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Midwest	2	5	6	17	8	11	13	12	7	16	—	10	24	27	9	20
Community	R	5	6	L	M	11	13	12		N	K	10	P	T	4	E
6:00	News	News	News	News	"	News	News	MacNeil Lehrer	Mork & Mindy Baseball Houston	News	News	One Day At A Time Laverne & Shirley	"	Barney Miller Baseball Chicago	Here Come The Brides	Up
6:30	Family Feud	Three's Company	M.A.S.H.	The Jeffersons	"	Entertainment	"	"	"	M.A.S.H.	People's Court	"	"	"	"	"
7:00	Real People	One Day At A Time	Real People	One Day At A Time	"	One Day At A Time	The Fall Guy	The Compleat Gilbert & Sullivan	Astros At Cincinnati Reds	The Fall Guy	Real People	Vega\$	"	Cubs At New York Mets	Flipper	Movie: "The Thing"
7:30	"	CBS Movie: "Being"	"	CBS Movie: "Being"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Movie: "Dallas"	"	Flipper	"
8:00	The Facts Of Life Double Trouble	There	The Facts Of Life Double Trouble	There	"	There	Dynasty	"	"	Dynasty	The Facts Of Life Double Trouble	Movie: "Kings Go Forth"	"	"	700 Club	"
8:30	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
9:00	St. Elsewhere	"	St. Elsewhere	"	"	"	Hotel	New World Visions	Hawaii Five-0	Hotel	St. Elsewhere	"	"	"	"	Movie: "The Grey Fox"
9:30	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	News	News	My Little Margie	"
10:00	News	News	News	News	"	News	News	Business Report Latenight America	Mork & Mindy Bob Newhart	News	News	Twilight Zone Star Trek	"	"	Another Life Best Of Groucho	"
10:30	Tonight	Barney Miller	Tonight	All In The Family	"	Police Story	ABC News Nightline	"	"	Barney Miller	Tonight	"	The Catlins	Love Boat	"	Bill Cosby
11:00	"	Police Story	"	Police Story	"	"	Movie: "The Beguiled"	"	Mary Tyler Moore CNN News	ABC News Nightline Laugh-In	"	"	Movie: "The Appaloosa"	"	Burns And Allen Jack Benny	Himself
11:30	David Letterman	"	David Letterman	"	"	CBS Movie "Never Con"	"	"	"	"	David Letterman	INN News	"	Movie: "Johnny"	"	"
12:00	"	CBS Movie "More Wild Wild West"	"	CBS Movie "Never Con A Killer"	"	A Killer	"	"	Movie: "Best Of Enemies"	I Spy	"	Movie: "About Mrs. Leslie"	"	Cool	I Married Joan Love That Bob	Movie
12:30	News	"	News	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Movie	"	"	"	"	"

'Glamour' series edge out family shows

United Press International

HOLLYWOOD — The glitz and glamour of "Dallas" and "Dynasty" — the two top-rated TV shows — have eclipsed straight, dramatic, non-action series.

Throw in "Knots Landing" and "Falcon Crest" and TV can be, and recently has been, accused of presenting a cockeyed version of American homelife.

The four highly rated soap operas involve the high and the mighty rich men who build empires and women who change sex partners as often as they do their Dior gowns.

If TV has its way, history will record us as a nation of Sybarites.

Is there room on TV — or an audience — for a family show depicting a semblance of 1980s American home life as it exists in fact?

Yes, says Carroll Newman, producer of the ABC series "Two Marriages."

No, say viewers who refuse to watch it. The show was 69th of 72 shows rated by Nielsen in March.

Miss Newman is an authority on family shows. She was a production assistant on "The Waltons," associate producer of "Family" and producer of "Family Tree."

"Two Marriages," an hour-long drama that premiered last summer with four episodes, returned in March with the first of six new segments.

It is the continuing story of a doctor, his wife and children and their friends, a farmer and his family.

While their lifestyles and economic stations are dissimilar, the families enjoy close ties of friendship.

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"Dallas' and 'Dynasty' are fluff and fantasy," Newman said. "They involve characters in a world that no one lives in. I'm not putting them down. I think they're fun. I watch them."

"But our show deals with the reality of every day people and their relationships," Newman said. "I think there's a place for that kind of entertainment on TV."

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"The real drama of life involves reality. We have 10 major characters, giving every viewer the opportunity to identify with someone in the cast. The age span is from 7 to 65, and there's a new baby on the way."

"The Waltons' and 'Family' did very well. The trouble is that realistic family shows don't generate the publicity that makes for hit shows. The very normalcy of our characters and stories prevent them from being exploited."

"For instance, when we were doing 'Family,' there was no way any major magazine would put Sada Thompson on the cover. But Linda Evans, Joan Collins and Linda Gray are prime targets for magazines."

"Two Marriages" lacks star

power. Its cast is headed by Janet Eilber, Michael Murphy, Tom Mason and Karen Carlson, none of whom are household names.

Newman said the absence of overt sex, violence and suggestions of nudity also hurt the ratings of family shows.

"There are overtones of sex, but it's not lascivious or sex for sex's sake," she said.

The lavish wardrobes of the casts of the popular nighttime soap operas and the sumptuous sets are also missing from "Two Marriages."

"Our sets are not bigger than life and our cast wears clothes you can find in most American families," Newman said.

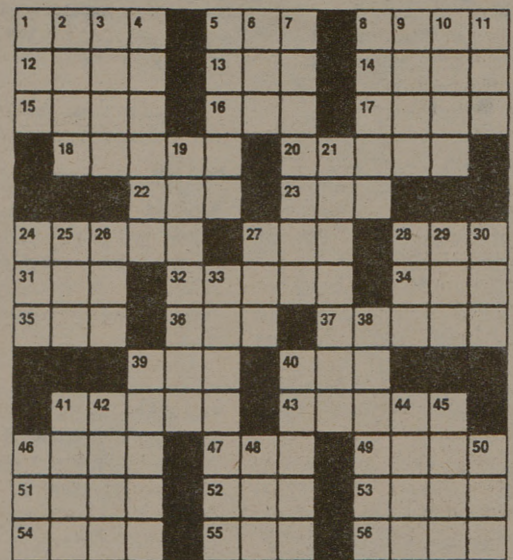
"Our audience is there. I'm confident of that. But our ratings are rotten. Maybe it has to do with our opposition. We're up against 'Magnum, P.I.,' 'Gimme a Break' and 'Family Ties.' But they're moving us against 'Simon and Simon.'"

Newman said most of her show's episodes gravitate to the female characters, as wives and mothers are the central figures in most American homes.

"Families remain the central social structure for caring people," she said. "Our characters stand up for each other and they express themselves. We make a point of having them behave as realistically as possible."

"We hope viewers will be entertained, but we hope, too, they will learn something new about themselves and their families and that they will be able to communicate better as they go forward in their lives."

Crossword Corner



By DANIEL M. MARVIN

- ACROSS
- 1 Riptide star
 - 5 Emerald Point —
 - 8 The Grateful —
 - 12 Cry of revelry
 - 13 Kimono sash
 - 14 Author Gardner
 - 15 Close
 - 16 — Little Indians
 - 17 Fibber
 - 18 Alan Ladd film
 - 20 Steve or Woody
 - 22 Actor Steiger
 - 23 English supper
 - 24 Ernie and Glenn
 - 27 Age
 - 28 Campers: abbr.
 - 31 — Day At A Time
 - 32 Samantha —
 - 34 Lubricate
 - 35 Decay
 - 36 Joke
 - 37 Dussault or
- McKeon
- 39 Deface
 - 40 Bulgarian coin
 - 41 Actor Bridges
 - 43 Don or Mason
 - 46 Producer Norman
 - 47 Negative conjunction
 - 49 Miss Falana
 - 51 Wave: Fr.
 - 52 Be mistaken
 - 53 Biblical character
 - 54 Mats
 - 55 Singer Acuff
 - 56 TV science series
- Down
- 1 Berry or Howard
 - 2 Burl —
 - 3 A Beery
 - 4 He was Buck Rogers
 - 5 Reknowned
 - 6 Mr. Vigoda
 - 7 "Old Blue Eyes"
 - 8 Songstress
- Reese
- 9 One of the Greats
 - 10 Alda or Arkin
 - 11 German article
 - 19 Small bouquet
 - 21 Nurse star
 - 24 Search — Tomorrow
 - 25 Yoko —
 - 26 Soak
 - 27 Hen fruit
 - 28 Glass or Pallilo
 - 29 Singer Damone
- 30 Sneaky
- 33 Ava —
 - 38 Singer Frankie
 - 39 Customs
 - 40 Comedian Storch
 - 41 Miss Horne
 - 42 She was Kris Munroe
 - 44 Prefix with gram or plane
 - 45 Balkan native
 - 46 Cut off
 - 48 Gold: Sp.
 - 50 Collection of facts

