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# The Whistleblower

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

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## This Week's Really Big Story

### The Whistleblower 1991 Campaign Kickoff

Labor Day has always been the traditional starting date for political campaigns; but just like Christmas, the marketing geeks have made it a year-round business. John Mirlisena still hasn't taken down all his signs from the last time he ran. The Cincinnati Board of Education began campaigning for this year's tax levy last November. And the Kentucky gubernatorial campaign began the day Wallace Wilkinson took office in 1988.

Like it or not, the Silly Season is upon us. Politicians of every party and persuasion prowl the streets, acting "sincerely concerned" in front of TV cameras. Church festivals and union picnics are besieged by glad-handing back-slappers promising anything and everything in exchange for your vote or permission to put a campaign sign in your front yard.

The most closely watched campaign this season will be the Cincinnati School Tax Levy, sometimes referred to as the Incompetence Subsidy Act of 1991. Unable to sell their snake oil last year, the Board wised up and got rid of Superintendent Lee Etta Powell. Their bureaucratic buyout cost \$175,000. Even if the cash was coughed up by some high-cotton "friends," it's still good money stuffed down a rat hole. As a back-up selling ploy, the Board whipped up a new "get tough" discipline policy. BFD! Those rules should have already been in effect. If designated pitch-man Brewster Rhoads can sell this one, he should be at the head on the line to run for President next year.

This year's Cincinnati City Council election ballot will be so long that voters will fall asleep reading it. A third of the incumbents were appointed and should be vulnerable. Nick Vehr's term-limitation referendum will force the old geezers on council to run two campaigns. One to keep their seats, and



This week, it's the top ten things you can expect to see during the 1991 campaign:

10. Despite great PR, the Cincinnati School Tax Levy will be defeated
9. Cincinnati voters will get very confused about all the new council election proposals
8. No courthouse official will be found guilty
7. The Reds won't win the World Series
6. City council motion to recognize Latvia
5. Charlie Keating will use "good heart, empty head" defense
4. Plenty of tickets will be available for Jerry Springer's new TV talk show
3. A new jail will not be built
2. Mickey Esposito will still be innocent
1. And the number one thing you can expect to see during the 1991 election campaign is...Steve Chabot will fail to make a single decision

another to keep on keeping their seats. Then there's proportional representation and maybe even districts/at-large.

After the elections, city council will find out that the only people who cared about how council was elected were the people running.

Hamilton County Democrats are falling all over themselves trying to portray Tom Luken as the Straight White Hope. Get real! The Hags and Fags are so deeply entrenched in the party it will take dynamite to get rid of them.

The Dems can't make up their minds about term limitations. It would increase opportunities for women, blacks, homosexuals, and anybody else who historically gets shut out under the present system. On the other hand, term limits would force big names like David Mann, Pete Strauss, and John Mirlisena to abandon the sanctuary of city hall and seek jobs at the Hamilton County Courthouse, which has been dominated by Republicans since Lincoln was a precinct captain. Luken is

banking heavily on the bad press the Republicans in county government have gotten the past two years. Today the only GOP incumbent with a Chinaman's chance of re-election is Sheriff Simon Leis.

In Kentucky, the most exciting race is between GOP standard-bearer Larry Hopkins and Democrat Brereton Jones for the governor's mansion. In a state where Democrats out-register Republicans by 2-1, voters are moving toward the GOP, as evidenced by the big wins posted by Reagan/Bush and Senator Mitch McConnell. But even if Hopkins loses, he can still retire from Congress and keep his \$650,000 war chest.

Local elections in Northern Kentucky will be as interesting as a couch dancer with her clothes on. Newport Mayor Steve Goetz is running against a bar maid and some guy who calls himself Johnny Thunder. In Covington, Mayor Denny Bowman scared off his detractors. He'll be unopposed. The Covington city commission race has a little excitement since Nyoka Johnston resigned and moved out of town. Smaller towns will rely on the write-in process like they always do. Whoever gets a vote is elected. No filing fees. No campaign headaches. Not a bad system when you think about it.

Election Day is exactly nine weeks away. A lot can happen in nine weeks. This year we witnessed a 100-hour ground war and a Soviet coup that lasted three days. Positions will harden and soften with the frequency of a cheap radio. The influence of Big Money will be felt, if not seen. One thing's for sure. It'll get nasty. We certainly hope so. That's what we live for. The Whistleblower will do its best to get inside those smoke-filled rooms where the deals are cut, so our readers will continue to get the "news the others seem to lose."

**The Whistleblower hotline—call 749-1055**



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■■■■■■■ **A message from the publisher** ■■■■■■■

Dear Readers:

Imagine you woke up this morning and Campaign '91 just started.

Well, nine weeks from now, it will seem as if it had been going on forever. Then, of course, Campaign '92 will officially begin. I guess they're going to do it until they get it right.

No wonder everybody is confused and turned off. During the impending debates, the candidates never really answer questions. Or offer solutions.

Political commercials will stink to a new low. News coverage will again be in proportion to a candidate's advertising budget. Now you know why politicians have to pay in advance.

Candidates and their stooges will appear at an endless number of media events. Yard signs will clutter the landscape. TV stations will promote

their election-night coverage, while most of us will be hoping Channel 19 has a decent movie scheduled.

On election day, having seen the latest polls, most people will probably sleep in, while local party members get a day off to pass out literature at the precincts.

In voting booths all over the tri-state, people who were undecided at the beginning of the campaign will finally close their eyes and pick a winner.

And for those of you who think your vote doesn't matter, nine weeks from today you'll have your chance to prove it.



Charles Foster Kane  
Publisher  
The Whistleblower



*"Pay attention to our ratings, or you'll get more judges who don't know enough law to convict a lounge singer handling his own defense."*

The Cincinnati Bar Association

**Even their mother can't tell them apart**

For a liberal dose of political claptrap, tune in Jene or Jerry Galvin on alternating weeknights at 6:30 on WCKY Radio. It doesn't matter when you tune in, you'll hear the same knee-jerk bleeding-heart crap every night.



*"The lights are on, but we're still in the dark."*

—The Cincinnati Post

**Fit as a fiddle**

*"As you may be aware, I underwent elective coronary by-pass surgery a year ago. My recovery is virtually complete and the prognosis is that I am ready to finish the campaign vigorously and keep the Auditor's Office on a straight course."*

—Mike Maloney



**Hamilton County Republican Club Calendar of Events**

Are you are tired of the same old boring parties? If so, make plans to join the Hamilton County Republican Club for its annual PIG ROAST. This year promises more food, more drinks, more fun, and better weather! Get your tickets now by calling 381-5414. This year's sacrificial pig has been named "Mickey" by Jeff Corcoran. Sorry, Jeff, we have to eat him.



**"Coming during sweeps week...our in-depth investigation of yard signs."**

—The "I-Team"



## Waterfront

"Bimbos, Jocks, Ex-Cons, Politicians, and a whole lot more...Stop in and I'll introduce you to all my rich celebrity friends"



—Jeff Ruby

## Early Bird Sale

"Although I'm not running for re-election this year, PACs can take advantage of my early-donation discount."



—Landslide Charlie Luken

**"Maybe it wasn't my last decision that cleared the courtroom!"**



Judge Thomas Crush

Listen to Charles Foster Kane update the polls on Jerry Thomas' Show, Weekdays at 9:10.

**55 WKRC**



## Wait till next year's Hamilton County Commissioners Elections



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Chabot '92

**Going!**



Dowlin '92

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politics is the politics  
of business."*

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-Dusty Rhodes

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and

the Committee to Elect Homosexual Democrat  
Richard L. Buchanan

Invite you and any other screaming queens to a  
Fund Raiser

featuring Joel Hyatt, president and founder of  
Hyatt Legal Services, Inc., who is Howard  
Metzenbaum's son-in-law and is planning to run  
for his father-in-law's seat in the U.S. Senate

at

The Bankers Club of Cincinnati  
DuBois Tower Center Building  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

September 6, 1991

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the things  
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—Dr. Ruth



**Politics is the art of making yourself popular with the people by giving them grants with their own money.**

**Support the Free Grain Party**

*"I promise to bring the prostitutes to their knees."*

Re-elect Steve Goetz  
Newport Mayor



*"Nobody else cares, but we wanted you to know we're running for the four seats on the At-large/Non-partisan/Totally meaningless Covington City Commission."*



Incumbents: Jim Eggemeier, Jim Ruth, and Butch Callery  
Non-Incumbents: Stan Foster, Angela Matthews, Jerry Bamberger, and Rocky Townshend



**Still shaky for re-election, Mayor Denny Bowman is running unopposed**

## Cincinnati City Council race at a glance

### Democrats offer something for everyone

**Elected Incumbents:**  
David Mann, Pete Strauss, and John Mirlisena

**Appointed Incumbent:** Dwight Tillery

**Non-Incumbents:** Roxanne Qualls, Virginia Rhodes, Shirley Rosser, Richard Buchanan, Chaunston Brown



### Republicans candidates have all the right stuff

**Elected Incumbent:** Jim Cissell

**Appointed Incumbent:** Nick Vehr

**Non-Incumbents:** Mary Ann Brown, Jan Andress, Bill Al'Ugdah, Len Garrett, Martin Wade, Nell Surber

### Charterites did the best they could

**Elected Incumbent:** Bobbie Sterne

**Appointed Incumbent:** Tyrone Yates

**Non-Incumbent:** Val Sena



### Independents will have to fend for themselves

**Incumbent:** Guy Guckenberger

**Non-incumbents:**  
Dennis L.

Maxberry, Anita Bolce, Todd O'Neal, Claudia Miller, John Cheng, Gary Sweeny

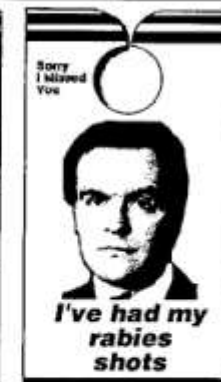


**Candidates should always look their best on television.**

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**Door-hangers we'd rather not see**



**"Keep your crummy signs off our poles!"**

CG&E ■ We're still tired of all your crap

**Kentucky Gubernatorial Race**



GOP candidate "Fighting" Larry Hopkins says he holds the same values as Dan Quayle.

Democratic candidate "Battlin'" Brereton Jones promises no low blows.

**"Hand-Aid" benefit for the Pee-Wee Herman Defense Fund**

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**Watch for Jerry Springer's election series analyzing political campaigns from a loser's perspective.**



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