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all my children

Pine Valley is proof that America isn't a classless society. The "uppah" crust definitely see themselves as superior and people like Donna Beck Tyler are a hazard to deal with.

Donna came to the show as a patient at the local hospital after her pimp threw her from a moving car. She sold herself for a living, but the worst part was she dropped her "g"s. A tumultuous childhood had sentenced her to a life of under-education and poor speech.

But Donna arrived at a convenient time. She wanted to leave the life of a Locust Street (in near-by Center City) prostitute and the handsome and moderately successful Dr. Chuck Tyler offered a chance.

You'll remember (you probably won't, but it's a nice transition) Chuck from the first column. He's part of the Chuck-Tara-Phil triangle and as Donna entered, he was divorcing Tara, allowing her to marry Phil. The loss of Tara created a void in Chuck, which he filled (though he didn't admit it 'till recently) with Donna, and an 18-year-old prostitute without a high school education.

The two eventually ended up

gettin' hitched, but Donna has been jealous of Tara throughout the marriage. There's been good reason — Chuck has never stopped loving Tara, and it's made her skip town a few times and ended up making her flee to Center City, where she drove in front of a moving train.

The wreck's filled Chuck with guilt (Donna split 'cause she found evidence Chuck had been at the lake with Tara) and forced Donna to black out the last two years. She doesn't know she's Chuck's wife, that she left the street behind and got her high school degree.

The amnesia fits right in with Chuck's plans — he and Tara are getting back together and he wants to get free of Donna. He realizes he never really loved Donna and is seeking to divorce her because she's loony.

Nice try, Chucko.

Thursday Chuck went to see his lawyer uncle, Linc Tyler, to see if the law would let him dump Donna before she got her head on straight. The request prompted disdainful looks from Linc, along with a lecture.

"Chuck, you've got a legal, and moral, responsibility to take care of Donna."

What a drag. With her new hairstyle, Tara's looking pretty sharp.

Anyway, a divorce would have been too easy. Phil's back from commando training (he's one of Pine Valley's people in blue) and ready to fight for Tara. Tara can't handle it (women don't respond well to pressure) and Chuck's tired of being the fall guy; he's fighting for what he wants, not what is best for everyone.

Looks like Donna's taste of the high life might be short.

But Donna isn't alone in her plight. Nancy Grant Blair is right beside her.

As one of Pine Valley's few

black people, Nancy is limited in her romantic choices. The only inter-racial romances on the show have been between pimps and their "girls." A concerned social worker, Nancy married a black doctor at the hospital, Frank Grant. Their marriage hit the rocks when Nancy took a job in Chicago (Frank allowed there was "only room in this marriage for one career)," and Frank started messing around with Carolyn, a nurse.

Nancy came back to town to have it out with Frank and they had it out by taking to the bed. Of course Nancy conceived and though Frank doesn't know it

(mysterious parentage is a staple in Pine Valley) bore a child fathered by Frank.

Looked like Nancy was going to get out of it by marrying a guy from Chicago who knew she was pregnant with her ex's baby. But it wasn't to be. Flying from Chicago, the groom-to-be was in a bad crash, he croaked, but on his way out he unwittingly told Carolyn the whole story.

So now Nancy's moved back to Pine Valley, baby in tow, and Carolyn wants to bear Frank's child so he won't be tempted to go to Nancy when he finds out the kind is his.

Board increases textbook discount

The University Bookstore Board of Directors unanimously voted to increase the textbook discount from 10 to 11 percent Thursday night in a one-year experiment. The increase will cost the bookstore an estimated \$17,000. The discount is subsidized by other book store sales.

Board member Janet Eggleston said that textbooks were the bookstore's primary service to students and proposed an increase to 12 percent. Board member Mark Farley felt that a 2 percent increase, at a cost of \$34,000, would be too risky and proposed the 1 percent increase. The other board members, who represent University students, faculty and staff, quickly agreed.

The Bookstore board will review the decision next fall to determine whether the increase to 11 percent should be made permanent.

In other action, the board

unanimously determined that there was no surplus in working capital from the 1977-1978 year. The Bookstore bylaws require the board to annually make that determination. If surplus capital is found to exist it must be turned over to the University.

By another unanimous vote the board voted to increase wages by eight percent effective October 16. This brought the bookstore's base wage to \$2.95, five cents over minimum wage. The top possible hourly wage at the bookstore is \$6.50 for assistant department managers.

In another unanimous vote, University Relations Director Muriel Jackson abstaining, the board approved a request from the Graduate Teaching Fellow Federation (GTFF) to allow a coffee table for strikers by the side of the bookstore should the GTFF strike.

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