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# HOOKERS' RIGHTS DAY

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## AN ATTACK ON PROSTITUTES IS AN ATTACK ON ALL WOMEN

The recent attack on the street prostitutes in San Francisco is one more attempt by the government to deny women access to money of our own.

City Supes are raising the flag of morality to justify their "cleaning up the streets." In fact, they are protecting the profits of the Union Square hotels which run their own pimping services. The power of the hotels, like that of all pimps, is threatened by the growing struggles prostitutes are making to abolish the laws against prostitution. The supervisors' morality is not offended when bug business pimps, nor when the government takes its share through fines on prostitutes. It's only offended when we refuse to give them a cut.

In many parts of the world, governments are harassing prostitutes because prostitution exposes our sexuality as work which should be paid for. As recently stated by the English Collective of Prostitutes:

"Sex is supposed to be personal, always a free choice, different from work. But it's not a free choice when we are dependent on men for money. We women are expected to be sexual service stations, and because of that sex becomes a bargaining point between ourselves and men. When any of us sleeps with men, at least to some degree we are forced to consider that we are going to get in return for 'giving'—money, the rent, or better we are making a calculation. Those of us who are prostitutes not only calculate, but put a price on our services and make men meet it. The line between paid and unpaid sex is a question of what we get in return."

Business makes money off our sexuality. Destroyed by the work they are compelled to do, men come to us for the sexual and emotional gratification they need to continue working, making profits for business. When we work outside the home, on top of housework, our bosses use our sexuality to please customers and make sales. The advertising

industry is based on linking products with hints that our sexual favors go with them. Our lives are consumed so that business can profit.

More and more women are refusing to be exploited—to work in the home for free and to work outside the home for low pay. Whenever we are demanding our wages—from the Welfare Department, in the street, at the job outside the home—we are fighting for money for all our work.

Prostitution is one way of getting our wages. Although the government tries to isolate our struggles, we refuse to be divided. All work is prostitution and we are all prostitutes. We are forced to sell our bodies—for room and board or for cash—in marriage, in the street, in typing pools or in factories. And, as we win wages for all the work we do, we develop the power to refuse prostitution—in any of its forms.

**We demand an end to the harassment of prostitutes. We demand the abolition of all laws against prostitution.**

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The Big Glasses Award meets the Clockwork Wet Nurse Award. PHOTOGRAPH BY TED PUSHINSKI

## QUEEN OF HEARTS BALL

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## EDITORIAL BY GALLOPING HORSE

The Swine Flu Boondoggle boggles my mind. Not one proven case, yet the government has expended millions, been implicated in several deaths, and seems set on continuing the program. Is it a cover-up for something worse? Shades of African-Cuba strains? Or is it shades of Amin?

It certainly is tragic, when over a million cases of undetected and untreated VD are walking around and nothing is being done about it. Not even health educa-

tion (known as sex education by opponents) is being provided for those with the highest rate, the teenagers and young adults.

If the country were really concerned with the problems of its young, it would only seem logical to implement a massive program to eradicate VD through mass screenings and treatment.

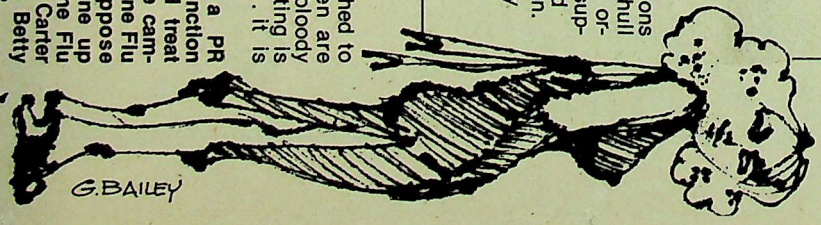
San Francisco's Disease Control Center, headed by Dr. Braff, has refused to implement a

mass self-screening technique currently being used in Marin County. Their reasons remain unclear, even after several conversations with the Department of Public Health.

The test was devised three years ago by Dr. Eugene Madsen, of Poly Tech State University in San Luis Obispo, for women, of whom 80% are asymptomatic, while only 20% of men are, meaning there must be a second testing, and on women the testing needs to be done during the menstrual flow. This has presented a problem

because of the taboo attached to women's periods. Women are reluctant to hand over a bloody sample, even when the testing is completely anonymous. . . . It is done by a number only.

There needs to be a PR campaign waged in conjunction with efforts to locate and treat these cases, much like the campaign used to promote Swine Flu vaccination. Do you suppose President Jimmy would line up like Jerry did for the Swine Flu inoculation? Can Rosalyn Carter do for VD detection what Betty Ford did for breast cancer?



G. BAILEY





# Letters to the Madam

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Dear Friend:

Please tell me how I could get in touch with a madam. Thank you, Coy Pussycat

Dear Coyote,

Hi. I need some information if you could oblige. I've been working in Guadalajara, Mexico, which wasn't bad as \$1000 (one thousand pesos) was the fee. That used to be \$80.00 U.S., but since the devaluation is half or \$40.00 U.S. Not worth the time it takes you to curl your hair.

So, myself and a friend have heard that Alaska is the big boom place. All these lumberjack types with pockets full of \$ and NO women around. Is this so? If you have any information on this could you please share it. Like, how much is being charged? Who to contact? How to dress not to freeze and still look fetching? What months are good? Or if there is some other place in the world where the \$ is good and American girls are appreciated. Any and all information would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Heidi

Dear Heidi,

Alaska has cracked down in the urban areas. Fairbanks and Anchorage have loitering ordinances and have passed a 60 mandatory sentence for soliciting. Times are tough and no where is much good. Many women have been forced to work for exploitive parlors who take over half. While many runaways are hidden from view and working in these places, the public is buying the law and order bit and the hookers are suffering.

The Madam

Dear Coyote:

We really wanted to write to you about how we feel about last year's *Hookers' Ball*. We feel that it was so unbelievably crowded that it was impossible to have a good time or be comfortable. We strongly support COYOTE and realize that you need every cent you can raise, but we feel it was greedy and irresponsible to those who supported you by coming to the Ball to sell so many tickets. It was impossible to stand still, or to dance, or to go anywhere. It also seemed that the extreme crowding made some people feel a little weird, and we both experienced and saw a lot of women give hostile reactions to obnoxious and nasty come-ons from men. It was so different from last year, where there was a lot of looseness and sexual interplay, all in a friendly and positive spirit.

## SCARLETT PILGRIM



by Trina Robbins

### Prisoners Pen Pals Dialogue Send us your address



Duane Weems B66

East Baton Rouge Parish Prison  
Scotlandville, LA 70807

Photo: Ron Williams

Manuel Rivera F-235  
B-55104 Central  
Soledad, Cal. 93960

Dear Margo:

Hi, my name is Manuel. I'm writing you from this human warehouse in Soledad. I just want to drop a few words on you in full support of your ideas. I'm sorry that I don't have any funds available to contribute to Coyote at this time. You know how things get a little bit rough while in the cage.

I've been following you and your group ever since I first heard about you back in 72 or 73. I was in Fresno when the ladies decided to go on strike because of a raid on the ladies out at the Texaco Truck Stop south of Fresno. Boy, did things get rough on us guys who were dependent on the favors the ladies provided. I was very lucky. I was on real close terms with 3 of them so they were kind enough to see that I got my issue but only after I listened to them tell me about how they were about to form a union. I remember laughing about it and then being taken to a couple of informal meetings that they had with some other ladies where I learned a whole lot about what kind of problems they are always facing. I came to understand that they, like me, have feelings. They have the right to equal justice.

I went several times and provided a place to stay for new girls in town. That's another thing that made me mad, they will rent to hippies and junkies who tear up the places but not to call girls. I had a few apartments around town where I was the one responsible for the rent even though it was the girls themselves who lived there and paid it. I had to work out a deal with a bail-bondsman to go bail out the girls and I would co-sign later. That's another thing, they let muggers, drunks and thieves out on O.R., but not call girls.

I am all in favor of the stand that a lot of towns are now taking on the publishing of the guy's name too, if they publish the girl's name. No guy should be ashamed of having invested his money in obtaining a whole lot of pleasure for himself with a call girl. I will never regret all of the money I did on the ladies spend. I received more than my money's worth each time. I'm 28 years old, I have never been married, I have never had to go through all of the motions of compromising my lifestyle because I have all of my needs taken care of by call girls.

Sincerely, Manuel Rivera

This letter is for "Lady in The Shadows" - the divorcee who is having an affair with a married man. He had an attack of indigestion in her apartment and she was scared to death it was a coronary. The woman was not concerned about her reputation but his. [He was a big wheel in town, and her boss]. I hope you will let me play "Ann Landers" today and give her some first-rate advice. Here it is:

Dear Lady,

You, too, eh? And how many more of us are there? Thousands, I'll bet.

I'm a registered nurse, and although Ann's advice wasn't bad, I think my advice is better. If your lover becomes ill when you are together, do the following:

(1) Telephone a doctor and ask him to meet you at the emergency room of the nearest hospital.

(2) If you're in a hotel or a motel, call the desk and say, "I need an ambulance for someone who is ill in room 1313." (They aren't looking for any bad publicity either, so don't worry.)

(3) Pay the hotel bill when you leave—in cash.

(4) Unless it's an awfully small town, go to the hospital with him. Use his real name at all times. A good nurse in the emergency room can be a big help. Nothing will shock her.

(5) Give the nurse his wife's name and suggest that she be called in. Then leave.

(6) Don't fall apart. Remember to tell the nurse if he has diabetes or any allergies. If you don't know, please find out NOW.

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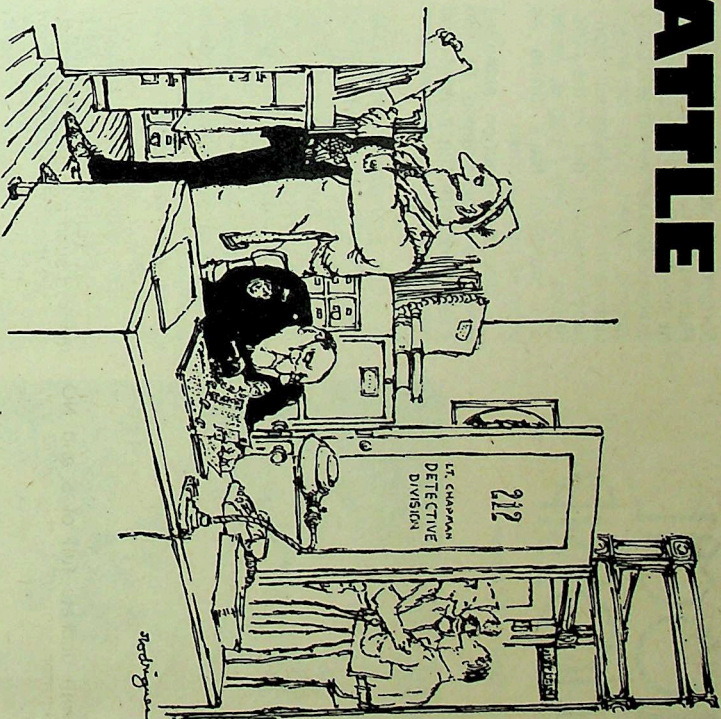
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# NATIONAL TATTLE

by Galloping Horse



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**KANSAS CITY**  
**Brooding Bloodhound**, KC's Vice Officer Stuckey, is competing with San Francisco's Reverend Shaughnessy for the Meanie of the Year Award. After a month's investigation, BB led a raid on a bookie joint netting one woman, 82, with 54 cents, and one man, 69, with \$3. The pair had been in operation for 30 years, since the depression, just to make ends meet. To make up for the boo boo, the squad got hot on the Johns—120 in one week!

**Supervisor Diane Feinstein** is proposing more unconstitutional pornography legislation instead of attacking the offensive aspect, the advertising. Censorship erodes our constitutional rights. Good taste can't be enforced, but community pressure could be put on these purveyors of vulgarity. What's say Diane, let's do a little community organizing?

**Supervisor Quentin Kopp** successfully submarined the good sheriff's attempt at an alternative to incarceration for alleged prostitutes, prior to court appearance—the citation release program—by bringing it up at the Concerned Citizens meeting. Real criminals are going unpunished because of overcrowded courts. The citation avoids the question of bail. Those who don't want to go to court, leave town. . . just what the police want. The bailbondsmen aren't out of anything, the city doesn't have to spend \$5,000. (We could put every person arrested through college with what we are spending now.) If the mandatory sentence were thrown out as cruel and unusual (the only misdemeanor with mandatory time) fines could be instituted and the money placed directly into a fund for a house for wayward girls. . . instead of having them end up in the massage parlors being sold like pieces of meat by a Barker.

*"I really nailed this weirdo good. Lieutenant—I wait about fifteen minutes, then I bust in—it was enough to turn your stomach, this pervert going down on this broad. Can you imagine what kind of filthy degenerate would do a thing like that?"*

**SAN DIEGO**

**Chief Kolender** of San Diego's finest reports they are keeping the arrest rate at 50%—at least half men. And he's not cheating by busting too many gay hustlers. . . his Vice Women make about 150 arrests a month. You could argue the sailors may be easy to trap. But does that excuse San Francisco, Seattle, New York, Miami, New Orleans and the rest from equal enforcement? Their sum total wouldn't equal Diego in a week. The trick is not getting caught!

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**SACRAMENTO**

**Jenny Cruz, Capitol City Coyote**, has joined forces with the California Junior Chamber of Commerce to lobby for the decriminalization of prostitution. . . obviously representing the customer constituency. Combined with the Gay vote and the Women's vote it looks like a sure winner in a non-election year.

Some '79 states have now removed consensual sex between adults from the purviews of the law. . . and seven are now considering decriminalizing prostitution. For more information subscribe to: **SEXUAL LAW REPORTER**, 1800 N. Highland, #106, Los Angeles, Ca., 90028. (213) 464-6666.

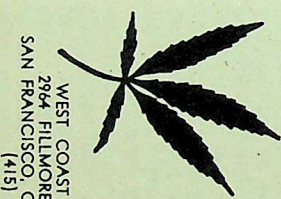
**LOS ANGELES**

**Lois Lee, author of THE WHORE'S HANDBOOK** (or what to do if your pimp gets out of line) and director of **CAT** (California Advocates for Trolops) has opened a new office 8831 Sunset Blvd., Room 303, with her first affair, January 20th, a premiere showing of **MADAM KITTY**—a movie portraying the traditional use of prostitutes as informants by the secret police. The film fails to make the political statement needed: that it is still happening and is not romantic, it's oppressive.

**BOSTON**  
**PUMA, Prostitutes Union of Massachusetts**, reports Massachusetts lawmakers are writing decriminalization legislation this year, as are legislators in Minnesota, Washington and possibly Florida. The State Appeals Court will hear the case of three women charged with prostitution and common law walking in early 1977, challenging the constitutionality of Massachusetts laws on several grounds including the right to privacy, equal protection, freedom of speech and freedom of assembly. PUMA has a membership drive on to raise funds for legal defense. The women had a successful bake sale last fall and a virgin Halloween Ball which netted \$1,000.

**Chief Davis** has been having a field day on gay men who are thought to consort with young boys. The young boys are rounded up and questioned at the station, routinely, asked questions if they show with a new bicycle, and pumped for details of their sexual explorations. They are threatened with exposure, institutions, etc. Many times they create wanted information to get off the hook. The threat of gay association is used against the boys while girls are considered criminals merely for running away, and thereafter are moved into the prostitute category for manipulation/exploitation.

**NEW YORK**  
**The Lotier-in at the Democratic National Convention** in New York last summer resulted in some interesting moves by the State Attorney General's office. Feminist newspaper, "Majority Report," joined with **COYOTE** in organizing community women to hit the streets on behalf of their beleaguered sisters put upon by the anti-lotiering Ohrenstein Bill. Women formerly afraid to leave their apartments except for necessities found, as hookers, that men suddenly treated them with deference. Accustomed to propositions and remarks made to them daily while they were being their straight selves, the women were delighted with the new found power. The State Attorney General grilled Nancy Borman of Majority Report for 30 minutes about who her conspirators were. . . she



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**DALLAS**  
**The Kitty Genovese Rape Project** will be publishing its list of rapists in the area shortly. They will also provide the reader with information about punishment of rapists Texas style.

• Meanwhile the show goes on, the **Hookers Film Festival**, the **Q of Ball at the Palace** all promise entertaining evenings of comfort and joy.  
 Be there or be .

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**THE POEMS OF CATULLUS** translated by Peter Whigham, Penguin Classics, 1966. England.

Men always praise an honest whore, keen for the price of what she proposes to do, but to promise & break promise frequently taking & never giving proves the woman, Aulifena, inimical to men. Keep either your words or your modesty intact: perform what you offer, or don't make the offer at all.

To take fraudulent payment, proves you worse than the tart who aviciously prostitutes herself with every part of her body.



**SAN FRANCISCO**  
**Captain Shaughnessy** has fulfilled every expectation of the administration and the community. The first 13 days since his reinstatement, the Vice Squad netted double what the detail was catching before, with 160 arrests. "Fuck Chuck" T-shirts are being distributed clandestinely among SFPD, and the community is producing "SUPPORT SHERIFF HONGISTO, DON'T KOPP OUT" buttons in response.

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# LOCAL GOSSIP

by Galloping Horse



enforcement was practiced at Hunters Point, in the Fillmore and in the Tenderloin below Geary Street. Robbery and burglary victims, raped girls, or incest victims in the projects still don't have protection, nor do the prostitutes, who are mugged, raped and murdered four times as often as other women.

Nor is protection extended to the elderly trapped in the Tenderloin with the junkies and would-be-pimps, thieves and crazies.

San Francisco's Police Department was in bad shape before Charles Gain came along. It would take Superman and three millennia to straighten it out; and the fickle public has only given the new administration one year before they joined the Neider, Barbagelata, Feinstein Brigade to attempt a recall of the best thing that's ever happened to San Francisco.

The aforementioned Supervisors are mounting their campaign to overthrow Proposition T, and using the emotional issue of prostitution to discount the present administrator's integrity and wisdom. In fact, they're attacking the whole "victimless crimes" concept.

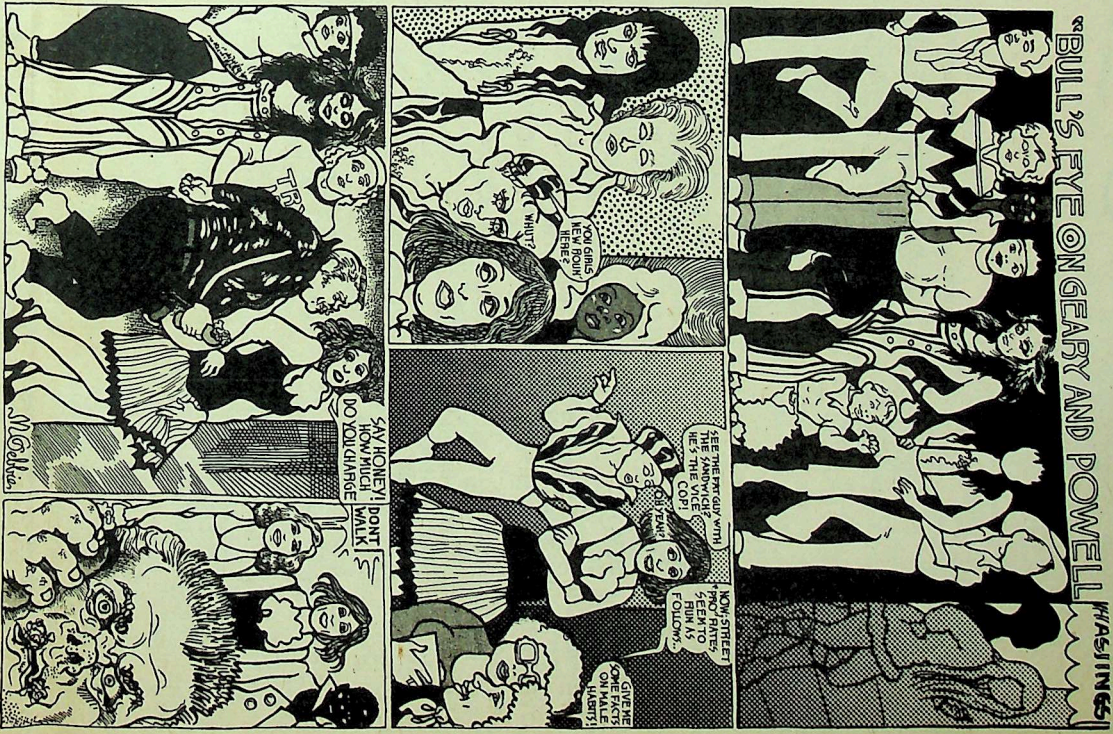
Even the most reactionary kneejerk cop will agree that police can't prevent crime or even control it without the cooperation of the community. So how could the present Chief be in any way to blame for the rise, or fall of crime in such a short space of time? The officers who make reports by the dozen and do nothing about catching the culprits: the DAS who refuse to prosecute robbers because the victim was a prostitute, or a spouse of the assailant, or the daughter of a poor Black or Chicano or Chinese; these are the real culprits in the slick manipulation of statistics.

The fact that the chief demanded all laws to be enforced fairly resulted in fewer street sweeps and thereby fewer cheap stats to raise the clearance rate, contributing to a seeming rise in crime. But numbers don't mean Charlie can't do his job... it means the cops have a protection racket going, and the citizens of San Francisco are being led to believe the whores are to blame.

"Hordes and battalions" of hookers, male and female, seem to be non-existent, and I wonder if they ever existed outside the minds and fantasies of the hotel owners, and Chamber of Commerce, and journalists who get all their info over the phone. Certainly there was an increase due to the DA's offhand remark last spring. There was an increase everywhere due to the lack of jobs for women. But the real numbers of prostitutes were not properly documented by the press.

The Women's Advisory Council to the Chief appointed a task force which kept a street count for seven months, three times a week at various times of day. These charts showed the twelve to thirty-five regular

MARGO AND THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL HIT THE STREET IN A SEARCH FOR FACTS



Cartoon by Melinda Gebble

women swelling to seventy-five and ninety in a five block area during the summer months (also during the Oakland crackdown). By the time the Sheriff began his citation release program in November (for 18 days) the numbers had gone back down to three dozen regulars, (swelling again when Palo Alto closed down its parlors under the Red Light Abatement Act).

Thirty-five were cited in that period. Four were observed to have returned to the street again during the same night, apparently constituting the "embarrassment." Feinstein said the City suffered. I would suspect it was the Vice Squad's, and perhaps the whole department's sexist superiority that was threatened by the mere presence of women on the corners. They don't want police-women out there either! The Women's Advisory Council was originally formed to give support to the women who have been accepted legally, but not attitudinally into the department. The name has been changed to protect the innocent to Citizens Advisory Council, since we are

involved in all aspects of civilian contact with the police, from Community Relations to Vice, and represent men's interests too. This council has been viewed by police as a spy unit, a means of checking up on them...

"When they know nothing about police work," and worst of all, another group that has the Chief's ear when they feel they don't. The Vice Squad and other members of the department have gone to great lengths to discredit the Advisory Council. I have been falsely accused by Neider and Barbagelata of "riding in a vice car" and then passing on information which would interfere with police work to prostitutes in the street.

I have urged the Chief to institute a patrolman's council to address their complaints. This would also give the Chief the necessary dialogue with the rank and file to stop Crowley's campaign. Many men who are supportive of Gain are afraid to incur the wrath of peers and superiors by coming out, since they see themselves as being there after Charley's gone and don't want to go on permanent KP.

The San Francisco Police Officers Association has been playing dirty tricks on its Chief Charles Gain, an out-of-towner they don't want.

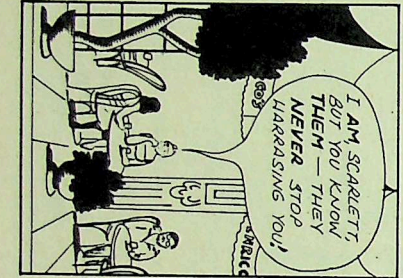
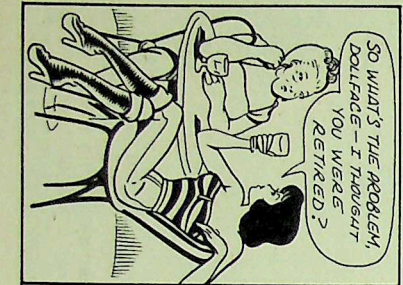
But he's the first chief in several decades willing to open the stations and confer with the community on its wants and needs. His actions have resulted in community participation in crime prevention, something that other cities, like Seattle have had for five years... with good results.

Crowley's gang has resisted any changes—passively and aggressively. The POA has paid for radio ads charging the chief with letting lawlessness run rampant. Is it the Chief, or the cops on the street who are responsible for the increase in crime percentages?

Officer Adkins was transferred from the vice-squad because he said he was frustrated and "couldn't give 100%." He's not alone, there are hundreds of officers who feel the same way, mostly due to a campaign being waged within the department by those who want to maintain the status quo and get an in-house chief. T-shirts were printed up demeaning the chief's position on gays and the flag. Obscene slogans were printed on the walls of the Hall of Justice (in areas only open to officers) accusing the chief of being gay and encouraging the slowdown.

Middle class people complain of long response times. Ghetto people don't even know what response time is. It was rare until Gain came in that any en-

## SCARLET PILGRIM



by Trina Robbins

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# Prostitution: Where Sex and Class Meet

by Steve Levine



eneath the skin of the world that we see every day, the world (we are told), is the real, right and respectable one in which legitimate livings are earned and law abiding lives are lived, there is a parallel world in which the same rules apply in their opposites. Because any society is an expression of both legitimate and illicit tiers. Every State Department has its CIA. Every Park Avenue has its Forty Second Street. Every Nelson Rockefeller has his Al Capone. Every aboveground institution has its underground equivalent and though nominally at odds, the two sets of institutions could not survive without one another. The suppression of certain demands, say the demand for smack or plutonium, creates the need for a specialized trade in these commodities which in turn creates a plausible social threat which legitimizes the suppression. From this basic interdependence proceeds a complex relationship of cooperation and brutal competition between the square world and the underworld, between a society's professed values and its real needs, that can ultimately tear a whole civilization apart. It's doing that to ours right now.

In economics, where they nail things down (perhaps to keep them from being stolen) this process is described by what is called "The Principle of Parallel Markets," which holds that for every basic commodity in which there is legitimate trade, there will also be a black market. In foods, guns, currencies, and intoxicants there are vast parallel industries. Though the real extent of prohibited trade is difficult to estimate (all concerned work hard to keep it that way) some indicators do become public and they point toward enormous exchanges of capital.

The grain scandals of last year suggest the diversion of millions of tons of agricultural products from legitimate to covert channels. The mysterious disappearance of thousands of pounds of weapons-grade plutonium from government stockpiles, as well as the unexplained loss of thousands of M-216 rifles from military stores over the last five years hint at a thriving secret arms race. And anyone who has tried to score an ounce of weed in the last year has had direct contact with a parallel market in which runaway expansion has brought about runaway inflation.

This is getting dense but it gets juicy at this point. In above ground commerce, whether in the US or the USSR or in any nation in between on the political spectrum, all kinds of rules apply. Profits have to be reported and taxed, working conditions have to meet certain minimum standards, credit and accounting practices are expected to reflect a certain amount of probity. This slows down the turnover of capital,

"As above, so below."

In Hermetic philosophy this is called The Principle of Correspondence.

forced into the lower reaches of the wage scale. Because of historical patterns of job discrimination a white, well educated bourgeois woman is scarcelly competitive in search for employment. She can look forward to dull work at low pay with little opportunity for advancement. Poor women, minority women, women without saleable skills constantly run the risk of being snapped off the bottom of the scale. In a period of economic retrenchment, which is what rich people do when there is a fucking depression on, alternatives for women narrow drastically. With college graduates scrapping over clerical positions prostitution is the only option available for thousands of women.

The market in proscribed sex has become flooded in the last few years. More women, younger women, women of more varying backgrounds have found their way into the houses and onto the streets. Any city in America with over a million people in it has sprouted a gaudy neon strip somewhere with porno shops, massage parlors, skin flick houses, bust out bars and street-walkers. In a few big cities like Boston, New York, Baltimore, and San Francisco, large districts in the center of town have been taken over entirely by the commercial sex industry. Inexorably, massage parlors and porno shops have begun to spread to the suburbs, to cater to the commuting businessman as he returns for another snug night in his locked down bedroom community.

These developments have strained the public tolerance and threatened a variety of large vested interests. Americans have long demonstrated a peculiarly sterile view of city life. In countries that do not claim to be utopia, hookers, beggars and scam artists of all sorts are an accepted element of the community.

But in this North American society, where as we all know there are no classes, no rulers, no servants, only equals competing in the free market, the very sight of women on the streets is an indictment. Their exploited status is far too obvious to ignore. The bourgeois don't like to have to look at the results of a period of economic retrenchment, so they start to stay out of places like Times Square which in turn jeopardizes the holdings of property owners, hotel and theater operators and so on. The property owners bring their formidable influence to bear at city hall. The businessmen, the well heeled civic improvement organizations, the newspapers all lean on the mayor. In most instances the mayor responds by letting the cops off their leash for a few weeks. Using street sweeps, decoys, massive deployment of uniformed police, the city chases the hookers and sometimes even the parlors and porno shops, though they usually have the juice to protect themselves, out of one small area and into another for a few weeks.



JOHN SLATER

The cost of these tactics in dollars and cents is staggering. The FBI estimates that over fifty thousand women are arrested for prostitution each year nationwide. The per city cost of enforcing anti-prostitution laws varies from one to five million dollars annually. The cost in damaged lives is incalculable. The arrest of a woman for prostitution often turns a temporary expedient into a lifetime career.

This is how a prohibited market is regulated, with terror and brutality. And with utter cynicism. Prostitution grosses more money each year than all the professional sports in the United States combined. Could there be a soul so naive as to expect an industry of this size to simply evaporate in the face of any sort of legal repression? The demand in this market is eternal and so is the supply. No one is more aware of this than those charged with the enforcement of the regulations. Even the most hammerheaded vice cop will admit privately that prostitution is here to stay.

Though they probably won't go on to say so, they know that the real reason they are there is to keep profits high, wages low and the whole sleazy game out of the public eye.

The cops are charged with maintaining the illusion that prostitution and respectable marriage are two different worlds when in fact they are simply obverse perspectives on the same world.

Excerpt from **The Barbary Coast** by **Herbert Asbury**. An Informal History of The San Francisco Underworld. Ballantine Books. New York.

The differences between the brothels of the Barbary Coast and those of the Uptown Tenderloin, however, were more apparent than real; precisely the same profession was practiced in the latter as in the former, and in much the same fashion. But in one particular the Uptown Tenderloin reached heights of distinction never attained by the Barbary Coast—soon after the earthquake and fire of 1906 it harbored, in a two-storey building in Mason Street, a house of prostitution which catered to women and offered a dozen handsome, stalwart young men for their amusement. The price was ten dollars, half of which went to the male harlot, although it was common gossip at the time that several had refused to accept any payment for their services, feeling that the experience was in itself sufficient compensation. The active management of the establishment was entirely in the hands of an old Negro woman known as Aunt Josie, who operated it as a call house; that is, the members of the "well, staff"—were not actually resident upon the premises, but were chosen from photographs, and from charts which furnished all needful information as to color of the eyes and hair and other physical details. Once selected, the male Magdalen was summoned by telephone or messenger. Aunt Josie furnished her customers with silk masks, so that not even a woman's partner could see her face unless she so desired.



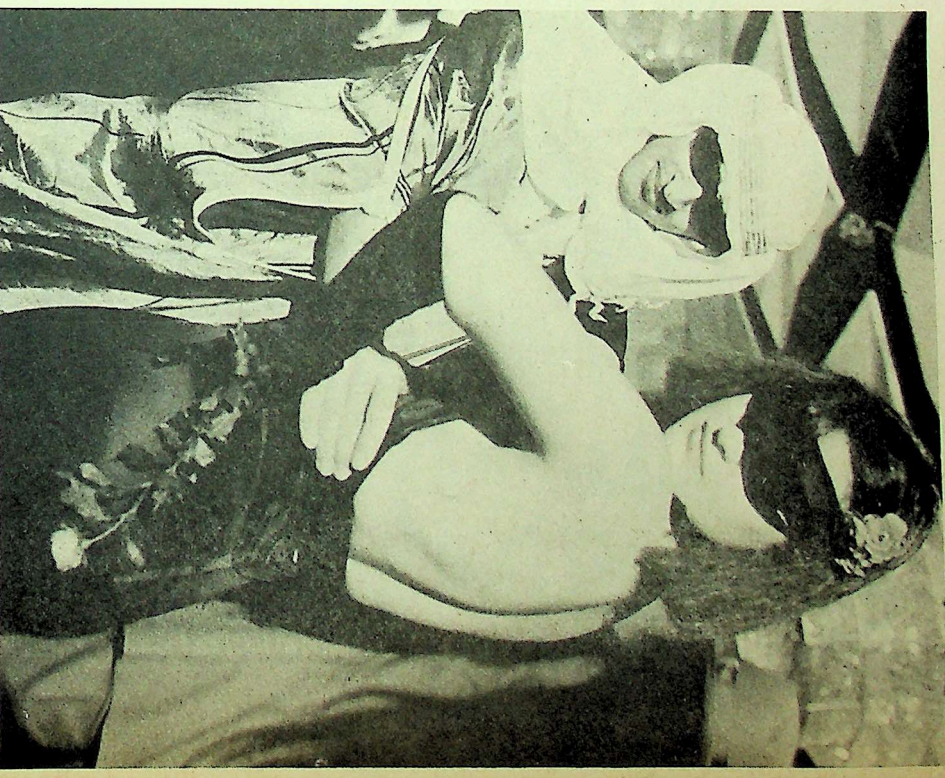
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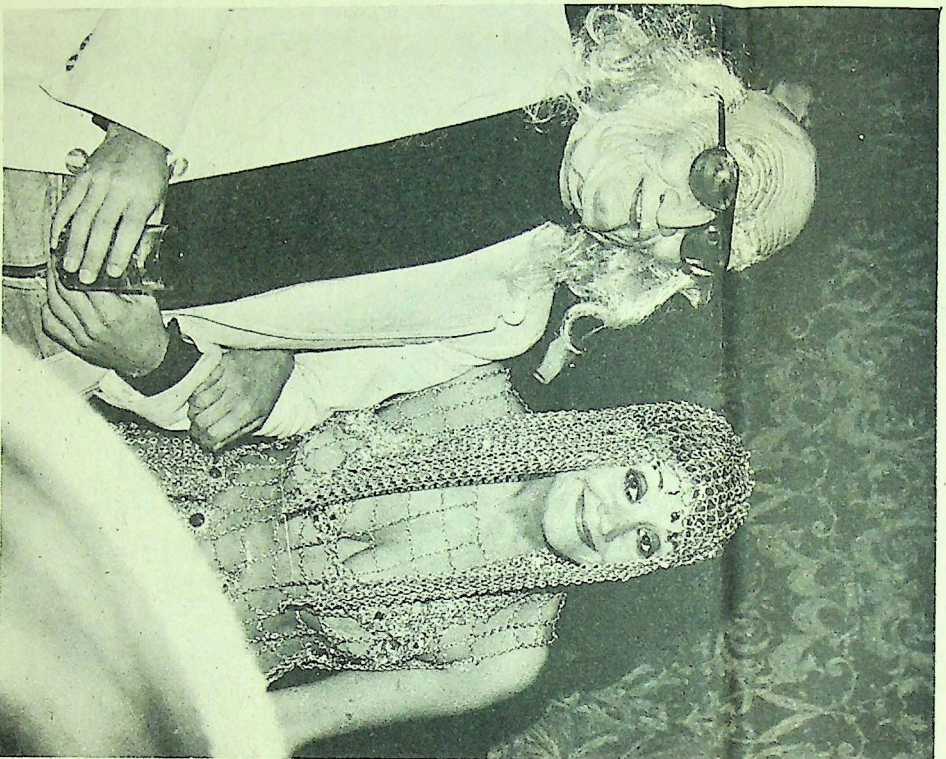
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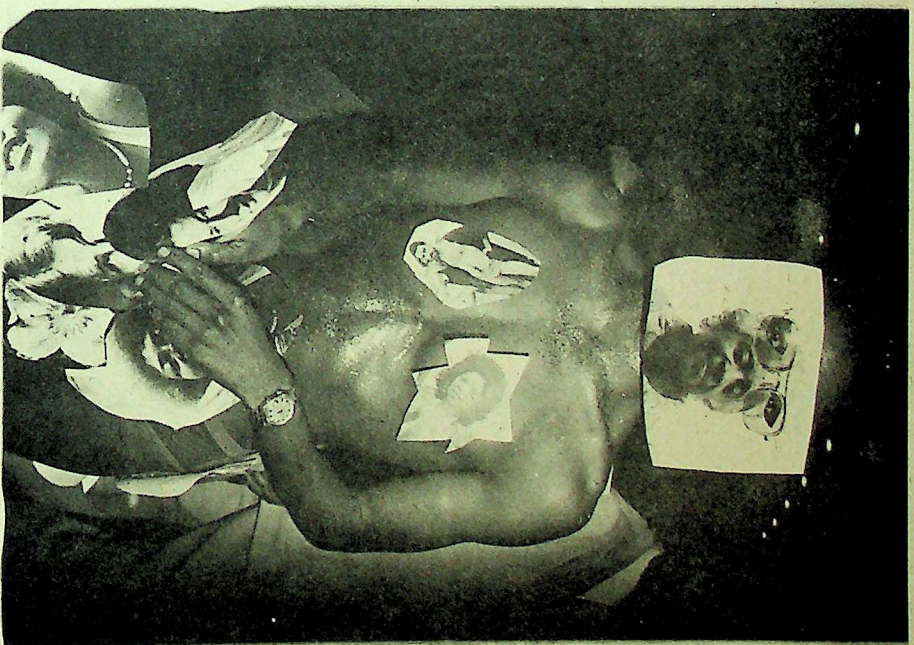
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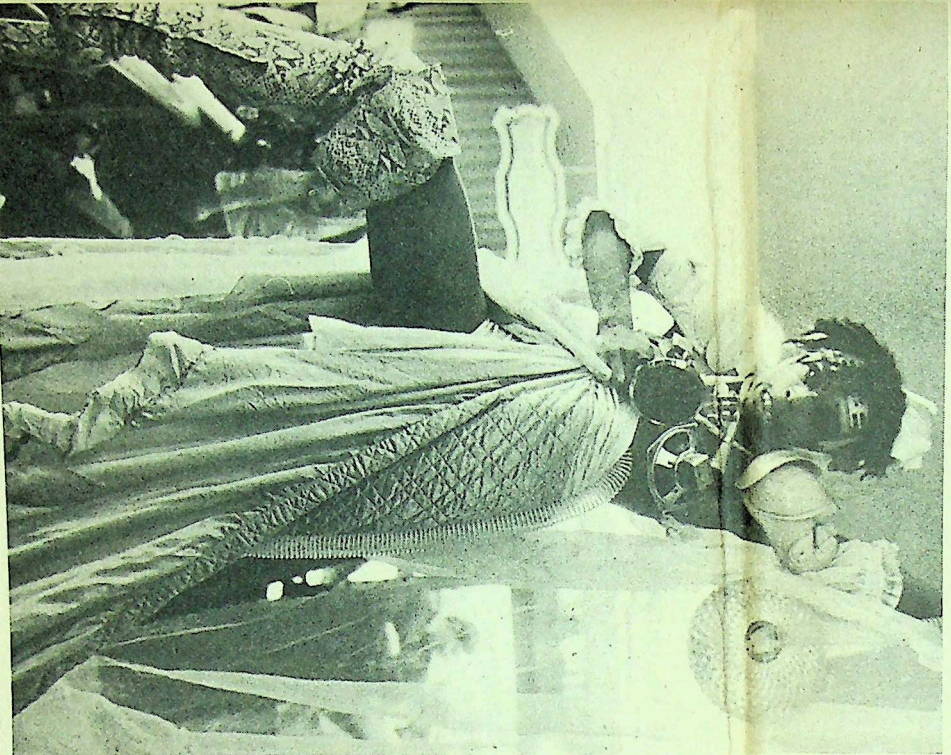
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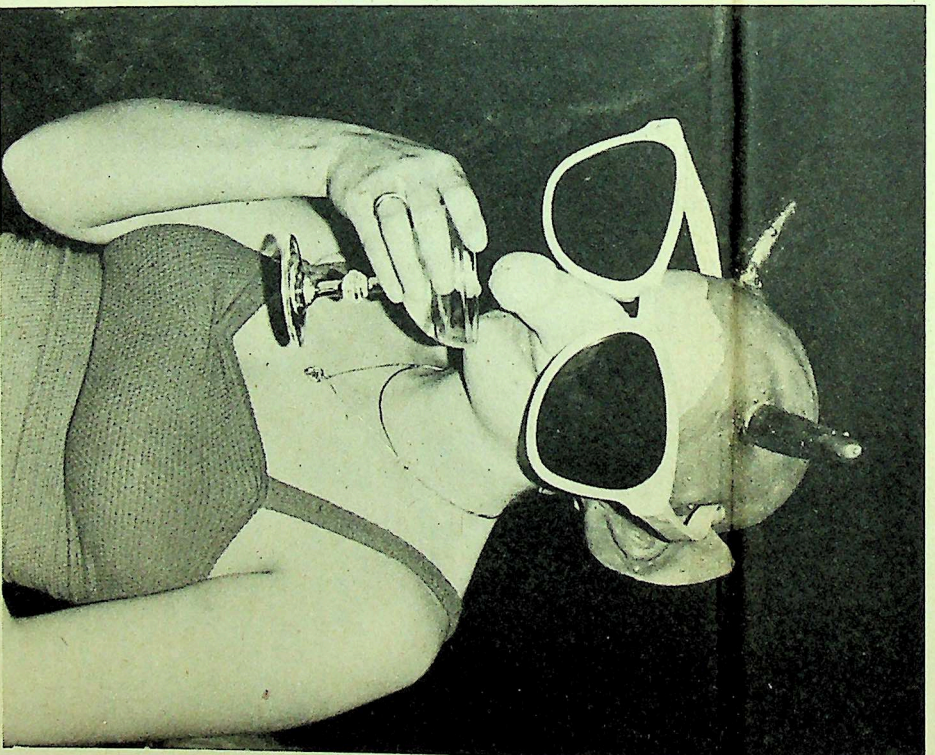
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August 18, 1973, I had decided to work in a German Sauna for about two weeks in order to see how they are run and make a little extra on the side for my vacation in September. I planned to go from Berlin to Russia for 16 days.

I took the U-bahn (underground subway) from Berliner Strasse to Potsdammer Strasse where Rose's Sauna was, the largest in Berlin. I rang the downstairs apartment bell and a lady asked who I was, so I told her that I wanted to apply for a job. The door clinked open. I went up to the third floor in which a woman about 33 years old let me in. She told me to follow her down a long corridor into a room on the right. She told me to sit on the couch and the boss would be there in a minute to see me.

I waited on the couch for about five minutes when a tall, well built blond man walked into the room and introduced himself and asked my name and what experience I'd had. I told him then that I was from the States and that I had worked in a Sauna for two years.

He then said that here the girls carry a card on them and get checked once a week and the doctor has to sign his initials on the card that you have been checked. You will be paid at the end of every day your 33% plus 50% of your tips. The prices are as follows: for a hand job 20 DM (\$12.00), 50 DM for a French with a rubber on (\$20.00), 75 DM for intercourse with a rubber on (\$30.00), and 100 DM without a rubber, and when you get a 100 DM customer, then you get a 60% cut, but only then. If a customer wanted a drink it was 5 DM, and if he wanted to buy you a drink, then it would also be 5 DM and you get a 50% cut from that. Also you stay no longer than 10 minutes in a room with a customer. When your ten minutes are up and you aren't out of the room, the girl bouncer will open the door automatically.

After he was through telling me all of this, he then asked me to undress and show him what I could do. He took off his pants only, so I started slowly to caress his balls and penis and then Frenched him for a while. Then he said, "Okay, you'll do just fine. I want you to start at 9:00 in the morning and work until 5:00, and start tomorrow."

I showed up the next morning at 9:00 and met the other eight "girls" I was working with. I felt somewhat a little embarrassed because they were all running around in the nude and I had on a

skimpy nightgown. In the States we were always fully dressed. A few minutes later an older woman came in and started cleaning the place. I then found out that every day we each had to pay 20 DM for her and 20 DM to the owners to let us work there. I thought to myself that that was really unfair.

When a customer came in we didn't take turns. He would be placed in a room and we would all be called from the lounge to line up outside the door, then one by one say our name, let him get a quick glance at you. Then he would have to tell the bouncer who he wanted and what he wanted to do and pay her. She would then come into the lounge, call out the name of who he wanted and tell us how much he would pay and then it was up to us.

My first customer was from England, a business man, really nice and I felt embarrassed having to rush like that and then no facilities to wash yourself. Just a plain bed. By late afternoon I started to get quite a few of them that didn't want to use a rubber, but I just refused to do any of them without one. We had to buy our own condoms from the boss at 3 DM (\$1.50) for two.

The place was really busy. You had a customer coming through the door at least every five minutes and there were six rooms. I made 80 DM (\$70.00) that day. But I just couldn't see returning. It was just so business like and no friendliness anywhere, even from the "girls" you worked with. Prostitution is legal there, but the government does not tax that. The saunas there are making it strictly through tourism. The whole day there were at least 80 Johns and only two of them were Germans. I never returned. I was the youngest one there. All the women were between the ages of 28-40 years old. I was just 20.

—Name withheld by request.

## SKIRTING THE ISSUE

Introduction and escort services are the richer cousins of other less discrete neo-prostitution businesses like massage parlors and encounter studios. These services have less overhead and an easier disclaimer for the proprietors. This combination of attributes renders them especially attractive to those people clever enough to run the obstacle course of police prostitution policy. Large egos seem to go along with that kind of cunning, as well as a tendency to claim Arabian oil sheiks as customers.

You can find their ads in straight newspapers and magazines, usually before the want ads—and never under "employment." Should you call such a number and blurt out "I saw your notice in the want ads" or "I want a job," you will probably get a curt, "I don't know what you're talking about, and anyway, it wasn't in the want ads." With some, you can have the smoothest come-on in the world, but the ad is designed solely to attract customers.

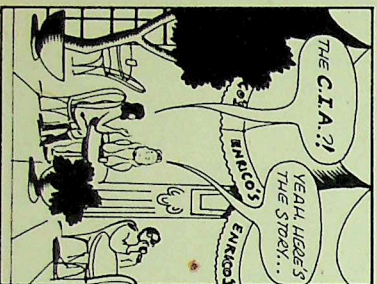
Then there are people like 'David' in San Francisco, who claims he can discuss anything over the phone because he has a private investigator who checks to make sure he isn't being bugged. But just in case he is, he tapes records all conversations, so buggers can't splice his words together in any incriminating way, God forbid, and bug the bugger who bugs the bug.

'David', as self-proclaimed king of escort services here, looks down on massage parlors and encounter studios as "rip-offs"—referring to the customers, who are led on and bilked out of money, often without the delivery of what they think they are paying for.

## jerk-off

feet when a call comes in, by letting things slide, by not making an effort to establish and maintain rapport with the neighborhood, so that the community participates in the enforcement process, by all of those actions, they contribute daily to the frightening situation.

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Violence against women in media and the constant portrayal of women as victims needs changing, but censorship is not

the way. Any erosion of the constitutional rights of people, whether they be prostitutes or housewives, junkies or nuns, takes away the only real protection we have from being destroyed by the patriarchy. As long as we can maintain a structure of legal rights, the poor, minorities and women have a chance of participating in the formation of their own destiny.

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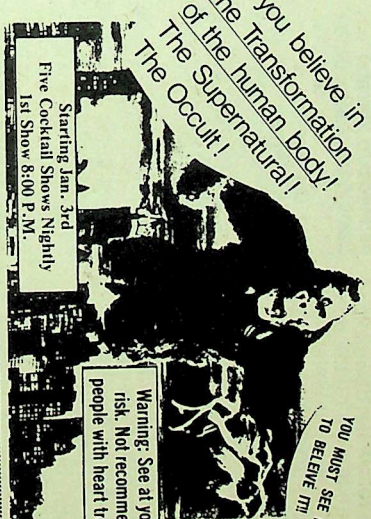
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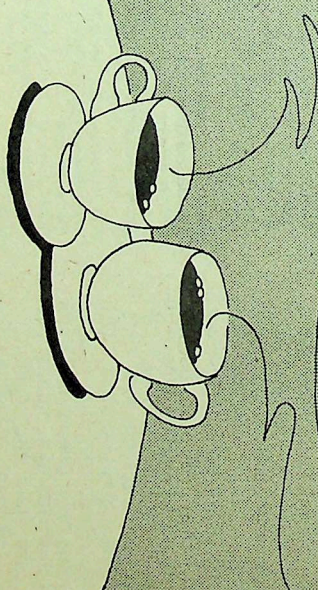
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# Coyote Review

by L. Lion

**Battered Wives**, by Del Martin  
 Glide Publications, 1976  
 Paperback, \$6.95

This book makes me furious. As I try to figure out how best to spread the healthy outrage Del Martin's work provokes, a homicide is reported on the radio news as resulting from "a domestic quarrel." A little lovers' spat; cover your ears, it's none of your business.

Del Martin is right. Violence in the home is misrepresented, at best; at worst, it is ignored. The battered wife has little legal recourse, scant protection, and negligible support. *Battered Wives*, the first comprehensive book on the subject, can spark a nationwide effort to change those conditions. Extensively researched and documented, it is scholarly but readable; biased, but admittedly so; damning, but practically and pointedly hopeful.

Wire battering is on the other side of the coin from prostitution. Where prostitution is a 'moral' crime on which taxpayers' money is spent to further men's political careers, wife battering is a violent and vicious crime that is rarely prosecuted, and when it is, as a misdemeanor. While the act of prostitution can affirm a woman's right to her body, wife battering epitomizes male usurpation of women's bodies. Prostitution can be a source of economic freedom for women; wife battering is the most literal example of women's enslavement by men. Yet prostitutes are thought to deserve the worst and wives the best.

Both sides of the coin are equally weighted and complex in terms of prevalence and complexity. It is the coin of the realm: male domination. No matter how it lands, women will continue to lose until, as Martin states, "a radical change is effected in prevailing attitudes about women and marriage."

The first part of the book defines the problem, the hows and whys of wife battering. After countless examples, a sociologist is quoted in summation, on the effect that when an animal is about to lose a battle, it either submits or runs in order to save its life. A battered wife does neither. The main reason, Martin concludes, is lack of self-respect. (Most men call their wives "whore", "stut" to justify attack.) That, compounded by economic dependence and isolation, have kept the problem in the home—where it continues.

The next two chapters, "The failure of the legal system," and "Social services—the big run-around" are pessimistic: "The services offered by our society reflect the most deeply engrained moral attitudes of a culture that often sacrifices the woman to protect the man as well as the image of the family. If reconciliation is regarded as the only solution or goal, wife beating will

only be perpetuated. Even if a battered woman can overcome her sense of isolation and shame to actually ask for help, so far as the criminal justice and social service systems are concerned, her efforts are wasted."

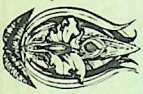
"Survival Tactics," "Remedial Legislation," and "Refuges" complete the book. Martin cites legal precedents and community volunteer organizations, noting "Especially those growing out of the women's movement, offering the help and support that tradition-bound agencies fail to provide." She offers good advice on how to set up such organizations, including funding, and encourages women to contact the National Task Force on Battered Women/Household Violence, newly formed by NOW, through:

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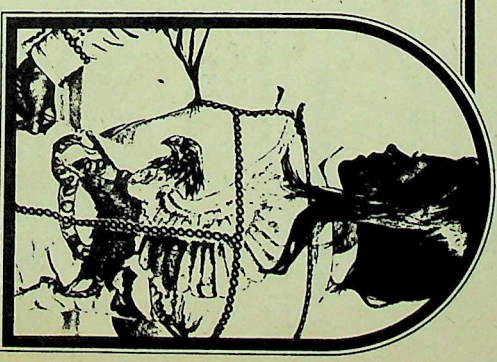
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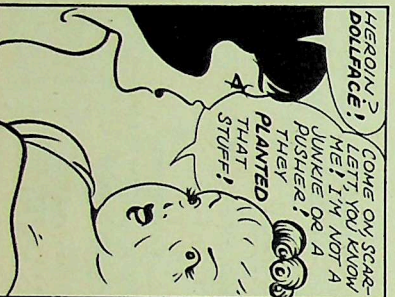
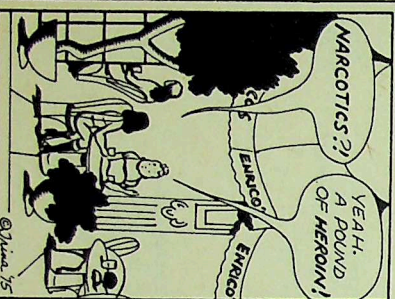
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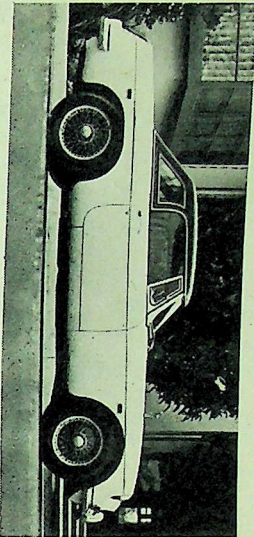
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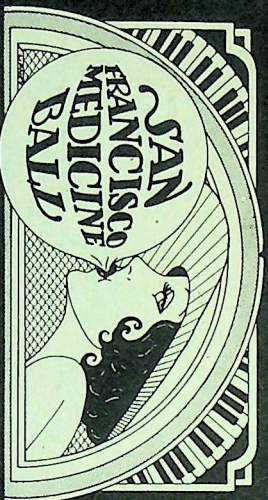


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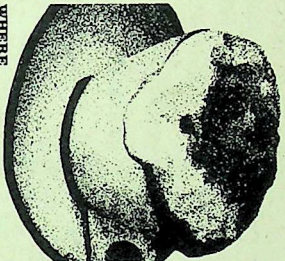
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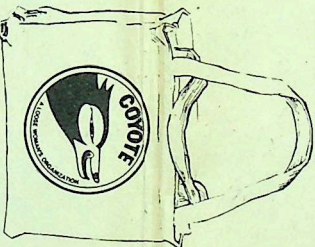


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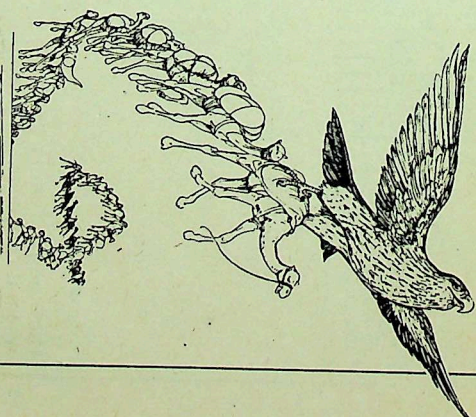
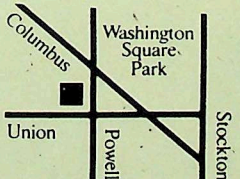
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# MAN IS HOOKER'S BEST FRIEND

# TRUE OR FALSE

Check both. Hypocrisy is the name of the game.

# HER STORY 'HE PULLED A GUN'

The assault charges against Floyd McCoy, former library guard at SF State, stem from a report given to police by Peggy (not her real name) on July 26, two days after Peggy had gone to the campus library for a "date."  
Here is Peggy's story:

"On July 24, around 4 p.m., I got a call on my business phone in response to an ad I placed in the Berkeley Barb that week. The ad read something like 'will spend time with you.'

"The caller said he was a professor at SF State. He said he was calling from the director's office of the Computer Center at the library where he was working late. He wanted to arrange 'a date' there for later in the evening." (The director's office is located on the fourth floor of the library.)

"I asked him to hang on the line, then I looked up the number of the Computer Center director's office in the white pages of the phone book and called the number, 469-1211, on my private line.

"The same man answered. He was surprised that it was me since he was still holding on another line for me. I told him I was just verifying who he was and where he said he was. Then we made the arrangements for the 'date.'

"He told me he would be alone on the fourth floor, working on a project. He told me no one else could get up there because on the weekends access to the elevators going to the fourth floor was limited to those who had a special key."

(During the summer, floors one

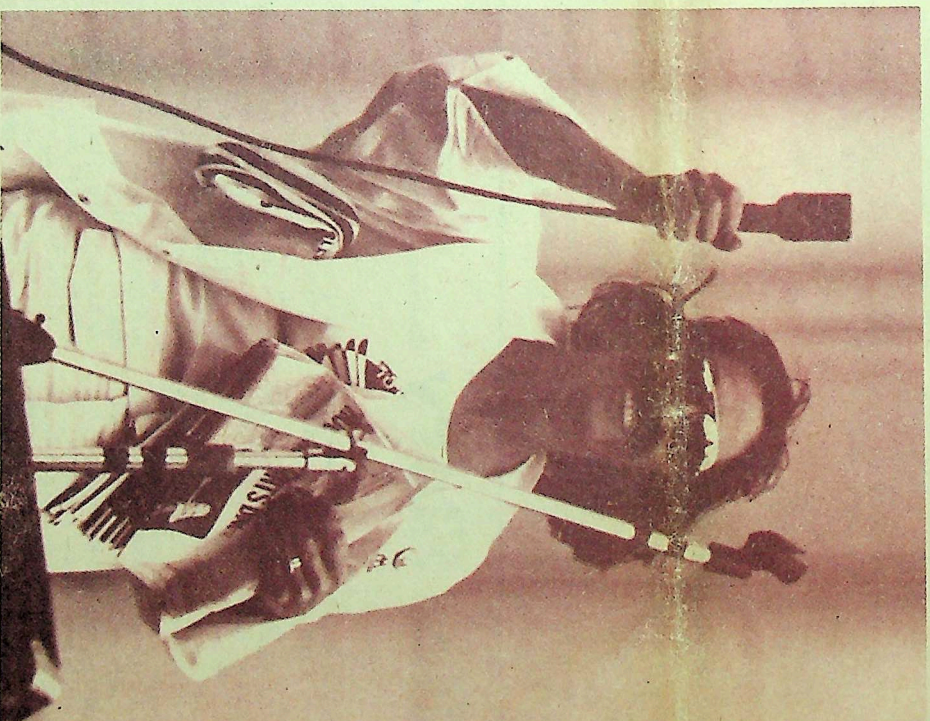
through three of the library closed at 9:50 p.m. On Sundays the fourth floor closed at 4:50 p.m.)

"He then gave me another number to call that was just a digit or so off from the first number. He said to call him when I got to the library and that he'd come down and get me or adjust the elevator so I could come up to the fourth floor.

"I got to the library around 5:30 p.m. and called the number on the courtesy phone on the first floor. He said he'd meet me at the elevator, but I first went to the wrong elevator. When I got to the right one, in the front of the building, he wasn't there. I waited for the elevator to come down and went up to the fourth floor alone.

"When I got off, I went through a set of doors and called his name." (He told her his name was Al.) "No one answered, but I felt I saw movement in the bookshelves. I called his name again but no one acknowledged me. I went through another set of doors, into the hall and called again.

"There was still no answer and I began to feel nervous. I remembered he had said there was no access to the fourth floor so I didn't want to get too far away from the elevator. I ran back



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# THE REAL MCCOY

MARGO ST. JAMES

Recently, San Francisco's D.A. ignored the case of a man who was accused of assaulting a call girl . . . until the same man was found to be the security guard on duty at SF State Library the night honor student Jenny Chang was murdered and raped (see Dead Coed). Several people outside

## DEAD COED

Jenny Chang was a student at San Francisco State University. On Sunday evening, September 11, she went to study in the Library, the fourth floor which was closed to the public after 4:50 pm. Her body was found the next morning—nude, beaten, stabbed—in the Faculty Reading Room of the Library, the floor where 'Peggy' was supposed to meet Al.

Floyd McCoy was on duty as a security guard in the Library that evening. Police are still investigating that murder, but no arrests have been made.

The D.A.'s office dug deeply into the case, including my private eye partner Sam Spade (see Behind the Scene), Madeline I. McKay, award-winning reporter for the SF State Phoenix (see Her Story, page one), Marilyn Baker, KPX (channel 5) and the SFPD homicide Inspector, Dave Toschi. Eventually we worked together with the D.A.'s office on the McCoy case and on January 19th, 1978, he was found guilty by a jury of seven women and five men.

Originally the D.A. would only consider changing him with brandishing a weapon in a ride and threatening manner. (Left over from the cowboy days when they twirled their six-shooters on their fingers.) Finally, Floyd McCoy was charged with 'assault with intent to commit rape,' 'assault with a deadly weapon,' and 'false imprisonment.' (The day before his arrest, the victim and I appeared opposite D.A. Freitas in a public TV debate and complained of inaction.)

## Her Story

waiting around for awhile, then went back down again. I felt trapped up-stairs.

"I went to a pay phone in the lobby of the library and called a friend of mine to tell him I was coming home. He told me he had just called the Computer Center number and that the guy who answered said he had just talked to me and I was on my way up. I told him I didn't care. I was scared and was coming home anyway.

"While I was on the phone, this black man walked by me and looked at me, but I didn't think it was him because I had just assumed that he was white from the sound of his voice. I called back upstairs but no one answered and I left.

"On the way home I stopped at a Safeway and after shopping I called the number again. He answered and asked what had happened. I explained what happened and he asked if I would come back. I said no. 'I'm going home now. He asked me if I would feel better about coming to his home the next morning and I said yes.

"Then he said, 'I think I might have seen you. Do you have long, dark hair, sort of up in an Oriental style?' That's when I flashed that he might be the black guy I saw at the library, so I asked him if he was black, but he said no.

"He called me the next day at 9:30 a.m. and said his wife had just left for work, so that I could come over then. He gave me his address as 25 Collingwood St. in the Castro-Market

At a preliminary hearing in November, the defense attorney Stephen Perlsen (also Dennis Perone's lawyer), asked the judge to drop the charges of assault with intent to commit rape and false imprisonment, claiming that there was no intent to rape or harm the 'professional prostitute' but that the incident was an 'educational experience.' He said McCoy intended only to warn the prostitute of the dangers of her profession.

Assistant district attorney, Byron Wong, explained that the reason there was a three-month delay between the incident and charges being filed was that the D.A.'s office had been investigating both this and another case. Judge Garcia cited the delay as part of his reason for dismissing those charges.

"It appears to me," he said, "that you, the D.A.'s office and the police didn't accept the story (of the woman) for three months and yet you expect me to accept it the first time it is presented to me." He went on to say since McCoy did not actually strike or hit the victim when he pulled the gun on her, and because he did not mention sex at the time, there was not sufficient evidence to warrant the charges of attempt to commit rape or 'false imprisonment.'

Officer McNery testified the reason for the victim's delay in reporting the matter (one day) was to decide if it was worth it, considering her line of work. "She decided to report it because of other people's risks."

At a subsequent hearing, on December 27th, a motion to reinstate the attempted rape and false imprisonment charges was heard by Superior Court Judge Walter Callegano. He reinstated the charge of false imprisonment, but claimed the case was weak in the charge of attempted rape. It is COYOTE HOWLS contention the jury should have been the body to make that determination. The victim was

lured through stealth, deceit and fraud to a spot and attacked by someone, who, according to testimony, was very poor and could never have paid the promised fee and who clearly had the intent from the beginning to take the sex without paying.

The victim advertised in the Berkeley Barb. While the ads in the Barb never specify prostitution, nor clearly state the sexual nature of the service provided, it is generally known by those who advertise and those who read the ads, *what* IS being advertised. Most escort service arrests are made by vice officers who have called the ads in the Barb or in similar journals or even the dailies under "introductions" or "massage." Floyd McCoy called the victim on the basis of her ad in the Barb, it is the only way he could have obtained the number.

Rape, like sexual assault, is defined as sex without the consent of one of the parties, McCoy had a gun. He used it to try to convince the victim to go with him. The assumption from this side of a gun can only be that if the victim had gone with him she would have been, at the very least, raped, and at the worst, murdered.

Billboards have proclaimed recently, 'USE A GUN: GO TO PRISON.' Yet the representatives of Law 'n' Order, the prosecutors for the People, the elected District Attorneys rarely take a case on behalf of a 'working woman' even when they involve a gun or brutality. "It's a waste of taxpayers' money, a jury would never convict the assailant of a prostitute."

Despite a warning letter to the D.A. from the defendant's attorney claiming a political prosecution due to pressure from your correspondent, we continued to provide a support group to the victim. Contrary to 'advice' from the D.A., many of us came to court, although we sat separately.

When the defendant's testimony and alibi provided leads I followed them up. I insisted on our group having input in the case. If one of us didn't talk to the D.A. in the halls,

her, just that she got into trouble that way. He was crazed and I thought I should just keep talking to him while trying to get away.

"Then he said 'Well, don't worry, everything's OK now. I'm not really going to hurt you. I'm just doing this for your own good. You can come back now. I just want to talk to you.'"

"But I broke away and ran down the street. He put the gun away and chased me down the street saying he just wanted to talk to me. I got in my car and drove home, lucky to be alive."

"The next morning I called Margo St. James." (St. James is the director of the Victoria Woodnull Foundation, a non-profit organization which documents reports of abuse of women in order to chronicle and rectify problems in law enforcement procedures.) "Margo told me to call the police, so I did."

"Two officers came to my house and took the initial report and a few days later Inspector Tom Burns showed me a series of seven photographs and I identified McCoy from his picture. I later took a police poly-graph test, which Burns told me I passed.

"He told me then that the man was a library guard at SF State and that if they didn't arrest him on the evidence they had, that at least disciplinary action would be taken against him by the school.

"I assumed the case was proceeding along when I read in the papers about Jenny Chang's death on the fourth floor. I was shocked.

"That's when I really knew I was lucky to be alive."

after comparing notes, one of us would call him to confer.

The defendant claimed he had grown a beard in National Guard summer camp. I called the Guard and found it's strictly against Army Regulations. They don't allow a beard unless you have an infection and a note from the doctor exempting you from

Over the last two years, both the Berkeley Barb and COYOTE HOWLS have received an ever-increasing number of calls from advertisers who complain about the "freak tricks" who answer their ads. These men who lure women are merely aping the vice cops who are doing their duty in getting 'these girls' off the street. Many of these creeps are repeaters. The Barb has been urged to put warnings on their classified pages, and likewise, women and men are urged to report abuse to COYOTE HOWLS, compare notes with other advertisers, and report any difficulty in dealing with the police or the D.A.'s office. (415) 957-1610.

shaving. The D.A., never having been in the Service, would have let it slide . . . and it turned out to be one of the things which led to the impeachment of McCoy.

Superior Court Judge Joseph Karesh (now retired), kept defense attorney Perlesen from making some gross errors in the trial of McCoy. (Karesh handled the year-long Zebra trial.) Perlesen was at a distinct disadvantage because his client hadn't leveled with him.

He started off by calling for a mistrial because I was in the hall with some COYOTE HOWLS. (As far as I know none of the jurors read the paper or even knew who we were until he said so.) Throughout the trial he claimed COYOTE and the cops were conspiring to sell his client down the river. When he had the victim on the stand he attempted to make it a criminal conspiracy to belong to COYOTE . . . even though he is on our mailing list with the rest of his liberal constituents. He even went so far as to claim COYOTE promoted prostitution!

The trial took nine days leading off with the victim's story. It was substantiated by several policemen, and her former boyfriend who had spoken to Floyd when he called from the Library that Sunday night before the incident. The ex-boyfriend was hostile. He returned the defense attorney's insinuations that he profited by the victim's activities, stating in fact, she owed him \$100.

Along with arguing Floyd was being persecuted for some unexplained reason, he also claimed his client wasn't Coy's naive wife of one year (she knew him three weeks before she married him), and his dimwitted, boot-licking friend from National Guard, perjured was at City College at 10 am August 25th, 1977. The friend testified he had met Floyd at the bus stop around 10-15 am. They traveled together on the trolley, getting off at West Portal to smoke a joint. There was a class of young women accompanied by a nun, observing the court proceedings when this testimony came in. The class was ushered out quickly at the first recess.

Another defense witness contradicted direct testimony, given by the defendant, as to what keys opened #3300 opened all doors of the Library (at State). Custodian, Clarence Roaders, darkened Faculty Reading Room one evening around 8 pm. The room contains TV sets for viewing into and commercial stations, but they weren't

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area. I went there around 10 a.m. and rang the doorbell but no one answered. While I was standing at the door waiting, someone came up the stairs. I flashed again because it was the same black man I had seen at the library, and yet he told me he wasn't black. That's when he pulled a gun on me and grabbed me by the arm. He said, 'Come with me, but I struggled and told him if he was going to shoot me he had to do it in the open because I wasn't going anywhere with him.' (Three flats, 23, 25, and 27 Collingwood St. are in the same apartment building and share a common landing, at the top of a short set of stairs.)

"We struggled for awhile at the door on the apartment landing. But there came a point where I sensed he knew I wasn't going to go with him. I was going to continue struggling. He pulled the gun up to my face and said 'I'm going to teach you a lesson' or 'I'm teaching you a lesson.'

"And I pulled around down the steps and he put the gun back into his pocket. But he was still holding onto me and he said 'I want to teach you a lesson because this is how my old lady got it.' Then he said something to me like 'You're not being careful!' and 'I could have been the man. I could have killed you' and all this crazy stuff and 'You have to be more careful.'

"All this time I was moving backwards down the steps. He said his old lady had been a 'working woman' and she went to meet someone someplace. He never specified what happened to



# "Use a gun - go to prison"

## BEHIND THE SCENE

I have been a licensed private investigator in the State of California for the last two years. It has provided me with the necessary credentials to establish my expertise in the field of prostitution. (Useful for testifying in court.)

I still find much resistance from the D.A.'s office, FBI and police to my being an operator ... even though I provide them, on occasion, with credible witnesses and hard evidence. However, my partnership with ace journalist, investigative reporter, and author of the definitive Patty Hearst book, 'Voices of Guns', Paul Avery aka Sam Spade, has given me some inside access, and as time goes on eventually women will prove themselves to those doubting Thomases. —Mel



Floyd McCoy

Photo by Bob Andres

on. It was a little strange. Other witnesses mentioned in the alibi were not called although they would have contributed to the unblasted side of things. Perhaps it was too risky in light of what happened with Clarence. Perelsen instead, turned his client loose on the stand, putting him up there three times to try to explain things away.

The situation worsened. Subpoenaed National Guard superiors blew Floyd's beard story out of the water. The D.A. smirked for the first time in the trial when he turned to survey the audience. Floyd's Vietnam fantasies were to come back and haunt him. The judge ordered his Army 201 file to be reviewed as part of the probation report before sentencing.

A former landlady of Floyd's was attending the trial, alerted to the proceedings by inquiries by Marilyn Baker. She ended up being a rebuttal witness. It was apparent women were becoming more aware of the necessity to stick out their necks in order to make their homes and the streets safe.

The D.A. did not have to reveal his rebuttal witnesses to the defense, nor were they barred from the courtroom. Consequently, she was able to shed some light on what Floyd was like as a boarder and who his companions were. According to her testimony, he had a number of young high school males who hung out regularly, regarding him as their leader. Attempts to impatch her were futile. She had no guilt and simply told the truth.

The man McCoy impersonated on the phone, a white, middle-aged, music hysteric on vacation in New Hampshire at the time of the incident, was

called by Wong over objections by the defense. Wong also asked McCoy a couple of times during the trial if he considered himself white or black. (His mother was white and he had been raised by her and his two white half-sisters, one who testified at the trial looking daggers at me.) He spoke good English and could easily deceive

people over the phone as he had the victim. The father, a California Highway Patrolman at Hayward Campus, did not appear on behalf of his son.

Much was made out of the Chang case (without the jury present) since Perelsen's claim of cop and COYOTE conspiracy could only be supported by bringing up the Chang investigation. Judge Karen felt it would unduly prejudice the jury and be grounds for a mistrial. Homicide Inspector Dave Toschi was sworn in without naming the detail he was assigned to. He told of McCoy's tall war stories concerning Vietnam and his later recanting. It didn't look good for Floyd's veracity.

The only thing missing, and what caused the jury to find him not guilty on the gun charge, was the lack of a gun in evidence. No questioning was done about ownership of a gun although Wong admitted to the victim at lunch, after the trial, that he knew of McCoy's owning a .32 and having given it to someone to fix the broken trigger sometime in August. He also didn't bring up the fact that McCoy had filed a complaint against a woman in December of 1975 for signing his name to a fifty dollar check. Nothing

Perelsen's theme in his closing argument was standard: the State has all the resources, and the new twist, it's a conspiracy between COYOTE and the cops!

was done on that case but it was obvious he had been into ripping off working women for awhile.

The jury deliberated a total of eight hours. Although it should have been apparent the woman would not have filed a report if a gun had NOT been used, the jury found McCoy guilty of simple assault (misdemeanor) and discounted the gun charge. I suspect his lack of a record and the fact that he is only 21 years of age aroused some sympathies.

"I represent the people of San Francisco and we won. It shows that everyone in the city can be treated equally," said Wong, referring to the fact that charges made against McCoy were brought by a prostitute.

D.A. Freitas made a special appearance to hear the verdict and congratulate Wong. The victim had mixed feelings about the verdict. "I'm disappointed they didn't carry out justice to the fullest. Nevertheless, I hope it will have a negative effect on other people who think they can treat women, especially prostitutes, without concern or regard for their rights." Ironically, her poise and presence saved her from harm, but it cost her a full conviction. The TV-conditioned jury needed to see a demonstration of hysterics for the gun story to sink home.

## JUDGES ARE ELECTED TO OFFICE

### WHY IS IT NO ONE RUNS AGAINST THEM?

On June 6, 1978, these SF judges are up for reelection:

Albert Wollenberg Jr.  
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Frank Hart  
John Dearman  
S. Lee Vavrus  
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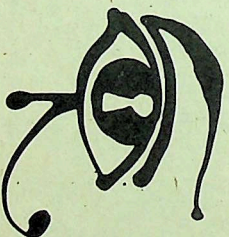
There is one candidate we all endorse. Ollie Marie Victore who is running for the Superior Court. Currently there are no women seated in SF, and hasn't been for seventeen years. We feel Ollie is the most qualified and would be a good replacement for any of the above.

Committee to Elect Judge Ollie Marie-Victore, 1182 Market Street, Suite 306 San Francisco, CA 94102. Gary Jackson, Treasurer.

## VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

The ongoing violence against women continues unchecked. Some statistics to date:

- Five widows strangled in Columbus Georgia.
- Eight alleged prostitutes strangled in Los Angeles.
- Nine alleged prostitutes shot in the head with a .22 in Tampa Florida.
- Six alleged prostitutes murdered in Denver.
- Four shot in Fresno.
- Three dead in Kansas City.
- Several in San Diego.
- The average is one a month in San Francisco.
- Its higher in New York, Chicago and Detroit and Boston.
- No one had been apprehended for the ones mentioned ... and these are just a few.



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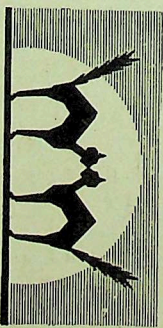
Recently a man returned to the Bay Area and admitted to having killed a woman 14 years ago. When the woman was killed, the story dominated the press for weeks, until the assassination of President Kennedy pushed it aside. One journalist wrote that it was a mark of the changing times that a single murder of a woman could seem so remarkable then. Now it would be a minor event, hardly worth noting, unless a whole series of murders took place, as with the L.A. strangler.

In recent years there have been an ever-increasing number of rape/murders of young women, many of whom died after accepting a ride with a stranger as they were hitchhiking. Male hitchhikers outnumber female hitchhikers by far, and yet there is no similar record of young men being assaulted and/or murdered.

In dealing with these femicides, the attitude of the police is often influenced by the real or imagined sexual past of the victim. If the police think she was an upstanding, virginal young woman, they work on the case with a vengeance. If they think she was sexually active, and therefore 'cheep,' they are much less concerned.

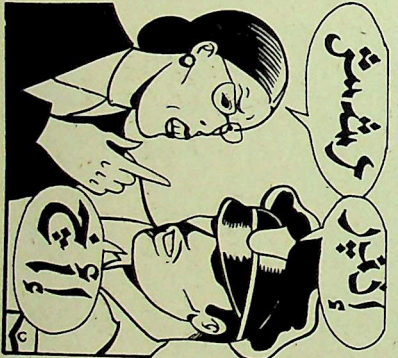
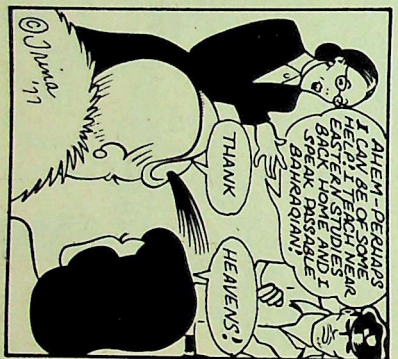
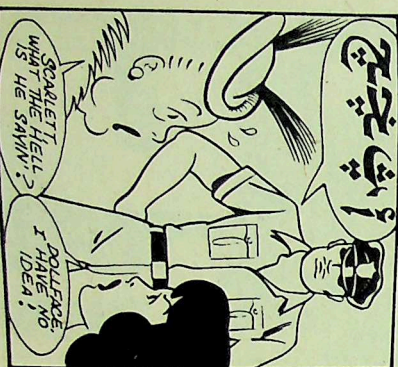
Similarly, some judges have been revealing a gross unconcern with the victims of rape. Judge Archie Simonson, in Madison, Wisconsin, said that it was normal for a young man to rape, blaming it on the permissive society, provocative clothing, etc. The victim in that case had been wearing blue jeans, a turtle neck, and a shirt. In Los Angeles, Justice Lynn Compton said that women who hitchhike have to expect sexual advances, thereby relieving the rapist of responsibility. More recently, Judge Mabry, in Trinidad, Colorado, freed a man who had broken down a door, pushed a woman against the wall, and broken her zipper as he put his hand inside her pants. The judge dismissed the charges of rape, saying it was more of a seduction, as he remembered what it was like.

There seems to be an incredible level of acceptance of violence towards women in our society. It is revealed in the crime statistics, and it is revealed as well in the use of abusive images of women in advertising, on record covers, and in pornography.



SF Vice uses many undercover cars for its patrol of the Tenderloin. The following are some spotted by alert COYOTES:

592 FFP, 968 LRA, white Ford, 960LLF, green Plymouth sedan, 271K0J, 807JUI, yellow Ford. Most undercover men on duty wear stinking hats and army fatigue jackets. The women strolling generally wear sensible heels. Those wishing to avoid arrest for soliciting must be careful not to mention price or act.





# THE HOUSTON CONFERENCE



by Priscilla Alexander

Boycott the unratified states: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Utah, and Virginia.—P.A.

History was made in Houston at the National Women's Conference, held November 18-21, 1977. Neither the women's rights nor the civil rights movement will ever be the same—after Houston they are permanently linked.

There were nearly 2,000 delegates, elected at 56 state and territorial conferences in the spring and summer of this year. All but five states elected delegates who were feminists, and all but one elected only women. Mississippi, one of the states which elected anti-ERA, anti-change delegations, included several men, and the wife of the Imperial Wizard of the Mississippi Ku Klux Klan. Other states that elected anti-change delegations were Indiana, Utah, Hawaii, and Washington.

On Friday, while thousands of women were arriving in Houston, causes of every imaginable kind were held. There were several minority women's caucuses, which ultimately worked together to produce the incredible resolution that was adopted. There was a lesbian caucus, a Jewish women's caucus, and a labor women's caucus. There was also a Pro-Plan Caucus, which worked to get the whole National Plan of Action adopted with as little dissentation as possible.

For the observers, there was a pro-ERA rally held in front of City Hall, that was attended by about 1,000 people, and a pro-ERA cocktail held in the Hyatt-Regency, attended by about 3,500 people. That night there was a reading of testimony from the Crimes Against Women Tribunal in Brussels. Diana Russell, one of the organizers of the Tribunal, narrated while three actresses gave testimony about women's lives all over the world, speaking of rape, battering, clitoridecomy and excision, denial of credit, lack of access to well-paying jobs, and so on, and on, and on.

Saturday the work of the conference began. Women were still arriving to register when the opening speeches were given. Barbara Jordan set the tone, saying that if the conference failed, all who participated had only to look in the mirror to find the reason. The resolutions were in alphabetical order so the first one was on the arts. Several women spoke to this relatively uncontroversial issue, and the question was called, 80% in favor, 20% against.

Battered Women, Business, Child Abuse, Child Care and Credit all passed easily. The anti-change women wanted any programs dealing with violence against women and children to be voluntary, so that only if the batterer or molester 'wanted' help and asked for it would it be available. They spoke again and again about the intrusion of the federal government into their lives, even as they opposed federally funded child care programs.

Disabled Women was the next item on the agenda. At the California state conference, held at the University of Southern California in June, it was clear that the National Commission had put little emphasis on the needs of disabled women. USC was not fully wheelchair accessible, for one thing. The California conference passed a resolution calling on the Commission to appoint a sizable number of disabled women as delegates-at-large, to represent the five million disabled persons in this country.

The resolution in the National Plan of Action was brief, calling on the federal government to enforce already existing laws and guarantee access for the disabled to the mainstream of American life. The disabled women's caucus had prepared a substitute resolution that was much stronger than the original. Much of the change centered on the idea that disabled women must be able to assume responsibility for their lives: to choose whether to live

independently or in institutional settings; to have open-ended job training for the jobs they want, without being limited by the pre-conceived notions of others. Financial aid to the disabled should be structured so as not to discourage them from working, and should include funds for attendants and all necessary medical services and supplies. The substitute resolution passed, 80% in favor. As did the Education, Elective and Appointive Office, and Employment resolutions.

The next resolution stated simply, "The Equal Rights Amendment should be ratified." What that amendment says is, "Equality of Rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex." California has been revising its laws to conform with the ERA since it ratified, and slowly women are beginning to make some inroads into non-traditional jobs, obtain credit in their own names, and so on. The right likes to say the ERA will usher in an era of unisex bathrooms, women being drafted, moral decay, and the destruction of the family.

If the institution of the family is undergoing a change, it is not because of the women's rights movement. It is being changed by our increasing life expectancy, the greater mobility brought by a technological society, a tendency to have fewer children, greater educational opportunities, and the general changes brought by time. The reality of our lives is that women who stay at home have a hard time: once the children are in school, time hangs heavy on a mother's hands. The work of the home is no longer challenging and women must find alternatives.

Rather than being imposed from above, as the anti-change women seem to feel, the women's movement is a natural outgrowth of societal development. It is everywhere, in a myriad of forms, from Middle Eastern women rejecting the veil to the women of India learning how to read. Countries all over the world, particularly those with large rural, traditional populations, look to the United States for visions of the future. At the IWY Conference in Mexico City in 1975, women from the poorer nations discovered that our women's movement existed because affluence does not solve all problems.

After much discussion on the floor, both for and against the Equal Rights Amendment, the question was called and the resolution passed.

Sunday morning the Health, Home-makers, Insurance, and International Affairs resolutions were passed. Then the Minority resolution was introduced: a nice, liberal bit of nothing, and one of the shortest resolutions in the plan. The various minority women's caucuses had worked together on a substitute resolution that turned good wishes into specific proposals and demands. The resolution spoke of the prevalence of institutionalized bias based on race, language, culture and/or ethnic origin, and spelled out some basic steps to remedy the bias. Included were the problems of undocumented women, particularly mothers of American-born children, and the problems of specific minority groups within American society. Each section was read by a representative of the group most affected by that section, and women from many groups spoke to its issues. Finally the question was called, and an overwhelming majority stood up to support minority rights, including some of the women from the anti-change state delegations.

Pandemonium broke loose. Women clasped hands and sang "We Shall Overcome," and it was as if some semant of the spirit that had fought all those long years for voter rights in Mississippi, or to end segregated mo-



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## ABORTION RIGHTS

els and restaurants, or to integrate the schools, was back with us. It was as if this conference had become the formal wedding of the women's rights and civil rights movements, as if the split between minority and white, poor and middle-class women was healed. In year to come, it may very well be that this resolution will seem to be the most important one.

The resolution dealing with Offenders was next, calling for an end to discriminatory sentencing practices, for the protection of women prisoners from sexual abuse in prison, for improved education in the prisons, and for alternatives to the present system of incarceration to include halfway houses, work release, etc. Important in terms of the treatment of prostitutes was a section calling for an end to the different treatment of male and female juvenile offenders, with the provision that status offenses must be removed from the courts. It passed with relatively little discussion.

The resolution on Older Women, like the one on Disabled Women, was a rather weak one. A substitute resolution, introduced from the floor, called for an end to the inequities in social security benefits and expanded coverage for medical and health care costs. That too passed easily.

The next subject on the floor was Rape. Historically, women's previous sexual lives have been used to exonerate rapists, on the assumption that only a virgin or a 'good' wife can be raped. Recognizing the absurdity of that notion, and that rape is violence not sex, a fair number of states have passed laws forbidding the introduc-

tion of evidence about the victim's past sexual conduct. But there has been a loophole: they left it up to the judge to decide whether such evidence was relevant. With judges like Archie Simonsen and Lynn Compton, relevance would have a wide latitude. Since prostitutes are raped regularly, it is obvious that previous sexual conduct has nothing to do with rape. The resolution was amended from the floor to remove any possibility of the victim's prior sexual conduct being brought into evidence. It passed.

Reproductive Freedom was one of the most controversial resolutions in the National Plan of Action. In 1973, mindful of the change in public attitudes about abortion, the Supreme Court said that it was unconstitutional to deprive women of access to legal, and therefore safe, abortions. As a result, any woman who is trapped by an unwanted pregnancy has a choice of what to do about it. Or did, until the United States Congress, supported by a more conservative Supreme Court, limited that choice to middle- and upper-class women.

The right to choose whether or not to be a mother includes the option of sterilization. The tubal ligation, particularly with the new methods, has revolutionized the field of contraception, and is a wonderful option for those who wish to take it. But it is irrevocable. In some communities in this country, in some hospitals, sterilizations are performed in the delivery room on women who neither speak the doctor's language nor understand what sterilization is.

The Reproductive Freedom resolu-



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The "Pro-Money Coalition" which included disabled women, Black, Hispanic, and Native American women, lesbian women, homemakers—placed, replaced and "displaced"—made welfare, the money we have already won, the focus for all other issues. The power to refuse rape, battering, and low-paying jobs—and win childcare, education, custody and lesbian rights, as well as the choice to have or not to have children, depends on our access to money. Money is the power to live our own lives and make our own plan.

tion dealt with all aspects of a woman's right to choose, with all methods of family planning to be available to all women, regardless of ability to pay. It specifically called for continued funding abortions, and a protective system to prevent involuntary sterilizations. In addition, it called for sex education in schools at all levels, and programs to meet the needs of sexually active adolescents. After much debate the resolution passed, but it was a closer vote, perhaps 65% in favor.

The resolution concerning Rural Women was passed next, with the addition of sections covering the problems of women working on the Louisiana sugar plantations, and guaranteeing that all programs developed on behalf of rural women would include all minority women.

Sexual Preference was next. Of the approximately 2,000 delegates, alter-nates, and delegates-at-large, about 130 were lesbians, although only 60 or so could admit it. When the resolution came on the floor, at least half of the observers were lesbians. The National Gay Task Force had purchased hundreds of balloons imprinted "We Are Everywhere," and by the time Jean O'Leary, co-chair of NGTF, introduced the resolution, the balloons were literally everywhere in the observer galleries.

There were several speakers in favor of the resolution, including Eleanor Cutri Smeal, president of NOW, Charlotte Bunch, editor of QUEST, and Betty Powell, a delegate from New York. There were other women, both gay and non-gay, who spoke in favor. There were some who spoke against the resolution, one saying that if lesbians and gay men would only stay in the closet, they would neither be stoned nor burned at the stake. But the most moving statement of all was Betty Friedman's. Long an opponent of the issue being taken up by the women's rights movement, Friedan stood up to say she had been wrong. The ERA would not help lesbians, she said, and therefore to ensure that no woman be discriminated against, it was important to support gay rights.

When the question was called, about 80% of the delegates stood up, as did thousands of women, gay and non-gay, in the observer galleries. Women laughed and cried and embraced each other. The passage of this resolution, along with the Disabled and Minority women's resolutions, made it clear that the women's rights movement will no longer play the game of priorities. All forms of discrimination and oppression are bad, and all must stop.

Statistics and Welfare were the last two resolutions to reach the floor that night. Statistics, which is the raw data on which most programs are based,

passed with little discussion. The Welfare resolution essentially paralleled Carter's welfare proposals.

A substitute resolution was introduced, acknowledging the very real issue of women's poverty, and the role of inequality of opportunity. The resolution called for a federal floor under any welfare payments, to provide an adequate standard of living adjusted for each state. It called for improvements in social security and retirement systems, a universal minimum wage, child care, health insurance, legal services, non-traditional job opportunities, and affirmative action for welfare recipients. And the resolution proposed that payments to homemakers be called a wage instead of welfare. The substitute resolution passed.

Monday morning began in confusion. The session was late in starting to begin with, and there were a number of obligatory speeches from women in political life. The 26th resolution, calling for the establishment of a Women's Cabinet-level Department was scheduled to come up. But somehow another resolution was introduced from the floor, out of order. Debate centered as much on the fact that the resolution was out of order as on the issue, which became obliterated by the confusion. It was defeated, and the Women's Department was on the floor. The women's movement was divided on this issue, some feeling that the department would tend to ghettoize women's issues, and that it would be easier to move ahead without a department. After much discussion, the resolution was defeated.

By this time it was noon, and the conference was scheduled to end at 12:30. Bella Abzug, representing the will of the Commission, proposed that adjournment be postponed until 3:00, to allow time for discussion of resolutions to be introduced from the floor. There was much objection to the proposal, delegates had plane reservations, and so on. In the midst of it all, the entire right-wing delegation walked out, led by Senator Joan Gubbins, floor leader of the Indiana state delegation. In the ensuing confusion, the motion to extend the conference failed, and a motion to adjourn was passed.

As women wandered out of the hall, Margie Adams led the many who I ingered, hungry for more of the conference, in singing a song which could well become the theme song of the movement, "We Shall Go Forth." It was clear that no matter how murky the end of the conference had been, history had been made in Houston. Women returned to their communities with new energy to fight for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, and with a new sense of partnership with all the other rights movements.

booth with Wages for Housework, our long-time ally. Hordes of women surrounded the table at all times, where we sold T-shirts and buttons, and gave away about 20,000 newspapers.

Whenever any of us were, we talked about prostitution. Women from all over the country expressed support for decriminalization, even though some of them had obviously never thought much about it before. At the end of the plenary session, just before adjournment, Bella Abzug read a list of the resolutions that had been submitted for discussion. Oregon and California had both submitted resolutions calling for the decriminalization of prostitution. When she came to that one, women from all over the country, began to applaud. It was clear that if the resolution had reached the floor, it would have passed.—PA



PAID PROVOCATORS?

Phyllis Schlarly claims to represent the views of the majority of women in America. Her oft-repeated claim, and that of her allies, was that the 15-20% of the delegates pledged to vote against the ERA and against all the forward-looking pieces of the National Plan of action, actually represented the majority. A Roper poll taken the week before the conference indicated that only 19% of the population feels that Schlarly represents their views. Over and over again, polls have indicated that a clear majority of the population supports the ERA, abortion, gay rights, and even decriminalization of prostitution.

Schlarly claims that the National Commission prevented her from being a delegate to the convention. The rules of the game were that in order to be elected as a delegate, you had to attend your state's conference. Schlarly did not attend the Illinois conference.

She had a bodyguard at her room at the Ramada Inn, reportedly to protect her from being assaulted by lesbians staying at the same hotel. Somehow she has gotten lesbian women confused with heterosexual men, who have on occasion raped women.

There was a well-publicized rally held on Friday at the Astro Arena, attended by anywhere from 8,500 to 20,000 men and women, depending on who you read. Ads for the rally featured a 4- or 5-year old girl holding a bunch of flowers, saying "Mommy, when I grow up can I be a lesbian?" Churches from the surrounding area chartered buses to bring their parishioners. Speakers at the rally railed

against the pervers, spoke in favor of God, family, and flag, and encouraged people to go over to the women's conference on the other side of town to make their views known.

The opposition never materialized in the observer galleries at the women's conference. It was as if they can only follow their leaders and, if left on their own, do not have a strong enough ideology to show them the way.

Before the conference, rumors abounded as to the possibility of the right-wing delegation staging a walk-out. So it was no surprise when Senator Joan Gubbins led them out on the last day. In her press conference following the walkout, she echoed the off-heard complaints that the conference was a railroad, that the minority delegates were not being heard, and that they really represented the majority. In fact, the right-wing delegates were heard all during the conference. Every time they got to a microphone, they either complained that they were not being heard, or challenged a previous ruling of the chair, or raised some procedural point. And even, on occasion, spoke against the resolution on the floor.

Sometimes it is the little things that seem terribly significant. When Gubbins led the walkout, she was wearing pants as were many of her followers. If it were not for a lot of women fighting on the edge, fighting for an opening up of roles for women, she could not wear pants. What was once radical has become ordinary, and what seems radical now will one day seem commonplace.—PA

## THE RIGHT-WING

I spoke to one of the women in the reactionary camp. She wore her hair short, in a permanent, and wore informal pants and a shirt, looking like a suburban liberal. She was with another woman who kept telling her not to talk to me. She was anxious to make clear that she was not opposed, for example, to gay rights, rather she objected to federal involvement. When asked if she would actively campaign for gay rights if it was a state issue instead of federal, she said she was awfully busy working on other issues.

On the subject of abortion, there was "no softness: that had nothing to do with federal vs. state, and she could never support a woman's right to choose. She could support sex education in the schools, but immediately added a disclaimer, "Only if it didn't encourage promi-

cuity." When I pointed out that promiscuity already existed, she had no answer.

At one point she referred to the feminists as "you girls." She had a great deal of difficulty saying the word women. When the subject of age came up she admitted that she was 35, to my proud 38, but that she wished she were younger. At another point she said she wished she had never passed puberty. Which brings me back to "choice." It was clear that this woman did not want to be an adult, she wished she were still a child. It can be assumed that the attraction of childhood is the lack of responsibility. When the anti-abortion women say that women who become pregnant must accept responsibility for their sexual activity, what they really mean is punishment.—PA

## PRESENCE IN HOUSTON

COYOTE HOWLS held a prostitution caucus Friday at the Sheraton-Houston Hotel, where many of the delegates had reservations. Ginny Durinn was there to introduce her new film, HARD WORK, made during the 1976 Hookers Convention in Washington, DC. The film was enthusiastically received by the observers and press people who were there, and it was clear that most people there were in favor of decriminalization. Flo Kennedy spoke to the group, and led everyone in singing, "Everybody Needs a Hooker." Mar-go St. James held a press conference, which received widespread distribution.

The Albert Thomas Convention Center was filled with booths, rented by political organizations, state delegations, and feminist businesses. COYOTE HOWLS shared a



# NATIONAL TATTLER

## SAN FRANCISCO

**FBI UPDATE** The SF agent mentioned in last issue as having attempted to ruin my credibility by turning COYOTE into a strich, has announced he is retiring to become a private investigator in Oregon. Possibly another ruse to gain my trust . . . but so far not working. When asked if his office would be interested in the organized crime taking over the parlors, he offered to introduce me to his superior . . . without witnesses. In other words they were only interested in talking with me on the informant basis. Having a witness would "void my eligibility to receive remuneration." They were unwilling to buy my information above board, it would make them lose face. (They are supposed to be the super sleuths.) They don't even admit it when they take a skull to Smithsonian for dating . . . but they do pay. And they report it to the IRS, all you informal informants . . . so they've got you one way or the other in case your info is false.

## LOS ANGELES

Eleven women have been strangled in Los Angeles, and their naked bodies left on a hillside. At least eight of the victims were young women who were known to hang out, hitchhike, and possibly work as prostitutes along Hollywood Boulevard.

The latest victim was Kimberly Ann Martin, a 17-year old, who worked for an escort service. On the night she was killed, she went to meet a man who had called the service, saying that his wife had left town for the weekend and he wanted a good time. The service referred the call to Martin, and told her to call when she got to the apartment where she was to meet him, to check in. When she did not call them, the service called Lois Lee, director of CAT (California Advocates for Trolopps), COYOTE's sister organization in Los Angeles. Lee promptly called the police who did nothing about it. Martin's body was found the next morning on a hillside, and her car was found in front of the apartment house where she had gone.

Residents in the building said that the previous night they had heard someone screaming, "Don't kill me!" But none of them called the police. Lois Lee did, but the police didn't act on her tip. Perhaps if they had, they would have been able to prevent the murder, or catch the killer.

All during the case there has been some speculation that either police or

someone familiar with police practices may have been involved. There has been some mention of handcuff burns on the victims' wrists, for example. So it is interesting that just before the police were to release composite drawings of two possible suspects, two vice squad officers recognized the drawings as being of them. The pictures were withdrawn. Apparently the vice officers had been described by a third vice officer, a woman, who they had stopped because she was driving her car erratically. The police department announced, ultimately, that the vice officers had been cleared, and the pictures were never released to the press. However, the rumor still persists that the killer is a cop or cop impersonator of some kind.

As if their hands weren't full with the so-called "Hillside Strangler," Los Angeles police are also working on the less-publicized case of a rapist who concentrates on assaulting illegal immigrants.

According to *The Los Angeles Times*, the man has raped at least 15 women over the last seven months. He reportedly knocks on door, telling his intended victim he has work for her husband, and would like to leave off the address of the new job. Once in the door, however, the man, who is described as being age 30 to 35, and weighing over 200 pounds, threatens the victim with a knife or screwdriver, and rapes her.

Because many of the victims do not have legal residence status in the United States, and are afraid of being deported, police believe only some of the attacks have been reported.

—HER SAY

## MISSOURI

Two Saint Louis physicians report that sexual abuse is probably the most unreported and underdiagnosed type of child mistreatment.

Doctors Barbara Herjanic and Ronald Wilbois report that among 132 children treated at the Saint Louis Children's Hospital for abuse in one year, 10 were victims of sexual abuse.

The oldest, a 13-year-old girl, was pregnant after having been raped by her grandfather. Two three-year-old girls, the doctors claim, had gonorrhea.

Doctors Herjanic and Wilbois warn that the sexual abuse of children appears to be on the increase in the United States.—HER SAY

## SACRAMENTO

An all-male committee in California's state legislature has decided not to make it a felony offense for a man to rape his wife.

Under present law, wife-rape, like hitting, is a misdemeanor offense, punishable by a fine of \$500 (dollars) or less and a possible short prison term.

The state assembly's criminal justice committee, in deciding against more severe punishment for wife-rape, reasoned that passing the proposed law would mean a man convicted of raping his wife would be branded as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

The committee's chairman explained that passing the bill would intensify family battles if a wife had the legal right to prosecute her husband for rape.—HER SAY

## NEW JERSEY

Women can file suit against their husbands if they are victims of wife-beating, according to a recent ruling by the New Jersey State Appellate Pressler.

New Jersey Judge Sylvia Pressler, in a written opinion handed down last week, stated that the old common law doctrine that prevents one spouse from suing the other does not apply when a husband beats his wife.

Pressler added that "In a civilized society, wife beating is self-evidently neither a marital privilege nor an act of simple domestic negligence."

The judge stated that her decision was based on a 1974 state supreme court ruling that permitted a woman to sue her son-in-law for the wrongful death of her daughter.—HER SAY



## SEATTLE

The vice is using lipreaders to detect what is being said between consenting adults on the streets of Seattle . . . and arresting only the women as usual.

Ms. Cruz, a former resident of Mustang Ranch in Nevada took up the study of law but then opted for marriage and an early retirement. The Cause has been continued however, by NOW, Wages for Housework, the Business and Professional Women's Organization and a few loyal networkers in the Capitol itself. Assemblyman Altorre authored a bill to make "it" an infraction but is in favor of de-criminalization. The rest of the folks need convincing even though the Senate Judiciary Committee did an excellent study in '77 soooo . . . WRITE YOUR CONGRESSPERSON!

Special COYOTE KISS to FATHER DEPAUL GENSKA, a franciscan priest lobbying for the total decriminalization of prostitution who was present in Houston handing out HOWLS in the Hyatt lobby, wearing an abortion pin and talking tirelessly with the Right to Life's. "Prostitution was here before Christianity and there's every reason to believe it will always be here so let it happen in the best of conditions with no drugs or other crimes."

## NATIONAL TASK FORCE ON PROSTITUTION

What can you do, personally, to get prostitution decriminalized? Over the years, a number of organizations have passed resolutions calling for decrim, a partial list of which appears below. Meanwhile, a frequent excuse by legislators is that "the women would never go for it." Therefore, the more organizations, and particularly women's organizations, that pass resolutions calling for decriminalization, the empier will be that excuse.

You can write to your federal and state legislators, letting them know you favor decrim. You can write letters to your local newspaper. You can write to your local city council or board of supervisors. You can attend hearings in your community whenever they are held dealing with prostitution or with the euphemistic businesses, such as massage parlors, encounter studios, etc.

Meanwhile, a National Task Force on Prostitution is being formed, as a lobbying organization, to press for action.

## NITPP

It is absolutely clear that if a resolution calling for the decriminalization of prostitution had been included in the National Plan of Action at the Houston conference, it would have passed. But only five states passed such a resolution, and ten or more were needed to get it into the National Plan. And there was not enough time to introduce resolutions from the floor under new business. That must never happen again.

When legislators are asked how they feel about decrim, they often say that they, personally, are in favor, but "the women" would never go for it. It is time for women to let legislators know that we will no longer stand for our sisters paying the price for inequality, no matter what its form.

A number of organizations have, over the years, passed resolutions calling for decrim, including the American Bar Association, many State Bar Associations, the American Civil Liberties Union, the National Organization for Women, the California Democratic Council, the California Corrections and Parole Officers Association, the Northern California Business and Professional Women's Organization, the Feminist Party, Wages for Housework, and the National Pre-Trial Services Division. San Francisco's Board of Supervisors memorialized the state legislature that decrim would be advisable. Decrim bills have been introduced in the Oregon and New York state legislatures. And in 1949, the United Nations called on all its member nations to eliminate the exploitative traffic in order women that exists so long as there is local variation.

In order to continue the fight for decriminalization, a National Task Force on Prostitution is being formed. COYOTE served its purpose, prostitution is being discussed nationwide. Now it is time to form a strategic force to overturn the prostitution laws. Money is needed to send members of our speakers bureau to conferences all over the country to speak in favor of decrim.

In particular, organizations concerned with criminal justice, women's rights, violence, and gay rights need to make prostitution a primary issue. And it is not enough to pass a resolution, committees must be formed that will lobby the legislature, the judicial branch, and the executive branch at all levels of government.

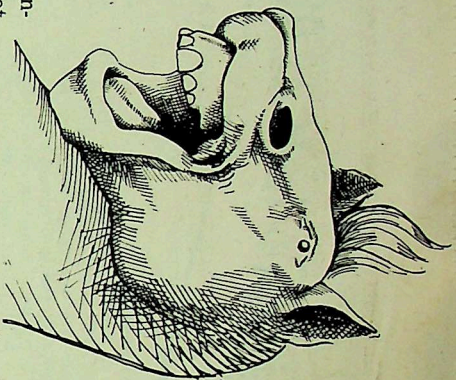
**BEVERLY HILLS** The Bar Association met last fall and passed a decrim resolution and a model law by 73%. However the women lawyers of L.A. disagreed at least in part feeling the law did not fully protect women and was vague and over broad.

**SAN DIEGO** Bar felt licensing the premises was a mistake allowing for exploitation by employers of the unorganized labor. They suggested that only customers and prostitutes be allowed to operate or rent a studio.

**SACRAMENTO** Attorney Thomas Bell won an order from Judge Thomas G. Daugherty stating the unquestioned condition of probation where people are convicted of soliciting, the banishment from certain areas, was unconstitutional. The traditional condition is invalid because it considers mere presence to be a crime and because it violates the right to privacy, freedom of association, and freedom of travel. His decision was based on the Hartway 19 Cal 3d 338, case and its definition of solicitation.



# CHIEF SHOTS



by Galloping Horse

Violence against women has increased, and the front-line scarlet woman is the first to see the boots of the Gestapo, feel the rope of the strangler, smell the hatred of the rapist, and hear the taunts of the punks who don't have anything better to do.

Tradition is the bulwark of sexism and hypocrisy, a cloak for the unredeemed violence. It's the rationale for discrimination, the excuse for financial exploitation of women, and the persecution of prostitutes. Men who deviate from the doctrine of the Good Old Boys' Club and back up a Lady of the Night, receive immediate castigation at the hands of their peers (imagine women being included in the human race.) Few people, especially public officials, come to the aid of the prostitute or the woman who can be labeled deviant in some way. Occasionally public servants are different, as in the case of San Francisco's Police Chief Charles Gain, and former Sheriff Richard Hongisto, and San Jose's Police Chief MacNamara (formerly of Kansas City), who recently found a good use for

police decoys. After six women were raped within a two-week period (the sixth was a nun, which prompted the quick action), women police decoys were sent out to wait for buses. They apprehended 23 would-be rapists within two months.

Chief Gain, by listening to community complaints, has kept the lid on San Francisco's police violence. But his attendance at the Hookers Ball was a public denunciation of the hypocrites who weren't there, and who later turned on him (see letters from Inspector Bruce Jones, in Letters to the Madam). Gain's presence gave a kind of credibility to a champion of whores' rights, which is the same as saying that prostitutes' word is good in court. The prosecution doesn't want that to happen; they were quite peeved when it happened last year (9 out of 10 jury trials ended in acquittal, or were hopelessly hung). And that is in spite of the fact that jurors are excused for cause when they say they are in favor of decim. Unfortunately, the women rarely demand a jury trial. Lacking a support group because of their clandestine isolation, they prefer

to plead guilty to a lesser charge rather than face a system they think is stacked against them.

Houston (the National Women's Conference), hopefully will mark the end of the ostracism of prostitutes by other women. As recounted elsewhere in this paper, the response of women to the proposal to decriminalize was overwhelmingly positive. And readers of COYOTE HOWLS in the Houston Courthouse, ultimately refused to sit on a jury which was prosecuting a prostitute. The judge finally, in exasperation, gave her straight probation to the court . . . after he found her guilty.

Recently the *Texas Monthly* reported on murders of citizens by Houston police. It pointed out that peer pressure is the greatest among isolated classes (cops in this instance), which maintain confidentiality among the brotherhood. Any cop who exposes criminal activity within the department is ostracized and stunned by his fellow officers. Only rookies ever commit such a transgression against the international code of ethics adhered to by the old-timers. Considering that the Good Old Boys' doctrine extends all the way to the top (remember Watergate?), it's no wonder that corrupt cops are seldom prosecuted, and half-heartedly when they are, even when the public is informed and makes a hue and cry.

Houston, with an in-house Chief, had over 17 killings by police last year. Los Angeles had a whopping 30-plus, with ex-Chief Davis copping the West Coast crown for having the meanest stompers and swatters. Oakland, cleaned up by Gain a few years back, and held in check by community action, has been trying to catch up without success. Out-of-town chiefs have a cooling effect on the inevitable

the confiscated trick books of a decade). The Chief doesn't believe in that kind of good-old-boyism or dirty tricks, and his refusal to buy into the hypocritical system makes him very unpopular with the Police Officers Association (POA).

In Houston, Sharily and her groups gave me the feeling they were hustling souls to save in order to earn their way to heaven. One of the Phyllis recruits butted into a TV taping of mine at the convention center. Disclaiming any knowledge of what was going on, she jumped right into it when the TV lights went on. I walked off when she got to the Old Testament, but not before I told her of my sister Claudette's country western gospel album, "I Found the Peace," with six songs good enough for the top 40.

If you think it was strange for me to go to Houston, how about Eldredge Cleaver, who spent a good deal of time being shown around by Senator Gubbins and friends. Then there is the 'I Found It' ad executive with the Blum Agency in Dallas, responsible for the commercial for God starting Cleaver. Said ad executive turned out to be the 'Friendly Rapist' of Dallas, white, married with two children, 35 years old, and responsible for raping over 50 women over the period of a year.

Larry Flynt and Charles Colson and the above-mentioned were not the first questionable 'born agains.' Gangster Mickey Cohen was flown, first class, to New York's Madison Square Garden in 1949 by preacher Billy Graham, who paid Mickey \$10,000 to 'give himself to Christ,' and advance Billy's desire to be better known. Too bad Mickey can't send back a communique on whether it worked or not.

While we are at it, this publication is offering Larry Flynt, Jimmy Carter, Eldredge Cleaver, and J. Bruce Jones, a free course on being a better lover (see coming events for details). A recent survey by writer Pat Holt showed women were fortunate to find 5% proficiency among the men they bailed.

Art Dethner, braggart Blue Box owner responsible for the original bust of

corruption that occurs when men enforce laws against morality (vice), Chief Gain seems very moralistic, but not lacking in integrity (perhaps the reason the Mayor chose him). He would be unlikely to participate in any behind-the-scenes hanky panky with me, or POA President, Jerry Crowley!

Chief Gain seems to have weathered the barrage of insults hurled at him by the POA (Pitifully Outdated Agitators), who had surprisingly been joined by a chorus of liberal columnists, following his public appearance at the annual Hookers Ball. I congratulate him on his poise and capability in coping with what could have been a bad scene for us. A crowd of young punks had gathered outside the Civic Auditorium, and were assaulting costumed people coming to the Ball. They broke in through the fire escapes, and continued their assaults inside. Things would have been a whole lot worse if Chief Gain had not been there to make a call to "Operations" for increased police power outside the Civic Auditorium. He remained on the scene until he felt the officers had things under control, then he departed, sober and unassisted. He was doing his job, as far as I could tell.

Editorial

Just think of the liberated woman who wants to act like husbands are supposed to act, at least the way we've painted husbands through history. When Mommy becomes that way, it becomes pretty fatal. If Mommy believes in swinging, and that there's no viability to the truth, that you can lie, you can cheat, you can steal, then the piddling 17 and 18 per cent increase in crime now is going to go up so that it's going to shock hell out of you.

—Police Chief Edward Davis  
of Los Angeles



Captain Crunch, and junior partner in a family printing firm, is hounding the late, lamented COYOTE for a three-year-old printing bill balance. He was paid \$500 at the time, which was what competitor Waller Press bid, but he charged COYOTE \$2,000. The balance was paid in trade by some volunteers, but didn't show on his books. . . only his laundry bill. Then his battered wife divorced him and he turned his books over to the collectors to liquidate so his wife could get paid. And COYOTE got screwed. However, it is COYOTE's luck to be a turnip this year . . . and you know what they say about them.

I uncovered the real culprit responsible for the huge influx of streetwalkers for the summer of '76. (I had always blamed Joe Freitas for being too magnanimous in his initial press conference.) The new DA had finished his press statements and was speaking with a few concerned citizens and was overheard by Jay Coronet, a security for the St. Francis, to say 'prostitution was a low priority.' Poor Joe never could figure how it got to the Press but Jay knows and now you do too. (Mr. Coronet is no longer with the St. Francis, but I don't know if it was because of his manipulation of the illegal market or other reasons.) Note: Manipulation of a market by planting a false impression in the media would be prosecutable under fair trade laws.

Strange Herb Caen should mention the odd coincidence of the two Livermore scientists dying of cancer. A strange young man with intense eyes approached me in the Washington Square Bar and Grill one night in December during the annual Dry T-Shirt contest. (The Shah's sister was there!) He wanted me to warn all women with lovers from Livermore, Union City and Fremont to beware. Apparently a nuclear power plant empties into a creek which is the water supply for these towns. He may be hotter than you think, honey!

"I've got nipples on my titties as big as the end of my thumb. I got something 'ween my legs make a dead man come!"  
Lucille Bogan, 1935

## Heda Hooker's Tenderloins

Vince Repetto, San Francisco vice cop of the handsome, homegrown variety, has been having his share of bad luck. First his flashy brown Eldorado convertible was swiped (it was eventually returned). Then, he lost his handcuffs when a ballet student he had placed under arrest stepped through her arms and fiddled them so the cuffs wouldn't show, and then walked out of Northern Station. A neat trick, if you can do it.

Vince has been calling the number in the Barb through which he made her acquaintance, and he's been haunting the California and Larkin vicinity, claiming that all he wants is his handcuffs.\* The woman called me, terrified. I offered to act as intermediary but, alas, a lack, the person who freed her from her bonds kept them, as the fee.

Poor, beleaguered Vince, under pressure since the reappearance of the 'Ohio Players,' has been heavy handed with some of the local ladies. Usually dressed in a long rabbit coat while he and his partner roam the Tenderloin looking for loose ladies, versatile Vince plays either the pimp or the trick, and is not above kicking in a motel door and putting a few lumps on a woman who won't 'cooperate' and snitch on the local scene. "I know you got a black old man. Who is he? WHAM!"

Then there the call girl who thought he was a sex maniac until he whipped out his badge and identified himself as a peace officer. Obviously the D.A. thought so too. Upon reading the police report he dismissed the case.

\*The local jailhouse gossip has it Vince likes to push heads down. Poor thing, the job is getting to him after three years on the monthly squad. He needs a rest, Doc.



Dear Madam:

I am a Lady Prostitute living and working in New York city. I'd like to know how and what you can do to fight the new loitering law that they passed here last year. It's a very unconstitutional law as far as the meaning of the law loitering is based on.

How can you be loitering if you're moving, carrying substantial I.D. and have a reasonable amount of money on your person? The way the law was set up, so that a police officer (uniform or plainclothes) could watch you talk to three passing males within a certain amount of time, within the same area, on that same day. Then they could and would arrest you and book you for loitering. Only a few police officers live up to the way the law was passed.

Most of the police just ride around in unmarked cars, taxies or squad cars and just pick you up if they see you walking, standing, or whatever, without following the loitering laws. Then they take you to the station house and book you for loitering. You remain in jail overnight and go to court in the morning.

The judges are sticking outrageous fines on the girls. Most of the time the courts are so backed up that you might have to wait 2 or 3 days before you get to court. So they bounce you back and forth from station house to court house. Without the proper facilities to keep a person that length of time. I've

Dear Margo,

I need somebody to talk to. You and I have a lot in common, boy! I wish I knew you. I already like you. I too, am a famous Bellingham whore ... only I'm stuck here and it's not over yet. Your ex-husband was a customer of mine at Stadtz Massage (Oh, Margo!)

You told Tom Robbins you thought love was inhibiting. Well he said he believed in love. He was the first man in years to touch my mind. I tried loving him, got inhibited and he left my mind fucked, bitter, but still believing. Oh my, my.

Five women were arrested here.

### AN OPEN LETTER TO GOVERNOR BROWN

Open letter to Governor Brown:

Could you explain to me how a private letter gets to be pornographic? Also, Have you noticed that your ordering prostitutes to be swept off the streets in L.A. seems to have resulted in the birth of something known as the "Hillside Strangler"?

When public figures condone the wrath instead of forgiveness and acceptance toward victims of prejudice (Example: Anita Bryant's indictment of men to violence against their homosexual brothers), it results in a few extremists perpetrating heinous crimes against the people you choose to identify as legitimate victims ... uncared women in this case.



been very lucky as far as the jail routine goes. I've had one loitering charge and came out of that with time served. But I had to wait 28 hours before seeing the judge. Since it was my first case he let me get by.

During the summer months there is an outrageous number of prostitutes who come to New York and then leave just before winter breaks real bad. There are many Ladies out here that are real Ladies. Then there is such an abundance of pigs, and low life so called prostitutes that they outweigh and overlook the real ladies. So bad that the real Lady sometimes gets caught up with the pigs and low lifes by accident.

Just what makes me so mad is that the police know which girls are good and which girls aren't. I feel that the loitering laws should not be for every prostitute. So that I don't drag this out into a book, I would like to know some information as to what a group of Lady Prostitutes can do to fight this unfair and unjust law. For themselves, and as a group.

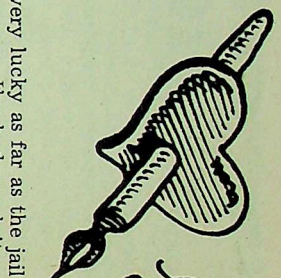
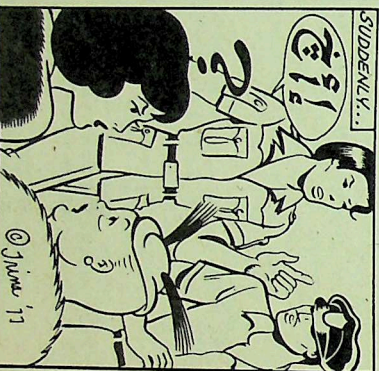
Thank you, Candy

The case was dropped because they got the wrong woman. My case was thrown out of district court because the judge declared the law unconstitutional ... there is no definition of "sexual conduct" in the new state law. But the prosecutor is appealing all the way to the State Supreme Court. None of the other women have any money. So far it has cost me \$1,748.00 and it's not over. The Bellingham Herald has smeared my name all over the front page with headlines. I'd like to ask you these questions: How do we start a defense fund here in Bellingham? Is it worth the fight, the notoriety, the expense to be cleared? What do I do with my life now? (I've lost my friends, my job, my man, my money, and hurt my family ... what now?) I'm trying to get into law school, boring as it sounds. But I can't even get a cocktail waitress job because my name is known. Please share your experience.

Kathy

Dear Kathy,

You are lucky to be in Bellingham. My mother and Ti-Grace Atkinson are the two strongest women I know and they both work up at the college. Maybe I can speak to my 'X' and get him to organize the tricks in town (joking, of course) However, my new daughter-in-law is a whiz and may be willing to help. I'll make a few phone calls and have some friends call you ... and I'll see you when I'm up there.



# Letters to the Madam

Dearest Madam:

I enjoy reading the COYOTE HOWLS. I too realize that police in large cities are under tremendous pressure and tend to overreact at times to expressions of rebellion or resentment and other provocations with excessive violence. Police brutality, although rarer than most crimes, is certainly more counterproductive to achievement of our common social objectives than most other transgressions. I wish you great success with your campaign to gain better protection for especially women accused of prostitution from such dangers of physical cruelty and abuse.

Recently, a girl from Los Angeles, seventeen-year-old Kimberly Ann Martin, was abducted and murdered there. In spite of the tragedy burdening her friends and family and loved ones, she was identified in the newspaper as a "prostitute" and on the television as a "call girl." I feel terribly outraged by both her death and the callous assumption that a minor—not yet old enough to vote, and now even unable to defend her name—can be presented to the general public as a woman disgraced, and worse, because of her death, so presented to the public for all of time.

It may have been necessary to the newsmedia or police authority to clarify the public picture of the apparent environment of her disaster, because she is the eleventh victim in three months of a misguided, violent man. The many victims were, likely, hitchhiking around Hollywood or Glendale. I suppose the public must be made

Dear Jack:

Police brutality may not be a large part of the general violence picture, but relative to the number of police officers there are, the rate of violence is high. Interestingly enough, the most frequent wife beaters are doctors, lawyers, and police officers.

To be a prostitute is not technically illegal. The crime, at least in California, is the act of soliciting or engaging in an act of prostitution. The fact that the press feels free to call Kim Martin, and six or seven of the other victims of the L.A. Strangler, a prostitute is indicative of the double-faced image of prostitution in our society. It is illegal, yes, and therefore prejudicial to the presumption of innocence to call an unconvicted person a prostitute. But our society glamorizes, while it condemns, prostitution. Every major film actress has played at least one prostitute during her career, many have played more.

If prostitution were decriminalized, the illegal aspect would be gone, and therefore the legally incriminating part of the label would be gone. But the approbation that falls on any woman who breaks sexual taboos would remain, and the label prostitute would still be a scarlet letter. It will be a long time before women are considered as equals by men, entitled to equal salaries as well as jobs, money, housing, etc.

The fact that so many of the L.A. strangler's victims were young women known to hang out on the street, and to casually hitchhike, and perhaps to

aware of the public dangers of such a practice. The strangler or stranglers since have taken a twelfth or thirteenth victim, anyway, though.

It certainly is not necessary to describe her as a prostitute or call girl, bluntly, without providing even a supporting reason for using such a name (as did Barbara Walters and the wire service used by the San Jose Mercury). The American Press in general, will free to make such accusations at will, unlike any other cases of violations of laws that they bring forth. In any crime of violence, they are careful to annotate their narratives with phrases like "the alleged murderer," or "the accused adulterer."

This reportorial treatment of the saddening killing of Kim Martin—at worst, a runaway girl—is symptomatic of the attitude of unconcern that makes crimes of violence against women on the street too likely to be committed, and perpetrators too unlikely to be apprehended.

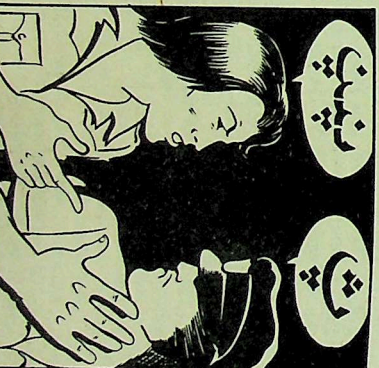
Public knowledge, full of rumor and mistake as it is, is that women engaged in prostitution have a much higher condition of addiction to narcotics. It occurs to me that if COYOTE has a methadone-surrogate program, and if it seems to be effective, and if the police community were made aware of it, then the just and proper strivings of COYOTE to attain social betterment for her members would be better received by them.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Jack

turn tricks, is only an indication of the general view of such women by society. The strangler is a product of our society, and he is killing, and perhaps mutilating, that which our society holds in contempt.

As to drugs, substituting methadone for heroin is just changing the monkey on one's back. The main problem with addiction in this country is the high cost (in England the cost of a fix is minimal, around 2c), and the fact that few regular jobs can provide enough money to amaintain the addiction. Other problems come from the illegality of the market, which results in uneven quality, as well as contamination with other, and perhaps more dangerous, substances. The majority of addict prostitutes were addicts first, and turned to prostitution as a way of supporting the habit.

In order to eliminate drug addiction, some basic changes in society must occur. Scratch an addict and you will find an unhappy person—deal with the problems that person is trying to forget, and perhaps you will eliminate the need for drugs. Once the addiction exists, it is difficult to get rid of, as is cigarettes and alcohol. The problems must be solved before people discover drugs. Eliminate poverty, racism, and their lies, involve people in controlling all children want to be, provide decent sex education, and good health care including preventative health care, the list goes on and on. Drug problems are a symptom, not a cause.—P.A.





The Editor  
San Francisco Examiner  
Dear Sir:

As a Policeman for the past twenty-eight plus years, I was amazed to see my chief, who I have defended verbally over some period of time, posting with Margo St. James and another professed "hooker" at the so-called Hookers' Ball, for your Sunday edition.

For the first time in my career, I was absolutely ashamed to identify myself as a Policeman, a profession of which I have been proud of up to this point. Why? He for doubt as to his moral standards, which have been a subject of controversy for some period of time.

I also question the journalistic stand of a newspaper who overtly belittles the office of Chief of Police by adverse criticism of an already beleaguered organization which is sworn to protect the public.

This man has demeaned the Police profession as it has never been demeaned before. We've had our problems over the years, true, but I personally have never seen morale at the low ebb at which it exists today.

I feel that I speak for the rank and file officer when I speak out against an administration which has made him ashamed of his life long commitment to protect the average citizen of San Francisco.

I further feel that I speak for all the fine officers who have given their lives in fulfilling their sworn duty. I know that I, as well as they, have been always ready to make the extreme sacrifice in the public interest.

As a former Marine, I found the camaraderie, very similar to that of The Corps in that each man was ready and willing to lay down his life for his fellow member in the interest of those persons who pay our salaries. In this instance, the citizenry of San Francisco, I feel very strongly that Chief Gain has abdicated his responsibility to this self-same citizenry by his deplorable conduct.

I know that this is my "swan song" as a member of the San Francisco Police Department but I go out with my head held high with the assurance that some day, hopefully soon, we shall again have a leader who will recognize the esteem of his office and return the San Francisco Police Department to the place of dignity it deserves.

With A Broken Heart,  
Inspector J. Bruce Jones  
Intelligence Division  
San Francisco Police Dept.

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**PROSTITUTION AS SEXUAL POLITICS**

by Jackie Mac Millan  
Margo St. James, founder of COYOTE (a loose woman's organization, dealing with education and advocacy), has explained that the label whore has been used to control the behavior of "straight" women. Women who walk alone, go to bars alone or with other women, or behave in a generally independent manner, are considered to be sexually available. Thus unescorted women are labelled whore and treated with contempt—available to be commented on by any man on the street, available to be "picked up," and harassed in other ways. This puts pressure on women to have male escorts, to remain at home, or to otherwise restrict their behavior. It limits women's mobility, promotes women's dependence on men, reduces the opportunities to make a living. Decriminalization will: 1) reduce dependence on pimping; 2) enable women to enter and leave the profession freely; and 3) enable prostitutes to exercise the same rights as other citizens—for example, to report crimes to the police. Decriminalization begins to eliminate the stigma of "whore" that serves male interests by 1) restricting the freedom of all women; and 2) keeping women divided from each other. Decriminalization of prostitution is an important issue for feminists to support. Like other issues it can be co-opted. Feminists must insure that this goal is not compromised; and that the process by which we work toward this reform does not undermine our ultimate goals. Our strategies and analysis must connect prostitution with the interests of all women and must be developed within the context of long-range fundamental change.

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- PROSTITUTION:**
- Prostitution is defined as the exchange of money for sexual acts.
  - Prostitution includes: solicitation of customers; contract negotiation (specification of acts, exchange of money, negotiation of how much time); and the act.
  - Prostitution does not include: fraud; mugging; robbery; violence; extortion. In situations in which prostitutes are implicated in the above crimes, the violators shall be arrested for those crimes, and not for prostitution.
  - Prostitution is a free enterprise business, and shall be conducted as such without formal cost control mechanisms.
  - Prostitutes shall be expected to pay taxes like all other self-employed individuals. If they are employed by an establishment, the establishment shall be required to withhold taxes.
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**CODE OF ETHICS AMONG PROSTITUTES:**

- No prostitute who wishes to be viewed as a professional shall contact the employers or families of customers or prospective customers to expose their involvement in prostitution.
- No prostitute may expose the identity of another prostitute to employers, families or friends.
- No prostitute may encourage or coerce another person into prostitution.
- No prostitute may steal or rob another prostitute's book or list of customers. Violation of this is treated like petty theft or robbery.
- If a customer approaches a prostitute, another prostitute may not approach the customer until she/he sees that the conversation is ended with the first prostitute, unless she/he is asked to approach the customer by the customer or by the first prostitute.
- Every prostitute is expected to report to other prostitutes those customers they know to be dangerous. These reports should be exchanged among working cohorts, reported to the local hooker organization and/or to the police.
- When one prostitute asks another to work with her/him on a specific customer, a 50/50 split is reasonable.
- A prostitute may not purposely cause another prostitute harm within the scope of the business.

**BUSTED?**

JAIL HOUSE SHEET

**THE SYSTEM**

The system is set up to force a guilty plea out of the defendant. By making it hard for you to get out of jail, they put pressure on you to plead guilty to a lesser charge just to get out. Don't do it!

**Their tactic:** The arresting officers tend to "stack charges," which means that they give you two charges of soliciting (one for each officer), plus additional charges like "keeping," if they get you to say you had an apartment. Each additional charge makes your bail higher. Your tactic: Plead not guilty!

Many lawyers advise their clients to plead guilty to a lesser charge, such as "disturbing the peace" (415 in the California Penal Code). This seems like a wonderful idea until you really look at it.

**Their gain:** It clears the court calendar. Your loss: Everyone knows that "disturbing the peace" is really "soliciting," and the judge will impose an extra long probation. Also, "disturbing" carries up to six months suspended sentence, and any violation of any law in the state will send you back to jail.

Many judges will refuse to release you on your own recognizance (O.R.), and will refuse work furloughs or pre-trial diversion for women charged with prostitution. These discriminatory practices can and should be fought by your lawyer, whether s/he is a Public Defender or a private attorney.

**PROBATION**

If you are on probation and are arrested, the D.A. can make a motion to have your probation revoked even before the charges on the second arrest have been heard. The next time the defendant is picked up, s/he will do a mandatory 90 days, with no trial. This is an abuse of the judicial system. It puts pressure on the defendant to plead guilty to the second charge in order not to revoke the original probation. No good!

**O.R.**

Bail for 647b is usually set at \$500. Which means that you or a friend have to come up with \$50 (10% of the total), plus collateral. This can run from \$250-350, or can be met by attaching a lien to someone's property, or a friend can co-sign.

However, spending three days in jail is not the worst thing in the world. Insist on seeing the O.R. person—you need friends and references—about getting out on your own recognizance. The sheriff's department has outreach workers who can visit you in jail. Or call COYOTE for help in contacting your friends.

**PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION**

The best thing to get, especially if it is a first arrest, is pre-trial diversion. If the judge agrees, you work for a community service organization, and your record is wiped clean. Sometimes the jobs are really interesting, and put you in contact with organizations that can help you.

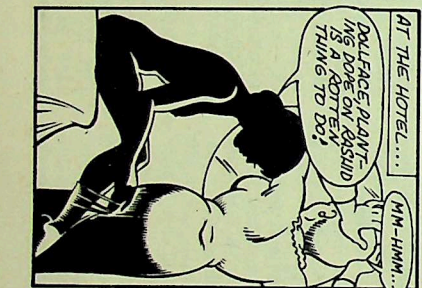
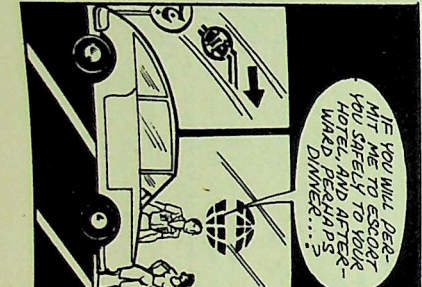
**NEVER PLEAD GUILTY!**

If pre-trial diversion seems unlikely, plead not guilty and demand a jury trial. Often the D.A. will dismiss the day of the trial, unless the cops really want to push it. If that is the case, take it to trial; the D.A. has been losing 90% of the 647b cases that go to trial.

If you fight it from the beginning, the chances of your ever having to spend a mandatory 90 days in jail are slim. "Never plead guilty," as Sally Stanford says. Currently the mayor of Sausalito, she fought off arrests 17 times in her days as a San Francisco madam.

**COYOTE**

We can help you with information on how to get released. Or if you think your rights are being violated, let us know and we will try to help. Money we don't have, but moral support we can supply. Call 621-6111.





# AROUND THE WORLD

## MEXICO

Prostitutes in Mexico City say they will form a national union to protect themselves against police extortion and harassment.

Vergara Perez, a spokeswoman for the city's estimated 60,000 prostitutes, said that a petition will be delivered to President Jose Lopez Portillo outlining the problems the women face with law enforcement officers in that city.

Recently, prostitutes in Spain threatened to divulge the names of high members of the Spanish government who frequented bordellos unless police harassment stopped and working conditions improved for prostitutes in that country.—*HER SA Y*

## HOLLAND

Citizen's groups and prostitutes in the Netherlands have joined together to torpedo plans for a floating bordello and sex center in the world's busiest harbor—Rotterdam.

Residents of that city are complaining that the so-called "Eros Center"—to be located smack in the middle of the harbor—will give the city a bad name. Prostitutes are charging—in the meantime—that a sex palace will frighten off their trade because people going to and from the "Eros Center" could easily be identified.

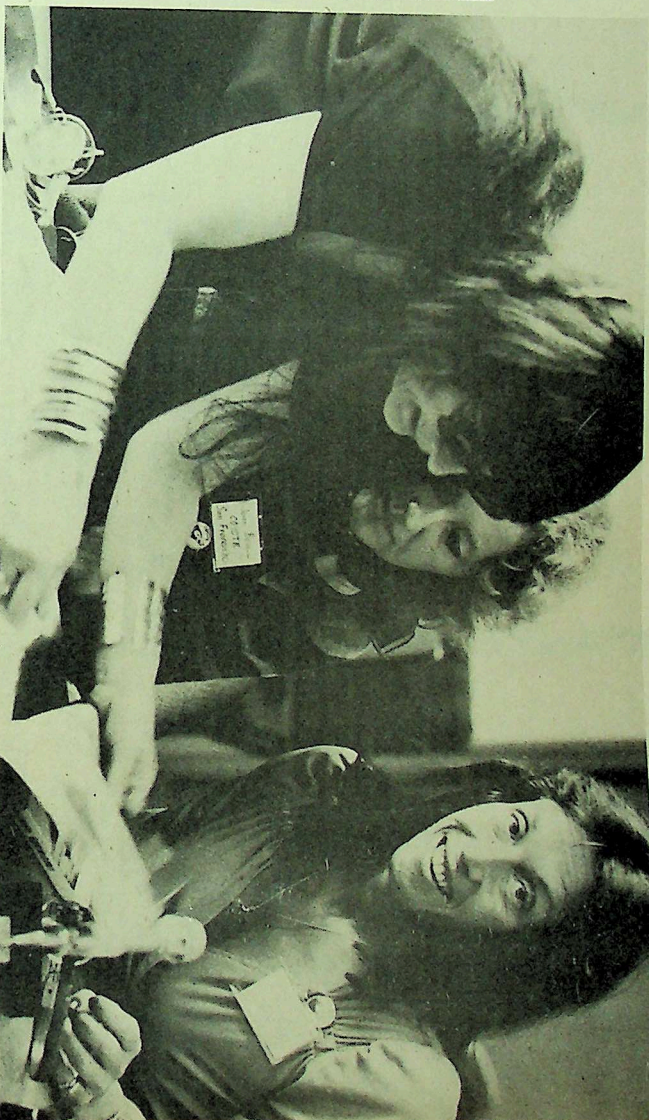
The prostitutes are complaining that the plan will also pose economic problems for women plying their trade, because rent for accommodations on the seafaring brothel will jump to twice the amount they are currently paying.

The Rotterdam City Council began planning the Eros Center in 1974, in response to public complaints that prostitution and so-called "related crimes" were spreading to the city's civic and fashionable shopping areas. City officials say that, despite the protest, they intend to go ahead with the Eros Center as soon as they locate a ship suitable for the floating bordello.—*HER SA Y*

SWITZERLAND working women, with the aid of feminist lawyers, sued the Swiss government and had ALL the laws prohibiting prostitution including 'living off the earnings' removed from the books in 1977. (A copy of the papers are available but they are in French.) The only restriction is on advertising. It's not allowed at all. The other must is the paying of taxes... but nothing extra.

SWEDEN, the country of equality, is not all it seems. Prostitutes cannot rent apartments, have boyfriends or husbands and, like the U.S., do not receive protection from the puritanical police if they are assaulted or robbed. There is a current campaign to lower the age of consent from 15 to 14. The Sexual Political Front, a prostitutes' organization, founded by Ulli Jacobson, stated, "It's only important to the customers, the dirty old men who want access. Young kids are always going to get it on with each other."

DENMARK is interested in unionizing their prostitutes... so their income tax can be properly assessed and collected. And in the last few years they have made streetwalking a citable offense, forcing the women to work in the bars where they have to tip heavily and consume unwanted liquor. An International Committee on Prostitution, set up in Paris in '75 with Simone de Beauvoir, hopes to propose in Geneva that all prostitutes be made tax exempt in order to combat the stigma attached to all women (because of the present view of prostitutes as criminals). It is also proposed that prostitutes by given lifetime memberships in the Y's around the world.



The French and American women compare notes, Abolitionist Society Congress, Paris, 1975

by Bernard D. Kaplan

## PARIS 1977

Lilianne casts her eyes to the pavement and looks the other way these days when she passes the weather-beaten Saint Gervais Church on her nightly stroll to "work."

Eighteen months ago she helped lead a sitdown "strike" of prostitutes inside the church which attracted world-wide attention to their protest against police harassment. Now, the church in Paris's dowdy Les Halles District awakens memories that she would just as soon forget.

Time has not been kind to her and others, like the fiery blonde Ulla and the more meditative Bettina, who captained the streetwalkers' strike. The experience has left them, in at least some respects, worse off than before.

For a few brief weeks they seemed to rally an astonishingly broad spectrum of support—from the Catholic Church to the Communist Party—for their battle. Their aim, they declared, was to end society's hypocritical treatment of them. The whole French nation, or so it appeared, applauded.

The government took political note of the outpouring of public sympathy for the country's estimated 40,000 professional prostitutes. It quickly appointed a senior judge—immediately dubbed "Monsieur Prostitution" by the local newspapers—to study reform of the laws governing prostitution.

Ulla announced her retirement from the "game." She settled down to write her autobiography. Bettina launched on a speaking tour, including foreign countries. Lilianne went to work in a bookshop run by France's Women's Liberation Movement. She, too, said she planned to write.

But the clamor and concern faded away almost as swiftly as they had erupted. The prostitutes' leaders discovered that changing their lives was more complicated than they thought. Ulla wrote and published her book, but it had poor sales. She made two attempts at suicide.

Lilianne took an overdose of barbiturates when her bookshop job went wrong. She claims she was fired. The feminists say she quit because she couldn't take a regular nine-to-five job.

Her explanation is that "They didn't treat me like an ordinary person. They watched me and they didn't really trust me. As far as they were concerned, I was just an object for sociological study. That's not much better than being a sexual object. Maybe worse."

The condescension, real or imagined, got to her. Lilianne, who is 34 and has a child, explained that she soon realized she would never be able to get away from her past at the book-

shop. "It got so I hated to turn up in the mornings. I admit that," she told the writer.

She confessed that her suicide try was "not so serious." They hospitalized her for a few days. When she left the hospital, she knew she would return to the streets.

"I didn't really want to. No one was forcing me to. I have never had a pimp," she said. "But, how can I explain it? Once I made the decision, it really lifted a burden from me. When we started our protest, I don't think any of us realized what kind of personal responsibilities it would put on us. If we had, maybe we would have let the whole thing drop. But it grew too fast."

And died as quickly. Monsieur Prostitution's report was eventually published, covering 147 typewritten pages. It sidestepped most of the women's demands, notably that they receive professional "status" under the law. It is currently gathering dust in the official files.

The interest of the public waned and, with it, that of the politicians. The hookers themselves went their separate ways. They left behind considerable bitterness between the "rank and file" and their leaders, a result of accusations that the latter had exploited the situation to advance their personal ambitions. Critics, including some prostitutes and ex-prostitutes, derided Ulla, Lilianne and the others as being little more than fronts for pimps who had dreamed up the protest movement as a way to get the cops off their backs.

Lilianne denies it all. "We just naturally came to the forefront because we were the best educated ones," she said. "I have my baccalaureat (high school diploma) and I spent a year at college. Let's face it, most of those *ranzas* aren't very bright. When the newspaper reporters started coming around and when we had to explain our point of view to the priests and people like that, who was going to do it? Only a few of us could."

The experience left her a subject of distrust by many of her colleagues. "When I came back to the street, some of them were pretty sore," she said. "It only lasted a couple of weeks. Luckily, whores have short memories. It's one of the things the profession teaches you."

The curate of Saint Gervais, Father Morandais, is one of the few "outsiders" who still express an interest in helping, she said.

"When I came back down here, he invited me into the church to talk about things," she explained. "I went once, but I don't go any more. What is there to talk about? Now he has stopped inviting me."

TORONTO TOWN MEETING  
MSLJ addressed a town meeting in Toronto, Ontario, organized by Wages for Housework. The meeting, attended by over 400 people, was called to protest a campaign to get rid of prostitutes on Yonge St. in Toronto.

The legal situation in Toronto is that solicitation is a crime, while prostitution itself is not. If a prostitute works more than once in her house or a hotel, it is automatically considered a bawdy house. If a prostitute happens to be supporting a boyfriend, he can be charged with living off the earnings of a prostitute. Massage parlors, known as body rub parlors there, are licensed for a fee of \$3,000, and the advertising on the outside of the building is legal, i.e.: not considered soliciting.

MSLJ explained the reasons for decrim, comparing the problems of prostitution with those of prohibition. Other speakers included Judith Ramirez, a member of Wages for Housework, who said, "Sex is our bargaining power. We have to use our sex to buy goods and services we need as a human being whether we are housewives or prostitutes." She quoted a recent study which estimated the value of housewives' work at 1/3 of the gross national product, or \$60 billion a year. Statistically, that means that Canadian women each perform \$120 worth of housework a week.

Pat Sheppard pointed out that "women do not share the economical wealth of Canada. There is an unemployment problem, and we have chosen to keep certain people off the labor market, students and housewives happen to be a few of those people."

One woman from the audience said, "I see billboards with the audience said, the shit kicked out of them, which relates to me more than when you start chasing prostitutes down Yonge St." Another pointed out, "I don't feel as threatened by a hooker standing on the corner... as I do in the presence of certain exploiters."

BEAVER (Better End All Vicious Erotic Repression), has been formed as an advocacy group for hookers, by a woman named Baba Yaga.

### Did you know...?

When prostitution was decriminalized in Denmark, rape went down to practically nothing. On the other hand, when Australia made prostitution a crime, rape increased by 149%.

35 countries have decriminalized prostitution since the United Nations recommended it in 1949.



# It's All Done With Class

Prostitution in Germany excerpted from DER SPIEGEL, #14, 1976

Despite today's sexual tolerance, commercial sex is alive and well, and growing. The boom in commercial sex is not found out on the street, however, or in impersonal "Eros Centers," and sleazy brothels. Today it is found in plush surroundings, in mansions with swimming pools, high-class condominiums, and in quiet country estates, away from the hustle and bustle of the cities.

This trend began with the opening of the massage parlors a few years back, which offered the basic no-frills service. Many places still operate on this level, but there is an increasing trend towards what the authorities call "high class" prostitution.

Soft lighting, comfortable seating arrangements, soothing music (often classical), a well-stocked bar, a relaxing sauna, the women dressed in evening gowns, intelligent, talkative, well-mannered: so visitors describe these "private clubs" discreetly located in pleasant surroundings.

For the average price of admission, \$15, usually called membership dues, the customer may use the facilities, including swimming pool and pommo movies, and eye the available prostitutes. Presentations by the women range from basic strip-tease in the less expensive clubs to veritable cabaret performances in the expensive places.

Those who wish to may then retire with the woman of their choice for a more intimate session, ranging from 30 minutes to two hours, and costing from \$15-50 and up.

Some establishments extend their welcome to adventuresome couples, and have profited thereby. One owner

says, "This is a recent development, yet even nowadays most establishments make the big mistake of not welcoming ladies as guests, and then they complain about their low volume of business. I expect my people to roll out the red carpet for any woman escorted in by her man."

There has been a noticeable move out into the country by this higher form of prostitution. It does not gravitate around train stations. Instead, it values proximity to major highways, and many are situated close to expressway exits.

The growing demand for sex is also revealed by the ever-increasing number of advertisements by "models" in the entertainment sections of newspapers. There were 400 such ads in one edition of the daily ABENDPOST during the last Frankfurt automobile exhibition.

Prostitution is no longer localized in the traditional areas of town. Less than a third of the women who advertised their services gave addresses in the red light district. The majority listed their homes as being in the outskirts of town.

Not only do the customers value the anonymity of the surroundings, the police are happy with this development too. "Men who contract VD now know the lady's home base," explains one police chief. "Street prostitution is on the decrease, and so are the criminal side aspects of the trade, such as wallet thefts. The women don't steal because now they advertise publicly in the papers."

The police are equally tolerant of the massage parlors and sauna baths in

## UNIVERSAL DECRIMINALIZATION

In 1949 the United Nations called for the universal decriminalization of prostitution in its convention of December 2. The Convention, which included policy declarations on human rights, was ratified by most of the member nations by 1958, with the notable exception of the United States. It has even been ratified by the Soviet Union.

In 1975, the International Abolitionist Federation called for the universal ratification of the Convention at their 26th Congress in Paris. The Federation

the cities. While the law does not legislate against prostitution *per se* or against the rental of rooms to prostitutes, it does forbid the active promotion of prostitution, such as the maintenance of a full-service brothel.

Prostitutes, today, come from a much wider segment of society than they once did. Yesterday's prostitutes were products of the slums, while today's usually have a middle-class background, and are likely to be students and ex-stewardesses. The increasingly tolerant attitude towards sex in general has loosened the resistance of many women to commercial sex, especially those women who felt sexually exploited by men for free.

Most call girls work independently, or learn up with a friend, avoiding involvement with pimps. Where there is a male in the picture, it is more often for reasons of love, protection, and even prestige. In the high-class establishments, the pimp is more of a business manager, and may be female.



Margo's Mother, Dorothy

"If I can't sell it, I'll keep sittin' on it, before I give it away. You've got to buy it, don't care how much you want it, I mean what I say. Just feel that nice bottom, no wear and tear. I really hate to part with such a lovely cahr. If I can't sell it, before I give it away. When you want something good you've got to speak it, jack. I guarantee you'll never want your money back! If I can't sell it, I'll keep sittin' on it, before I give it away. Georgia White, 1932

## 'CLEAN UP PARK LANE!'

Letter to the Editor of the LONDON DAILY MIRROR

Dear Sir,

There is nothing extraordinary about women waiting outside the Playboy club in order to catch the men who have been deliberately titilated by the presence of Hugh Hefner's bunny girls inside the club.

Park Lane is an area where supply meets demand, as is evident in the expression on the Mirror investigator's face.

This is an age which exhorts women to be both consumer-orientated and sexually available, and which actively encourages men to regard sex as a prerequisite of health. Consumer-orientation requires money which is not readily available to women through ordinary work; and "health" remedies have to be paid for by someone if not the N.H.S. Sex as a saleable commodity is therefore the logical outcome of all this; and the personal solution for those who are encouraged to be promiscuous in large impersonal cities where it is difficult to form more lasting relationships in the rush for more money and more sex.

The increasing number of prostitutes is a phenomenon which can be laid directly at the door of such places as the Playboy club, and that is exactly what is happening. It surprises no one except apparently the managers of the Playboy club.

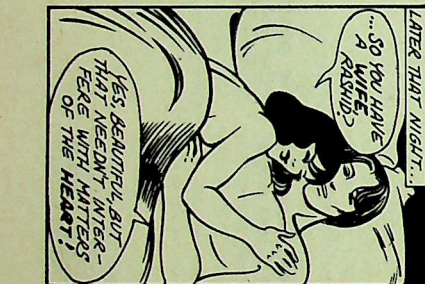
Since gambling which is generally considered to go hand-in-hand with prostitution has now found legitimate outlets so that it can be exploited by

the Playboy club, and even further extended via sexual titilation, perhaps it is time that prostitution too was able to find outlets which enable the women concerned to exploit themselves for a change, rather than be exploited by establishments which make money out of their charms whilst forbidding them to make any money for themselves. This of course is exactly what the streetwalker is doing, and it is not her blatant sexual availability which shocks, but her blatant accumulation of wealth in a society which does not approve of women having that kind of power in their hands.

Rather than blame the police for failing to clean up the outcome of our discontents, perhaps we should start to examine the causes. We might even come to the conclusion that gambling casinos and football games which make so much money for so few people be stopped because of the nuisance they attract.

As Lady Vickers remarked in the House of Lords recently, "but for men, women would not be prostitutes." What are the police supposed to do about such a firmly entrenched situation as this? Would we like them to spend even more public funds than they do now in a futile and inhuman attempt to clean up the oldest profession, or would it be more sensible to come to terms with it so that it can find its place in the community without causing a nuisance?

Helen Buckingham  
P.L.A.N.  
Prostitution Laws Are Nonsense.



## Letter from Switzerland

Dear Madam:

As an occasional visitor to the United States I have been amazed to discover that prostitution supposedly is illegal in most states.

It seems rather mind-boggling that a country which world-wide never tires of preaching civil liberties should so persistently try to oppress a segment of its own population, and particularly so one which does so much to brighten up the visitor's stay in an often otherwise drab city.

I am thankful to all the working girls in the United States who took so much care to make the day a nice one for me. Their service was appreciated, and some became good friends.

On my last trip I narrowly escaped being busted in Los Angeles for the alleged crime of wanting to have a good time. I deeply resent such ridiculous interference on the part of the police, and am proud to be able to contribute the enclosed to the cause. Wishing you the best of luck.

Sincerely, Marcel

Marcel: Your contribution was much appreciated.—P.A.



# GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT

by Alene O. Smith

Q: "Why don't you seek gainful employment in some other profession?"  
A: "WHAT other gainful employment, pray tell?"

Most criticism of traditional society with its hidden prostitution is based upon this condition: "Prostitution is inseparable from the institution of monogamy based upon private property, which makes marital love a duty," and not an expression of sentiment," so expounded Edward Fuchs, and in a similar vein Marx, Engels, Fourier, and Rousseau, and all the way back to Lukian in Greece.

Helmut Schelsky in his book "The Sociology of Sexuality" (1955), states, "Prostitution is definitely a built-in valve for a system based upon patriarchal monogamy." Schelsky expected that the departure from the strict morality of monogamy and premarital virginity would spell the doom for prostitution. This was the generally accepted view by most sociologists in the 20th century.

In 1929, Dr. Lewadowski wrote in his book "Sexuality in Modern Literature and Art": "As women give themselves more freely to sex, the less they will do it for money." Ha! What a naive joke!

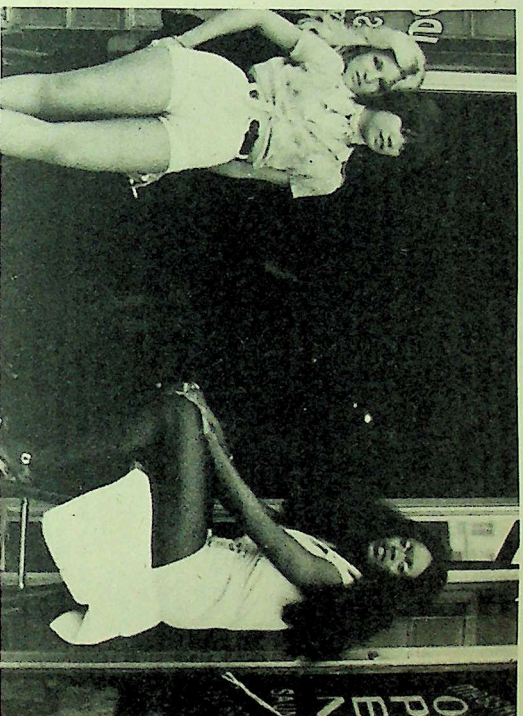
Social historian Curt Moreck predicted the twilight of prostitution by the emergence of women's liberation movements and "the modern woman's sexual freedom as her natural feelings are liberated from social conventions."

Sexist Freud classified women into one of two groups: the family women who receive a man's sublimated tenderness and respect, while all other women are now the object of a man's sensual desires. As men generally marry the former (social standing), sexual dissatisfaction is an automatic component in most marriages.

Why the duality between marital duty and desire and extra-marital fun? Why the split into wife and mistress for women, and into husband and back-door-man for the male? Each home should be a cozy love-nest, in which a couple fulfill each other's desires and fantasies and thereby deepen their mutual bond.

"He who loves his wife too passionately," breaks his marriage vows." So said St. Hieronimus.

The sudden change from Puritan uprightness to the "cult of the orgasm" happened too fast for many. The expectations created by the media were too grandiose, as were the spoken and silent demands by men and women, who bravely experimented with new methods which they formerly rejected as perverse, yet instead of the anticipated joy they found only a vague sense of incompleteness. Many of society's children were stranded in confusion. Whereas women today get into sex at an earlier age (approx. 40%



SAN DIEGO PARLOR WORKERS, 1977



R. HUDSON

by age 16), they only differ from their grandmothers in their intake of the pill and their use of language.

Yet this and a little behavior classified as "whore-like" in the old days seems to cause them some guilt and this in turn makes them feel even more guilty, as today's morality is based upon the complete absence of any guilt.

Men are angry and frustrated at no longer being lord and master in their beds, so they go to a prostitute to have their egos lifted, to literally be sexually serviced, like one going out and getting drunk at a favorite bar. They are retreating en masse to the massage parlors where they may have their

wounds licked, at a cost, of course.

Many men who frequent prostitutes are over the age of 35, disoriented by the new morality, and especially by the demands made by their turned-on wives. Many other men seek outside sex, because their wives are too often sexually repressed, or their girl friends refuse to play an obedient sex object. Many women perhaps cannot reconcile being an emancipated woman by day and a purring lioness at night. Indeed, hundreds of women have divorced their husbands and/or the idea of marriage, from their lives. Hundreds more have rejected men altogether to find heavenly bliss with other women!

## DOES GOOD PAY MAKE WOMEN BAD?

The issue of prostitution is a feminist one because of the universal effect it has on women socially, economically, and politically. The stigmatizing and the labeling is the divide and conquer technique used by the patriarchal ruling class. Putting women on the "whore-madonna" sliding scale keeps women pitted against one another for the sake of a man's attention and resource. Women are isolated from one another, indoctrinated with men's values, and given few well-paid jobs and fewer promotions.

One must view the two occupations (hooker and housewife) as parallel markets. Keeping the one that pays the most money (cold, hard cash) illegal, and the other, poor paying, but respectable, "insures the economy" of a surplus labor force. The important job of rearing the future workers is relationally unpaid labor. However, catering to the sexual fantasies of the male workers is well paid. But whores are

not allowed to keep the money. Nor have a husband or boyfriend, or be served in a bar, or be deemed a fit mother, or be anything but a public woman. This process guarantees sexual access of the American males to young females, and maintains a confidentiality between them (excluding the wives.)

The whore label is used by men to abuse women. "Slut," "Cunt," "Bitch," are commonly used by men who beat their wives, by cops and pimps roughing up their victims, by punks and rapists looking for ways to strike out at women. As long as the public sees only the prostitute being punished for something everyone else does with impunity, as long as the male customer is socially acceptable, the society is going to consider the prostitute as a legitimate victim. Courts will continue to send the prostitute to jail and free the customer. The D.A.'s office will continue to re-

lease the assailants of the prostitutes, thereby placing the public in jeopardy from criminals who don't make distinctions between nuns and hookers. These predators are simply looking for someone to separate from the herd. Women have few options but to stay at home and pray!

When public officials sanction the sweeping of the streets and jailing of people for mere words, vicious extremists come out of the woodwork, like the I.A. Strangler, and do their part in the cleanup. Statistics show a huge crackdown on hookers prior to WW II and just before Korea and Vietnam. I hope the rise now doesn't indicate an up and coming explosion of violence against innocent people. It definitely indicates the state of the economy, BAD.

-MsJ

Even the most successful marriage may lose its erotic intensity and not only from the "quilling comforts" of habit, and concern over money and children. Very often it becomes over-fantasied and unfulfilled desires.

For thousands of middle-aged men, they no longer find joyful sex with their aging wives. In fact they could not if they wanted to, because they are psychologically handicapped. As one psychologist puts it, "Man's basic incensural fear prevents him from experiencing deeply passionate, sensual, and joyful sex with a mature and respected woman."

Contemporary men are turning away from the more traditional "games," such as the ones played with secretaries and female employees and now cool their passions with professionals. Many men cannot fake or live up to a machismo stature, are inhibited, shy, unassertive, and thus, go to a woman and pay her for an hour to be sexually uninhibited and aggressive with him. His mood is one of, "Take me, I'm yours, do anything and everything you want to with me!"

Indeed, in these cynical times many secretaries have switched their occupations, and so now get paid for what they used to give in exchange for worthless promises.

Men, (and women), want their sex without any personal obligations or the guilty consciences that so quickly destroy the momentary pleasures received. They also seek to maintain their marriages. (This is in line with the pope's declaration that the marriage must go on even when the love is gone). And why begin a new marriage with the concomitant heavy costs and hurt feelings which also might end in disappointment? Many people are seriously reconsidering monogamy and placing their sexual escapades in the extramarital realm.

In areas of southern Europe "where the erotic customs of antiquity have continued in modified form," marriage is regarded as one thing, love and sex as another, while friendship again is something else.

Why should women and men continue to frustrate themselves and each other with the false expectations of perfect fulfillment? Why should a basically good marriage be dissolved due to lack of passion in the boudoir? Yet this is the natural consequence of basing the substance of marriage on its most impermanent component—the the sexual attraction between two partners.

The ideal of Christian sexual morality will of course always be all-encompassing love. Yet today we are witnessing a return to a pre-Christian realism, in which men and women's dualistic desires are not repressed, but acknowledged as a reality of life. This includes what was formerly termed "immoral conduct," both free and for money.

Women who voluntarily practice prostitution are not accorded the same respect as women in other trades. It is a legitimate, well-paying service that has been in demand since the beginning of time, as we know it. The discrimination against members of the oldest profession by a society based upon the exchange of money for goods and services is completely illogical. This prejudice has absolutely no legal justification. It violates the objectivity of the law. It is now high time to rectify this situation by granting "ladies of the night" their freedom of individual expression, as guaranteed to all in the constitution, in the name of human dignity.

Many will object to equating prostitution with the ideal of human dignity. Yet since their lifestyle has been freely chosen, and the ideal of human dignity expressly guarantees each individual the freedom to express his/her life in one's own way, the present violation of this right to free self-expression can no longer be tolerated.

The basic resistance to decriminalizing prostitution, and the historical source of the discrimination, is the unconscious fear by men that legitimization might lead to a highly evolved form of temple prostitution that would become irresistible to their own wives and daughters.

There is still a deep suspicion of what some 19th century chauvinists termed "the innate whoring nature of women." According to this view it is only the severest contempt of prostitution that holds all "respectable" women back from shedding all their inhibitions and following Messalina's example, from offering their bodies to the muledrivers. Why do you think so many women were burned at the stake? Men have been wonderstruck and frightened of female sexuality from our first day on earth!



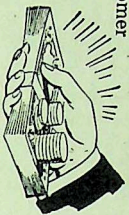
## THE REAL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE MASSAGE BUSINESS

B The Script

### A first-hand opinion

City massage parlors are either Mafia or Madame owned, family style or Oriental, and don't forget the out calls, "We Deliver." Play the mix and match game below: choose one from Column A and B. A doorbell rings:

- A The Cast
- A bounce
  - The "girl" whose turn it is
  - A regular customer
  - No one
  - The Vice
  - A potential customer
  - The owner



- "Hi, would you like a massage?"
  - "Have you been here before?"
  - "Sorry, we're closed."
  - "Yes, who's working tonight?"
  - "How much is it?"
  - "What does that include?"
  - "Can I see the other girls?"
  - "Do you do anything else?"
  - "Do you do nude massage?"
  - "How much is a hard job/blow job/good time?"
  - "Do you do extras?"
  - "Do you accept tips?"
- Yes, tipping is accepted. Honey, tipping is expected. Since accommodating parlors cannot admit to illegal acts, potential customers are often confused and wary. Prices double for

## How To Remember? How To Forget?

I spent nine months working as a prostitute, a call girl; nine months of selling my body for money—renting out my body, vacating my feelings. I made more money than I had ever made in my life, and at first it seemed so easy; no more waitressing, no more factory work; free drinks, fancy clothes, make-up, anything money could buy. A young girl playing the sophisticated woman she'd always dreamed of being. Who gave her those dreams?

I learned fast. I said to myself, "???" "This is what girlfriends do for their men for free: pour their drinks, light their cigarettes, look pretty, make polite and interesting small talk, and fuck. And wives do much more besides, without the glamour, for longer." It was the quickest consciousness razor.

I became a feminist in the broadest sense without ever hearing the word. I remembered my boyfriends—I could find echoes of their actions and attitudes in these men. The same inability to see me as anything other than a body without intelligence, a plaything to be used up and then thrown away. They expected the same service; wielded the same power.

I had a few bad experiences. I was beaten, I was threatened with knives, I was scared and repulsed. I had to pretend to be aroused by old men whose bellies hung down over their shriveled genitals. I had to lick men who smelled, who had decaying teeth. I had to simulate erotic passion with men who held me too tightly, who hurt my nipples, my breasts, my lips, my cunt. I was tucked up the ass till I couldn't walk and bled for three days. I had every venereal disease except syphilis and crabs. And I know I had it easy. I was not hustling out on the streets. I saw other women hooked on money, hooked on heroin, trapped by shame, by anger, by need, by pimps or boyfriends. It was hard to get myself out, even when I knew I couldn't handle it anymore. There are scars.

I could never be close to a man again. I tried, but everywhere I saw the same attitude. When my lover held me I could not believe I was in his arms. I was back in the hotel rooms pretending to enjoy the pain, clenching down on my anger. Either I numbed out so that I could not feel anything, or I would start a fight so as to let out some of my rage, or I would taunt him for loving a whore and abuse myself. I was always watching, always distrustful: my sexual pleasure had been cut off from my emotions; I felt my body had betrayed me by being able to give and feel pleasure in the arms and by the hands and mouths of strangers.

I became celibate. I moved into a house with other women. When I told them I had been a call girl I did not get the leers and speculations I had gotten from men. Even though none had shared my experience exactly, they had all felt an element of prostitution in their relationships with men. They gave me sympathy and support as they could. I spent a lot of time with women, liking their easiness, their softness, our lives and experiences. They helped me start to heal myself. I could cry and be vulnerable and scared with them.

Slowly I defined myself as a lesbian. I thought I had finished with men and the pain they brought; I thought I could start afresh. But still I was haunted by memories; still I could not accept another person's love; still I could not let myself feel sexual without hating myself or my lover afterwards. I went to see a feminist therapist who was familiar with patterns of abuse. Together we started to look at my experiences; what they were, how they hurt; how I got here.

I became clearer and I wanted in some way to reach out to other women who share my experience and ask you:

How do you remember?  
How do you forget?

out call: a customer pays more for convenience, privacy, cab fare, and inconvenience to the masseuse. Out call policy is a polite phone manner in obtaining name, place, room and phone number. Next, call back to verify existence and legitimacy. Phone a cab and, while waiting, cram a bottle of lotion or powder into your purse for appearance's sake.

Present your masseuse license to the front desk of the hotel. Once in the room, collect the \$40. Call back to the parlor to verify collection and safety. Parlor should keep log of out calls so "girl" can be checked on.

It is not a common practice for women to check in at the front desk. Many want to be more discreet, or have no license. Some hotels, like the Fairmont, the Hyatts, and the St. Francis, keep a sharp eye on the lobby, however.

"Girls" are sent on out calls to hotels, motels, and private residences of regular customers. Not many enjoy out calls, never knowing what kind of freak they might encounter.

Prices vary with each masseuse and parlor. A massage can cost anywhere from \$15 to \$60, averaging \$25, with approximately 30% of the fee going to the masseuse via a paycheck. The remainder goes to the owners. Extras

## Pay Now Pay Later

MARGO ST. JAMES

The advantage of a credit card society to the person working in the sexual service business is the same as for everyone else. It promotes impulse buying. The consumer spends more than he (most customers are men) can afford, with time to pay, and the public thinks it is well off because of the booming business.

De-facto legalization of prostitution in the U.S. and Canada occurred in the last decade as cities sold licenses to the parlor owners in an attempt to diminish the numbers of streetwalkers. Now the world's oldest is working within the world's newest! The credit card companies are *not* getting their piece, but the customer is charging his. All in the name of "services" done through a separate, direct billing company that launders the monkey business. Probably for catholic reasons, the B of A, and others, do not honor Adult Entertainment enterprises. This creates the opportunity for a mid-person, who usually takes 10% (added at the customer's end) to provide the sales number for the unestablished.

Communities have begun to feel the effect of the customers heading for the streets again to avoid the inflated costs of getting off with out-call, escort ser-

range from free to \$200, averaging \$40. Money received as an "extra" is regarded as a tip, totally the masseuse's, unless the "Mafia" is involved for 40%. Most women owners continue working on regular, rich, or cute customers, averaging a 40% cut.

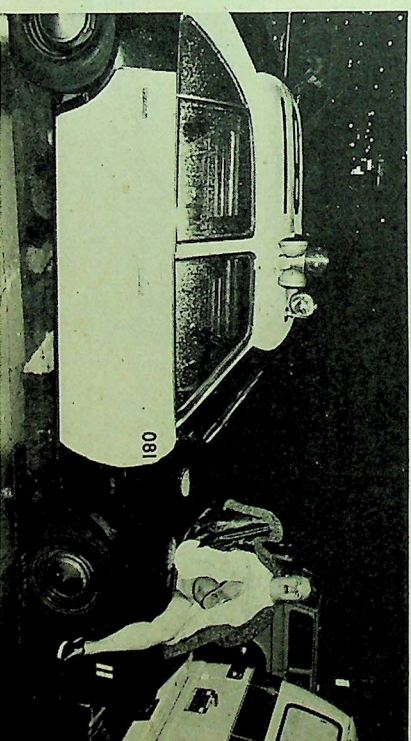
Credit cards are accepted while cash is preferred, as 40% is sometimes confiscated from a tip when it isn't in cash. The women take turns, and, although a customer can make a choice, the "girl" can't refuse, even though she ends up giving a straight massage. Vice must always be looked for, but don't expect any help from the other cops if some braze creep robs or rapes a working woman.

Most customers don't want the message they pay for, consequently straight parlors are hard to find. One clue is less extravagant advertising. The major straight place in San Francisco is Kabuki Hot Springs. Other kinds might read "For Men Only," or have a name like Boccaccio, which means big mouth, in Italian. In-studio massage is only a massage, while out calls are another ball game. Money is made in such establishments on sales commission: "Oh, no, I don't do that, but try X, she does."

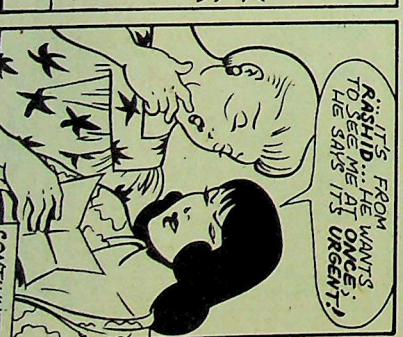
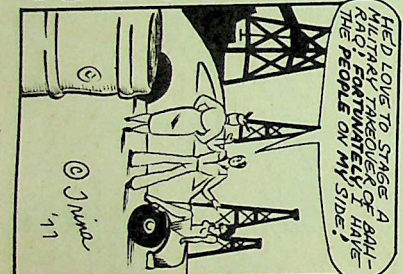
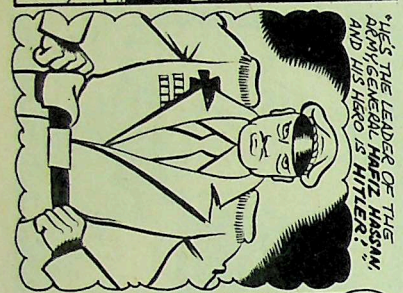
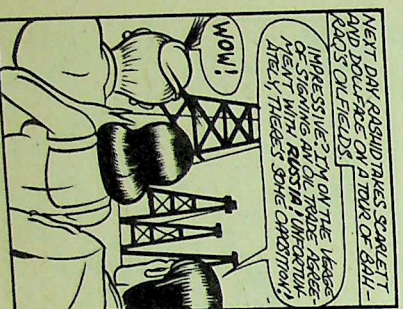
A practicing masseuse  
San Francisco, 1978

closure of the parlors, which will put the women back on the streets! Now is the ideal time for independent women to take on the direct billing company as a partner and eliminate the overhead and parlor pimps. It could mean drastic reductions to the consumer, plus reduced risks to workers from hipoffs, rapes, and exploitation.

Display advertising of pornography has been curtailed in many major newspapers, and more is on the way. But discreet advertising is still in the dailies, under Personals, Introductions, and Massage. The added attraction of being able to "charge it" has done wonders for the occupation, but unless it is decriminalized, it will be controlled by organized crime. Total decrim could lead to collectives and cooperatives of hookers doing their own billing and collections without the mid-persons. But will the puritanical, sexist power structure of this democracy allow it?



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"We need programs which address the economic needs of young women—not a process which plops them into the criminal class of prostitution and assures the male population permanent sexual access. The business, as currently structured, supports the illusion of men's uncontrollable biological needs. It's just not true! They can control themselves just as well as women."  
—Margot St. James—1977

## MACHISMO

Excerpted from a conversation with Carlos Fuentes, reprinted from *Johns Hopkins Magazine*, September 1976.

*What about the way in which women cooperate with machismo, for example, Elizabeth in A CHANGE OF SKINS?*

Fuentes: Well that is Elizabeth adapting herself to the demands of Mexican society, obviously, where, in effect, the wife and the mother employ their apparent weakness to be the stronger of the pair, but exercising their force very much behind the scenes. Let the man have the stage, let him prance, let him be the peacock, but behind the scenes they are really moving everything. They are the roots and the man is the flower. In a way, no? So they do cooperate, and this is especially, especially evident in the relationship between the mother and the son, which is not very difficult to understand: it happens with the Italian-mama, with the Jewish mama. They bank on sentimentality and a series of resources so as to eliminate the man through weakness, and to collaborate, as you say, to cooperate so that in the public image he is the master, but, domestically, they are the masters, the women.

*And when Elizabeth says that, underneath, the macho Mexican is a homosexual?*

Fuentes: I think there is a latent homosexuality in machismo, very definitely. Men in Mexico tend to get together, even in the reunions of the upper bourgeoisie you always see this strict division between men and women. The men are always together; the women are set apart. If you go to a construction site in Mexico it is quite interesting to observe the workers on their lunch hour when they break. They have definitely homosexual attitudes towards one another. They caress each other's buttocks, they pinch their navels, they pat their faces. I've also seen the same thing in Italy where the men and the women are kept apart at parties, where the men tend to gaze at themselves in the mirror constantly, to admire themselves, to touch their lapels, their ties, each other, to sort of be in love with each other. Yes, there is this thing in machismo that you really can only confide in a man, because a man doesn't break. You can tell your sorrows to him, you can get drunk with him, you can talk about women with him—against women basically. There is this sort of sectarian attitude of the males against the women, but very much in my country, as I've said before, inspired, I think, by a terror of women, a terror of the secret powers of women. (italics added).



## The whore's handbook

or what to do if your pimp gets out of line

The following is a typology of pimping strategies excerpted from a soon-to-be-published book which will also include counter-strategies for women. They are briefly defined so the similarity of the pimp's role and other male roles becomes apparent even to the most naive reader. Overlapping is a consequence of their all being a variant on a theme: domination.

|             |          |
|-------------|----------|
| Pimps       | Whores   |
| Employer    | Employee |
| Government  | Citizen  |
| Bureaucracy | Worker   |

**Pimp Mystique:** This is achieved by impressing women with his outstanding individual characteristics, social attributes or material gains. It insures his needs taking precedent over hers, thereby reinforcing her secondary status.

**Selective Affect (through stroking):** He compliments her on a socially valued characteristic such as beauty or style. In order for her to maintain the illusion of his flattery, she accepts his chosen reality, values and attitudes (identity conversion could be the next step.)

**Illusions of Expectations:** He creates the illusion his present expectations will not constitute a normal state of affairs. She defines and rationalizes his expectations so they are not costly. This allows her to participate in activities previously considered negative.

**Identity Conversion:** He degrades her present values, attitudes and goals and praises a new set of beliefs. She thus assumes his identity which insures her dependence on him.

**Degradation Rituals:** He strips away her self-concept and offers an alternative set of criteria to validate her self-worth. His self-esteem becomes more important in her eyes than her own self-worth.

**Denial of Love:** He withholds affection or attention in order to increase her desire. She often views him as being of higher value than other men as a result of this ploy.

**Redefinition of Love:** He defines love so she will strive to meet his definition, thereby behaving in such a way as to maintain the illusion of their love-type relationship.

**Discounting:** He assumes a one-up position by criticizing her behavior on the basis of her sex, age, behavior, appearance, etc. If she is unable to counteract the discounts, she assumes

the one-down position and attributes undue respect to the discount.

**Establishment of Social Barriers:** He places limits on the range and type of her interactions. Control of her social environment is necessary for her dependency and commitment to their relationship.

**Manipulation of Wealth and Possessions:** He controls the possessions to the point where her mobility is curtailed sufficiently to prevent her from leaving him.

**Sequencing of Gratification:** He seduces her with promises of the future. Gratification is defined in the future and generally in terms of romantic, unrealistic fantasies. Dissatisfaction with the here and now is displaced by these future expectations.

**Feinting:** The providing of contradictory information makes it impossible for the woman to pinpoint the responsibility on the man. This usually results in a need for her to blame herself for his mistakes.

**Denial of Responsibility:** He refuses to take responsibility for the behavior that he initially suggested. By accepting responsibility for her own actions, she assumes her secondary position in respect to him. Even though he coerces her to maintain a particular behavior, he degrades her for that same behavior. (Such as jealousy.)

**Cross-Cross:** He successfully manipulates two women so they compete vigorously for his approval.

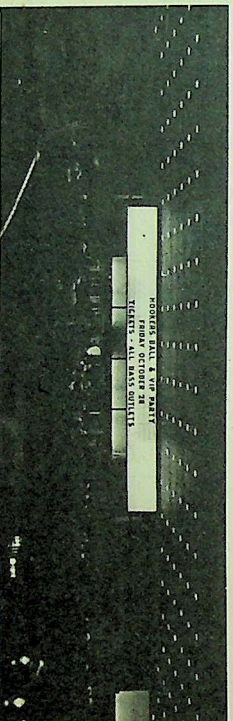
**Maintenance of Discipline:** She must follow a rigid set of rules and regulations in order to obtain his approval. She finds her behavior is always dependent on his demands and reactions.

**Manipulation of Assault Threats:** He constructs a reality so his threats of violence are interpreted to mean endorsement. The threat of physical violence becomes insurance he will seek means to re-establish their love relationship.

**Staged Performances:** He solicits others to create an artificial situation resulting in his regaining or obtaining power over her. This insures her dependency because most staged performances place her in a situation where she can define him as the rescuer.

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Editor's note: The worst possible pimp is one who doesn't admit to being one.



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## ABUSED WOMEN

by Malissa Burnette

In our recent past the law made every woman the property of her husband, a chattel, an object to be owned. Today a husband's corporal punishment rights over his wife are not codified into statutes, but they stubbornly survive in the minds and attitudes of many in our society.

According to the FBI Uniform Crime Reports, well over one million women nationwide are battered. Police attitudes vary from town to town, but there seems to be a lack of concern, generally, and an unwillingness to take the situation seriously. Some women who call the police are simply told to "come by in the morning and fill out a form."

Interestingly, about one-half of all attacks are made on wives who are pregnant. Young children in the family frequently become victims of severe beatings and then grow up to become wife beaters and child abusers themselves. The violence goes from one generation to the next. It becomes the norm.

Psychologists and sociologists have determined that the violent husband is the product of a sexist society, one who has bought the society's definition of masculinity. Anthropologists know that antagonism between the sexes is always higher among cultures which force males and females to live separate and different life roles. In such cultures, men are pressured to prove their sexual identity by acts of daring and competition that set them apart from women.

One sociologist says, "We still believe that the man ought to be head of the house, that he ought to be always in command and totally sure of himself, easily able to provide for his family, a constant source of strength for wife and children. This might not be a problem if in fact all men were smarter, better educated and more competent than their wives. But this is obviously far from the truth. There are few men able to live up to this idealized picture of what a man ought to be. If he is emotionally confused and defensive over his inability to do so, he may well try to make up for his lack of psychological supremacy by a crude physical supremacy."

Males are conditioned toward violent action rather than conciliation and exploration of alternatives; they have not been taught to recognize and deal with their emotions. When the bursting point arrives, a man cannot afford to explode at the office so he attacks his wife. Simultaneously, little girls are taught that they will be judged by their looks, not their competence. They quickly learn that it is safer and more rewarding to be dependent and protected. They end up with no strong self-image. In short, they are conditioned to be victims.

The economic trap makes abused women reluctant to follow through on the prosecution of their husbands whenever they have been lucky enough to receive any law enforcement intervention.

Wife abuse exists in all classes of society and at every economic level. To the middle and upper class woman, the beating may seem like more of a shame than a crime. She has never heard of it happening to her peers and may believe she is alone in her plight. She has been taught by a sexist society that if she fails in marriage she fails as a woman; she feels responsible for the stability of the union and for the happiness of her husband. Her family, if they know about the abuse, holds the same attitudes as she does, and typically will urge her to go back and



try to make the marriage work. They offer little support or shelter.

Threats of death are frequent deterrents to a woman's attempt to call for aid. Husbands use forcible intercourse as part of their brutal repertoire. In most states there is no such thing as rape between husband and wife. The law is silent in such a case and reinforces the concept that a husband has full rights to his wife's body on command. In South Carolina, as in many other states, this is true even when the parties are separated while awaiting divorce.

One solution may be exemplified by an effort in New York to make the police and courts accountable to the judicial system itself. A suit is now in progress that asserts married women's constitutional rights have been denied to them by the officials' refusal to assist them.

Court action and refuge houses, although desperately needed, are stop-gap measures. The real solution to marital violence lies in the evolution of our society to one in which every child, whether male or female, will have the opportunity for personal growth unrestricted by arbitrary societal sex roles. Only then will individuals shed the need to subjugate another individual in order to feel important.

## BLUES

Songs of the depression when many women were on the road, like *'Boxcar Annie'* (If you can find the book it is worth reading).

"Oh, do you want me to love you?  
You keep holding me back!  
Why you must think this Mama's  
got rubber in her back!"  
*Lil Johnson, 1937*

"If you don't shake,  
you don't get no cake.  
If you don't hum  
I'm gonna give you none.  
Now you can't ride honey,  
you can't ride this train.

I'm the Chief Engineer,  
I'm gonna run it like Staviv Chain.  
I ask you in the morning  
to treat me right,  
You put me off  
tell me wait 'til night.  
Now you can't ride, honey,  
you can't ride this train.  
I'm the chief engineer,  
I'm gonna ride it like Staviv Chain.  
Get yourself another stable,  
gonna pack my bags,  
I got myself another jockey,  
get yourself another mare!  
Now you can't ride, honey,  
you can't ride this train.  
I'm the chief engineer,  
gonna ride it like Staviv Chain.  
Staviv Chain was a man of might,  
he save his money so's he could  
ride all night! Grind baby, grind!  
I passed your house last night  
bout half past four  
Saw another woman coming  
out your door!  
Honey, you can't ride this train,  
I'm the chief engineer,  
Gonna ride it like Staviv Chain!"  
*Lil Johnson, 1937*

Women Against Violence - Against Women (WAVAW) scored a major victory recently when a New York judge ordered an obscenity trial for the film "Snuff."

The film shows the rape, torture and death of a woman who is said to have been actually murdered in order to film the sequence.

New York County Court Judge Louis Scheinman reversed the 1976 dismissal of charges brought by WAVAW against theater owner Richard Dames, who screened the film in March, 1976. Scheinman said in his decision that the action of the lower court had been an "abuse of discretion."

The film has been widely distributed, despite protests from women's organizations around the country. WAVAW, which has been organizing a nationwide boycott against albums which depict violence against women on their covers, hired a special prosecutor after District Attorney Emanuel Gellman refused to prosecute Dames.

Dames' lawyer plans to appeal the recent decision.—*HER SAYS*

## WELFARE WRONG WAY

The substitute welfare resolution which was overwhelmingly passed in Houston states:

The elimination of poverty must be a priority for all those working for Equal Rights for Women.

We support increased federal funding for income transfer programs (e.g. Social Security, SSI, AFDC). Congress should approve a federal floor under payments to provide an adequate standard of living based on each state's cost of living. And just as with other workers, homemakers receiving payments should be afforded the dignity of having that payment called a wage, not welfare.

We oppose the Carter administration proposal for welfare reform (HR 9030), which among other things eliminates food stamps, CETA training and CETA jobs paying more than minimum wage, adequate daycare and introduces "workfare," where welfare mothers would be forced to "work off" their grants, which is work without a wage, without fringe benefits or bargaining rights, and without dignity.

We strongly support a welfare reform program developed from ongoing consultation with persons who will be impacted.

The term "welfare" has been used to degrade homemakers who receive payments from the government, but women on welfare, like all other homemakers, are entitled to having payments called a wage—like the salaries of other workers.

The Carter Administration's Proposal for Better Jobs and Income (H.R. 9030) discriminates against poor people, demeans mothers of small children, forces recipients into slave labor and drives the spending power of poor women lower than it is now.

Beulah Sanders  
(212) 724-6812  
Former President,  
National Welfare Rights  
Organization

Payday, as a group of men, wishes particularly to go on record in support of the Wages for Housework Campaign and against Carter's Welfare 'Retorm' (HR 9030). We endorse the demand that just as other workers, homemakers receiving payments should be afforded the dignity of having that payment called a wage."

An increase in welfare always results in increasing the minimum wage, expanding the list of job categories covered by it and increasing wages everywhere," says Sam Weinstein of Payday, an international group of men organizing against all unpaid work.

PAYDAY  
Spokesman: Sam Weinstein  
(213) 662-0426

(untitled)

for you women working  
for working in house in factory  
in bed in secretary pool in street  
for tired feet  
for tired hands and smiles and listening  
(forever)  
for aching alone  
for wanting more than  
for working women,  
forever working and wanting free  
know  
you  
are  
not  
alone

(talken street blues)

Cat was long ago a mother  
was she  
uplight lady in high heel boots  
and skin pants;  
Marney on the corner watched her walking  
wanted those bulging thighs.  
Cat was long ago a mother  
cut low down she was  
a knife in the middle  
and bend down  
and over;  
mother she was a sweet woman

but those light bulging thighs were tempting  
and some two bit punk wanted to spread.

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## SHELTERS

*Aquarius House*, 1222 2nd Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94122, 664-9888. Maximum stay: 30 days; will take women with children; will take any woman; counseling available.

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*Raphael House*, 712 Gough Street, San Francisco, CA 94109, 474-4621. Three-night limit for women with children; no fees.

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San Francisco: 431-1414  
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San Jose: (408) 287-4322  
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### Rape:

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Advocates for Women (Non-Traditional Employment): 391-4870  
Displaced Homemakers Center (Job Creation for Women 35+/Free!): 632-4600  
New Ways to Work (Job Sharing): 653-1017  
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Women Organized for Employment (WOE): 982-8963

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Women's Litigation Unit: 626-3819  
Women's Prison Coalition: 626-3632

### Gay:

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Gay Events Tape: 771-7979  
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Save Our Human Rights: 621-5208  
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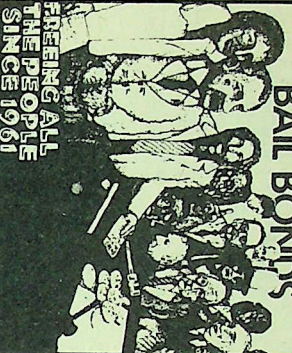


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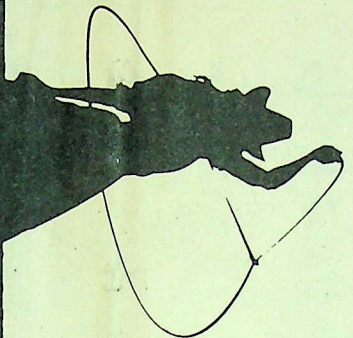
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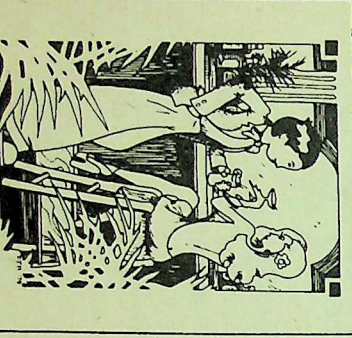
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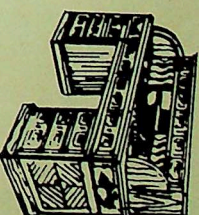
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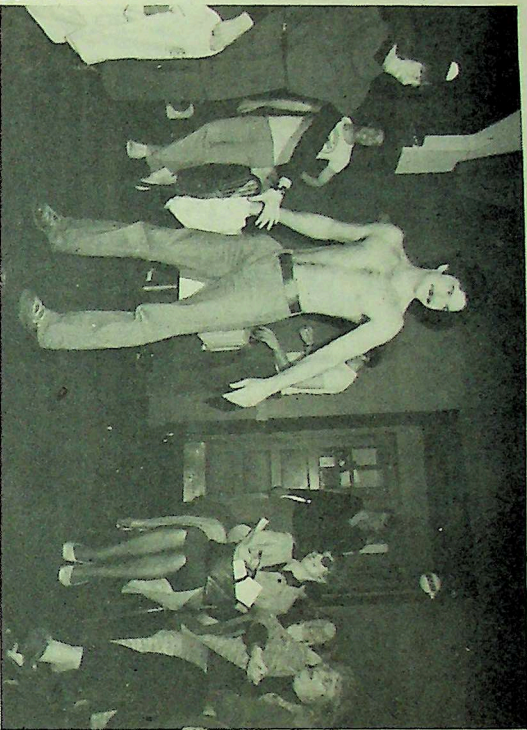
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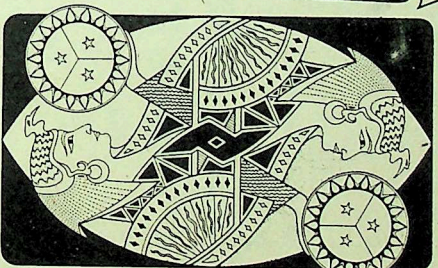
The financial report-breakdown of the Hooker's Ball will be published next issue. Let it suffice to say we netted \$29,000 at the '77 Ball in Civic Center and it was all gone by February as usual. This year's event will be in the COW PALACE, October 20th. Tickets available the 1st of March through BASS exclusively. The higher priced cocktail party for VIPs will be held at a downtown hotel prior to the Ball with transportation provided to the COW Palace.



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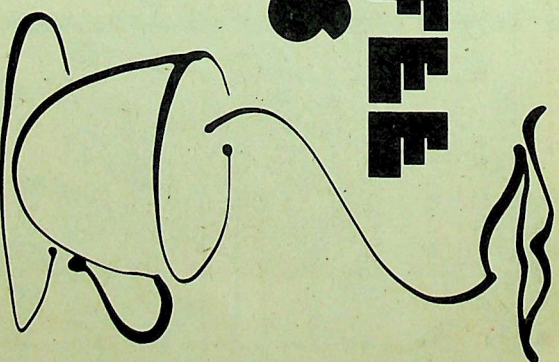
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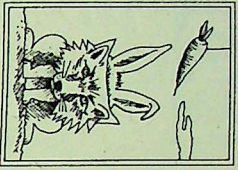
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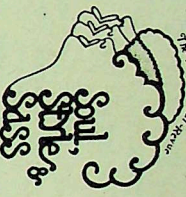
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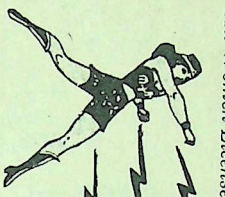


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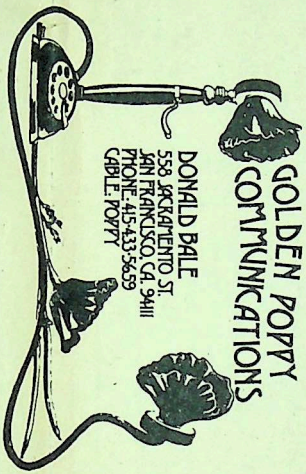


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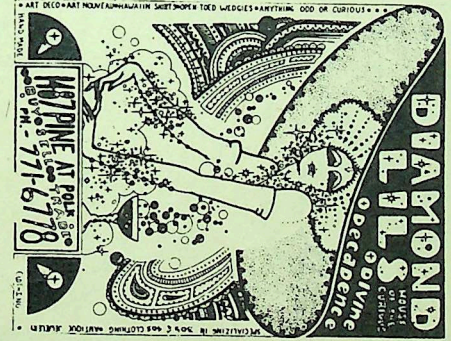
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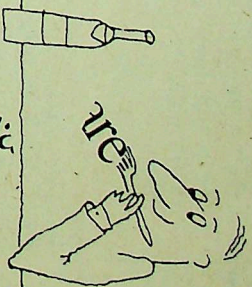


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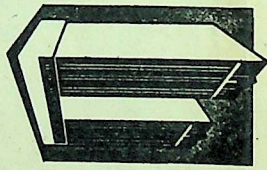
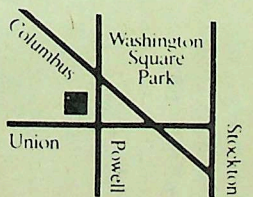


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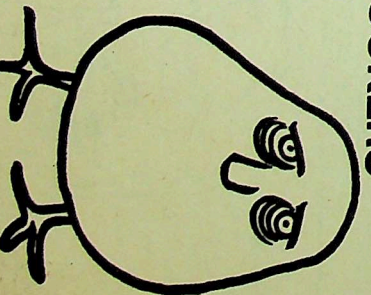


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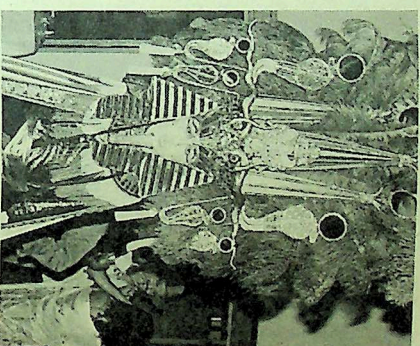
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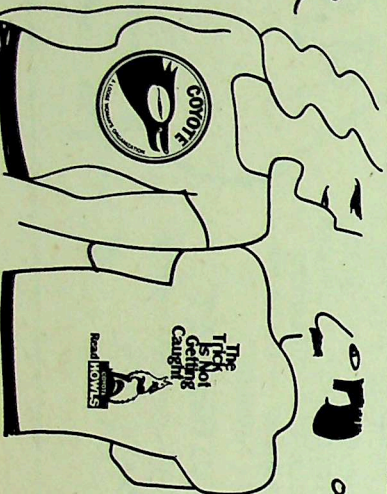
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