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# Let's Talk

alcohol and cocaine. During this report I heard a very terrifying statement made regarding cocaine users that "the grip on the brain is so strong that even the biggest scare does not effect the user." This, along with many other facts were restated by doctors and psychologists.

In spite of statements like these made by professionals, people still feel the problem cannot occur in their own lives--they are 'superhumans' who can stop when they want to. This is as absurd as going to sleep in carbon monoxide gas while boasting to wake up when one desires to.

Alcohol, as well as drugs, breaks down nerves that control muscles, attacks body cells by dissolving in- to the membranes, and causes damage everywhere in the body. Continued use will cause the brain to become permanently damaged which has been made evident by CAT scans. Yet, with this knowledge at hand, new individuals still have to prove it anew to themselves. How foolish.

You, and you alone, are totally responsible for what you do. If you cannot do it alone then call out to God as the A.A.'s do--"God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference." Your whole life is ahead of you. Don't waste it. Say no NOW!

With alcohol awareness week just around the corner, let's discuss the ever increasing alcohol and drug problem that continues to face today's society. Numerous noted writers and speakers have discussed this subject at great length during the past decade, yet the problem is more rampant today than ever. Why?

Students as well as nonstudents have a better education today pertaining to effects of alcohol and drugs than ever in our history and millions of dollars are being spent each year to publicize these facts; yet, it appears even with additional education and media coverage the problem is growing larger. Some parents have even drawn up contracts with their children encouraging them to promise not to drink and drive. Still, drunk driving statistics climb higher each year--98,000 died last year and 519,000 were hospitalized.

A few months ago (July 87) a local TV station (WJET 24) televised an ABC Special News Report Closeup showing the effects of

# Lavender briefs? Boy George?

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Joseph Biden? Really tight, colored briefs.

Being an 80's journalist I have to know these kinds of things. See, if you saw Gary Hart on Nightline the other night, you know that was just the beginning.

Because now when you're covering the big news you've got to be willing to uncover the most gruesome sexual details about the most gruesome public figures.

People ask me sometimes, "Hey, what are you doing in my underwear drawer?"

Other times they say: "Do you think it's right to pry like that into the lives of presidential candidates?"

I say sure. But you'd better be willing to pay the consequences.

Pat Robertson? Ladies cotton bikinis. Lavender.

Oh, and it gets uglier. (If you can imagine anything uglier than Pat Robertson in lavender undies saying: "Frayends. How would you like to be a 700 Club prayer partner?")

And George Bush?

He's really Boy George. Think about it, the resemblance is uncanny. And admit it, you've never seen them photographed together. Well, once or twice, but that was trick photography. Play "Karma Chameleon" backwards and it says, "Can I get you more coffee, Ron? Nancy?"

Michael Dukakis? Having an affair with the woman from the Bounty Paper Towel ads.

Jack Kemp's big secret? Dancing naked in front of his autographed picture of the first family.

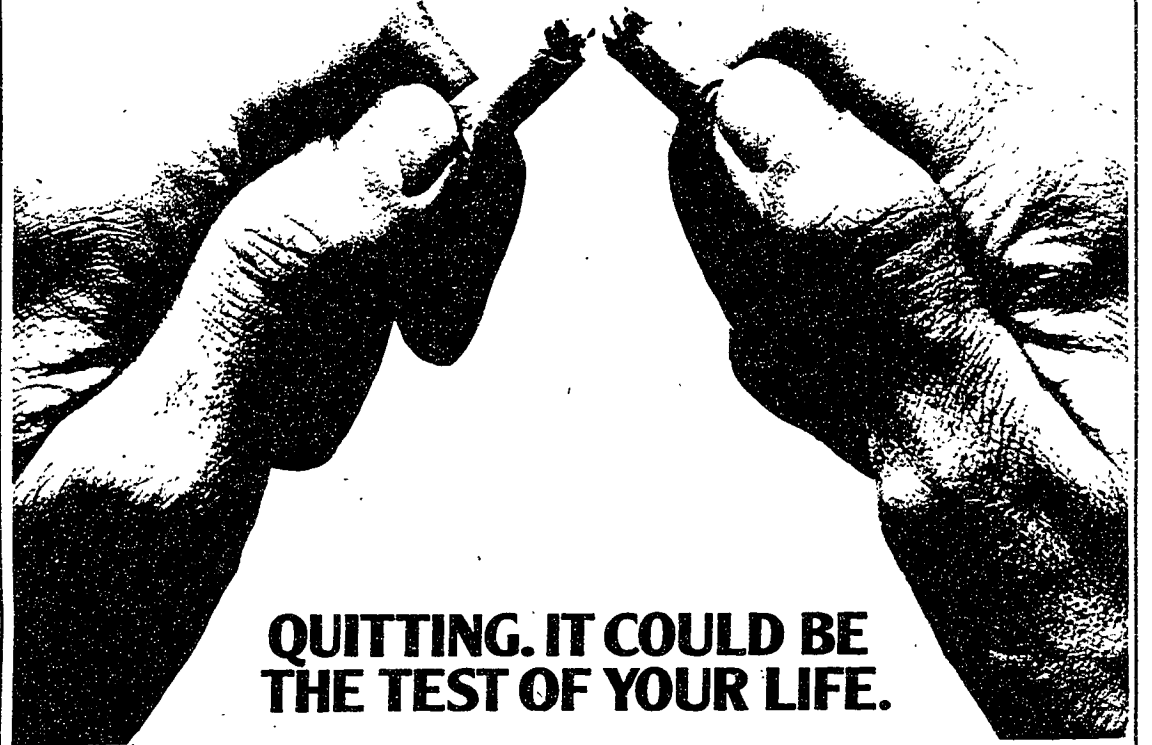
This new journalism is going to change a lot of things. A sampling of a bit of the dialogue from the latest Democratic Party debate shows:

Joseph Biden: "Mr. Gore, are you trying to tell us those aren't your leather boots?"

Albert Gore: "Yeah, nice undies Joe."

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