laying and hatching and to note problems. She especially enjoys seeing the little baby birds right after they hatch.

Although she pursues other interests, Loviglio certainly hasn’t abandoned her love of words. For example, after retiring from the New England Journal of Medicine, she joined a book club. Loviglio said she now enjoys having the time to meet regularly with other book lovers to sip wine and discuss good literature, such as The Great Gatsby and Ann Patchett’s Bel Canto. Loviglio also is taking advanced conversation classes in Italian, and she made her first trip to Italy last year. “I’m determined to become fluent”, she said. “But learning a new language in your 60s is not the same as learning it in your teens or 20s.” Despite the difficulty, Loviglio said she has always enjoyed studying other languages.

Although her new life, filled with language studies and birding expeditions, keeps her from writing for Science Editor, Loviglio is still a word watcher at heart. “I still get annoyed when I hear bad grammar on TV or see it in print”, she said. “I’m still a grammar grouch. . . . I just don’t have a soapbox anymore.”

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Science Editor is one of the few publications I generally read from cover to cover, and the July-August 2003 issue is right up to standard. However, I am moved to comment on two matters.

First, the article by Stephanie Deming on the Science Editor’s Bookshelf falls short of perfection only in being a bit too short. I would have listed the 1991 publication of CBE (as it was then) Ethics and Policy in Scientific Publication as a source of suggestions about dealing with some common problems. And I hope that she will give us some advice about dictionaries.

Second, Arnold Melnick, in “Each to Their Own Taste (Grrrr . . . )”, cites 12 examples of disagreement between a personal pronoun and its antecedent noun. Each of those examples seems to me to illustrate the same, much narrower problem: lack of an English pronoun that is gender-neutral, as in his first example, “This year, give everyone exactly what they want.” I agree with Melnick that such disagreements should be avoided, but I could not rewrite that sentence without a couple of additional words that would themselves be less than ideal. Will we, some day, have a pronoun that is both grammatically and politically correct?

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