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Neighbors furious over prostitutes

By DAVID LEDFORD

Pimps and prostitutes have virtually taken over a blue-collar, traditionally Italian neighborhood on the city's east side, say residents and business owners.

They're angry that city officials tolerate prostitution in their neighborhood — the 1500 to 2300 blocks of Sprague Avenue, and the streets south to Interstate 90. They contend that the problem would be stopped cold if it occurred, say, on the South Hill.

"We just have the feeling that if people in other parts of town were affected, something would be done," said the Rev. Gino Piccoli, pastor of St. Ann's Catholic Church, 2201 First. "Within 100 feet of the church there are houses that are being used for prostitution."

City officials "are laying a white, liberal guilt trip on us (neighborhood residents) for casting the first stone" or attempting to eliminate the problem, Piccoli said. He added, however, that "to say it (prostitution) is inevitable or it's not chic to deal with the issue is baloney. It's a cop-out."

About 60 neighborhood residents and business owners met Tuesday with City Councilwoman Sheri Bernard, Spokane Police Chief Robert D. Panther, District Court Judge Daniel T. Maggs and other law-enforcement officials in an effort to curb the problem.

Panther ordered uniformed officers patrolling the area to walk the sidewalks of Sprague — where prostitutes parade in short skirts — when not busy with other calls.

The neighborhood representatives applaud Panther's move. But they consider it a Band-Aid approach, and worry that the patrols will cease once the issue cools down.

Judge Maggs said he explained to the residents that "the police and courts operate under the same procedures" throughout the city. The implication that (prostitution) is being tolerated on East Sprague is untrue.

Most of the residents, and all the business owners, agreed to interviews on the condition they not be identified. All fear retaliation from pimps. One businessman can no longer get insurance on his storefront windows — they've been broken too many times.

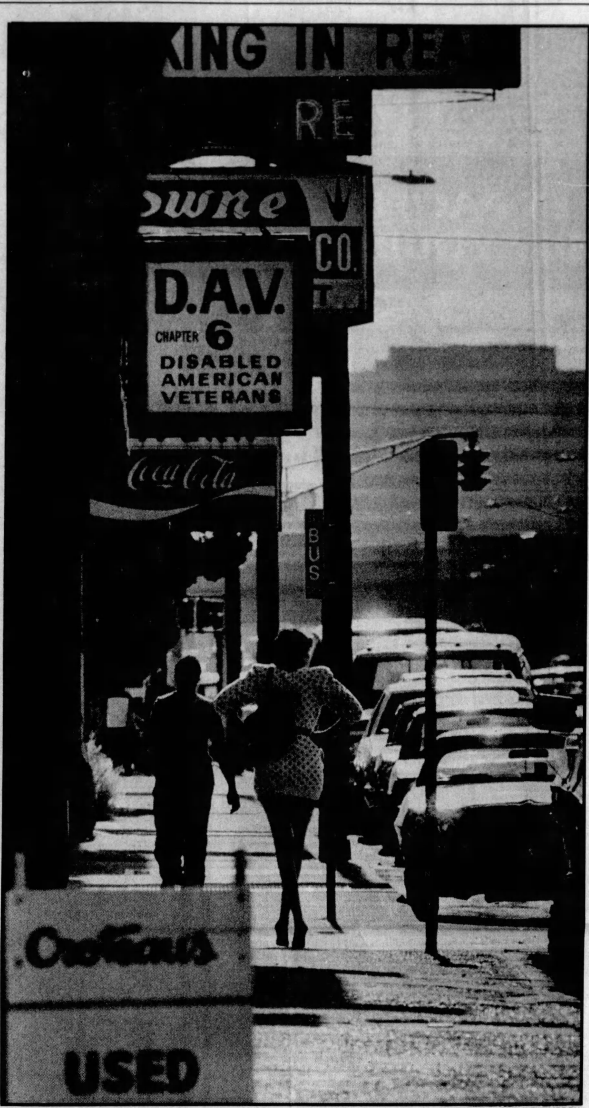
The east side residents are proud of their neighborhood; they deplore negative media coverage.

On the other hand, they're desperate. They believe they'll be helped only if other city residents become outraged and help them pressure city officials, police and/or judges to take drastic action.

Prostitution has been slowly growing in the area for the past five years, residents say. But the problem has ballooned this summer, and it has hurt business.

"We come to work at 7 o'clock in

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Staff photo by STEVE THOMPSON

Neighbors are complaining about prostitution in this area on Sprague Avenue.

Orchard case: One year later, and no trial yet

By MICHAEL MURPHEY

Staff writer

One year ago, the only thing Brian Orchard and Lonnie Link had in common was an anonymity that, today, they would probably savor.

On July 15, 1983, 39-year-old Brian Orchard was a cop who labored in the undercover division of the Spokane Police Department. Working drugs and vice, he saw the city's ugly side — a side of which many residents remain comfortably ignorant.

In his work, anonymity was a price of survival. There was no reason for Spokane to know his name.

There was even less reason to know of Lonnie James Link.

Link was one face in a crowd of thousands. A parolee from Montana, the 34-year-old Link had been in and out of trouble for years. In 1980, he was sent to prison for violation of probation on a 1978 burglary conviction.

In the Montana prison system, Link's performance was exemplary. After 18 months, he was paroled to Missoula. In spring 1983, unable to find a job there, Link got permission to travel to Spokane to look for work. He got here in March, just another poorly educated ex-con, knee-deep in tough economic times.

So on July 15, 1983, Link and Orchard were two men virtually unknown outside their separate circles of colleagues, family and friends. But one year later, both names are imprinted on a city's memory.

Orchard is dead — the first Spokane police officer to die in the line of duty in 84 years. And after a year of frustrating and sometimes bizarre delays, Link is in the Spokane County Jail, still waiting to go on trial for his life.

The events that caused the paths of these two men to intersect on July 18, 1983, were set in motion on June 1 of that year when two unidentified men broke into the home of a Wenatchee gun dealer. The dealer, Robert Adolphi, was beaten and robbed of a valuable gun collection.

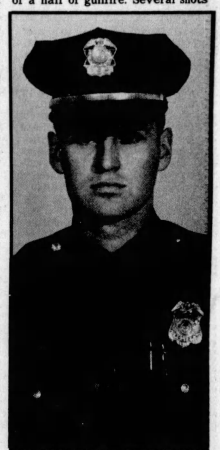
A few weeks later, Adolphi received a phone call from a man who offered to sell back the stolen guns for \$20,000. The caller told Adolphi to drive to Spokane, park his car at the Downtown Holiday Inn and leave the money under the front seat.

Chelan County officials contacted Spokane police and arranged a stakeout.

According to police, on the night of July 18, an ex-convict from Spokane named Donald E. Beach got out of a black Lincoln Continental parked a half-block from the Holiday Inn and walked toward Adolphi's car to pick up the \$20,000. The stolen guns were in the trunk of the Lincoln. A second man was at the wheel of the Lincoln awaiting

Beach's return. Beach, who served time for a 1970 grand larceny conviction, had been gone only a few minutes when Orchard and a second detective approached the Lincoln from opposite sides — Orchard on the driver's side — with guns drawn.

And then the quiet street exploded. The Lincoln was the focal point of a hail of gunfire. Several shots



Brian Orchard

were fired from inside the car. Five more officers, supporting Orchard and his partner, fired dozens of rounds as the Lincoln sped off, finally ramming a streetlight nearly two blocks away.

When the shooting stopped, the driver of the Lincoln had escaped into the night. Beach was in custody. Brian Orchard was lying on the pavement, a bullet lodged in his brain.

On July 20, Orchard died. On July 21, police arrested Link in Portland. He and Beach were charged with first-degree aggravated murder.

A year ago, no one imagined that the first anniversary of the shooting would come and go without a resolution of their fate. By now, the trauma should have been over for the families of the slain and the accused, for law enforcement officers stung by the loss of one of their own, for the attorneys who must wage the life-and-death courtroom

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Inadequate review blamed for overrun on renovation bids

By GARRY J. MOES

Associated Press

HELENA — Legislative fiscal analysts Friday blamed a major cost overrun in bids to renovate the Montana Capitol on a lack of adequate review of cost estimates by contract architects.

The project has been delayed and split into phases because bids for the full renovation came in some \$3.3 million above cost estimates and available funds.

The first, limited phase of the project is now underway. Most of the first phase involves renovation of the deteriorating exterior walls and improvements in the basic internal structure of the building.

The entire project had been funded for

about \$7 million by the 1981 Legislature.

In a report to the Legislative Finance Committee, Associate Fiscal Analyst Pamela Joehler said the difference between cost estimates and final bids was caused by unforeseen requirements at the time the estimates were prepared and by errors or omissions in the preparation and review of the estimate.

"An example of the first factor is the sensitive nature of the state Capitol building and the requirement for protection and restoration of all surfaces damaged or disturbed during construction," she said.

"The second factor — errors and omissions — appeared to contribute heavily to the divergence between bids and the architect's estimated construction cost," she

said.

The architect for the Capitol renovation is the firm of Crossman-Whitney-Griffin of Helena.

Joehler said that while the law does not require the Department of Administration to review cost estimates, the department considers such estimates to be part of the plans and working drawings which the law does require the department to review.

She said that while there is substantial evidence of department review of the drawings, "we could find no evidence of department review or approval of the cost estimate."

State Architect Phil Hauck said that the department did review the cost estimates, even though that review might not be docu-

mented.

In his report, Joehler quoted unnamed department officials as saying that it relied on the cost estimate prepared by the architect and performed an informal, cursory examination of the final estimate before authorizing submission of the project for bid.

In light of the report, the Finance Committee agreed to draft a bill specifically requiring the department to conduct a thorough review of architect cost estimates for all state construction projects exceeding \$25,000.

The committee was careful not to require the department to "approve" cost estimates as it must do with plans and working drawings.

Sen. Pat Regan, D-Billings, said a cost-estimate approval requirement could lock the state into paying for any overrun beyond the approved estimate.

Sen. Ed Smith, R-Dagmar, bitterly complaining about what he said is a widespread trend in state building cost overruns, said the proposed bill did not do enough to prevent the trend.

Hauck contended that Smith was wrong in citing a trend of overruns. He conceded there have been a few examples of that, but he said the vast majority of bids are at or below cost estimates.

Smith argued that public buildings cost 20 percent more than comparable private construction projects nine times out of 10.

2 women take a walk, 1,000 feet off ground

By KRISTIN RICHARDSON

Staff writer

One used to work in a bank. The other used to dive into sponges. Now, they wrap their sneakered feet around the wing struts of an airplane and hang upside down.

There are no tethers, ropes or cables attached to them. Clad in shocking pink jumpsuits, they walk the wings of a revamped 1941 biplane and wave to the crowd as they fly by.

"You're crazy," they're told. The two women roll their eyes. "I bet you think we've never heard that before."

Connie Warren and Barbey Reges, the "Daring Damsels of the Skies" from Medford, Ore., say they joined the Great American Flying Circus because they wanted a little excitement in their lives.

Together, they'll be one of the featured acts in Wednesday night's air show at the Coeur d'Alene airport.

It's the third year of the 90-minute, bring-your-own-lawn-chair show sponsored by the local

Kiwans. Proceeds this year go to Hospices of North Idaho.

Promoters hope to attract some 3,000 spectators on a field near the Empire Airway terminal.

"We're hoping if this one goes well, it could eventually become a two-day, maybe a weekend, event," said Steve Soper of Rathdrum, a pilot in the aerobatic Northern Knights.

Soper and his partner, Delmar Benjamin, will use their Pitts Special S-1's to fly within inches of each other in the sky.

Their specialty is the Dual Inverted Knife Edge Ribbon Cut, where the planes slice through ribbons fluttering 18 feet off the ground. One plane is on its side while the other flies upside down.

Bob Bishop also will appear with the world's smallest jet — his 12-foot-long Silver Bullet, which weighs just 432 pounds.

Michael Wisen will pilot a rainbow-hued Z-230 mid-wing aerobatic monoplane. The air show industry is relative-

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Staff photo by STEVE THOMPSON

Calling on Washington Republicans to rally around GOP candidates in local, state and federal races, Grant Peterson (left), President Reagan's state campaign chairman, kicks off Saturday's party convention activities in Spokane.

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Los Angeles Raider 'arrests' Scotsman

A Scotsman apparently didn't know whom he was dealing with when he tussled with 6-foot-5, 270-pound Los Angeles Raider defensive end Lyle Alzado after a minor traffic accident in Santa Monica, Calif. "It wasn't the smartest move in the world," police Sgt. Stan Conger said after Colin McCabe, 27, was arrested. McCabe, a passenger in a car that rear-ended Alzado's 1983 Jaguar on Thursday, allegedly lunged at Alzado after the football star asked to exchange driver's license information. By the time police arrived, Alzado said he had made a citizen's arrest on the 6-foot-1, 200-pound McCabe, said Sgt. Bill Brucker. McCabe was booked for investigation of assault and battery and resisting arrest and was released on \$500 bond.

Dali takes small trip to museum

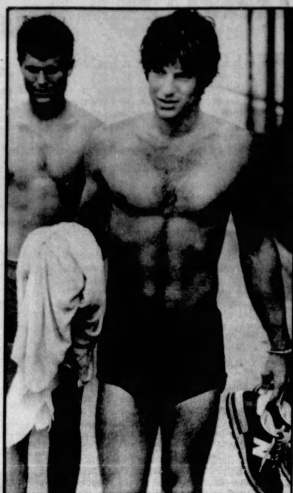
Surrealist painter Salvador Dali has left his castle home in the village of Pubol for the first time since the June 1982 death of his Russian-born wife, Gala, Dali's lawyer said Saturday. Dali, 80, spent about 45 minutes in his theater-museum in Figueras, Spain, which is near his home, said Miquel Domenech. The museum holds works that Dali and his wife had set aside as something to protect them against hard times, said Domenech. When Dali, accompanied by a close friend and a nurse, left the museum, a small group of people applauded him and Dali replied by raising his walking stick in a salute, said Domenech.

Columnist Virginian of the Year

Syndicated columnist James Kilpatrick has been named Virginian of the Year for 1984 by the Virginia Press Association. Kilpatrick, who lives in Rappahannock County and was editor of the Richmond News-Leader from 1949 to 1966, received the association's Parks-Mason award Friday night at a banquet during its 102nd annual meeting. The award is presented in memory of William Parks, the first colonial Virginia printer, and George Mason, author of the Virginia Declaration of Rights.

Today's trivia

What is the name of Don Quixote's horse? Answer tomorrow.
 Yesterday's answer: Ignatz. (The name of the mouse in the Krazy Kat comic strip.)
 Saturday's winning lottery number: 173.



Returning home, John F. Kennedy Jr., right, carries his towel and sneakers from the beach after a swim near the Kennedy family compound in Hyannisport, Mass.

In passing . . .

Died — Philippe Wynne, 43, whose distinctive voice led the Spinners soul group to a series of hits in the 70s, from an apparent heart attack, in Oakland, Calif.
 • Ojirbayakt, 84, a former Mongolian warlord and descendant of the 13th century conqueror Genghis Khan.

Hart backers, still not quitting, collect information 'just in case'

SEATTLE (AP) — With the Democratic National Convention at hand, some Washington state supporters of Sen. Gary Hart's bid for the presidential nomination are busy contacting Walter Mondale backers — just in case something should derail what looks like Mondale's all-but-certain nomination. "The purpose of the Hart contacts of the other delegates isn't conversion (to Hart)," said Rose Kapolezynski, the Colorado senator's Northwest campaign coordinator. She said the effort rather is "information gathering" to find Mondale delegates who might turn to Hart if Mondale's candidacy some-

how falters. Larry Baker, Democratic Party chairman of the 46th Legislative District and a forceful Mondale campaign strategist in this state, was one of those approached. He got a letter from a Hart delegate citing a poll that contended Hart stands a better chance of defeating President Reagan in November. But Baker shot a letter back in return. He provided a state-by-state analysis using past presidential elections to prove his point that Mondale is the more electable candidate. Mondale, Baker wrote, defeated Hart in nearly all of the key states that a Democratic nominee would

have to win this fall to defeat Reagan. Those arguments haven't prompted Hart supporters to give up, though. "We're still focused on the nomination process," said Kirk Robinson, Hart's Washington state field coordinator. "We'll be working hard . . . to get Gary Hart nominated." But current delegate projections show that to be a lofty goal. While Hart has 38 delegates in Washington state compared with Mondale's 31 and the Rev. Jesse Jackson's single delegate, the national count shows Mondale way out in front.

Prostitutes

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the morning and they're out there," one business owner said of the prostitutes. "When my customers are coming in and there are three or four (whores) propositioning them before they get to the door, I've got problems." Another businessman explained his plight: "It's been so bad that women have called us and said, 'Will you mail it (merchandise) to me?' They don't want their kids to see" the prostitutes. "Last month, when they (prostitutes) were out there really heavy, was the worst month we've ever had," said a businessman. "We won't be able to stay here if it doesn't improve."

Tom Westbrook, white-haired, 57, said a prostitute was offended last week when he turned down her offer outside the Liberty Park post office. She snapped at him, "What's the matter, you queer?"

The problem isn't confined to sidewalks and busy street corners. "They're turning their tricks right in my front yard, practically," said an elderly woman who lives near St. Ann's at the corner of First Avenue and Lee. "My husband goes out every morning and picks up the condoms."

Pimps and prostitutes are occupying low-rent houses in the neighborhood, introducing curious youngsters to drugs and crime and, in some cases, prostitution, residents say.

"If you raise your children in this neighborhood you practically have to chain them in the yard for safety's sake," said one woman.

Another woman, who works in a neighborhood shop, said, "The other day a black guy came up to a little girl and asked, 'Hey, you want to make some extra money?'"

A 12-year-old boy said a prostitute approached him last week and asked if he knew where he could

get a needle. She needed a fix.

"The pimp that was with her had a .45 caliber pistol, laying right next to him," the boy said.

"Johns," men who come to the neighborhood to buy sex, frequently mistake church-going women for prostitutes and make passes at them. Consequently, neighborhood women don't like taking walks or waiting for buses.

Johns also drive through neighborhood streets — in every type of vehicle imaginable — looking for prostitutes, greatly increasing traffic flow.

And pimps even ask middle-aged women in the neighborhood if they're interested in getting involved in what has been dubbed "the world's oldest profession."

"I've been approached twice by a black man in a long, swanky car — an old bag like me," said a feisty woman about 45 years old.

Business owners praise the professionalism of undercover detectives working East Sprague, but they contend that the city is not devoting enough manpower to the problem.

Lt. Lynn Howerton said two detectives are assigned to both male and female prostitution, city-wide. These detectives are occasionally given other assignments, Howerton said.

He also noted that each time a prostitute is arrested she becomes acquainted with three or four detectives. "Sometimes there's a girl out there working that knows every damn one of us," Howerton said. Nevertheless, 24 arrests were made between June 15 and July 1.

The maximum penalty for violating the city's prostitution ordinance, a misdemeanor, is 90 days in jail and a \$300 fine. The crime is termed "soliciting, agreeing to or offering prostitution" for prostitutes, and "patronizing a prostitute" for johns.

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