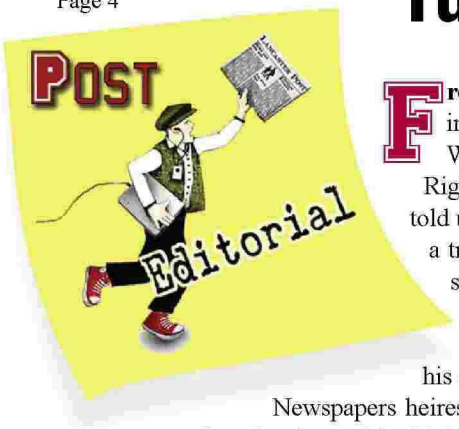

Turkey Hill Slams Door on the Post

From the beginning, Turkey Hill Minit Markets made the launch of this publication difficult. We went to them initially because their many stores throughout the county made them natural distribution points for the Post. We knew they carried several free publications, as well as all other local papers and magazines.

Right away, we were met with opposition from the company. Phil Oliver, a Turkey Hill corporate employee, told us they were skeptical because they felt we would be too controversial. We met with Oliver and brought in a trashy publication purchased at a nearby Turkey Hill. It was one of those absurd magazines with made-up stories. This one had something about George Bush's "love child."

We pointed out that Turkey Hill sells that garbage, and it's not even the truth. We pointed out to Oliver that we only publish the truth in this paper and that we could back up what was written. Oliver said his concern and Turkey Hill's is that our paper dealt with local issues. After the Post edition with Lancaster Newspapers heiress, Peggy Steinman, on the cover, Oliver told us, "We do business with these people," and spoke of his concern for what they might think.

A few weeks later, our newspapers were stolen (and the thefts captured on videotape) from multiple Turkey Hill stores. While Turkey Hill acknowledged their contractual and legal obligation to provide the Post with documentation for this systematic criminal mischief - let's just say that they were less than sympathetic.

Turkey Hill severed our relationship after our last issue, in which both publishers of the Post recounted how we were illegally arrested, and one, Harper, was beaten up by Franklin & Marshall security. Before we went to press, Oliver called and demanded that the Post was not to use Turkey Hill's name in the articles in the paper. In other words, they wanted to dictate to us what we put in this publication.

This is unacceptable. We printed the story as it happened (and where it happened), and we were told that we could no longer distribute the Post at Turkey Hill.

Turkey Hill is free to make decisions about what they carry in their stores. No one is saying they don't have a right to do so. Lancaster Post customers are also free to choose where they buy their gas, milk, and other convinces. We can tell you to not bother going to "the Hill" for a Post anymore.

We encourage our readers to make a point of going to your local barber, store, restaurant and other retail outlets and tell them that you'd like to see the Post there, then let us know where to drop them off.

We are always available on the web at LancasterPost.com, where Lancastrians have already downloaded copies of our paper more than 120,000 times. Right now, we can also be found in bright red boxes outside many of Lancaster County's fine independent grocery stores. For all distribution locations, please see page 9 of this edition.

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