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Prostitutes plan own convention

They hope to publicize their status as victims

By Pamela Abouzaid
The Tribune

Prostitutes from across the country plan to descend on San Francisco three days before the Democratic National Convention in July to steal some of the limelight and focus it on the wave of increased violence they say they are suffering on the streets.

Ironically, just as the prostitutes are refining their agenda for increased police protection, the vice squad here is preparing to launch a six-month cleanup campaign before the politicians arrive.

Many of the prostitutes wonder when the police were when eight Bay Area prostitutes were killed last year and scores more raped, beaten and robbed.

Hookers' convention

They hope to create enough of a stir with the Second International Hookers' Convention to draw attention to their demands for police protection and legalization of their profession.

"We want the right to work," said Margo St. James, founder of COYOTE, a prostitutes' rights group sponsoring the convention. "Without it, the message is that whores are legitimate victims."

Twelve streetwalkers have been killed in Seattle since July 1982 in addition to the eight murdered in the Bay Area in 1983. The last victim, 18-year-old Samantha Hill, was found decapitated last month at Fort Miller.

Police are actively investigating her gruesome murder, but in the meantime, also planning to send six new decoys out on the street next week to trap prostitutes and their customers.

Officials refuse to say how large a commitment they've already made to the beat but concede that local streetwalkers are their main target and newcomers in search of convention profits their second concern.

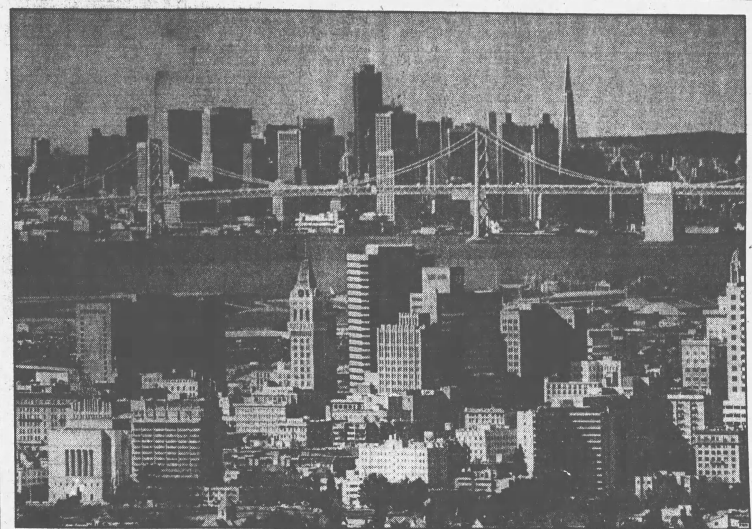
"It's not going to be profitable for them to come here because a lot of them are going to wind up being arrested," Capt. Diarmuid Philpott, head of vice and narcotics, said.

Mostly in Tenderloin

There are only an estimated 200 streetwalkers in San Francisco — most working the streets of the Tenderloin area — but Philpott says they generate the most complaints from neighborhood residents, customers of local businesses and officers.

"We are increasing our enforcement efforts and we'll arrest both the prostitutes and the customers," Philpott continued. "The important thing is to try to give the impression

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By Roy H. Williams/The Tribune

On a clear day

While high wind caused havoc elsewhere, gentle winds brought clear air that made Oakland and San Francisco high-rises stand out sharply Thursday. Tribune photographer Roy H. Williams used a 600mm telephoto

from the Oakland hills to capture this compressed view of the Oakland skyline in the foreground, the Bay Bridge and downtown San Francisco. He used a Nikon F2 camera. Exposure was 1/250th of a second at f/8.

Joy ride ends in death of teen-ager

By Jon Berry
The Tribune

FREMONT — A teen-age joy ride punctuated by the theft of two 12-packs of beer ended in tragedy early Thursday when the youths' car flipped on a remote hillside road, killing one passenger and injuring six others.

An empty bottle of tequila found in the car had been signed and dated by all the teen-agers. It was apparently part of a regular ritual among the youths and was to be awarded to one of them at the end of a night of drinking.

Lawrence Flores Cristobal, 16, a high school freshman from Union City was killed in the crash.

Fremont police said Cristobal's skull was crushed when



Lawrence Cristobal
Dead at 17

he was partially ejected from the car and it rolled on top of him.

The car's driver, a 17-year-old Fremont youth, was arrested on suspicion of vehicular manslaughter and felony

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Junior colleges glad, but resentful over tuition battle

By Lester On
The Tribune

Community colleges, locally and in other parts of the state, heaved a sigh of relief Thursday at the end of a tuition battle in Sacramento that restores financial support to the 1982-83 levels.

Gov. Deukmejian signed companion bills giving the state's 106 community colleges \$95.6 million now and imposing a \$50-a-semester tuition beginning in September.

Chancellor Donald Godbold

of the Peralta Community College District in Oakland and Dr. William Moore, superintendent of the South County (Clabot) Community College District in Hayward were happy, but not euphoric.

"With the kind of attrition we may have," said Godbold. "I don't anticipate the need to lay off certificated staff."

Moreover, he said, the money will allow Peralta, which operates Laney and Merritt

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High winds hit state; man killed at Yosemite

By The Tribune staff and news services

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK — Violent windstorms gusting up to 68 mph toppled trees in the Sierra Nevada on Thursday, killing one man and isolating a small community, authorities said.

The same weather pattern that uprooted trees in the mountains forced NASA to scratch a piggyback flight of the space shuttle Columbia to Edwards Air Force Base and caused major power outages in Central and Southern California.

"It progressed into quite a disaster," said California Highway Patrolman Ben McThorn in the Tuolumne County community of Pinescrest.

John Douglas Callaway, 23, died when he was pinned under a 2½-foot diameter pine tree that fell on his canvas-roof tent-cabin at Yosemite National Park, spokeswoman Lisa Dapprich said. He was employed by the park concessionaire, Yosemite Park & Curry Co.

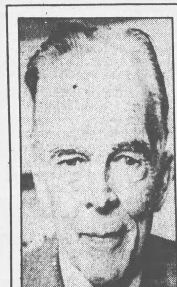
In Southern California, winds knocked out electrical power to more than 40,000 customers in Los Angeles and Orange counties, flipped over two trucks and a private plane and fanned several brush fires.

The National Park Service closed Yosemite to incoming traffic and advised 700 overnight guests to stay in several buildings that were considered safe from the winds, Dapprich said.

About 500 residents were isolated in Pinescrest by downed trees and a power out-

age, said sheriff's spokesman Mark Bennett. Falling trees damaged at least three dwellings and a cross-country ski lodge.

The U.S. Forest Service ranger station at Pinescrest recorded a top gust of 68 mph. Wind carried a spark from sawdust burners at an American Forest Products lumber mill in the Madera County community of North Fork, igniting a \$5,000 fire that destroyed four lumber drying kilns, said state forestry dispatcher Chuck Jay.



Justin Dart dies

Industrialist Justin Dart, a member of President Reagan's "kitchen cabinet," died of a heart attack. Page D-10.

Reagan may allow tax hike

Democrats fear an election-year gimmick

By Joel Havemann
and Paul Houston
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Senior Reagan administration officials Thursday portrayed President Reagan as willing to consider almost anything, including tax increases and defense spending cuts, if Congress would negotiate on slicing \$100 billion from federal deficits during the next three years.

But Democrats reacted warily to what they feared was an election-year gimmick to defuse one of their best political issues: a flood of red ink estimated in Reagan's forthcoming budget to exceed \$500 billion during the next three years. Before they would negotiate, they insisted, Reagan must be specific about the kinds of measures he would accept.

"He's running the government. We're not running the government," said House Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill Jr., D-Mass. "We want to find out where he is."

O'Neill and Senate Democratic leader Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia each chose only a single representative to negotiate with the White House, and they said that they would not begin talking until after Reagan sends his fiscal 1985 budget to Congress on Wednesday.

That budget will forecast deficits of about \$160 billion not only in fiscal 1985, which begins Oct. 1, but in 1986 and 1987 as well. Reagan proposed in his State of the Union address Wednesday that Congress and the administration negotiate a "down payment" toward reducing those deficits.

The president, who has achieved deep reductions in some domestic spending programs, has consistently resisted major tax increases and

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Pesticide detected in muffin mixes

By Kathy O'Toole
The Tribune

SACRAMENTO — The State Department of Health announced Thursday it had found unexpectedly high residues of the pesticide EDB in three muffin mixes taken from Bay Area stores and in one cornbread mix from a Los Angeles market.

Officials said they had asked Procter and Gamble Co., makers of the Duncan Hines Bran and Wild Blueberry muffin mixes, to recall the specific product lots and would ask Nabisco Co. to withdraw a Dromedary Cornbread Mix as well because of the residues.

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Sunny and breezy today. Highs in the 60s to near 70. Fair tonight and Saturday with highs in the mid-60s to low 70s. A-10.

Column One

Prostitutes to hold own S.F. convention

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that prostitution is not tolerated in San Francisco."

Police made 1,729 arrests for prostitution here in 1983, and 3,077 for about five days of the year before. By comparison, about 19 arrests a day were made for narcotics violations, offenses some people liken to prostitution because of the so-called victimless aspect of the crimes.

But since the new year, streetwalkers contend, officers are stopping them more often and with more force.

Whereas the women used to consider the beat cop a friend, the new cleanup policy has made them suspicious. Not only do they fear arrests, they worry that increased police vigilance may fuel violence against them from customers, pimps and crusading moralists.

"Everytime the police start cracking down, a message goes out to men that they can do it and help in the cleanup," St. James said.

"A good deal of the violence against prostitutes in this country is tied to prohibition," Priscilla Alexander, action coordinator for the National Organization for Women, said.

Privately, police won't dispute that theory. But they note there is no evidence to support it except their street experiences. There is in fact, little documentation of violence against prostitutes by police or by customers.

Because of the illegality of their profession, prostitutes are wary of contact with law enforcement and rarely report abuse.

Worse yet, many of them doubt that a jury could be convinced the difference between selling sex for money and having it taken violently.

"Prostitutes know they are going to have a great difficulty in court proving their case because who is going to believe them," Lt. Mike Wilson, head of Oakland's vice squad, said.

A 1982 study of 200 Bay Area prostitutes concluded that violence is endemic to the business, not only because of the surreptitious nature of the trade but also because of where it takes place. Most streetwalkers work in the worst areas of town.

In San Francisco, for example, a violent crime was reported in the Tenderloin every day of last week. In Oakland, 39 rapes occurred last year in what the police call Beat Ten, a broad area encompassing sections of Broadway, MacArthur and Market where prostitutes work.

The study of violence against prostitutes, done by Mimi Silbert of the Delancey Street Foundation and funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, produced results the police and prostitutes say are shocking but true.

Of the women interviewed, 77 percent said they'd been raped on the job and 65 percent reported non-sexual assaults. Seventy-four percent said they had been robbed at work.

"The horrible thing was that when they were asked why they thought they had been abused, 78 percent of the victims said they saw violence as a hazard of the job," Silbert said.

And of the territory. Seventy-three percent of the women said they had been raped when they were not working, but simply because of the area of town they frequent. In each of

the cases, Silbert said, the violence was exacerbated when the woman told her attacker she was a prostitute.

"The women said that they felt that if they told their assailant they... offered to turn a trick for free, they would not get hurt but the opposite happened," Silbert said. "When the men heard that, they became outraged, and in every single case, the violence became extreme."

"It was clear that in no way was a sexual act what the rapist wanted," she continued. "What he wanted was the violence." Samantha-Hill's murder may be a case in point.

Not only was she raped and killed, her head was severed and her body mutilated.

Like the Seattle cases, and a majority of the Bay Area ones, Hill's murder is unsolved.

Police are now operating under the theory that her death may have been a ritualistic overtones. On Thursday, Mayor Dianne Feinstein posted a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of her attacker.

In the meantime, prostitutes here are taking the law into



Police hope to cut down on negotiations such as this one.

their own hands. Following the example of their colleagues in Vancouver, B.C., the women plan to start circulating among themselves a "bad trick sheet" listing the descriptions and cars of suspicious customers.

"I think prostitutes here feel they are in danger," Homicide Inspector Jim Crowley said. "They've told us of a number of individuals they've had serious problems with and I know they are telling the truth."

"It seems to me it is more dangerous for them now than it has ever been," he said.

Appreciative of understanding such as Crowley's, prostitutes nonetheless question whether the rank and file reflect the same sensitivity.

Message of a crackdown

With the clear message that the police intend to crack down on prostitution in view of the convention, prostitutes now want to make sure the abuse does not come from overzealous officers. Philpott, however adamant about reducing prostitution, scoffs at the idea that his department is conducting "sweeps."

"We are not doing that. We wouldn't tolerate it," Philpott said. "We don't tolerate brutality against women."

St. James remains unconvinced. In March, she said,

streetwalkers here are going to start documenting any instance they believe smacks of illegal round-ups so that, as she put it, "when the Democrats come to town, we'll have something to talk about."

The prostitutes' convention is scheduled for July 9-13, and the Democrats' debate start July 16. St. James has not decided on a definite site yet but is looking at the possibility of renting a warehouse near the Moscone Center, which the prostitutes intend to picket while the politicians caucus.

The point of the prostitutes' convention is not to antagonize the delegates, but to try to convince them through argument and exposure that prostitution is a human rights and labor issue, and not a legal one, St. James said.

A room for a delegate

Hoping to personalize the issue, St. James said Bay Area prostitutes will offer Democratic delegates who don't want to spring for a hotel "alternative housing." In other words, for \$10 a night, the prostitutes will provide delegates a room as long as they bring their own sleeping bag.

The police, meanwhile, profess little concern about the prostitutes' convention.

"At that level," Philpott said, "you don't have to worry."

Pimps usually manage to escape prosecution

By Bethany Korwin

Although pimps run almost all street prostitution, according to police, they are arrested infrequently and rarely convicted.

Vice officers frustrated by this poor showing — one pimp arrested for every 50 prostitutes or customers, according to police statistics — say that it is not due to any shortage of men who are making their living off prostitution of women.

"We've got rid of pimps, 99 percent of street prostitution would disappear," said Lt. William Grosswind, head of the San Francisco Police Department's vice squad. "There's a pimp behind every prostitute, and she is actually his victim."

The problem is putting together a case for pimping, which is a felony punishable by two to eight years in prison. The number of men convicted of pimping in Oakland last year could be counted on one hand; the number for San Francisco was not available, but one source said it was

"very low, very disappointing."

While record numbers of prostitutes and customers were arrested last year in anti-prostitution crackdowns in both cities, only 65 men were arrested for pimping and pandering in San Francisco, 37 in Oakland.

According to police, the difficulties in arresting pimps arise from the fact that the only witnesses against them are prostitutes, who don't often take their troubles to police and even when they do, sometimes aren't believed.

Deborah Ford, a 28-year-old Oakland prostitute said she called police to turn in her pimp because he had threatened to shoot her over a debt she couldn't cover.

The man was arrested for pimping in December, but an Alameda County deputy district attorney declined to prosecute, saying "no man would not be a reliable witness against a pimp."

Lack of confidence in a prostitute's word is such a common problem in pimp cases that the

San Francisco vice detail assigns two officers to follow up pimp arrests and to ensure that the women appear in court.

Bernard Walter, a San Francisco assistant district attorney, said, "You are dealing with extremely young, vulnerable and mobile people who have no commitment to the criminal justice system." He said "it takes a lot of personal involvement" to prosecute a pimp case based on a prostitute's word.

After Ford's alleged pimp was arrested, he said he was her boyfriend and that the money she gave him was merely a sign of her friendship. His story illustrates another problem in enforcing laws against pimping.

The role played by a pimp is, in fact, even a "myth," according to some people involved in prostitution issues.

"It would be hard for me to tell you what a pimp is, and harder for you to tell me who is a pimp," said Ralph Huey Washington in an interview room at San Francisco County Jail.

Washington was sentenced to 17 years in federal prison for racketeering, based on evidence that he was involved in the operation of an interstate prostitution ring.

He described a spectrum ranging from slave drivers to kept men, in which he said he was the latter. The money he got from women — and the jewelry and cars — were gifts.

In between are "husbands and boyfriends who live off their wives' prostitution, but won't have the word mentioned in their houses," Washington said. "It may be every man's fault to be wanted enough by a woman to be paid by her."

For the women involved, pimps are father figures, helpers and male mistresses, according to Margo St. James of the prostitute's organization, COYOTE, in Mills Valley.

"The pimp role is totally blown out of proportion," said St. James, who advocates total decriminalization of prostitution.

Mandy, 23, accepts the risks of prostitution to reap rewards

By Pamela Abouzaid

SAN FRANCISCO — Mandy tugs at the tips of her leather gloves, blows a smoke ring, and takes a sip of her soft drink. It's cold outside, the dirt and the streets are crawling with cops because the Chinese premier is in town. The chances of turning a trick tonight are not good.

"I used to car-date, but not any more," she says. "A guy held a gun to my head and once because some girl burned him, so now I don't get in cars anymore, or if I do, I keep a hand on the handle and always watch his hands."

She gets up to make a call at a pay phone, tugging at her electric blue sweater, but even scheduling a date is difficult tonight. Since the discovery of Samantha Hill's body the week before, her regulars have been hesitant to come to the Tenderloin. To some undercover cops around.

A girl walks by the window and Mandy waves but doesn't call her in. She knows most of the streetwalkers around, and had even seen Samantha a few times but doesn't recall much about her except that she was new to the area, and sweet.

Mandy is 23 and has been working the Tenderloin for about a year after moving down from Sacramento. Her father is retired and her mother is a school teacher and they discovered their daughter's trade when she was arrested her first year on the streets of the capital. Mandy says they just ignore the issue when she comes home.

That night she heard Samantha had been decapitated. Mandy says she stayed in her apartment watching television, too "freaked" to care about giving up \$200.

"Oh, no," she says, when asked where her home is. "Not even my girlfriends have been there."

But that night, she says, she thought for the first time about getting out of the business. After having a gun held to her head twice, and a knife to her throat once, she wondered if she should quit while the odds were with her.

She doesn't have a pimp and she doesn't work the hotels because, she says, the odds of getting picked up there are greater. Despite four arrests, she says luck has been with her and it's hard to quit now, no matter what happened to Samantha.

"I don't want to do this my whole life," she says, "but I have goals and I

have to make enough money first to get out."

"How much? A million dollars," she says, laughing. Mandy was making \$115 a week as a waitress after graduation from high school. That didn't make her want fancy clothes or a car any less, and with the possibility of getting them growing dimmer with each day at the restaurant, she decided streetwalking was as good as any way to make a lot of money fast.

An older friend in Sacramento, a former prostitute now married with a baby, taught Mandy the business. But after her arrest, the city seemed too "hot" and San Francisco seemed like a good place to go.

"Look, I have a lot of things I never had before," she says, her narrow blue eyes darting out the window as a man walks by. "I can shop at stores I couldn't before, I have a television, and an apartment."

"Some day, I want to settle down and have a family and lead a clean and straight life," she continued. "But right now, I'm happy."

Three nights later, she was out on her corner, giggling with some girls. This night, Mandy was dressed in a gray tailored suit and burgundy silk blouse.

An unmarked police car pulled up and her friends scattered but the cops called her over by name.

"The other side of the road, Mandy," one of them yelled.

"What about my friends, you going to tell them the same thing too?"

"Yeah, just get moving."

She crossed the street and the cops waved goodbye. As long as she isn't on their beat, Mandy said, they treat her well.

She was due in court the next morning on a prostitution charge so she didn't want to work late that night. She went off into the night for a couple of hours work before turning in early to "look good" the next day.

When she showed up in court, though, her yellow hair was matted and the green eyeshadow streaked to make her eyes appear bruised. She was still wearing the same suit, very wrinkled by now, and the hem hanging down the back of the skirt.

"I spent the night in jail," she said. "I wasn't making any dates so I went down to the hotels just before going home to see if things were better down there and they got me.

"It's OK."

Prostitutes who were murdered

The following women, said by police to be known prostitutes, were murdered in the Bay Area last year:

- Gloria Jean Frael, 26, found Feb. 6 in San Mateo County.
- Barbara Searcy, 22, found Aug. 8 in San Mateo County.
- Brenda Oakden, 19, and Phyllis Melendrez, 19, found May 3 in Golden Gate Park.
- Sharon Ray, 19, found Oct. 30 in San Mateo County.
- Sherry Holman, 22, found Feb. 5 in Oakland.
- Barbara Snyder, 24, found Nov. 29 in Orinda.
- Samantha Hill, 18, found three weeks ago in Fort Mile.



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