

**Below is a Florida teacher's attempt to expose a journalist, Phil Lewis, as an accomplice of White Chalk Crime by virtue of his unbalanced reporting and his failure to respond to the facts she presented to him. By taking the time to read through her thread in response to this journalist's article, you will see just how disingenuous his article is as well as how much White Chalk Crime flows freely in Florida - and all over this nation. You will also gain a glimpse into how her governor also served as an accomplice to White Chalk Crime. This teacher gives a lesson worth taking! NAPTA**

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Phil Lewis: Not just a J-school is at stake

By [Phil Lewis](#)

Posted May 10, 2008 at 6:26 p.m.

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Florida's public agencies and state institutions are in the midst of a belt-tightening exercise that calls for some hard decisions.

I bumped into one such decision on Thursday and it hit close to home — home being journalism and, by extension, a free press.

Let me explain.

I was in Miami attending the quarterly meeting of an advisory council for Florida International University's School of Journalism and Mass Communication. The council is populated with newspaper editors and broadcast television managers who in one way or another have forged partnerships with FIU's journalism school.

Dean Lillian Lodge Kopenhaver was explaining the importance of her upcoming meeting with the university's provost, who needs to figure out the best way to cut the school's budget over the next three years.

The future of the FIU journalism school hangs in the balance. There is talk about breaking the school apart to save money. There are several scenarios. The news-writing and reporting classes could be assigned to the FIU School of Arts and Sciences. The classes on advertising and public relations could be assigned to the FIU School of Business.

The disciplines would still be taught, but there would no longer be a free-standing journalism school nor, I realized, a reason for a journalism advisory council.

Kopenhaver explained that FIU's programs were assigned to one of three priority levels. Priority 2 and Priority 3 programs would face budget cuts before the Priority 1 programs, which include health-care services and law.

The school of journalism is a Priority 3, low on the totem pole. As it stands now, the advisory council was told, even the university's troubled and lackluster football program has a higher priority ranking.

I'm no Pollyanna. This, after all, is Florida. A football program can be a tremendous asset to a university. Just ask administrators at Florida, Florida State, South Florida, Central Florida and Florida Atlantic.

Football programs bring dollars and prestige. So do law schools. So do medical schools. What can a journalism school bring?

In FIU's case, more than some might imagine.

The school, which became freestanding with its own dean and mission in 1991, is unique. That's not a word we use lightly.

In recent years, FIU has graduated more “Hispanic” journalists than any university in the country. That’s why the advisory council for the J-school includes the editors of the Miami Herald, the South Florida Sun-Sentinel and the Palm Beach Post. That’s why The New York Times keeps close contact and schedules programs at FIU. That’s why the Scripps Howard Foundation just gave FIU \$250,000 to build a new multimedia news lab.

If you want a newsroom that is as diverse as the community your newspaper serves, FIU is a godsend.

Mark Fitzgerald, a veteran, Chicago-based journalist, put it well in a recent article about FIU for Editor & Publisher magazine:

“Nearly 70 percent of its J-students are Hispanic and another 11 percent African-American, an invaluable source for a newspaper industry with a shameful lack of newsroom diversity.” As invaluable as those graduates are to the nation’s newspaper industry, I would argue that FIU’s School of Journalism and Mass Communication has been serving an even higher calling — democracy and freedom in the Americas.

FIU has educated thousands of Latin American journalists. Journalism schools teach more than writing, editing and photography. Students are exposed to the history and philosophy of a free press. This is good news for the people of Latin America.

Bad news for Fidel Castro, Hugo Chavez and others who know that controlling the press is the first goal of a dictator.

FIU-trained journalists — 8,000 in all — are hard at work in Mexico, Nicaragua, Colombia, Argentina and Peru. The FIU School of Journalism established the International Media Center to give guidance — and hope — to journalists in Havana, Caracas and other areas where reporting the truth can mean jail, even death.

I fear the dismantling of FIU's School of Journalism threatens all of that.

Now it is up to Dean Kopenhaver and others — me included — to get that point across to the powers that be.

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May 10, 2008  
7:33 p.m.

**flcertifiedteacher writes:**

To the author of this article:

Could you please post and explain why you buried dozens of negative news articles about Dennis Thompson prior to his hiring, and through the present?

This guy had BAD PRESS from coast to coast, from all sides of the political aisle, from national, state and local parent, community, and ed expert groups, and yet - your newspaper here was silent.

Why?

Why the news media blackout?

Why no FREEDOM OF THE PRESS here in Naples, Florida with respect to Dennis Thompson?

Please explain.

<http://www.labbottsaysvisitrockford.b...>

is my parody blog, and the only place people in this community actually learned of his history of teacher abuse and denying federal reading money to blacks and other minority students.

Still waiting for your explanation on this NEWS BLACKOUT about DENNIS THOMPSON.

May 10, 2008  
8:49 p.m.

**flcertifiedteacher writes:**

Well, Phil Lewis -- I see you haven't responded yet.

Maybe you don't understand my question in post #1.

Specifically, I want to know:

Why did your newspaper ignore the following information highly critical about Dennis Thompson, from a national parent organization based in New York?

<http://www.parentadvocates.org/index...>

This group has members not terribly fond of unions, but it seems to me, after reading everything on the above page -- they hate Dennis Thompson even more.

Don't you care what a national organization of PARENTS think about Dennis Thompson?

May 10, 2008  
8:52 p.m.

**flcertifiedteacher writes:**

Most school district superintendents don't make national headlines, Mr. Lewis. But, guess what? Dennis Thompson's poor judgment is the subject of this lengthy New York Times article:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2005/02/02/edu...>

Ever hear of the NY Times? Ever hear of the author of this article, Mr. Samuel G. Freedman - a professor at a little college in NY called Columbia University?

Don't you care what HE thinks about Dennis Thompson's poor judgment in a school district?

May 10, 2008  
8:57 p.m.

**flcertifiedteacher writes:**

Or maybe you think the NYT Times is ALWAYS full of liberal wackos.

But you know who disagrees with you on that?

A CONSERVATIVE EDUCATIONAL THINK TANK that LINKED to Freedman's article, above.

And not just "any" ole conservative educational think tank. The NUMERO UNO CONSERVATIVE THINK TANK IN THIS COUNTRY ALSO DESPISES DENNIS THOMPSON:

<http://www.fordhamfoundation.org/FOUN...>

Here's what the CONSERVATIVES said (scroll down to "Recommended Reading" / "Who's in Charge" on the above link).

They are in AGREEMENT with the NYT:

"[i]n Rockford, Illinois, Superintendent Dennis Thompson seems hell-bent on consolidating power for himself, rather than affording successful principals the freedom to set policy for their schools.

Specifically, he decided to transfer Tiffany Parker, the principal at an elementary school with a student body that is 80 percent nonwhite and 85 percent poor, because she dared use "direct instruction" and phonics instead of the district's mandated "balanced literacy" approach to teaching reading.

Never mind that, on a reading test, Parker's third graders trailed only those third graders from a district school for the gifted, or that parents and students welcomed Parker's approach.

According to Samuel Freedman, "instead of serving as beacons for what is possible, the school and its principal have been portrayed as impediments to progress." In fact, Thompson admits that "this is not a curriculum issue along with [Parker]. It is a leadership issue. Good leaders need to be good followers first."

Read that sentence again and ask yourself: is this the thinking we want from the top of our school systems?

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Then there is a LINK to the NYT article by Freedman.

Do you think it remotely possible the NYT and the THOMAS B FORDAM FOUNDATION know a LITTLE MORE THAN YOU ABOUT EDUCATION? MAYBE?

WHERE ARE THEIR VOICES IN YOUR NEWSPAPER????

May 10, 2008  
9:01 p.m.

### **flcertifiedteacher writes:**

Here is another professional who is critical of Dennis Thompson:

DaveShearon

Positive Psychology applied to lawyers and education

<http://daveshearon.typepad.com/davesh...>

And guess what? I blogged on his blog -- and he wrote back to me and said he read my parody blog and liked it!

But he does not seem to like Dennis THompson either.



Wonder why....does it MATTER to you that SO MANY OTHER ONLINE RESOURCES OUT THERE EXIST CRITICAL ABOUT DENNIS THOMPSON? YES OR NO?

WHERE WERE THESE ARTICLES IN YOUR NEWSPAPER IN AUGUST 2007?

Where are they now?

Do I have to do ALL the work around here?

May 10, 2008

9:03 p.m.

**flcertifiedteacher writes:**

How about mentioning the ROCKFORD READING DISASTER WEB SITE to your readers?

This site was created by parents, teachers, and school board members, and offers MEDIA a direct line to them, so they can share the disaster they also knew as "Dennis Thompson."

Scroll down to Thompson's arrival in Rockford, titled the "Empire Strikes Back" here:

<http://www.illinoisloop.org/rockford....>

Do you think maybe this community would have been a LITTLE interested in their web site?

It's QUITE impressive. And active, even now. I just recently posted on their discussion blog.

May 10, 2008

9:05 p.m.

**flcertifiedteacher writes:**

And what about this article from STUDENTS FIRST, a statewide Illinois organization that didn't like the fact Dennis Thompson wouldn't allow state inspectors into the schools, and ditched over \$660,000 in reading funds for these students.

Doesn't that interest you? At all?

<http://www.studentsfirst.us/printer/a...>

May 10, 2008  
9:08 p.m.

**flcertifiedteacher writes:**

In short, I could sit here and post ALL DAY LONG to you about negative news articles that have RECENTLY been published about Dennis Thompson.

ALL DAY LONG....

But your newspaper just can't seem to find ANYTHING of interest in ANY of these online articles from national, state and local parent, community, and ed expert groups and individuals.

There's NOTHING of interest to you and your staff in this TRUCK LOAD of negative press about Dennis Thompson.

Now, why is that?

Why?

Why is there NO FREEDOM OF THE PRESS in Naples, Florida about the actual background of Dennis Thompson?

Why?

May 10, 2008  
9:12 p.m.

**flcertifiedteacher writes:**

Is your "answer" to me this new editorial you wrote -- about how you went to a conference?

And, you're now so upset that Hispanic students might lose out?

Really? Are you really that upset?

I am finding it very hard to believe.

What would these Hispanic students have possibly learned interning at your newspaper last summer when you did a NEWS MEDIA BLACKOUT about Dennis Thompson?

Is THAT the kind of lesson you think these students need to learn?

Because that's what you did.

WHY did you do it?

Sorry to have ASKED the question.

Sorry to have TROUBLED you about this little FREEDOM OF THE PRESS issue you claim to hold so near and dear to your heart.

I have a very tough time believing you.

Can you change my mind?

Go ahead and try.

Tell me why a NEWS MEDIA BLACKOUT is appropriate about a SOLE superintendent candidate with a TRUCKLOAD of negative recent press who is hauling out more than \$580,000+ per year -

and doesn't even have a current, valid, complete application on file with the district.

If he did, he'd be fired right now for omitting all this negative news.

And, if he had included it, there is no way he would have been eligible as a new hire in any legitimate school district superintendent search.

Let's hear your explanation for this.

'Splain.

May 10, 2008

9:16 p.m.

**flcertifiedteacher writes:**

I will check back tomorrow to see your explanation. Or next week, if you need more time to explain.

Meanwhile -- I will continue to read and enjoy my "parody blog" about this mess. And the video movie at the bottom of it:

<http://www.labbottsaysvisitrockford.b...>

Laugh it up, Naples! LOL! Education! CCPS! It's so funny! HA HA ha!

(RIGHT, MR. LEWIS?)

May 10, 2008  
9:21 p.m.

**flcertifiedteacher writes:**

"home being journalism and, by extension, a free press.

Let me explain."

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Well, that's a good start. What else do you have to say about my above posts and your failure to ever mention any of these negative news articles on Dennis Thompson?

PS Sorry about the caps in my posts above. The key board got a little stuck. Maybe you've had that problem -- or maybe your computer has been down for a year, and that's why you and your staff did no online research like I did. Whatever. But, keep explaining...so far, you have a decent opening there, above:

"home being journalism and, by extension, a free press.

Let me explain."

May 10, 2008  
9:22 p.m.

**Bramble writes:**

If what's seen in the newspapers these days is a direct product of the journalism schools, then I'd say they need to spend more time teaching students clear, critical thinking and how to question authorities and assumptions.

May 11, 2008  
12:18 a.m.

**flcertifiedteacher writes:**

BTW, Mr. Lewis - here's a real news story, happening right now, about an abuse of power by Dennis Thompson. The proof is below. Will you exercise your freedom of the press -- and report this abuse of power by Thompson AS an abuse of power?

That is what a truly FREE PRESS does: keep government abuses in the sunshine. Will you do that here in this case? Here's the scoop -- hot off the citizens journalism presses:

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I suggest that those of you who do believe that Thompson's role in this situation is above reproach do some research into district procedures at the following link:

<http://www.collier.k12.fl.us/finance/..>

The purchasing department is in fact responsible for receiving bids and forwarding those bids to the school board. Not the superintendent. Nowheres in the procedures does it specify that the superintendent is to take part in the process.

Quoted directly from the policy:

"The following guidelines are the standards of purchasing practice recommended by the National Association of Purchasing Management (NAPM):

1. Avoid the intent and appearance of unethical or uncompromising practice in relationships, actions, and communications."

"5. A recommendation for contract award will be made to the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder. All recommendations will be presented to the School Board for approval, and subsequent to that approval, a letter of notification will be sent to all participating bidders."

\*\*Note no mention of the superintendent taking part in this procedure.\*\*\*\*\*

And this Quote....

#### IV. Bids

This procedure applies to the procurement of services, supplies and equipment, which exceed the \$25,000 bid threshold (or dollar amount as established in SBR 6A-1.012).

NOTE: the part that states "procurement of SERVICES." That includes the bidding process for custodial SERVICES....This is a service;therefore, it is within the purview of the purchasing department and they are responsible. Note: Again no mention of the superintendent having a role in the procedure....

Go to this link. Study and research.Ask questions and seek answers....

<http://www.collier.k12.fl.us/finance/..>

#105 Posted by Argo34116 on May 10, 2008 at 11:42 p.m. (Suggest removal)

May 11, 2008

12:25 a.m.

**flcertifiedteacher writes:**

Is the above poster wrong?

Or is the poster correct in claiming to be blowing the lid on the apparently "legal" posture Thompson is taking in taking bids with a private company for janitorial services, when in fact -- Thompson has no such authority under district procedures.

My own theory is that Thompson likes to abuse his power because he knows he has no written required current complete application on file in the admin center.

So, he likes to "pose" as being in charge in any and every situation. When really - he is abusing his power in doing anything without having that CURRENT 2007 completed application on file as required.

But he can't file one - otherwise he would have to lie about his background, and omit his bad press.

If he told the truth about everything, then, he would not be eligible for his 240K haul of cash -- I mean: salary.

So, he files no written application. But he will be abusing his power every chance he gets; that's my prediction.

You are suppose to be the FREE PRESS - where have you been? Why didn't you publish the real news about his background?

Will you ignore real news about Thompson now - whenever he abuses his power?

Him abusing his power is not good for anyone in this community.

And, he already has a history of teacher abuse in Rockford. Not good. Not a good situation at all for anyone in my book.

May 11, 2008  
8:18 a.m.

**TheLissack writes:**

Nice article Phil.

May 11, 2008  
11:37 a.m.

**greathornedlizard writes:**

Ficertified

Thanks for all the reading material I couldn't find anywhere else!

Mr. Lewis

You stood by cheering, supporting, recommending and voting for the Bush brothers who gave the store away to their friends and family members.

No doubt you got two cents for your efforts.

Now that the party is over and there is nothing left to steal you seem to be worrying about the consequences.

May 11, 2008  
2:42 p.m.

**naplesconservative writes:**

Mr. Lewis,

If the talent of the Journalism School is as good as you say, why are the reporting, proofing, and simple use of the English language so poor in this paper?

Has NDN just failed to hire this excellent talent?

Or perhaps what we are seeing here is representative of the skills of the graduates. If so, a Priority 3 seems appropriate.

We deserve a free press that is also competent.

May 15, 2008

**flcertifiedteacher writes:**

Re post #18 --

I really am a FL certified teacher. And -- assuming you are an American citizen and know about the existence of a free press -- here's your grade for reading comprehension on this thread: F

(And, I'm being generous. That's "WHY" you got an "F" instead of an "F-".)

BTW, I've updated my parody site with more info about this free press "stuff" that seems to elude your grasp at this moment. Check out the new info and pictures, by scrolling down below the frat house photo, through to above the HOMEWORK section, on both sides of the page.

Then, see if you can post a remark here to evidence you understand in this country (the USA), there is INDEED something called a "free press."

If not, I will have to assume you are as "confused" as the silent Mr. Phil Lewis. (His grade will be issued Saturday on this thread. So far, you're doing better than him -- at least you submitted an answer.)

<http://www.labbottsaysvisitrockford.b...>

May 15, 2008

8:57 p.m.

**flcertifiedteacher writes:**

BTW, for the Snoozepaper Editor (and the Snooze Patrol on this thread) -- here's a short list of the negative press about Collier's superintendent Dennis Thompson, concerning the poor decisions he made as Rockford superintendent.

This list is organized by state -- since he received negative press coast to coast, on all sides of the political aisle (too bad your computer was down all last year or whatever):

\* CA: "Educrats Leave Black Kids Illiterate" -- Front Page [Magazine.com](http://Magazine.com), David Horowitz Freedom Center, Los Angeles, California, February 8, 2005



\* CA: "Messing with Success" -- professional blog post by author & journalist Joanne Jacobs, Jan. 23, 2005

\* IL: "Heroic principal and disadvantaged fall victim to ed cultists" -- professional blog post by a male teacher in Chicago posting on his conservative blog "Instructivist," Jan. 22, 2005

\* IL: "The Inevitable Happens in Rockford" -- from the Illinois Loop, home of the Rockford Reading Disaster website run by parents, teachers and school board members, Jan 25, 2005

\* IL: Rockford Reading Disaster Website (scroll down to "The Empire Strikes Back" for what happened after Thompson arrived in Rockford)

\* IL: StudentsFirst, a statewide advocacy group, posts Rockford news article about Thompson REFUSING reading grant money to minority students and their schools: \$660,000 was lost by Rockford schools.

(continued below)

May 15, 2008  
8:57 p.m.

### **flcertifiedteacher writes:**

\* IL: "Which Reading Program Is Right? [Minority parents express their anguish that a successful reading program is being ditched by Thompson]" -- WIFR-TV, Channel 23 - Rockford, Illinois; [wifr.com](http://wifr.com)

\* NC: "Chronicles of the Rockford Rockheads [Dennis Thompson & Co.]" by Professor Plum aka Professor Martin Kozloff, UNC, North Carolina

\* NY: "A Fight Over Reading Instruction in a District Weary of Change" by Samuel G. Freedman, The New York Times, Feb. 2, 2005

\* NY: "A Lesson From The Heartland" by Andrew Wolf, The New York Sun, Jan. 21, 2005

\* NY: [ParentAdvocates.org](http://ParentAdvocates.org) compiles negative news about Dennis Thompson from Rockford and elsewhere on their website.

\* TN: "Poor Leadership in School Systems" -- professional blog post by Dave Shearon, J.D., Feb. 7, 2005

\* TX: Yahoo Message Groups, Rockford news article posted by Jimmy Kilpatrick, Senior Fellow, Alexis de Tocqueville Institution; Editor, [EducationNews.org](http://EducationNews.org); Advocate, [LDAvocates.com](http://LDAvocates.com)

\* WASHINGTON, DC: "High Performing – High Poverty Schools..." -- [Eduwonk.com](http://Eduwonk.com), Education News, Analysis, and Commentary blog written by Andrew Rotherham, co-founder and co-director of Education Sector, an independent research and analysis organization, Jan. 30, 2005

\* WASHINGTON, DC: "Who's In Charge," commentary from the "Recommended Reading" section, The Education Gadfly -- A Weekly Bulletin of News and Analysis from the Thomas B. Fordham Foundation; Volume 5, Number 5, February 3, 2005

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I have these linked on my parody blog, if by chance anyone reading this is interested in education news that is never published in the Naples Daily whatever:

<http://www.labbottsaysvisitrockford.b...>

May 17, 2008  
8:28 p.m.

**flcertifiedteacher writes:**

Well, Mr. Lewis -- I patiently waited a whole week for a response from you on this thread. But, you failed to respond.

So, your grade, from this FL certified teacher, who has also taught successfully in higher ed, is this:

F-

F- means: you not only failed, but you failed to try.

May 17, 2008  
8:42 p.m.

**flcertifiedteacher writes:**

Now, here's what I think results from your failure to try to produce an actual NEWSpaper:

(1) Bad publicity about this school district.

And, this is also bad for businesses seeking to attempt smart people to move here. Why?

Because SMART people who do NOT live here may well buy a copy of WHITE CHALK CRIME, the new book by teacher Karen Horwitz -- and see that Collier County Public Schools is indeed an example of a school district engaging in WHITE CHALK CRIME.

That could be a turn-off to SMART people. They may turn DOWN a job offer from Allen Systems or some other employer, like the Phil. They may decide to move ELSEWHERE -- to a place that has a school district WITHOUT white chalk CRIME.

And, do you know what I think? I think you and your failure to perform your actual job as a newspaper gets a BIG part of the blame.

So, if businesses in this town are looking for someone to "thank" for their sudden inability to attract top talent, they can thank YOU.

WHITE CHALK CRIME is also available on [Amazon.com](http://www.whitechalkcrime.com/Buy.html)  
<http://www.whitechalkcrime.com/Buy.html>

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(2) A CRAPPY school district, in addition to a WHITE CHALK CRIME school district -- and MORE LAWSUITS.

Need an example? How about the TWO pending class action lawsuits filed by parents of ESE students?

The parents have a website here:  
<http://www.collier-ese-reform.com/abo...>

How are YOU to blame for this? Because you are too timid. Too silent. (And, too stupid, apparently.)

You could criticize the hell out of these idiots or jerks or criminals in this school district responsible for FORCING parents of ESE STUDENTS to file CLASS ACTION LAWSUITS.

But, instead -- you act like a total wimp, instead of a newspaper editor.

So, you say nothing, You do nothing. And, the litigation goes on, and on, and on, and on, and on....

Along with the BAD PRESS (see above point 1 again).

It seems to me, Mr. Lewis, you really need to quit your "job" as a newspaper editor, and go back to school. And, take JOURNALISM 101.

Find out what it means to INVESTIGATE. To ASK QUESTIONS. To REPORT NEWS.

You obviously don't know.

I hate to say that. But I know, from more than a decade of trying to get you to do something in the matters I have experienced in this town, you do NOTHING.

N-O-T-H-I-N-G.

So, others will pick up the slack.

Teachers will write books like WHITE COLLAR CRIME.

Teachers (like me) will make parody websites like LINDA ABBOTT SAYS "VISIT ROCKFORD."

And, teachers - (again, like me) - will be contacting places like the Brechner Center at UF, and their executive director and lawyer, to let them know that here in Naples, Florida, USA:

It's like a Third World Country because we have NO constitutional right to a free press.

Thanks to you. (And your cronies.)

Just my opinion. And, I am entitled to have one.

May 17, 2008  
8:43 p.m.

**flcertifiedteacher writes:**

BTW, there are many other negative results from your failure to do your job. I only listed a few, above. But there is a lot more, so much more, that happens when there is no free press. Wanna know what can happen?

May 17, 2008  
8:45 p.m.

**flcertifiedteacher writes:**

I will let the Brechner Center at UF explain it to you:

[http://brechner.org/Brechner\\_Legacy.asp](http://brechner.org/Brechner_Legacy.asp)

Speak up Americans!

The Joseph L. Brechner Story

CALL ME AN AMERICAN

Pioneer broadcaster Joseph L. Brechner (1915-1990) was one of the first broadcasters in the country to run on-air editorials and inspire dialogue on issues such as civil rights, political and social extremism, and freedom of information.

An award-winning journalist and media executive, Brechner operated radio and TV stations in Florida, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Ohio, bringing issues to the forefront that he believed would better life in our communities.

The son of Eastern European immigrants, Brechner was deeply patriotic and considered American citizenship both a privilege and responsibility. To that end, Brechner dedicated his life to celebrating American democracy and our First Amendment freedoms.

During his lifetime, Joseph L. Brechner received numerous accolades, but calling him an American was the most important. He dedicated his life to the principles of American democracy and individual freedoms guaranteed in our Constitution.

"Speak up Americans! Your silence . . . is the greatest threat to our liberty."

— Joseph L. Brechner

May 17, 2008  
8:46 p.m.

**flcertifiedteacher writes:**

Finally, I wrote a new advertising slogan for you, my F- student:

THE NAPLES DAILY SNOOZE:

"ALL THE SNOOZE YOU CAN USE,

THANKS TO

ALL THE NEWS YOU LOSE."

May 18, 2008  
9:45 a.m.

**flcertifiedteacher writes:**

To all reading this -- I did, indeed, send an email to a lawyer/exec director of the UF Brechnew Center. Here is an excerpt of it, FYI:

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On Sat, May 17, 2008 at 9:18 PM, [flcertifiedteacher] wrote:

RE: [this "J-School" editorial and thread:] <http://www.naplesnews.com/news/2008/m...>

Dear Executive Director of the Brechner Center[...]:

I [...] found your email address here: [http://brechner.org/about\\_director.asp](http://brechner.org/about_director.asp)

I am writing to ask:

(1) Is it possible the Brechner Center would consider filing a lawsuit on behalf of all citizens in this community, Naples, Florida (Coliler County) because of the violation of their constitutional right to a free press, as evidenced in part by the above-referenced editorial by Phil Lewis, Naples Daily News Editor, AND my comments?

I realize you may have never done this before, but I am still asking that you consider doing it now.

[...]

I have cc-ed the Naples Daily Editor, Phil Lewis, on this email, as a courtesy; as I want him to know that I am serious about the right I have to free speech, and I will take whatever lawful action I can take to defend my rights, and the rights of others in this community to a free press, even if he has no such interest in these matters.

You may phone me with your response. My home phone number is [...]

Thank you for considering my questions.

Sincerely,  
[flcertifiedteacher]

May 18, 2008 9:51 a.m.

**flcertifiedteacher writes:**

And, BTW: Should this matter actually end up in court, and the PEOPLE win -- it seems to me the Naples Daily News does indeed somehow have a TON - O - BUCKS to pay everyone in this community for VIOLATING THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO A FREE PRESS.

Why do I think this? Well, guess what? At the same time the NEWS about Dennis Thompson disappears, a big EXPANSION of this newspaper is taking place:

<http://www.naplesnews.com/photos/gall...>

May 18, 2008  
10:08 a.m.

**flcertifiedteacher writes:**

I guess something I wrote in my email at 9:18PM (above, post #27) and sent to Mr. Lewis and the Brechner Center struck a chord in Mr. Lewis, because:

later that night, at "3:36 am" Mr. Lewis posted a new editorial blathering on about the "public trust."

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Editorial: Road, custodial privatization proposals unwisely 'sprung' on public

3:36 a.m., Sunday, May 18, 2008

<http://www.naplesnews.com/news/2008/m...>

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Unfortunately, the "public trust" is a subject he's already proved he knows nothing about.

It seems to me he knows: it's time to pay up. \$

May 18, 2008  
1:15 p.m.

**flcertifiedteacher writes:**

I noticed Phil Lewis now has a "contact form" under the word "contact" instead of his email address, which he previously had there, when I wrote to him many times in the past. Here is his email address for those who want it: [pplewis@naplesnews.com](mailto:pplewis@naplesnews.com)

May 18, 2008  
1:23 p.m.

**flcertifiedteacher writes:**

I also noticed Phil Lewis now has a "bio" under his name. Allow me to translate for you, dear reader, what I think is meant by this line in his bio:

"He and his wife Cindy, who is the district director of student financial aid for Edison Community College,..."

Translation:

"I, Phil Lewis, am NOT a crooked creep taking bribes in exchange for DELIBERATELY FAILING to publish ANY ONE of DOZENS of negative articles about Dennis Thompson prior to the bogus vote on Dennis Thompson as schools superintendent. How do you know I am not a total fraud? Why, just look at my honest wife, Cindy here, and her position of trust in the community: handing out money for financial aid for students at Edison. So, obviously, since she is honest, and since I hang around HER, I, Phil Lewis am totally innocent, too."

This is the same way others hide behind women. Some other examples:

- Dennis Thompson's wife is a teacher
- GW Bush's wife is a former teacher
- GH Bush's wife has a literary foundation



So, we are to conclude that since all these men are married to women who may actually know nothing about any possible corruption, it is totally impossible for the men to be corrupt.

And, perhaps Jeb Bush summed it up best, this theory of "I am a MAN but INNOCENT because LOOK AT MY WIFE" when he said, upon leaving office, something like this:

"My life was different before I married Columba and different after I married her. It was like BC - before Columba, and AC, after Columba."

In other words, his wife, Columba, according to Jeb, has the same moral authority as Jesus Christ. (BC/AC since that is REALLY why the BC/AC years began - not due to Columba but due to Christ.)

I would submit that Columba Bush -- caught smuggling jewelry valued at more than \$20,000 which she bought in Paris but failed to declare when she returned to this country )and who never worked a day in her life making money and paying any bills for herself) -- may not exactly have the morals of Jesus Christ.

Sorry, Jeb. But you are full of it when it comes to attempting to hide behind your wife's "moral" superiority. She has none.

These other mens' wives may be honest. But it doesn't mean their husbands are likewise.

May 18, 2008  
1:58 p.m.

**flcertifiedteacher writes:**

Finally, Jeb, if you're reading this - I give you an "F" for that line about your wife having the moral superiority of Jesus Christ.

Although it was a creative line -- and it probably did take you awhile to come up with it -- and you did try, I have to conclude: you're full of crap. That's why you get an "F."

Otherwise, I would have given you a "D+" because clearly, the effort was there -- you tried to make your wife look like she has morals. (Even though your effort bombed.)

But, you get an F NOW because it's also clear to me you had no intention for 7+ years of busting a racketeering organization in NY, and that means you get a definite F.

Instead, it now seems to me you put your bucks into paying off the Naples Daily Snooze, again, in my view -- and in corrupting a whole town.

That's really deserving of an F- in my book.

So, F for your stupid comment about your wife.

And, F- for your current activities, including your dealings with the Naples Daily Snooze, which are, again, in my opinion -- based on facts and information known to me, all of which is not known to others. (But, much of which is known by you.)

F and F- for you, Jeb. FAIL. FAILURE.

That's your FINAL grade from this FL certified teacher. (And, for your pal, Phil Lewis.)

May 18, 2008  
2:07 p.m.

### **flcertifiedteacher writes:**

BTW, for anyone reading this -- I am expressing my opinion.

Jeb Bush if you are reading this - I know you went out and got yourself what, four or five seats as Board of Director on various companies. I realize you want to make everyone think you can be trusted.

But, I trusted you for 8-1/2 years, only to find:

you cannot be trusted.

You are not really interested in fighting WHITE CHALK CRIME or other kinds of crime.

And, that is, the unfortunate truth.

Sorry.

That IS my opinion of you NOW.

May 18, 2008

2:23 p.m.

**flcertifiedteacher writes:**

I should also mention that many times during those long years I struggled to trust you. But too many times during that period I felt so depressed that I concluded you were the only hope I had.

Now I realize how wrong I was to trust you.

Thank G-d I woke up in time. Both to save myself, and this community.

You let me down. In worse ways than I could have ever previously imagined.

In a way, I feel sorry for you.

Really.

Because I truly believe, now, that if justice ever sees the light of day, you may be spending a lot of time in stripes.

That's my Fashion Forecast for you and your cronies.

May 18, 2008  
2:39 p.m.

**flcertifiedteacher writes:**

And, again, to all - this is my opinion. It may not be yours. That's OK. We base our opinions on what we know. (And, after more than 8 years of corresponding with Jeb Bush, I have learned a lot.)

May 19, 2008  
2:09 p.m.

**flcertifiedteacher writes:**

Here's the comment I was referring to above:

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"I think when an anthropologist looks at my life down the road when I'm a skeleton that's dug up, they would probably have to categorize it as BC and AC. Before Columba and After Columba.

"You guys didn't know me Before Columba, I'll just leave it at that," Bush said.

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Well, Jeb, "before Columba" you were a 19-year old kid. So, there wasn't much there back then. Just like now.

Again, IMO -- based on facts about a racketeering organization I know about -- and, some of which, Jeb, you know about, because I told you via email.

That's what a teacher is SUPPOSED TO DO: REPORT CRIME.

But in all those years I waited, and hoped, it obvious to me now:

It seems to me now you were doing nothing to stop them. (And everything to harm me, a witness to their crimes.)

So, your jewelry-smuggling caught wife REALLY is not Jesus Christ.

And, neither are you. Not by a long shot.

I am "guessing" that is why this town has no free press.

Instead of busting a racketeering organization, you decide instead to put a Girl Scout and a teacher (me) away forever (should I try to get a job here again), with the help of someone now in charge here -- who already has a HIGHLY PUBLICIZED HISTORY OF TEACHER ABUSE COAST TO COAST, IN MEDIA IN SIX STATES, NATIONWIDE , BUT THAT WAS NEVER REPORTED HERE IN THE NAPLES DAILY SNOOZE.

Well, let's just all forget about that! And read your heartfelt good bye to the state in this article, wherein you erroneously imply your wife is like Jesus Christ: