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meaty
stories
inside**

The Whistleblower

Or "Some of the News They Seem to Lose" ©

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This Week's Really Big Story

Sterne measure forbids male chauvinists in the workplace

Tomorrow, in honor of Professional Secretaries Week, Cincinnati city council plans to pass an ordinance proposed by councilwoman **Bobbie Sterne** that would outlaw male chauvinist bosses in the workplace.

The vote should be unanimous.

"It's time all this insensitivity comes to an end," Sterne said.

Initial response to the proposal was mixed and city hall watchers wrote it off as a failure.

But, true to form, her male colleagues buckled under pressure by screaming fanatics and special interest groups and pledged their support for the Sterne measure.

"I didn't like it at first," said nouveau liberal Democrat **John Mirlisena**, "but somebody down at headquarters reminded me about how many of these broads vote." Now Big John is more sensitive than **Phil Donahue** on Midol.

Fearing the wrath of the Mother of All Endorsements, **Virginia Rhodes**, fellow Democrats **Mann**, **Strauss**, and **Tillery** all tore their shirt pockets getting their pens out to sign up for the cause.

They all claimed that subtle reminders and veiled threats from their own secretaries had no influence on their decisions.



Republicans **Nick Vehr** and **Jim Cissell** figured it was a no-brainer and promised Sterne their votes.

Guy Guckenberger and **Tyrone Yates**, as usual, were not consulted by anyone on this, but have pledged their votes to perpetrate the illusion of council unity.

Male bosses found guilty of the offense will be sent to a week-long sensitivity session sponsored by the Women's Political Caucus, NOW, the Women's City Club, and the League of Women Vipers.

The ordinance, also covers male secretaries along with gay and lesbian secretaries.

It is considered to be one of the most politically correct pieces of legislation ever enacted.

Top Ten List

This week, it's the top ten things a boss can do for his secretary during Professional Secretaries Week to make her feel really special:



10. Get a new Mr. Coffee machine for the office

9. Let her pick up her own dry cleaning on her lunch hour as long as she picks up yours

8. Tell her how much you admire her breasts

7. Thank her for that extra special way she handles your dictation

6. Try to get through a whole day without using the word "boink"

5. Give her her Christmas goose a little early this year

4. Ask her if she'd like to try another position

3. Promise to get a divorce as soon as your wife's health improves

2. Slip a little something extra into her inbox

And the number one thing a boss can do for his secretary during Professional Secretaries Week to make her feel really special is...offer to give her a piece of your business.

Sleaze Card update

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Real Editorials By the Publisher Charles Foster Kane

To my secretary

I didn't need Professional Secretaries Week to remind me about all that **Rose Budd** has done for me over the years.

It hasn't always been easy. Sometimes it's been rough sledding. You can be assured that I will be speaking her praises until my dying breathe.

Rape Policy

Regardless of what others in the news media choose to do, *The Whistleblower's* sensitivity committee has advised us not to publish the names of rape victims, except when the rapist is a man who was held captive by a ravaging horde of nymphomaniac cheerleaders and forced to submit to unspeakable acts of intense pleasure.

In that event, the victim will be permitted to buy a full page ad to publicize his exploits. Local TV anchormen will be given lie detector tests to validate their claims.

Take the money and run

Teachers are asking where the Cincinnati School Board will get nearly \$200,000 to buy out Superintendent **Lee Etta Powell's** contract.

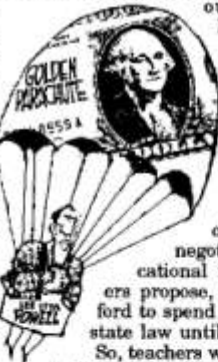
At the bargaining table with the Cincinnati Federation of Teachers, the Board insists it's dead broke.

Not only is the Board refusing cost-of-living raises, but its negotiators reject any educational improvements teachers propose, saying they can't afford to spend another dollar under state law until their deficit is gone. So, teachers wonder what will have to be cut from instruction budgets to offset Powell's \$200,000 consulting fees.

If the Board has \$200,000 to spare, that money would buy 18 instructor assistants, or 7 teachers, or 150 personal computers to update classrooms, or increase by 30 percent money available to teachers for classroom supplies and instructional materials.

Discouraged and demoralized, one teacher asked *The Whistleblower*, "If we resign after doing a lousy job, do you think the Board will pay us our salaries anyway for the rest of the year?"

We can only speculate. The financial wizards at Ninth and Sycamore might just find a way.



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

Something in the air

Last week, Cincinnati Mayor **David Mann** wrote a letter to Chamber President **John Williams** about the air pollution problem.

The mayor's letter, we believe, speaks for itself:

The City desperately needs the Chamber's constructive positive suggestions on how to address sources of air pollution in our area. I have a very negative reaction to the very inflammatory "legislative alert" that the Chamber has sent out. I dare say that many members of Council had not even yet read

the ordinance, much less begun to form positions on it and, yet, you're telling your membership to oppose this legislation. What, pray tell, do you suggest we do?

We would like, as I say, your constructive recommendations for dealing with sources of air pollution in our community. You can simply oppose what has been put on the table, or you can help us find some tools that are effective and acceptable. Scare tactics, such as the legislative alert, I find very troublesome, however.

Whistleblower News Poll

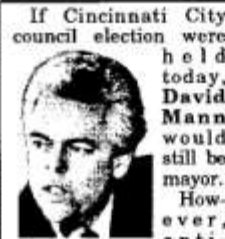
As the leader of political journalism in the Greater Cincinnati area, *The Whistleblower* is constantly challenged to come up with new

and innovative services for our readers. We are proud to unveil *The Whistleblower* Poll in this edition.

Nationally recognized political consultant **Roger Ailes** approached us with the concept shortly after he witnessed our early prediction of a **Dusty Rhodes** victory become fact last November.

Due to prior commitments to the Bush '92 campaign, Ailes himself is unable to work with us, but has provided the services of his firm, *The Media Team*. Polling will be conducted on a periodic and random basis by Ailes as-

sociate **John David Barker, Ph.D.** Results will appear in future issues between now and Election Day.



If Cincinnati City council election were held today, **David Mann** would still be mayor. However, anti-incumbent sentiment, coupled with the growing clout of women in politics, reflects the possibility of some new faces on council after this fall's elections, according to the latest *Whistleblower* News Poll.

Registered Cincinnati voters were asked, "If the elections were held today, which nine candidates would get your vote?" The poll was conducted after last week's Democratic Party endorsements and "no-

coalition" decision was announced.

The top nine vote-getters ranked according to the survey were:

1. David Mann
2. Bobbie Sterne
3. Nick Vehr
4. Virginia Rhodes
5. Pete Strauss
6. Guy Guckenberger
7. Nell Surber
8. John Mirlisena
9. Shirley Rosser

"Obviously, there will be many changes before Election Day," explained pollster **John David Barker, Ph.D.**, "but what's interesting is that four of the top nine vote getters in the early polling are women."

642 voters were interviewed by phone between Apr. 16-20 and the margin for error was ± 4 percent.



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Earth Day a success

The Chamber celebration on Fountain Square was the climax of a two-week telephone campaign by John Williams' staffers from the offices of P&G to lobby business leaders to pressure city council to drop their demands for a clean air ordinance.



Another call-in show

Just what we needed. Thursday nights at 7 p.m. Guy Guckenberger and those other fun-loving Cincinnati city councilpeople will be fielding calls over the government access TV channel.



Not since the announcement of Ken Broo's sports call-in show on Warner Cable has there been so much excitement.

Chump change

Last week Landslide Charlie Luken decided to forgo—at least temporarily—an additional \$40,000 allowance to run his congressional office.

Luken probably doesn't need the money, since he gets more PAC money than Speaker of the House Tom Foley.

"The \$475,000 I now get will do nicely," Luken explained. "At least until the local GOP gets serious about trying to defeat me."



Classy comeback

Last week, Tom Mooney really got his feeling hurt. After accusing Ralph Kohnen of a conflict of interest, the GOP Party Boss called the Cincinnati Federation of Teachers President either an "idiot or a liar."



"Multiple choice questions usually have at least three options," Mooney said.

Not on a school night

David Letterman has still not said if he's coming to Cincinnati to pitch an inning for the Reds. "Maybe I'd come, if those money-grubbing weasels at WLWT would broadcast my program at 12:30 like they're supposed to do," Dave said.



Another Real Guest Editorial by Banky Tadwell

Now, about this lack of jail space business...first you have to understand that crime, like the education scam, welfare, the homeless, all kinds of subsidies, world peace, and a bunch of other things, is something that will never be solved because too many people make a good living from it. There are too many politicians who live beyond the wildest dreams of kings and emperors just by campaigning against crime at election time. Too many lawyers who make a game of the law. Too many professional dogooders who soothe their egos and guilt feelings by inventing victims of society.

No. Too many folks have a vested interest in crime, not the least of which are the active participants.

However, if we really wanted to get started on solutions, let's find a place for the folks now running loose. How about all the empty hotel rooms downtown? The office space going begging? Why should the Hyatt care if the rooms are filled with drunks and perverts? It should be like having a series of rock groups in town.

Another problem is that going to jail no longer is a shameful thing. Some of you older folks might recall that a gentleman once ran for president and said that a prison record would be worn like a badge of honor or some other bit of nonsense. There are many youngsters raised today with the concept that crime is good and going to jail is sort of like a special school where they'll perfect their craft.

We could cut down on jail time and the need for space if we would go back to public whippings and the stocks. Hang someone up at Fountain Square, whack the snot out of him or her, rub a little pickling salt in the wounds and let them go. Of course, we would have to start killing off repeat offenders, but we could probably get the Zero Population Growth crowd to help us get rolling on that.

And stocks are good. You know,

the thing the Pilgrims used to have. Actually, stocks were used on Colonial times to good advantage. You build a rail about four feet high. Down through the middle is a metal ridge a quarter of an inch or so wide. Sit the culprit on the rail. Stick hands and feet through the wooden stocks. In about ten seconds, the pain on the behind is so severe you are ready to scream. A day or so in that thing, with passersby throwing nasty stuff on you, rain, snow, cold, heat, and big dog doing weird things and you might mend your way.

Kill repeat offenders.

Drunk drivers? If they don't hit anything, take their car and squash it in a trash grinder. They can use it for a coffee table. If the drunk hits something or

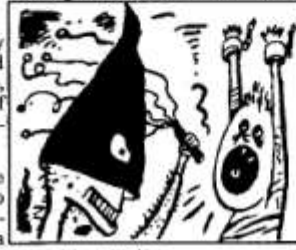
someone, the drunk pays 10 percent of all earning for life to whomever he or she has damaged. Repeat offenders-kill them.

Dope pushers? Kill them. Junkies who won't reform? Give them all the dope they want and they will kill themselves. If all the killing seems a bit harsh, let's revive the old Devil's Island bit.

If the public decides that more and bigger jails are the answer and wants to find a way to pay for the projects, the solution is simple. Just put all the offenders on the streets and driveways of Hyde Park, Indian Hill, and Amberly Village. The checks will be in the mail next morning.

The views and opinions in this column do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the author.

They do, however, reflect the philosophy of *The Whistleblower*, its staff, its management, and most importantly—its advertisers.





Real Letters from Real Readers

Sirs:
Which would be worse? My first cellmate is a great big surly homosexual or a Home State depositor.

Starvin Marvin Warner

Sirs:
You better stop writing all those bad things about Auntie Marge or you can say good-bye to your media credentials and dining room privileges before the Reds home games

Stevie Schott

Sirs:
Please don't ask a soldier who has just returned after six months in the Saudi Arabian desert how often he masturbated.

Stormin' Norman

Sirs:
We're trying to find out about 280 people to whom Joe DeCourcy had given compensatory time off for political purposes. In case Mike Maloney threw his records away before he left office, we may ask to borrow yours.

State Auditor Tom Ferguson

Sirs:
Getting people to feel sorry for the Kurds isn't easy. Maybe if their name rhymed with something else.

Jesse "The Rhyming Rev" Jackson

Sir:
I just saw the deal they're giving Lee Etta Powell, and now I want to re-negotiate my contract.

Rob Dibble

Sirs:
The fact that I am a paid consultant for CG&E and they're asking for a great big rate increase is just a coincidence. Honest.

Tom Luken

Sirs:
Our Back on the Block program will be much more effective when some people learn that their being "part of the process" is not an end unto itself?

Gerald Newfarmer

Sirs:
If you won't take over the *Business Record*, at least you could tell us how you stay in business without selling advertising or subscriptions.

The Fifth Third Bank

Sirs:
Is Trixie's Bed 'n Breakfast in Newport a real place, or are you just making a joke?

Channel 9's "I-Team"

Sirs:
Great Top Ten List this week.

Andrew Dice Clay, Teddy Kennedy, and Jerry Springer

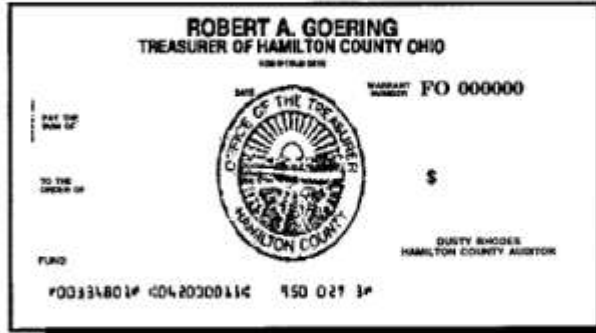
Sirs:
If I'd have known how big a refund I would get, I'd have filed in January.

A Tax Cheat



Another Exclusive Whistleblower Report

What's wrong with this check?



This is an "Auditor's Warrant." It's how Hamilton County pays its bills.

Why then, you might ask, is the Treasurer's name emblazoned across the top?

Excellent question.

As a farewell gesture, outgoing Auditor **Mike Maloney**, a Republican, spent about \$3000 on a whole year's supply of these warrants (checks) for incoming Audi-

tor **W. Emerson "Dusty" Rhodes**, a Democrat, bearing the name and seal of appointed Treasurer **Robert Goering**, another Republican.

Word has it that Rhodes is placing a new order for checks and asking State Auditor **Tom Ferguson**, another Democrat, to issue a finding for recovery for the \$3000 against Maloney.

Better late than never

Last Friday, both the *Post* and the *Enquirer* ran stories about outraged tenants at 6252 Corbly Road in Mt. Washington asking Cincinnati city councilman **Dwight Tillery** to come out and see their sewage backup, leaky roofs, and piles of falling plaster.

The published reports listed the owner as Washington Court Properties.

Last November, however, *The Whistleblower* reported an unusual number of evictions, as well

as violations of building codes and health regulations at Washington Court Apartments on Corbly Road.

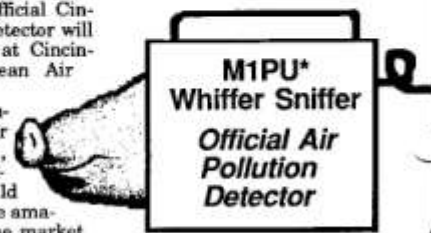
The difference between the two reports, other than the six months it took for someone to follow-up on the story, is that *The Whistleblower* identified the owner as slumlord **Stan Solomon**.



Pollution detector to be introduced

A prototype of the official Cincinnati Air Pollution Detector will be introduced tonight at Cincinnati city council's Clean Air Hearing.

The all new and improved M1PU* Whiffer Sniffer is the PU* model, which stands for "professional unit" and should not be confused with the amateur unit already on the market.



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A Liberal's Laments

by Teddy Kennedy

I believe in the great liberal ideal of "Free Speech!"

...at least for folks like me.



Shouldn't we reduce the penalty for nude romping on public beaches?

Do we operate under a system of equal justice under the law? Or do is there one system for the average citizen and another for the high and mighty?



Get me a towel!
Get me a lawyer!
Get the police... (but wait till tomorrow.)

Tourists keep stealing the sign at the compound that says "Trespassers Will Be Violated!"



This may not be my year to run for president.



You say Kitty Kelley's new book is about who?



Real Gossip

by Linda Libel

He's b-a-a-c-h! Just when you thought it was safe to turn on the television, everybody's favorite leech **Al Lewis** returns via reruns of his old "Uncle Al Show" on Warner Cable's Channel 27.

His only regret is it's not live. He was looking forward to the chance of feeling up a whole new generation of moms during commercial breaks.

Poor Uncle Al. How many years has he been operating under the delusion that the accordion is an instrument of seduction? Thirty? Forty? But he carries on the tradition even though he is old enough to be farting dust.

A local hotel exec tells her Uncle Al story: He used to call me at work...first thing in the morning. It got to the point where I was afraid to answer the phone. He would use this real gravelly, husky voice and say, "Hi, this is Unk..." I asked, "What about Captain Windy?" He said, "ahhh, she can't get up off the ground anymore." He wanted to get a suite so I could sit on his accordion. But somehow, though I wanted to...I couldn't bring myself to hang up on Uncle Al. Finally I did...but not before telling him that he could put somebody on a psychiatrist's couch for years talking like that. I mean, I used to watch his show when I was little.

We just love Kentucky gubernatorial candidate **Dr. Floyd G. Poore's** campaign slogan, "He's one of us!"



Right. We've all legally changed our first names to our professional title and lied about how much money we've got when it suits our purposes. Overheard at the last Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce "Eggs n' Issues" breakfast: "I hear this fund-raiser for Dr. Poore is \$4,000-a-plate. Bet they won't mix the peanuts in with the cashews at that affair."

We understand Freedman Advertising and Ads Associates are merging. Officers will be Freedman sharks, President

Leigh B. Miller and Executive V.P. **Larry Chiricosta**, as well as Ads Associates hit men, Executive V.P.'s and Creative Directors **Kim White** and **Tim Gibson**. This is going to be an end to the "good old days" at Freedman —ike when this vicious pair brought **David Edwards** in to cut former V.P. and creative head **Charlie Ross'** throat.

Bill Kintner and his Blue Chip Hitler Youth Republicans aren't the only game in town.

Seems there's another like organization, the Hamilton County Young "Yuppies from Hell" Republicans. Headed by it's President, the painfully clean-cut **Mark Grethel**.

Last week's speaker was **Ellen Lambing**. Her regulation orange sweatshirt appeared pretty worn out due to frequent washings. There were all these little "pills" cropping up on the polyester.

With all the money "Operation Orange Ribbon" has been raking in, you'd think she could invest in a new sweatshirt or two. But then again, it probably takes her hours to rearrange all those buttons she has pinned all over the front.

The Whistleblower was mentioned during happy hour and one of **Bob Taft's** former employees in the county commissioner's office volunteered: "Yeah, it used to be faxed in to the office. Bob's secretary would then pass it on to us. But we knew not to let him see it because he would get all 'spastic' about it and make a big production out of tearing it up in little pieces and throwing it away in front of all of us. His eyes would get all 'buggy' and his forehead would get red. Like, he's all arms and legs anyway...and he'd be flailing away like he was having some sort of attack. Yeah, it really got to him...especially that thing about his affair with **Jodie Foster** and his wife **Hope** saying, 'Bob, just say no.'"





**Bluegrass
Holler**
by Ken Camboo

Friends of Ben

Riverboat kingpin **Benjamin L. Bernstein** will be honored with the prestigious "Covington Award" on Thursday, May 9, by the **Friends of Covington** at their annual schmooze orgy in Devou Park.

Past participants of the award are Star Bank Northern Kentucky dead weight **Ralph Heile** and Corporex emperor **Bill Butler**.

Criteria for the award are giving money to the do-gooder society clique and having a name that is well-enough known to get the organization mentioned in the papers.

Celebrated pill-peddler **David Klingshirn** is the group's president. It's the only office he could get elected to on either side of the river. Klingshirn says the Friends are dedicated to clean-up and beautification projects around the city.

Former Post TV writer, **Mary Wood**, who is president of a rival group, The Riverside Drive Cherry Nose Drinking Society, has criticized the Friends as being a front for Bernstein's zoning battled with the historic neighborhood. "Anybody that's a friend of Ben's is no friend of Covington," Wood has slurred on several occasions.

To order tickets for the coronation (\$30 per), or to donate to the Ben Bernstein Perpetual Admiration Fund, call (606) 261-1212.

To update the latest rumor about the sale of the Mike Fink or Crockett's, call **Skip Tate** at the *Business Courier* at 621-6665.

House of cards folds

Bill Butler's self made empire continues to crumble around his feet. On April 12,



Huntington Bank filed a foreclosure suit in Kenton County District Court against Butler's Corporex companies to recover a loan made for the Crestview Business Center in Crestview Hills. The bank claims Butler owes them \$2.6 million on his \$4.4 million loan and hasn't made an interest payment since Christ left Chicago.

Last year Corporex defaulted on a similar deal with Mellon Bank of Pittsburgh and had to give up a building in the Center Hill Business Park in Winton Place.

Bank bigshot **Merwin Grayson** was close-lipped about the action, but Butler was honked off big-time. "A more gentlemanly thing to do," said Butler, "was to give me more time to find a new loan." Huntington leased 12,000 square feet in the subject building for their computer center.

Insiders say the bank has taken preventative measures at the center as a precaution against that nasty virus that's going around.



J. R. Hatfield
Northern Kentucky
Bureau Chief

Noisy neighbors a nuisance

The Dusty Rhodes Fan Club in Delhi Township isn't alone in its irritation over airport noise. Just as many residents of the Oak Brook neighborhood are honked off about low flying airliners buzzing their pricey new homes in Boone County.

Things are so bad that a town meeting was called recently to plot strategy for protesting the noise on the new North-South runway. Not much got accomplished because the meeting had to be halted a half-dozen times due to incoming aircraft.

Boone County politico **Evelyn Kalb** shouted over the din that people are plenty hot over the prospect of having their \$130,000 homes devalued because of the noisy neighbors. "We were told



that Delhi would get all the noise and we would get all the jobs," screamed a man wearing earplugs. "We got screwed."

In an attempt to smooth things over with the local yokels, Airport Communications Director **Ted Bushelman** is producing a 30-minute videotape about the airport. Things like the best shone shine in town and the only escalator in the Tri-State area. Free tapes will be offered to anyone living within earshot of the runway. The rest of us will have to watch it on Ted's pathetic cable access show.

Why didn't we think of that?

It looks like economic development whiz **Tom Fiorini** wasted no time getting busy at his new job in Cincinnati.



The former Covington development director was called in by City Manager **Gerald Newfarmer** to re-think the Fountain

Square West parking lot. While in Covington, Fiorini had succeeded in paving over a major portion of that city's failed downtown to create parking for Kentuckians working in the Queen City.

The first thing Tom Terrific recommended was installing a row of Port-A-Lets at one end of the lot.

"The two major reasons people shop in malls are adequate parking and convenient toilet facilities," Fiorini said. "This is especially important to pregnant women and families with hyperactive children."

Recognizing the city's never-ending cash crunch, he admitted that neither the parking nor the toilets would be free. "The pay toilets will become cash flow positive in about two six weeks," Fiorini told council's Finance Committee. "And we see it as a good way to get all those faggots off of Fountain Square."

Newfarmer hopes to have the Park & Pee project up and running in time for this year's Oktoberfest.

Theft in office update

Former Ludlow city councilman **Fred W. Brooks** pleaded guilty Thursday to stealing thousands of gallons of gasoline from the BP Refinery and re-selling it at his gas station.

It is not certain if the gasoline was regular or premium.

