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This Week's Really Big Story

Tri-state will be destroyed



Officials at the Earthquake Prediction Center (EPC) now foresee a shift of the earthquake predicted to hit the Greater Cincinnati area on Dec. 3.

Instead of taking place along the New Madrid fault, the earthquake's epicenter should occur directly beneath Fifth and Vine Streets in Downtown Cincinnati.

Originally, **Iben Browning**, a New Mexico climatologist, had said there was a 50-50 chance an earthquake

capable of great damage will hit along the New Madrid fault Dec. 3—give or take a day or two.

Browning's prediction is now more precise. The quake will occur at 10:15 a.m., with preshocks beginning at 9:27. Aftershocks are estimated to last throughout the afternoon.

Weathermen at all local television stations agree that an earthquake will destroy the city.

"Don't panic," county officials say

Predictions of the Dec. 3 earthquake have Tri-state residents in a panic. "We need to calm this down a little bit,"

Liora Maccarone, civil defense chief in Hamilton County, said Thursday.

The Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency has been inundated with

phone calls from worried residents. "We've literally come to a screeching halt on day-to-day business and are devoting all our time to answering phones, mailing out pamphlets and getting information out," Maccarone said.

"It's really got some people concerned, especially the elderly. You just cannot get those people off the telephone. You actually have to stay on the phone and calm them."

County Engineer **Don Schramm** says that there should be no problem with an orderly evacuation, since all bridges have been recently inspected.



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Top Ten List

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This week, it's the top ten reasons you shouldn't worry about the city's being destroyed by an earthquake on Dec. 3:

10. No cost overruns for Fountain Square West and workhouse demolitions

9. In most cases, it will be an improvement

8. Downtown Council can call it a promotion

7. Oprah and Phil are running reruns that week

6. No need to worry about your property tax increases

5. Great chance to check your smoke alarm

4. **Landslide Charlie** will still be mayor

3. **Bob Taft** can convince **Jodie Foster** to come back and make another movie

2. The GOP will still control the courthouse

And the number one reason why you shouldn't worry about the city's being destroyed by an earthquake on Dec. 3 is...if it's like anything else going on in the world, nobody in Cincinnati will find out about it for the next ten years..

Whistleblower to publish hourly "Earthquake Updates"

The Whistleblower will be faxing "Earthquake Updates" to subscribers of record every ten minutes on E-Day, Dec. 3.

No matter if the seismic scare is the prediction of the century, hoax of the decade, or merely Channel 5's hype of the week, you can count on *The Whistleblower* to tell you all about it.

That's been our role for the past 27 weeks.



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Real Letters from Real Readers

Sirs:
I would like to be considered for your opening as publisher. I know all about getting out a fictitious newspaper.

**Judy Clabes, Editor
The Kentucky Post**

Sirs:
When people ask me if I'm going to take that job in Columbus, I tell them that We'll just have to cross that bridge when we get to it.

**Donald Schramm
Hamilton County Engineer**

Sirs:
I do not have a name recognition problem. I have always addressed Mayor Luken as Mr. Charlie.

Dwight Tillery

Sirs:
I guess now you're going to accuse me of park-barrel politics.

State Senator Stanley Aronoff

Sirs:
No wonder people are trying to escape from the Lewis Center. I went there once and it was awful. You'd have to be crazy to want to go there.

David Mann

Sirs:
Where is MADD giving out those pretty red ribbons? I'd really like to tie one on.

Kevin Schroeder

Sirs:
I read in the *Cincinnati Post* that Mike Maloney was leaving office in January, but I'm not scheduled to start till March. Do you think anybody will notice the difference?

Dusty Rhodes

Sirs:
Maybe I should have hired Marvin Warner's lawyers.

Buzz Lukens

Sirs:
How about "Operation Panty Shield?"

Nick Vehr

Sirs:
Is that a nightstick in your pants, or are you just glad to see me?

Larry Whalen

Sirs:
Cincinnati has the greatest football fans in the entire NFL. Every time I came off the field Sunday, everybody was yelling my name.

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How about the best two-out-of-three tax levies?

Dr. Lee Etta Powell



Another Whistleblower Exclusive Report

"Black Loop of Death" panics Fax machine owners

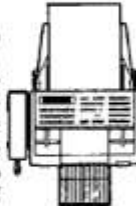
The Whistleblower strongly objects to information contained in the December issue of *Esquire*. On page 183, readers are told how to get even with someone by employing "The Black Loop of Death" to make his Fax machine print all night long.

Such irresponsible journalism is certain to cause great harm. Here's what the *Esquire* article said:

Photocopy your middle finger displaying the international sign of obscene derision. Make two more copies. Tape these three pages together. Choose a target Fax machine. Wait until nighttime, when you know it will be unattended, and dial it up. Begin to feed your

long document into your Fax machine. When the first page begins to emerge, tape it to the end of the last page. This three-page loop will continue to feed your image all night long. In the morning, your victim will find an empty Fax machine, surrounded by thousands of copies of your finger, flipping the bird.

The Whistleblower knows that its readers are responsible individuals who would never use "The Black Loop of Death," and it is for that reason that this information is being passed along.



Understanding U.S. Policy

by J. Danforth Quayle



It's not so hard to figure out U.S. foreign policy, once you understand it.

Right now, we're trying to get the United Nations to sponsor a resolution that would permit us to use the threat of force to get Saddam Hussein to withdraw his army from Kuwait.

After we do that, we will be sponsoring another resolution—this one will allow us to actually attack the Iraqi army at some future time, should it become necessary.

Getting our allies to go along is a hard thing to do. The Chinese were against allowing us to attack Iraq and kill thousands of innocent women and



children, until we explained that it was just like controlling dissident students in Tienamen Square.

The French have been slow to support our use of force in Iraq, but now it looks like they will be going along. Unless, of course, they surrender first.

The Soviets are still dragging their feet, but unless they are willing to look the other way when we nuke Baghdad, Gorbys is going to have a lot of starving peasants on his hands this winter.

The bishops wrote us a letter telling us it was all right to go to war and kill people, as long as we do it ethically.

But the biggest problem we have is with Congress. 45 Democrats filed suit in federal court trying to stop the U.S. from unilaterally committing troops to a war with Iraq.

These congressmen contend that only Congress has the right to declare war, which may be true.

But then again, wars can be started by you and me, but only God can make a tree.





Spoiled Sports by Andy Furman

I hope everybody is still talking about my radio program last week when Sam Wyche sent Bob Trumpy over to yell at me and call me nasty names in return for some of the unkind things I've said about the Bengals during the past few weeks.

Well, it was all just a publicity stunt to build up my audience since Turk Schonert went on another station and so many people started to listen to him instead of to Cris Collinsworth and me.

There is no animosity between Bob Trumpy and me. In fact, the two of us have been deeply in love for many years.

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My hair is starting to grow in after having it shaved to pay off a bet when I said the Reds would lose the World Series.

Not having much hair is a little embarrassing sometimes, but whenever I need to make a good impression, I borrow a toupee from Jim Scott and nobody knows the difference.

Screwups



Tom Mooney



Don Mooney

Photographs of Tom Mooney and Don Mooney were inadvertently reversed in a recent issue.

Tom Mooney is president of the Cincinnati Federation of Teachers and was formerly married to school-board member Virginia Rhodes.

Don Mooney, a lawyer, is presently married to Judge Anne Marie Tracey, and is on the local Democratic Executive Committee.

We are sorry for the screwup.

The correct identifications appear above.

The Whistleblower will correct all screwups of substance. If you wish to report a screwup or request a clarification, please call **The Whistleblower Hotline** between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Are you ready to have group sex during an earthquake?

Here's what we've done to be prepared. So can you.



Having Group sex during an earthquake isn't just something for people in California to think about. It can happen right here in Cincinnati...anytime...without warning. To prepare for such an emergency, have various members of your acquaintance complete



each of the items on our checklist. Then get together to discuss and finalize your personalized Group Sex During an Earthquake Plan.

Prepare a Group Sex Earthquake Plan

Select a place everyone would meet following group sex during an earthquake.

Designate an out-of-town family member or friend to be your family contact person...so that each of you can call him or her to say you're safe or to tell him how great it was.

Conduct periodic group sex drills and review your Group Sex Earthquake Plan now and then.

Make these simple improvements around your home:

- Strap the water heater to a wall.
- Bolt bookcases and other tall, heavy furniture to the wall.
- Put bolts or latches on cabinet doors.

Take a First Aid/CPR course from your local Red Cross chapter.

Prepare a Group Sex Earthquake Safety Kit

- Condoms
- First aid kit
- Fire extinguisher
- Canned food and a can opener
- Bottled water
- Sturdy shoes and work gloves
- Extra blankets and trash bags
- Essential medications
- Battery-powered vibrator, flashlight, and extra batteries

Also include in the kit written instructions on how to turn off your VCR.

What to do when all the shaking begins

If you're inside, go only a few steps to a safety spot you have already picked. It could be a heavy desk or table you could crouch under (and hold on to) to be safe from falling objects...just an inside corner of a room. Pick a spot away from windows, bookcases, or tall heavy furniture that could fall on you.

If you're in a high-rise building, don't be surprised if the fire alarms and sprinklers do off while you're having group sex during a quake.

If you are outside, find a clear spot away from buildings, trees, and power lines.

If you're in a car, drive to a clear spot (as above) and stay in the car until the shaking stops.

What to do after all the shaking stops

Be prepared for aftershocks. Check people for injuries. Give first aid.

Inspect your home for damage. Listen to the radio for instructions.

Go to a Red Cross shelter if your home is unsafe.

Always remember

To tell your partner you didn't know there was an earthquake.



Real Editorials Actually Written By the Publisher

Agony of defeat

Why is it that whenever a local Republican loses an election, the first thing his friends do is write letters to the editor crying foul?

Last Monday, the *Enquirer* published two such letters—one from **Edna Farley**, a **Ken Blackwell** supporter, who hopes "that apathy, arrogance, enmity or jealousy weren't the insidious factors that prevented the election of a brilliant, articulate and well-informed person, Ken Blackwell, to the Congress of the United States."

Another letter, this one from **Mike Huber**, who *The Whistleblower* understands is dating **Mike Maloney's** daughter, moans that "**Dusty Rhodes** ran a campaign based solely on linking Auditor Maloney to the problems which occurred in **Joseph L. DeCourcy Jr.'s** office."

Democrats rarely write such letters. It's not that they're such good sports. It's just that they've had so much more practice losing.

Kohnen's karma

You almost have to feel sorry for GOP party boss **Ralph Kohnen** these days.

First, **Mike Maloney** fails to save the auditor's office in this year's election.

Second, he tries to keep a straight face thinking about being called as witness in the libel suit in which dissident GOPs **James Condit Sr.** and **James Condit Jr.** are claiming emotional distress for being called "deranged" by the *Mt. Washington Press*.

Then he has to defend a letter he received from Ninth Ward Chairman **Lou Bolce**, that critics might interpret as sexist and racist.

Bolce committed political suicide when he wrote that letter. The recent appointment to fill **Charlie Luken's** seat on city council demonstrates that gender and race are *bona fide* considerations for political appointments.

Bolce's downfall was that he was silly enough to put such demographic considerations in writing.

The Whistleblower's chief complaint with the letter, of course, is that we didn't get a copy of it first, so we could run in on the front page.

New publisher to be named soon

The Whistleblower's new publisher will be chosen following interviews scheduled for 2:30 p.m. at *The Whistleblower* offices on Nov. 28.



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

Ship of Fools sets sail again

News that attempts were being made to reopen the Cincinnati Club facilities raised a few eyebrows last week.

Davis Catering will try to open a public restaurant at the Piatt Park location, according to **Sam Altman**, director of sales and marketing for the caterer.

The smart money says that there is no way such a venture can succeed at that location.

The Cincinnati Club went broke there, due in no small part to their own stupidity, exorbitant rent, and unreasonably high operating costs.

Creditors are still waiting to be paid from bankruptcy proceeds, although **E. Hanlin Bavely** has already received more than \$19,000 for his trustee fees and attorney **Richard Bell** has filed an applica-

tion for compensation in the amount of \$22,389.50.

Even the **Bernstein family** bailed out.

Next door, the Phoenix appears to be skating on thin ice, Gidding-Jenny is liquidating, the Cincinnati Hotel is already bankrupt and the Hyatt is not far behind.

Sources inside the Cincinnati Club building have even said that when **Davis** moved in, some of the kitchen equipment was missing.

A similar problem occurred in 1989, when Phoenix was forced to return thousands of dollars worth of inventoried items.



Vehr tired of being "designated dork"

One young man who can hardly wait for **Dwight Tillery** to assume **Charlie Luken's** seat on city council is **Nick Vehr**, council's current "designated dork."



Usually the most recently appointed councilperson, the "designated dork" is responsible for making all those silly suggestions nobody else is willing to make.

Vehr recently announced "Operation Drug Shield," his comprehensive plan to rid the city of drugs. "It's kinda like 'Operation Desert Shield' only instead of getting rid of Saddam Hussein, we'll get rid of drugs," Vehr said.

Seediest Kids of All

Norbert Bleek is a cute little 8-year-old whose mother couldn't afford to buy him Nike gym shoes and Polo T-shirts all the time, so that Norbert was forced to wear his older sister's tattered, out-of-style, hand-me-down dresses.

Norbert's schoolmates were cruel, often making fun of the way he looked.

So the Seediest Kids of All sent over a free coupon good for a some school clothes, courtesy of the **Bobbie Sterne Recycled Clothing Store**.

These days when Norbert goes to school, he can wear his own tattered, out-of-style dress, instead of one previously worn by his older sister.

Norbert's classmates still make him the butt of their cruel jokes, but it's not because of his clothes.

It's because his mother is a lesbian. The Bleek family has you to thank—it's your guilt throughout the year which has made it all possible.





Cheap Shots

Tillery in the pillory

In January, Dwight Tillery will be taking up the space that has been Charlie Luken's seat on city council.



Tillery beat out other challengers Tyrone Yates, Sam Britton, Steve Reece, and Roxanne Qualls.

"The choice was tough," said Tim Burke, chairman of the local Democratic committee. "All of the candidates were well qualified, but Dwight had the funniest mustache."

For women only

The National Women's Political Circus and the Cincinnati Chapter of Women Whipping Women have scheduled a "Pout-In" for next week to protest the fact that Roxanne Qualls was not appointed to city council.

Members of both groups and their guests are advised to arrive early.

Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will be the featured speaker.

Space is limited, and nobody will be admitted during the last ten minutes of the castration demonstration.



Mr. Congeniality

Robert Newman may not have received a lot of news coverage during his unsuccessful race for judge this year, but the Cincinnati Post did give him a nice writeup for being a good sport last week.



In fact, Newman's "Campaign Diary" was 100 times more coverage than he received during his entire campaign.

Sayonara, Sherrod!

Ohio Secretary of State Sherrod Brown has used up 18 crying towels claiming that Bob Taft's "Sayonara Sherrod" TV spot caused his support to drop 10 points the week before election.

The commercial was good—but not that good. Brown had merely overestimated the depth of his support.



Another Real Guest Editorial by Bunky Tadwell

Some people are devoting a lot of time to this earthquake business. Like insurance salesmen. What a boon! Or, boondoggle. Check the deductible, folks. Any damage the Madrid Fault might do in the next 50 years around here is going to be paid by you.

Speaking of rip offs...how about those Milli Vanilli guys or however you spell them? A prime example of the total contempt held by the rock barons toward the tone deaf, culturally retarded oafs who spend millions for the privilege of being spit upon, castigated, made sport of, and rendered mercifully deaf.

One thing you have to say for the rock barons...they know their market. They know how easy it is to fleece The lemmings who walk brainlessly over each other to pay outrageous prices to get into a building or arena, there to do things they should be arrested for.

So take back the Grammy. Who cares? Not the rock barons. Not the chemical-ridden mutants who can't wait for the next scam to worked on them.

Now here's something else the think about while you cower in the doorway of some structure, anticipating the Big Shake of 1990.

Why is Jane Fonda hooking up with Ted Turner? Granted, Ted



has money. Ted has a couple of major athletic teams and a boat. And lots of money. And more money. And he takes black and white film and turns it into color film. And, he has done...or someone has done...a truly excellent job of creating the Cable News Network.

And that's why Jane Fonda has hooked up with Ted Turner. At first, she made the newsmen stop referring to foreigners as "foreigners." If someone is foreign to someplace, that seems like a good description. But not to Jane.

Next we have CNN broadcasting taped conversations between Manuel Noriega and his lawyer. The courts made them stop, but what could happen? Mistrial and Noriega walks. Which would probably make Jane happy, given her past affiliations.



Think about it...a whole worldwide information network to manipulate. Ted has all the money in the world...or at least as much as he needs. What's next? Power. Being a peace maker. Having an influence in world affairs. People with too much money and too much time on their hands can create a lot of mischief. Especially with a Jane Fonda whispering sweet somethings in each ear.

By the way, the Dec. 3 earthquake will not be caused by the movement of tectonic plates. According to Pradeep Talwani (a real name) he has found sand blows around Charleston.

Talwani is a geophysicist at the University of South Carolina. I'm with him.

Sandblows have always knocked my socks off.

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Bluegrass Holler by Ken Cambo

Northern Kentucky gets ready for "The Big One"

Northern Kentucky has jumped on the Panic Train with a fervor that hasn't been witnessed since the Harmonic Convergence. Some samples of the KAY WHY Quake preparations:

□ IRS Spokeswoman Gail Pennington reports, "We don't want to scare anybody, but people need to be aware."

Tax returns are still due on April 15.

□ St. Luke's Hospital apparently got onto this thing way before we did. President John Hoyle told the November 19 Kentucky Post that the doc shop has been "bolting things to the floor gradually over the past two years."

□ Urban renewal proponents in Newport and Covington are counting on the Big Shake to save them a bundle in demolition costs alone. "If we get at least 5 points on the Richter, we can get rid of a lot of rat holes," remarked a prominent apartment developer in Ft. Mitchell. "A 7 will eliminate all our headaches with the preservation kooks."

□ Nude dancers in Newport will move up the date of Banned Aid to Quake Day. Coordinator Eelyse LeShay figures the extra vibration will enhance the entertainment value of the event, which is aimed at aiming at raising nipple consciousness in Newport. Mayor

Steve Goetz is too busy making up his drug test to be concerned with Banned Aid. "These things pop up all the time," says Hizzoner.

□ Kentucky transportation big shots will conduct another stress test on the Suspension Bridge during the climax of the Big Vibration. Last time they found some prison volunteers to drive truck loads of sand across the bridge.

Head highwayman Milo Bryant says this time they will put fully loaded cement trucks end-to-end on both lanes. "If this sucker can hold that, we know we don't need a new bridge," the secretary was reported to have muttered.

□ Kenton County director of disasters Rob Owens sums it up this best with this sage advice: "If you're inside, stay in. If you're outside stay out." And he gets paid to know this kind of stuff.



My Post-Thanksgiving Day Thoughts by J.R. Hatfield Northern Kentucky Bureau Chief

After spending Thanksgiving Day with my family, I had some time to ponder how this great country got its start. My family did not quite agree, but hey—what do they know.

Once upon a time, America was different. There were no roads, cities, malls, or even BMW dealers. There were carpet commercials where obnoxious carpet salesmen shouted at you. These had been broadcast toward earth for billions of years by an evil planet of men wearing polyester suits and there is nothing anyone can do about it.

Meanwhile, in Italy, a young lad named Christopher Columbus was thinking to himself: Some day I am going to be famous and cause millions of government workers to get a paid holiday.

Later Columbus assembled a group of hearty mariners and convinced the rulers of Spain, Ferdinand and his lovely wife Isabella, to finance the voyage by selling 6,000 pairs of shoes. And so, in 1492, Columbus left Spain with three tiny ships—the Ninja Turtle, the Pina Colada, and the Santa Claus. After what seemed like an entire baseball season, Columbus landed in what he thought was Indiana. They set foot upon the ground and Columbus declared "Let's go to Barleycorn's for a beer and watch the Lions-Redskins game on the big screen."

And this was the beginning of the traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner, the way we celebrate it in Northern Kentucky.

So now you know the history of Thanksgiving. Sort of.



Leftovers are My Life by Marilyn Harris

Leftover squid tips



When the Free Store started giving out all that squid right before Thanksgiving, many homemakers began calling to ask about leftovers.

• As soon as the Thanksgiving meal is over, slice, dice, package your squid and then refrigerate.

• If your squid is stuffed, spoon the stuffing into a container and chill separately.

• Store any leftover gravy in a refrigerator container and save to use for moistening the squid slices and leftover stuffing when reheating.

• Package the slices and the diced squid meat separately since they are likely to be used in

different dishes, sandwiches, etc.

• Store squid in plastic bags or containers so that they are protected from drying out. Store in meat drawer or other cold section of the refrigerator.

• If squid is to be frozen, put it in proper packaging. Three months should be maximum time in the freezer. Thaw in refrigerator.

Curried Squid with Rice

4 tablespoons butter or margarine
2 Cup chopped onion
1 teaspoon Madras curry powder
1 teaspoon chili powder
3 tablespoons flour
1 cup squid broth, heated
1 clove garlic, finely minced
1 tablespoon finely minced ginger root

2 Cup chopped roasted, unsalted cashew nuts
2 Cup flaked coconut
1 cup cream
3 cups diced or sliced cooked squid
Salt and Tabasco, to taste
Chopped cilantro leaves or parsley leaves, for garnish
Cooked rice

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