very different milieu than part-time work."

"A working wife," they observed, "encounters a wider variety of men than a housewife and may increase her chances of finding an alternate mate. Entering the labor market also gives a wife another source of gratification, making her less dependent upon her marriage for happiness."

Traditionally, wedding vows were expected to survive "for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health." The tougher contemporary test turns out to be a wife's full time employment.

Top drug enforcement agency out of money?

One of the nation's top drug enforcement agencies is presently unable to carry out its duties because of a lack of funds. In June of this year, due to underfunding, the U. S. Coast Guard had approximately 41 percent of its vessels tied up in ports, unable to execute drug enforcement patrols.

Last February, the Coast Guard Mallow's crew made the largest drug bust ever in Honolulu. Some $12 million in marijuana was seized. "Smuggler's Blues" blared from the Mallow's loud speakers.

In sharp contrast, today many Coast Guard loud speakers are silenced in port while the drug smugglers sing their own songs. Concerned citizens should write U. S. Senators at Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510; and Congressmen at House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20510.

TV hurts reading ability

A new two-year study of 326 Kansas families has concluded that children, ages three to five, who watch lots of entertainment TV learn to read later and read less than those who watch informative programs.

The study started when the children were either three or five years old and found that TV influences children's reading habits and skills.

University of Kansas psychologist Rosemarie Truglio said, "Kids are not couch potatoes when they watch. They are very attentive, and all TV is not bad for them. The key questions are how much they watch and the types of shows (they watch).

"The more time they're spending with TV, the less they have to read. And compared to watching TV, reading is hard. If they don't take time to practice, books are not going to be very appealing to them."

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Drunk drivers are treated gently

One of this nation's most controversial social and safety issues is the pervasive problem of drinking while intoxicated. Each state has its own mix of penalties and fines to deal with the drunk driver and some are tougher than others. It might surprise some to know that America is really pretty soft in its handling of the drunk driving problem.

In Finland, drunk drivers who are apprehended face an automatic one-year sentence in hard labor. In Turkey, drunk drivers are driven 20 miles out of town and forced to walk back. In France, drunk drivers get one year in jail, a $1,000 fine and a mandatory three-year license suspension.

In Australia, the names of drunk drivers are published in the local newspapers under: "Drunk and in jail." In Russia, a drunk driver's license is revoked for life. In Bulgaria, a second conviction carries the penalty of death. In El Salvador, the first offense brings execution by firing squad.

Big Sisters to accept lesbians

The Big Sisters group of Colorado recently decided to accept homosexual women in their mentoring program, after being knocked earlier for not allowing them to participate in the program.

A spokeswoman for the organization confirmed to "Colorado WOMAN News" that at a recent Board of Directors' meeting, "the exclusionary policy has been reversed, bringing us into the 21st century."

"Colorado WOMAN News" asked readers in the June issue for their opinions. The response has been 74% for allowing homosexual women to be Big Sisters and 26% against.

Sexual offenders getting younger

Angry elementary school parents recently jammed a Miami Beach principal's office after learning that three fifth graders were arrested for sexually assaulting other boys in the school bathroom.

The incidents took place within a four month period of time, and involved up to nine victims, who in some cases were forced into oral sex.

The three suspects—ages 10, 11 and 12 were arrested Wednesday and charged with one count each of sexual battery. Other students were being interviewed to determine if there were other victims.

Miami Beach police Sergeant James Mazer said, "We get victims as young as three months, but I don't remember ever hearing of such young offenders."

School Principal Paulette Martin announced that the three boys—one of whom was allegedly involved in a previous unrelated battery case—were suspended.

Spencers Underwear not an MCA company

One of the subsidiaries of MCA/Universal, and thus a target for boycott by many, is Spencer's Gift shops. AFA wishes to clarify that Spencers, Inc. of Mt. Airy, North Carolina is not a part of the MCA/Universal organization.

According to President Jim Crossingham, Spencers, Inc., whose product is underwear, has never been affiliated with Spencer's Gifts. AFA urges readers to make note of this fact and help protect the reputation of Spencers, Inc.

Letter from friend of suicide victim shares grief

AFA recently received a letter from a friend of a suicide victim who had been listening to the song "Suicide Solution" by heavy metal rock star Ozzy Osborne shortly before her death. The letter read:

"Your radio program on July 5, 1988 really hit home, (especially) the part about the boy who committed suicide and was a fan of Ozzy Osborne and his song 'Suicide Solution'. Three months ago I lost a very close friend to suicide. She was only 16 years old. I am a Christian and I have been very concerned and have been praying for several of my friends to receive Christ this year. Monica was the one I prayed for and loved the most and she ended her life by shooting herself in the head. She was open to some of the things that I said about the Lord but she felt that she wasn't ready to receive Christ yet. She had an awful home life and had been through a lot of horrible circumstances.

"Before she died she told me about how much she loved Ozzy Osborne's song 'Suicide Solution.' I'm not saying she killed herself just because of his song but she was looking for answers and he was offering suicide—which to her seemed best. I shared the Lord with her in my life actions and in what I said but I won't know if she accepted the Lord before she died until I get to heaven. Meanwhile I have to deal with the horrible fact that she might be in hell.

"I want to write Ozzy Osborne a letter but I don't know exactly what to say because I know he's already had thousands of other letters just like it. I've come to the conclusion that he (Ozzy Osborne) **must know** what kind of effect his music has on us as teenagers and so the only conclusion is that he simply must not care about our lives.

"Monica's dad gave me her tapes and I listened to Ozzy's song and then destroyed the tape. I listened to it so I would have valid proof that my suspicions were true—that he was telling us that the answer to our problems was suicide.

"I guess it comes down to the fact that Satan speaks through his servants just like the Holy Spirit speaks through us. Monica told me once that demons were telling her to kill herself. She was right!

"Thanks so much for your ministry! In Christ, Dionne Summy, Racine, Wisconsin."

GM, Pepsi in rerun, ABC promo boasts 'families finish last'

"Tonight, join the world of HOLLYWOOD WIVES, a world where no one says no, where success is everything and betrayal comes easy, where families finish last, a world where...some will pay any price" boasted the 1985 lead-in to part three of this anti-family miniseries.

Indeed, the family does lose in HOLLYWOOD WIVES, which ABC reran August 7 and 8. The Robert L. Cullough teleplay was produced by Howard W. Koch. While adultery, alcohol and drugs, and the anti-family slant dominate, the plot also includes plenty of profanity and a smattering of homosexuality, revenge, murder, prostitution, blackmail, kleptomania, child-selling, jealousy, and backbiting.

To dismantle the family, HOLLYWOOD WIVES uses several plot devices. The once stable marriage of Director Neil Gray and his wife Montana quickly deteriorates when he begins an affair with a former prostitute turned porn star who films one of their sessions to blackmail Neil. Aging actor Ross Conti and wife Elaine are portrayed as a typical Hollywood couple. She claims to believe that they are faithful to one another, yet Ross is anything but faithful. She suffers emotional problems and she is arrested for theft.

Retired actor George Lancaster is cursed by his daughter Karen, who initiates an affair with Ross Conti and goes out of her way to embarrass her father in public. Elaine Conti and Karen are the closest of friends.

Powerful Hollywood agent Sadie LaSalle is shocked to learn her twin sons born in 1958 are alive. (She says she was told they were stillborn.) One of them, bought by a Philadelphia couple, discovers he was "adopted," attacks his parents, murders a preacher and steals his car, murders the woman who sold him, and goes to Sadie's intending to murder her.

So much for adultery and strong family relationships.

Alcohol is portrayed as a panacea—the magic cure-all for whatever ails one. Elaine discovers Ross's affair—she takes a drink. Gina uses alcohol to seduce Neil, knowing he is a reformed alcoholic. Neil learns his producer sleeps with Gina—he takes a drink. Elaine throws Ross out of the house—she takes a drink. Neil doesn't show up at a party—Montana gets drunk. Alcohol will help cure whatever problem one has. The viewer can't mistake that fact.

HOLLYWOOD WIVES hardly leaves any base untouched:

Homosexuality? Koko the hairdresser loans Angel his dress for a fancy party. "I have gowns I haven't even worn yet," the effeminate man quips.

Revenge? Agent Sadie LaSalle is obsessed with "getting back" at Ross Conti, former lover and former client of hers.

Prostitution? Actor Buddy Hudson is a former prostitute. Starlet Gina Germaine, also an ex-hooker, characterizes the whole of Hollywood that way: "You can call it building a career, paying your dues, or making the right move, but this business is nothing more than prostitution."

Blackmail? Karen's father hires a private detective only to discover her affair with Ross. The detective tries to blackmail Conti with photos he has. Gina blackmails Neil Gray with films of their illicit rendezvous.

HOLLYWOOD WIVES presents the wealthy Hollywood role models as if their humanistic, hedonistic self-destructive lifestyle is the norm for today's "enlightened" society. They are the epitome of success.

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Ads by Heinz, RJR Nabisco: ABC psychiatrist, in his 40's, falls in love with 16-year-old patient

Profanity and child-adult sex are major elements in the July 28 ABC HOTHOUSE episode. Producer Joseph B. Wallenstein and writer Nina Shengold created the trashy hour of prime-time. The series debuted, and continues, with the focus on the perverted and illicit sex lives of the main characters, a group of doctors, nurses, psychiatrists, etc. Profanity continues a mainstay of the series, with someone cursing about every three minutes of story time.

In this episode, 16-year-old Nancy's parents bring her to the clinic for treatment because she has run away from home several times. In her latest escapade, she had been found having sex in a motel room with six truck drivers.

She tells Art, her psychiatrist, she likes him and could be "very nice" to him—with clear sexual implication. Because she reminds him of Polly, the girl he loved from afar in high school, Art "falls in love" with the child and tells a fellow shrink that he is going to marry her. Art tells his friend he has fantasized about Polly every night for 24 years, and now that he has the opportunity to bed down a Polly look-alike, he's not going to let it go by.

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Colgate, American Home on movie—businessmen all keep mistresses

The tired theme of wealthy businessmen who keep mistresses in expensive penthouses was the focus of HIS MISTRESS, NBC's August 1 movie rerun. Hunt Lowry produced and Beth Sullivan wrote the accolade to adultery.

In the movie, Alan Beck, noted civic servant and devoted husband and dad, has never cheated on his wife—until he meets Ann, a rising young executive. They "fall in love"—after having casual sex during one of their first meetings.

"I wouldn't confuse sex with love," advises a friend who himself always has a mistress. He suggests Alan put Ann in a place where they can have sex when he wishes. Alan takes the advice, moving her to a lavish penthouse in a building with many other mistresses. Ann rationalizes that she is "different"—she **loves** Alan, the arrangement is temporary, and he will soon leave his family for her.

The movie's many skin scenes are all adulterous. No sex is even hinted at between man and wife. Their parties reveal that they all lead double lives—a mistress in the condo is an accepted lifestyle. And only the mistresses suffer. Each man keeps a mistress until he tires of her, then dumps her and secures a new one. All the while, he maintains his family in a "respectable" manner.

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