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Fed boosts two key rates

Markets rally; banks raise prime

BY JOHN J. BYCZKOWSKI
The Cincinnati Enquirer

The Federal Reserve moved vigorously to fight inflation Tuesday afternoon, pushing up two key interest rates by a half percentage point each. The bond and stock markets rallied, applauding the Fed's action.

Banks nationwide reacted by raising the prime rate a half point to 7.25%, the third increase this year and the

highest level for that rate since December, 1991. Locally, Star Banc Corp. and Provident Bancorp. increased their prime rates to 7.25%.

Economists said the Fed's move would boost short-term interest rates but stabilize and even lower long-term interest rates, by convincing the credit markets it won't tolerate higher inflation. The effect will be to chill economic activity, but "it's pain in the short run in order to cover the long run," said University of Cincinnati economist George Vredevel.

"To maintain favorable trends in inflation and thereby sustain the economic expansion," the Fed said its

Federal Open Market Committee boosted the federal funds rate (the interest banks charge each other on overnight loans) from 3.75% to 4.25%, the fourth increase in this rate since February.

The Fed also raised its discount rate, the loan rate it charges banks, from 3% to 3.5%. It was the first increase since February, 1989.

"The most widely anticipated rise in interest rates ever" as Key Corp. economist Kenneth Mayland described it — was cheered on Wall Street. Investors had expected this since May 6, when the Labor Department reported a stronger-than-expected rise in

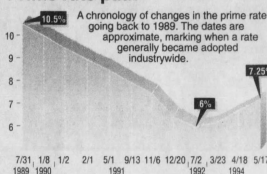
employment, and they'd been sitting on the sidelines since.

They returned in droves after the announcement Tuesday. "We feel it's good and it'll stabilize the (bond) market," said Joe Brom, chief investment officer at Ohio National Life. Bond prices shot up, driving the interest rate on 30-year Treasuries below 7.3%. Stocks also rallied; the Dow Jones industrial average closed up 49.11, to 3,720.61.

"I think this is a vote of confidence for the Fed," said David Moffett, chief financial officer at Star Banc.

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Prime rate path

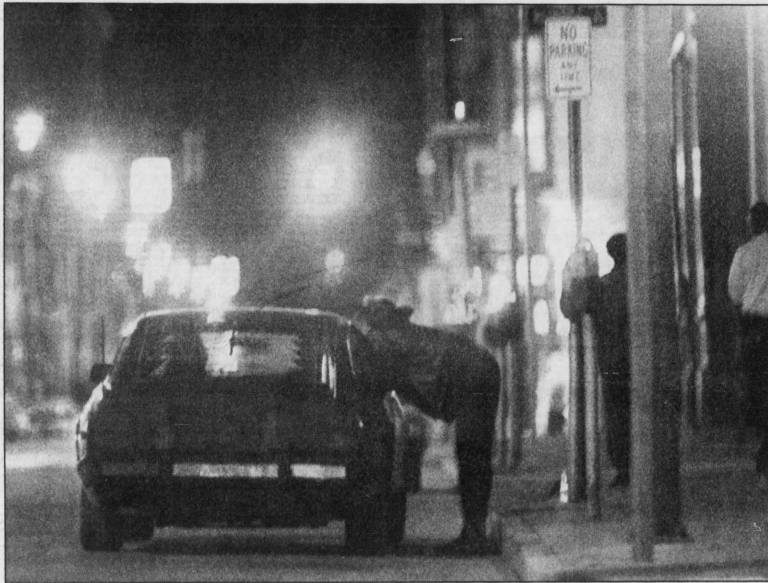


Behind Tuesday's increase

Banks increased the prime rate after the Fed raised two key interest rates:

- The discount rate — the rate charged by the Federal Reserve on loans to member banks, on money borrowed to boost bank reserves — increased from 3% to 3.5%.
- The federal funds rate — the rate banks charge each other for loans for the same purpose — increased from 3.75% to 4.25%.

Prostitution in Cincinnati: 'They're always out there'



A woman hails a passing motorist at the corner of 12th and Walnut streets downtown, an area frequented by prostitutes. Police made 683 prostitution arrests last year, the most in four years and almost 200 more than in 1992.

Crack epidemic fueling sex-for-hire

BY MARK CURNUTTE
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Three years ago, Gina lost her job as a nurse's aide, separated from her husband and daughters and found herself sharing an Avondale apartment with a woman she barely knew.

She was scared and alone, desperate for any emotional lift. Her roommate said she had the answer: crack cocaine. And for the five numb months that followed,

Gina smoked for free, sharing the "rock" her roommate bought by turning tricks on Reading Road.

Then, without notice, her roommate skipped town. Gina was left with an addiction but no way to support it. She took to the streets herself. "I had no choice," she says.

Gina is typical of this generation of street prostitutes, say police and sociologists. The world's oldest profession has been ravaged by one of the world's newest scourges, the crack cocaine epi-

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— where the majority of the city's prostitution arrests occur — for 26 years.

The combination of drugs and sex-for-hire poses unprecedented risks in this and other urban areas in the 1990s — just as it did beginning more than a decade ago in larger cities such as Miami, New York and Los Angeles, says sociologist Mark Singer of Cleveland's Case Western Reserve University. (Please see PROSTITUTION, Page A4)

demic and the host of social ills it brings with it.

"They're more drug addicts than prostitutes," says Herb Kohus, a detective specialist who has worked in Cincinnati's District 1

Vaccinations about to get shot in arm

Ohio's plan for children could be model

BY MARK CURNUTTE
The Cincinnati Enquirer

Ohio is poised to become a model state for the immunization of children.

Improvements in the state's immunization programs will have 90% of children ages 2 and younger fully protected by 1996, according to a plan to be announced today in Columbus.

To reach that goal, spelled out as a nationwide goal by President Clinton, Ohio would have to vaccinate an additional 150,000 toddlers and infants.

The announcement will come from Gov. George Voinovich and Marian Wright Edelman, founder and director of the Children's Defense Fund (CDF), a Washington-based child-advocacy group.

The plan calls for streamlining the vaccination distribution system in Ohio, establishing a statewide immunization reminder network tied to public birth records and maintaining the state's \$5.5 million increases in funding since 1991.

Only 33% of Cincinnati's 2-

year-olds were fully immunized in 1992, according to state health department records. The rate was not much better in suburban Cincinnati, where only 45% of infants and toddlers had been appropriately protected.

A new national program, Clinton's Vaccines for Children, figures to boost the availability of vaccinations to 70% of children when it begins in the fall. Like Ohio, most states vaccinate far fewer than half of their children.

Ohio's willingness "to fill the gap" not covered by the new federal program puts the state in a leadership position, according to a draft summary of the Children's Defense Fund plan obtained by *The Enquirer*.

"Immunization is one of the simplest direct steps we can take to protect Ohio's youngest and most vulnerable children," CDF-Ohio Director Mark Real said in the report draft. "It also is good public policy. It will help us avoid much higher public costs later in the lives of these individuals."

The Ohio Department of Health estimates that every dollar spent in immunization programs saves \$10 in future medical expenses.

Immunizing all children by age 2 (Please see SHOTS, Page A4)

Health reform may cost jobs

The right kind of health-care reform for the Tristate would mean fewer hospitals and deep cuts in hospital personnel, say a ChoiceCare executive and a GE executive who are playing key roles in fashioning local reform. Story, B1

Qualls cautions on stadium deal

Because taxpayers are on the hook for nearly \$35 million in debts on Riverfront Stadium, reaching a deal with Reds President Marge Schott and a group of investors who might want to buy it won't be easy, said Mayor Roxanne Qualls. Story, B1

WEATHER

Another nice one

High 69°/Low 43°
Cool this morning; mostly sunny and mild this afternoon. No rain expected through Friday. High Thursday of 72°.

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10 children hacked to death in Rwanda

BY TERRY LEONARD
The Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya — Men with machetes butchered 10 children and a U.N. employee in the Rwandan capital in a massacre that U.N. officials said Tuesday they could have prevented with more peacekeeping troops.

The slaying was reported a few hours after the U.N. Security Council voted early Tuesday to send 5,500 African soldiers to Rwanda to protect civilians and relief workers in areas where humanitarian aid is provided.

International aid groups urged that the troops be sent quickly, but only a few hundred will be sent in until U.N. secretary-general Boutros Boutros-Ghali can come up with evidence

to satisfy the Clinton administration that the larger numbers make sense.

The bodies of a Rwandan U.N. Development Program employee, her five children and five other children who sought refuge in her home were discovered late Monday.

"It is horrible. It is appalling," U.N. spokesman Abdul Kabia said. "None of the children was above 7 years old."

Neighbors said men in civilian clothes kicked in the door and murdered the people inside.

"They were hacked, hacked to death," Kabia said.

He said the woman and children had been protected from the U.N. mission had more troops. "We had been unable to reach the residence."



Sole survivor

"He has an instinct for survival," Lt. Emmanuel Rutaisire of the Rwanda Patriotic Front says of the child he found this week at the site of a church massacre last month. Story, A3

Weight gain before 30 adds breast cancer risk

Even 10 or 20 pounds may hurt, study finds

BY DANIEL Q. HANEY
The Associated Press

DALLAS — Breast cancer researchers have advice for twenty-something women starting to put on extra pounds: Lose weight.

A study suggests that weight gain around age 30, even just an extra 10 or 20 pounds, may substantially increase the risk of breast cancer later.

Researchers have long noticed that obesity is linked with breast cancer. So they set out to see whether there is any particular time of life when weight gain is especially hazardous.

"Of all the decades in which you should lose that extra weight, it's the third," said Dr. Noreen Aziz.

Among the study's key findings:

► Half of cancer patients and one-third of healthy women studied gained more than 15 pounds between ages 16 to 30.

► Women who are 10 pounds overweight at age 30 increase risk of breast cancer by 23%. With 15 extra pounds, risk increases 37% and with 20 pounds, it goes up 52%.

The study was conducted by Aziz and colleagues at the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute in Tampa, Fla., and presented Tuesday to the American Society for Clinical Oncology.

The researchers studied 218 women with newly diagnosed breast cancer and 436 healthy women the same age.

Prostitution brought self-worth, drugs, scars

BY MARK CURNUTTE

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Karen was 3 the first time her uncle sexually abused her. He said he would hurt her and her mom if she told. So the toddler with a mop of reddish-blond hair and big green eyes kept quiet.

I learned to keep all the bad stuff inside me," says Karen, now 31, patting her chest. "Every time something bad would happen to me, I'd put it here, in the garbage can."

A string of chemical addictions allowed her to keep the lid on tight.

Today, she's living at the Talbert House women's security building in Over-the-Rhine. In January, after her 24th prostitution-related arrest, she was ordered to enter a treatment program for substance-abusing women.

She wears a tattoo of a small rabbit on the inside of her right forearm; a more elaborate design peeks out from beneath the left sleeve of her pale green Hamilton County Justice Center scrubs.

"It's hard to face what's in me," she

says. "Prostitution was always the way for me to pay for my drugs, and drugs were the only way I could be happy. I never liked myself."

By the time she was 5, she was drinking the warm backwash from the quarts of beer her uncle would leave around the family's downtown Cincinnati apartment. "I liked it," Karen says of the beer. "It made me dizzy. I would forget where I was."

By the time she was 12, she escaped by slugging hard liquor and smoking marijuana. She shot a cheap form of heroin, known as "Ts and Bs." She dropped out for good in the seventh grade.

'It made me feel wanted'

She financed her habits the only way she knew how. She sold her body for sex, which, in its own way, filled another void in her life.

"It made me feel wanted and accepted," Karen says. "It was the only way I felt worth anything."

Her lifestyle remained constant over the past 18 years. Her corner was 14th

'It's hard to face what's in me. Prostitution was always the way for me to pay for my drugs, and drugs were the only way I could be happy. I never liked myself.'

— Karen, receiving treatment after 24th conviction related to prostitution

and Vine.

It was her addictions that changed. The most desperate and dangerous was her recent three-year dependency on crack cocaine.

"I'd do anything... go with anybody... to get whatever money I could," she says. "Then I'd spend it all on crack."

She said a john once tried to slit her throat to avoid paying her \$40 for oral sex.

Then there was the guy who choked her for 15 minutes, she says, because

violence was the only way he could be stimulated and satisfied sexually.

All the while, Karen says, "I was having seizures. I'd hope it (crack) would kill me. I didn't want to come back to my life. I was crying out for help but didn't know how to ask."

'I love myself now'

Help came when she was sent to Talbert House. "I'm trying not to dwell on my past," she says. "I love myself now."

Her body bears the scars of two decades on the streets.

Blemishes dot her pale skin. Many of her teeth are missing; Some fell out; others were punched out.

Her hands are purple because of poor circulation. She has blood clots in her legs. Her heart is weak. All the result of phlebitis.

She is a short, stocky woman — barely 5 feet tall. Seven pregnancies also have left their mark.

She has four children. The youngest, a girl, is 3 and lives in a foster home in

California. Two sons, ages 10 and 15, live in the Tristate with Karen's mother. Another son, 5, lives with an aunt, also in the Tristate.

She had one miscarriage, she says, at eight months when she jumped from a speeding car to escape a beating at the hands of a john. She also had one abortion and one child was stillborn.

"I'm worried about my oldest boy," Karen says. "He's like I was. He can't talk to anybody. He's getting into trouble. I think I could help him now."

Now, in her fragile sobriety, Karen has turned to God. Her bright green eyes fill with tears when she talks about her future and the dream of recapturing her childhood.

"I'm only alive by his grace," Karen says. "I know I'm a strong girl. I'm trying to see my life differently. I want to have a house. I want to be a mother to my children."

"I want to be a daughter to my mother."

Prostitution: Arrests are up

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versity. Today's brand of drug-fueled prostitution:

► **Threatens public health:** Reported cases of syphilis will exceed 800 this year in the Tristate, up from 16 in 1987. HIV risks are high, too, because most prostitutes don't insist on condoms. HIV is the virus that causes AIDS.

► **Endangers children:** Mothers turning tricks to support drug habits are likely to neglect their children.

► **Burdens taxpayers:** Incarceration and substance-abuse treatment cost money.

► **Scars neighborhoods:** When prostitutes descend on a street corner, drug pushers follow.

Adult bookstores and strip joints are long gone from Cincinnati, pushed out by determined conservative public officials. Yet prostitution arrests in Cincinnati hit 683 last year, the highest in four years and almost 200 more than in 1992. But the statistics show only how closely police are watching at any given time.

Some police say prostitution is up because of the drug epidemic. Others say it's about the same as it always has been. Police say they control it as much as time and money will allow.

"You can always work prostitution 24 hours a day," says Lt. Thomas Martin, former commander of the Cincinnati Police Division's vice control section. "They're always out there."

Arrests are down in Newport and Covington; combined law enforcement crackdowns on prostitutes and customers have succeeded in recent years, police say.

"You try to make it not as evident and keep a tight hold on it," says Col. Robert McCray, commander of the Newport Police Department's criminal investigations unit.

99% are drug addicts

More troubling than arrest statistics is the number of prostitutes working to support drug habits, sociologists say.

Police estimate that 99% of Cincinnati's 303 female and 41 male prostitutes known by police to be active in the city are drug addicts. The percentage is about the same throughout the Tristate, according to other law-enforcement agencies.

More often than not, prostitutes have drug paraphernalia when they are brought in, Martin says. Gino had a crack pipe when she was arrested in March by a Cincinnati police officer posing as a john.

"These are sad women living hopeless lives, with nothing to look forward to," says Singer, who studied 200 jailed prostitutes in Cuyahoga County last year. "Crack gives them some energy and makes them feel better, for a little while."



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Their short-term high is fast becoming society's long-term headache.

Public health

A sex-for-drugs trade has contributed to a regional increase in the number of reported syphilis cases, according to the Cincinnati Health Department.

"People under the influence of crack cocaine lack normal inhibitions and become more promiscuous," says Dr. Judith Daniels, the health department's medical director.

The number of syphilis cases increased from 16 in 1987 to 657 last year in the 11-county region that includes Cincinnati and surrounding parts of Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky; more than 800 are projected for this year.

Untreated syphilis can attack the skin, heart, spinal cord and brain and cause mental illness, paralysis and death. Syphilis also increases the risk of infection from HIV.

Most area prostitutes don't practice safe sex, because they don't want to risk losing a customer who refuses to wear a condom, says Carole, 34, a prostitute who works the 1400 block of Walnut Street in Cincinnati's Over-the-Rhine neighborhood.

Impact on children

As recently as a generation ago, most prostitutes were drug-free, working to feed and clothe their children and pay rent, police say. Now their focus is on drugs, not their families.

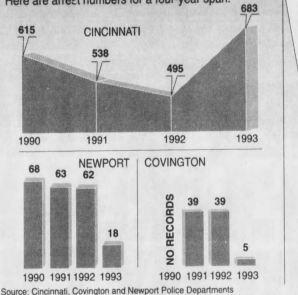
"The cost to society is tremendous," says Patricia Myers, director of social services at Children's Hospital Medical Center. "If Mom just picks up and leaves to acquire drugs, children are raised without ego-development; they are fearful and non-trusting. These kids simply will be so far behind that they'll probably never catch up."

For some children, problems start in the womb.

Crack-addicted women often give birth to crack-addicted babies. In addition to short-term health-care

Behind bars

Police often act on citizen complaints to arrest prostitutes and their customers. Arrest numbers, they say, indicate how much attention law enforcement is paying to prostitution at a given time and illustrate that prostitutes do steady business in the Tristate. Here are arrest numbers for a four-year span:



Source: Cincinnati, Covington and Newport Police Departments

Dear John letter

Text of letter from police to suspected johns:

Your vehicle was observed in an area of District One known as Over-the-Rhine. The driver of your vehicle was observed conversing with individuals in this area. I feel I must alert you that the area in which the driver of your vehicle was observed is known for prostitution and drug-trafficking. As a result of this type of activity, many individuals that traverse this area fall victim to crime.

Do not wish to read your name on a crime report. I am sending you this letter to alert you to the possible danger to which you or the driver of your vehicle are exposing yourself.

Sincerely,
Captain Walter F. McAlpin
District One Commander
Cincinnati Police Division

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Johns face arrest, embarrassment

'They don't want to be burned again'

BY MARK CURNUTTE

The Cincinnati Enquirer

"They get very upset. They cry. 'Please don't tell my wife. Please don't tell my kids.' They swear they'll never do it again."

They are the men in search of a fling with a prostitute — Johns in street lingo.

One of the most effective deterrents to prostitution is arresting the Johns, police say. A sting by Cincinnati undercover officers, operating from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on a recent Tuesday, netted 22 Johns.

"They don't want to be burned again," says a 27-year-old Cincinnati police detective who has posed as a prostitute for 2 1/2 years.

She estimates that about half of the men who frequent Tristate prostitutes are "seedy, what you'd expect." The other 50%, she said, are middle-class professionals with families in the suburbs. Fear of embarrassment, not punishment, keeps them from coming back.

"They drive up in nice cars and

use proper English, so polite, like they want to befriend you," she says.

After they agree on an act and a price — oral sex for \$20 is the most common request — the John is given a citation for soliciting. It is a misdemeanor that carries a maximum 60-day jail term or \$500 fine or both.

If a John is caught in a sexual act with a prostitute, he is usually charged with public indecency. In Ohio, it is a misdemeanor that carries a 30-day sentence or \$250 fine or both.

Most of the time, the detective says, first-time offenders are successful in keeping the charge secret from their family. The arresting officer simply writes out a citation that includes a court date.

"I have received calls from wives who have found their name in a pocket and seen my name on it," the detective says. "They want to know what's going on. I tell them to show up at court and find out the whole story."

The undercover officer wears jeans and a T-shirt or sweat shirt to fit into the neighborhood, but soon real prostitutes recognize the de-

tective and try to tip off Johns by yelling "5-0," a reference to the 1960s television cop show *Hawaii Five-O*.

In Over-the-Rhine, citizens are helping police crack Johns.

More than 30 members of a volunteer organization, the Walnut Main Security Task Force, record license plate numbers of suspected Johns and forward them to police, who track down the owner and send a form letter.

The letter warns the owner that his car was seen in an area known for prostitution and drug-trafficking.

"It's not a threatening letter," says Jim Tarbell, an Over-the-Rhine businessman and chairman of the security task force. "But it gets the point across that they are contributing to a major problem in our community."

Covington and Newport police departments have worked jointly on stings that they say have been largely successful.

Williams A. Weathers contributed to this article.

Teen stress can trigger hypertension, study says

The Associated Press

The angst of adolescence can strain enough physical distress to more than double the risk of the early onset of hypertension in some boys and girls, a new study has found.

When teen-agers feel that their strivings are continually frustrated, the resulting stress can lead to chronically elevated blood pressure, according to a report by Dr. Craig Ewart, a psychologist at the School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University.

High blood pressure, or hypertension, is a potentially life-threatening condition that usually develops in adulthood. But children with blood pressure in the highest part

of the normal range have a far higher risk of hypertension in adulthood.

For girls in the study, the issues that tended to raise blood pressure were social rivalries and struggles for dominance. Among boys, a feeling that they were unsupported in their struggles to succeed was more often responsible.

Ewart reported his findings at a meeting of the Society for Behavioral Medicine in Boston last month.

"There is real physiological impact from the frustration of the teen-agers' strivings in life," he said. "This chronic stress may increase their cardiovascular risk early in life."

Immunizing your children

Immunization schedule for children 2 and younger recommended by American Academy of Pediatrics.

	DTP Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis	Polio	MMR Measles, mumps, rubella	Hepatitis B*	Haemophilus
Birth	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1-2 months	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2 months	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4 months	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6 months	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6-18 months	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12-15 months	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
15-18 months	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

*Depends on previous haemophilus influenzae type b vaccine given.

†Infants of mothers who tested seropositive for hepatitis B (HBsAg) must receive hepatitis B immune globulin (HBIG) at or shortly after the first dose. These infants also will require a second hepatitis B vaccine dose at 1 month and a third hepatitis B vaccine injection at 6 months.

‡For the fourth and fifth dose, the acellular (DTPa) pertussis vaccine may be substituted for the DTP vaccine.

Source: American Academy of Pediatrics

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Shots: Ohio to take lead in vaccination program

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is important because infants and toddlers are most likely to suffer the worst consequences of childhood diseases, including permanent brain damage and death.

Last year, Cincinnati had the nation's worst outbreak of whooping cough, when more than 315 cases were reported, up from 98 the year before.

Children can be protected from whooping cough and eight other common childhood diseases by receiving 15 of 18 recommended vaccinations. The other diseases are: polio, measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, tetanus, hepatitis B and haemophilus influenza type B.

Nationally, immunization rates for 2-year-olds range from 11% to

58%, said the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

The CDF report indicates that a third of Ohio's working parents have insurance that does not cover immunizations and that most underimmunized children are white and live above the poverty line.

The plan will address this problem by helping to pay for immunizations for the children of underinsured parents.

Improvements would build on what has been accomplished since 1991, according to the state health department: 120 public immunization clinics have been opened statewide, employing 72 nurses to administer shots and 23 clerical workers to track records and remind parents to stay on schedule.