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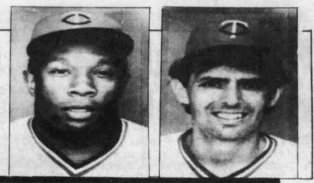
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Sex for sale — and South Dakota's buying

By ANNE WILLETTE,
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Argus Leader Staff
Sex is for sale in the towns that dot South Dakota's prairie, and men are buying.

Trading no longer takes place in the Wild West town brothels like those that flourished in Deadwood until five years ago. Now, merchandise is displayed in bars that feature exotic dancers. Satisfaction is promised by faceless, nameless people who answer the phones at escort and dating services. Transactions are completed in motel rooms.

And South Dakota continues to struggle with prostitution and the problems it brings:

— November 1984 — A man is murdered after a bust of a Rapid City dating service on prostitution charges, and a contract is put out on the life of a prostitute who helped the state finger the business.

— June 1984 — A 60-year-old St. Paul, Minn., man is sentenced to 10 years in prison for put-

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ting a 14-year-old girl to work as a prostitute in Huron.

— October 1984 — In one weekend, three out-of-town men fall victim to "hugger muggers" in Sioux Falls when the women they hire for sex steal their money. Police say the incidents are unrelated.

— March 1985 — The South Dakota Legislature, responding to pleas from police officers in Sioux Falls, Rapid City and Aberdeen, increase the maximum penalties for prostitutes and their customers from 30 days in jail and \$100 fine to a year in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

— May 1985 — Aberdeen passes an ordinance banning nude dancing in bars.

— May 1985 — Yankton passes an ordinance banning nude dancing in taverns, but opponents gather enough signatures to force an Aug. 13 vote on the issue.

Tom Del Grosso, the head of South Dakota's criminal investigation office, says the new stiffer penalties should mean more prostitution arrests. But prostitutes and pimps aren't on the most-wanted lists of law enforcement agencies.

Police officers say they must set priorities. Next to murderers, rapists and robbers, sex peddlers rank low in the hierarchy of crime.

But officers are quick to say prostitution, a misdemeanor under state law, is a concern.

They point out that it is inevitably linked to more serious crimes: drug use and dealing, robbery, assault, even murder.

Last year in the Black Hills, a man was murdered after a prostitution bust that involved a Rapid City dating service. And a murder contract was put out on a prostitute who turned

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Partly cloudy, chance of storms
High 88/Low 65

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Briefly

CBS dominates Daytime Emmys

LOS ANGELES (AP) — CBS dominated the Daytime Emmy Awards for technical achievement, winning 11 trophies Saturday, including two each for *The Young and Restless* and *Pryor's Place*.

The Academy of Television Arts and Sciences and the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences distributed 24 Daytime Emmy Awards in non-televvised ceremonies at the Century Plaza Hotel.

Performer and program awards will be presented Thursday at the 12th Annual Daytime Emmy Awards, to be televised nationally by CBS.

CBS received 11 awards Saturday, ABC won six, the Public Broadcasting Service and syndicated shows each received two, and NBC got one.

Today

The state seniors golf tournament concludes at Hillcrest Country Club, Yankton.

A tryout camp conducted by the Major League Scouting Bureau is set for 9 a.m. at Sioux Falls Baseball Stadium.

Hoyt Wilhelm, Lou Brock and Enos Slaughter will be inducted into baseball's Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.

Inside

AIDS victims are rushing to Paris for treatment in large numbers, but a French specialist in the usually fatal disease warns that the city is no mecca for cures. — 3A

The General Motors Saturn plant will be in Tennessee, two of the state's senators say, ending eight months of speculation and scrambling among the 36 states vying for the plant. — 4A

Mocking the Iowa lottery with a satirical song has not won a state disc jockey any friends among lottery officials. — 8C

Folk musicians Peter, Paul and Mary, now miles and decades from the coffee houses and their youth, recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of their beginning as a group. — 12D

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Army takes charge in Uganda

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP) — A military coup overthrew President Milton Obote's civilian government Saturday following a month of tribal infighting within the Ugandan army.

Obote, 60, survivor of a 1971 military coup by Idi Amin, was reported to have survived this coup by Brigadier Basilio Olara Okello. Obote fled to neighboring Kenya with two Cabinet ministers shortly before the coup, according to witnesses there.

By nightfall, sporadic shooting in the capital had abated and the rebel forces under Okello appeared to have established control.

Pro-Obote soldiers reportedly took hostage some soldiers from the Acholi tribe at Kampala's Makindye army barracks. The rebel leader is an Acholi, as are most of his soldiers.

Reports from the scene said Okello's supporters were trying to flush the loyalists out of an underground prison at Makindye. Amnesty International said in a June 19 report that civilians were illegally detained and tortured there and at other army bases.

At 11:30 a.m. Saturday a rebel officer announced the "total end of Obote's tribalistic rule." Speaking on behalf of Okello, he later invited civilians to "join us at the city square at any time" to celebrate. But after looting broke out, a dusk-to-dawn curfew was imposed and nearby Entebbe Airport was closed to both domestic and international flights.

"The situation is far from resolved," a Western diplomat based in Kampala said. In Washington, White House spokesman Edward Djerejian said all U.S. officials in Kampala were safe and authorities were trying to contact American citizens in Uganda.

There was no announcement on how many American citizens or diplomats were in this East African country.

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Milton Obote Idi Amin

Idi Amin would return if asked

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Idi Amin, who ruled Uganda with a heavy hand for eight years, said Saturday that he would help the leaders of a coup in that East African nation if they allowed exiles to return.

Asked if he himself would return, Amin said, "Everybody wants to go home."

In a telephone interview from his exile home in Jidda, Saudi Arabia, Amin urged the new leaders to free all political detainees and welcome home Ugandans who left the country after he was ousted in 1979.

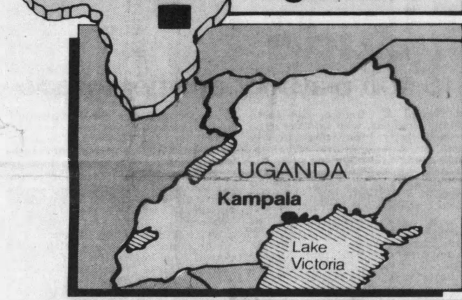
Amin said that if the army coup leaders took his advice, "I will support them and I can work and contact many countries to give them support."

"If they refuse my advice we would work to topple them," he added, speaking in English.

Amin overthrew Obote in 1971 and established one of the bloodiest regimes in Ugandan history, killing hundreds of thousands of opponents and declaring himself president for life.

Amin was deposed in 1979 by Tanzanian troops and an irregular Ugandan force. The former strongman generally remains discredited in Uganda because of the social and economic chaos under his rule.

Uganda at a glance



Capital: Kampala.
Population: 13.8 million.
Languages: English (official), Luganda, Swahili.
Religion: Christian, 63%; Moslem, 6%; traditional beliefs are still common.
Area: 91,104 square miles (about the size of Oregon).
Economy: Chief crops are coffee, cotton, tea, tobacco, corn, peanuts, banana, sugar.
Minerals: are copper, cobalt.

More than 1,000 arrested in S. Africa

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — More than 1,000 people were detained during South Africa's first week of a state of emergency, police said Saturday.

The white-minority government meanwhile scorned a United Nations call for sanctions to force an end to apartheid, the nation's race segregation system.

News reports said black Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu planned to

seek a meeting with President P.W. Botha this week to discuss the crisis. But Tutu, winner of the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize, declined comment, except to say he feared Botha might exploit such a meeting for his own political credibility abroad.

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Hawking the goods were the owner, Bill's, Bill Hartman, 18-year-old Josh Meyer of Sioux Falls; and John Fischer of Minneapolis.

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from local, grassroots civic associations and student groups, in an apparent police attempt to deal a body blow to the opposition after nearly a year of persistent violence.

The statement said three riot incidents were reported since Friday

evening, with no new deaths. Police say rioting has subsided since the emergency took effect, although they have confirmed 15 blacks killed in clashes since then.

About 500 blacks have perished since last August in unrest that led to the state of emergency. Most were killed by police, but many were slain by other blacks who saw the victims as collaborators with the white government.

There Bureau of Indian Affairs would like to obtain the town for the tribe, Simon Stevens, a BIA officer in Aberdeen, said. Stevens said that the Yankton Sioux reservation boundary. The Army Corps of Engineers disagrees.

Attempts to clarify the bill's intent proved unsuccessful Saturday. South Dakota's three members of Congress, Larry Pressler and James Abdnor and Rep. Tom Daschle — could not be reached.

Farmers market Sale offers food for thought

By KEVIN LOLLAR
Argus Leader Staff

Perennial flowers, carrots, beets, preserves, honey, rabbit meat.

You want it, they got it at the Farmers Open Air Market.

Between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturdays and 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays, area farmers and gardeners haul their wares to the downtown mall between 10th and 11th streets and sell them from the backs of cars and pickups.

Marlys DeVries of Luverne, Minn., made her sixth trip to the market Saturday. With the help of daughter, Jelene Johnson of Minneapolis, she sold produce grown in her three-acre garden.

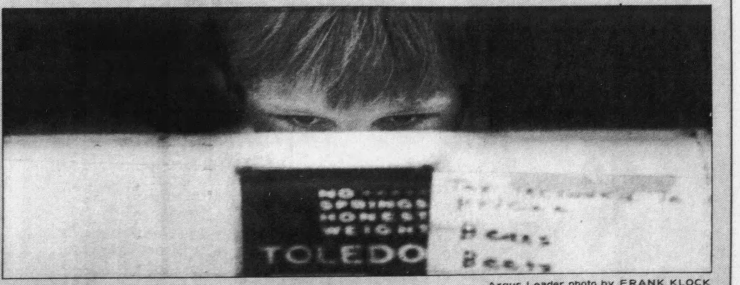
DeVries said she tries to stay under store prices and sold out in her first few trips to the mall.

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Josh Meyer, 10, of Sioux Falls weighs vegetables at the Farmers Open Air Market. Argus Leader photo by FRANK KLOCK

Discreet conversations lead to dates with dancers

By PATRICK SPRINGER and JIM RASMUSSEN

Argus Leader staff writer
 Dawn, a young-looking blonde, talks about her career as she sips a Long Island Iced Tea between sets. She is one of three dancers performing at the Cockatoo Lounge in Yankton. It's Tuesday night, July 2.

An aspiring rock singer, Dawn says she dances nude to earn money and get stage experience. She says her fiancé doesn't mind.

"I told him I was doing this for training," she says. "If I can take my clothes off for 50 or 70 guys, I can sing in front of a thousand, easy."

Dawn has half an hour before her turn comes up again. Lori, another dancer, is working now.

About 30 men sit at tables around the lighted stage. Some wear seed caps and blue jeans; others wear ties and business jackets.

During visits to the reporters' table be-

her to dance again.

At a nearby table, the other reporter starts a conversation with a customer. They chat about the bar, the dancers. The reporter asks if they are available.

The customer, a balding man in his 60s, asks the reporter's name and address. The reporter complies, but the man takes the precaution of asking for the driver's license.

"Are you a cop?" the man asks.

"No."

"I'll set it up for you."

The man talks with all three dancers, pointing the visitor out, and returns to the table. He promises to set something up and asks for a beer in return. But the dancers are apparently suspicious. No deal.

Later, toward closing time, Dawn takes the first reporter aside. She leads him downstairs to the dancers' dressing room, a cubicle roughly 5 feet by 7 feet. She

changes into her street clothes.

"How much to party?" the reporter asks.

"Sixty," she says.

"It's closing time at the Cockatoo, time to go home. The reporters wait outside for word about where to meet Dawn. Finally, she comes outside and gives her address — 210 W. 12th St.

She leaves with Lori in a Cadillac Eldorado. The reporters drive to the house. One of them goes to the door to make sure the women are there. They are. The reporter excuses himself and leaves.

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See Profile of a prostitute

By ANNE WILLETTE

Argus Leader staff writer
 Sheree Duncan thinks of her 10-month-old son when she peels off her clothes in bars throughout the Midwest.

She thinks of him when she leaves the bars with men.

She thinks of the money she is earning for him.

Duncan is an exotic dancer and a prostitute.

On a hot July night in Sioux Falls, she slowly works her way out of a dark-blue knit dress. A song or two later, she is in pasties and a black-fringed G-string.

Duncan teases the men sitting next to the stage. She steals their seed caps, smokes their cigarettes, dances for each individually. Their thanks are dollar bills in her G-string.

Her style is athletic, her moves agile. There is nothing subtle about the dance, no mystery. Sex is what it's all about.

Her set over, Duncan sits down, hot, tired and stiff. She hasn't danced in more than a month. She stayed home in Minneapolis — her son is cutting teeth and saw regular clients now and then to keep money coming in.

Duncan's son, Derrice, is in her thoughts a lot these days.

She sees him in nice clothes, a comfortable bed, in private schools. She hopes he'll never have to be on the streets.

"I'm not saying what I do is a hard life. It's just that it can be a hard life."

Duncan says she is a businesswoman. She provides a service that is in great demand. She's a companion, a counselor to her clients. She says she helps keep marriages together.

They love their wives. They don't love me, but most of their wives won't put out," she says.

"I feel like I'm giving them something they want and they are giving me something I like."

Money.

"I've always liked to work. My mom told me when I was 2 years old I used to go around and collect people's bottles. I always liked money. Always."

The 24-year-old Duncan has been in the dancing and dating business for six years. She doesn't have a pimp, but pays an agency to book dancing jobs.

Duncan can net \$1,000 a week. Her best week ever: \$3,500. In a good year she can clear \$100,000, most of it tax-free.

"It's the money. There's no other reason that I do it."

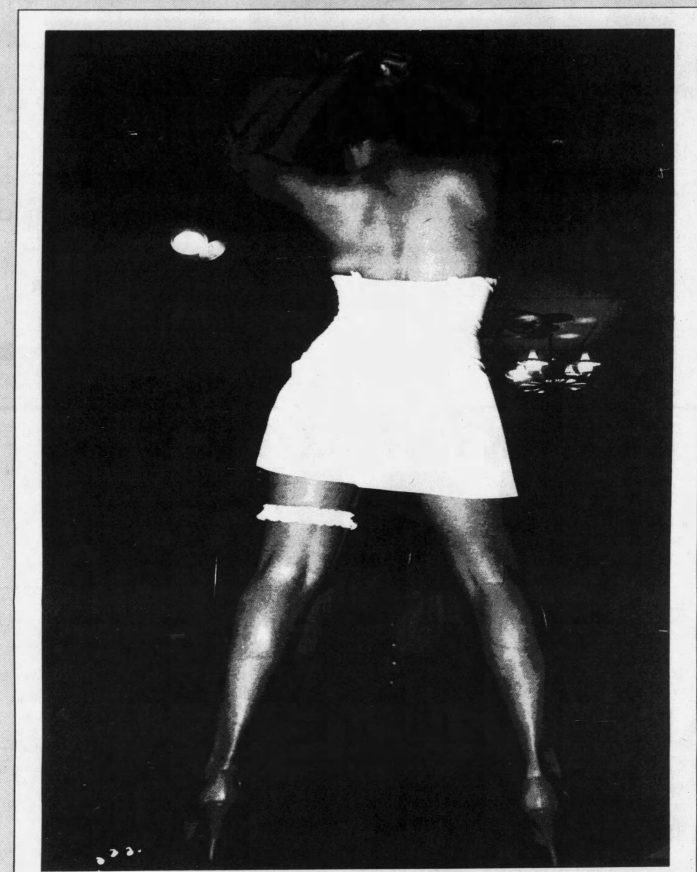
Duncan makes \$500 a week dancing. Expenses, which she tries to cover with tips, run about \$300. Money from dates is extra income.

The pay in South Dakota towns isn't as high as in other areas, but most dancers don't mind. The tips and dates are better.

Some dancers just dance. Others make lucrative offers. Duncan did both from the beginning. She wanted the big money.

"I don't really enjoy the sex. She classifies the male gender in a single word: dogs.

"They're making the market. We're not. If the men wouldn't



Sheree Duncan on stage. She has been a dancer and prostitute for six years. She lives in Minneapolis and works a five-state region, including South Dakota.

come to see it, there wouldn't be dancers."

Duncan shatters stereotypes about prostitutes. She came from a good home and rarely uses drugs. Her child was not fathered by one of her customers.

Duncan remembers her childhood as a happy one. She grew up in north Minneapolis, was a teacher's pet until the fourth grade and got straight A's through the seventh grade. Then she became bored. She bounced from school to school before earning a General Equivalency Diploma at 16.

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She didn't know her father. He died in a car accident on the way to the hospital when she and her twin brother were being born.

Duncan's mother, brother and two sisters know about her business. They shed no tears, she says. They know she is strong-willed and will work to be the best at whatever she does.

Duncan figures she'll stay in the business another two years. But she's heard that once a person starts turning tricks, they never stop.

She'd like to run a nursery or a day-care center. Psychiatry also interests her, but that takes a lot of schooling. If nothing else, she will volunteer to counsel troubled

teens.

"I have plenty of goals and dreams. As soon as I lose my dreams and goals, that's when my life is going to be done."

Her goals now revolve around her son. She says she is a good mother. The child's father sees him regularly.

"Because I have a baby to get home to, my life means something to me," she says.

"My child is going to be a great thing to society. I think he is going to find a cure for cancer or something like that."

What about marriage?

Maybe. When she's older.

"I don't want to die alone. I don't want to grow old alone, and I don't want to be broke."

Counselors say Prostitution not victimless crime

By ANN GRAUVOGL

Argus Leader Staff

She's been called a scarlet woman, a whore, a hooker, a harlot — who lives in the fast lane, eats fancy dinners and makes a bundle on her body.

He's the john, the whoremonger, the libertine, the man with a few bucks to spend for a good time.

Many say that their union — a financial transaction — is a victimless crime.



Mark Weissinger

But Sioux Falls counselors say both may be victims of sexuality gone awry.

Most of the women who choose prostitution were sexually abused as children and never learned how they fit sexually into society, Mark Weissinger, community services coordinator for the Southeastern Mental Health Center, says.

The men who hire sex may be trapped by a society that taught them to look for self-worth and closeness through sexual contact — no matter who the partner, Bill Bishop, director of Family Service, says.

No matter the motivation, the relationship between prostitute and client isn't healthy, counselors say. No one wins emotionally when sex is divorced from intimacy.

"The glamorous side of prostitution — quick money, independence, good dinners — only hides disrupted life, Weissinger, who's counseled prostitutes in New York City and Sioux Falls, says.

"I think it's really sad," he says.

"They're already victims, and they're further victimizing themselves. The tragedy is that they're detached from one of the most basic human experiences — sex. They can only use it like you or I would use a monkey wrench."

A pamphlet from PRIDE, a Minneapolis support group for women leaving prostitution, says many of the women saw their mothers abused, were abused themselves or both.

"When abuse begins early in childhood, it becomes an accepted, expected way of life, and the transition to the abusive life of prostitution is not surprising," the manual says.

Rape is common, PRIDE says. Incest isn't unusual.

In a Minneapolis study, a third of the prostitutes interviewed were incest victims; 65 percent had been raped; half had been raped more than once.

In a San Francisco study, 59 of 100 prostitutes were incest victims; 30 were victims of other child sexual abuse. "In many cases, when the women tried to tell an adult about the incest or abuse, they were not believed," the pamphlet says.

The sexual identity of the women was disrupted in those who were children, Weissinger says. When they're victims, little girls can't choose their role, he says.

In addition to abuse, those who become prostitutes often faced other family trauma, he says.

Some of the women were in foster care, he says. Some were in the child away from everything family.

"The children who become prostitutes lost a sense of control," he says. So they learned to compensate.

Sex lets the women influence

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someone, turn him on, command attention, even though it's often meaningless, Weissinger says. And the prostitutes feel respected, if not by socially upright citizens — by some husbands and the wild and crazy guys.

"And that's more than they could get leading dull lives," Weissinger says. It's more lucrative than earning \$3.50 an hour waitressing.

Bishop and counselor Morris Platfatz also from Family Service, say men may turn to prostitutes because it eliminates any fear of rejection. "Neither do you have to deal with any kind of emotional commitment," Bishop says. "You don't have to establish a relationship which takes care of it with money, and that's OK."

Sex may reduce tension or provide recreation, Platfatz says. It gives a man a chance to control his sexual activity — he pays the price, so he can decide what happens.

Bishop and Platfatz agree that many men won't find what they're looking for when they pay for sex. Prostitution rarely helps a family, they say. When a family is in trouble, sex meets only one, limited need, Platfatz says. It doesn't help a husband and wife work out problems.

Sex with a prostitute also won't provide the depth, closeness and intimacy that everyone wants from a relationship, Bishop says. "Men may think — you pay \$50 and you get instant closeness. I don't think that happens," he says.

A prostitute probably won't help a man feel good about himself, Platfatz says. The exchange is limited to a monetary bargain.

Yet Bishop and Platfatz agree that maybe prostitution should be legal.

"If an adult woman freely chooses prostitution and a man makes a choice to buy sex, prostitution may be a victimless crime, Platfatz says. If it were legalized, at least health problems could be addressed.

PRIDE disagrees.

"The selling of one's self is dehumanizing regardless of how it is done," the brochure says. "One form of prostitution is as destructive as another." The degradation and self-destructive behavior are the same, no matter where they take place."

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state's evidence in the case.

The murder stemmed from the conviction of Ross Jackson, who operated a dating service in Sioux Falls before moving to Rapid City. Jackson is serving a four-year prison sentence for procuring or promoting prostitution.

Detectives interviewed in Mitchell, Aberdeen, Yankton and Rapid City say they do not routinely make prostitution arrests.

Statewide prostitution figures are hard to come by, but records kept by the Unified Judicial System show that charges were brought against 28 suspects for prostitution from July 1, 1984, to June 30, 1985. Two customers were charged with soliciting. The year before, 14 were charged with prostitution, and one customer was charged with soliciting.

Local law enforcement officials from Sioux Falls, Rapid City and Aberdeen pushed for the tougher penalties, which took effect July 1. They said they needed them to make prosti-

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— Dennis Kaemingk Mitchell police

tion investigations worthwhile.

Officers say they hope judges follow the legislature's lead. Too often, judges would let prostitutes off with fines of \$50 or \$75 — just the cost of doing business.

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Police Chief David Sauer says experience has shown that prostitution goes on with exotic dancing in certain clubs: "To be fair, we've got good people in the business. But we need to be monitored more than others."

In Yankton and Mitchell, officers say dancing is sometimes used by prostitutes as a form of advertising.

However, detectives in Sioux Falls and Rapid City say prostitution and dancing aren't necessarily linked in those cities.

Owners of taverns with exotic dancers say they do not condone prostitution and take steps to police their dancers. They say dancers who sell sex are in the minority but receive a lot of attention because of their high visibility.

Visible or not, prostitution will continue to come under police scrutiny. Whether the new law will deter prostitution remains to be seen. Police hope so but remain realistic.

"You'll never get rid of prostitution," Sauer said. "But you can't let it become something that's a parasite on the community."



Argus Leader photo by PAT SPRINGER
 The Oasis in Aberdeen features dancing nightly.