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## Hart ends campaign for 1988 nomination

DENVER (AP) — Gary Hart, his front-running presidential campaign crippled by questions about his personal life, is withdrawing from the race for the 1988 Democratic nomination, a Hart campaign aide said Thursday.

"That's the word," said Rodger McDaniel, Hart's Wyoming campaign manager. "It's pretty shocking

to me. I suspect it's pretty shocking to Gary Hart."

McDaniel confirmed the word from sources, who asked not to be identified by name, that Hart campaign manager Bill Dixon and other aides were telephoning supporters of the former senator with the stunning news that Hart would quit the race.

Hart's decision came five days after publication of a newspaper story that he had entertained a 29-year-old model overnight in his Washington townhouse. Both Hart and the woman denied the story, but Hart's standing in the polls has plummeted in the past few days.

The *Washington Post* reported in Friday's editions that Hart's decision came after the paper presented his staff with "documented evidence of a recent liaison between Hart and a Washington woman with whom he has had a long-term relationship."

The *Post* quoted a senior Hart aide as saying the *Post's* information "accelerated the inevitable" withdrawal of Hart from the race.

Hart, who mounted a surprisingly strong bid for the 1984 presidential nomination, has been the prohibitive front-runner in the early maneuvering for 1988. His withdrawal would create a political vacuum that the remaining seven contenders would rush to fill, and might prompt other Democrats to enter the campaign as well.

Officially, Hart's campaign remained mum about his intentions, except to announce that the 50-year-old former senator would make an announcement on Friday.

Even before word of Hart's decision spread, Democratic politicians were saying his campaign was dead.

"The Hart candidacy in my opinion is history," said Idaho Gov. Cecil Andrus, who did not back Hart in 1984. "I say that based more on questions that have been raised about his judgment more than anything else."

Hart officially announced his candidacy on April 13, and has been battling rumors about his personal life and questions about his \$1.3 million 1984 campaign debt from the start.

The crippling blow came on Sunday, when the *Miami Herald* re-

ported that he had spent the night at his Washington townhouse with Miami model Donna Rice. Hart, Rice and others denied the account, and Hart attacked the newspaper.

At an extraordinary news conference in New Hampshire on Wednesday, Hart again denied having sex

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with Rice, but he refused to answer questions about whether he had ever committed adultery.

He had scheduled a full day of campaigning in New Hampshire for Thursday, but abruptly cancelled all the events and flew to Denver with his wife.

In a statement released earlier by his staff in Groveton, N.H., Hart said, "While running for president is important, right now my family is more important. . . . This campaign, and the ideals and ideas it represents, will continue and our cause will succeed."

Hart came to New Hampshire on Wednesday, pursued by questions about his relationship with Rice. After campaign events and the news conference, Hart and his wife decided after midnight to fly to Denver.

Earlier, in an interview with *The New York Times Magazine*, Hart had defied reporters to check up on him.

"If anybody wants to put a tail on me, go ahead," he said. "They'd be very bored."

Hart has said he accepts the scrutiny that comes with his candidacy, but contends the *Herald's* reporters saw only part of his comings and goings over the weekend, and drew the wrong conclusions.

Hart and Rice have denied that she stayed with him or that they had a sexual relationship.

## Conflicts continue over Hart

Gary Hart and the *Miami Herald* disagree about whether he spent Friday night with a young woman, but it's not the only disparity which has emerged in various accounts of the candidate's weekend.

The *Herald*, in stories published Sunday and Monday, said Hart and Donna Rice did not emerge from his house until Saturday night. Hart, Rice and Hart supporter William Broadhurst say they left the house Saturday afternoon.

When he was interviewed by *Herald* reporters Saturday, Hart said he could recall nothing about a boat trip with a Miami woman. On Tuesday, he offered a detailed recollection of the incident.

Hart said he was invited by Broadhurst to join him and some friends, including Rice, for the cruise. Rice said Hart invited her.

The *Herald*, in its first story on Sunday, said it had "documented the movements of Hart and the unidentified woman from the time she left Miami on Friday afternoon."

However, when Hart and others said Rice had left before midnight Friday via a back door, the *Herald* said that it had not had front and back doors under continuous surveillance, and had no one at all on the scene between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m. Saturday.

## Clements approves bill nixing open containers

AUSTIN (AP) — Beginning Sept. 1, Texans no longer will be able to drink a beer or any other alcoholic beverage while driving.

Gov. Bill Clements, who says he never has hoisted a drink while behind the wheel, Thursday signed into law a bill that prohibits drinking while driving.

"I think it's been long overdue," Clements said after putting his signature on the legislation sponsored by Sen. Bill Sarpalius, D-Amarillo.

"I'm delighted to see it go on the books," he said.

Clements called the law, which does not extend to passengers in vehicles, a key highway safety measure

and said he believes it will reduce highway fatalities.

"Alcohol and automobiles can be a volatile combination," he said. "The combination has resulted in deaths, wasted lives and destruction. There is no argument against a measure that seeks to end this unnecessary misery. It will save lives."

Current Texas law prohibits driving while intoxicated, but does not prohibit drinking while driving.

In a report to the Legislature written last year, the House Liquor Regulation Committee said many states have open-container bans.

Twenty-seven Texas municipalities have open-container ordinances,

but those came under question because of an attorney general's opinion that said the state's alcoholic beverage code is the exclusive law on transportation and possession of alcoholic beverages, the report said.

The bill signed Thursday was supported by several groups, including Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Clements said he wasn't worried about any negative public reaction to his signature.

"I think it's the right bill," he said.

Asked if he ever drank while driving, the governor replied, "No, I have not. I don't think that's really pertinent to what we're talking about."

## University police to remove bikes left at semester's end

By Mary-Lynne Rice  
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Students planning to store their bicycles in campus racks between the spring and summer semesters may return to find their bikes have been removed.

In accordance with a paragraph added to the 1986-1987 University Rules and Regulations, bikes will be removed from racks surrounding dormitories 10 days after the end of the spring semester.

"The idea behind this policy is that over the years, bikes have continued to accumulate," University Police Department Chief Elmer Schneider said. "They are never registered, and they're abandoned and in a state of disrepair."

University Grounds Maintenance crews will assist the UPD in collecting the bikes. Schneider said the bicycle owners must bear the costs incurred in removing locks or chains, and the Univer-

sity will take no responsibility for any damage to the vehicles.

Impounded bicycles will be secured by the UPD and kept for six months. If not claimed, they will be put up for auction. Revenue from the sales will be transferred to the MSC lost and found account.

A master log of all bicycles taken from the racks will be kept by the UPD and bikes will be returned to students after they provide registration information or a sufficient description of their property. A charge for handling and storage may be assessed.

Removal of bikes from other racks around campus will be based on "a judgment call" on whether the bike is abandoned, Schneider said. "We would consider abandoned a bike with two flat tires and a chain rusted into a solid mass," he said.

Bicycles may be brought back to campus racks one week before the beginning of the first summer session.

## Drunk drivers may face sobering aftermaths

By Staci Finch  
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The price for driving while intoxicated is sobering. It could lead to a misdemeanor conviction for first time offenders, but drivers arrested for a third DWI will awaken from

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their drunken haze to find themselves charged with a felony carrying a punishment that is more than just a fine or a slap on the wrist.

Margaret Lalk, an assistant district attorney for the Brazos County, described how her office handles felony DWIs.

"We really don't have a set policy on how to handle any certain cases in this office," Lalk said. "However, the general philosophy of the trial attorneys on DWIs is these people should not be allowed to pose a threat to the community in the future."

Lalk said that, if necessary, the district attorney's office will send these people to prison to keep them off the streets as long as possible.



"However," she said, "if we have good reason to believe that some type of chemical dependency program will help their drinking problem, we will try that route."

Lalk said by the time drivers are picked up for DWI a third time, they usually have a drinking problem.

"We can't use any convictions older than 10 years," she said. "So if someone is convicted three times in 10 years for DWI, the chances are

that he has been driving drunk a lot more times than he has gotten caught. You can almost guarantee there is a substance abuse problem by the time we get him."

Lalk said the major factor in deciding whether to send an offender to prison or to grant probation depends on the offender's record.

"If the probation office has dealt with this person on a misdemeanor level and has tried to get him into programs and to realize he has a problem, but it hasn't worked, I'm not going to try it again," she said.

Another type of probation can be used to show the offender the law means business, she said.

"We can try what we call shock probation," she said. "If the offender has never been to the penitentiary, we send him for five to six months, then take him out and put him on probation for the rest of his term, which includes a substance abuse program."

"Prison life can be pretty frightening, and the theory is that the offenders will be scared by their look at prison life and will stay out of trouble."

increase in accidents and law enforcement agencies are going to have a difficult time controlling speeders," he said. "People are going to assume the speed limit is 65 on every road in Texas because of this bill. What they must realize is the speed limit of 55 still applies to highways such as 6, 21 and 290."

At 12:01 a.m. Saturday, speed limit signs on interstate highways will be unveiled with the new limits printed on them, McCarver said.

In Walker, Madison, Leon and Freestone counties, where 1-45 passes, 37 new signs that have 65 mph printed on them will be erected Friday, Turnham said. In addition to the 37 new signs there will be 37 truck speed-limit signs posted over a two month period. Trucks will only be allowed to go 60 mph during the day and 55 mph at night.

The new speed limit will affect approximately 244,100 miles of interstate Texas blacktop, according to a report prepared by Jay Rosser, Clements' press secretary.



## Just Goin' For A Drive

Kathryn Caperton, left, daughter of Sen. Kent Caperton, and her friend, Angela Mauro, take a ride on the Rugged Buggy ride at the Brazos Valley

Shrine Club carnival. Sen. Caperton's wife, Kathy, watches in the background. The carnival is currently under way at the Townshire Center.

Photo by Robert W. Rizzo

## Limits in B-CS area unchanged by 65 mph law for rural Interstates

By Doug Driskell  
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Gov. Bill Clements signed a bill Wednesday that will raise the Texas rural interstate speed limit to 65 mph, but Bryan-College Station speed limits remain unchanged, said a highway department official.

The closest interstate to Bryan-College Station to be affected is Interstate 45, said Nick Turnham, public affairs officer for the Texas Highway Department.

Only where Interstate Highway 45 runs through Walker, Madison, Leon and Freestone counties will the speed limit increase, Turnham said.

Bo McCarver, spokesman for the Texas State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, said a rural interstate highway is one that passes through an area with a population of 50,000 people or less.

"This means the speed limit will increase to 65 mph only on interstates that run by rural areas," he said. "When an interstate such as 10



goes by Houston or San Antonio, the speed limit will go down to 55."

An Interstate highway is a highway which crosses state borders and is federally funded. All the roads and highways in the Bryan-College Station area are intrastate.

Quinn Brackett, a research specialist for the Texas Transportation Institute of Human Resources at Texas A&M, said it is important to emphasize what a rural interstate is.

"What we are going to see is an in-