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## Sonoma bank robber handcuffs clerk to 'bomb'

By MEG MCCONAHEY  
Staff Writer

SONOMA — A nattily attired man handcuffed a "bomb" to a bank clerk's wrist Thursday and calmly forced her to empty all the teller drawers before he disappeared into the afternoon pedestrian traffic.

The bomb turned out to be a brick wrapped in aluminum foil and attached by wires to what appeared to be the inner

workings of a portable radio.

Sgt. Larry Sheets, head of the sheriff's bomb squad, said the device was "sophisticated enough to scare everybody, including me."

Sonoma's first bank robbery in seven years began when the slight, well-dressed bandit entered the Great American First Savings Bank at about 2 p.m. Thursday and said he wanted to open a new account with \$800.

"He didn't look like he was a bank robber out of the movies," said Great American spokesman Brian Luscomb. The man was about 5-8, in his late 30s and wearing a dark tweed sportcoat.

Authorities said the man waited until he was ushered to a seat at the new accounts desk before opening his briefcase to disclose "the bomb" to a clerk. He then led her to a counter, where he handcuffed her wrist to the handle of the case.

Luscomb said the clerk remained handcuffed to the case about 20 minutes while she removed cash from the teller drawers. Police and bank officials decline to say how much money was taken.

Other employees, according to company policy, continued to conduct business as usual until the salt-and-pepper haired suspect walked calmly out of the bank, located near the West Napa intersection on Fifth Street West.

"Employees are instructed to cooperate fully with robbers," Luscomb said. Our first priority is the safety of employees and customers."

Authorities said they have not located anyone who saw the suspect after he left the bank.

Police used bolt cutters to free the shaken clerk from the briefcase.

"She was frightened but she said she (See Holdup, Page 22A)

## S. Africa arrests 1,200

Order gives police  
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Los Angeles Times

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — President Pieter W. Botha declared a nationwide state of emergency Thursday, putting the country under virtual martial law.

Botha said his government could not cope with the South Africa's growing civil strife without additional police powers.

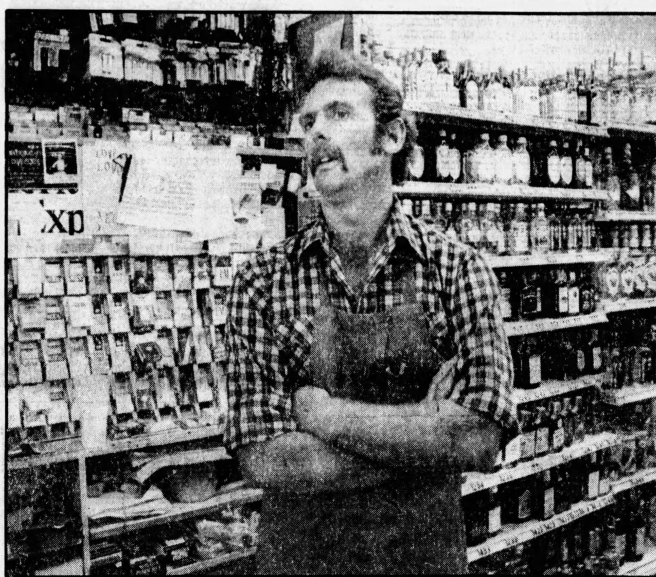
He accordingly gave the security forces almost unlimited powers, including the authority to issue whatever orders they regard as necessary, to use whatever force required to restore law and order, to detain any person indefinitely without charge, to conduct searches and seizures without warrants and to censor the news media.

The measures were more sweeping than any imposed before, including those instituted during the partial state of emergency imposed last July and lifted only in March.

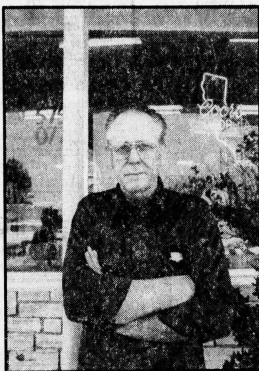
In pre-dawn raids even before the state of emergency was announced, police and troops began arresting more than 1,200 anti-apartheid activists, clergymen, union officials and student leaders of all races throughout the country.

More arrests were made throughout the day as security forces searched churches, clinics, schools, union offices and the headquarters of major anti-apartheid groups. Early Friday, they moved to seize the current issue of an independent newspaper, the Weekly Mail, on grounds that it is "subversive."

Thousands of white army reservists were called up to active duty, and heavily armed military patrols were stationed in and around most of the country's riot-prone black ghettos. Soldiers also (See Africa, back page)



Wynn Wymore, manager of Cork & Bottle, said the crackdown 'was the best thing cops could do'



Grog Shop owner Dennis Holtzinger said streetwalking has hurt his business: 'Arresting Johns is a good idea'

## Business owners, officials praise prostitution crackdown

By CHRIS COURSEY  
Staff Writer

Santa Rosa Avenue business owners, complaining that prostitution outside their doors is ruining business, on Thursday applauded the law enforcement "sting" that netted at least 47 accused "Johns" the night before.

Officials at City Hall and the county Administration Center also praised the operation, saying it may be the best solution to cleaning up a neighborhood that has become a regular route for streetwalkers over the past few years.

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## She's still looking for a 'date' on the avenue

By CHRIS SMITH  
Staff Writer

She sat on the curb in the shade of a Santa Rosa Avenue tree on Thursday afternoon, her hitchhiking thumb erect. But she wasn't wanting a ride.

She was wanting what hookers euphemistically call "a date."

Business was slow in the wake of the previous night's arrests by police of

men alleged to have been shopping for what prostitutes sell. "I know two of my regulars went to jail," she said.

She called the decoy operation "a crock" but admitted finding some solace in the fact that, for once, the cops went after the Johns and not after the girls.

"Occasionally when they have their sweeps I've been caught up in it," she

said. "I've been in jail so many times, when I go it's like old home week."

One of her arrests put her behind bars for 80 days.

Dressed in ordinary pants and an ordinary blouse, she said it's too bad the police spend so much time and effort fighting prostitution. "It's the old thing, between two consenting adults," she (See Hooker, Page 8A)

## Hooker decoys called off

Police say publicity  
'compromised' sting

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By CHRIS SMITH  
Staff Writer

Four female police officers closed their act as streetwalkers Thursday when authorities shut down an elaborate Santa Rosa Avenue prostitution sting that sent 47 men to jail on suspicion of offering to pay the policewomen for sex.

City and Sonoma County vice officers hope the arrests will discourage the curbside sex-peddling they blame for attracting violence, narcotics trafficking and other police and public-health problems to the avenue linking south Santa Rosa to the Bellevue district. "Johns," the street name for clients of prostitutes, will be kept guessing as police vowed that the undercover "decoys" may return to the avenue at any time.

Police supervisors angry at The Press Democrat said they wanted the sting to continue for three days but were forced to cut it off after the first night because a story in Thursday's newspaper blew the decoys' cover.

"The Press Democrat was wrong," said Rick Oliver, an acting captain with the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department. He said Thursday's story forced the sudden termination of a joint police-sheriff effort that was six weeks in the planning and involved 26 officers and \$15,000 worth of surveillance equipment.

Santa Rosa police Capt. Jim Kuskie agreed. "Our operation was compromised by the publicity," he said.

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## H-P plans to cut ranks with early retirement

By DICK PHILLIPS  
Staff Writer

Palo Alto-based Hewlett-Packard Co., suffering three straight quarters of declining earnings, on Thursday announced early voluntary retirement and severance pay plans in an effort to prune certain "overloaded ranks."

Of 1,800 U.S. workers eligible, it's expected 1,500 will accept retirement, the company said. Fewer than 50 of 4,100 Hewlett-Packard employees in Sonoma County are expected to take early retirement.

The severance plans, offered

only at U.S. manufacturing plants that have too many people in specified job categories, will not be offered at Sonoma County's three divisions, said Dean Morton, executive vice president.

"Sonoma County's divisions aren't experiencing the work imbalance the rest of the company is," a spokesman said.

For the retirement plan, workers at least 55 years old and with more than 15 years service can get a half month's salary for each year of service, plus regular company retirement pay, Morton said.

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## AIDS deaths expected to soar tenfold by 1991

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — The total number of AIDS cases and deaths from the disease will increase more than tenfold in the next five years as the virus spreads widely outside San Francisco and New York and infects a larger segment of the heterosexual population, the government predicted Thursday.

Federal health officials, reporting the results of a conference of experts on acquired immune deficiency syndrome, estimated that by 1991 care of patients would cost \$8 billion to \$16 billion a year.

Dr. Donald Ian Macdonald, acting assistant secretary of Health and Human Services, described as "staggering" and "devastating" the "huge problem" caused by "the escalating AIDS epidemic."

To date, the government has recorded 21,517 cases of AIDS and 11,713 deaths from the disease, which destroys the body's resistance. The Public Health Service estimated that by the end of 1991 there would be a cumulative total of 270,000 cases and 179,000 deaths.

Actual diagnosed cases are but (See AIDS, Page 22A)

# Tunney: No bargaining on soliciting charges

By BOB KLOSE  
Staff Writer

Sonoma County District Attorney Gene Tunney on Thursday endorsed the use of decoys to round up customers of street prostitutes and said he won't plea bargain with the 47 men arrested Wednesday on suspicion of soliciting along South Santa Rosa Avenue.

He said the use of women police officers posing as prostitutes is a valid tactic to fight prostitution rather than "surrendering the street to the criminal element."

"It is not just the prostitution that is bad. It is what comes out of it. Streetwalking prostitution attracts some very bad problems. Certainly drugs. Strong arm robberies. Horrible beatings," Tunney said.

He said his office had not received any police reports on the South Santa Rosa Avenue sweep and doesn't expect any court action on the cases soon.

"All these people bailed out or were cited. I wouldn't expect a report for a

## Press Democrat won't name suspects

The names of the 47 men arrested in the prostitute-decoy sweep were not published in The Press Democrat in the interest of fairness and consistency, Editor Mike Parman said.

He said that since the New York Times Co. bought the newspaper in May 1985 two stories detailing arrests of alleged prostitutes did not contain the suspects' names. "We apply the same standard here," he said.

week or so," he said.

But Tunney warned that defendants charged with solicitation for prostitution should not expect any deals when their cases arrive at the Hall of Justice.

"It is definitely our policy that we are not going to agree to reduced charges like disturbing the peace. We are not going to deal these things down to a lesser offense," Tunney said.

Parman noted soliciting for prostitution is a misdemeanor, not a felony. "Generally, as a routine thing, we don't run the names of people charged with misdemeanors," he said.

"I'm not sure we want on our conscience the fact that we might have ruined 47 lives" by publishing the names of the suspects, Parman said. "It's not to excuse what they did, but, again, it is a misdemeanor."

He said he doubts he'll seek jail time for any defendant convicted of the misdemeanor violation of the penal code but he indicated he'll seek some penalty.

"I anticipate fine or probation. And it will be on their records," he said.

The sweep by Santa Rosa police and Sonoma County Sheriff's officers occurred after numerous complaints from the commercial and residential strip on

Santa Rosa Avenue, he said.

"I've been getting it. The Police Department has, the sheriff's office and the (Sonoma County Board of) supervisors," he said.

Tunney said he discussed the undercover operation with Santa Rosa Police Chief Salvatore Rosano "some time ago" but was not informed the three-day sweep was under way Wednesday.

"There was a general discussion as to what is necessary to establish a decent case for solicitation," he said.

The men picked up Wednesday were charged with violating 647 (b), a section of the state Penal Code that declares that anyone who solicits or engages in any act of prostitution is guilty of disorderly conduct, a misdemeanor that carries a potential sentence of six months in jail, \$1,000 fine or probation.

Women officers used as decoy hookers were wired to record conversations with potential customers. Other undercover officers recorded encounters on video-

tape cameras.

"Wiring is very common. It's the best possible proof. If it's one-on-one, it's sometimes hard to convict people. Video-taping can be helpful too if it shows who approaches who," Tunney said. "If it's handled properly, it can stick."

"The language has to show the males were attempting to engage these ladies for sexual intercourse or other sex acts for money," he said.

He said targeting customers may be unusual in Sonoma County but it's common elsewhere.

"It's always easy to go after the girls. But from time to time there's a feeling another method is not to be ignored, set up a decoy and go after the potential male customer. I think they should do both," Tunney said. "The average guy isn't going to drive around looking for professional sex if he thinks there is a possibility he'll get arrested."

## Support

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County Supervisor Helen Rudee, who represents the area, said she has passed on "occasional" complaints about prostitution to Sheriff Roger McDermott, and asked him to do something about it.

"I was pleased to see that the sheriff was approaching this old problem in what I would consider a new fashion," Rudee said. "That is, he was going after the people who were requesting this service, rather than those who were supplying it."

Santa Rosa Mayor Ritch Burkart said he was informed of the operation Wednesday by Police Chief Salvatore Rosano. "He didn't seek our blessing; I

don't think this requires it," said Burkart. He said he hadn't personally received complaints about prostitution in the area, but "if the Police Department is doing this, there must be some reason for it."

"Nobody complains when the prostitutes are swept up, so no body should complain when the Johns are swept up," the mayor said.

The joint city-county operation, dubbed the "John Program," became a hot topic of conversation among merchants and residents along the avenue Thursday. Most praised the idea.

"It's great. I'm all for anything they can do to stop it (prostitution)," said Dennis Holtzinger, owner of the Grog Shop liquor

store and deli.

Rudee said most of the complaints she had received came from residents of mobile home parks along the avenue. But the office manager of one park said he knew of no problems caused by prostitution in the area, and a resident of another park called the program "horses—"

"I think it stinks," said the man, who would not give his name. "Don't the cops have any better way to spend our money?"

Businessmen, however, praised the operation.

Holtzinger said not only do prostitutes cruising the street in front of his store present a problem, but so do the "Johns" who mistakenly approach his women

customers.

"If a young woman comes into my store and some guy puts the make on her, she doesn't like it — it hurts my business," Holtzinger said. "Arresting the Johns is a good idea."

He also said the names of those arrested should be published in the newspaper.

"That's a hell of a deterrent," he said. "How's he going to explain that to his wife? Even if he's 6-6 and his wife is 5-4, that's going to scare the s— out of him."

Holtzinger said he has complained constantly to police about prostitution, so much that he finally quit calling the 911 emergency number because, "I felt like I was harassing them."

Other business people said they hadn't complained, but most were pleased about the crackdown.

"I think it's great," said Wynn Wymore, manager of the Cork & Bottle toward the south end of the avenue's "strip."

He said prostitutes and their customers haven't created problems for his business, but, "I just don't like to see it going on."

Wymore, who has worked at the store for six years, said there was no prostitution in the area until two or three years ago, when a woman named Vicki set up shop along the bumpy, two-lane road. Now, he said, Vicki is gone, but "at least 15" women have taken her place.

"I see them out there every day,

it's like a regular freeway," said one motel desk clerk who asked that his name not be used. "It's the same girls, some even have a regular schedule."

Shirley Govind, managing partner of the Redwood Motel and Trailer Park, said prostitutes and Johns don't cause him much of a problem because he has let it be known "we don't rent a room for two or three hours, our rooms are not for that purpose."

Still, "we were happy to hear" about the arrests.

"It's bad for business in the neighborhood," Govind said. "Even if some motels benefit quite-wise, the quality of the business goes down."

## State will review policies on South Africa investment

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gov. George Deukmejian, dismayed by South Africa's crackdown on anti-apartheid activists, said Thursday he expects the state and the University of California regents to review policies on investment in the racially torn country.

"I'm certainly not satisfied with the actions that have been taken by the government of South Africa," the Republican governor said during a news conference on general state issues and his re-

election campaign.

"It had certainly been my hope that within a period of less than two years that they would have eliminated all of the policies that they have had that have taken away much of the freedom of the people within that country," he said.

Last year, UC regents rejected calls to divest \$2.4 billion invested in companies that do business in South Africa. Instead, the board created an advisory panel to re-

view investments on a case-by-case basis to see if those companies meet standards set out in the so-called Sullivan Principles.

Those standards call for companies to give equal treatment of blacks in the workplace and support efforts to improve the overall quality of life of blacks in South Africa.

"I would think that the Board of Regents and others will revisit the action that they have taken in the past."

## U.S. condemns arrests in South Africa

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration Thursday condemned as a "serious mistake" the South African government's decision to declare a national state of emergency and to arrest scores of black opposition leaders, saying such "repressive measures" showed a lack of understanding about the fundamental causes of unrest and violence there.

The administration took no immediate concrete action, however, to show its displeasure. It conveyed the U.S. view through diplomatic channels to the South African government in Pretoria.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes also said there would be

no change in the administration's strong opposition to imposing economic sanctions on the white-ruled South African government.

"There are no plans to change our policy and our viewpoint regarding sanctions," Speakes said. "We oppose sanctions. They hurt those we are trying to help."

State Department spokesman Bernard Kalb called sanctions "a blunt instrument" that would "not promote the U.S. goal in South Africa" and would serve only to encourage intransigence rather than moderation by white and black leaders.

Administration spokesmen left open the possibility that the United States might take diplomatic or

other actions in the next few days to show its displeasure. On May 23, the United States expelled the senior South African military attaché here, Brig. Alexander Potgieter, in response to South Africa's bombing of black nationalist offices in three black states. A year ago, the United States recalled its ambassador to South Africa, Herman Nickel, following similar South African action.

The administration, Speakes added, calls on both sides to use restraint "to avoid violence, to enter into a dialogue, to work out a negotiated settlement to the problems that exist in South Africa."

## Africa

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patrolled downtown areas, along many highways and at key facilities such as railroad stations and airports.

The government's move drew sharp warnings that, far from restoring peace, it could bring more violence and more deaths as the security forces use their new powers to suppress all opposition to the white-led minority government and its apartheid system of racial separation.

Murphy Morobe, spokesman for the United Democratic Front, a coalition of anti-apartheid groups with 2 million members, said the roundup of hundreds of community leaders, many of them officials of the front, "has effectively paved the way for a bloodbath in the country."

In Washington, White House spokesman Larry Speakes and State Department spokesman Bernard Kalb issued identical statements calling the new measures "repressive" and "a serious mistake."

"These measures will only serve to undermine opportunities for dialogue and retard the restoration of public confidence and order," they said.

But Botha, justifying the new state of emergency, told parliament in Cape Town that "the security of the state could be at stake."

"Radicals and anarchists" are

planning widespread protests and possibly terrorist attacks in the near future, Botha asserted, referring to plans to commemorate the 10th anniversary Monday of black riots that began in Soweto outside Johannesburg and swept the country for 11 months.

As a result, he said, "the ordinary laws of the land are inadequate to enable the government to ensure the security of the public and maintain order."

The struggle in South Africa is no longer between white supremacists wanting to uphold apartheid and blacks wanting equal rights, Botha argued, but between moderates of all races and those who want a violent revolution and a Communist government.

While reaffirming his commit-

ment to political, economic and social reforms, Botha said that, "in this climate of increasing violence, it is not possible for the reasonable majority to continue the search for a peaceful and democratic solution" to South Africa's problems, and the state of emergency is intended to reduce the violence and make negotiations on "evolutionary, constitutional" change possible.

Leaders of the anti-apartheid movement denounced the government's actions and pleaded for foreign punitive action.

Bishop Desmond Tutu, the Nobel Peace laureate, said, "Only intervention by the outside world can avoid Armageddon. What is the world waiting for?"

## Tutu arranges black faction talks

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Bishop Desmond Tutu said Thursday he had arranged a cease-fire and peace talks in a black factional war that killed more than 60 people and made 70,000 homeless in the Crossroads squatter camp.

The black Anglican cleric said after meeting with leaders of anti-apartheid militants and their conservative vigilante rivals, who many residents say have police backing, that peace talks had been set for June 21.

Police repeatedly have denied taking sides.

Tutu, who won the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize and is archbishop-elect of Cape Town, began his mediation effort Wednesday at the squallid shantytown 12 miles east of the city.

Six more bodies were found Thursday, raising the death toll from battles on the three previous days to 23, with about 200 people wounded. No new fighting was reported.

The Red Cross estimated up to 70,000 people have been burned out of their shacks this week and in clashes last month.

## Commonwealth leaders urge S. Africa sanctions

The Washington Post

LONDON — Leaders of a Commonwealth effort to help negotiate peaceful change in South Africa said Thursday that the West has only "the next few weeks, a month or two," to try to prevent all-out racial war in South Africa.

The group urged the United States, Britain and West Germany to impose widespread economic sanctions against Pretoria.

Unless South Africa's largest Western trading partners, investors and creditors move quickly in their "own enlightened self-interest," the Commonwealth leaders said, the inevitable result will be the emergence of a "radical" black government that "will destroy Western interests absolutely," and will likely owe its allegiance to the Soviet Union.

Among the immediate measures they recommended were the suspension of all air links to and from South Africa; a ban on all purchases of South African "bulk commodities," including agricultural goods, raw materials and industrial products, and a further tightening of existing fi-

nancial restrictions.

Although many of the 49 Commonwealth nations already have taken substantial measures against Pretoria, Britain, the most prominent member of the organization comprised of it and most of its former colonies, has resisted, on the grounds that sanctions are not effective.

Without Britain, said former Australian prime minister Malcolm Fraser, the "trade weight" of the others "is not sufficient to achieve change."

In addition to Britain, Fraser said, "it has to be the Americans. It has to be the (West) Germans, also." About three-quarters of all foreign private investment, and the majority of foreign companies represented in South Africa come from those three countries. Nearly half the investment is from Britain alone.

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Prostitution sweep

1 hooker linked to AIDS

The Sonoma County Public Health Department has had only one known case of a prostitute in Santa Rosa carrying the AIDS antibody, although they think the case may not have been isolated. Earlier this year Sonoma County Public Health Department issued an AIDS alert to intravenous drug users, prostitutes and the sexual contacts of both, warning they could become infected with the virus if they shared contaminated needles or practiced unprotected sex.

The alert, in the form of handbills distributed to locations frequented by drug users and prostitutes, followed the health department's discovery that a woman, who was both a prostitute and needle user, had been shown to have the AIDS antibodies. At the time the department speculated she was not an isolated case but there have been no further documented cases of prostitutes being carriers.

Health officials have repeatedly stressed that the prostitute's drug use puts her more at risk than her sexual activity.

Hooker

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She referred to most of the men she meets on Santa Rosa Avenue as "normal, working guys." She said they're "old, young, insurance salesmen, construction workers, bosses with their own businesses, a lot of retirees.

'John' suspect calls sweep a 'setup'

By BONY SALUDES  
Staff Writer

A church-going, 30-year-old Santa Rosa man swept up in Wednesday's crackdown on prostitution on Santa Rosa Avenue, says he got arrested for having a casual conversation with an attractive woman who turned out to be a police decoy.

"It's the most horrendous thing that's ever happened to me in my life," he said.

The man, who would not identify himself, said he was on his way home after work and

stopped at a telephone booth on Santa Rosa Avenue to make a call about 6:30 p.m. when a woman walked by and started a conversation.

He said they exchanged greetings and had a brief "idle conversation. Nothing suggestive."

"She was a very attractive woman and passed herself off as a hooker," he said. "She said, 'What would you like?' I don't know what I said because I was trying to carry on a conversation on the phone."

He said he got into his car to go home, was

stopped by police several blocks away, arrested and taken to the county jail where he spent almost six hours with several other men caught up in the sweep before he arranged bail.

"I didn't have any money and I had no intention of getting together with a hooker," he said. "I got off work late and I was on my way home."

He said he made no arrangements with the woman.

The man said several of the jailed men claimed they also were "unwilling victims"

and were "horrified" over the predicament they were in, while others admitted they were out looking for a hooker and were angry at themselves for getting caught.

"It was a heck of a setup," the man said. "They had the paddy wagon out and they were fingerprinting and mugging the men on the street where they arrested them. It's obvious the police were after numbers."

He said he risks losing his job, marriage and status in his church over the arrest. "I might have to move out of town," he said.

Sting

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Press Democrat Editor Mike Parman said the newspaper decided to publish a story about Wednesday night's mass arrests to fulfill its role as a watchdog.

"I think it would be very difficult for any paper in the United States to ignore the arrests of 47 citizens on any account," Parman said.

"Obviously, we feel badly if a police operation was compromised, but I think it's hard to believe that the arrests of that many people would go unnoticed with or without us."

Santa Rosa Police Chief Salvatore Rosano said upon hearing that the newspaper was running the story over his department's objections that he recognized the news value of 47 arrests. "It certainly seems like a major news to me," he said.

Twenty-two backup officers with the Police Department and sheriff's office watched and listened from hiding places Wednesday

night as the four undercover policewomen, fitted with concealed radio microphones, loitered on the sidewalk across south Santa Rosa Avenue from El Rancho Tropicana resort. They didn't wait long for men to pull to the curb.

Kuskie said that when a man or men called to a decoy, she would simply walk to the car and say something akin to, "Hi, what can I do for you?"

"The offer of money for sex would have to come from the customer," he said. Once the "john" mentioned a sexual act for pay, officers would move in and make the arrest.

The 47 men jailed for alleged solicitation of prostitution, a misdemeanor, were booked into jail, with bail set at \$1,000. Their ages ranged from the 20s through the 60s.

A deputy sheriff said they wore "Levis and sweats, and three-piece suits" and drove everything from "Caddies to Camaros."

Oliver of the Sheriff's Department said his agency and Santa Rosa police decided to go after customers of prostitutes because it hasn't worked to arrest and re-arrest the hookers.

The trouble area is along a two-mile stretch of Santa Rosa Avenue, the southerly extension of Mendocino Avenue, from Colgan Avenue to East Robles Avenue. Part of the stretch lies within the Santa Rosa city limits, part within the unincorporated county.

Oliver said prostitutes began showing up on the curbs about three years ago, and their ranks have grown. "Today, I can tell you there are 23 women working that avenue," he said.

Oliver and Kuskie, his counterpart at the Police Department, said increasingly serious problems have occurred as the street has become more popular with hookers and johns. "The vast majority of the prostitutes arrested down there are heroin addicts," Kuskie said.

In addition to attracting drug trafficking, he and Oliver said, the prostitution invites the spread of hepatitis, AIDS and venereal diseases. Oliver said the hookers themselves are frequently victims of crime.

Earlier this year, one Santa Rosa Avenue prostitute was murdered and her body dumped near Bodega Bay, and a second was killed by a hit-and-run driver. Others told police of being attacked and robbed.

Oliver said sheriff's deputies made 33 arrests of prostitutes in 1985, but the arrests made no visible dent in the plying of sex along Santa Rosa Avenue.

He and Kuskie said the program was working well Wednesday night, and they hoped that two more nights would net many more arrests. Oliver said officers made some "interesting observations" that might assist the investigation into the slaying of the one hooker and hoped for more success on nights two and three.

Both of the captains said they were angry The Press Democrat forced the derailment of the operation with Thursday morning's front-page story.

In response, editor Parman said, "We have to protect the rights of those that were charged and to let the public know what they were charged with." He said a danger arises when a newspaper agrees with a police agency to keep the arrests of citizens secret.

Parman said the large number of arrests also contributed to the newspaper's decision not to hold the story. "It's one thing if you're talking about something with one or two people," he said.

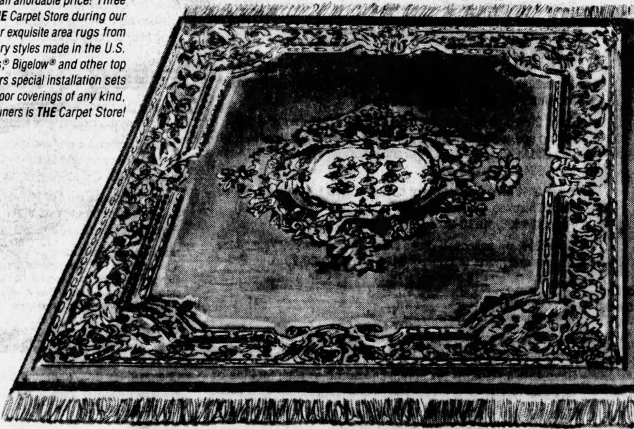
Parman also said he believes the newspaper's handling of the story would help dissuade men from seeking sexual favors on Santa Rosa Avenue. The story also demonstrated to the community that the city and county are taking the prostitution problem "very seriously," he said.



FEATURING AREA RUGS & INSTALLED

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Floor coverings are a pivotal point in your home's decorating scheme. They accent your furnishings, and create special effects wonderfully. They also should be of sturdy construction since they are probably the most used furnishing in your home. And finally, you want them at an affordable price! Three good reasons to shop Breuners, THE Carpet Store during our Semi-Annual Floor Show. Discover exquisite area rugs from around the world, or contemporary styles made in the U.S. Carpeting from Karastan® Lees® Bigelow® and other top manufacturers, along with Breuners special installation sets us apart from other stores. For floor coverings of any kind, Breuners is THE Carpet Store!

CHINESE, INDIAN AND ORIENTAL REPRODUCTIONS  
20%-50% OFF, PLUS AN ADDITIONAL 10% OFF



MANJOO COLLECTION					
Example shown: Beautiful 100% wool rugs from India in the French Aubusson design in a coral coloration.					
Size	Orig.	Sale	Less 10%	Final Sale	
3.6x5.6	600.00	400.00	40.00	360.00	20.00 mo*
5.6x8.6	1150.00	750.00	75.00	675.00	36.00 mo*
8x11	1500.00	1200.00	120.00	1080.00	58.00 mo*
FLORAL GARDEN COLLECTION					
An exquisite floral spray design is set upon an ivory background of 100% wool, from India.					
3.6x5.6	600.00	300.00	30.00	270.00	
5.6x8.6	1150.00	600.00	60.00	540.00	29.00 mo*
8x11	1500.00	1000.00	100.00	900.00	48.00 mo*
700 SERIES COLLECTION					
Contemporary designs from Karastan® of 100% worsted wool, skein dyed and power loomed in the U.S.A.					
2.10x5	345.00	250.00	25.00	225.00	
4.3x6	625.00	450.00	45.00	405.00	22.00 mo*
5.9x9	1225.00	850.00	85.00	765.00	41.00 mo*
8.8x10.6	1825.00	1300.00	130.00	1170.00	63.00 mo*
8.8x12	1925.00	1400.00	140.00	1260.00	68.00 mo*

All rug sizes are approximate. Rug selection varies by store. Rug shown is subject to prior sale.

\* CALIFORNIA periodic rates are 1.6% per month on balances up to \$3,000 and 1% on that portion of the balance in excess of \$3,000 which are ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATES OF 19.2% and 12% respectively. The minimum FINANCE CHARGE is \$0.50. \* ARIZONA periodic rate is 1.8% per month on all balances which is an ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE OF 21.6%. The minimum FINANCE CHARGE is \$0.50. \* NEVADA periodic rate is 1.8% per month on all balances which is an ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE OF 21.6%.

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