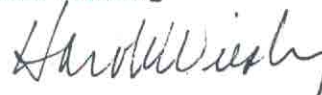


Letters to the editor  
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James Alexander proposes (11/4) that Frederick's school children contribute their nickels to a fund for "placing Roy (peachum) in a good home." He does not say what kind of good home. But whatever he had in mind, <sup>or</sup> and this can range from a kennel to a senior citizens' home, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ his modest proposal should be taken <sup>was</sup> as Jonathan Swift's. Just as eating children to end the famine in Ireland was unthinkable, so is it that <sup>any resident</sup> ~~no~~ of any kind of home be compelled to suffer ("It's not that Roy is paranoid. It's just that everyone hates him -and with good cause.") ~~in a more concentrated form they could not escape~~ - all day, each and every day - what <sup>now</sup> is at least limited to a single dose only three times a week.

Harold Weisberg



## Roy not paranoid; <sup>M4/88</sup> everyone does hate him

Three cheers for Roy Meachum! As his turgid prose becomes more hysterical, more unintelligible, xenophobic and vicious, he begins to accuse everyone in Frederick of corruption, deception and foul play. No one is to be trusted, from City Hall to the Ethics Commission to civic leaders who are trying to improve the environment, adjust to the inevitable march of "progress" and still maintain the cohesion and charm of this pleasant place.

It's not that Roy is paranoid, it's just that everyone hates him — and with good cause. He suggests with all the delicacy of a sledgehammer that any Frederick citizen, group, firm or elected official interested in the future direction and development of this city is solely out to feather their own nests. I, among many, have had a stomach-full of this vindictive tripe, and the newspaper that's publishing it.

Try something constructive for a change. As a self-proclaimed, world-renowned journalist (Roy who?), perhaps you could bring in some Japanese consultants to take the helm. After your kickback there just might be enough left to toss in a pagoda or two along Carroll Creek in picturesque contrast to the Spires.

Still I remain confident that the good people of Frederick will not repay Roy in kind. They are not low enough. Thus, "The Meachum Memorial Fund" to which every school child will be asked to contribute a nickel. The proceeds will go to placing Roy in a good home where he will be less of a bore to the community and a threat to himself.

The response should be overwhelming!

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