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Today at CMC  
Noon-1:15 p.m.

## Serious Humor for Challenges in Iraq

Phil Sorentino, co-founder and owner,  
Humor Consultants, Inc.

## Upcoming CMC Forums

Wednesday, July 28

### Blue Ribbons and Beyond: The Ohio Expo Center and State Fair

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Wednesday, August 4

### Cartoonist Tony Cochran: I'm Far Too Young to Look This Hot!

Tony Cochran, cartoonist and creator of Agnes

Moderated by: Dennison Griffith, president,  
Columbus College of Art & Design

CMC is pleased to welcome Columbus' own internationally syndicated cartoonist Tony Cochran with his debut book, *Agnes, I'm Far Too Young to Look This Hot!* Cochran will introduce Agnes, a bespectacled, floppy footed girl who views the world with wide-eyed enthusiasm. Cochran studied art at CCAD and Wright State University. For 15 years, he supplemented his artistic career with work as an auto body mechanic — and then inspiration hit! Agnes now appears in papers across the country.

Wednesday, August 11

### To Be Announced

Wednesday, August 18

### Washington Update

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Representative Deborah Pryce, United State House of Representatives

AT THE COLUMBUS HOTEL (FORMERLY THE ADAM'S MARK)

Since she came to Congress in 1992, Congresswoman Deborah Pryce has quickly risen through the ranks in Congress. In November of 2002, her colleagues elected her to the position of Republican Conference Chairman for the 108th Congress, making Congresswoman Pryce the highest-ranking Republican woman to ever serve in the United States House of Representatives. Join us for a unique opportunity to meet Rep. Pryce as she shares her perspective on local, national and international events.

Wednesday, August 25

### Growing Smarter Series

### Is Ohio Growing Smarter?

### An Update on Smart

### Growth Legislation

Representative Larry Wolpert, Ohio House of Representatives and chair, of the County and Township Government Committee

Wednesday, September 1

Koki Hirashima, CEO, Honda of America Mfg.

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## Blue Ribbons and Beyond: The Ohio Expo Center and State Fair

Paul Astleford, president and CEO, Experience Columbus; Denny Hales, executive vice-president, The Ohio Quarter Horse Assn.; Virgil Strickler, general manager, Ohio Expo Center & State Fair

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With the Ohio State Fair starting on August 4, the time is right to discuss the local impact of the Ohio Expo Center. Home to more than 175 events year round, the Ohio Expo Center is a multifaceted facility with diverse and exciting activities. With over one million square feet of event space, seats for 200,000 people and ties for 2000 cattle, the center can host a variety of events ranging from small meetings to large conventions.

We'll be joined by Paul Astleford, president and CEO of Experience Columbus, the organization responsible for booking conventions and meetings in our community.

He'll discuss how Experience Columbus, the region's convention and visitors bureau, uses the Ohio Expo Center to attract state, regional and national conventions to Columbus. He'll also discuss the economic impact of the venue, which generates millions in visitor spending each year.

The All American Quarter Horse Congress is the world's largest single-breed horse show and will call the Ohio Expo Center home when it hosts its 38th annual show there in October.

The event is Ohio's largest annual convention and the third largest convention in the world. The 650,000 plus attendees generate more than \$110 million to the Columbus economy. Denny Hales, executive vice president of the Ohio Quarter Horse Association, is responsible for the annual event. He will discuss why the Ohio Expo Center was chosen to host the event and what keeps them coming back.



Astleford



Hales



Strickler

As the General Manager, Virgil Strickler is responsible for the management of the Ohio State Fair and all of the events held at the Ohio Expo Center each year.

Appointed to his position in January of this year, Strickler will discuss the challenges he's faced this year, including the decision to shorten the fair to 12 days. He will also share some of the exciting new events and attractions at this year's Fair, including the African Fest, the Water Flume and pie-on-a-stick!!

## About Us...

CMC firmly believes in the free expression of all ideas and the benefits of an open exchange of information. CMC is non-partisan and takes no positions on issues.

Anyone can join! From the beginning, there have been no barriers to membership and all forums have welcomed the general public. Diversity, both in programming and membership, is one of the many benefits of being involved in CMC. Everyone is welcome.

Each forum is an hour-long program that starts with a brief introduction followed by 25-30 minutes of speaker comments. The final half hour is filled with unfiltered, unrehearsed questions from the audience.

## Join Today!

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July 14 at CMC...

## Debate Over Patriot Act Answers Some Questions and Raises Others



CMC member Susan Jennings and guest Cecile Ogg after the forum

"A central premise of our Constitution is that the government must be kept accountable to 'we the people.' That premise has been eviscerated by certain provisions of the Patriot Act that call for total secrecy."

— Jeff Gamso



Speaker Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney General's office; Moderator Herb Cook, Columbus C.E.O. Magazine; Nancy Todd, CMC Board Member; Speaker Jeff Gamso, ACLU of Ohio; Sponsor Susan Eichinger, Fireproof Records Center

"One important aspect is that the wall has come down. Before the Patriot Act, there were statutory laws (and lore) that precluded agencies from sharing information. That wall is down."

— Chuck Rosenberg

Check the forums YOU will be attending in the circle.  
Write the NUMBER OF GUESTS attending in the square.

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JoAnna Williamson, president and CEO  
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**Forum Fees:** Enter the number of attendees next to each forum title listed above. Early discount of \$3 applies if registered by the Friday before the forum.

	Member	Guest	Public
Early	\$14	\$19	\$22
Regular	\$17	\$22	\$25

**Table Reservations:** Select the number of seats needed at your table and circle the appropriate rate.

	Member	Guest	Public
8 Seats	\$135	N/A	\$180
10 Seats	\$170	N/A	\$225

Name on table:

**Tickets:** As a registered attendee, you will receive a ticket at the registration table for your meal. A server will collect your ticket.

**Special Meals:** CMC is on a rotating menu. If you would like information on the meal for a specific forum, please contact the CMC office at (614) 464-3220. CMC offers vegetarian means and fruit plates as alternative entrees. Alternative entrees must be pre-ordered.

**Walk-Ins:** CMC makes every effort to accommodate walk-in guests at forums. CMC cannot guarantee a seat and/or meal to walk-in guests. In order to determine seating/meal availability, walk-in guests may be asked to wait until just the beginning of the forum to register.

## Columbus Nugget

The S.S. Columbus, launched in 1945 and named for Columbus Ohio, was one of only a few ships named for cities in the United States. She was built in the latter stages of World War II and was the first Naval vessel ever to be named for an Ohio city. The S.S. Toledo, S.S. Dayton and S.S. Cleveland came later.

The S.S. Columbus, at the time of her launching, was the last word in Naval armament and the ship served as the flagship of Adm. Richard Connolly, Commander of Naval Forces in the Eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean. Under Adm. Connolly's command, the S.S. Columbus operated

out of the famous Guantanamo Naval Base in the Caribbean.

The S.S. Columbus, in 1959, was converted to a guided missile cruiser, and was decommissioned in 1975. The ceremony took place at Norfolk, Virginia on January 31 of that year.

— More Columbus Unforgettables



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