

Mr. Donald Quigley
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Dear Mr. Quigley,

We are glad you wrote! We both regarded your father as a friend and we enjoyed his visits when he was nearby. (We then lived near Hyattstown.) We've had recent occasion to recall those days. Each of us has a favorite story. As you say, our paths have never crossed. Perhaps we'd enjoy it if they did. Which I propose.

We've become friends with the owners of Hama's Oriental Restaurant. It is behind Delphay's if you've never been there. We also believe they offer the best buys in town and ~~are~~ there fairly often, almost always for early Saturday night dinner. This week we won't be because old friends are coming. Sometimes we lunch there.

I say "early" because I cannot avoid waking quite early and have to retire early as a result. Following open-heart surgery this cannot be soon after eating. (This typing is because as the consequence of other surgery and its complication I have to keep my legs elevated, with the typewriter to the side.)

So, if you'd like, give us a call and we can meet there. 473-8186.

Or, not intending either/or, if you'd like to see what I've done since our farming was ruined by the helicopters you remember, I've about 60 file cabinets plus innumerable boxes of official records relating the the John Kennedy and King assassinations.

The greater tragedy is that Roy Meachum does not embarrass himself. Or George Delaplaine. George has the sick notion that "eachum gives his papers class. Even Betty, I'm told, has tried and failed to get him to fire Meachum. George has had many, many people who would ordinarily be heeded by a self-respectful publisher protest Meachum's columns but he is impervious.

I hope you did not miss the lecture to Meachum by a schoolboy, who was 100% correct.

Apparently you do not recall that until I took after him he had daily columns.


Your father was a fine man who laughed easily and made others laugh often, too.

My only recollection of my speech at Laurel is that in taking back-roads "short-cut" I wasted much time.

We did establish a new principle of law in the first helicopter suit, of the property owner's ownership of the air space to the degree required for him to enjoy his Constitutional right. A second suit, settled out of court, got us out of debt.

As of my last knowledge this precedent had not been overturned in court or by any legislation.

Best wishes,


Harold Weisberg

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Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg;

First, let me tell you that my father was George Quigley, and that as a kid I vaguely remember your battle involving helicopters and chickens that he was involved in as a witness for you, if I am correct. I also remember meeting you when you spoke to his Laurel Rotary Club when Whitewash first came out-around 1965 or '66, perhaps. Although I've lived in Frederick for close to 20 years, our paths have never crossed, although we do have a mutual acquaintance in Mike Chertoff.

Anyway, your letter in today's paper prompts me to write to tell you how much one person appreciates your occasional responses to our resident yellow-journalist, Roy Meachum. Poor Roy has made himself into an insignificant-an embarrassment to himself, to George Delaplaine, and to the community. Roy now elicits, I believe, one big yawn from most people, having lost his journalistic integrity a long time ago in thrice-weekly blizzard of empty hyperbole and loose facts. It's a sad commentary on local journalism that the News-Post gives him a local forum for this drivel of his. When Roy tries to stir up an issue, it's a pretty empty pot that he stirs.

I chair the city Board of Zoning Appeals, so I've seen my fill of Roy over the years (remember the fence?). The truth, although subjective and always open to debate, is too important an ideal for Roy to play fast and loose with without challenge, and I thank you for attention to him, and your attempts to make him accountable for his writings.

Sincerely yours,



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