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Or "Some of the News They Seem to Lose"

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Apology from the Publisher

Our attorneys have advised us that we may have written some things which have offended some people.

In certain cases, they say, it was by a careless word or phrase.

In other cases, our remarks could be construed as either knowingly false, libelous, and with malicious intent.

They further advise that should we now recant, fully and com-pletely, damages in any future legal actions against us might be somewhat mitigated.

So here it is. Our apology.

We really mean it.

We're really humble.

No lies.

We apologize profusely.

No kidding. We really went too far.

This is sincere. When we're wrong, we're wrong.

We're not joking. There is no punishment in Hell cruel and unusual enough for what we have done.

No fooling around now. Local GOP party boss Ralph

Kohnen was right. We should never have called

him "Kohnen the Barbarian." Ours is a scurrilous publication.

Often we were cowardly. Every issue may even have been

libelous (But it was never poorly writ-

ten.)

Sometimes we have been really tasteless.

We hope we can make you believe us.

The pain is unbearable.

We are filled with such utter remorse than words will never convey the depths of our anguish.

Northwest Press award-winning reporter Jennie Key was right, too. Ours is truly a "vitriright, too. Ours is truly a olic rag!"

We mean it from the bottom of

our hearts.

We owe everyone we have ever written about an apology.

You bet.

This is the hardest column we've ever had to write.

When will we ever learn. There's no doubt about it.

We should have known better. Sometimes we were tasteless to the core.

We hope that our readers will somehow now forgive us.

Excess in the pursuit of comedic commentary is no virtue.

It's the truth.

The whole truth. And nothing but the truth.

We swear it on a stack of Bibles.

Right before your very eyes. We're so ashamed.

Therefore, on this First Day of April, 1991, we promise never, ever to do it again.

Signed

Charles Foster K Publisher



This week, it's the top ten things for which we feel we must apologize:

10. Being named "Best Rag" by Cincinnati Maga-

9. Causing slumlord Stan Solomon to lose his radio-talk show host job on WCKY Radio

8. Saying nasty things about people, in spite of their race, creed, gender, sexual deviations, or political affiliations

Finding "some of the news The Enquirer, Post, Business Courier, and Business Record seemed to lose" so often, it ceased to be a challenge

6. Leading the world in showing absolutely no respect for would-be-king of Kentucky Bill

Butler

5. Having the only Northern Kentucky news bureau who knows where the bodies are buried

4. Derailing Mike Maloney's election express and being responsible for an inexperienced township trustee like Dusty Rhodes to be the first Democrat to hold a Hamilton

County office in 20 years
3. Not taking the war seriously

Publishing Jerry Springer's "Women I'd Like to Boink" list

And the number one thing for which we feel e must apologize is...predicting that Landslide Charlie Luken would get elected to Congress.

Other apologies

- · Channel 9 meteorologist-wannabe Bob Alan, for reporting that he once made a lady friend install a new air-conditioner in her bedroom window because he didn't like to sweat.
- Baghdad Peter Arnett, for implying that the Castro News Network's designated apologist for our enemy showed a greater interest in commenting on our collateral damage than on Iraqi atrocities to their own people.
- · CAC Director Dennis Barrie, for questioning his celebrity status, ever since Robert Mapplethorpe left town with his bullwhip.

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- Local political cartoonists Jim Borgman, Jeff Stahler, and Joe Hoffecker, for all the nasty things we thought whenever they used one of our ideas before we got the chance.
- Hamilton County Commissioner Sandra Beckwith, for replacing her photo on the cover of our annual swimsuit edition with a shot of John Mirlisena in bikini briefs.
- Judge Gilbert Bettman, for implying that if Charlie Manson had been tried in his court, the mass murderer would have gotten shock probation.

Dr. Stanley Broadnax, for suggesting that his efforts to curb sexually-transmitted diseases were almost as successful as his ability to raise cash for some of his real estate deals.

- Fred Brockmeter IV, for implying he wasn't qualified to be president of the Cincinnati Bar Association, just because he was sent to jail for bilking his firm of \$77,000.
- WKRC-TV Sports Director Ken Broo, known as "the total package," for revealing what the package was full of.
- Iben Browning, for accusing him of being able to retire with all the money insurance companies paid him to predict an earthquake last Dec. 3.
- No-Hit Congressman Jim Bunning, who we said was shut out of a trip to Kuwait.
- Airport Communications Director Ted Bushelman, whose pathetic cable access videos we ridiculed.
- First Lady Barbara Bush, for referring to President George Bush as her son.
 - CNN, for criticizing their refusal to donate profits from sales of Operation Desert Storm tapes to the American Red Cross because it might look as if they were taking sides.
 - Caesar the Wrestling Bear for implying that he was Alan Bernstein's twin brother.

• U.S. Attorney Karen Caldwell,

whose casual relationship with Senator Mitch McConnell has no bearing on her career ambitions.

- Covington Commissioner Butch Callery, who is still trying to get gas masks for Latonia residents.
- Turfway owner Jerry Carroll, whose legendary Pik Six winning ticket was not donated to charity.
- Cincinnati Public School teachers, for saying that getting paid an average of \$35,000 per year, working 8:15-3:10, with three months off during the summer, is slave labor.
- Cincinnati city councilman Jim Cissell, for reporting that his only contributions since taking office is recommending a survey to find out why people are leaving the city and trying to get the owners of the Cincinnati Cyclones hockey team to develop Fountain Square West.
- Kentucky Post editor Judy Clabes, and her hubby, Recorder Newspapers publisher

Gene Clabes, who we mistakenly referred to as objective journalists.

- Maysville homeboy Nick Clooney, who is always an easy target, and sister Rosemary, about whom we said her entire family could fit on hes caftan tails.
- Former pro-football player, sometimes law student, other times WLW Radio sports-talk host Cris Collinsworth, for finding his niche cooking up pre-packaged meat products so he can have a hot meal ready for his wife Holly Bankemper after she comes home from a hard day in court.
- Northern Kentucky politicians Joe Condit and Joe Meyer, whose silly feud rates with those of Hamilton/ Burr, Sanford/Goebel, Hatfields/ McCoys, Martin/Lewis, and Tyson/ Givens.
- Platform Republicans James Condit Sr. and James Condit Jr., for reporting their lawsuit against the Mt. Washington Press for calling them "deranged fascists."
- Hamilton County Auditor's Office roustabout Jeff Corcoran, for not giving enough publicity to his planned Mickey Esposito Legal Defense Fundraiser at the Gay 90's in Cheviot and passing the hat at the courthouse to pay Mick the Quick's expenses to a annual GOP goodfellows spring golf outing in Myrtle Beach.
- The creditors of Covington Landing, for saying how nervous they get every time the river rises.
- Bill Cunningham, for reminding his listeners about his efforts to avoid military service while professing patriotism on his WLW Radio talk show.
- Former Hamilton County Commissioner Joe DeCourcy, for saying



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- A Shirley Bernstein, who was called "an ignorant slut" by her husband Ben on a WEBN Radio commercial, for not defending her education.
- Covington political dropout Greg Blanchet, whose 17-year old wife is no Donna Rice.
- NKU President Leon Boothe, who we said can't tell a contractor from a contributor
- Covington Mayor Denny Bowman, for all those snide remarks about his poor grasp of the English language,
- Bob Braun, for misprinting his fan club's address as Spring Grove Cemetery.
- Thom Brenneman, for saying that his dad Marty used to walk him to school because they were both in the same grade.
 - · Cincinnati Health Commissioner

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that "Toonces the Driving Cat" should have been behind the wheel that night.

- Former Hamilton County Auditor Joe DeCourcy, for revealing the surprise defense he plans to use in his upcoming trial.
- Hamilton County Democratic Party co-chairmen Don Dreihaus and William Mallory, for pointing out their lack of influence at city hall, when they were called upon to pick a replacement councilmember, but were treated like poor relatives when it came time to pick a new mayor.

Deputy Auditor Mickey Esposito, for implying that the reason he went bad was because he was once a cast member on "Different Strokes."

- Covington Business Council director Pat Ewing, because we laughed at his poor excuse for a beard.
- Boone County Judge Executive Bruce Ferguson, who we criticized for not scraping the manure off his boots before Fiscal Court meetings.
- Coach & Four Restaurant owner Tom Ferguson, who was such a crybaby about having to move The Boot to Cincinnati.
- Kenton County School Superintendent John Forbeck, whose toilet training plan will save a lot of money for education.
- Actor/Cowboy/Horseman Steve Ford, who lives above the stables at Turfway, who said, "I just love to go down to the racetrack early in the morning for some of that good coffee and watch the horses screw."
- Senator Wendell Ford, who voted against the Gulf War, but voted to send cigarettes to the

troops.

- Actress Jodie Foster, for taking then Hamilton County Commissioner Bob Taft to see her in "Taxi Driver."
- To actor Michael J. Fox, for asking hiw he could possibly be considered as the sleazy new head of the Ohio Department of Human Services before we realized it was

the State Representative from Hamilton that Governor George Voinovich had actually appointed.

- WLW Radio sports-talker Andy Furman, for reporting that despite their many on-air feuds, he and Bob Trumpy have been deeply in love for many years.
- Songwriter/attorney Leslie Isaiah Gaines, for asking if he ever actually gets any of his clients off.
- Kentucky gubernatorial hopeful Gatewood Galbraith, who is too stoned to care about losing.
- Bleeding-heart commentator brothers Jerry and Jene Galvin, for implying their family tree has no fork.
- Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce glad-hander John Garman, who venerates local tin god William T. Robinson III.
- Enquirer Associate Editor and member of the editorial board Tom Gephardt, for making public his two \$250 campaign

donations to congressional candidate Ken Blackwell.

- FreeStore Director Steve Gibbs, for implying he was only concerned about the homeless when his contract was being renewed.
- Convicted fence Brenda Goines and general dim bulb Johnny "Thunder" Stewart, who drew too much attention by running for mayor in Newport.
- To Clyde Gray, for being surprised that Channel 9 now has a black news anchor—during the week.
- Huntington Bank czar Merwin Grayson, who thinks a funny name is not necessarily a handicap, so he is backing Brereton Jones for Kentucky governor.
- Cincinnati city councilman Guy Guckenberger, for reporting on his queer notion of amending city policy to make it illegal to discriminate against divorced Appalachian homosexuals with AIDS.
- WCKY's Marilyn Harris, author of "365 Ways Make 'Em Like Squid" and "Leftovers Are My Life," for doubting how much money she could make with her "vanity press" cookbook.
- Channel 12 Weatherguesser Tim Hedrick, for implying he must have something better to do than trying to scare the bejesus out of little old ladies living alone in trailer parks in Harrison with his melodramatic weather reports.
- Congressman Larry Hopkins, who has figured out a way to stay in public office and still keep all those campaign funds after he retires from Congress.



We apologize to WLWT, for implying that sometimes their editorial integrity interferes with their commercial considerations.

- Eric Deters, the Northern Kentucky Republican Wunderkind who is trying to make gubernatorial fodder Larry Forgy look electable.
- Hamilton County Clerk of Courts Joe Deters, for saying that his mother-in-law Judge Sylvia Hendon had bought him the Executive Director's position in the local GOP when her donation was only a down payment.
- Business Record Publisher Henry Dorfman, for reporting that his problem was that he believed all those nice things he was writing about himself in his own column.
- Covington City Commissioner Jim Eggemeier, who only ran second in the Saddam Hussein look-alike conset.
- Attorney John Elfers, who we called the "Bingo Boss of Kenton County."
 - · Former Hamilton County Chief



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- The Press pseudo-publisher Mike Hornback, who has sold his soul to Kenton County Commissioner Bernie Moorman.
- The Iraqi TV announcer, for switching his picture with George Blake's, before the Enquirer editor shaved his moustache.
- Cincinnati's sweetheart Julie Isphording, who quit her job at Turfway, because she couldn't get Steve Ford to pay any attention to her early in the mornings.
- Channel 9's "I-Team," for sending them a hearing aid, book on sign language, and a guide dog.

- Newport couch dance queen Eelyse LeShay, for laughing at her "Banned-Aid telethon."
- Newport Economic Development Director Laura Long, who got beat out of the chance to go on a Kamikaze mission as Cincinnati's downtown development officer by Covington Economic Development Director Tom Fiorini.
- Former Congressman Tom Luken, for not doing enough to help his son raise money.
- Former Congressman Buz Lukens and Ohio Auditor Tom Ferguson, for refusing to allow them to help select photos for our annual swimsuit issue, because of rumors that their taste in women left something to be desired.
- Enquirer publisher Bill Keating, for pointing out how out-of-touch he was about local elections when he sent a note of congratulations to the auditor-elect for winning the commissioner's race.
- Enquirer "Tip-Off" columnist Jim Knippenberg, for saying that he planned

to give up sex until the Bengals won another game, when he only promised to give up having sex with someone else.

• WEBN-FM
News Brother
Craig Kopp, for
rejecting his notion
that The Whistleblower is the journalistic equivalent
of the Scud missile.

• Former "Mary Hartman" TV show star Claudia Lamb, guest

hostessing mid-days this week on 55 WKRC, for implying that the station was leading yet another lamb to the slaughter.

- Hamilton County Sheriff Simon Leis and Frank Weikel, for implying that they have nothing better to do than sit around watching Traci Lords' X-rated videos that is, when they're not withholding records wanted by Paul Knue and his merry band of muckrakers at the Post.
- Lesbians, for associating them with Dagmar Celeste.
- To Randy Little, for insinuating there might be a better place to work out his mid-life crisis than on a bar stool in a Hyde Park drinkery.
- To Ruth Lyons, for saying that if she were alive today she'd be scratching the lid of her casket.
- Out-of-work Kentucky State Representative Bill McBee and his drinking buddy, former State Senator Patti Weaver, who have to buy their own drinks now.

- Mike McConnell, for publishing NOW spokeswoman Shirley Rosser's remarks when the WLW Radio talkshow host dropped his pants in the studio to protest nude interviews and the feminist said, "It's no big thing."
- Rev Maurice McCrackin, for not recognizing his senility years ago.
- Maisonette Maitre de John McLean, for not giving his 5-star restaurant credit for McDonald's sandwich of the same name.
- Cincinnati Mayor David Mann, for saying he looked like Aunt Bea on the old "Andy Griffith Show."
- Kenton County Judge Executive Clyde Middleton, who is still trying to look like he knows what he's doing.
- Cincinnati Federation of Teacher's President Tom Mooney, for saying he sent Lee Etta Powell's resume to the Boston Public School System.
- Hamilton County Commissioners Assistants Jana Morford, Paul Fallon, and Mike "The Barber" Cantwell whose annual cost to taxpayers is approximately \$100,000, for implying it's too much to pay for a ragamuffin newsletter to county employees, a guy to hang out at GOP headquarters, and a former barber from Cheviot to give Commissioner Steve Chabot scalp massages, when County Administrator Tom Wenz and the secretaries do all their work anyway.
- Judge Norman Murdock, for publishing his obituary, when it was really his career we were talking
- Judge Nick Nadel, for questioning his juris-prudence after his Pete Rose verdict.



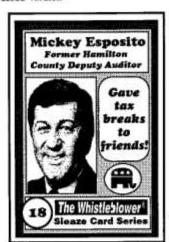
We apologize
to all the
Hamilton
County
Republicans
not under
indictment for
making it less
of a status
symbol to be
part of the
local GOP.

 Covington City Commissioner Greg Jarvis, who thinks he understands the city commissioners.

 Covington City Commissioner Nyoka Johnston, who has been virtually ignored by this and every other publication.

Enquirer Radio-TV critic John Keiswetter, for not Faxing him advance copies of *The Whistleblower*, so he would not always appear to be so far behind.

- Orange Ribbon Lady Ellen Lambing, for suggesting her concern for families with troops in the Persian Gulf was a thinly-veiled disguise for selling Amway products.
- The entire city of Latonia Lakes, which was not sold for lack of a minimum bid.
- Irma Lazarus, for saying her eyelashes are held on with plaster of Paris



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- Cincinnati City Manager Gerald Newfarmer, for suggesting that if he wants to learn about problems in urban law enforcement, he should make good on the promise he made when he first came here to ride in a squad car or go undercover on Hamer Street, rather than sit behind his desk reading OMI reports.
- . To NewsChannel 5, for saying that every time they feel guilty about being ahead in the ratings, they give Pat Barry a new show.
- · John Nolan and his daughter

- Jim Parsons, who wants to make sure Mayor Steve Goetz is the only warm and fuzzy thing anybody ever sees on Monmouth Street.
- Campbell County Judge Executive Ken Paul, who we said has an abnormal affinity for Kahn's weiners.
- Former Newport Mayor Johnny "TV" Peluso, whose paranoid delusions are even funnier than his term in office.
- · NewsChannel 5 Northern Kentucky reporter Marty Pierat, who we called a "mousse head.
- · Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk, for pointing out that most people want sex without guilt, while Catholics must learn to live with guilt without sex.
- Former Enquirer restaurant reviewer Sara Pearce, for saying she liked Buffalo Wings because they tasted like chicken.
- · Lou Pinella, for reporting that when the Reds manager was looking for some guys to come off the bench and really club the ball, that he sent a scout to check out the L.A.P.D.
 - Kentucky Gubernatorial hopeful Dr. Floyd Poore, whose motion picture epic was not mentioned at last week's Academy Awards.
 - · Aaron Pryor, for presuming he was guilty on his latest drug-trafficking charge, because wit-nesses said that when the Cincinnati boxer drove by, the white line disap-
- peared. Roxanne Qualls, for asking if being the darling of the environmentalists, feminists, and local homosexual groups will be enough to get
- · Storer Cable boss Wayne Rankin, who now has a monopoly on Northern Ken-tucky TV, until The Clabes Dynasty buys him out.

her elected to city council

- Covington Police Chief Joe Rieskamp, who will personally kick the hell out of anybody that says his idea for a mounted patrol is dumb.
- Unsuccessful Democratic candidate for Hamilton County Commission Pete Rebold, for accusing him of organizing the dwarf-throwing contest in Green Township to publicize his sagging campaign.
- Kentucky Republican State Rep. Dick Roeding, whose defeat of Gordon Martin was the GOP's answer to Prohibition.
- Waterfront Restaurant owner Jeff Ruby, whose Pete Rose Floating Wax Museum idea is as dopey as the chicks at LaBoom.

- Doc Rusk, for implying that the mind really is the last thing to go.
- Covington Commissioner Jim Ruth who can talk without Jim Eggemeier's lips moving.
- 55 WKRC Radio reporter Paul Scheuring and WKRC-TV reporter John Lomax, who we are still trying to figure out who April Flowers was and why nobody in Newport wants to talk to them ...
- · Male students at the School for the Creative and Performing Arts, for assuming they squat when they pee.
- Reds marketing twit Stevie Schott, for reporting that his mother brings her uniformed maid over to his condo in her chauffeured limo once a week to clean and pick up his laundry.
- · Skull courier and professed devil worshiper Walter "Pete" Shorter, who has taken up a new line of work in the joint.
- WKRC-TV anchor-harpy Debra Silberstein, for saying she was too mean to conceive, because of the gleam in her eye whenever she reads a story about a bus full of nuns holding babies going over a cliff.
- 55 WKRC Program Director Doug Silver, for doubting his veracity when he said that Stormin' Norman Schwarzkopf would throw out the first pitch on Opening Day, instead of another BFD visit from an Ohio Governor, this time from George Voinovich.
- Special Prosecutor Tom Smith and Defense Attorney John Lloyd, who are both working on the Million-Dollar DeCourcygate Investigation, for wondering if they ever thought about being partners.



to former Cincinnati Development Director Nell Surber, for saying the model of the Fallix Tower was "the biggest one she'd ever seen."

Barb, from John Nolan Ford, for the worst father-daughter routine since Ron Reagan and Patti Davis.

- · P&G executive Robert Norrish. new president of the 100-member Charter Committee, for suggesting that if he plans to deliver on his promise to turn this November's council race into a "robust election," he'd better first find some candidates and some money for the two he already has.
- · Special prosecutor Tim Oliver, for saying he's dragging his feet recovering the \$27,327 that former Channel 9 salesman Pete Marino, now Hamilton County Administrator of the Veterans Relief Council, bilked from the county.
- · P&G, we didn't believe for a moment that their trademark was a saanic symbol, since everybody knows the real Gateway to Hell is the Quality Inn Riverview at 666 Fifth Street, in Covington.
 - Newport City Manager Puritan



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- Mrs. Stan Solomon, for saying that even Chris Kotsovos refused to fashion her fur coat out of rat pelts trapped in one of husband's tenements.
- Cincinnati city councilman Pete Strauss, for analyzing that the Downtown Big Boys' favorite Democrat is fortunate to be seeking reelection in a year with such a weak field.
- Cincinnati city councilwoman Bobbie Sterne, for failing to mention her war record when all others around her were bringing up theirs.
- The Stuckey Remodeling Company, for implying that spokesrelative Sandy isn't a real lower Price Hill blonde.
- Cincinnati city councilman Dwight Tillery, for criticizing his idea of giving video-cams to every citizen in case they get beat up by the police.
- Judge Anne Marie Tracey, for saying she "pulled a boner" by asking her colleague Judge William S. Mathews to "extend his probe" of the DeCourcygate investigation.
- Hamilton County Recorder Bob Wood, for publishing survey results that said only 2 percent of the 562 registered voters interviewed were able to identify him, but that 99 percent were able to name the pig on "Green Acres."
- Cincinnati city councilman Nick Vehr, for implying that anything especially his job at Hogan, Nolan, & Stites advertising agency—could ever interfere with the political ambitions of the best media manipulator on council today.
- Local feminist Charlene Ventura, for reporting that she and World Wrestling Federation star Jessie "The Body" Ventura had been secretly married.

- Storer CableNews anchor Dick Von Hoene, who we said looks better in his Cool Ghoul costume.
- WSTR-TV (Channel 64), for predicting they would go off the air within a week after cancelling "Eddie Fingers Basement Tapes."
- WCKY Radio, who we said could sink no lower with their choice of bush-league air personalities, for scraping the scum off the bottom of the barrel when they hired Hall of Shame income-tax cheat Pete Rose, again.
- Ex-Channel 9 weatherman and Northern Kentucky slumlord Eric Warren, who blamed those mysterious fires on "sporadic lightning."
- Enquirer columnist Camilla Warrick, for accusing her of using her column to get Zak's to discontinue their weekly noontime negligee show.
- Post columnist David Wecker and substitute lunatic on the Bill Cunningham's asylum of the air, for reporting that he cancelled his appearance at the Carrousel Club's Hunk-A-Mania competition Apr 6 because his cup runneth over.
- Govenor Wallace and First Lady Martha Wilkinson, who are trying to perfect their George and Lurleen Wallace impersonations.
- Cincinnati Police Chief Larry Whalen, for saying he didn't put enough starch in his shorts.
- Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce President John Williams, for suggesting that the Chamber's new "money back" guarantee somehow be applied to his \$150,000 annual salary.
- Former Cincinnati City Councilman Reggie Williams, for saying he knew how to combat urban violence—by hitting ladies over the head in Corryville parking lots.
- WEBN Dawn Patrol's Robin Wood, for calling her the world's oldest teenybopper.

- Bengals coach Sam Wyche, for accusing him of starting all those Lisa Olson Patriot missile jokes.
- Ganett's Anne Willette, for suggesting that she learn something about Election Law, when the Washington-based correspondent reported on last year's congressional campaign in Ohio's First District.
- Cincinnati city councilman Tyrone
 "Tax Hike" Yates, for saying that his
 solution to every problem is to dig
 deeper in taxpayers' pockets, making
 the Charter Committee who appointed
 him even sorrier that their standardbearer Arn Bortz ever resigned to
 become a TV evangelist.
- And to anyone else we may have offended, we now do humbly beg their forgiveness. Yeah, right!

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