

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT (page 28)

INTERVIEWER: Mr Swarovski, here in the State of Texas we have executed 32 men so far this year. What's your position on the death penalty?

SWAROVSKI: The Bible says: "An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth". If a man kills your daughter, don't you want revenge? Well, the State of Texas takes that revenge for you, and you don't have to get into trouble yourself.

The death penalty prevents crime. It's the only thing that frightens the killers. If you take \$500 dollars from a shop, you will get maybe two years in prison. If you kill the shop clerk, you will die by lethal injection. Think about it. Would you shoot the clerk?

These killers don't change. They can spend 20 years in prison and then come out and kill somebody else. If a dog bites you, can you ever trust it again?

In many ways, execution is better for the men themselves. Do they want to live the rest of their lives in prison? Most of them would agree that they'd be better off dead.

And, you know, it costs almost \$100,000 a year to keep a man in prison. If one of these murderers lives for thirty years, that's \$3 million! Do we really want to spend that sort of money on a killer?

DISCIPLINE (page 32)

NEWSREADER: A 17-year-old girl has been expelled for going to school wearing a nose ring. Martin Watson, the headteacher of Kingshill School, ordered Sharon Coles to remove her nose ring or go home. *Newsround* asked Sharon to tell her side of the story.

SHARON: I decided to have my nose pierced at the weekend. My cousin got a small nose ring last year and I think it looks good. I never thought it would be a problem because at Kingshill School girls are allowed to wear earrings and a nose ring is almost the same thing, if you ask me. Boys aren't allowed to wear an earring which I think is a bit unfair, but that's another story. Well, on Monday morning Mr Watson noticed the nose ring. He asked me to take it out immediately. I said I couldn't because the hole would close up. He then ordered me to go home. And he told me not to come back to school wearing my nose ring. I think it's ridiculous. I've been off college a week now and I've missed all my exams. I think Mr Watson is being unreasonable. He can't expel me for something so small. There's nothing in the school rules about nose rings.

DRINK AND DRUGS (page 36)

My name's Mike. I'm 23, and at the moment I'm trying to give up heroin. It's not easy. I mean, the trouble is - when you stop, you feel very, very bad. You get pains everywhere, you vomit, you shiver.

I started taking heroin when I was 17. Where I live, there were a lot of guys taking it. To be, you know, in with those guys, I really had to take it too - I mean, that's what they did in the evening, so... We'd, you know, dropped out of school and we

didn't have jobs. You need something good in your life. I think I felt bad about myself, I didn't respect myself. Also I suppose it was, you know, a rejection of my parents, my teachers... that whole generation. I mean, they were against it, so I thought it was good.

At first I smoked it. Then after about six months I started injecting it. When I give up, I don't know how I'm going to, you know, spend my time. I mean, at the moment I have something to do every day. I have to get some money, then I have to go out and buy the heroin. Then I come back here and I take it. I keep busy. And, I mean, all my friends are on heroin. Obviously I'll have to keep away from them.

FAMILY (page 40)

NADIA: What's the matter, Jim?

JIM: I had a fight with my step-father on Sunday. I wish I didn't have to go to my mother's every weekend. I'd prefer to spend my weekends at home with my Dad.

NADIA: I thought you got on well with your mum.

JIM: I do! But my step-father gets on my nerves. He got furious with me because I sat down to dinner without any shoes on. So I left the table. I wish I could see my mother on her own sometimes.

NADIA: How long is it since your parents got divorced?

JIM: Two years. You know, sometimes I hate my mother for breaking up our family.

NADIA: I was seven when my father fell in love with someone else. Mum was terribly unhappy because he was always out with this other woman. When he did spend any time at home, he and Mum just argued. The atmosphere was terrible. It was a relief when they finally separated. That was nine years ago. Now it's just me and Mum at home and we're both a lot happier. After their divorce, Mum went back to college and trained as a teacher. Now she's financially independent. I'm proud of her. It isn't easy being a single parent.

JIM: How do you get on with your father?

NADIA: OK. I don't see him that often. His new wife's very bossy and she keeps him busy all the time. They've got five kids. Three from her first marriage and two little girls they've had together. The baby's really lovely...

FASHION (page 44)

MARIA: Hi, I'm Maria. Fashion today is freer than it has ever been before. You can dress in a different style every day. Today I've got an ethnic look and I feel very feminine. I'm wearing a long Indian skirt and a tie-dyed top. Tomorrow I might want to look more aggressive in army trousers and Doc Marten boots. I love clothes because they give me the chance to express myself.

LUKE: Hello. I'm Luke. I always wear designer clothes. I have to have the most expensive trainers and they have to be by Nike, Adidas or Reebok. All my shirts are by Dolce & Gabbana or Moschino. I only wear Calvin Klein jeans. I may sound like a snob, but for me clothes are a status symbol.

ROSE: Hello. My name's Rose. At the moment I'm wearing high heeled platform shoes, tight hipster jeans and a short T-shirt