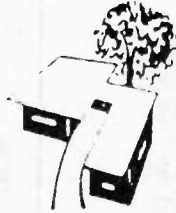


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## School board considers Princeton-Hightstown H.S. issue: questionnaire sent to community

by Constance Herrstrom

Over the past several months an ad hoc committee of the board of education formed with a mandate to explore the feasibility of sending our high school students to Princeton High School, has been gathering information. By the November school board meeting, the committee will present its recommendation to the full board.

The objectives which have guided this decision were set forth in a public meeting in the spring, as follows: to provide 1) education at a reasonable cost; 2) broad range of opportunities; 3) challenging academic environment; 4) adequate facilities; 5) social milieu and ethos conducive to learning; 6) diversity of experience and people; 7) for a long-term relationship; 8) an opportunity for parental involvement. The ad hoc committee met on October 4 to give a status report on findings to date and to set the remaining strategy -- which must be accomplished before a recommendation can be presented to the

board. They discussed the following topics:

### Transportation costs

The preliminary computer models were prepared by Bruce Lakin, with the preferred method in the phase-over of the students' transportation to Princeton in the first year being freshmen to Princeton; seniors to Hightstown; sophomores and juniors choosing which they prefer. This method was informed by discussions with the Cranbury School, which has already experienced phasing into the Lawrenceville School from West Windsor and is now contemplating a move from Lawrenceville to Princeton. The net result over five years would be an increase of \$37,000, with cash flow difficulties in the second year and an increase after five years of approximately \$7,000 per year. Further alternatives to lessen this cost, however, such as sharing some of the runs with Cranbury or giving an exclusive contract to one company for all runs, have not yet been explored.

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### Tuition costs

A cost model was also prepared by Lakin on this issue. The percent increases for Princeton were lower over the next several years due to the fact that N.J. equalization aid requires that Princeton spend less proportionately than it has before. The key question is what will the cost be per pupil even if the percentage is less, since Princeton has a larger budget. Another model will be prepared for the next meeting so the potential cost can be determined.

### Education

The committee assumes that both Hightstown and Princeton are "doing a good job at what their primary focus is." A dilemma yet remains as to what the community wants for its high school students. Princeton is known for its more academic focus, with a greater emphasis on preparing students to go on to higher education, whereas 60% of Hightstown students are vocational and only 40% academic.

It is assumed that either school can provide a good education. The question is what type of environment we want to provide. At the meeting there seemed to be agreement that if we choose Princeton, we will be choosing a school that offers many special, individualized services designed to ensure the student's success. The teacher-student ratio at Princeton is 1 to 12, and special services include part-time teachers as tutors, mainstreaming, departmental centers for help, child study teams and peer counselors for

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## School board

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incoming students. Academic pressure is therefore balanced by institutional aid.

At Hightstown, on the other hand, motivation is left with the student and family. The teacher-student ratio is 1 to 24, double that at Princeton, with not as many special services offered. It is possible to obtain a good education at Hightstown as we know from past performance, but perhaps not for as broad a spectrum of students. Furthermore, the family must be intimately involved in setting the student's course of study. It is assumed, of course, that if either school were forced to cut programs, it would choose the programs that affect the least number of students. However, it was interesting to note that it may be easier for students in a vocational field to get what they want from Princeton than from Hightstown, because these programs are filled on a quota system. Both schools send their vocational students to Mercer Vocational, but Princeton does not usually fill its quota there and so would have room for more students.

### Social Milieu


A report was prepared by Dr. Sussman that took into consideration eight variables (educational background, per capita income, percent poverty level, unemployment rate, degree of urbanization, and population mobility) in determining which school district would provide the better fit for our students. The two most important variables, the educational and occupational background of Princeton and East Windsor (relative importance

respectively, 27.82 and 24.17) were similar. Therefore, these variables may not be the determining factors.

Since the decision rests on what type of education the community wants to offer for a given cost, the committee prepared a questionnaire for the community which was approved by the full board on October 14. It will be sent out on October 20 with the expectation that it be returned by October 26. Because the outcome will affect everyone in the community, the board would appreciate a large response.

The ad hoc committee meeting scheduled for October 26 and the November board meetings will keep everyone interested in this issue informed.

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Bulletin Interview

## Reverend John: "The P.L.O. must take the blame for the Mideast situation."

by David Herrstrom

The Rev. John Grauel, an ordained Methodist minister, who took a six-month leave of absence in 1943 to work with Jewish refugees and is still on leave, lectures widely for the United Jewish Appeal, as well as the Anti-Defamation League. His recently published Autobiography (Rooseveltians are invited to a celebration at the Monmouth Public Library, Nov. 7, from 3:00-5:00) details his experiences on the Exodus and with the Jewish underground. Recovering from a heart attack, he discussed his trip to Israel this summer, and I asked him some questions.

David Herrstrom: What is the general mood of Israel?

John Grauel: People have got to understand that Israel is worried about inflation and jobs just like everyone else. It's an annoying fiction that Israelis just shrug things off. Of course, people carry on, but they're troubled, because their usual worries are compounded by 35 years of constantly facing up to economic stringency and the threat of destruction. Think about it, any day can be disaster. Yes, there's much tension; you find bombs in the most unlikely places. One of the greatest needs in Israel is psychotherapists.

DH: Doesn't this make solving the Palestinian problem more urgent than lowering inflation?

JG: The mess today can't be separated from its historical context. The 6-Day War was the beginning of the present difficulty. We have to remember that in Israel in 1947 there was great support for a binational state. After all, 61% of the Palestinians living there were driven from Arab countries. But in 1938-39 the Palestinians allowed Jordan and Egypt, especially Nasser and other political opportunists to enter, and thus the Arabs destroyed all potential for a Jewish-Palestinian state. The 6-Day War hardened this situation. Arafat is Egyptian, not Palestinian. As a result, Nasser's idea of moving into Palestine and preventing a binational state is extended into our own time. The PLO must take the blame for the Mideast situation.

DH: Why does Israel exacerbate this tension by continuing to build in occupied territory?

JG: Israel's John Wayne mentality. I was stunned by the fortress-like construction in the hills of Jericho, where there was none at all last year. It's this mentality that ensures our children will never see peace in the Mideast.

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DH: What of the alleged Biblical mandate for this "colonization"?

JG: The Bible is simply an excuse to extend the fortress approach. I'm sick of orthodoxy in any form -- the Pope can't err; there's no God but Allah; every word in the Bible is true; all Torah is passed down for the use of a single small sect within Judaism -- all of them. Begin is supported by an orthodoxy that sits in judgment on 90% of the world, supplemented by an Arab-Jewish mentality that recognizes family-blood feuds as right.

DH: Is the Israeli move into Beirut, an extension of this?

JG: No, Israel had to move into Beirut, because she realized that driving the PLO and its sympathizers out of the area wasn't necessarily going to solve the problem of war. There was enough material in there for ten armies.

DH: What about the massacre in West Beirut?

JG: The intent of the militia was to root out the remaining PLC. There was a tremendous cache of arms in the camps, and you must realize that they're dealing with people who are completely volatile. The PLO is an international terrorist organization, a tool of Moscow devoted to destabilizing society in the democratic world. It's to Russia's advantage to keep up the ferment.

DH: Sharon admits that the Israeli army helped Christian forces and allowed them to enter the refugee camps; does this move transform Israel from David to Goliath, as some have charged?

JG: The evidence is not all in. Israel thought the militia would only go in to root out the PLO. The world applies a double-standard to Israel. Some are genuinely shocked, but some are delighted to revive anti-semitism. There's no danger of moral callousness, however, because 400,000 people, which would be equivalent to some 25 million Americans, protested in Israel. And Sharon, who represents a MacArthur mentality, will go. Begin will go too. The primary blame lies with the Christian Phalangists. To lay blame automatically on Israel results from a continuous kind of disaffection in the western world with Jews, which has had over 1900 years to sink its roots in any compost pile that presents itself. This showed up in a perverted form with the Christian Phalangists. The Muslim prejudice against Christians and Jews evidenced itself in reverse in the Christian Phalangist's hatred of the Muslims. It was tailor-made for them to walk into the camp with arms and massacre Muslims.


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## Mideast

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DH: How will this incident affect Israel-U.S. relations?

JG: It won't affect it at all at the level of supplies and material support. The U.S. knows that Israel is the only relatively stable spot in the Mideast. The President can agonize, make all sorts of public belchings, but privately he knows the decisions are made in the Pentagon, where the political fact is that we need Israel. The prize in the Mideast is oil; the contender is Russia. It's as simple as that.



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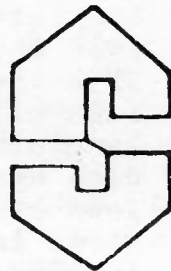


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## Mayor issues order to ensure switch to non-phosphorus detergents by Nov. 1st.

by Peter Warren

For a six week period starting November first, everyone in Roosevelt will be asked to switch to using laundry and dish washing detergents which contain no phosphorus. The borough engineers will take periodic tests to determine if this measure reduces the level of phosphates in wastewater flowing into Assumpink Creek to the level demanded by the Department of Environmental Protection. The seriousness of the situation was emphasized by Mayor Barth who is issuing an executive order to enforce this action. Attention will be focused on the results, because failure to achieve the mandated reduction in phosphate content will require the installation of equipment costing more than \$500,000. Cooperation in bringing down the phosphorus level translates into a saving of about \$2,000 per household. The Bulletin will report on survey results in the December issue.

Taking an interest in the long-range operations of the borough government, a group of Rooseveltians with experience in management proposed to the council to undertake a management survey. The ad hoc group would examine such aspects as: structure of government, elections and citizen participation, ordinances, functions of the mayor, the borough council, and other boards, tasks of

borough employees, the role of advisors (legal, engineering, audit), budget, relations with other governmental bodies, documentation and archives. Persons who have initially expressed their interest in taking part include Bob Clark, Mel Friedman, John Fry, Connie Herrstrom, Marilyn Magnes, Irving Rose, Michael Ticktin and Peter Warren. The objective is to examine administrative procedures with a view to proposing to the council possible ways to increase efficiency and make the borough government more cost-effective. If you would like to join the group, contact any of the members.

On a different level of politics, the council resolved, on a motion presented by Leslie Weiner, to express its stand on nuclear warfare by addressing a letter to each household regarding the November 2nd referendum on the nuclear arms freeze, on which nine states including New Jersey will vote, and the "largely symbolic" declaration that Roosevelt will be nuclear-free.

The mundane task of flushing the hydrants was carried out during the night of October 8th by a group including Bill Couterman, Kim Dexheimer, Tom Karpick, Jim Manzi and Dave Zaleski.

The council would like two persons to serve on the welfare

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## Mayor

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board. Duties would be limited to attending the board meetings every six months. The council is also recruiting an Acting Deputy Clerk. This is a part-time position, paying \$4.50 per hour and requires typing ability.

In regular business, the council will hold a special meeting to draft specifications for the 1983 refuse collection contract. A yearly service contract to ensure maintenance of the sewer plant (costing \$475 a year) will be signed. Since the bids received for the borough hall sludge pump system were above the engineers' estimates, new bids will be requested. JCPL has been contacted to replace street lights that have gone out. The storm drains will be cleaned. Heaters will be installed in the borough garage and sewer plant. The council voted to continue the present method of water and sewer billing. Bill Counterman, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee noted that most of the hydrants are still working after 46 years, but about 80% of them have problems that need attention.

Pat Antosky was appointed Acting Borough Clerk, as of September 13, at an annual salary of \$10,400. She will also be Registrar of Vital Statistics.

Following the census of licensed dogs, complying with the requirements of the State Department of Health, owners

of unlicensed dogs over seven months of age will be sent two notices to obtain a license, and will be served with a summons if they do not respond. Dogs must be licensed annually -- during the month of January if they are of age and in the possession of the owner at that time, even if they do not leave his property.

The council voted by roll-call to amend the zoning ordinance to change the zoning of the property of David Glassman on Cemetery Road from agricultural to 2½ acre lots following the resolution of the planning board to this effect.

The council also voted to contribute \$250 to festivities of the senior citizens. It noted that the annual art show benefiting the First Aid Squad will be held on November 21st.

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## Glassman tract subdivision approved

by Bob Clark

At its September 28 regular monthly meeting the Borough Planning Board responded favorably to the latest of a succession of proposals by former resident David Glassman involving his 15-acre tract south of Cemetery Road and east of North Valley Road. All members present voted to recommend to the council that the Master Plan be amended to allow  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -acre residential lots on the property, which is currently zoned agricultural.

Members Ralph Seligman and Roy Terry and alternate Stephen Halpern were absent. Chairman Mel Friedman, members Mayor Leon Barth, Peter Berlinrut, Councilman Aaron Datz and Lynn Frank and alternate Connie Herrstrom voted in favor of the change. Glassman had suggested numerous proposals for the tract over the years, but the board had reacted coolly until he pressed the  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -acre plan. The resolution to the council cites the land's proximity to existing  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -acre zoning north of Cemetery Road, an abundance of mature trees to be preserved by large lot development, the desirability of space for individual wells and septic systems (due to the distance from the borough's existing systems) and the need to offset the higher density of the nearby senior citizen housing.

In other action the board approved Michael Ticktin's application for a minor subdivision of his 12-acre parcel

bordering North Valley Road and Oscar Drive. Ticktin had asked for two  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -acre lots fronting on North Valley with the balance remaining in a larger lot. The larger lot's frontage is on Oscar Drive while it has access to North Valley through a 30 foot wide strip for a driveway between the town's water tower property and the southernmost of the two smaller lots.

Friedman, Barth, Berlinrut and Herrstrom voted in favor of the subdivision; Datz and Frank voted against it. The two negative voters expressed concern for the method of access should the larger lot be divided later, while those voting in favor indicated confidence that a future board would not allow more than one lot to use the driveway to North Valley and would require access to future lots only from an improved Oscar Drive.

Those present unanimously approved a final extension of preliminary subdivision approval for six  $\frac{1}{2}$ -acre lots adjacent to the eastern side of North Valley Road and just north of the senior citizen apartments.

Members of the board expressed concern that the foundations of the senior citizen apartments appeared very close to North Valley Road. Mayor Barth pointed out that the Zoning Board of Adjustment conducted site

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**subdivision approved**

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review for the project in August 1981 at the same time that it held a public hearing on a variance for the facility. He noted that there are many appealing features in its design.

Park Commission member John Soloway urged the Planning Board to plan for "least environmental impact" subdivisions and to encourage "solar subdivisions." Soloway claimed that such planning would preserve the maximum number of trees over the long run.

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## Senior citizens news

# Senior Housing Project underway

by Helga Wisowaty

The Senior Citizen's meeting October 7 was devoted in large part to the Senior Housing Project. David Davies, who has shepherded the project from its beginnings, addressed the group, answered questions and described eligibility rules.

1. Construction of the units -- 16 one-bedroom, 4 two-bedroom and one efficiency -- began September 1 and is scheduled to be completed in 270 days. The contractor is Arctic Corner, Inc., 311 Route 156, Yardville 08620, and the construction contract is for \$850,200.

2. Residents of Roosevelt, immediate relatives of residents of Roosevelt and non-residents of Roosevelt will be given priority, in the order named, to be occupants of the Roosevelt units. Further, priority will be given to those persons who are the oldest and who have the least income. A committee of members of the Roosevelt Senior Citizens Housing Corporation will select the occupants in accordance with criteria that it will develop and publicize.

3. In addition to the criteria adopted by the RSCHC, the following eligibility standards have been established by HUD for senior citizen Section 8 subsidized units:

A. One member of the family must be at least 62 years old, except if handicapped, when the requirement is waived.

B. Gross income for one person may not exceed \$15,250 and gross income for a family of two may not exceed \$17,400.

C. Income from salary, fees, hourly wages, rents, Social Security, interest on savings accounts, certificates of deposit and other financial instruments, earnings on stocks and bonds, pensions and SSI must be included in gross income. Income for foster child care, from service in an ACTION agency such as Vista, from service in a National Older Americans Act program and the value of food stamps are not included in income.

D. Cost of medical care -- doctors, hospital, medicine and insurance premiums -- for a chronic medical problem such as heart disease and diabetes may be deducted on the following basis: medical expenses less 3% of gross income may be deducted from gross income.

4. HUD-established Fair Rents for the Roosevelt units are \$635 a month for the efficiency, \$707 for the one-bedroom and \$821 for the two-bedroom units. Toward this, a family must pay 30% of its gross income for rent (with an allowance for utilities). Thus if gross family income is \$10,000 a year, rent would be \$3,000 a year, or \$250 a month. This would be so regardless of what size unit is occupied. The difference between the rent paid by the occupant and the Fair Market Rent is paid to the Roosevelt Senior Citizens Housing Corporation by HUD. The RSCHC

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# Senior Housing

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will use its income to pay interest and amortization on its \$1,150,000 loan, taxes to the Borough, water and sewer and maintenance and management.

Ms. Phyllis Backover and Mr. Bill McLaughlin of the County Office of Aging spoke to us about the services they offer. Ms. Backover has been a help to us for a long time; Mr. McLaughlin is now the Social Worker for Roosevelt. He can be reached at the County Office Monday and Wednesdays at 201-431-6113. Messages may be left Tuesdays and Fridays.


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A trip to see Guys and Dolls and the annual Holiday Dinner were discussed. Aglore Buote and Ann Gay served refreshments.

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In addition to the thousand or more visitors who usually attend the Roosevelt Art Fair each year, this year a group traveling by bus from the Newark Museum will be present at the Art Fair and will also tour the community.

Admission is \$1 per person. Children under 12 are admitted free of charge, and must be accompanied by an adult. Supervised activities will be provided for the children.

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1	Monday		Taxes due
		9-11 a.m.	Blood pressure - Borough Hall
		8:00 p.m.	Deborah meeting - Borough Hall
2	Tuesday		Election Day
4	Thursday, 10-11 a.m.		Exercise class - Borough Hall
		2:00 p.m.	Senior Citizens meeting - Borough Hall
		7:30 p.m.	Fire company meeting - Borough Hall
		7-10 p.m.	First Aid - Borough Hall
8	Monday, 8:00 p.m.		Agenda meeting - Borough Hall
		8:00 p.m.	Agenda, Bd. of Ed - R.P.S.
9	Tuesday, 10-11 a.m.		Exercise class - Borough Hall
10	Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.		Council meeting - Borough Hall
11	Thursday		Veterans Day
		10-11 a.m.	Exercise class - Borough Hall
		7-10 p.m.	First Aid - Borough Hall
		8:00 p.m.	Bd. of Ed - R.P.S. (Princeton- Hightstown issue to be decided)
15	Monday, 8:00 p.m.		Synagogue Board meeting - Cong. Anshei Roosevelt
16	Tuesday, 10-11 a.m.		Exercise class - Borough Hall
			Food Co-op
			M.C.O.S.S.
17	Wednesday, 7-10 p.m.		First Aid - Borough Hall
18	Thursday, 10-11 a.m.		Exercise class - Borough Hall
		7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts - Borough Hall

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| 21 | Sunday, 11:00 a.m.   | Park Commission - Borough Hall         |
| 23 | Tuesday, 10-11 a.m.  | Exercise class - Borough Hall          |
| 24 | Wednesday, 8:15 p.m. | Finance Committee - Bd. of Ed - R.P.S. |
| 25 | Thursday             | Thanksgiving                           |
| 29 | Monday, 8:00 p.m.    | Planning Board meeting - Borough Hall  |
|    | 8:00 p.m.            | Ad Hoc/Bd. of Ed. - R.P.S.             |
| 30 | Tuesday, 10-11 a.m.  | Exercise class - Borough Hall          |
|    | 7:30 p.m.            | Education Committee meeting - R.P.S.   |
|    | 8:00 p.m.            | First Aid meeting - Borough Hall       |


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## *She told me to go stuff my turkey*

by Barbara Halpern

As Thanksgiving approaches, I always search through my cook-books and magazines hoping to find an interesting stuffing recipe to enhance my family's Thanksgiving dinner. In a past issue of Gourmet Magazine there was featured an appetizing stuffing recipe made with prunes, apples and sausage. I have altered the recipe and am passing it on to you along with a traditional but delicious bread stuffing.

To stuff your turkey sprinkle the cavity with salt and pepper. Pack the neck cavity and body cavity loosely with stuffing. Bake any remaining stuffing in a lightly oiled baking dish during the last hour of roasting the turkey.

### Sausage, Apple and Prune Stuffing

3/4 cup pitted prunes, chopped  
1/3 cup Madiera wine  
1 stick unsalted butter  
2 cups chopped onion  
2 cups chopped celery  
2 cups tart apple, peeled, cored and chopped  
1 lb. sausage meat  
1 lb. loaf - day old Italian bread  
1/3 cup fresh parsley, chopped  
1 tsp. dried sage  
1 tsp. dried thyme  
1 egg  
dash of nutmeg  
salt and pepper to taste

In a small glass bowl soak prunes in Madiera for at least 2 hours.

In a large skillet cook onions and celery in butter for 5 minutes over moderate heat. Add apples and cook for an additional 5 minutes. Transfer this mixture with a slotted spoon to a large bowl. In the same skillet cook the sausage, breaking it up with a fork until sausage is done and transfer it to the bowl.

Cut bread into 1/2-inch cubes, spread it on a large shallow pan and toast in the oven at 325 F. for about 20 minutes until crisp and golden. Transfer bread to the bowl, and add the prune mixture and the remaining ingredients. Toss the stuffing well.

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**Bread Stuffing**

- 4 Tbs. butter, chicken fat or shortening
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 cup celery tops, chopped
- 1 cup celery stalks, chopped
- 1 pound loaf of bread (2 days old)
- 1 tsp. dried sage
- 1 tsp. poultry seasoning
- 1 tsp. marjoram
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup fresh parsley, chopped
- 2 eggs
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. black pepper

Saute onion and celery in butter over medium flame until vegetables become transparent. Soak bread in water until saturated and squeeze out water between palms of hands. Place bread in large workbowl. Add cooked vegetables, seasonings and eggs to bread. Mix until ingredients are well blended. (The best way to mix stuffing is with your hands.) Yield: stuffing for a 12 lb. turkey.

You might want to add one of the following (or a combination) to obtain a slight variation: grated raw carrot, (mainly for color)  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. cooked sausage meat,  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. sauteed mushrooms chopped, or cooked giblets - pureed in a food processor.

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Letters to the Bulletin

## For nuclear freeze

Dear Neighbors,

Some of you may not be aware that on November 2nd, we will have an unusual opportunity. We, in New Jersey, will be able to let the policy makers in Washington know how we feel about our children's future.

When we vote "Yes" on Public Question #1, we will be telling our federal legislators that we favor a freeze on nuclear arms. We will be calling on our government to stop the further manufacturing of nuclear weapons. We will be joining millions of people around the world who don't want to risk the maiming and destruction of our children and grandchildren, which is inevitable in a nuclear war. With this vote, we will be urging our leaders to sit down at a conference table with Soviet leaders until they agree to abandon these weapons.

Every reputable scientist knows there can be no "limited nuclear warfare". Nuclear warfare is equivalent to world destruction and let's not pretend that there can be any winners in such a war.

I urge you also to support the resolution that will proclaim Roosevelt a nuclear-free borough. Other communities around the country have passed similar resolutions, and the

government does notice. This would not only bar a nuclear powered factory from our town but would also prohibit vehicles carrying nuclear waste matter from passing through our community. It is an expression of concern for future generations. It serves notice on nuclear polluters that they are not welcome here.

Perhaps nuclear energy can be made safe. To date, all we can know is that lots of people have lots of mysterious degenerative diseases in towns and cities where nuclear wastes have been disposed.

I run scared on this matter and I'd rather be scared than sorry. I urge everybody to vote "Yes" for a nuclear-free Roosevelt. This is not a partisan issue; it is a human issue. Remember November 2nd is our day for voting our feelings and making Washington sit up and take notice.

Sincerely,  
Freda Hepner

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Letters to the Bulletin

## Abortion (continued)

To the Editor:

The September 1982, Borough Bulletin carried a letter by Rosemarie Greenman which purports to be a response to Evelyn Datz' comments on attempts to reverse the U.S. Supreme Court's legalization of abortion. Discussions on abortion are often fruitless because they frequently have the character of theological debates: they reflect faith rather than fact. But Ms. Greenman has abused fact, and on factual issues primarily I hope to respond to her.

In her purported response to Datz, Greenman has painfully tortured issues of "freedom" and "justice" which Datz didn't raise, and then used them to promote her own point of view.

I agree with Greenman that contraception is better than abortion. The next logical leap, however, escapes me: "... contraception has the advantage of putting some responsibility on men as well." Using the pill, an IUD or a diaphragm places no responsibility on men. Only one common form of contraception does that, and many men find that method either physiologically or emotionally deficient. The only sure way a woman has of knowing that a contraceptive is functional is to put it in place herself.

This is still clearly preferable to abortion. The problem is that there are millions of men and women (and more frightening, millions of boys and girls)

who do not practice contraception. This failure is a result of lack of education, of lack of money, of immaturity and irresponsibility, and of a mythology of horror stories about contraception. Also playing a role is some men's pseudo-macho view that their entire manhood swings between their legs and they will brook no interference with it. And even those women who use contraceptives cannot be certain the methods will work every time, because of the substantial failure rate of contraceptives.

Greenman tells us that "... once again (a woman) is in the hands of an abortionist, who can practise (sic) legally and without the safeguards of an accredited hospital in his own abortion clinic..." Is she suggesting that the back alley butchers, the "wise old women", and the coathanger practitioners are now doing business in their own legal clinics? But despite her implication, the abortionists now are physicians, accredited, licensed, and presumably meeting certain standards. Is her only objection now that not all abortions are done in "accredited" hospitals? Would that satisfy her moral qualms?

No, it is merely so much smoke, because she goes on. "To pretend that an abortion has no more consequences than ... taking out an appendix is to falsify a complex situation. There are physical, emotional and psychological

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risks for the mother."

Datz didn't make any of the above "pretenses". They are Greenman's inventions to fit into her argument. Nevertheless an appendectomy is a good example. I would argue that most of the consequences of abdominal surgery are more profound than the generally simple, nonsurgical procedures involved in most abortions. Abortion is safer than appendectomy. It is certainly far safer than childbirth. As far as psychological and emotional problems go, any major event in one's life will have these, and they should be minimized. Should women therefore stop having children because post-partitive depression is often one consequence?

One hopes that Greenman's equation of abortion with Nazi practices is merely ignorant and disgusting. Destroying adult men and women for a particular defect is substantially different from terminating a pregnancy.

Where is her indignation against the present practice in the United States of forcibly sterilizing certain (mostly Black) institutionalized persons, children and mothers on welfare, and other poor and inarticulate victims? That practice is genocide. Where is her letter denouncing it?

She waxes indignant about referring to a fetus as a glob of tissue. Again, Datz did not make this reference. Again it is Greenman's invention to carry forward her viewpoint.

Even so, why is terminating a fetus somehow worse than passing a death sentence by contraception on living,

chromosome-bearing sperm and egg cells (since she has apparently given permission to practice contraception)? And if it is made unconstitutional to have abortions, what is to stop the government from deciding that contraception is against the public interest and outlawing it?

Until about twenty years ago, contraception was illegal in many states. The U.S. Supreme Court in Griswold Vs. Connecticut ruled that government had no business extending its police surveillance into the bedroom and prosecuting people for using birth control devices. The possibility of a return to that situation exists if government insists on meddling in people's most intimate business.

Furthermore, nobody is proposing to force anybody to have an abortion; it is only the anti-abortionists who are proposing to have the government force women to have babies.

But the real "bottom line" in the entire matter is not whether there will be abortions but whether or not there will be safe, legal abortions, accessible to all women, rich or poor, ignorant or educated, smart or stupid.

Abortions will continue to take place on demand as they always have. Only the means is at stake: the suction tube or the coathanger; terminated fetuses or mutilated and dead women and girls. That's what it boils down to, and given that choice, there's no contest.

--Ed Moser

MINUTES AGO***The jacket wasn't all that we left behind***

by Arthur Shapiro

My daughter recently informed me that she will soon be getting driver education training at Hightstown High School. How fast time flies! To me it seems like yesterday that I got my driver's license. In fact, the weekend that I began to drive will always be a clear memory because it was a time of one of the funniest incidents of my life. It didn't seem funny then; but as I look back at it, it makes me laugh.

Getting a driver's license was one of the most important "rites of passage" for a Roosevelt boy. It was common practice for a Roosevelt kid to make a chart counting the minutes, upon turning sixteen, until the big day. The chart began with 525,600 minutes, allowing the potential driver to deduct 1440 a day. When the big day came, each boy was really considered a man - Bar Mitzvas notwithstanding.

My birthday is in December, so I received my license in the middle of the winter. In fact, the weekend I got it was the coldest of 1956. In order to celebrate the big event, as per the usual custom, I would double date with a friend. I picked Marvin Elock. The plan was to go to Trenton and see if we could "pick up" some nice dates.

Because the occasion was so important we dressed accordingly, in our best suits, shirts with "Mr. B" collars, extra wide ties secured around our necks with Windsor knots, our shoes shined, our faces covered with Aqua Velva, and our hair slicked down with Vitalis. We were regular Beau Brummels.

At 7:30 I picked up Marvin in my mother's '51 Pontiac and made the required stop at the Hightstown Canteen (located on the second floor of the Fire House) to show everyone that we were not just going out in Hightstown, but were heading for the big time of Trenton. Our friends would have to eat their hearts out. But in the event we were lucky in our quest, only four would fit in the car.

Marv and I finally made it to Trenton by 8:15 and we began to "cruise" - ride back and forth with the windows open and the radio blaring (at top volume) rock and roll music played by the local disc jockey, George Luther Bannister. Then Marv spotted two beautiful girls standing on the corner of State and Broad Streets. I pulled up to the curb in front of them. In his most gentlemanly voice Marv said, "It's cold out there. Would you girls like a ride?" They whispered something to each other and then said to us in a very loud voice, "If you two pieces of garbage don't get out of here we're going to call a cop!"

We were absolutely demoralized! Our egos were wounded! "To hell with it," we said to each other as I pulled away. "Let's go for pizza and go home." We couldn't return to Canteen without dates, the ridicule would have been unbearable. So, we rolled up the windows - it really was cold - and headed for De Lorenzo's on Hudson Street.

On the way to the restaurant, I stopped for a red light. All of a sudden, in a screeching

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voice we heard someone yell, "Marvin! Marvin Flock!" There across the street were two girls in short skirts and blue legs. Marvin got excited! "I know those girls! I met them at a parade," he said. "They march in the Hamilton West Band!"

I pulled up to them as they ran over to the car. "Where are you going?" Marv asked. One answered, "We were going bowling, but it's so cold out we'd like a ride home instead." Marv and I were excited! We looked at each other and winked. "The night may be saved after all," I thought to myself. Marv jumped into the back seat as they got into the car. One sat in front with me!

The one sitting next to me then not only told me her address, she informed us that her parents were not at home! She also invited us in for cocoa and dancing! I looked in the rear view mirror. Marv was winking at me again. We were excited!

Soon we got to the girl's two story house at the edge of Trenton and got in out of the cold. Marv asked to "use the facilities" and was told the bathroom was upstairs. Up he went.

The girls, in the meantime, put on a Perez Prado record and began to Cha Cha while I sat on the couch and waited. They danced and I sat for a few minutes when the front door opened. In walked the girl's parents. At first I thought the father was kidding with me, but he was really angry as he yelled, "Bum! What are you doing in my house!" He came up to me, grabbed me by the back of the neck and threw me toward the front door. He then turned to his daughter and screamed, "What am I raising here! You told me you were going bowling and now

you bring A BOY into the house when we're not home!"

As he began to chase his daughter, a voice came from upstairs, "What the hell is going on down there! I'll be down in a second - my fly zipper is stuck!"

I made it out of the house into my car across the street! My heart was pounding! As I tried to get the cold car to start, I heard yelling and screaming from within the house, (AND EVEN GLASS BREAKING) like I never heard before. The car engine was too cold to kick over! Then just as it started, the front door opened and Marv came flying out! "Get out of here!" he screamed. "The guy is crazy! He's calling the cops!" The wheels spun on the ice, but we were able to pull away. "Thank God, I thought, "We got away!"

I said to Marv, "It's OK. It's over!" He looked at me in a way that told me it wasn't. "What's the matter?" I asked. Marv said, "My brother's Bar Mitzvah is coming up in a few weeks." My mother took me to Robert Hall last week and bought me a new suit for the occasion with two pairs of pants!" "That's nice," I said not knowing what he was leading up to.

Then he blurted it out. "Arthur, I left the jacket in the bathroom!" "Would you go back and reason with the guy and ask him for it? For my brother's Bar Mitzvah I have two pairs of pants and no jacket!" He was really upset.

We finally agreed to call the girl's father from a phone booth. When I spoke to him he had calmed down a little. As agreed, we drove by the house and there was Marv's jacket on the mail box.

As we drove home, I said to myself, "So this is what it's like on driving dates!"



Love of Words

## Wronging the used word

by Joe Solomon

(Dear Reader: You're supposed to remember that the preceding column was entitled "Using the Wrong Word.")

Every once in a while, I get into an argument about words. It doesn't happen often; despite the strength of my opinions about words and their usage, I'm not a contentious person. (And I'll fight anyone who says that I am!) But when it does happen, my opponent can usually be counted on to quote Humpty Dumpty and smile triumphantly, because he has cited Higher Authority. The quoted remark is usually Humpty Dumpty's third line in the following dialog.

Humpty: ...There's glory for you!

Alice: I don't know what you mean by "glory".

Humpty: Of course you don't -- till I tell you. I meant, "there's a nice knock-down argument for you!"

Alice But "glory" doesn't mean "a nice knock-down argument"!

Humpty: When I use a word, it means just what I choose it to mean -- neither more nor less.

Alice: The question is, whether you can make words mean so many different things.

Humpty: The question is, which is to be master -- that's all.

The more-sophisticated among my opponents will also quote the

last line, loftily. In general, I tend to resent and disallow appeals to a Higher Authority that isn't Josef G. Solomon. In particular, who wouldn't resent a supposedly logical argument that was "won" by an appeal to "Alice in Wonderland"? What kind of world does my opponent inhabit, anyway? But what bothers me most is that such opponents quote only the lines above, ignoring (or being ignorant of) these lines, from later on in the same conversation.

Alice: That's a great deal to make one word mean.

Humpty: When I make a word do a lot of work like that, I always pay it extra.

Alice: Oh.

Humpty: Ah, you should see 'em come round me of a Saturday night, for to get their wages, you know.

If you will pay your words extra, as Humpty Dumpty does, you have my permission to work them hard, as he does. (Lewis Carroll points out, in a parenthetical remark, that "Alice didn't venture to ask what he paid them with; and so you see I can't tell you." Nor can I tell you. It's your problem.)

Why do I bother? It isn't because I'm pedantic, nit-picking, fastidious, petty, fussy, etc.

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all of which maybe I am. The reason that the usage of words is important to me is quite simple: Words are what people use in talking to me. If the words are used incorrectly, they may convey to me a message totally different from that which was intended; therefore, before communication can take place, I have to translate the words. There's a rough analogy with multiple-choice tests, wherein the ignorant student doesn't know which one of the five answers is correct, the average student does know, and the better student knows that, in fact, two or three of the five are actually correct. The better student then has to think about the ability of the person who made up the test: How much does he know? Which one answer is he likely to think is correct? There should not be a penalty for knowing more than you are required to know. Sometimes there is. Sometimes there's a bonus. In this context, the bonus is amusement. For example, it conjures up quite a picture when a newscaster talks about a "suspicious fire." Fires don't have enough brains to be suspicious, they just burn. The worst you should say of them is that you are suspicious, or that their origin is suspect. Recently, we learned that Amerasian children will be admitted to this country only if their fathers recognize them. That's silly. It helps if fathers recognize their children, (and it's a wise child that knows its father -- especially these days) but what is required here is that the fathers acknowledge the children

as theirs. Every now and then, a newscaster will say something like "The weather forecast says that there's a 0% probability of rain, so, hopefully, it won't rain today." To begin with, even if it does rain, it won't rain hopefully -- it will just rain. (And if it does rain, maybe the hopeful rain will put out the suspicious fire.) Secondly, a 0% probability of rain means that not even the Creator could make it rain. I am reluctant to make that strong a statement. Incidentally, would you like to know how the precipitation probabilities are generated? Well, there are ten people in the weather bureau, and the boss says, "Okay, now, how many of you think it's going to rain?"

Last month's column should have included mention of a tour de force I read thirty years ago. It's a story in which every single word is the wrong word. I can only begin to imagine the effort that went into writing it. It's entitled, "Ladle Rat Rotten Hut". (Hint: Read it out loud.) It starts out, "Wants pawn term, dare worsted ladle gull hoe laved wetter mutter honor itch offer lodge dock florist." It goes on for quite a while, ending in the moral of the story, which is that innocent young girls shouldn't "yonder rainy sorghum stanches torque wet strainers".

The usage of words is important to me. The fight against wrong, careless, indifferent usage is a long and tedious fight, and the odds are against me. Hopefully, Edwin Newman and myself will prevail. (Ya git it?)

## Principal's Letter

### *Oh the terror of metaphor!*

It was a warm summer evening as I approached Roosevelt for the second time. On my first visit I had been interviewed by members of the Board of Education's Personnel Committee. Tonight was a big night. I was to be interviewed by the entire Board of Education. "Be prepared for at least a three hour interview" was the message I had received. Perhaps some of the heat I was feeling had no relationship to the weather.

In my mind I tried to review the first interview. My impressions left no trepidations. This was a warm group of sincere people searching for someone who would be compatible with their community and who had the type of expertise they were seeking. Would I meet their requirements? Tonight would surely be a critical step.

As I entered George Loyer's home I was impressed with the warmth and openness of the members of the board. Besides warmth there was an obvious sincerity which permeated the interview. The questions were well prepared and highly relevant. The interview was flowing well. I began to relax. Then it happened. At almost every interview there are moments of terror, when the mind goes blank. Al Hepner created one of those moments. He asked for a metaphor, one which I might utilize to depict education. In spite of, or maybe because of, that mental blackout, I received the appoint-

ment. Roosevelt had a new principal.

The introduction to my new position contained an experience which delighted me and demonstrated the uniqueness of the community. My first visitors were two second grade pupils. They came, on their own initiative, to meet and to welcome me to Roosevelt. Their captivating smiles, warm personalities and interest in their school told me this is a great place to be. Following their visit was a parade of students, parents and teachers. Each in their own way cementing my first impression.

The opportunity to meet even more of the community was provided by the P.T.A. at a wine and cheese party. I would like to thank Mrs. DiTursi for making the arrangements and Mrs. Lifland for so graciously serving as hostess. I was extremely pleased to meet, not only parents of current pupils, but also the many members of the community who came to greet me. The warmth of the evening will remain with me.

It is difficult to express my appreciation to all those who have been so gracious, warm and friendly. Thank you does not seem enough. Yet from my heart I do say thank you. I look forward to working with you, serving the people and children and sharing in the daily life of this warm community.

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## PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

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As we share both joys and ills

The cup of life slowly fills

For the joy of sharing and working together

Is the wine of life that lasts forever

--Stan Sussman

P.S. to Al Hepner:

Al, how about "Life's Lighthouse." ?

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TEACHERS TO BE HONORED

The PTA Executive Board has announced these plans to honor the Roosevelt Public School teachers on November 1, 1982. Mrs. Edyth DiTursi made the following statement:

"The month of November has as a highlight American Education Week. This is the time for us to realize how important the role of the school is to our community. We feel the teachers are an important element in the process. We have, therefore, chosen the first day of the month of November to honor the R.P.S. teachers. The P.T.A. will sponsor a luncheon for the teachers and staff and we hope the community will visit the school that night for Back to School Night."

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