

TONIGHT TV down under

By PAUL ALEXANDER The Associated Press
SYDNEY, Australia — Feeling like a couch potato tonight? Let's check out what The Down Under Tube has to offer.

"Alien Nation" is on at 7:30, followed by "L.A. Law." The big decision comes at 8:30 with a choice of "Twin Peaks," "Jake and the Fatman" and "In the Heat of the Night."

That's just a sampling of what Australian viewers face every day and night — lots of American imports blended in with a few locally produced series and a ton of sports: cricket, rugby, tennis, Australian rules football.

It's not a big deal, except for getting used to that funny American accent and slang while watching all the cars drive on the wrong side of the road.

Hooked on U.S. soap operas? No worries. Just grab a box of tissues and sit down for Channel 10's daytime lineup of "Another World," "Santa Barbara" and "The Bold and the Beautiful."

Channel 9 offers a block of "Days of Our Lives" and "The Young and the Restless." Phil Donahue chats his way through yet another of his day's buming issues with a panel of guests and a studio audience. And yes, "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" are plenty of crabs and pizza here, too.

There are plenty of Saturday-morning cartoons, music videos and old standbys like "The Beverly Hills Cop" and "Zorro." Don't miss "Perry Mason," "Hill Street Blues" and "The Magical World of Disney." Luckily, the "Dukes of Hazard" doesn't come on till well past midnight.

Game-show fanatics also get their fill, and they don't have to worry about obscure American trivia or linguo. Australia produces its own versions of "Family Feud," "Wheel of Fortune," "Sale of the Century" and "Let's Make a Deal."

"Late Night with David Letterman" must not translate either. Instead, Aussies check out offbeat talk-show host Steve Vizard, whose bawdily Letterman-like format includes such standards as Stupid Pet Tricks.

Some of the imports arrive amid much fanfare. "The Simpsons" animated series knocked the Australian position of "60 Minutes" from atop the ratings. "Twin Peaks" had just as much hype, complete with full-page newspaper ads that asked the burning question "Who killed Laura Palmer?" Maybe it's best not to tell folks here that they won't find it anytime soon.

It apparently takes a while for the American TV signals to make it by the way across the Pacific Ocean and down to the Southern Hemisphere. The time varies greatly, though. Maybe it's something to do with atmospheric conditions.

Clashes of the week from the National Basketball Association and the national football league are shown two weeks or more after they're played, although the Super Bowl was aired live, and the World Series warranted same-day coverage.

Americans may complain the NBA season is too long, but this year's training camp in the hot location before anyone in Australia saw the Detroit Pistons clinch last year's championship.

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Yuppie drama on hold

By DEBORAH HASTINGS The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — With the unexpected death of Gary Shepherd and the uplifting annihilation of Nancy Weston's cancer, where does "thirtysomething" go from here?

On hiatus for six weeks. No, the series has not been canceled, despite widespread speculation that it removed from the prime-time schedule spells doom and gloom.

The much-reviled and much-revered program (depending on whom you ask) a television critic or a loyal viewer) is very happy to be taking a breather.

"When the network called about preempting us, I was grateful," said supervising producer Scott Winant. "I gave us a chance to

April 23, ABC is placing "Eddie Dodd," a new series starring Treat Williams as a crusading attorney, in "thirtysomething's" stead at 10 p.m. Tuesdays.

The move is designed to give viewers a chance to sample "Eddie Dodd" for six weeks in a time period that has proven to be successful for ABC.

It also provides the makers of "thirtysomething" an unusual chance to regroup creatively, leaving the emotional depths of the mid-aged middle class can be exhausting.

This season saw Nancy continue her grueling battle with ovarian cancer. Just as Nancy finally giving to match her partner, Gary died in a car accident while driving to her hospital bed.

So what happens next in this ersatz and psychologically battered clan of yuppies? Well, when the series returns this spring, the first episode will chronicle Lily's wedding.

"It will be sort of an up episode that will finally marry her off," Winant says.

Don't expect a long honeymoon. The next installment deals with Nancy's continuing grief over Gary's untimely demise and also sees gay character Peter Mendicino testing people for the AIDS virus.

As for how the series will end its fourth season, Winant can't say. "We don't know yet," he said. Whether the drama will return for a fifth season in the fall also hasn't been decided.

Although its current pre-emption has fueled rumors that the show will be axed, the greatest source of speculation about "thirtysomething's" future has come from the outside interests of its executive producers.

Marshall Herkovitz and Edward Zwick are both off making feature films. Zwick is doing "Leaving Normal" starring Christine Lohi. Herkovitz is shooting "Jack the Bear" with Danny De Vito.

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Facelifts no longer a for-women-only surgery

Dr. Craig Foster, an attending physician at Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital in New York City and the plastic and reconstructive surgeon who treated the Central Park jogger, defined this "average guy" patient as "most often a 45- to 55-year-old corporate executive who's feeling pressure from younger, up-and-coming colleagues. His impetus is business-related."

Women typically turn to surgical and other cosmetic techniques 10 years earlier, he said, and are driven by "romantic" desires — "wanting to maintain their appeal to husbands or mates."

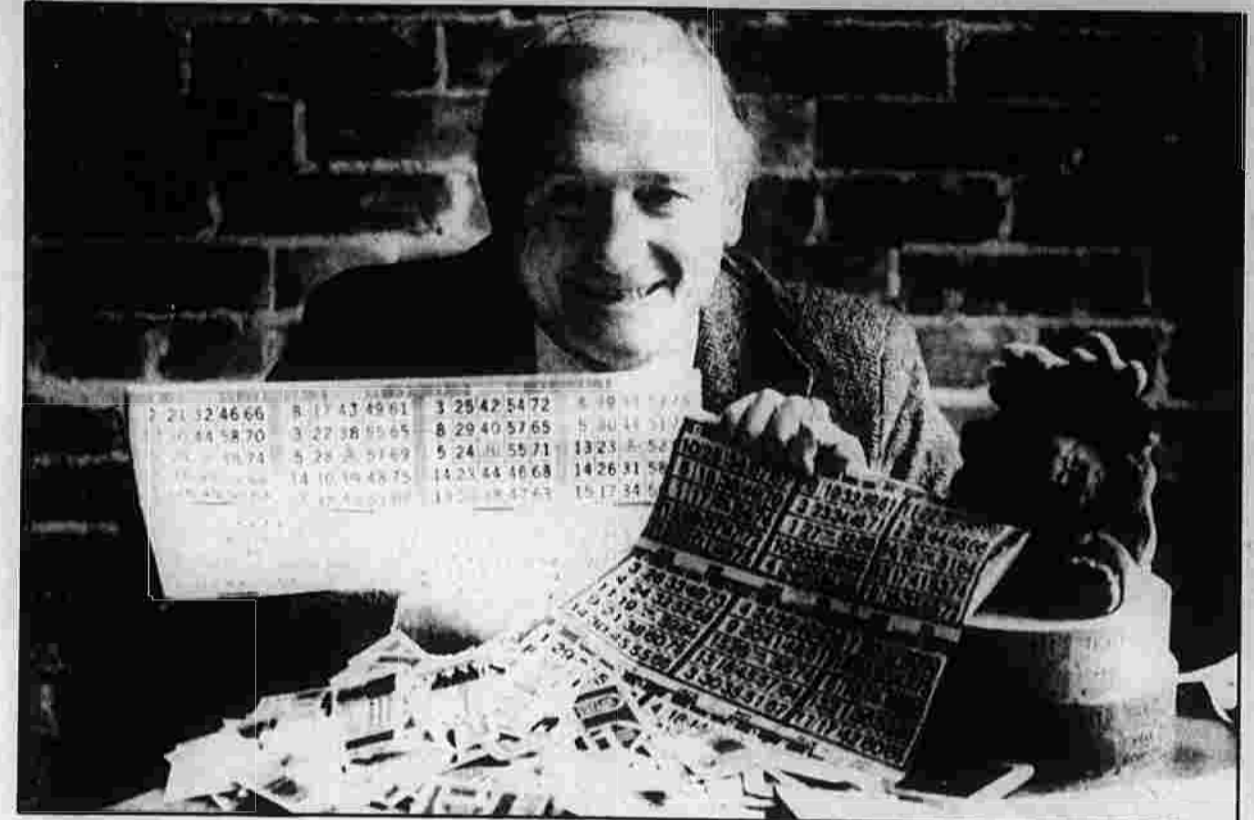
Women still far outnumber men, but the ratio is shifting.

"Males are much more open to cosmetic surgery than they were even 10 years ago," said Dr. Gerald Imber, a prominent plastic surgeon in New York City and clinical assistant professor at Cornell University Medical College.

"They go to the gym or club. They work out. They are concerned with their looks. One starts talking to the other and suddenly the idea of having something done is okay."

What is "done" most commonly are eyes, jowls or "turkey gobblers," and the pads of fat that lodge on either side of the waist and are known as "love handles."

The latest advances make these treatments less com-



BINGO BUCKS — Norm Salvoskis, also known as "Captain Bingo," shows off tickets and cards in his Pittsburgh home in late February. Salvoskis sells the bingo paraphernalia, but encourages clients to offer gimmicks and promotions to keep the game fun.

Captain Bingo selling greed for a good cause

By CLAUDIA COATES
The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Captain Bingo, like any good salesman, sells the sizzle, not the steak. And when it comes to spicing up bingo business, what stizzles is greed — all for a good cause.

"The bottom line with bingo, you get people here for the money," said Captain Bingo, also known as Norm Salvoskis. "But to keep them coming back you have to have games that are fun."

Salvoskis urges local bingo parlors to lure younger players with promotions like bachelorette night, when the woman with the most outrageous hair style wins a prize, or a scavenger hunt, where the winner is the woman who exchures from her purse the most items on a prepared list.

Big bingo jackpots are what brings players in, so Salvoskis warns operators not to skimp, or worse, mistated players with exaggerated come-ons.

"Some bingos play footsie," he said. "The big print gives and the small print takes away."

Salvoskis, 57, sells bingo paraphernalia for Penn Distributing Co. of Pittsburgh. Customers get more than bingo cards though, they also get Captain Bingo's expertise.

Nationally, the bingo industry is worth \$1 billion a year, Salvoskis said. A favorite fund-raising activity coast-to-coast, proceeds typically go toward things like a new town fire truck, high school marching band uniforms, church funds or charities.

The gray-haired set still is the norm at bingo halls, but Salvoskis advises clients to try to draw younger women, who spend more. Such women may win at handing over a contribution, but happily buy bingo cards.

He also favors younger bingo callers, who often use more innovative games.

"What we appeal to is a woman,

35 to 65, with 2½ children and a part-time job. She usually isn't college educated. Her husband probably makes \$20,000 a year, and that regular income can maintain a fire hall, school or church."

"We have women who spend \$200 to \$300 a night at bingo," Salvoskis said. "They're not drinking. They're not running around having an affair."

Successful bingo groups tailor schedules to suit their clients, allowing them to play 30 to 35 games before returning to domestic chores.

"The game starts at seven, so they can have supper with their kids," he said. "They play for 2½ hours, go home and check their homework and tuck them in."

Penn. Distributing warehouse workers tagged him with the nickname. Now he has it printed on his business cards.

A bingo seller like Salvoskis earns \$20,000 to \$30,000 a year on salary and commissions. At least 2,000 people are working the trade nationwide, said his boss, George Willis.

For Salvoskis, new clients aren't hard to find. When he's on the road, he might stop at the nearest convenience store and look for a heavyset, female clerk over 35.

"I'll ask, 'Is there a bingo tonight?' and they'll tell you," he said.

"I'll say, 'Did you ever win?' And they'll say, 'Yeah, in '80. It was a diagonal,' and give me the numbers."

Western Pennsylvania's bingo event of the year is scheduled April 6 in Pittsburgh. Billed as "Pittsburgh's Biggest Bingo Bash," it benefits The Rehabilitation Institute of Pittsburgh, which helps crippled children.

It raised \$35,000 last year, said institute fund raiser Claire Knapp.

Using Captain Bingo's program, the institute plans to accommodate 2,000 players and is offering two separate \$4,000 jackpots.

In these days of increased funding

cuts, Salvoskis sees bingo as more needed than ever. A weekly game can raise \$200,000 a year, and that regular income can maintain a fire hall, school or church.

"There's a satisfaction when a priest comes and puts his arms around you," Salvoskis said.

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Soldier awarded uncommon medal

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — President Corason Aquino Friday awarded the nation's highest medal for bravery to a sergeant who killed his brother during a coup attempt in 1989.

Sgt. Roberto Salvador received the Medal of Valor during ceremonies marking the 94th anniversary of the Philippine army.

He was among the defenders Camp Aguinaldo, the armed forces headquarters, when mutinous troops attacked it Dec. 3, 1989, two days after rebel soldiers launched the most serious bid to topple Mrs. Aquino.

Salvador, then a private, used a 90mm recoilless rifle to blast two armored personnel carriers that smashed through the camp's gates. Several rebel crewmen inside the carriers were killed, including Salvador's brother, Rogelio.

Salvador told reporters he had "mixed feelings" about receiving the medal. He told a radio station he felt obligated to support his brother's widow and family.

The radio report said Salvador discovered his brother's Christmas gifts for his family inside the wrecked armored personnel carrier.

Frankfurt, London kick off dubious WLAF

By ROB GLOSTER
The Associated Press

While most of the players on the WLAF's 10 teams are Americans who fall short of NFL standards, Maslo and Alexander are on the Operation Discovery squads designed for foreign athletes without much football experience.

"It shows that we are not just players and we have a role to play," said Maslo, an insurance underwriter who played semi-pro soccer in Germany and discovered football five years ago.

The Frankfurt-London game will be followed Saturday night by two North American games: Raleigh-Durham at Sacramento and Montreal at Birmingham.

But many questions remain.

Sunday, the WLAF has its first intercontinental game, as the Barcelona Dragons entertain the New York-New Jersey Knights.

WLAF officials promise wide-open games with no-huddle offenses and lots of scoring, including the possibility of two-point conversions after touchdowns.

The league also will offer European fans a taste of American razzmatazz. All the European teams have cheerleaders, and bands ranging from a Scottish bagpipe corps to the Central State (Ohio) University band will join this weekend's festivities.

German newspapers have printed explanations of football terms and fans in Barcelona will be given brochures explaining the fundamentals of the game.

The league must contend with the logistical nightmare of five countries and four languages. Final practices by the Galaxy and Monarchs on Friday showed a lot of other loose ends remain.

Galaxy quarterbacks Mike Perez and Alex Espinoza tried out their microphone-equipped helmets for the first time and had little success.

The special arrangement is supposed to allow the coach to tell his signal-caller the next play via walkie-talkie, avoiding the need to send in plays from the sideline and saving precious time.

But the walkie-talkies malfunctioned repeatedly and Galaxy officials discovered the only way they could communicate with their quarterbacks was via the Monarchs' walkie-talkie — not a very good system for keeping the opposition off balance.

One Monarchs player wore shorts and beach sandals and another wore loafers and a leather jacket as the team walked through its formations on a soccer field newly painted with yard lines and hash marks.

"We've had some glitches, but we expected that," said WLAF president Mike Lynn, who tried on one of the Galaxy's special helmets but was unable to hear coach Jack Elway.

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