Grieving over the loss of Schottzie— our national treasure

The Whistleblower

Or "Some of the News They Seem to Lose"

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This Week's Really Big Story Baseball writers lose balls

How do baseball writers really feel about Schottzie's death?

Last Thursday, The Whistleblower tried to find out.

Armed with forged media credentials and a disguise that had everybody fooled, The Whistleblower took last Thursday afternoon off and infiltrated the Reds' press box at Riverfront stadium.

The pre-game media brunch wasn't all that bad. AP stringer Bill Staubitz had given out caps for all those reporters who'd been banned by Marge. They had a universal "No" sign over a knife and fork. The bacon and eggs were OK, but the home fries were cold. Actually, considering all that cholesterol, the banned guys were better off eating somewhere else.

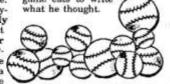
Before the game, Dodger playby-play broadcaster Vin Scully was telling Marty and Joe about how Cincinnati native Roger McDowell was cracking everybody up in the Dodger clubhouse wearing a black armband with a paw print on it. As Scully told the story he didn't recognize that Stevie Schott standing there.

Stevie ran off to tell Auntie Marge what Scully had said, and when he returned he asked Marty if he thought McDowell had been making fun of poor Schottzie amoulderin' in her grave. Marty just rolled his eyes.

Marty just rolled his eyes. Strangely enough, that incident was not reported by any

baseball writers in the press box.
On the other hand, Lexington
Herald Leader' columnist Billy
Reed wrote that "the Reds
would win the pennant when
Schottzie came back to life."

How refreshing. At least there was one more baseball writer willing to lose his free pregame eats to write



Torok outraged at shoddy journalism

Award-winning freelance writer Lou Torok was livid after being crucified in the news media for allegedly stealing from the FreeStore.

"Can you believe it?" Torok screamed, "All three local TV stations

and The Post ran the story based solely on a FreeStore press release and quotes from my accusers, without even hearing my side of the story. Only Enquirer reporter Nancy Firor and The Whistleblower bothered to call.

Torok is accused of forging a priest's signature and selling FreeStore products at flea markets.

"Steal it?" Torok laughed. "Steve Gibbs begged me to haul it away."

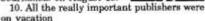
At issue are some health and beauty products donated

to the FreeStore by P&G on which P&G got a big tax writeoff. "The reason I had to sell the stuff was because no self-respecting homeless person would touch it." Torok said.

Torok assured The Whistleblower that no crime had been committed.

Top Ten List

This week, it's the top ten reasons Whiatleblower publisher Charles Foster Kane was selected to present the Annual Whistleblower Professional Journalism Awards to the Society of Professional Journalists on August 15:



Everyone else was afraid of being savaged in print by the losers

8. The guys at GOP headquarters said nobody would ever find out

7. SPJ members wanted to pump Kane for identity of anonymous sources
6. The Whistleblower was the only publica-

The Whistleblower was the only publication to recognize their true value

 Honorarium too low for Tom Luken
 Channel 9's "I-Team" couldn't find the address

3. Kane was the only one certain not to be nominated

What else do you expect for a crummy \$5 lunch at the YWCA

And the number one reason Whistleblower publisher Charles Foster Kane was selected to present the Annual Whistleblower Professional Journalism Awards to the Society of Professional Journalists on August 15 is...the original speaker, Pee Wee Herman, cancelled out at the last minute.

Homeless to protest

Friday's party, at the Baldwin Building Plaza to make fun of the homeless, will be the target of a protest by homeless activists. "We weren't invited," said Billy Geek, who lives in a Norge refrigerator

lives in a Norge refrigerator box under the Brent Spence Bridge.

The event is sponsored by the Blue Chip Young Republicans, features food provided by J.T.M. and a display of inaccessible outdoor architecture designed to make it impossible for vagrants to

sleep in public places.

Tickets are available at Councilman Jim Cissell's office at City Hall. "I guess this proves that homosexuals aren't the only ones I like to bash," Cissell said.

The Whistleblower hotline—call 749-1055



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Real Editorials By the Publisher Charles Foster Kane

Crisis of competence

he president is away. Congress is in recess. You'd think the Republic would be safe at last. The only problem is that the our local elected officials are still around.

Take the Board of Education for the Cincinnati Public Schools. Please.

If a group of people tried to screw things up, things couldn't be any worse. It's a good thing they weren't in Sarasota with Poe-Wee, or they all would have been arrested.

Now they're asking the voters to give them

more money to spend.

Yeah, right. You'll see that when the Reds win the pennant.

It's hard to imagine that this group was actually elected by the voters. And if that notion scares you, think of this—chances are most of them would be re-elected.

Over at the Plum Street Playpen, council is arguing about term limitations, as well as election districts and proportional representation

Last week some disgruntled Democrats made a last-ditch effort to keep term limits off this year's ballot. Charterites have about half the signatures they need to get proportional representation before the voters. And council is not even close to agreeing about a map for election districts.

So much talk, so little action.

Meanwhile county government is in shambles. The commissioners continue to play politics with critical issues.

Their "Tax Force" is falling on its face.

Remember the new jail we needed so badly because we didn't have enough space to pamper all our criminals? The "Tax Force" now says the jail shouldn't be built because the county doesn't have the money. Which is the reason the "Tax Force" was formed in the first place. There is a way to get the money for a new jail. It's called "taxes

But the commissioners could never justify more taxes to the voters, because every time you turn over a rock, there's another scandal.

More proof that the people in charge are

doing a lousy job running the county. It's the same problem they're having at the

school board. The difference between the school board and the county officials is that the courthouse

officials are getting paid. A lot. Even those waiting for their disciplinary hearings. At least those facing trial are off the payroll. These elected officials are infected by a

virus of incompetence.

It must be contagious, because the voters are showing some of the symptoms. Why else would they return the same people

to office time after time?

Maybe it's something in the water. Perhaps that's what's wrong with our sewers.



"More of the News They Seem to Lose"

Mann avoids obnoxious homos

Last Wednesday, six homosexual activists showed up outside Cincinnati city hall to proclaim "Mayor David Mann Tolerance Day, protesting the mayor's insensitivity for proclaiming "Gay and Lesbian Tolerance Day," instead of "Gay and Lesbian Pride Day" as

the group had wished.

Mann was not present, because he was attending Schottzie's funeral.

"Toleration is not enough," said Scott McClarty, Gay and Lesbian Marching Band facilitator. "You tolerate an obnoxious relative at Thanksgiving Dinner.

"Which is why the mayor usually takes his family out to Cambridge Inn on Thanksgiving. Especially if it's double-portion night, mayor's spokesman said.



Kane's appearance protested

Several health clubs, men's clothiers, as well as the dissident Platform Reporters have vowed to boycott Charles Foster Kane's appearance at the August 15 meeting of the Society of Professional Journalists at the YWCA.

Feminists have also protested Kane's appearance after a chauvinistic story titled "Lunch at the Y" referred to their organization as "Young Wenches Crying about Anything."

In addition, other problems have

arisen that may prevent the event from taking place

Dr. Stanley Broadnax, who took time off from repairing his buildings, has called for an inves-

tigation of the Y's food service facilities, even though the health com-missioner said chances of actually being infected ar only 1-42,000. However, as a precaution, Doc West

will be passing out physi-cians-size samples of antacid tablets just in case.

Vehr vetoed in limerick contest

Last week, 1162 registered Democrats living inside the city limits called the Whistleblower Hotline to enter the Whistleblower Limerick Contest. The winners were lawyer Donald Mooney, labor leader Dan Radford, Democratic appointed-councilman Dwight Tillery, Democratic council candidate Virginia Rhodes, and homosexual-Democratic council candidate Rick Buchanan.

Their winning entry was: A cocky young councilman named Nick, Is trying to make term limits stick. The others said, "It's not fair! Nick wants to be mayor, And his term-limit scam's just a trick."

They will each receive many valuable prizes.

The first line of this week's limerick contest is: "Schottzie, our true national treasure..."

Great White Hope

It's official. There'll be a school tax levy in Cincinnati. 9.83 mills, whatever that means.

Even if it passes, next year they'll be asking for more.
It's time for everyone to get

behind new superintendent

Michael Brandt, the Great White Hope for the levy's passage. Brandt's being paid \$95,000 for one year. Not bad pay for substitute.





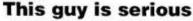
Cheap Shots

Another scoop

Here's another reason you should never watch local TV news to see what's going on in the rest of the world. Last

Wednesday, Newschannel 5 newsreader Norma Rashid told viewers not once, but twice, that there would soon be a hostage release from Iran.

That's strange. Everyone else in the world thought they were being held captive in Beruit.



Butler County Sheriff "Clean Dick"
Holzberger has warned video
stores to surrender all Xrated tapes or he'll send the

SWAT team in after them.
Prompted by increasing
pressure from Citizens for
Community Values, the
ACLU is strangely silent,
having been "Sirkinized" by

having been "Sirkinized" by attorney Louis Sirkin, who makes a lot of money defending video stores.

Nicolas Martin, founder of Stop Censorship in Butler County says his group plans to protest. "Holzberger is acting out a Schwarzkopf fantasy," Martin said. "It's not as if video stores were trying to sell re-runs of Pee Wee's Playhouse."

Not a five-star facility

Starvin' Marvin Warner's lawyers are hoping for better luck this week with Judge

Fred Cartalano than they had with Judge Robert Rueblman.

Seeking shock probation, the Cincinnati millionaire complains about sub-par prison cuisine, tailoring, and sleeping accommodations.

"If I'd known it would be this bad, I'd have tried harder to stay out," Warner said.



Listen to Charles Foster Kane explain the meaning of "Fahrvergnugen" on Jerry Thomas' Show, Thursday morning at 9:05.







Another Real Guest Editorial by Bunky Tadwell

et's sec... I read somewhere that a lot of money was to be spent teaching the police how to be more sensitive and carring toward those who, moments ago, were trying to inflict a lot of hurt on them...or someone else.

No doubt, some police need to back off. Whomping the snot out of people for little or no reason is not the thing to do. Even if it's something minor, if the cop is a bit cranky, things could get out of hand.

So let's teach the cops to be nice. And as long as we're at it, why not kick in a few more bucks and ask for some courtesy and restraint from the public?

What causes the problem in the first place? Someone deliberately breaks the law. Now you can nitpick and look for loopholes and get dramatic in the

courtroom all you want. The fact remains, most crimes are a deliberate act. A couple of guys don't just stop the bank to cash a check and then decide to rob it. Some bozo doesn't wake up and find himself in someone's home at 3:00 a.m. and then figure well, as long as I'm here, they won't miss the VCR or the TV or that jewelry.

Name a crime. Very few fall into the category of accidental. The big blowhard of immense proportions who hangs out at bars waiting for a chance to stomp someone into the ground isn't there by accident. And when the cops come to investigate? Hey...he's gonna whup the world because no one, by God, is gonna touch him or his pickup truck, the rifle over the back window, or his hound dog. And where do they get off trying to make this kid stop acting like an animal in school?

The goon who pounds on his wife and kids every other day. That's not a case of whoops, sorry hon. Your nose ran into my fist. The guy does it on purpose. He decides he's going to punch out his wife. Whatever else he says in the courtroom is crap. He made the choice.

People spend big bucks to buy devices for their cars so they can break the speed law. How obvious does it have to get? People steal cars. Credit cards. They write worthless checks. It's all deliberate. A carload of thugs doesn't just accidently drive by and gun down anyone unlucky enough to be in the area. They stole the guns, the ammo, probably the car, sucked up courage through a bottle, and said, "Let's go kill someone."

So why not spend a little time and effort to get the public to behave more responsibly? You don't break the law, the cop

don't break your head. Sounds simple enough to me.

> Once upon a time, there was an attempt to teach kids how to avoid a life

of grey uniforms with numbers on them. Schools taught responsibility and discipline along with reading, math, English, writing, geography, and a lot of other subjects. And there was often a course called citizenship. You learned the rights as well as the responsibilities.

Today, it's blame society. "It's not my fault." "I'm going to sue." The government issues quotas to blur the intent of the laws that were written to give people the opportunity to be rewarded for being responsible for their own actions and lives.

This sensitivity business is a two-way street. Turning the police into a bunch of Alan Aldas or Phil Donahues isn't going to make all that much difference.

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Watch for Mr. Tadwell's latest book, "Never Trust a Naked Anchorman," an explosive expose of sexual perversion in the television news business.



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But what did you really think of my show on public access?

I think it's terrible the way that the crew on that Greek cruise ship made a beeline for the lifeboats and left the passengers to sink or swim.

Sandra Beckwith

Just because I have many friends and political allies in Cincinnati has nothing to do with my proposal for a state office building in Cincinnati. Really.

Stanley Aronoff

Did I ever need a vacation. My right hand didn't know what my far right hand was

The Democrats in Congress keep hammering away ay the president's being out of the country so much, but you don't see any other them turning down any free junkets.

John Sununu

Sure, investigating the October Surprise is Foley's folly. But what else can we do while we're waiting for a presidential candidate?
The Democrats in Congress

When I said the school board had a moral commitment to pay Lee Etta Powell, I didn't mean personally.

Robert Braddock

It's a lot harder to be an NFL quarterback these days. Besides having to read all those intricate defenses, there are all those lines of dialogue to memorize for their commercials.

Kenny Anderson

Pee Wee Herman is trying out as quarterback for the Cleveland Browns. He heard they needed somebody who could pull it out in the fourth quarter.

Jerry Thomas

I'm sort of glad I didn't get the Labor Council's endorsement this time. Now I can say what I really think about those weasels.

Pete Strauss

It really was embarrassing having to lay off all those people and getting our third IRS tax lien in eight months the same week we

published a Business Success Handbook. Greater Cincinnati Business Record

Now that Harry Reasoner is dead, is it time for my shot on the network?

Nick Clooney



Another Exclusive Whistleblower Report

Platformers plan October surprise

Ever since it was announced could ruin a long-time friend and Hamilton County Commissioner Sandra Beckwith was being considered for a lifetime appointment to the federal bench, political insiders have been wondering whether

there would ever be a response from the "Platform Republicans."

Named for their strong stance on the GOP platform-especially abortion—this pro-life group appears outwardly to have done nothing to date to attempt to scuttle her nomination.

Media coverage of the group reflects its strong pro-life stance, and some suggest that one of their main concerns is to prevent pro motion of any pro-abortion GOP candidate.

Beckwith has been consistently endorsed by the Cincinnati Women's Political Caucus, which only endorses pro-choice candidates.

Beckwith's association with State Senator Stanley Aronoff has also

been the subject of recent discussions in political circles. Having let Aronoff off with a slap on the wrist on a DUI charge, Beckwith was

recently quoted in The Enquirer that she and Aronoff had been friends and political allies for many years, but she said that her 1982 ruling was based on the case, not their friend-

The question of why she did not disqualify herself from a case that ally's political career has not been answered. Or asked.

Not known for having a particu-

larly good sense of humor, last year

James Condit and his son sued the Mt. Washington Press for referring to them as "dethem as "de-ranged fascists."

Why then have they appeared to let the Beckwith nomination slide? New local GOP

party boss "Clean Gene" Ruehlmann could not have mended those fences that quickly. Insiders suggest one of two

things has happened:

First, the Platformers are only playing dead; have already been in touch with White House Chie of Staff John Sununu, whose prolife stance is even stronger than theirs; and that Beckwith may have an unpleasant surprise in store for her when her nomination is reviewed by Teddy Kennedy and his friends on the Senate Judiciary Committee after that group gets warmed up on the Clarence Thomas nomination for Supreme Court.

Questions Beckwith might not be asked locally for the sake of friendship would certainly be

asked by this group.

Or second, a deal has been struck between Platform Republicans and the boys in the back room at 700 Walnut Street, giving the group the right to select Beckwith's replacement or at the

very least, veto power. No matter which scenario plays out, political junkies are still in

for a lot of fun.

Win cash and prizes! Play "Family Feud" on the phone Call 1-900-SURVEY SAYS





Bluegrass Holler by Ken Camboo

Pee Wee to do benefit

Children's entertainer and exhibitionist Pee-Wee Herman has agreed to do a benefit performance in exchange for The Whistleblower's promise not to run publish any more Pee-Wee's wee-wee

The performance is billed as "Hand Aid," sponsored by London Fog.

The event will be held at Covington Landing, Saturday, Aug. 24, and will proceeds going to benefit Masturbators Anonymous.

Do



Newport officials are bickering over the merits of allowing taxpayers to vote on whether or not the city should spend \$2.4 million

should spend \$2.4 million
dollars on a new City Hall.
Commissioner Fred
Rhynhart wants to put the
issue on the November ballot,
but he's getting a lot of flak from
his arch-nemesis Mayor Steve
Goetz. City Manager Jim Parsons believes the ssue can not be

put to a vote. The mayor chimed in by saying, "I don't think there is anything in the constitution that allows it."

Rhynhart claims he just wants to make sure the voters don't get screwed for more taxes. Goetz counters, "This is something we're elected to do; part of the assumption is that we are capable of doing it."

Frankfort Follies

The gloves came off for good when the Kentucky gubernatorial campaign kicked into high gear in Northern Kentucky

high gear in Northern Kentucky.
Democrat Brereton Jones and Republican
Larry Hopkins poked eyes and pulled hair
in the Bluegrass tradition.

Jones charged that Hopkins supporters had destroyed 300 signs the Democratic faithful had planted along the roadside.

Hopkins countered that Jones has not only kept a "For Sale" sign on the statehouse, but

has upped the price.
Hopkins tried to downplay
the ridicule being heaped
on him and his close
personal friend Dan
Quayle. Democrat
wags have been quick
to compare Hopkins'
fictitious educational
and military credentials with those of the
Vice President.



J. R. Hatfield Northern Kentucky Bureau Chief

Learn to speak Northern Kentuckian

Many people from Ohio find it difficult to communicate with residents of Northern Kentucky because of the language barrier. Therefore, The Whistleblower is providing this handy Ohio Northern Kentucky Pocket Glossary of Important Words and Phrases:

Northern Kentucky



Hi-you!
Yall
Poke
Jeff Ruby
Boone County Airport
Nekid lady
Holler
Ben Bernstein
Family reunion
Pocket pool
Truck stop
Your sister
Landscaping

Southern Ohio

How are you?
All of you
Sack
Blowhard
Greater Cincinnati Airport
Exotic dancer
Valley
Ben Bernstein
Group sex
Wacking the weasel
House of prostitution
A sure thing
Pink plastic flamingo

Special Bluegrass Appendix

Much of the colorful language of Northern Kentucky comes from the long and friendly association of Kenton, Campbell, and Boone County residents and the Appalachian region. Here are just a few of the many Bluegrass expressions derived from the folks down home.

Northern Kentucky

Ridge-runner Hillbilly Cheap labor Entrepreneur Road kill McDonald's Brent Spence Bridge

Down Home

Appalachian
Ridge-runner
Hillbilly
Hillbilly with money
Possum stew
Fine Dining
The Pearly Gates

Catfish and Squid Fest

Although many, if not most of the participating eateries are Cincinnati-based, The Northern Kentucky Restaurant Association tried to take credit for cosponsoring Warm 98's Great Inland Seafood Fest at Serpentine Wall last weekend.

The Serpentine Wall has long been known as the seafood capital of the Midwest.

Some of the people who went there complained that the seafood tasted different this year.

Here's one possible explanation: Ben and Shirley Bernstein unloaded the last of their veal chops as cleverly disguised swordfish steaks. "After this stuff sits out in the sun for a couple hours, nobody knew the differ-

ence," Shirley said.

Their son Jim Bernstein was working the Crockett's booth selling samples of catfish fillets freshly

caught near the sewage discharge pipes along Riverboat Row.

Newcomer Bill Cunningham dished up his Maw's tuna casserole courtesy of Willie's Sports Cafe.

The Waterfront's Jeff Ruby served the leftover squid he got from Lou Torok at the FreeStore outlet.

"At least they weren't serving walrus meat from the Cincinnati Zoo," said *Enquirer* restaurant critic Jim Knippenberg.





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

Why doesn't someone look into Blake Baird and his so-called Citizens for Diversity in Education? Who are these people and what about the claim he made on Channel 9 that they have a \$100,000 war chest to fight the school levy? Who wants the school levy to fail that badly?

Is Tom Smith's crack investigative team still being paid their sky-high salaries? I hope it was worth it for what they did to poor Mickey Esposito.

Is this nerve, are they kidding us, or what? Naming the new shopping building on Fourth Street "Tower" Place. Actually, they should have called it "Near the Tower" Place. Only in Cincinnati are people dumb enough to fall for that. So this is supposed to bring all the ladies from Indian Hill and Hyde Park downtown? They may try it once, but they'll never give up going to the Sanctuary of the Noveau/Idle Riche at the Kenwood Towne Centre.

How can the Charterite's call themselves a real political party when they only have three candidates for Cincinnati city council?

I read where former Hamilton County Building Commissioner Ralph Leibing got his disciplinary hearing delayed till next week, but then it'll take another month for the hearing results to be given to the county commissioners. And all the while he keeps collecting his big fat paycheck. What's it take to fire a county employee anyway?

I heard that those new trash cans they're putting out downtown cost \$300 each. \$300 for a trash can? That sounds like a lot of money to me.

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 Schottzie.



Real Gossip bv Linda Libel



Don't look now but the '91 Reds are deader than Schottzie. Sweet Lou Pinella called it like he saw it and winds up getting sued for \$5 million by the umpires. I under-

Guess

Which blonde

TV anchorbimbo

has chosen to give

up plans for a county-western

singing career and

plans to apply for

a full-time job as a

bus driver with

TANK?

Who?

stand that they're getting Mickey Esposito to handle their case.

Speaking of Schottzie, her eulogy on Channel 5 ran longer than the one Brown, a true national treasure. And some-body please hand Marge a hankie. She spends more time cry-ing on TV than Pat Schroeder.

Bet we haven't seen the last of Lee Etta Powell. Not after Judge Mathews ruled that her golden parachute had a hole in it. The judge did, however, give Powell time to get married.

Did you see Hamilton County Treasurer Robert Goering giving away unclaimed funds on Fountain Square? Mark Neeley, his county-paid media consultant seems to be earning his keep.

Meanwhile Powell McHenry's "Tax Force" committee says maybe it's not the right time to build a new jail. Sounds more like an Abbott and Costello routine every day.

Speaking of cheap campaign tricks, John Glenn came to town last week to suggest housing inmates in military style quonset huts. Someone should have told him Sheriff Simon Leis already came up with that boot-camp idea years ago.

In West Palm Beach, the judge postponed the courtroom portion of Bill and Ted's drunken and crotic adventure till January. That's so hotels can charge journalists winter rates.

Cincinnati city council finally passed it's long awaited pollution control ordinance. Chamber president John Williams called it a "balanced law." Environmental ac-

> "the law will be tested soon." Obviously, the law wasn't tough enough. Violators will be forced to sit through two weeks of meetings in city manager Gerald

tivist Roxanne Qualls said

Newfarmer's office. Speaking of testing, Qualls still hasn't been tested on the missing \$500,000 at CMHA.

Something else for Newfarmer to have a meeting about—Last week Judge Jack Rosen threw out Thaddeus Deitrich's Litter Patrol citations because cityowed property was just as bad

Meanwhile Fountain Square West should be renamed Fountain Square Mess. OSHA has already set up a branch office on the site. What's Quentin Davis, our new \$80,000per-year economic development director, doing anyway? Checking out the new sculpture at Tower Place?

Finally, "Hunk of the Month" award goes to 55WKRC helicopter traffic reporter Bobby Leach. Bobby, baby—you can crash land on my pad anytime.



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