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This Week's Really Big Story

Pete gets his own hall of fame by Wally Post-Times Star



Entertainment mogul and terminal sports groupie Jeff Ruby has announced plans to open the Pete Rose Floating Wax Museum on a barge attached to the Waterfront Restaurant. Insiders say the project gives Ruby an ideal opportunity to get into the sports bar competition and express his unfathomable adoration for Pete in one gesture.

"We hope to have it ready for Opening Day," Ruby said. "Plans were kept on hold until we knew for sure Pete would be shut out of the Hall of Fame. Induction would have seriously hurt the profit margin of a venture like this."

The museum will feature memorabilia from Pete's life on and off the playing field.

"Most of the baseball stuff has already been sold off by Pete to cover gambling debts, so we have to fill in the gaps with whatever

we can find," said curator designate Chris Collinsworth.

Without giving away too many details, *The Whistleblower* can report that a major attraction will be the exhibit, "A Lifetime in Hair," which features wax replicas of Pete's evolving hairstyles.

Ruby has put ads in local newspapers requesting donations of any Rose-related items.

• A Price Hill barber shop has contributed what is believed to be Pete's first football card.

• Jerry Carroll has agreed to loan the museum the infamous Pik Six ticket from Turfway Park.

• So far, at least 115 people have claimed to have the bat used to hit # 4192.

• As well, 4192 lacy women's undergarments have also been donated.

For information on charter membership or memorabilia donations, call Jeff Ruby at 581-1414.



Charter-Democratic coalition

A back-room deal has been worked out between the Charter and Democratic parties to endorse each other's candidates and thereby assure a majority on next year's council.

"We can't miss," explained Tim Burke, local Democratic chairman. "We'll have candidates with

real name recognition. We'll have experience. We'll cover downtown. We'll cover the neighborhoods. We'll cover the east side. We'll cover the west. We'll have blacks. We'll have whites. We'll have men. We'll have women. We'll have candidates who represent every conceivable life-style. Now...if we only had some money."



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Top Ten List

This week, it's the top ten ways George Bush will know it's time to begin a ground attack:



10. When Iraq's elite Republican Guard is attrited to 50 %
 9. On the next moonless night, to take advantage of our night vision capabilities
 8. As soon as Allied pilots run out of funny things to write on their missiles
 7. Not till after Iraq's front-line troops have been without food, water, and ammunition for at least two weeks
 6. As soon as CNN has interviewed every enemy of the United States at least three times
 5. The day Iraq stops shooting its own deserters
 4. Not till after Ramsey Clark, Jesse Jackson, and the rest of the protesters join hands and form a human shield around Baghdad
 3. As soon as that Marine in the desert puts down his saxophone
 2. When there's nothing left to bomb except rubble
- And the number one way George Bush will know it's time to begin a ground attack is...right after Schwarzkopf yells "Watch out—Somebody's standing behind you" and Saddam Hussein turns around to look.

Sanctions with an attitude by Baghdad Pete



As a Pulitzer-prize winning foreign correspondent, I'm having a pretty easy time of in Baghdad these days. All my reports are written for me by the Ministry of Information.

The only bad thing is, they won't let me do any Saddam jokes, like the knee-slapper Tariq Aziz told at dinner the other night—What do they call an Iraqi with a sheep under one arm and a goat under the other? A bisexual.

Another one was—How many Iraqis does it take to change a light bulb? It doesn't really matter, since we don't have any electricity.

Or how about—Saddam Hussein looked out of his bunker on Ground Hogs Day and saw his shadow, which means we're in for six more weeks of bombing.

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Real Editorials By the Publisher Charles Foster Kane

Updating our stylebook

All our editors are being advised not to use compound sentences with the word "but" as the conjunction when quoting individuals with strong opinions.

Examples of such sentences are: "Many of my friends are black, but..." "Protesters have the right to dissent, but..." and "Using nuclear weapons to target Saddam Hussein is wrong, but..."

We just figured out that everything if front of the word "but" is a lie.

Fountain Square West project flops again

Much like Sam Wyche's "hurry up" offense, the Galbreath Company surprised absolutely nobody when it announced its failure to finance Fountain Square West.

Several reasons for the flop were given by the developer who whined about the "worst financial environment" he's ever seen. Others close to the office/hotel/retail project pointed fingers in different directions.

"I told them months ago that it was a loser," said Councilman John Mirlesina. "The building is too ugly, and I know how hard it is to raise money when you're ugly."

"Gee, I don't understand what the problem is," said Nick Vehr. "I guess some people just have a thing about fund-raising."

Mayor David Mann announced the formation of a neighborhood task force to study the matter.

Downtown development czar, Pete Strauss said he was unaware that a project had been planned for the site. "Wouldn't that mean Mabley's would have to move?" he asked.

When asked for her reaction to the announcement, former development director Nell Surber snickered, "Screw 'em. Let's see who Gerry Newfarmer blames for this one." About the magnitude of the screwup, Surber added, "It's enormous. It's the biggest one I've ever seen."

At this point, the future of the site is uncertain. *The Whistleblower*, however, believes that Council must now allow other developers a chance to fail before Galbreath gets another turn.

Winning the peace

A lot of people in Congress are whining about how much it's going to cost after the war.

Which is kind of silly.

Iraq should be forced to pay for all the bombs used against it during the war and only countries that have actively participated in the attack should get contracts to rebuild the country after the war is over.

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

The dirty thirty

Western Hills High Principal Ray Finke has come up with a novel idea to put a happy face on students' achievement results. He's circulating a list of thirty teachers with low ratios of passing grades.

Most of Finke's "dirty thirty" are math and science teachers who complain that they can't pass kids who are absent from class over half the time.

But the school administration is pressuring teachers to look the other way and award passing grades whether they are deserved or not. Anything to make the school look good. Who cares whether students learn anything.



The teachers have rebelled. For some reason they don't want to be part of a charade at the expense of students who are supposed to be getting an education.

To harried Cincinnati Public School administrators, Finke's idea has merit. Now, if they can only devise some way to rig the state competency tests, the schools will really look good.

And by the time the public has figured out the scam, they may even get another tax levy passed. Students will suffer when the world finds out their diplomas aren't worth the paper they're printed on, but most administrators will have already retired on fat tax pensions.

Trouble in paradise

Colerain Township's Republicans are without a club.

The GOP organization in the state's most populated township has just gone bankrupt. A recent letter to members cancelled the group's regular monthly meeting.

The Colerain group has been torn by dissension these past few years, as the "old boys" with Courthouse ties attempted to preserve control.

After losing two township elections to independent Republicans the past three years, in 1990 a

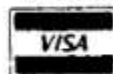
coalition of Platform Republicans and pro-police Independents won control of the party by winning a majority of precinct executives.

The downtown gang has made a few half-hearted attempts to mediate the differences, but generally their approach has been one of "benign neglect."

Maybe the financial disaster will catch the attention of Kohnen and Company.

On the other hand, the Colerain Republican organization has been bankrupt of ideas for a long time.

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Laughing Lee Etta

One person who is not particularly sad about the demise of Stan Solomon on WCKY Radio is Lee Etta Powell.



"I got him good," gloated the Cincinnati Public School Superintendent.

Insiders attribute as reasons for Solomon's demise—his abrasive on-air personality, the station's legal fees to defend his antics, and all that negative publicity about him in the news media.

"Especially all those nasty things I leaked to *The Whistleblower* about him," Powell added.

Interactive commentaries

Media watchers have been waiting to gauge reaction to Jerry Galvin's commentaries on Channel 9.

Viewers are urged to call the station immediately following his commentaries to get in "The Last Word."

To date, both viewers say they like the approach.



Courthouse connections

Who says it's hard for a young man to get ahead these days?



Just ask 30-year-old Robert A. "Herman" Goering, who was just appointed Treasurer of Hamilton County.

Goering's secrets to success include working in the treasurer's office for eight years, applying himself, and being the son of the outgoing Treasurer Wayne Wilke's law partner.

Something else to protest

Anti-war protestors are besides themselves for not being advised of Jane Fonda's visit to Cincinnati last week.

Fonda was in town visiting her future mother-in-law.



Another Real Guest Editorial by Bunky Tadwell

Enough is enough.

It's time to stop the killing. It's time to take violence off the TV screen. To end the body counts. The frightening scenes of victims strewn about, waiting for medics to determine if they get treatment and live or are left to die.

It's time to end the anguish of families waiting to hear if their loved ones survived. Or, if this was the time that death caught up with them. We've seen enough interviews with the wives, husbands, and children of the victims.

Yes. It's time to ground the airliners. In one minor crash in Las Angeles alone, more people were killed than lost by the Allied troops in the Persian Gulf. Obviously, the move to end commercial airline flights in the United States is long past.

No blood for time saved! Why do people need to travel so fast? And while we're at it, let's do away with the automobile, the bus, the train, and whatever. People are getting killed. So, let's stop it.

Granted, this would work a hardship on some folks. It would be much more difficult to gather protesters from around the country to carry signs and push baby carriages while calling for an end to something or other. But if these sincere, good-hearted people really want to end out dependence on oil—if they want to stop the killing—then by all means, let us return to walking wherever we need to go.

Of course, we might run into a problem with shoes. Most of the shoes today are made of some sort of plastic and that means oil. We can't go back to leather because we'd have to kill animals for their hides. Heavy socks might help, but unless they are made of natural fibers, we're back to the oil again. Then the "plant rights people" would be rais-

ing hell about the senseless slaughter of cotton plants.

If we can't make it with the shoes and socks, that means going barefoot. Which is OK, if you live where it's warm. So everybody move south, right? Well, you get into a problem with finding enough water in the Sun Belt. It's a real bummer, eco-wise. So if there's not enough water, people will have to drink booze. But that's out because some guy gets to hitting the sauce because there's no water because too many people moved south so they could walk barefoot to protest meetings and he gets to pounding on his wife and gets arrested for abusive behavior and can't make it to the protest.

As you see, there's a bit of a problem here.

I suppose there are things that are going to go on in this world whether we like it or not. People are going to fly in planes and get killed. Or drive cars, swim, take baths, slip on rugs, fool around with someone else's spouse, play with guns, rob, rape, and plunder and people are going to die. And some people are going to lead their countries into wars for reasons best known to themselves. And people are going to die. Eventually, someone has to stop the killing. Unhappily, lives will be lost doing it.

So let's just get on with the business of ending the war as quickly as possible and leave the killing of non-killing to non-controversial things like airliners.

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"Women I'd Like to Boink"
by Jerry Springer

Amish Pro-War Rally
on Fountain Square
9:00 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16



Real Letters from Real Readers

Sirs:
If war wasn't meant to be entertaining, why do they call it the "Kuwaiti Theatre?"
Ted Turner

Sirs:
I'm in Tel Aviv studying if people can have sex while wearing gas masks. Actually, it smells much better.
Dr. Ruth Westheimer

Sirs:
How much do you think George Bush will be paid for speaking fees in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia after he retires?
Ronald Reagan

Sirs:
I told your Lisa Olson-Patriot missile joke last week, and everybody thought it was really funny.
Victor Kiam

Sirs:
Will you please stop all those Patriot missile jokes. They're giving me a headache.
Lisa Olson

Sirs:
Did you see the amount of the Plk-Six at Turfway Park last week?
Pete Rose

Sirs:
We just figured out why Randy Little wears red, white, and blue suspenders. It's to keep his pants up.
Channel 9's "I-Team"

Sirs:
Administrators at Xavier are working hard to create a curriculum the basketball team can be proud of.
Pete Gillen

Sirs:
Now you won't have me to kick around any more.
Stan Solomon

Sirs:
Will the last person leaving WCKY please turn off the lights?
Tom Severino

Sirs:
The reason Col. Stan Bonta (Ret.) is on my radio show so often is because we made a deal—I stay out of the Army, and he gets on the air all the time.
Bill Cunningham

Sirs:
Mr. Charlie just explained campaign financing to me, I think I'll withdraw my motion to limit campaign contributions.
Dwight Tillery

Sirs:
The real lesson in the defeat of local school levies last week—don't run tax issues at special elections. Wonder if the school administrators who backed the Union Terminal tax boondoggle are happy to have us sucking up tax dollars that might better have gone to schools.
Scott Johnson



Another Exclusive Whistleblower Report

Land grab

Doing their best imitation of Saddam Hussein grabbing Kuwait, the City of Montgomery is trying to take-over more of neighboring Symmes Township. It's an old trick. If a developer fails to get exactly what he wants in zoning from the township, he runs to a nearby city which promises everything he wants in return for annexation.

The problem with this continuous picking off of township land is that those who live in what's left have less resources to support minimal levels of public service.

When questioned about this problem recently, the director of the Ohio Municipal League said, "That's tough luck."

The standard line of the Municipal League is that people should have "the right" to annex whenever they want.

But make no mistake, their support of people's rights is a one-way street. Citizens who want to leave a city or village and become part of a township have a theoretical ability through "detachment."

That process depends on the approval of the city or village council. That required approval has never been given.

So much for the devotion of the Municipal League to people's rights to live where they want.

Meanwhile, local townships are banding together in support of battling annexation—no matter where it is proposed.

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Bluegrass Holler
by Ken Camboo

Blanchet cuts cheese in Covington race



Covington city commission candidate Greg Blanchet has taken a cue from Republican counterpart Nick Vehr and announced that he will be holding a gala fund-raiser next month at the Chuck E. Cheese restaurant in Florence.

Blanchet hopes to raise \$5,000 on the \$10-a-plate affair. When quizzed about the location, the candidate explained, "It's the only place my wife doesn't need a fake I. D. to get in."

The event will be sponsored by Blanchet's former employer, Ben Bernstein, who owns the Chuck E. Cheese store. "I just wanted to help out," said Bernstein, "And the fact that we have changed the locks on the supply room is no reflection of my confidence in Greg."

The next game is a coverall

Don't look for Kenton County to follow the lead of Simpson County Judge Executive Chico Harper, who has put a \$2 per player tax on bingo games. Although Simpson County expects to garner \$200,000 a year on the tax, local attempts to install a similar fee will surely be roadblocked by Kenton County Attorney John Elfers.

It's not like Big John is standing up for the rights of little old ladies addicted to the Big Diamond. The fact is that he has, for years, represented the owners of the building in Covington which houses one of the most lucrative Bingo operations in Northern Kentucky. Rent on the space is based on the take of games. Business is so good that Elfers' clients recently allowed their tenant to cut a hole in the wall to expand operations into the building next door. How that move was approved by Covington's otherwise nit-picking building inspectors is anyone's guess.

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Butler considers high-rise shelter



Now that Premium Travel has folded; and the impending merger of Kentucky National Bank with Star Bank is almost a done deal, it looks like RiverCenter may

become the first fully leased unoccupied office tower in Northern Kentucky.

Since the leases are paid up for 10 years, Bill Butler is being swamped with requests to donate the space as shelter for S & L Victims.

Airport cabs to remain closed shop

Recent complaints from Tyrone Yates about Cincinnati cabbies not allowed to pick up fares at the airport fell on deaf ears in the Bluegrass State. "He can yell all he wants," said Boone County Judge Executive Bruce Ferguson, "We ain't gonna change our rules."

Ferguson pointed out that many Northern Kentucky elected officials supplement their incomes by working as cab drivers. "Things are different over here," said Ferguson, "Maybe that fella ought to go back to coaching basketball."

NKU to open trailer park

The recent uproar over plagiarized bids on proposed dormitories has prompted NKU president Leon Boothe to come up with a fall back plan to solve the alleged student housing shortage at the commuter college in Highland Heights...

Neon Leon announced yesterday that the university is negotiating with Holiday Homes to build a trailer park on the school's back forty acres. "I'm not quite sure which Dan I spoke to," Boothe said.

"But he assured me that these trailers are state-of-the-art double wides. And we can get them in a grey stucco finish to match the rest of the campus."

The Kentucky Post is investigating Holiday Homes to ascertain that the company has made a large enough contribution to the Martha Wilkinson campaign to qualify for contract consideration.

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