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But some nurses question the thinking behind care facilities economizing measures.

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Police stings battle prostitution



Bruce Thorson/Statesman Journa cover officer on Portland Road NE. Police are trying to keep prostitution in Salem in check by carrying out sting operations periodically.

In a 2½-hour period. an undercover police officer is approached more than six times.

By Janet Davies

There was nothing provoca-tive about the way she was dressed — black jeans, long-sleeved cotton shirt and a three-quarter-length raincoat.

The early evening mist that turned to rain was soaking her hair and rinsing the makeup off her face.

She was just standing on a

ARREST: Police take in Nick Benjamin Bruno of Albany after he

was handcuffed and arrested for trying to solicit sex from an under-

| Salem Police Department: | |
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| 1994 | 35 |
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street corne

Yet, in 2½ hours, more than half a dozen men approached her, most offering to pay for sex. In every instance, she only had to stand on the corner of Portland Road and Donald Street NE for less than five

nutes before another car

In between, police hauled the men off to jail. Six were booked in the reverse sting, an attempt to keep Salem's prosti-tution problem in check.

Lt. Bill Kinch said that con-sidering the size of Salem and the number of prostitutes, the city's problem is manageable. But he stopped short of using the term acceptable.

"It you live in one of the neighborhoods affected, it's to-tally unacceptable," he said.
"I'm as idealistic as some of the residents out there. I wouldn't consider it satisfac-

tory until it's gone. I'm also a realist, and I don't think we have the resources to do that."

The department's street crimes team consists of six of-ficers who have numerous other responsibilities besides fighting prostitution.

"They can't do it all, but they're doing an incredible job of trying," Kinch said.

The officers have identified up to 20 women who work the streets.

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■ PROFILE: Who are the clients? Page 2A

Collective bargaining bill passes

■ The Senate clears a public employee measure that may need some changes to avoid a veto.

By Dan Bender
The Stateman Journal
Legislation that would change
how public employees bargain for
wages and benefits cleared a
major hurdle Thursday, but supporters a cknowled ged
that the bill
must be
changed to
avoid a governor's veto.

After 90 minutes of debate, the Republican-be assed 16-13. Democrat Mae Yih of Albany joined 15 Republicans in approving the bill. Three GOP members, Paul Phillips of Tigard, Lenn Hannon of Ashland and John Lim of Gresham, opposed the measure.

SB 750's most controversial changes would limit mandatory collective bargaining to mostly economic issues. Workplace conditions, including safety issues for police and firefighters, would not be mandatory binding arbitration for police and firefighters, suld ond mandatory binding arbitration for police and firefighters, allowing them to strike instead.

Backers of SB 750 say the strike of the strike instead.

Backers of SB 750 say the change is needed because current law has become a stacked deck against school boards police

About the bill

fecting on-merguo sansy or supplyoyees.

■ Removal of binding arbitration as the final step to settling disputes for police and fireflighters. Instead, they could strike, only employers could initiate binding arbitration.

■ Ends requirement of overtime pay for work of more than eight hours aday. Overtime requirement remains for work of more than 40 hours a week.

chiefs and public employers.

Opponents say the bill would got a law that has worked well for 22 years.

Bill 750 is a solution in desperate search of a problem," said Sen. Randy Leonard, D-Portland.

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Sen. Gene Derfler, R-Salem, urged passage but indicated he saw room for changes.
If the Legislature fails to produce a bill, Derfler warned that voters could face an even more restrictive initiative measure.
Gov. John Kitzhaber's spokesman, Bob Applegate, said it was too early to talk about a veto.
"There's still some elements of the bill that basically result in public employees having fewer collective bargaining rights than private sector employees," Applegate said.



The Associated Press

POPULARITY: Few politicians outside of the White House have be
some so dominant so fast as House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

Gingrich wins his 100-days' war

Clarno proves she's got the right stuff

The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — One day
this week, the president of Egypt
paid a courtesy call on Capitol
Hill As House Speaker Newt
(ingrich hurried outside to greet
him, a 7½-year-old tourist spotted the celebrity.

"Hey, Newt," he called, waving
an arm, jumping up and down.
"Hey, Newt! Newt! Newt! Newt!

Not everyone loves him, but can anyone imagine a kid shouting upon seeing Thomas Foley, Jim Wright or Sam Rayburn?

Speakers of the House don't normally generate excitement. Nor would it ever have occurred to them to request television

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time for an address to the nation, as Gingrich is doing tonight.

Few politicians outside the White House have become so dominant so fast as Gingrich, or so capable of taking the agendasetting role from the president.

In less than 100 days, Gingrich has turned a job that was power ful within the Capitol Into a nativercome the country's warness.

Overriding seniority, he installed his own loyalists as chairmen. The Gingrich agenda became the congressional agenda

In the process, Gingrich often outraged Democrats and some-times roughed up fellow Republi-

cans.

One key to Gingrich's dominance is his part in the high-energy national campaign to elect a Republican House. He helped bring into office 73 Republican freshmen, a band of loyalists.

Joyalists.

The election results demonstrated that the general ideas in Gingrich's Contract With America were acceptable — less federal intrusion, diffusion of power to the states, less largess for the welfare-dependent.

But an odd aspect remains: For all his success steering the

Contract through the House, the public remains skeptical. Polling suggests that the speaker has yet to win the backing of even half the public. At the end of March, 44 percent approved of the way he was handling his job, and 37 percent disapproved.

abproved.
Even here, Gingrich can claim uniqueness. Not only do kids jump up and down when they see him, he's the first speaker whose performance has come to be routinely measured by the pollsters.

■ HATFIELD: Senator says

CONFER-ENCE: House Speaker Bev Clarno and House Minority Leader Peter Courtney confer in an anteroom near the speak-er's podium dur ing a house ses sion Thursday.

Fetal alcohol syndrome up

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The rate of babies born with health problems
caused by fetal alcohol syndrome
increased sixfold from 1979
through 1993, the government
said Thursday.
Researchers don't know
whether the increase means imfroved diagnosis by doctors or
whether more pregnant women
are drinking, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
gaid.

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Since the CDC began tracking cases, the rate has jumped from one per 10,000 births in 1979 to 6.7 per 10,000 births in 1993.

A total of 2,032 cases were reported among the 9.4 million births during the 15-year period.

Despite growing awareness that avoiding liquor prevents the syndrome, about one-fifth of women continued to drink even after they learned they were gregnant, the CDC said in releasing a study of data compiled in 1988.

Inside today

■ MUSIC SETBACK? — Tejano music is poised to be the next craze, but the shooting death of singer Selena may slow the pace of its advent. Page 1F



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A photo Bev Clarno displays in her office, showing her kneeling next to the carcass of an antelope just minutes after she'd shot it dead, is an unspoken testament to her toughness.

to her toughness.

But when asked two years ago whether she was tough enough to handle a House leadership post. Clarno quickly found the words to make the same point.

"It's funny you should ask me that when I've castrated 300 hogs in one day," the Bend Republican said.

"That touin made after her col."

publican said.

That quip, made after her colleagues elected her House majority leader and placed her in line for the speakership, has become part of Capitol folklore.

But since ascending to the chamber's top post in January, the 59-year-old has had little chance to show the hardscrabble toughness she'd bragged about.

That is, until Wednesday, when Clarno crushed a foment-

ing rebellion within the House GOP fold.
Her bold action to strip two dissident Republicans of committee assignments for stalling passage of a priority workers' compensation reform bill appears to have squelched the threatened coup. But more than that, it showed Clarne had the chutzpah to take command when necessary.

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"I think people will see that I'm determined to manage the process for the people of Oregon and not just a few people who are determined to take matters into their own hands," she said. Surrounded by colorful boutest of spring flowers sent by supporters and well-wishers, Clarno sat in the speaker's suite Thursday to talk about her role in the Legislature.

She made it clear that she doen not think fellow Republicans challenged her authority because she's a woman — only the second female speaker in Oregon history.

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Portrait of typical prostitute patron difficult to paint

What kind of man would hire a rostitute on a street corner?

"I don't know the answer to hat," said Lt. Bill Kinch of alem police. "It's like trying to nderstand what motivates omeone to commit rape."

"The clients were coming in faster than we could keep up

with them, he said of the de-partment's latest sting.

And many were from out of town. Of the six men arrested last Friday night, two were from Ablany, one from Keizer

"Pat," the street name of the patrol officer who worked as a decoy in the sting, agreed that it's impossible to describe a typical client.

"You can't profile an alcoholic,

works undercover.
During the first sting about a year ago, most of her customers were older. This time they were in their 20s through 40s.
Last time, several were Hispanic. This time, four were white, one black and one Hispanic.

Their preferences varied. On Friday night, three requested oral sex and three wanted intercourse. (The going rates are \$20 for oral sex, \$30 for intercourse and \$40 for both.)

And evidence.

nair and simuaged makeup be-cause of the rain.

"She looks better than any prostitute I've seen out here," Kinch said Friday night. "The others are incredibly unattrac-

others are tive."
Their appearances are marred by the drugs they use, he said.
That's why they're out on the streets, he said.
Pat said at least one potential customer told her she was look-

"These people are accustomed to having prostitutes strung out on drugs," she said. If they look healthy, it usually means they just got out of jail. They've been eating well and have dried out

eating well and have dried out from the drugs, she said.

The customers face a strong potential for picking up a sex-ally transmitted disease. Health department officials said about 50 percent of the prostitutes they treat have some type of infection.

Arrest/Reverse sting is second such police effort

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Health department officials said another 45 women have come in for their services during the past 14 months. The remainder work through bars and escort services, Kinch said.

Officers visit the Portland Road NE area at least a couple times a week, although the problem is not unique to that street, he said. Other reports of activity have come from Broadway NE, Highland Avenue NE, Fairgrounds Road NE, Hawthorne Avenue NE, Market Street NE, and Center Street NE.

The reverse sting last Friday evening was the second effort to go after the prostitutes' customers. Kinch said those stings

"I see myself as an individual who has a job to do — a person who asked for this job and knows what the job description is," she said. "I'm someone with a work ethic that would demand I finish a job I started out to do."

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Clarno contends that her position as a female speaker in the male-dominated Capitol hasn't been an issue. But political ally and House Majority Leader Ray Baum said Clarno "knows how to handle the man thing."

'I think women always face challenges in a largely male environment," the La Grande Republican said. "But she's done a very good job of rising above it."

Baum likened Clarno's ability to deal with her mostly male colleagues to the approach of Rep. Margaret Carter, D-Portland.
Carter, a six-term representa-

Carter, a six-term representa-tive, agreed that she and Clarno take the same approach to lead-

ership.
"I feel that leadership has no bounds, whether it's male or female, black or white," she said. "When Bev's called upon to bite the bullet and make a tough decision, she can do it without equivocation, and that's what she did."

ocation, and that's what she did."
The results of Clarno's actions
to strip Wood Village Rep. John
Minnis of all committee assignments and to remove West Linn
Rep. Ron Adams from the State

iall time for time in a residential drug treatment program. Salem City Councilor Jacque-line Zimmer would like to add another deterrent for the clients. Zimmer, who watched Friday night's sting from a van parked across the street, wants an ordinance that would permit police to two the customer's vehicle when he is arrested. To get it back, all the registered owners — which could include a wife — must sign off.

off.
If a customer is arrested a second time for soliciting, then the vehicle would belong to the city, subject to an appeal process.
The council turned down Zimmer's proposal two years ago on a 5-4 vote, but she plans to try it

again, she said.

In Friday night's operation, the officers parked the cars in a safe spot, and the arrested men were placed in a van operated Marion County deputies. They Marion County deputies. They Marion County deputies. They take them to jail, where they were processed on prostitution charges. Then they were issued citations to appear in court and were released from jail.

Officers also eliminated some of the decoy's competition by picking up two other prostitutes, whom they recognized as having warrants out for their arrest.

Every time the decoy and the customer reached an agreement, two patrol cars swooped in on the suspect, and the decoy ran off and jumped into a waiting car.

It was obvious from the other cars cruising in the area that the decoy would have had many more customers had she not had to take time to regroup.

Kunkle, who also was watching from afar, said she was surprised by the number of potential customers who approached the woman so quickly.

"I was stunned that it took only like two minutes when all she did was just stand there. It's not like she was sashaying around," Kunkle said.

Coming Tomorrow

☐ IN SPORTS: The Statesman Journal will announce its all-region high school girls basketball team.

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may allow prostitutes to trade jail time for time in a residential

aren't done so often because having a decoy prostitute requires backup to ensure her safety.

Jean Kunkle, chief deputy district attorney for district court, said the law treats the customers and the prostitutes equally.

"We have a zero tolerance. As long as the evidence is there, we long as the evidence is there, we johns' just the same as the prostitutes," she said.

Each is charged with prostitution, a Class A misdemeanor punishable by a maximum of one year in jail.

The first offense usually brings a fine, suspended jail term and 18 months probation, she said.

Repeat offenders face jail time, the length of which depends upon their records. Judges also

and School Finance Committee started to surface on the House floor Thursday. While Adams of-fered a conciliatory, humble-pie message to his House colleagues, Minnis obviously was not in a kiss-and-make-up mood. Referring to a runse

kiss-and-make-up mood.
Referring to a rumor about his
impending resignation, Minnis
said he had no intention of stepping down, adding that he would
not "give the speaker of the
House or the members of the Republican caucus the pleasure of
my resignation."
Before that announcement.

my resignation."

Before that announcement,
Minnis had called an impromptu
news conference outside the
House chamber, telling reporters
he planned a more extensive
floor speech addressing his demotion in the coming days.

Although Minnis clearly was
angered by the way Clarno had
sanctioned him and Adams, Senate President Gordon Smith, RPendleton, said he wouldn't have
hesitated to do the same thing.

So far this session Clarno.

hesitated to do the same thing.
So far this session, Clarno
hasn't matched the high profile
of Smith, her politically ambitious Senate counterpart who
has played a major role in framing the Legislature's debate on
tax cuts, health-care funding, recycling and the use of lottery
money for schools.

In doing so, Smith has demon-strated a stronger grasp of the big picture, while Clarno has

Clarno/Tough stand quells revolt

cruiting junket.

But much of Clarno's low profile on top issues is a function of the House makeup. With a slimmer margin of GOP control — 34-26, compared to the Senate Republicans' 19-11 majority — Clarno has had to deal with internal squabbles on issues ranging from labor matters and school spending to taxes and budgets.

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Though the styles of Smith and Clarno differ, Smith said the speaker is growing in her posi-tion, as proven by this week's tough stand.

"I think you need to deal with the political realities in this building," Smith said.

building," Smith said.

The Senate president explained that when political allies act like opponents, leaders must talk to the opposing party to push legislation through the pro-

Clarno already has begun orking on that approach. One of

worked on the edges in her dogged pursuit of government waste. her main goals is to restore the people's faith in their govern-ment, she said.

waste.

Clarno has been relentless in her efforts to cut the proposed budget of the Oregon Economic Development Department by as much as \$30 million. She has made no secret of her displeasure with the agency's decision to spend about \$40,000 to send staffers to the Rose Bowl on a recruiting junket. "You can do that by establishing a solid working relationship with Democrats and trying to keep as much partisan bickering out of the process as possible," Clarno said.

Although Clarno appears to have proven her mettle as a tough leader, she only has begun to undergo the more important test of a presiding officer: moving bills through the chamber and on to the Senate or the govern

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Among the few major bills to
pass the House so far have been
Wednesday's workers' compensation bill, a bill allowing lottery
dollars to go to schools, a rewrite
of the 1991 education reforms
and the laws governing the Children's Services Division.

Still awaiting House action are reforms of the collective bargaining and litigation systems, environmental proposals, taxes, and major spending bills for schools, health and social services.

Without flinching, Clarno said ne's up to the task.

"I hope we can come out with a session that was efficient, non-partisan and not too long," she said.

Capitol notebook **▼** Smith backs

tax refund

Senate President Gordon Smith now supports re-funding more than \$300 million in excess tax rev-enue to individuals and cor-

million in excess tax revenue to individuals and corporations, saying the money isn't needed to balance the state budget.

Earlier in the year, Smith had proposed retaining the corporate refund to partially finance an education endowment for local schools and scholarships.

Current law requires that when tax revenues top state estimates by more than 2 percent, the money must be refunded to tax-payers. Legislative action would be required for the state to retain the money.

Todays events
Significant legislative, political and governmental events scheduled for today: 10 a.m. Senat

10 a.m. Senate convenes.
10:30 a.m. House convenes, acts on bills to require public employee labor negotiations to be open, expand authority of courts to restrain people who abuse family and household members.

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