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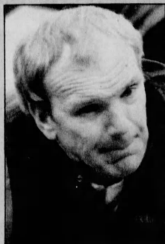
## Bengals fight for their pride

It started as a season of great promise. The Bengals were picked by one national magazine, *Sport*, to make it to the Super Bowl this year.

But a string of disappointing losses and a players' strike adds up to a 4-9 record going into today's final home game, against New Orleans. It's a battle for pride and, perhaps, for coach Sam Wyche's job.

About 2,000 tickets remain for the 1 p.m. game, which will be blacked out here. WKRC Radio will carry the broadcast.

- TODAY: Preview of the matchup in Sports/Section C
- MONDAY: Special Tim Sullivan column; full game report.



Sam Wyche  
... embattled coach

## Gary Hart's resurrection

### Candidate found no peace in quitting presidential race

BY MICHAEL ORESKES  
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — From the moment of his angry withdrawal from the 1988 presidential campaign last May, Gary Hart has been working on the resurrection of his political life.

Some of his closest advisers say that Hart has been hoping all along to get back into this race.

"I think he's been thinking about it the whole time," said Ellen Sulzberger Straus, an ardent supporter.

But it was only over the course of seven

months in the political wilderness — shunned by some friends, scoffed at by other politicians — that Hart's hope of resuming his campaign became first a plan to be tested and then a final decision made with his wife, Lee, and children, Andrea and John.

Friends say Hart is a man who always likes to have choices. After his campaign collapsed under the scandal of rumored extramarital affairs, he described his immediate goal as simply to get back into public life, friends recall. He wanted to be listened to in the policy debate, Hart told them.

Friends recall conversations they thought at the time were about his hopes for 1992 and beyond, but they wonder now whether his timetable changed or whether they never fully understood.

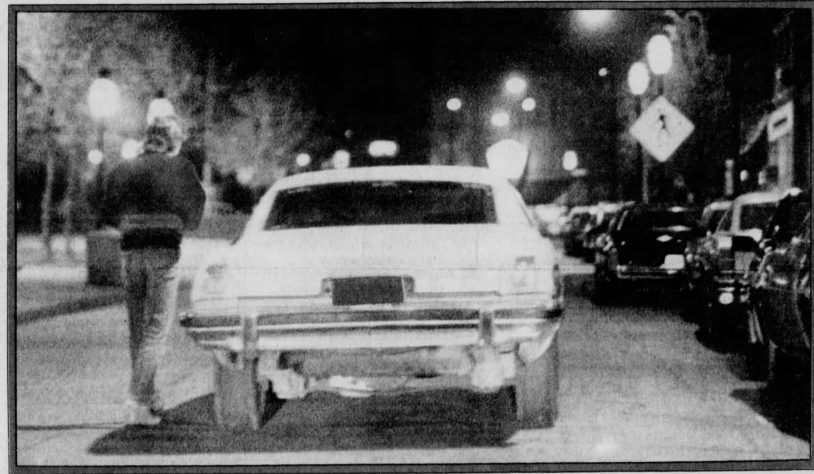
Almost immediately he began to doubt his decision to halt the campaign. Strangers on the street and through the mails encouraged him to run again.

Hart's second campaign for the 1988 Democratic presidential nomination began with the collapse of his first campaign.

Caught by the *Miami Herald* in a trust with Donna Rice, a struggling actress from

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## Covington's war for its streets



The Cincinnati Enquirer/Gary Landers

Covington's Seventh Street, hunting ground for male and female prostitution, is targeted in a police crackdown.

## Tough law, special squad seek to protect city, livelihoods

BY LINDA K. WERTHEIMER  
The Cincinnati Enquirer

**C**OVINGTON, Ky. — *The man in the dark van drove slowly down Scott Street. He hit the brakes, eyeing two women standing at the corner of 10th.*

*He beckoned, and one of the women walked over. At the man's bidding, she opened the van door.*

*He wanted to pay her \$30 for sex. She said she wasn't interested and walked away.*

*Seconds later two cars pulled up with blue-and-red lights flashing — blocking off the van in front and at rear.*

*A 56-year-old Covington businessman had become the 134th arrest in the city's crackdown on prostitution.*

## The fight against PROSTITUTION

### PART 1 OF 2

■ MONDAY: The kids on the street.

It's the world's oldest profession, but folks here are fighting back to ensure that it doesn't threaten more traditional livelihoods.

With a tough new law and a full-time police squad to enforce it, Covington is targeting streetwalking prostitutes and the clients who solicit them.

So far this year, police have made 180

prostitution-related arrests, 132 more than in 1986. In the seven months since the crackdown began, 139 have been charged with soliciting and 21 with prostitution. About a quarter of the prostitution arrests have been males.

For Covington, the decision to crack down was one of economics.

"In order for the city to flourish, you can't have that on the street corners," Covington Police Chief Al Casson said. "It will drive businesses away. It gives the city a bad image."

Image problems are nothing new to neighboring Newport. But business leaders there say a crackdown on prostitution and adult entertainment has helped shoo hookers away and dampen the city's image as "the play-

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## Contra deal may unlock budget bills

### Action needed today to prevent shutdown

BY DOROTHY COLLIN  
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — Congressional leaders and top administration officials late Saturday night reached an "agreement in principle" over aid to the Nicaraguan Contra rebels, opening the way for passage of a \$600 billion spending bill needed to keep the government running this week.

The agreement would provide \$8.1 million in humanitarian aid to the Contras and allow the delivery to the rebels of previously purchased military goods.

The key to the compromise was finding a way to make the package look like a peace incentive at the same time it let the administration keep some options open if the Central American peace process fails.

President Reagan has said he would veto the spending bill unless it includes "adequate" humanitarian aid and allows shipment of the military supplies.

With the government technically out of business since 12:01 a.m. Saturday, when a previous temporary financing bill expired, legislative leaders said they would ask Congress today to approve stop-gap legislation providing the government with enough money to operate Monday.

### Sticking points

*These major issues remain to be resolved:*

- **FAIRNESS DOCTRINE:** A congressional amendment would reinstate the doctrine requiring broadcasters to give equal time to opposing political viewpoints. Reagan already has vetoed one bill to bring it back.
- **MEDICAID:** House negotiators want Medicaid expanded so welfare parents would not lose medical coverage when they took low-paying jobs without insurance. The White House says it's too expensive.

That would give lawmakers enough time to work out remaining differences in the two budget bills and pass them. Both the House and Senate were scheduled to meet today.

Reagan used his weekly radio address earlier Saturday to press his insistence on Contra aid, saying that "the Sandinista communists have been cynically manipulating the peace process, trying to lull others into a false sense of security while they busily plan military dominance of the entire region . . . It has never been more clear

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## Agency's elves brighten lives

BY PEG LOFTUS  
The Cincinnati Enquirer

Off and on for three hours Saturday morning, the doorbell rang at St. John Social Service Center in Over-the-Rhine.

In all, 65 families came to pick up toys, food and clothing provided through an Adopt-A-Family program that matches donors with families in need. An additional 35 families will receive packages Tuesday.

"You really do feel like Santa," said Jenny Jervis, director of community relations for the center. Jervis, who selected many of the gifts, adopted a family of nine.

"It's a lot different when you see the excitement on the faces and the eyes light up."

The project took an estimated 700 volunteer hours. Gifts were donated by churches, community groups, corporations and individuals. Often the gifts were handmade, including 50 crocheted hats sent by St. Anthony of Padua

## A time to share

*The Enquirer* wants to know about other people in the community who are sharing the holiday spirit in a special way. If you know of someone doing something special this Christmas to spread holiday cheer — such as manning a neighborhood soup kitchen or distributing toys to needy children — please let us know. We will follow up on your best stories and share them with our readers. Please call our answering machine and leave a message and a telephone number where you can be reached.

Please call 369-1999

church in Walnut Hills.

Families who signed up were interviewed weeks ago by social worker Candace McMillion, who sent 3-year-old son Michael helped distribute gifts Saturday. Families request items and workers followed the list up packages.

This year people requested practical

gifts: toasters, irons and other household items, McMillion said.

Roberta Jackson was one of those whose Christmas was made brighter by the program. The Christmas tree at her home was decorated with only one

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Roberta Jackson, 26, rear left, gets help with Christmas gifts from Vicky Mary, front left, Eileen Knollman and Carol Cornelison.

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The fight against PROSTITUTION

Enforcement: A continuing exercise in futility

Police departments eye new techniques against mobile foes

BY LINDA K. WERTHEIMER  
The Cincinnati Enquirer

If police in Covington, Newport and Cincinnati agree on one thing, it's that they can't eliminate prostitution.

But that won't stop them from trying.

In Newport, officials are considering a crackdown — complete with an ordinance that would go beyond state statutes.

"It just helps clarify what is loitering for prostitution," said Newport City Solicitor Jim Parsons, who proposed the measure.

While Cincinnati police have pushed prostitution out of the central business district, Vice Squad Capt. Ted Schoch said the problem has simply moved elsewhere. In Cincinnati's case, it has become more concentrated in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood just north of downtown.

That means trouble for residents and businessmen in Over-the-Rhine.

It's tough to attract more customers to neighborhood businesses, said Jim Tarbell, a restaurateur and board member of the Over-the-Rhine Chamber of Commerce.

Cincinnati's urban-renewal program stops at Over-the-Rhine, he said. Extending the program to include the area would push the hookers out, he said.

"It's futile to simply target prostitution and related kinds of problems without something to balance it out," Tarbell said. "You can't simply put more policemen on the street to battle the crime. You've got to have healthy activities ongoing."

But he commended the efforts of police, who arrested 19 people in a November prostitution crackdown and 30 the month before.

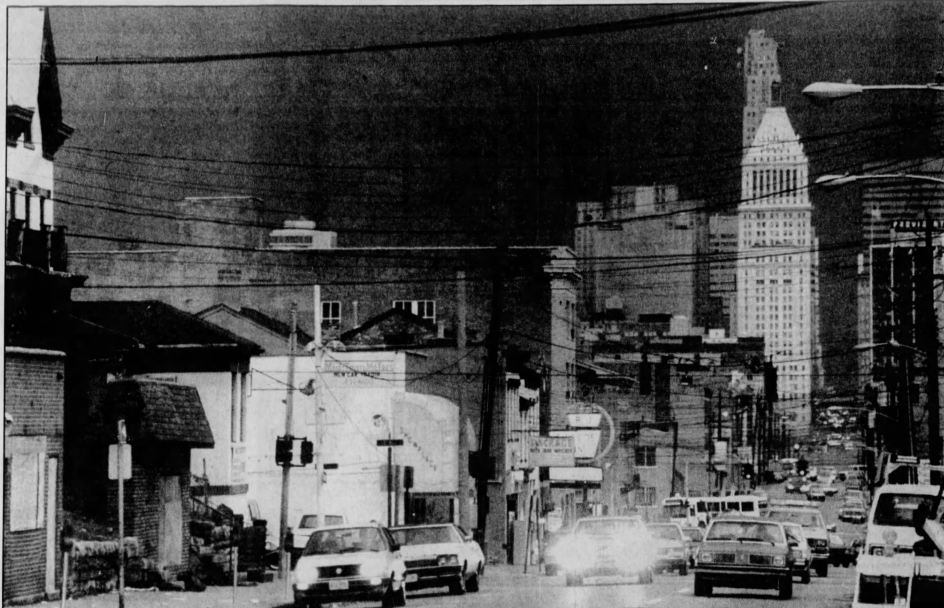
Using decoys to catch the hookers and solicitors, Cincinnati police arrested about 300 people on various prostitution charges from January to October, 1987. During the same period in 1986, 400 were arrested.

"We've been on top of this problem now since the mid-1970s," Schoch said. "That's when we gave a lot of emphasis to prostitution, when we had some pep shows and a few bookstores rear their heads here."

In Newport, police arrested 79 prostitutes and solicitors so far this year. Last year, they arrested 36.

"We have had a definite effect in the last three to four, five years on the streets in Newport," said Newport police Lt. Col Ken Page.

Like Cincinnati and Covington, Newport uses decoys to catch prostitutes and their customers, Page said. Covington policeman Marty Eperon often



Covington's Scott Street is a favorite gathering place for prostitutes. Despite crackdowns, lawmen say the problem never disappears. It just moves elsewhere.

helps Newport police and poses as a decoy in their crackdowns as well as those in Covington.

But hookers catch on to decoy procedures and move elsewhere.

"When we have a concerted investigation on the street, they go to Covington or Cincinnati, and they come back," said Page, who oversees investigations for Newport police. "They know when the heat's on."

Cincinnati's urban renewal sent hookers scurrying away from 8th Street near the downtown public library and from Vine Street, between Seventh Street and Central Parkway, Schoch said.

"Where once you had a strip of sleazy bars, you have a nice area, quaint with fine restaurants and

high-rises, places where people now live in," Schoch said.

That sends the hookers toward Over-the-Rhine.

"I think we as a society, not just Cincinnati, are really selling ourselves short when we ignore the inner cities the way we have, and Over-the-Rhine is a very classic example," Tarbell said.

Most prostitution arrests are in Over-the-Rhine and not in the upscale business district, Schoch said. But he said police are trying to keep Over-the-Rhine safe for those who want to live there — or have to.

Tarbell said he finds it disappointing so many people fear for their well-being and will not shop in his community.

Prostitutes

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ground community."

Across the river in Cincinnati, urban renewal and police crackdowns have combined to drive hookers and customers from the central business district.

"It doesn't mean prostitution is gone," said Capt. Ted Schoch, head of the Cincinnati police vice squad.

"It just moves. It's still a problem, but it's one that we control. We strive for elimination."

Now, Covington has stepped up the attack.

Going past state law

The city's law, which took effect in September, goes beyond Kentucky state law.

Beckoning, waving or using other body gestures or talking to someone for the purpose of prostitution are grounds for arrest in Covington. The state law offers no such specifics.

"The purpose of the law was to give the police the ammunition to do what was necessary on a daily basis to clean the city of prostitution," Covington Mayor Ronald B. Turner said.

"I think we have a long way to go, though," he said. "It's not

something where you're going to be able to pass the law, and say 'that's it.' It takes a great deal of diligence week after week."

Sheila Lubbers knows the problem first hand.

She's reminded often as she walks up Scott Street to Carnegie Art Center, where she teaches art to children.

"I get harassed all the time," Lubbers, a Covington resident, said. "People harass you as you walk on the streets here. They yell obscenities at you. They always have some comment about you being a woman. They either think you're a hooker or they're looking for an opportunity to get to know you."

"And, I don't think they mean they want to shake your hand."

Problem area

Lubbers and her boss, Arlene Gibeau, executive director of the Northern Kentucky Arts Council and the center, have complained to Covington police about people who bother them on their way to work at the Scott Street center.

The center is in the heart of Covington's problem area, which stretches from Third to 12th streets along Scott and Madison Avenues.

"We've received complaints

from businessmen all up and down Madison Avenue and Scott Street," said Covington police Sgt. Dave Schmidt, head of the special full-time Covington police squad set up to crack down on prostitution.

"Just sitting here for the last hour, I can tell we've made an effect," he said as he kept watch on Covington police decoy Marty Eperon at a nearby street corner. "I haven't seen any of the known prostitutes on Scott Street."

Down the street, Eperon, 33, was attracting attention. A man pulled into a parking lot and beckoned.

"What? What do you want?" the diminutive Eperon asked.

He said he wanted to go some place with her.

"It's cold out here," she said. "I thought it was still fall. Where do you want to go?" Her static-filled voice is heard from a bag underneath her clothes on the walk-talkies in her co-workers' cars.

"For a drink," the man said.

"What are you looking for?" she asked.

"Some company," he replied.

"Some company? Oh, well I don't know about a drink. It's still daylight out. Want anything else? No? Well, I guess I'll just hang around for a while. See ya later."

Arrests don't always come easy,

and this exchange brought none at all. But in the task force's first summer, tales of success have been plentiful.

Successful summer

A summerlong investigation of female prostitution brought 70 arrest warrants — culminating in a mass arrest of suspected prostitutes at summer's end. Some women were charged as many as four times.

"If we hadn't been out there doing the work we've done, who knows?" Eperon said. "Maybe we would have 100 girls out there." In Covington, 20 to 25 young women regularly work the streets, she said.

When they're caught, many appear before Kenton County District Judge Wilfrid Schroder.

"The girls who are out there are not Hugh Hefner (founder of Playboy magazine) fans, saying 'Heh, this is right,'" the judge said.

"Because of economic reasons or something else, they ended up doing this for a last-ditch effort for survival."

It is, after all, a business, says Schmidt, of Covington police.

"If you take the customers away, the business has to move. That's basically what we're trying

to do. You're never going to stop it, you just displace it. It's a game."

Police officer Eperon credits Covington Commissioner Nyoka Johnston with convincing Police Chief Al Casson to let officers concentrate solely on the problem.

As a new commissioner, Johnston accompanied two detectives on their rounds of hooker hangouts one night. She didn't like what she saw.

"I was surprised at the high level of activity," she said. "I think all three cities, Cincinnati, Newport and Covington, need to be concerned because it's a floating problem. If one city cracks down, they move to another."

Johnston wasn't content to fight the problem only with arrests, though.

Committee on children

In 1986, she formed the Covington Committee on Street Children, a group including representatives from the police force, social agencies and businesses. The group merged with a newly formed city social services board this fall.

"It came to, 'How do we address this as other than a police issue?'" Johnston said. "We wanted to address the problems in Covington that would lead the children to prostitution."

Judge Schroder agrees prostitution needs to be addressed as a social problem as well as a criminal issue.

"A fine won't do anything but put them back on the streets to get the money," he said.

Customers from all over

Chief Casson says most of Covington's prostitutes live in the city. But their customers come from throughout Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana. Cincinnati's convention business is good for the trade, too.

Police normally don't have to arrest the same customer twice. Fear of discovery by wives or business associates generally deter customers from returning, he said.

A typical penalty for solicitation or prostitution would be \$250 and court costs plus a 90-day probated jail sentence. Some are ordered to do community service in lieu of jail time or fines.

Johnston said she thought more urban renewal will push the hookers out of Covington.

"As an overall image and health of a city improves, I think those kinds of problems, prostitution, burglary, vandalism decrease," she said.

The situation already is improving to some extent, Casson said.

"I don't get calls like I used to, saying 'They're standing in front of my store.'"

Hart

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Miami, Hart saw his campaign quickly unravel.

At first he vowed to go on. But fund raising stalled. Campaign appearances became battlegrounds.

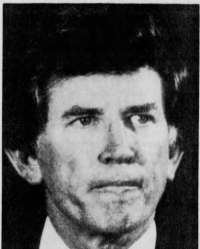
He flew home to Denver a besieged man. May 8 he went before a news conference at his headquarters with an extraordinary statement. He never actually said he was withdrawing. His tone was so defiant that supporters were convinced he was staying in the race and began to cheer.

Campaign suspended

Hart quieted them. "Now clearly under present circumstances this campaign cannot go on," he finally said. "I refuse to submit my family and friends and innocent people and myself to further rumors and gossip."

He did not acknowledge error. He did not apologize. But the language he used that day is still important to him. He has told friends in the last few days that he has been candid and is simply resigning his campaign after an interim.

"I never said I was really getting out," one of his friends said Sat-



Gary Hart ... run or remain at sea?

The first weeks after Hart halted his campaign were an ordeal. Hart had said he was leaving to shield himself and his family. But the reports about his personal life continued.

"If you made a determined effort not to read the newspaper," said staff member David Dreyer, "not to watch the evening news at night and not to linger in front of the magazine stand at the airport, you could be a very happy man."

Hart frustrated

Hart spent a weekend with his wife and children at their home in Troublesome Gulch. It had the longest period of time they had all been together in quite a while. "He came home and discovered very unhappy kids," said one friend. Both children were angry with the media for what they viewed as attacks on the family and with their father for quitting.

Hart's efforts to re-establish himself were frustrating. He offered an outline of a book about politics, but publishers thought it did not deal with the issues people really wanted to read about — the scandal with Donna Rice.

He talked about writing a syndicated column. He drafted samples.

But then in June, *The National Enquirer* produced one of the biggest political exclusives of the year: photographs, taken by Lynn Armandt, a friend of Rice, that showed Rice sitting on Hart's lap on a dock in Miami. The relationship Hart had denied was an every supermarket shelf for all to see.

Discussion of a column was dropped by the syndicate.

June 28, Hart attended an Aspen Institute conference in Barcelona, Spain, and ran into his old friend Gianni DeMichelis, head of the socialist group in the Italian chamber of deputies.

"He was still clearly upset and dogged by this exit from the race," DeMichelis said. Hart had a difficult dinner with a group of U.S. journalists who pressed him with questions about Rice.

In August, Hart went off for a vacation in Ireland, but the vacation was disrupted when William Dixon, the old campaign manager, said in mid-August that he expected Hart to re-enter the race.

To evade reporters, Hart fled before dawn from the country house he had been staying in.

Adultery admitted

Hart returned from Ireland and denied he was re-entering the race. But at the same time he set

in motion a set of events to test whether he could.

Still hounded by questions that he had refused to answer over the Donna Rice scandal, Hart agreed to go on the ABC program *Nightline* to clear the air. The evening of Sept. 8, he did something few American politicians have ever had to do: He confessed that he had committed adultery. Although he refused to discuss Rice specifically, he apologized for the behavior that led to the collapse of his campaign.

Then he said he had "no plans to run for president" but wanted "to be part of this debate."

Campaign only way back

In October, Hart began talking more and more openly about renewing his campaign. At first, said a friend, "it was much more a question of 'how do I keep my name active.' The guy was trapped because he defined himself by running for office, but he couldn't see how he could do it without going through great pain."

But he moved steadily toward re-entering the race. The Wednesday before he re-opened his campaign, Hart met with two old friends, Richard Stearns and Eli Segal.

According to Stearns, Hart was

wondering whether he would ever be appointed to a position of importance in a Democratic administration.

"Frankly, Gary, no," Stearns replied. "Because no one is going to want someone whom they perceived as tainted by scandal."

Several friends said Hart concluded that the only road back into public life for him was a revival of his presidential campaign.

His friends warned him it would be rough. Stearns and Segal threw Gary Hart jokes at Hart to see how he would handle them.

Another friend said it was likely that all he would do was make it impossible for any candidate to win, increasing the chances that Gov. Mario M. Cuomo of New York could win the nomination.

"That wouldn't be the worst thing to happen to the party," Hart reportedly replied.

In response to all of this, Hart said he wanted to run. He would not if his wife opposed it. She was wavering. But then he returned Dec. 12 to Troublesome Gulch for a family meeting, and the decision was made to go.

"From his point of view, he had to do it or remain at sea forever," DeMichelis said. "No matter how it goes now, at least he will have returned to the political life."