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The Whistleblower

Or "Some of the News They seem to Lose"

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This Week's Really Big Story

Kane named Whistleblower publisher



Charles Foster Kane has been selected as *The Whistleblower's* new publisher.

"*The Whistleblower* has been criticized in the past for being anonymous. But believe me, all that will change," said Kane, who has never had a problem staying in the spotlight.

Kane's ability to increase circulation is legendary.

He once turned the *New York Daily Inquirer* into one of the most successful daily newspapers in the world.

"And from what I've seen of the newspapers in Cincinnati," Kane added, "Making *The Whistleblower* the area's most widely read and discussed publication should not be difficult."

Thousands of *Whistleblowers* are now circulated each week and people are fighting to get on the mailing list.

Named "Best Rag" by *Cincinnati Magazine*, *The Whistleblower* has become the publication of choice for all political insiders.

"I'm sure we can improve upon that," Kane predicted.

Kane also promised that *Whistleblower* readers would be getting the truth quickly and entertainingly.

"And no special interests were going to be allowed to interfere with that truth," Kane added.

MY STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

I.

I will provide the people of this city with a publication that will tell all the news honestly.

II.

I will also provide them with a fighting and tireless champion of their rights as citizens and as human beings.

Signed

Charles Foster Kane
The Publisher

Top Ten List



This week, it's the top ten reasons President Bush should not wait to attack Iraq:

10. Keep the price down on super-unleaded
9. Get videos of Saddam's mistress
8. Get war over before there's a draft
7. Avoid another debate by Congress
6. Avoid long lines waiting to get into Kuwaiti Theatre
5. Don't let the Israelis have all the fun
4. Keep Hitler's atrocity record intact
3. Get Baghdad rebuilt before Feast of Ramadan
2. Defend Saudis' right to treat their women like camels

And the number one reason why President Bush should not wait to attack Iraq is...to defend Saudis' right to treat their camels like women.

No menorah, no moolah



City council's steadfast refusal to permit an 18-foot menorah display on Ft. Square will cause Jews to stay away from downtown stores and do their Hanukkah shopping in the suburbs, according to Jewish sources.

"We can't understand council's thinking," explained Rabbi Hillel Akiba. "They say they want people to come downtown, then they insult thousands of potential shoppers by displaying only Christmas symbols on the square."

Rabbi Akiba then explained how costly council's decision really is: "Everybody knows Santa only brings presents on Christmas. Hanukah Harry brings gifts for eight whole days," Akiba said.

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Real Editorials By the Publisher Charles Foster Kane

No fog on the mirror

Cincinnati Post political reporter Sharon Moloney's story last Monday would have readers believe that the Democratic Party is alive and well in Hamilton County.

Nothing, of course, could be further from the truth.

GOP party boss Ralph Kohnen threw the Loyal Opposition a bone when he was quoted as saying, "I think the Democrats have proved there is a two-party system and I think it bodes well for the community at large."

Losing one major courthouse race every 32 years, Kohnen the Barbarian can indeed afford to sound generous.

Democratic campaign chairman Brewster Rhoads was trying to justify keeping his job when he said, "There is no question it (results of the election) shows that the voters want a system of checks and balances in Hamilton County government."

Rhoads cites Dusty Rhodes' victory over Mike Maloney and John Mirlisena's coming close to beating Steve Chabot as signs of life for local Democrats.

Let's face it, if Dusty Rhodes had followed local Democratic Party guidelines, he never could have gotten elected dogcatcher in Delhi.

As far as Mirlisena's almost unseating Chabot, close only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades.

Such reports of life in the local Democratic party are greatly exaggerated.

Keeping score

Dick Celeste will be leaving the statehouse in shambles.

Landslide Charlie Luken will be going off to Congress with an equally unappealing legacy for the city of Cincinnati.

And early next year, a host of other unsavory characters will be taking office, most of them incumbents being returned by voters who were somehow convinced they were doing a good job.

One reason for this mistaken impression is that at the beginning of a politician's term, he does not have to spell out, clearly and concisely, just exactly what he plans to accomplish.

His goals and objectives are not kept as a yardstick to determine his performance. And the record of his successes and failures are not shown to the voters before his re-election.

Keeping political scorecards might be a good thing to do. That way, the next time a candidate says he "stands on his record," he won't be able to hide behind it.



Real Facts "More of the News They Seem to Lose"

Musical mystery



Enquirer phones nearly rang off the hook last week following publication of a Jim Borgman cartoon that included a single line of untitled musical notes.

Musicians called to complain that although it was a catchy tune, they still couldn't quite identify it.

Borgman apologized, explaining that it was the theme from the Enquirer's TV commercial. "I thought everybody knew that song," Borgman said.

Borgman also confirmed reports that his very controversial "XYZ Portfolio" would soon be on display at the CAC on Fifth Street.



National political organization to be headquartered here

Reports from the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce confirm rumors that the Free Grain Party intends to move its offices and national headquarters to the greater Cincinnati area.

Several real estate brokers have been contacted about the availability of office space. The organization's headquarters are presently located in Des Moines.



Slumlord reunites brothers

What are the chances that two brothers can live in the same city and each be completely unaware of the other's existence?

That was precisely the case for Tom and Don Mooney, until a

scathing editorial reply in Whistleblower # 26 by slumlord Stan Solomon pointed out the possibility.



Separated at birth, Tom Mooney grew up to become President of the Cincinnati Federation of Teachers. He married and divorced Virginia Rhodes, a member of the Board of Education.

Don Mooney, on the other hand, grew up to be an attorney and a member of the local Democratic Executive Committee. He married Judge Anne Marie Tracey.



Ms. Rhodes and Judge Tracey are best friends. And all the while, nobody realized that Tom and Don Mooney were related.

But it wasn't until Solomon's editorial lambasting about the fact that Don Mooney's law firm had actually done \$ 100,000 worth of work for the teachers union, that somebody made the connection.

Understandably, both Mooney brothers were overjoyed at their reunion. "We can't thank Stan Solomon enough," they said.



Cheap Shots

Serving two masters

Since joining city council, Nick Vehr has stayed up nights dreaming of ways to get the city to spend taxpayers' money by all means necessary to support downtown retailers—free parking, ice rinks, mugging free zones, just to name a few.

One such retailer is McAlpin's, a venerable client of advertising agency Hogan, Nolan, and Stites, where Vehr is also employed.

To date, Vehr seems to be doing his job very well...the only question is—which job are we talking about?



Body slam

Local feminist Charlene Ventura disputes claims by former World Wrestling Federation star Jessie "The Body" Ventura that the two have been secretly married for many years.

Jessie intends to show up with pictures taken on their honeymoon when Ms. Ventura receives an award next month.

Penurious Pete

Vice-Mayor Pete Strauss sent a letter to museum center president John Peck complaining about the \$10.95 admission charged at Cincinnati Union Terminal. "The prices are too high. We have to be sensitive to what a family can afford," Strauss said.

Strauss' letter also said that if the \$10.95 general admission fee could not be reduced, he would appreciate a pass for himself and his family.



Addressing the problem

Indian Hill ward chairperson Betty Mauer plans to run for Cincinnati City Council in 1991, whether the Democrats endorse her or not.

One party insider said she might get the party's blessing, if she could explain how a post office box in Clifton constitutes residency in the city.



Another Real Guest Editorial by Bunky Tadwell

By this time it has either earthquaked or it hasn't. If it hasn't, well, a lot of insurance companies are chortling, secure in the knowledge that, once again, they have fleeced the sheep and escaped with no nicks, cuts, or bruises.

And, we've had little or no loss of life, limb, property, or sleep.

On the other hand...if we did have an earthquake, we can only speculate at this time as to the damage. Let's take the optimistic approach and figure downtown Cincinnati was whacked upside the head.

Think what that would mean. All those buildings they've been trying to tear down might be down now. Fountain Square West has been a real trial to council, developers, the lady who lost her job, and people in general. I don't suppose it will ever occur to anyone...before the quake took it down, of course, to simply leave the building there and put a store in it. Seems Mabley and Carew did real well there before the outfit from Dayton or somewhere took it over.

Some people have suggested we stop fooling around with all those nutty problems and put a park in the space. Not all bad, considering the problems the planners have had getting someone to commit to hiring a bunch of guys to put in another building.

Maybe the Quake brought down Riverfront Stadium. Then the Bengals wouldn't have to embarrass themselves in front of the home folks anymore.

And Marge wouldn't be faced with dealing with all the World Champion baseball players who figure it's "Strike It Rich" time.

Level enough buildings and the City won't have to worry about places for people to park. Sam

Wyche would have all the homeless folks his heart desires. If it hit Fourth Street, Gidding Jenny could be out of business even faster.

How about the Brent

Spence? If that sucker is down, no more back-ups on I-75. No reason for drivers to careen down the cut in the hill on the Kentucky side and pile up 3 or 4 cars at a crack.

Maybe the TV towers would topple and all the Alphonse and Gaston acts that pass for local news anchors would be seen no more. With luck, a few thousand boom boxes would be crushed. Cars that have been converted into mobile speaker systems for rap tapes wouldn't be able to drive around through the rubble. The Push Cart war would end. The Downtown Council would be off the hook because there would be no way to get people to shop downtown anyway. Loot, maybe, but not to shop.

So...we're sort of like the guy who predicted the Quake....a fifty-fifty chance, he said. He can't lose. And, when you look at these and other benefits a quake could bring, neither can we.

The views and opinions in this column do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of *The Whistleblower*, its staff, its management, its advertisers, or even the author. And then again, maybe they do.

"Now I can retire with all the money the insurance companies paid me to predict an earthquake"
—Iben Browning



Real Letters from Real Readers

Sirs:
I don't understand all the fuss about my affair. At least we're two consenting adults. That should be refreshing by prevailing Ohio political standards.

Dana Rinehart
Mayor of Columbus

Sirs:
I'll keep trying my best to stay out of jail until they agree to pass out glow-in-the-dark condoms to every prisoner.

Marvin Warner

Sirs:
I meant it when I said I was going to keep politics out of the Secretary of State's office. That's why I fired my campaign staff the day after Thanksgiving.

Bob Taft

Sirs:
Votes for sale. Advertising my votes for sale.

Reggie Williams

Sirs:
Have you notice how "pumped up" I look since Norma let me wear her shoulder pads?

Greg Hoard, Sports Director
News Scandal 5

Sirs:
There's nothing wrong with your TV sets. I'm just very, very pregnant.

Debra Silverstein

Sirs:
I wonder if George Bush can find another job for me in Washington.

Ken Blackwell

Sirs:
I know a whole bunch of people in Cincinnati who think the new bridge makes a lot of sense, And only a few of them are clients.

Wm. T. Robinson III, Chairman
N. KY Bridge Committee

Sirs:
Whoops! Nobody told me Covington was in another state.

Gerald Newfarmer

Sirs:
The ethics of the Senate are being looked at under a microscope.

Come to think of it, if you're looking for ethics in the Senate, you'll need a microscope.

Senator John Glenn

Sirs:
The reason you only see my picture hiding behind a menu is that I broke out all my teeth eating ribs at Gary Burbank's joint and I haven't had time to get new dentures.

Sara Pearce



Another Whistleblower Exclusive Report

"I shall return!"

So spoke the late **Mickey Esposito**, late of the county auditor's office that is.

At a recent impromptu gathering of various friends of fermentation coincidentally employed at the auditor's office, Mickey pledged a comeback, in-between buying a round.

The Off-Court Cafe on Walnut Street was the scene of the joyous announcement from the son-in-law of defrocked Auditor **Joe DeCourcy**.

Esposito's plans to seek the Republican candidacy for county auditor in four years came as no surprise to his many groupies and

members of his "Breakfast Club," many of whom still work for the auditor's office.

Less enchanted by the prospects were local GOP party boss **Ralph Kohnen**, Special Prosecutor **Tom Smith**, and federal investigators still reviewing Esposito's exploits as his father-in-law's chief deputy.

Reportedly overjoyed at the possibility was Auditor-Elect **Dusty Rhodes**, who offered to make the first contribution to an "Esposito for Auditor" campaign.

As last word, Esposito was trying to line up **Dick Weiland** as his Campaign Finance Chairman.



Political panhandling

WASHINGTON—The first thing a freshman Congressman does during his orientation visit to the Capitol is to convince a Washington-based reporter to write puff pieces so folks back home think he's doing a great job.

Landslide **Charlie Luken's** choice of Gannett correspondent **Anne Willette** was easy. Her coverage of Luken's campaign had been a monument to puffery. In all those months, she never once asked

him a question he couldn't duck.

Last week in Washington she almost outdid herself when she tried to make us all feel sorry for poor Charlie, struggling to get along on a paltry \$125,000 per year Congressional salary.

Poor Charlie. Poor writing is more like it.



Geoghegan fired for incompetence

Michael Geoghegan says he doesn't know why he was fired as district audit manager of Ohio Auditor **Tom Ferguson's** Cincinnati office.

Geoghegan failed to remove references to disbarred lawyer **Dickie Weiland**, a Ferguson supporter who negotiated tax breaks for clients, from the **DeCourcygate** audit report.

As district audit manager of the Cincinnati office, Geoghegan should have also known about the special arrangement between his boss and the state GOP.

Ferguson's office was supposed to take it easy on **Joe DeCourcy** in

return for Republicans putting on a half-hearted campaign against him last month.

Geoghegan was so busy uncovering 740 tax breaks that cost taxpayers \$1.4 million that he forgot his prime directive—do whatever it takes to help Tom Ferguson get re-elected.

It was bad enough that Geoghegan found fault with the "Friends of Joe."

Implicating Weiland, a "Friend of Ferguson," was his real undoing. Geoghegan simply should have known better.





Bluegrass Holler

by Ken Camboo

Latonia Lakes for sale

In an unprecedented move, remaining members of Latonia Lakes council have put the city up for sale.

After Mayor Terrell Renaker and Councilman John O'Dell were arrested for receiving stolen tires, Kentucky police seized the lone Latonia Lakes cruiser that because it was equipped with stolen tires.

The city is being sold to pay legal fees for the two men and to add funds to the city pension fund. Asking price is \$1.8 million. No tires or police cars will be included. B.F. Goodrich has already shown some interest.

News from Newport

The Persian Gulf crisis has now affected local bars in Newport. Bar owners on the strip have announced price increases effective Dec. 1 on everything from beer to couch dancing.

Newport Mayor Steve Goetz was furious at the increase. "If people come to Newport for cheap entertainment, it should be cheap," Goetz said.

Putting earrings on a pig

Newport Economic Development Director Laura Long said new streetscape and facade improvements on Monmouth Street would have the same effect as "open heart surgery."



A second opinion from a prominent Cincinnati cardiologist and couch dancing fan, said the only thing needed was "a boob job and a tummy tuck."

Hilton seeks politician

The Commonwealth Hilton is now looking for a local political figure to fill the Grand Cafe on Friday nights. Ever since Boone County Representative Bill McBee lost his bid for re-election, the place has been pretty quiet.

Commonwealth Vice President Dan Faye said all resumes will be held in the strictest confidence.

Sewing seeds

Gubernatorial candidate Scotty Baesler was in town last week passing out sunflower seeds in an effort to get Bluegrass voters to elect a "homegrown" boy.

No word yet on when pro-hemp candidate Gatewood Galbraith will try the same gimmick.



J. R. Hatfield

Northern Kentucky Bureau Chief

Condoms for cons

Inmates in Philadelphia, San Francisco, New York, Vermont, and Mississippi can now get condoms from the prison commissary. But because sodomy is still illegal in Kentucky, state officials are giving lectures instead of condoms.

But Ron Jerrell, director of People with Aids in Kentucky, claimed refusing to give condoms to prisoners was igno-

rant. "When you put people of the same sex together, they're going to have sexual relations, because they are sexual beings. Sex is a basic necessity—like food, water, and air," Jarrell said.



WRAP THAT RASCAL

Gapping the bridge

If it is up to the City of Cincinnati, they will never approve the location of a new bridge between Covington and Cincinnati. Kentucky wants the bridge between those two cities to help relieve traffic problems. However, Cincinnati has suggested alternative sites, between Aberdeen and Maysville, Ashland and Ironton, or from Henderson, Kentucky, to Evansville, Indiana.

City council just doesn't want it to be any easier for people to relocate in Kentucky. They're thinking of all those tax dollars from companies and homeowners going south.

If Cincinnati backs away from funding the new bridge, look for Kentucky to retaliate by renaming the airport.

By the time council approves a location for this bridge, people will be flying to work, instead of driving.

Emission control

Judge Executive Ken Paul is trying to lick the salt dilemma at the Kahn's hot dog plant in Campbell County. The company says it will pull out their wieners if they aren't allowed to build a five-mile pipeline to the Licking River, where they plan to emit a salty discharge from their plant. This thing promises to be messier than a footlong coney.

Getting malled

The site of the new Bigg's on Rt. 18 in Florence will not add more traffic around Mall Road, according to a Bigg's spokesman. The company plans to allocate a section of the parking lot for helicopter pads for more accessibility.

Local animal rights activists protest ad campaign



Local animal rights activists are planning protests next week at stores selling fur coats with this label.



Spoiled Sports

by Andy Furburger

Hey, Sam...get out of town



I don't know how you feel, but I think it's time for Sam Wyche to go. Even though the Bengals beat Pittsburgh on Sunday, the team still sucks and it's all Sam's fault. That's why I bought this classified ad in the *Enquirer*.

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Someone else I think we've seen more than enough of is young **Thom Brennaman**.

Thom's back in town again broadcasting U.C. basketball games on Channel 19.

Isn't it enough that he gets to do Chicago Cubs baseball games? Isn't it enough that when the Reds have a victory celebration, they make him the master of ceremonies? Isn't it enough that **Marge Schott** could just kiss that curly haired muppet till he drops?

Thom got himself a great job out of town. I think he should stay there and give someone else here a chance to get some work.

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And how about Thom's dad—**Marty Brennaman**. I saw those Kroger commercials on TV where he and **Joe Nuxall** were donating all that food for the homeless.

What a couple of grandstanders. I even heard that they both donated their time for that commercial, and made a sizeable contribution as well.

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I'm still getting a lot of calls about the shouting match with **Bob Trumpy**.

Let me repeat. It was all a big publicity stunt. There's no animosity between Trumpy me. In fact, the two of us have been deeply in love for many years.



Seediest Kids of All

Elroy Pudpuller was a very troubled 12-year-old lad who ran up a whopping \$38,000 telephone bill last month making calls to 1-900 phone-sex lines.



His parents couldn't afford to pay. The newspapers got hold of the story, and soon none of the Pudpullers could show their faces in public.

So the **Seediest Kids of All** sent over tapes of calls to the same phone-sex lines made by people who worked at the courthouse.

Now Elroy can listen to grown-ups talking dirty 24-hours-a-day and it doesn't cost his family a dime. He's learning a lot about county government at the same time. He's studying hard in school and now, when he grows up, he wants to be a county commissioner too. Just like **Steve Chabot**.

The Pudpuller family is grateful to the **Seediest Kids of All**, but it's really you they have to thank, because it's your guilt throughout the year which makes it all possible.

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