Sobering alcohol statistics released

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism reports:

• 15.1 million in the USA are either alcoholics or alcohol abusers.

• 107,800 deaths yearly are attributed to alcohol. The total includes 18,704 directly attributed to alcohol, such as cirrhosis of the liver; 40,657 from indirect causes, such as certain types of cancers; 48,439 from injuries including car accidents and falls.

• Estimated costs to the U.S. economy from alcoholism: $70.3 billion in 1985; $85.9 billion in 1988. Figures include factors such as business days lost, premature deaths, health cost.

And according to *The Recovery Resource Book* by Barbara Yoder (Simon & Schuster, $12.95), alcohol contributes to:

• 83% of fire deaths.
• 72% of aggravated assaults.
• 70% of sexual abuse, including rape and incest.
• 69% of drownings.
• 60% of deaths and injuries from falls.
• 54% of violent crimes.
• 50% of murders.
• 50% of fatal car accidents.
• 50% of spouse abuse.
• 40% of child-abuse deaths.

USA Today, 3/21/92

Police look on while pro-lifer beaten

In Buffalo, "clinic defenders" physically assaulted a minister who stood reading his Bible in silent protest. Police, present to prevent such incidents and preserve the peace, simply looked on while the beating took place and made no arrests.

National Review, 5/11/92

Help for homosexuals

Homosexuals desiring to leave their lifestyle can find help from a compassionate organization. Exodus International (P.O. Box 2121, San Rafael, CA 94912) is one of many groups helping homosexuals. For more information, call 415-454-1017.

Pro-choice pop star needs lesson in national landmarks

Pop star Cyndi Lauper could use a little help when it comes to national landmarks. On the bus traveling to the huge pro-choice march in Washington, Lauper grabbed the microphone and turned spontaneous tour guide. "That is the White House," she reportedly told the enthralled riders. "I know it from the postcards."

Unfortunately, the building to which she was pointing at the time was the Capitol.

Associated Press, 4/9/92

ABC misled viewers in report on evangelist

In its report on evangelist Larry Lea, ABC-TV's PRIME TIME LIVE excluded important facts relating to specific charges against Larry Lea Ministries, and ABC journalists used misleading tactics to secure an interview with Lea, according to a report released by EFICOM, the Ethics and Financial Integrity Commission of the National Religious Broadcasters. An EFICOM committee recently completed a review of all questions raised by ABC about Lea, and the panel announced that Lea's Tulsa, Oklahoma, based organization is in compliance with EFICOM standards.

ABC accused Lea of making claims that he and his family were destitute after a fire destroyed their Tulsa home. PRIME TIME's Diane Sawyer also alleged that Lea mislead donors by asking for funds to establish a church in Poland that already existed. The EFICOM panel, however, said Lea never asked for money in connection with the fire, nor did he violate EFICOM rules when he raised funds for the Polish church. All funds donated for Poland were placed in a separate non-operating account and were earmarked for future ministry there, the EFICOM statement said.

It also noted that ABC representatives told Lea they wanted to interview him because they "were preparing a story on how younger, emerging evangelists compare to leaders of older ministries."

Because of the report, Lea must pay off a $1 million deficit before he can resume his crusade routine. He canceled his broadcasts, made staff cuts, and reportedly lost two-thirds of his ministry revenue after the PRIME TIME telecast.

It is not known whether PRIME TIME plans to do an expose' on the National Organization of Women, Planned Parenthood or the radical homosexual organizations ACT-UP or Queer Nation.

National & Inter. Religion Report, 4/20/92

22-year study links TV, violent behavior

Youngsters who watch excessive amounts of television violence tend to engage in more violent behavior and criminal activity as adults, a University of Illinois at Chicago study has found.

A 22-year study of 875 8-year-olds from a semi-rural New York county showed that by age 30 those who had watched more television violence at 8 were convicted of more serious crimes, said psychologist Leonard Eron.

They were also more aggressive under the influence of alcohol and punished their children more harshly, said Eron, who heads the American Psychological Association's commission on Violence and Youth.

The findings support earlier results, which showed that boys who were low in aggressive behavior at 8 but who watched more television violence became more aggressive at 19 than boys who originally were highly aggressive but watched less television violence. A more recent three-year study of suburban Chicago youths showed the same effect of TV violence, he said.

"Television violence affects youngsters of all ages, of both genders, at all socioeconomic levels and all levels of intelligence, and the effect is not limited to children who are already disposed to being aggressive and is not restricted to this country," Eron said.

Chicago Tribune, 4/19/92

Former centerfold's husband murdered

Who buys *Playboy* magazine? Ask Stacy Arthur, a *Playboy* centerfold who appeared on a recent television talk program. She knows, but she wishes she didn't. She wishes she could go back in time.

She and her husband made the decision together that she would pose nude as a *Playboy* centerfold because they liked the idea that *Playboy* is viewed as a "classy" magazine with intellectually oriented authors. As a centerfold, Stacy also had the "privilege" of a 900 phone number which was advertised in *Playboy* so fans could personally talk with her.

One of her regular callers became so obsessed with her he traveled from California to her small Ohio town. When he arrived, he murdered Stacy's husband. That isn't all. According to Stacy, she was also raped at the Playboy mansion just three weeks before her husband was murdered.

Stacy's life changed dramatically as a result of appearing in *Playboy*. What she throught seemed harmless became deadly. When Stacy signed on with *Playboy*, she didn't understand the destructive effects of pornography or the consequences of her decision. Neither do most of the people we educate. Certainly the children don't.

Protect the Children Resource Center, 2/26/92

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Honda, Penney ads bring blasphemous prayer

NBC's April 25 episode of GOLDEN GIRLS, the show's bed-hopping Blanche turns to prayer—as a means of bargaining with God. In past episodes she has boasted of having had sex with nearly 150 men. Her mockery of prayer is a blatant slap at the Christian faith. The episode is written by Gail Parent and produced by Nina Feinberg.

When Blanche's friend Rose is hospitalized after a heart attack, the promiscuous woman turns pious:

"Dear God, I know it's been an awful long time since I did this, and I'm sorry. You have given me a lot to be thankful for—my wonderful children, my health, a beautiful body, legs to die for (Insert laugh track), a face that is stunningly sexy and yet has the innocence of a child with luscious lips....

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"I do have a favor to ask. Could you please spare my friend Rose....? If you can just let her live, I promise I'll try to be a better person. And if, in your infinite wisdom, you decide to start the aging process on me (Laugh track), I will understand. And I promise, I will not have sex with anyone—unless they really, **really** need it! Amen!"

Later, when Blanche's daughter and granddaughter Sara come to visit, she tells them of her coming "to religion."

The daughter detests organized religion and doesn't "want Sara's head filled with ideas about a god who may or may not exist."

"Of course He exists!" retorts Blanche. "God created man and gave him a heart and a mind and thighs that could crack walnuts!"

Sara's response to granny's new "religion"—"I miss sexy grandma!"

"I'm sure a **lot** of people do, darlin'!" remarks her mom, with clear sexual innuendo.

Top advertisers were: Pres. Koichi Amemiya, **American Honda Company**, 1919 Torrance Blvd., Torrance, CA 90501, Phone 310-783-2000, fax 310-783-3900, Acura automobile, Honda motor vehicles.

Chrm. William R. Howell, **J.C. Penney**, PO Box 659000, Dallas, TX 75265, Phone 214-591-1000, fax 214-591-2808, J. C. Penney department stores, Penney's department stores.

NBC barmaid makes mockery of prayer

Using Carla the barmaid—CHEERS' most filthy-mouthed character—to feign a pseudo-faith is as harsh a blow as NBC could strike against Christian faith and principles. Writers Dan Staley and Rob Long and producer Tim Berry did it with the April 9 repeat episode.

Carla, mean-spirited and vulgar, brings her son Gino to the bar to announce that he's going to be a priest. Consequently, Carla thinks she's got God "over a barrel." She boasts, "...if you have a kid who's a priest or a nun, you automatically get into heaven, no questions asked."

Dialogue reveals that another character has videotaped his sex sessions with Carla. Carla's perverted concept of faith is a mockery of Christianity. When Gino decides to be a male model, Carla falls to her knees to plead and bargain with God. All is set to gales of laughter from the laugh track.

On April 23, the series promoted homosexuality in a plot featuring series heroine Rebecca, who is excited that Mark, her high school flame, is coming to see her after 18 years. It turns out that Mark is homosexual, and his lifestyle is clearly normal and desirable. Berry produced the Tracy Newman-Jonathan Stark script.

Advertising on April 9 was: Chrm. Robert L. Crandall, **AMR Corporation**, P.O. Box 619616, Dallas, TX 75261, Phone 817-963-1234, American Airlines.

On April 23: Chrm. Arnold G. Lango, **Kellogg Company**, One Kellogg Square PO Box 3599, Battle Creek, MI 49016, fax 616-961-2000, **TOLL FREE: 1-800-535-5644**, Fruit Loops cereal, Just Right cereal, Mrs. Smith's Pies, Special K cereal.

Cursing clergyman on NBC sitcom

The April 18 re-run of NBC's EMPTY NEST featured numerous lines focusing on illicit and tawdry sex. The Rob LaZebnik script was produced by Pat Dougherty, David Richardson, Peter Gallay, and Gilbert Junger.

In one early scene the sex-obsessed Charlie talks about trying to pick up women for sex at "Crotchduster's Bar." A later scene has him trying to develop new "pick-up lines," and incorporating the name of Jimmy Swaggart in one of his perverse sex jokes. When series star Carol caters a friend's wedding, the groom tries to seduce Carol as soon as the two meet.

Another story line features a clergyman, friend of Dr. Harry Weston (series hero), who pressures his 12-year-old son into aspiring to be a doctor. With one exception, the good reverend is the only person in the sitcom who curses.

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Helene Curtis, Little Caesars ads on teen sex, adultery themes

Rosie finally finds a man with whom to have sex in the April 11 episode of CBS's TRIALS OF ROSIE O'NEILL, written by James Kramer and produced by Barney Rosensweig.

Rosie is swept off her feet by Peter Donovan, who's just moved to town. After they've known each other a few days, they have sex on the desk in his office. Rosie can hardly wait to share the tawdry experience with her sister. Sis is careful to ask the politically correct question—did they use a condom?

On April 18, Carol Mendelsohn wrote a script that opens with Rosie and Peter in bed. When Rosie's 16-year-old stepdaughter Kim bursts into the house unexpectedly, Rosie makes Peter "escape" out the window. Later, over dinner, Peter confesses to Rosie that he's married; his wife will soon be moving to join him, but he wants to continue seeing Rosie. She discusses it with her shrink—and with her sister.

At first, Sis says the affair is wrong, but evolves correctly to coddle and reassure Rosie, "I'm here for you."

Rosie's ultra-conservative co-worker spouts the politically correct humanist line, telling her, "The only one you've got to answer to is yourself."

On April 25, she and Peter go away for a romantic weekend. "It just feels so right; how can it be wrong?" Rosie opines to Kim. The child advises Rosie on what to wear to bed with Peter.

On May 2, Rosie declares the affair is over. One story line focuses on Judge Binghamton who's arrested and charged with indecent exposure, masturbation in public, and other sexual offenses.

In another story line, Rosie and Kim discuss Kim's blind date with a college boy. Kim is very self-conscious about being a virgin among all of her sexually active friends. She thinks maybe she should "just do it and get it over with."

Rosie won't let her go on the date, explaining, "If you're considering making love with someone, I want it to be with