

## Letters

### Latter-day tory versified

Written by Dr. Roy S. Austin upon having his loyalties analyzed by the computer at Boston's bicentennial celebration.

Look at Old Glory! Can you shake out the blue  
And discover the stars that speak just to you?  
Does the flag say to you with its stars in the blue  
That you can think as you choose with nothing to lose?  
Can you flick a red band away from the white  
And take glory and joy in pursuing the right?  
—Though you stand all alone?  
Are you free to be wrong in the eyes of the throng  
And discover yourself and be happy?

Can you sense with each ripple a definite chill  
Rise up on your spine to give you a thrill?  
No doubt you'll pass muster. I'm sure you can guess  
The answer to most of these queries is "yes."  
So you're worthy of trust and rate commendation.  
You're honorable NOW, a true son of the Nation.  
But don't be too sure, complacent and smug.  
You've a conscience to deal with—a little heart tug.  
Sometimes, in short sight, you see only white.  
All else, so you've painted, is just a bit tainted.  
I would that your patriots or "rebels" to me  
Could disregard mind-set and clearly see  
That the freedoms you prize must be granted to me.  
Alas I am suspect, and you feign to ascribe  
Improper motives to me of a different tribe.  
You cover all patriots well with your glory  
But tar feathers for me, an unpopular Tory.

### Articles violate A.A. principles writer says

Dear Editor:  
Tradition Eleven of Alcoholics Anonymous states, "Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and film." And I quote from the book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, "Public relations are important to A.A. Good public relations save lives. We seek publicity for A.A. principles, not A.A. members. The press has co-operated. Personal anonymity at the public level is the cornerstone of our public relations policy. Eleventh Tradition is a constant reminder that personal ambition has no place in A.A. Each member becomes an active guardian of our fellowship."  
From John's drunkalog, published in the Courier-Freeman, the identity of

John is blatantly obvious to any member of A.A. The idea of having a person's drunkalog published in the newspaper is to me not only against the traditions of A.A. (the only known high-rate-of-success treatment for alcoholism), but anybody who would have their drunkalog published I think is seeking self-importance to add to an already overinflated ego. I believe most alcoholics would prefer to remain anonymous.  
I'll be the first to admit that John has helped many alcoholics, for John was the first one to come to my farm and saved my life. Two and one-half years of sobriety later, I am eternally in his debt. But I just don't think this series of articles is according to A.A. principles.  
Stephen C. Williams  
Madrid, New York

### More on Abzug's abortion stand

Dear Editor:  
It is quite natural during an election year for candidates to carefully word their statements regarding topics where strong polarizations of feeling exist. Thus Ruth Garner in a letter to the editor discussing Bella Abzug's recent visit to the north country concluded from what Mrs. Abzug said regarding the issue of abortion, "Surely this issue does give concern to us all, but in no way did Ms. Abzug endorse abortion."  
Mrs. Garner further suggest that we look at her excellent (?) six year record in Congress to see what Bella has done about the issues.  
Looking at her voting record in the

93rd Congress-(1) On Bill HR 7724 to prohibit experimentation "on a human fetus which is outside the womb of its mother and has a beating heart"—this bill passed with 354 "yeas" and 9 "nays". Mrs. Abzug was one of the nine who would have allowed this developing life to become a guinea pig.  
(2) On Bill HR 7824 to restrict involvement of Legal Services Lawyers as advocates in pro abortion litigation—this bill passed with 288 "yeas" and 73 "nays"—Bella was again a "nay" vote.  
In fact, out of six bills this session which would have restricted the use of our tax monies to promote abortion, or in any way show regard for the sanctity of unborn life, Mrs. Abzug has the distinction of being one of the gross minority of nine House members who voted against every single one of them.


### Rescues puppies

Dear Editor:  
On Sunday morning, August 8th, as I was in the front yard, I was suddenly surprised to see two skinny little puppies come out of a sluice in the driveway. They were very timid and shy. With a little teasing and coaxing, and the help of a neighbor, I finally caught them. They were hungry and cold, so I brought them in and gave them some warm milk. They were both female and a small breed of dogs, that had obviously been dropped off during the night. It had rained most of the night and I wonder what kind of a person could be so mean and heartless as to do this to such helpless little animals.  
If this person didn't want puppies, why did they have a female dog in the first place without having her spayed? If they couldn't afford to have her spayed, they shouldn't have chosen a female as a pet.

Webster's College dictionary defines "endorse" as to approve, support or sustain.  
With regard to the issue of abortion one can come to no other conclusion than that Bella Abzug "endorses" abortion on demand.  
Sincerely,  
Bette Hartzell

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### Letters policy

Due to the overwhelming response we have gotten to our letters to the editor section of the Courier and Freeman, we have been forced to ask that those who write observe some guidelines.  
Letters which are accepted for publication must be signed and include telephone number of the author if applicable.  
Further, while no letters to the editor will be edited, we must ask that letters be limited to a maximum of 450 words or about two typewritten double spaced pages.  
Letters of greater length will be returned to the author for editing.

### Republicans are sleeping, says Potsdam voter

Dear Editor:  
In answer to Harold Putnam's letter of Aug. 10th in which he asks why Potsdam Republicans who outnumber the Democrats in Registered voters, elected Dan Haley as their representative on Nov. 2, 1974.  
I am not a professional politician but will try to answer with my view of how that could happen. The Potsdam Republican party has been sleeping for the past five or six years. On the other hand the Democrat party has organized to the hilt. The Democratic Chairman lives in Potsdam and our two County Legislators are both Democrat. There is no substitute for interest, enthusiasm, and hard work. If the Republicans want to revitalize their party the younger voters must be registered and they must

### Cheap power claim 'silly' writer says

Dear Editor:  
Mr. Carlson will be pleased to know that our pamphlet on nuclear plants has now been revised, and copies will soon be available.  
He may not be so pleased to know that we are aware his original letter attacking the pamphlet was written not by him but by Ed McHugh, a Clarkson College administrator and founding member of the St. Lawrence County Energy Council.  
Was Mr. McHugh unwilling to sign such a frankly pro-nuclear letter because he knew his signature might compromise both Clarkson and the Energy Council?  
If the Council is so interested in collecting information so they can make rational judgments about energy in the

North Country, why have they not accepted our offer of material? Because they know it is so damaging to their real interests?  
Our committee continues to accumulate information showing that nuclear power is not only a horrible safety risk, but a very bad financial risk for those of us who have to pay electric bills. The cost of uranium is skyrocketing, for one thing, and there is developing a uranium cartel which will assure that all energy costs go up if nuclear power plants continue to be built. The rate hikes recently approved for companies like St. Lawrence Gas (I believe, incidentally, that Mr. McHugh is on their board of directors) will continue to spiral upwards simply to keep pace with the costs of nuclear

power. The increased cost of uranium alone (it has jumped from \$40 to \$200 a pound in two years) makes the industry's claim of "cheap" power look absolutely silly.  
Sincerely yours,  
Joel Ray for the North Country Defense Committee

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Republican's wake up. Give them an inch and they will take a mile.  
Phil Shelly

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