"
- 61 Ref's cousin
- 62 FedEx rival
- 63 Pizzeria order
- 64 Port in east Argentina
- 65 Apple's Cook
- 66 Hosp. staffers
- 68 Advanced math, in brief
- 69 Puzzle cube creator Erno
- 70 Astound
- 71 Confers honor on
- 76 Pitcher's asset
- 77 "The Wizard of Oz" lady
- 78 Resting atop
- 81 "Bill & — Bogus Journey"
- 82 Spheres
- 83 Dismiss as foolish
- 84 From the capital Lomé, e.g.
- 85 Roseanne of "Roseanne"
- 86 Year's 365
- 87 Actor Billy of "Titanic"
- 88 Barbie's guy
- 89 Hosp. areas
- 91 "Fist City" singer Lynn
- 92 Foul-smelling
- 96 Daintily little
- 97 Packed away
- 99 Enjoys a lot
- 101 Slogged in water
- 102 Gorbachev's wife
- 103 Addams family cousin
- 108 Cherry holder
- 109 Duke Ellington's "Take — Train"
- 110 Small peak
- 111 1,102, to Livy
- 112 Retail giant in furniture
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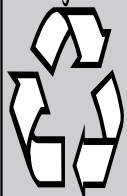
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