

Never letting facts interfere with a good smear!

The Whistleblower

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

Edition # 62

August 6, 1991

This Week's Really Big Story

Public access TV really works



Stan Solomon's "Let's Talk" program on public access (Channel 7) was a real block-buster, according to officials at Warner Cable and people who work with public access programming.

"Solomon proved without a doubt that no matter who you are, no matter how ill-conceived your format, no matter how offensive your right-wing rhetoric, that anybody—even a bankrupt slumlord like Stan Solomon—can have his own show on public access TV," a spokesman said.

The bizarre side show which made it appear as if the inmates had taken over the asylum featured a punching bag with a Ted Danson mask so Stan could punch it and scream "I hate liberal lunatics!" a "nurse" dressed up in a saucy French maid's costume to bring Stan a glass of water, and graphics that flashed "Calm down, Stan!" whenever he and got upset.

And, of course, what Stan Solomon program would be complete without the Wisdom of Solomon?

Clarence Thomas? "At least he's not an NAACP pimp."

Homosexuals in the military? "The last thing you want to do in a foxhole is to have watch your front and your back at the same time."

Jeffrey Dahmer? "Population control for gays."

When he couldn't remember his co-host's name? "All Italian names sound alike."

Solomon called for free universal AIDS testing every time you wanted your driver's license renewed. He claimed it would cost only \$7 billion.

Reaction by other broadcasters was predictable.

"Now we're really sorry we fired him," admitted a source at WCKY Radio.

"They're sorry," shrieked a representative from Multimedia Broadcasting. "We just signed Phil Donahue for another three years."

An executive at WLWT said that Solomon's success might cause the station to hold up plans for their new Jerry Springer talk-show.

And Warner Cable, quite possibly, is even now considering raising their rates.

Top Ten List



This week, it's the top ten reasons people in Cincinnati need to see a psychiatrist:

10. Uncontrollable urge to throw baseballs at somebody's head
9. Fetish to go to Riverbend wearing a parrot on your head
8. Death wish to act as your own attorney
7. Compulsion to perform pap smears with a swizzle stick
6. Suicidal desire to be thrown from a moving automobile
5. Masochistic tendency to bet on the Reds
4. Delusions you'll be a star on your own public access TV show
3. Feeling guilty about wanting to show off butterfly tattooed on your butt
2. Insatiable craving to visit downtown Cincinnati for an evening of entertainment
- And the number one reason people in Cincinnati need to see a psychiatrist is...the unnatural urge to boink a baglady in the back of a Bentley.

Queers to honor Mann who got away

Homosexuals from every middle-sex village and farm will gather in front of Cincinnati City Hall on Wednesday, Aug. 7, at 1 p.m. to sing Judy Garland songs and declare "Mayor David Mann Tolerance Day."

The Cincinnati Gay and Lesbian Marching Band will issue the proclamation in response to the mayor's "Humiliate the Homos" Proclamation on June 15.

In a July 11 meeting with homosexual activists, Mann asserted that he would never proclaim "Gay and Lesbian Pride Day."

The group considers "Mayor David Mann Tolerance Day" an opportunity to educate and enlighten the mayor and the city, and intends no malice or vindictiveness.



Falcon still missing

Stealth, the missing Peregrine falcon, has still not returned.

Presumed sighted at Riverbend, the report turned out to be a fake parrot on a woman's head.

Officials from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources are asking the public to keep watch for the bird and call the Missing Falcon Hotline immediately.

If seen, the best way to entice a

falcon to stay around is by feeding it a female dead rat.

When asked how to distinguish the female dead rat from the male dead rat, the spokesman said, "Oh, I don't know. I'm just a bird expert."



The Whistleblower hotline—call 749-1055



Inside this Issue

Bart killed Kennedy.....	12
Unethical, greedy lawyers are destroying America.....	14
West Bank solution: let Israelis subdivide..	16
Arabs and Jews should settle differences in a Christian manner.....	18



Real Editorials By the Publisher Charles Foster Kane

Racism or economics?

Several years after somebody leaked an internal memo from the Westin Hotel about nailing down ashtrays, we're still hearing complaints about discrimination of black people in downtown Cincinnati hotels.

The name of the hotel may be different. The name of the concert may be different. The name of the sponsor may be different. But the music's the same, along with the charges of racial bias.

This year's complainants argue that black people were charged more than white people for the same room on the same night.

Although never admitting the truth of such a politically incorrect premise, people who own and operate hotels might argue that sometimes a hotel has the need—if not the right—to adjust its room rates according to a "perceived risk" of doing business.

But does a hotel have the right to adjust its rates according to a risk it perceives in renting a room to any group or individual, or should all room rates be the same?

Any business that knows the cost of an extra croton in a Caesar salad certainly knows the risk and the probability of additional expense incurred by renting rooms to certain categories of people.

Using common sense, renting a room to a hockey team should be riskier than renting the same room on the same night to someone from the Southern Baptist Leadership Conference. Renting a suite to Mick Jagger or Madonna should cause more cleanup expenses than renting it to the Citizens Concerned for Community Values. And what about Pittsburgh Steeler fans? Renting a room to high-school kids for an after-prom party should get the manager fired.

We assume that the hotel industry already knows the risk of renting rooms to various categories of individuals and organizations. Perhaps they should share it with us.

If they have a problem, they could always check with the people who set the rates at automobile insurance companies.

What do you want to bet that two men, each with the same driving record, one living in the city of Cincinnati and the other living in the county, with all other factors being equal, will pay different rates for driving the same kind of car? Insurance companies explain that their rates differ because of risk variables.

Hotels should now be invited to discuss candidly their risk assessment procedures. If race is still the determining factor in their risk assessment calculations, then their accusers would be right and the insensitive innkeepers should be exposed.

One the other hand, if those doing the accusing are merely playing race politics, those conclusions should be pointed out with equal enthusiasm.



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

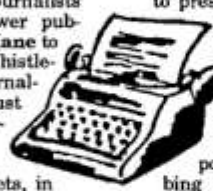
Whistleblower to present annual awards to SPJ

The Queen City Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists has invited Whistleblower publisher Charles Foster Kane to present the Annual Whistleblower Professional Journalism Awards at its August meeting, Thursday, August 15, at the politically correct YWCA, Ninth and Walnut Streets, in downtown Cincinnati.

"I'm pleased as punch to be asked to present our Annual Professional Journalism Awards,"

Kane said. "And what better group to present professional journalism awards to than a group of professional journalists."

Kane also stated that the awards would be free from the usual politics and backstabbing that usually accompany such events. "Unlike many award programs, our awards will be presented strictly on merit," Kane added.



Vehring off course

Last Monday, Nick Vehr was supposed to be interviewed at 10 a.m. by 56WKRC talk-show host Claudia Lamb, but instead of being at the Mt. Auburn studios in time for the broadcast, the Cincinnati city councilman showed up at WLW's studios in Mt. Adams. Arriving late at WKRC, Vehr

told Lamb that he'd been caught in traffic. "Imagine that—a politician like Nick Vehr telling a lie," Lamb laughed. "Vehr would have made history, if for once he'd told the truth."



Dibble drubbed in limerick contest

Last week, 1492 entries from rabid sports fans called the Whistleblower Hotline to enter the Whistleblower Limerick Contest. The winner was National League President Bill White, who gets his Whistleblower faxed each week from Andy Furman and Marty Brenneman. White will receive many valuable prizes.

His winning entry was:
A rash young Reds pitcher named Dibble;
Said, "I'm seeing a shrink, let's not quibble."
But the young Dr. Freud,
Proclaimed, quite annoyed,
"This guy's got more damned hangups than Sybil."

The first line of this week's limerick contest is:
"A cocky young councilman named Nick."



Judge finds new way to punish killers

Following a guilty plea by a 23-year old Fairmount man for rape and murder last week, Hamilton County Common Pleas Judge William S. Mathews delayed the defendant's sentencing and ordered the man to get married.

The man faces life imprisonment on the murder charge and 25 years for rape.

A spokesman for the ACLU claimed Mathews' actions amounted to "cruel and unusual

punishment symptomatic of an oppressive criminal justice system.

The victim's family was also upset, since guests will not be allowed at the ceremony and it's impossible to rent tuxedos on short notice.





Cheap Shots

Sign of respect

Last week during the Mickey Esposito trial, Jeffrey Corcoran, a long-time Esposito supporter and employee in the Hamilton County Auditor's office, was suspended for hanging a sign out of the window.

There is, however, some confusion as to what the sign said.

In the daily play-by-play trial coverage, *Enquirer* reporter Martha Miller wrote only that the sign said, "Go Mickey." *Post* reporter Randy Ludlow was more forthcoming, writing that the sign said, "Go Mickey. Kick Butt!" The real reason Corcoran was suspended, however, was for what was written on the other side—"Rhodes Sucks!"



Hostess alert



Partygivers should save this picture of Mary Linn White. If she shows up at your next reception, throw her out. She's no longer doing *The Post's* "Snobs Like Us" column and you no longer have to be nice to her or let her eat your free food.

Luken legacy

Is Landslide Charlie Luken doing a great job in congress or what?

Some people complain that must not be doing anything because we haven't seen him on TV. But the freshman Democrat from the west side voted with President Bush on that war thing in January, listened to complaints about the airport runway from Delhi residents, gave back that extra office money, disagreed publicly with some of his father's positions, and according to the Federal Election Commission, he's already raised \$55,150, 93 percent of which came from PACs. Best of all, there's not a serious GOP challenger in sight.



Listen to Charles Foster Kane reveals surprise endings to upcoming movies on Jerry Thomas' Show, Thursday morning at 9:05.

55WKRC



Another Real Guest Editorial by Bunky Tadwell

Let's see now...there's a member of Cincinnati City Council proposing that those who become members can only be members for awhile and then they have to go back to doing what they were doing (not much of anything, which is why they wanted to be councilmembers) and then if they want to do it again, they have to wait a couple of years.

Is that it?

Certainly, the urge to keep politicians from feeding at the trough forever strikes a responsive chord. Goodness knows, the Congress of the United States has inspired us all to turn to thoughts of turning the rascals out. Alas, they are but thoughts. Voters tend not to turn away the hand that hands out the handouts, so those tired old faces remain year after year.

What, exactly, is the point with the city council thing? We can only assume that limiting terms is the only way to get some, or most, of the long-time Council people out of office. Assuming picking them off one by one as they wake from a council meeting would be illegal, let us suggest other ways to limit the terms, and thus the damage done by our local councilmembers.

The city could adopt a parliament style of government. The mayor would be the leader. Whenever he or she saw a chance to either kick out someone or get a better grip on the majority, he or she could call an election. The English do it and they are in a mess all the time, so it should not be too tough for city council to handle it.

Putting the issue on the ballot seems to be the way the thing is coming down. But there is another, still simpler way to limit terms. One that would save money, limit the passage of stupid legislation, and guarantee fast turnover. All Council has to do is eliminate all council assistants, secretaries, gofers, and assorted hangers-on who do the work of the councilpeople. Make 'em do it all on their own. Who says they have to work at another job to get by? Horse hockey. The council salary is a hell of a lot more than most of us make. Grind their noses into the job real deep. Let them do their own looking things up, the making of phone calls, writing letters, listening to complaints. Talk about a belly full You can bet your lungs it will be one term and out. Maybe faster.

But will new blood make a difference? Does the City deserve a better Council? New ideas? High-minded public servants? Listen...any city that will send thousands of people to Riverbend with parrots on their heads to pay big bucks to hear some guy sing "Why Don't We Get Drunk And Screw" deserves just the kind of government it gets.

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.

Watch for Mr. Tadwell's latest book, "Never Put an Unbalanced Woman on a Pedestal," an explosive expose of just about everything.



What's the worry? Not all of our doctors died of AIDS?

A message of reassurance from the Greater Cincinnati Hospitals Association



Real Letters from Real Readers

Sirs:

The reason we keep reporting about Pee-Wee Herman's arrest is not that it's such a big story. We just like saying "masturbate" on the radio.

Rick Bird/WEBN

Sirs:

If I can't have real hair, then I want everyone else to be blind.

Randy Little

Sirs:

Maybe Doctor Tom West should make a house call to the auditor's office to find out why so many of my employees are calling in sick.

Dusty Rhodes

Sirs:

For the past few weeks I've been getting all sorts of free advice from lawyers. Now I find out they were all Democrats.

Mickey Esposito

Sirs:

After talking with Andy Furman, anybody would be ready to see a psychiatrist.

Rob Dibble

Sirs:

Why do we need a membership drive? Because when we show programs with black men kissing, our members quit.

WCET

Sirs:

I agree with you that Lori Holliday should get a real job and quit whining about the funding for her silly little film commission.

Rick Greiwe/Tall Stacks Committee

Sirs:

We've never seen The Whistleblower. We've never heard of The Whistleblower. And besides that, if we gave them away to everybody who comes into the courthouse looking for them, we wouldn't have copies enough for ourselves.

The Hamilton County Commissioners

Sirs:

What a crummy trick. When the story broke about the doctor who died from AIDS, Channel 12 gave their own number for people to call instead of the hotline and got a lot of good stories. Wish we'd thought of it.

NewsChannel 5

Sirs:

Did you see where Cincinnati has such a low burglary rate? Now even the crooks are leaving town.

Jim Cissell

Sirs:

I get paid even when I don't play, right?

Eric Davis

Sirs:

Who needs the GOP endorsement? I've already got the Sierra Club and the gays.

Guy Guckenberger

Sirs:

So long suckers! Send me my checks.

Lee Etta Powell



Another Exclusive Whistleblower Report

What to tell your kids about Mickey

If your kids have seen Mickey



Esposito perform his song and dance routine in a Las Vegas lounge, it's possible they're also seeing his trial photos on TV and in the newspaper. It's also possible the conversation over morning Captain

Crunch or evening Spaghetti-O's will be the kind some parents dread: "Why did Mickey get arrested?" "What does 'sleaze' mean?" "What do they mean by a 'good heart, empty head defense?'" or "What will those big hairy homos do to Mickey if he gets sent to jail?"

Mickey Esposito, former Deputy Hamilton County Auditor, is being tried on charges of lowering property taxes for friends. He pleaded innocent, and represented himself at one of the most bizarre trials in local history. **Judge Thomas Crush** is scheduled to decide his fate later this week.

Dr. Raoul Foongman, of the Behavioral Science Center in Cheviot, advises following these basic rules when discussing the trial with children:

- Don't make a big deal of it. Explain the trial in terms children can understand and don't offer more information than they want or need. "Sometimes parents will get all bent out of shape over a topic like this and the kids pick up on that, thinking it must really be a big deal," Foongman says.

- Be open and honest.
- Make sure answers are appropriate to the child's age. "Like with most things in the area of dishon-

esty, tell the child enough information to answer the questions and satisfy their curiosity, but don't push it," he says. Most times, children want simple answers. With younger children, Foongman advises focusing on Esposito's behavior by telling children, in simple terms, "He did something wrong." "He did something bad," or "Many men facing a middle-age crisis wear a wig so they can hit on younger women who work in his office." For many children, that will suffice. It's also important to separate Esposito's lounge lizard character, which most children identify with, from the real-life Mickey Esposito.

Younger children may not understand the difference, but parents can use the opportunity to explain the make-believe nature of county government.

If older children ask about the specific charges or about lowering property taxes, Foongman urges plain explanations, such as, "He's Italian" or "The guys at GOP headquarters told him he'd never be caught," with emphasis on the inappropriateness of the public nature of his acts. Putting too much emphasis on dishonesty in public office can confuse children when the same topics are discussed in the framework of normal dishonesty. But children and teens can certainly understand concepts such as, "He's confused" or "He has some thoughts or feelings going on inside of him that have contributed to or caused this kind of behavior," Foongman says. If children know that the behavior was wrong and that Esposito needs professional help, they are likely to understand the incident.

"See Downtown Cincinnati. I understand it's a really nice place to visit."

**Debra Richardson
Executive Director
The Downtown Council**



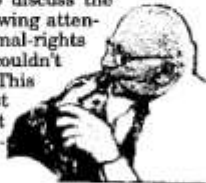


Bluegrass Holler

by Ken Camboo

Veal deal

Bet you're wondering what Ben and Shirley Bernstein did with all that frozen veal they bought on sale last year, now that they refuse to serve it because of their new found concern for baby beef. Word from Rotarians, Chamber of Commerce types, and other long-lunchers is that the Quality Hotel in Covington is serving veal with every meal. Quality's general manager Pete Jordan was reluctant to discuss the matter for fear of drawing attention from radical animal-rights kooks. However, he couldn't refrain from saying, "This is probably the first time anybody ever got a deal from the Bernsteins."



True grit

Remember all the fuss that was made over the lead-based paint that was being sand-blasted off the Brent Spence Bridge (that's I-75 for Ohioans) last year? Some environmental misfits were outraged that the toxic grit might cause health problems for the winos living under the bridge, so the project was stopped until the stuff could be managed and carted off to a safe facility. Why was it a surprise when the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet got a tip last week that the contractor had buried the grit in one of those convenient holes they dug alongside Death Hill? We predict this will cause yet another delay in the reconstruction of the expressway through Covington, a project that is already eight months overdue and \$5 million over budget.

Medical crisis

Waitresses all over Northern Kentucky are scrambling to find a new source for free pills and pelvic exams while their favorite medico, Doc West, cools it in the hoosegow. "I don't know what I'll do if my birth control runs out before he makes bail," said Debbi Taunt, a cocktail hostess at The Conservatory. "Condoms are just too yucky." Just in time to fill the shoes of the aforementioned Doc West, sources in Boone County tell us Dr. Floyd Poore will resume practicing medicine this week. After his trouncing in the Democratic Gubernatorial primary, Floyd admits he needs a paying job. Democratic nominee Brereton Jones says he can't afford the doctor's bill as a campaign consultant. Poore has not practiced since 1983, but his supporters point out that he does, indeed, have a legitimate medical license and he is HIV negative.



J. R. Hatfield

Northern Kentucky Bureau Chief

South of the border

The recent free trade agreement between the United States and Mexico was all Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Charles Hamilton needed to start talking about opening a trade office in Mexico City. "Those Mexicans eat a lot of cornmeal and Kentucky is the third-largest producer of white corn in America," said Hamilton

recently. "And if Gatewood Galbraith is right, Bluegrass hemp is much better than Acapulco Gold. So we see some real market potential there."



Kiss and make up

Republican gubernatorial candidate Larry Hopkins told everybody in Erlanger last Wednesday that he was ready to mend fences with ex-foe Larry Forgy in order to unite the party for the November election. But that's no guarantee that Congressman Jim "No Hitter" Bunning will forget how

Kenton County party boss Eric Deters broke ranks to support Forgy in the primary. Bunning has vowed to make Deters pay dearly for his treason. Insiders talk about plans to torture Eric by making him listen to a tape loop of Bunning speeches while handcuffed to a chair.

Changing of the guard

In a quiet ceremony in an undisclosed location, attorney Joe Condit was replaced by attorney Mike Hammonds as chairman of the Kenton County Democratic Party. Condit, who had backed Dr. Floyd Poore in the May primary said, "It's time for a change and it's traditional that somebody from the

winning camp takes over the county job." Hammonds, a principal in the local campaign of Brereton Jones, has called for party unity. It remains to be seen if Hammonds will be his own man, or just a puppet for State Senator Joe Meyer, a fellow Jones-backer and Condit-hater for many years.

Frankfort follies have begun

The fall campaign for governor officially began last weekend at the 11th Fancy Farm Picnic in Graves County, just about as far away as you can get from here and still be in Kentucky.

Presumably, the candidates start out there so they won't have to return during the important parts of the campaign. We are also told that the mud in Graves County is

particularly well-suited for Bluegrass politics.

Just in case you forgot, the candidates for governor are Democratic Lt. Gov. Brereton Jones and Republican U.S. Representative Larry Hopkins.

Their appearances in Northern Kentucky will become painfully frequent during the next few months.

"It could stop a family feud!"



"Color my shorts"

Boomer Esiason is coming to Riverfront to play football this week, but can't decide which color shorts to wear at his post-game interview. Enter our contest to design his ensemble.



Details, Page 16



Hotline Hang-ups

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

Did you ever wonder why Commissioner Sandra Beckwith's career appears to be on such a fast track? From an obscure judge, to ineffective county commissioner, to a lifetime appointment on the federal bench? Could her meteoric rise have any connection to the time she let off Stanley Aronoff with a slap on the wrists on his drunk driving charge? And just as curious, what really big favor may she have done for somebody at *The Enquirer*?

There's a mild-mannered reporter for a daily metropolitan paper who drove all the way to Butler County to rent three X-rated videos six weeks ago, and he still hasn't returned them.

Who do you tell when you see an elected official taking food out of the FreeStore barrel at Kroger's?

I understand that one of the Covington city commissioners plans to move to Cincinnati.

Rumor has it that Cincinnati Board of Education members Braddock, Hughes, and Bond have formed a new gang called "The Jets" and have challenged new school superintendent Brandt to a break dance showdown to the death in the auditorium of the School for the Performing Arts.

Was Cincinnati city councilman Nick Vehr paying people to collect signatures for his term limitation petition? I heard that he was paying people to sign them.

Are those kids wearing red shirts on Fountain Square supposed to be working? Every time I see them they're just standing around. Maybe we're seeing a job training program for future city and county employees.

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 Jeff Ruby.



Real Gossip by Linda Libel



Good news for Pee Wee Herman fans. The judge in Florida threw out the case. He said the evidence would never stand up in court.

Have you heard "Weasel Boy," the guy who visits WOFX morning man Jay Baker? He says he has the rugged good looks of Kevin Costner and the animal magnetism of Mickey Rourke. Yeah, right. Mickey Mouse is more like it.

Speaking of movie reviews, *Enquirer* film critic Joe DeChick has been banned from future Warner Brothers advance screenings for giving away the surprise ending of "Robin Hood." With the review he wrote on that film, most readers are surprised he stayed till the end.

In Moscow, President George Bush went to a business card exchange at the Kremlin. I don't know why he had to travel all that way to see a crumbling, bankrupt bureaucracy. He can take a look at the Cincinnati Public School system when he visits here.

In Washington, Willis Gradison is spearheading an effort to have the Capitol Hill playboys police their own activities. Meanwhile, Landslide Charlie Luken and John Boehmer are behind a drive by freshmen congressmen to make it harder for legislators to give themselves pay raises. And after

they dispose of those issues, Congress will settle the age-old debate—tastes great versus less filling.

Back in Cincinnati, Channel 9 commentator Jerry Galvin got so outraged during an editorial last week, he blew his line several times. A spokesman for the station called it "premature articulation."

And listen to who's taking voice lessons? Having shown no distinction as a newsreader,

Newschannel 5 weekend anchorbimbo Felicia Ferguson, who fancies herself a county-western singer, is taking lessons from Mr. McCready at the Cincinnati Musical Arts Center. Week-end sportscaster George Vogel was surprised at the news. "Actually, all the times I've ever seen her, I never realized she had a voice," Vogel said.

In local politics, I understand the Young Republicans have taken a stand on abortion. That's funny. I thought they ate their young.

Finally, on the first day of his trial, Charlie Keating was accosted in the courtroom by 90-year-old Sarah Mandell yelling, "You took my money. You took my money."

"It's a good thing the guards got hold of her," Keating said. "I'd have creamed the old broad."

Sorry, Charlie. You could have been a contender, instead of a bum, which is what you are.



Guess Who?

What mayor of a Butler County community is still recovering from injuries suffered while playing "Batman" in a sleazy motel room with a nude woman tied to a bed? Here's an hint: the woman was not his wife.

Classified Advertising

EXOTIC DANCE LESSONS
Make your husband horny again. Call Eelyise LaShay, 752-1632

APARTMENT AVAILABLE
Roommate included. Some assembly required. Contact Jeffrey Dahmer, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

SUPPORT GROUP
Patients of Doc West gather during happy hour at The Conservatory.

PERSONAL
Scott: Sorry we had to sell your Jimmy Buffett ticket, but we needed the money to buy drugs. Mom.