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1990-Year in Review

Issue # 1, May 28: Courthouse hiring practices (Sheriff Leis' daughter, Clerk of Court Deters' brother). Sharonville Mayor John Dowlin next in line for Commissioner's job. *Enquirer* political columnist Howard Wilkinson reported missing.



Issue # 2, June 4: Former Deputy Auditor Mickey Esposito vows he'll be back. Commissioner Beckwith's connection with Graydon Head & Richey law firm.

Issue # 3, June 11: Dagmar Celeste talks dirty to lesbians. Auditor Maloney visits tornado victims. Clerk of Courts Deters' mother-in-law buys him Number 2 spot in local GOP.

Issue # 4, June 18: Commissioner Taft says "no conflict" when county business is awarded to dad's law firm. Judge Nadel to decide against Platform Republicans.

Issue # 5, June 25: Bar Association president-elect Fred Brockmeier pleads guilty. County GOP stunned when U.S. Supreme Court strikes down patronage.

Issue # 6, July 3: *Enquirer* publishes false clues for crossword puzzle. *Post* misspells Chicago mayor's name 3 times. Charles Lindberg defects GOP to support Luken.

Issue # 7, July 10: Joe Isuzu named local GOP spokesman. Democrats come up with 5 points of light. Odds 9-1 Pete Rose will go to jail. Commissioner

Beckwith wants to return to the bench. Nell Surber's days are numbered as city development director.

Issue # 8, July 17: State Senator Finnan calls commissioners' "jail plan illegal." Bob Taft votes for "gag order" to impress Jodie Foster. Ohio Secretary of State Brown calls Hamilton County "the most corrupt county in Ohio." Local Democrats pass out whistles on courthouse steps.

Issue # 9, July 24: GOP headquarters building gets "F.O.J." tax break. Three "Friends of Joe" file affidavit in support of DeCourcy. Problems persist in Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority. *Northwest Press* reporter Jennie Key calls *Whistleblower* a "vitriolic rag."

Issue # 10, July 31: Luken asks press not to cover Quayle's visit. Falcons take first flight. John Glenn lends Sherrod Brown his press secretary. Colerain Township Republicans' cartoons make fun of local GOP leadership. WLWT fires weatherman. Democrat Tyrone Yates raises \$100 to campaign against Gradison.

Issue # 11, Aug. 7: Candidates violate anti-sign ordinance. Pete Rose's knee may delay sentence. Missing *Enquirer* political columnist Howard Wilkinson's face appears on milk carton. *Post* slams Commissioner Chabot for third time.



Top Ten List

This week, it's the top ten *Whistleblower* "Top Ten Lists" from 1990:

10. Top ten reasons not to worry about the city's being destroyed by an earthquake on Dec. 3
9. Top ten celebrity body parts you've seen too much of on TV
8. Top ten reasons President Bush should not wait to attack Iraq
7. Top ten reasons Congress is holding hearings on the Persian Gulf
6. Top ten reasons Cincinnati's citizens are fleeing to the suburbs
5. Top ten *Whistleblower* scoops, according to *Enquirer* "Tip-Off" columnist Jim Knippenberg
4. Top ten nasty things you can say about your opponent during a negative campaign
3. Top ten questions asked to prospective jurors at Dennis Barrie's obscenity trial
2. Top ten reasons city council will spend \$10 million on a new bridge
1. And the number one *Whistleblower* "Top Ten List" from 1990 is...the top ten Jerry Springer pickup lines overheard at Oktoberfest.



1990 Whistleblower "Men of the Year"



Joe DeCourcy

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Issue # 13, Aug. 21: *Whistleblower* to publish hourly updates. Teachers ask for combat pay. City employees sending out resumes. GOP party boss Ralph Kohnen calls *Whistleblower* "a scurrilous cowardly paper." Auditor Maloney publishes cookbook—"998 Ways to Serve Baloney." County tax increase predicted.

Issue # 14, Aug. 28: Sheriff withholds records from *Post*. Councilman Nick Vehr calls for investigation of city-funded business incubator. Sheriff's spokesman Frank Weikel says *Whistleblower* is "written by a gutless wonder." CAC director Dennis Barrie honored in San Francisco. Word Game answers indicate that 27 words can be made from the word "bullwhip."

Issue # 15, Sept. 4: DeCourcy claims he's the fall guy for the GOP. *Enquirer* "Tip-Off" columnist Jim Knippenberg says *Whistleblower* is better than sex. Channel 9 fires weatherman Eric Warren. State auditor Tom Ferguson denies having sex with ugly employee. Maloney's Baloney named the official snack food of the Hamilton County Republican Party. Seats still available for Taft-Brown debate series.

Issue # 16, Sept. 11: County spending millions to combat *Whistleblower*. Mickey Esposito gets new job. Celebreeze announces his next stand on abortion. Council agrees to pay new city manager Gerald Newfarmer \$125,000. Pete Rose predicts winners of Nov. elections. Dennis Barrie promises "no more dirty pictures."

Issue # 17, Sept. 18: Low voter turnout predicted. Tyrone Yates doubles campaign warchest now has \$200.00—for campaign against Gradison. County employee publications exposed as wasteful, poorly written.

Issue # 18, Sept. 25: Former Recorder Jake Held gets "F.O.J." tax break. Blackwell has secret plan to win war. Deters coerces Ted Gregory into donating food for GOP shindig. Springer memo reprinted. Teacher

union donates 30 cents per teacher to support school levy. Pete Strauss takes another junket.

Issue # 19, Oct. 2: Deters offends Jewish contributors. Maloney begs Rhodes not to mention corruption at the courthouse during campaign. Former city manager Scott Johnson now running Union Terminal Museum. *Cincinnati Magazine* names *Whistleblower* as "Best Rag." Republican "sleaze cards" go on sale.

Issue # 20, Oct. 9: Tom Luken campaigns illegally for son Charlie. GOP commercials produced by city councilman Nick Vehr's ad agency. Auditor employees jam opponent's phone lines, during working hours. *Enquirer* endorsement policy exposed.

Issue # 21, Oct. 16: False claims in Maloney's and Luken's campaign commercials exposed. *Enquirer* reporters reveal they don't know election law. "Not Buckwheat's son," Blackwell claims. County commissioners send their high-priced assistants to school. Items for reporters to check on campaign finance reports. Channel 5 announces nude newscasts. "At the Dirty Movies" column by Weikel and Leis published in *Whistleblower*.



Issue # 22, Oct. 23: Luken uses Mayor's office for congressional campaign. Marge Schott embarrasses city on national TV. Dick Weiland develops amnesia. *Enquirer* associate editor donates to Blackwell campaign. *Enquirer* editorials dictated by GOP. No voter turnout predicted. Maloney continues to duck debate with Rhodes.

Issue # 23, Oct. 30: David Peck runs misleading campaign ad against Judge Anne Marie Tracey. Sam Wyche bans lesbian sportswriters from Bengals' locker room. Maloney campaign hides funds. DeCourcy coached not to sign standard representation letter. Maloney still refuses to debate. Luken continues congressional campaign from mayor's office.

Issue # 24, Nov. 6: Ecologists warn of mud shortage. Special Election Night coverage planned. Maloney—on the record. Channel 5 steals phone-sex story from candidate Rhodes. Pete Rose predicts election results.

Issue # 25, Nov. 13: Stumlord Stan Solomon cause of school problems. *Whistleblower* seeks new publisher. *Whistleblower* predictions proved most accurate. *Cincinnati Business Courier* finally runs a political story. Winners and losers. "Friend of Joe" resigns as city lobbyist.

Issue # 26, Nov. 20: Solomon fires back. Channel 5 steals child-killer interview. Cincinnati homeless get their own song. Cincinnati Bell CEO wakes up, discovers local leadership lacking. *Enquirer* publisher congratulates candidate for winning wrong race.

Issue # 27, Nov. 27: City to be destroyed by earthquake. County officials say "don't panic." *Whistleblower* to publish hourly earthquake updates. New *Whistleblower* publisher to be named soon. Councilman Nick Vehr named designated dork. Tillery to replace Luken on council.

Issue # 28, Dec. 4: Charles Foster Kane named new *Whistleblower* publisher. Pete Strauss complains about high prices at Union Terminal Museum. Indian Hill resident Betty Mauer announces plans to run for Cincinnati city council. Mickey Esposito vows "I shall return." Jim Borgman's "XYZ Portfolio" will soon be on display at CAC. Landslide Charlie complains about getting along on \$125,000 per year.



Issue # 29, Dec. 11: Mayor Mann's vision for Cincinnati. Auditor-elect Rhodes banned from county budget meeting. *Enquirer* reporter Jim Rohrer says *Whistleblower* needs help on "Top Ten Lists." "It's hard to teach without books," teachers union claims.



Issue # 30, Dec. 18: Channel 9's "I-Team" discovers "something funny may be going on at courthouse." Joe Deters refuses to talk to the press. Media prepares to cover KKK on square. County crying those tired old budget blues. Jeff Ruby plans celebrity welcome home party for Pete Rose.

