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The Whistleblower

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This Week's Really Big Story

Coverup at courthouse

Charges of a cover-up at the Republican-controlled Hamilton County Courthouse were being shouted as soon as the Grand Jury's findings were announced. Here's what the press release said:

"In a day long hearing, the Jury heard from Sheriff's investigators, Officials, and Employees of the Building Commission and evidence acquired from WCPO-TV as to every aspect of the case. After an extended deliberation, the Jury determined to return no indictment."

All Grand Juries, however, are controlled and directed by the prosecution. They see everything that the prosecution wishes them to see. They don't see anything that the prosecution does not wish them to see. Grand Juries need only probable cause to indict. The public is always frustrated because there is no legal way to see what was—or was not—presented to the Grand Jury. That's the way it works.

There have been many rumors that the reason there would be no guilty finding is that the GOP was afraid that if the accused were put on the witness stand and told everything they knew, that they would be naming names and implicating higher-ups.

Channel 9 reporter Jay Shatz appeared to rattle Prosecutor Art Ney when he said that his sources had said that the Grand Jury hadn't even been shown the tapes.

Ney appeared to rattle Shatz when he said talking to a Grand Jury member was illegal.

Sheriff Simon Leis, on the other hand, looked like Clint

Eastwood as he "advised" the news media to leave the investigations to the professionals.

Channel 9 commentator Jerry Galvin called the whole thing "a crock!"

Loudmouth attorney Leslie Isaiah Gaines made fast tracks to Channel 9 to "defend the integrity" of Prosecutor Ney and Sheriff Leis. Old "call me if you need me" made a desperate try to blunt the public's ire, most probably at the behest of his highly-placed buddies. Nothing like currying favor of the powerful.

Democratic Auditor Dusty Rhodes, who seems to be getting more air time from the other stations than does on his own show, was quick to add his partisan two-cent's worth.

Newly installed GOP Chairman "Clean Gene" Ruehlmann was quick to criticize Rhodes' opportunistic comments. Ruehlmann, however, ought to be more worried about what taxpayers and voters think, than what Rhodes is saying.

Newly elected Democratic party Chairman Tom Luken was strangely silent on the subject.

These findings, are, of course, the GOP's worst nightmare. The GOP needed a fall guy, so they could point the finger, say the bad apples had been gotten rid of, and that they were now operating a clean courthouse.

We will now see just how well the brain-dead Hamilton County Democrats can take advantage of this golden opportunity.



Top Ten List

This week, it's the top ten patriotic ways to celebrate the Fourth of July this year:

10. Pretend you work for the courthouse and stay home

9. Watch fireworks on TV

8. Buy a microwave at Steinbergs

7. Learn all the words to "The Star Spangled Banner"

6. See yet another parade

5. Don't put money in downtown parking meters

4. Go skeet shooting with JTM burgers

3. Criticize your stupid relatives at another crummy family picnic

2. Pee in your neighbor's pool

And the number one patriotic way to celebrate the Fourth of July this year is... Sit around watching CNN videotapes of the war and say, "Let's kick their butt one more time!"



Enrollments soar at UC

The admissions office at the University of Cincinnati will be closed until further notice, following a deluge of enrollment applications Friday afternoon.

"We're not sure what it was," explained a haggard worker in the admissions office, "but Friday afternoon the phones rang off the hook and students from three states stormed our office trying to transfer in for the next quarter."

In a related story, Judge William S. Mathews said that unsupervised sex in the UC dorms was the real reason UC basketball player Louis Banks had found it so easy to have sex with so many eager young women.

"I bet you never heard of banks being charged for an early withdrawal," Banks said.

"I'm not sure why the case came to trial in the first place," said Mathews. "Things like that are hard to put your finger on."

UC Basketball coach Bob Huggins said the verdict had also helped recruitment for the basketball team. "Oversexed young men are lined up for a mile trying to come here to play."

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Real Editorials By the Publisher Charles Foster Kane

Business as usual

The more things change, the more they stay the same. In fact, it's *deja vu* all over again.

In a stinging rebuke to their investigative efforts, last week a grand jury determined to return no indictment on criminal charges against four Hamilton County building inspectors shown playing golf on a Channel 9 "I-Team" news report during ratings week.

Channel 9 had tapes showing building inspectors playing golf. They had records showing false and incomplete reports. They had "evidence." There was no way that these guys were going to get off. But they did. Because the Grand Jury found no criminal wrongdoing.

All of which wouldn't have been so embarrassing, but it was the same day that *Cincinnati Magazine* published an article showing what a great job the "I-Team" newshounds were doing.

Talk about your bad timing. Channel 9 has a right to be upset. But if they'd studied their Hamilton County history, they would have known better.

More than a decade ago, **Norman Murdock** was accused of running the Reagan campaign out of the commissioners offices at the courthouse. *The Enquirer* ran a front-page picture of a check written by The Committee to Elect Republicans at 1000 Main Street. And somehow, **Simon Leis** (then prosecutor) concluded that there had been no criminal wrongdoing.

And what was Channel 9 and the rest of the news media doing at the time? They were making excuses for Murdock. Presumably because it was *The Enquirer's* story.

And what's the rest of the news media doing this time? No, they aren't making excuses for what looks like "just another cover-up." But they aren't doing anything to help, either. I'll take more than a few editorial cartoons.

Sure, *The Post* ran an editorial the next day, but one wonders if they would have rallied around Channel 9, if the station were not another Scripps Howard property. *The Enquirer* did the story, but through Sunday, there was no editorial outrage. There was no passion. There wasn't even any sarcasm.

And Channels 5 and 12 were gloating because there would be no Emmy for the "I-Team," without any indictments.

What is needed, of course, is a realization by members of the news media that investigative journalism is not just something to do during ratings periods. And when someone uncovers a tip of an iceberg, everyone else should begin chipping away at it.

Once again, the selfishness of the news media has resulted in politics as usual continuing because of their business as usual.

People at the courthouse aren't really worried about the news media taking an occasional fling at investigative journalism.

But they would be up all night if the news media put self interests aside and suddenly started working together for the public good.



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

County sales tax increase coming!

Several months ago, *The Whistleblower* predicted that Hamilton County would run out of money and the commissioners, after a lot of political maneuvering, would raise the sales tax.

This week, like a pig going through a python, the tax increase inched onward.

• Auditor **Dusty Rhodes** said Hamilton County doesn't have the money to build their long-awaited jail.

• Commissioner **Sandra Beckwith** took time out from the tanning booth to accuse Rhodes of playing politics.

• Then the commissioners announce their obligatory "blue ribbon committee" to consider raising additional funds to build the jail, including the possibility of raising the sales tax.

Even a d u m b Democrat knows what comes next.

Can you say "tax increase?"

Expensive!



Chabot '92

Wecker panned in limerick contest

Last week, 642 entries for the Whistleblower Limerick Contest were received on the Whistleblower Hotline. The winner was feminist **Shirley Rosser**, who will receive many valuable prizes.

Her winning entry was:

*There once was a male stripper named Wecker;
Who pranced for a lady named Becker.
In the course of his dance;
She reached into his pants;
And found socks there instead of his pecker.*

The first line of this week's limerick contest is "There once was a pervert named Jerry..."



Homosexual Hotline

by Bud Fugger

It's not been a particular good couple of weeks for the homosexual community.

First Mayor **David Mann** doesn't show up at our Gay Pride Day Rally and he sends over a proclamation changing the name to Gay Tolerance Day instead. We don't want to be tolerated, we want to be loved. Is there anything wrong with that?

Then **Tom Luken** took over the local Democratic Party.

Then the REACH project was suspended in lower Price Hill after that great big sissy **Jim Cissell** pouted at the Board of Health. That closet queen was all in a huff because we wouldn't put his picture on the front of our "Sensuous Sex" pamphlet.

Then *The Whistleblower* published its annual gay-bashing issue. They didn't leave a single gay unbanished. And their jokes weren't funny either!

Then, just when you thought it was safe to come out of the closet! Just when you thought it was OK to show a little pride. Just when you thought your life wasn't on a non-stop ticket to Hell, the politically correct folks at Cincinnati

Community Video double-crossed us.

They now think it's all right for the biggest homophobe of all—**Stan Solomon**—to have his own call in show on cable.

"We're not going to be Oprah or Sally Jessy Raphael or what's that fuzzy-haired faggot's name? Yeah, **Phil Donahue**," Solomon said.

That show ought to have a huge audience, that's if all his creditor and former tenant tune in. The only people who will be on his side will those the neo Nazis in the **Blue Chip Young Republicans**.





Cheap Shots

Battle of the blondes

Anchorwoman Debra Silberstein was unceremoniously fired last week from her job as at WKRC-TV.



"I don't blame the station," Silberstein said. "If they think it's OK to throw a new mother, who's in the middle of a divorce, with no marketable job skills, out on the streets, then it just shows you what kind of heartless, no-good bastards they really are."

Speculation continues about Silberstein's replacement. Kit Andrews will be filling in. However, former NewsChannel 5 staffer Toria Tolley was seen in town a few days before Silberstein's departure. Wonder when the non-compete clause of her contract expires?



Dwight-wing politics

Dwight Tillery has been standing out in front of his office all week waiting for other Democratic council candidates to drop off their campaign assessments.



The idea for all the other candidates to contribute up to 20% of their campaign funds was a desperation tactic put forth by Thomas F. Phalen Jr., chairman of the Unified Democrat Campaign.

The idea, however, was not well received.

Roxanne Qualls said, "No Way." John Mirlesena said, "Yeah, right!" Pete Strauss said "Say What?" Mayor David Mann wanted to know if this was just another hoax put forth by *The Whistleblower*. And Hamilton County Democratic Party Chairman Tom Luken was strangely silent on the matter.

Listen to Charles Foster Kane report the latest threats on his life on Jerry Thomas' Show, Thursday morning at 9:05.

55 WKRC



Another Real Guest Editorial by Bunky Tadwell

Ever wonder why, when faced with a problem or some undesirable situation, our government, with the support of the people, does everything possible to encourage the very thing that causes the problem or undesirable situation?

That sentence sounds something like Andy Rooney would say. But it's doubtful Andy could even make it to the air talking, as we must, about bastards.

It seems that now, up to 25% of all births in the United States are illegitimate. That, of course, is not the fault of the poor little kids. We should be careful to distinguish between natural bastards and those who are self-made, such as overbearing bosses, rock stars, politicians, and one-issue fanatics of all stripes.

The problem, which was to be solved by detailed instructions on the most pleasurable methods of copulation and the distribution of birth control information and devices, has only become worse. Back in the old days, children under the age of 10 knew little of the joys of sexual fun and games and even less about how to do it. The educators took care of that, so now, the kids figure if they teach us this stuff, they must want us to try it out. And, they do.

An illegitimate birth, or, indeed, a legitimate one, is so simple to prevent even a child could do it. Don't do it. But since all of the sex education and the birth control devices have seemingly made it impossible for children to not do it, there seems to be but one, or perhaps two, ways to put a stop to the rising tide of out-of-wedlock births.

Stop paying for them.

Crass as it may sound, there are those who consider babies to be a cash crop. The more you raise, the more it pays. It is difficult to even think of withholding funds to buy milk or whatever for little babies. So, more and more funds are made available in one form or another. Our so-called leaders say it's a shameful situation and it must stop. Those who create job security and little empires continue to ask for

more to help these poor unfortunates. If you want it to stop, just make a rule. One slip, one bastard, we'll help you out. The next one, and the one after that, and the one after that, mom and pop have to pay for. To make it really tough, put a tax on every bastard after the first one.

Simply stop subsidizing the production of illegitimate births.

Hey, if someone wants to keep having kids without benefit of clergy and wants to pay for them, more power to 'em. Movie stars and rock idiots who think it's cute to drop a litter here and a litter there with which ever partner is stupid enough to go through with it and have the money to pay for it—great. When the kids get old enough to realize they are the off-spring of a freaked-out exhibitionist and a groping groupie, they may not think it's so wonderful. But the people who produce them are so involved with themselves they'll care little about how the kids might feel about it.

And another thing—if you want to stop the rise in medical costs, cut out all the health care plans. As long as money is available, costs will rise. Those of us who pay so much for medical plans that we cannot afford to go to a doctor because the deductible is so high are going to die anyway. Stop putting slop in the trough and the piggies will soon learn they will have to get along on what's available. The medical profession and the medical industry will figure out a way to survive on what people could pay.

And furthermore, to hell with everyone!

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.

Coming next issue
Gerald Newfarmer's California cronies



Real Letters from Real Readers

Sirs:
Not every Democratic candidate for Cincinnati city council is a hag or a fag.
Tom Luken

Sirs:
Just think—if Simon Leis and Art Ney had been in charge of the Watergate grand jury, Richard Nixon would still be president.
Craig Kopp/WEBN

Sirs:
Concerning all the homo jokes in your "Annual Gay Bashing Issue": What a disappointment! We all thought you were the vanguard of the press, exposing the follies of the powerful and defending the downtrodden, and it comes out that you're stuck in the same 1950's Neanderthal mentality as the folks you attack. Cowards! Shame on you!

Scott MacLarty, Facilitator, Gay/Lesbian Marching Band

P.S. Please tell Bud Fugger that he hasn't paid his dues.

Sirs:
How am I supposed to make all those repairs on my property if the banks keep foreclosing on my loans?

Dr. Slumlord

Sirs:
Uhh...sexual battery problem? Isn't that when you don't have the energy?

Teddy Kennedy

Sirs:
After we ban beepers for teenagers in Cincinnati, we're going to ban touch-tone phones in the inner city, hand signals, lip reading, and eye contact.

Jim Cissell

Sirs:
Please. No more jokes about my bit part in "Naked Gun 2 1/2."

David Wecker

Sirs:
I'm rehabilitated. Honest!

Starvin' Marvin Warner

Sirs:
On one of my first WCPO-TV commentaries I suggested that a pay raise for the Cincinnati school teachers should be tied to the passage of a school tax levy. Now, I guess the voters have another reason to turn it down.

Jerry "Radio Face" Galvin

Sirs:
You know my new comedy club that I was going to call the Cincinnati Comedy Connection? Well, I'm going to call it the Anywhere But Downtown Cincinnati Comedy Connection, if the bozos at city hall don't get their act together.

Ray Combs

Sirs:
If you were a real newspaper, you'd give yourself a lot of bogus awards like we do at *The Kentucky Post*.

Judy Clabes



Another Exclusive Whistleblower Report

Is Tom Luken the Second Coming of FDR?



the courthouse is beginning to loosen. Happy days are here again!

But wait a minute. Who ever said fund-raising was the only thing keeping the donkey's out of county government? It hasn't been just dollars and cents that perpetuated the elephant dance at 1000 Main Street. The dearth of qualified, or even palatable, candidates has been the downfall of Luken's party, not a lack of cash. Remember, **Marvin Warner** had always been a big contributor to the party. Not to mention labor PACs.

And another thing nobody cares to mention is why Tom Luken, and his illustrious issue **Landslide Charlie**, have always been able to raise huge sums of money without offering to share the wealth with less fortunate Democrats. The Lukens aren't stupid, that's why.

People like **Roxanne Qualls**, **Tyrone Yates**, **Shirley Rosser**, and **Dwight Tillery** have never been able to collect enough cash because they represent the same agenda that has driven away masses of middle-class voters who feel abandoned by the Democratic Party. The working stiffs who felt betrayed by **Walter Mondale** and **Michael Dukakis**. Some of them, especially white heterosexual males, have turned to the Republicans. Most have joined the growing legion of the disenfranchised and disgruntled who just don't vote.

Don't expect Tom Luken to carry on business as usual in the local Democratic Party.

The hags and fags had their chance and they damn near wretched the party.

Look, instead, for Tom and **Landslide Charlie** to open a local chapter of the Democratic Leadership Conference.

To hear the talk at Hamilton County Democratic Headquarters, you would think that the sky had opened and bands of angels had descended to smile the vile GOP from Eden.

The coronation of former congressman **Tom Luken** as party chairman was heralded last week by party luminaries like **Dusty Rhodes** and **David Mann** as the greatest thing to happen to the Democrats since **Jerry Springer** became a TV News reader.

Even nouveau-liberal **John Mirlisena** was gushing about how much Luken's ascendancy improves his own chances of getting elected to the county commission. "I've always admired Tom," said Big John. "Even when I used to be a Republican, I thought he was my kind of guy."

Everyone is saying that Luken's hardball politico image and his ability as a fund-raiser will surely shake the Dems from the doldrums. The Republican stranglehold on



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Bluegrass Holler

by Ken Camboo

Concrete lunacy

Despite the fact that reconstruction of Death Hill is six months behind schedule and way over budget, Kentucky Transportation Secretary **Milo Bryant** has nixed the contractor's plan to speed up the job and save the state money at the same time. Bryant said the changes proposed by INCISA wouldn't be fair to the guys who didn't get the bid. This is just the latest attempt by Bryant to show his disdain for Northern Kentucky.

Just us

Now that two cops have admitted that they violated the civil rights of **Michael O'Meara** when they beat the crap out of him last winter, Ft. Wright police chief **Gene Weaver** is going after other cops who tried to cover up the incident. **Patrick Sandfoss** of the Ft. Wright force and 18-year veteran Kenton County officer **Rick Brockell** both pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court. Although O'Meara has called Weaver a "hero," local cops are branding him a traitor.



This line closed

Employees of **Kentucky National Bank** got a little more nervous after stockholders of the bank ratified an agreement to merge with **Star Bank Northern Kentucky** last week. NKB president **Perry Day** has already left town for a job in Shelbyville. Star just merged its Campbell and Kenton County operations, so jobs are scarce. Looks like a lot of those snotty tellers will get a taste of their own medicine when they are forced to wait in long lines at the unemployment office.

A lot of good it did

Larry Forgy got beat in the Republican primary for governor, but his TV ads got high marks from *Campaign Magazine's* June edition. They said it was one of the better negative spots this season and had a lot to do with Forgy's close finish to a heavily favored **Larry Hopkins**.

Outrageous omission

Never missing an opportunity to take credit for anything and everything, the **Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce** splashed pictures of the Covington trolley all over the last issue of their *Business Journal* without once mentioning the Covington Business Council, who is successfully advancing the trolley concept. CBC chairman **Wally Pagan** is reported to be "outraged" by the snub.



J. R. Hatfield

Northern Kentucky Bureau Chief

July 4th Parade Guide



Northern Kentuckians will once again take to the streets on Independence Day to strut their stuff in honor of Old Glory. The "I'm more patriotic than thou" fanatics will be in a red, white, and blue frenzy scurrying from one parade to the next as every community in three counties tries to outdo each other.

You can expect to see a lot of politicians kissing babies and anything else that will get them elected. **Kenton County Commissioner Dick Combs** will be tossing cheap plastic combs from his Mustang convertible as he tools through the streets of Ludlow. By the end of the day, Combs will have been in more parades than the local Shriners band. We'll never forget last year, when local Star Search spokesmodel **Tiffany Teafelde** rode on the back deck of Dick's car in a mini skirt. Dick nearly twisted off the rear view mirror before he finally found the proper angle.

Over in Campbell County, Judge Executive **Ken Paul** will lead the troops out of the Bellevue Vets hall. State representative **Jim Callahan** will be passing out copies of the bill he had drafted to ban nude dancing anywhere in Kentucky. Close behind him will be his cohort in the Legislature **Bill Donermeyer**, who will try to act humble as he marches down the street named after him.

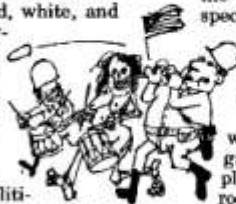
Smaller parades will spring up

in Park Hills, Lakeside Park, and Bromley. Ft. Wright may have to cancel theirs because they won't have enough cops left to patrol the crowd. In Villa Hills, a special float will honor the cleaning ladies and lawn service guys whose paychecks will soon be taxed.

The highlight of the day will be the big extravaganza **Covington** has planned to honor the Heroes of the Gulf War. Mayor

Denny Bowman was a little disappointed that he won't have the new trolleys in town for the event, but he assures a good time will be had by all. All except for all those old WWII vets who will be hoofing it in the 90 degree heat in full battle gear. The forced march will start at RiverCenter and move south to Meinken Field, about six miles away. Commissioner **Jim Eggemeier** and **Jim Ruth** told the mayor they'll meet him there. The whole thing tops out with an air show and fireworks at Devou Park, if you can figure out how to get there.

If you can't make it to all the parades, you might want to just pick up a few cherry bombs and roman candles at the neighborhood fireworks stand. Nothing makes a Fourth of July celebration more fun than an M-80 in your neighbor's mailbox.



Say it ain't so, Marty and Joe

Little old ladies in Lexington who stayed tuned to the Reds-Expos game on WLXG-AM during a rain delay last week got an earful when they overheard Cincinnati Reds broadcasters **Marty Brennaman** and **Joe Nuxhall** talking dirty while they thought the microphone had been turned off.

Reds officials are trying to play down the incident, but *The Whistleblower* has a dub of the tape, which compares to

foul-mouthed conversations heard in the Nixon White House or an **Andrew Dice Clay** performance.

Andy MacWilliams, sports director for WLW Radio, the Reds flagship station, said that the offensive X-rated conversation had been blacked out locally.

"But if something like that did get out on the air, I can only apologize on behalf of the Reds' radio network," **MacWilliams** said.





Hotline Hang-ups

Here are some of the anonymous calls we received last week on the Whistleblower Hotline.

Last Friday at 10:00 a.m., I saw eight Cincinnati Bell employees asleep in their vehicles at the Withrow Nature Preserve in Anderson Township. Whom should I call to report it?

I read where you said that Newport City Manager **Jim Parsons** was at Tickets Lingerie Lunch because he liked watching scantily clad girls, but he told me that he was there doing research.

If you want to embarrass Hamilton County Commissioner **John Dowlin**, you might tell your readers how loudly he proclaimed his support for that Anderson Ferry Bridge when he visited a Delhi Township Trustee meeting a few weeks ago.

Last week at a Reds game, I saw Butler County Sheriff "**Clean Dick**" Holtzberger slumped over in his seat during the seventh inning. I couldn't tell if he was (a) drunk, (b) tired, (c) bored watching the Reds, or (d) all of the above.

When you call AAA and it takes two hours for emergency road service, don't blame us tow truck operators. AAA dispatchers are instructed to get the calls out fast, not to get an accurate location on your car.

I was listening to WAIF last Saturday and I heard the Gay Rights candidate for city council **Richard Buchanan** say at a Gay Rights speech in Columbus, "Every time you climb into bed with your partner, you're committing a political act." Now I guess I know what they mean when they say politics makes strange bedfellows.

You might want to stay away from the courthouse next Tuesday. That's when some employees at the auditor's office get cited in the state report.

The Whistleblower hotline—call 749-1055

The Whistleblower has installed a special hotline for people wishing to give us more of the news the others seem to lose.

To make your report, call 749-1055 and listen carefully to the instructions.

To our knowledge, *The Whistleblower* is still the only publication in this area to offer a readers' call-in line.



This publication is a work of fiction. Any similarity to persons living or dead without satirical intent is purely coincidental, especially Simon Leis.



Real Gossip by Linda Libel

Bow ties trussed up turkey necks Saturday night as the Cincinnati Historical Society presented the Greater Cincinnati Second Annual Broadcasting Hall of Fame Awards at the Omni.

All the grand old geezers of broadcasting were there, including former WLW-T anchor **Tom Atkins**, brought out of mothballs for the occasion. Someone remarked how well Tom looked, "Just like the wax dummy he's always been..."

Emcee, *Post* columnist **Nick Clooney**, was there in all his glory, table-hopping and working the crowd, shaking hands with everyone, but not bothering to look anyone in the eye because he was too busy looking over their shoulder for someone he'd rather be talking to.

Women were so drunk (or old) we couldn't find a toilet seat in the place that hadn't been peed on. We complained to Mrs. **Bunky Tadwell**. "I suppose it's better than peeing down their legs," she replied.

All the old WLW-T bleached blondes were there to entertain us, including: **Bonnie Lou Okum**, **Ruby Wright Rapp**, **Marian Spellman**, and **Colleen Sharp Murray**. Bonnie Lou, Ruby, and Marian looked almost lifelike in their loudly colored sequined caftans, made specially for the occasion by **Rosemary Clooney's** favorite courtier, **Omar the Tentmaker**. Colleen, who "got religion" after losing her job at Channel 5, has managed to remain slim by jumping up and down at all those tent revivals she and her husband put on all over the tri-state.

Shirley Jester was there too, looking just like **Marge Schott** in makeup.

Former 50-50 Club singer **Mary Ellen Tanner** was a vision in a too-tight fuchsia mini-dress that set off the new bleach job that went so well with her highly arched coal black eyebrows.

Uncle Al and **Captain Windy** were on hand as presenters. We were disappointed he didn't entertain during cocktail hour like last year, but we understand that it was because he can't get the "old accordion up" anymore.

Cincinnati's answer to Betty Davis in her later years, former *Post* columnist **Mary Wood**, was also in the crowd, wearing the same frock as last year, and still bitching about the watered-down booze.

Broadcast Hall of Fame Awardees were: **Powell Crosley, Jr.**, **Paul Dixon**, **Durward Kirby**, **Dottie Mack**, **John Murphy**, **Bill Nimmo**, **George Palmer**, **L.N. Wilson**, **Mary Wood**, and **Fred Ziv**.

We're not sure, but in order to get voted in, you have to be dead, almost dead, or have trouble walking up the stairs to the stage because your bifocals make the ground "seem like it's coming right up at you."

Also seen in the crowd was announcer **Bill Meyers**. His wig was firmly fastened for the occasion.

Resourceful as always, 56WKRC's **Jerry Thomas** figured out that the wedding reception downstairs in the Hall of Mirrors had an open bar, so he spent most of the evening there. We know because we kept passing him on the steps.

Sitting at TV-5's table were homeless humper **Jerry Springer**, fouling the air with a smelly cigar, and **Norma Rashid**, whom we almost didn't recognize because she wasn't wearing a maternity dress.

Conspicuous by his absence was old timer **Bob Braun**. He swore years ago he'd never return to this stinking berg because we don't recognize true talent. The Braun family was well represented though, by son TV-12 anchor **Rob**, who looked just swell in his new elevator shoes.

AWOL were WCPO-TV sports anchor **Dennis Janson**, who we secretly hoped would escort us, and **Ruth Lyons**. At least she had a good excuse.

Also in attendance were: **Robin Wood**, **Gary Burbank**, **Cliff Lash**, **Bugs Scruggs**, **Walter Harrell**, **Burt Farber**, **Dick Murgatroyd**, **Rosemary Kelly**, **Marge Dixon**, **Gene Elkus**, and **Elsa Sule**, not that anybody much cared.

Congratulations to the Omni chefs for preparing such an easy-to-chew meal. The only problem was, when I got home I was still so hungry, I had to eat a hot dog.



