

Must see TV

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SUN 30



THE ALAN CLARK DIARIES

8.30 PM, ABC ★★★★★

Oops, minister

Based on the diaries of a British MP notorious for his affairs and gaffes and starring a gleeful John Hurt, the three-part re-creates Clark's wayward time in office. Priceless.



SECRETS OF THE BIGGEST LOSER

8.30 PM, Ten (not previewed)

Time to cut the crap

Squeezing the last milligram out of the *Loser* franchise, Ten screens a post-finale chat show in which all the contestants reunite to reveal behind-the-scenes stuff we missed.



SPOOKS

8.30 PM, UK-TV ★★★★★

Smooth operator

He didn't win much admiration as dashing Darcy in last year's *Pride & Prejudice*, but Matthew Macfadyen does much better as a dashing MI5 agent in the pay-TV rerun of the slick drama about the British secret service.

MON 01



DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES

8.40 PM, Seven ★★

Household bores

Here's a silly episode that may snatch all hope away from those who have been clinging to the second series, hoping for a consistent improvement. It's getting a bit too desperate.

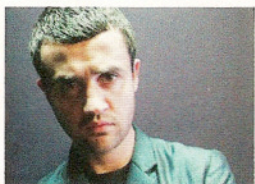


COMMANDER IN CHIEF

9.40 PM, Seven ★★

Politics is a dirty game

Mac is forced into playing ugly politics when Templeton covertly threatens to expose one of the president's HIV-positive staffers. Fortunately Mac has the mother of all aces up her sleeve.



FUNLAND

10 PM, SBS ★★

One hell of a holiday

Anyone who enjoyed the seedy side of last year's British series *Blackpool* will love *Funland*, a darker, dirtier thriller set in the same English seaside resort. Just don't expect the cast to break into a song and dance.

TUE 02



THE BILL

8.30 PM, ABC ★★★

Street smart

When a scruffy young homeless man shows more than a passing interest in PC Hemmingway's manslaughter trial, the Bill nick him. But a "de-arrest" is organised when they realise he could help secure an acquittal.



ALL SAINTS

9.10 PM, Seven ★★★★★

Nipped in the Budd

Remember Sibylla Budd as likeable tormented Gab in *The Secret Life of Us*? Well, when in *Saints* she's unlikeable Deanna, the decimator of the emergency department. But not for much longer...



CSI:NY

9.30 PM, Nine ★★★

No boundaries

It's hard enough telling the CSIs apart without the added complication of crossover episodes: the continuation of Sunday's *Miami* story-line sees Horatio hotfooting it to the Big Apple in pursuit of a serial killer.

WED 03



THE PRODIGAL SON

7.30 PM, SBS ★★★

Documenting a family rift

When Australian-born Ted, the son of traditional Macedonian parents, announced as a young man that he was gay, his father froze him out. Now, 15 years on, their strained reunion is caught on camera by a relative.



PRISON BREAK

8.30 PM, Seven ★★★★★

No, they're not out yet

The brother for whom he engineered the elaborate get-out-of-jail plan is locked in solitary, and the rest of the crew want to leave now—with or without him. Will smart-cookie Michael find a solution?



HOUSE

8.30 PM, Ten ★★★★★

Is she faking it?

Sex and the City's Cynthia Nixon trades barbs with Doc House when she is admitted to hospital after suffering a seizure. House is convinced she's ill, Cameron thinks she's faking it. House wrong? Never!

THU 04

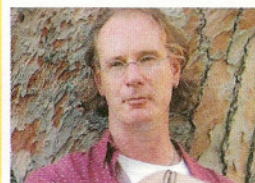


THE BACKPACKER MURDERS

7.30 PM, CI ★★★

Horrific killings recalled

Ten years after Ivan Milat was convicted of the NSW murders of seven backpackers, the parents of his victims remember their children. Graphic re-enactments make for gruesome viewing.



SAVING ANDREW MALLARD

8.30 PM, ABC ★★★★★

Free at last

The tenacity of family, friends and complete strangers exposed the many flaws in the 1995 trial that saw Andrew Mallard convicted of murdering Perth woman Pamela Lawrence.



LOST

8.30 PM, Seven ★★

One question answered ...

If you wanted to know why Jack doesn't talk much about his wife, Sarah, to anyone on the island, you'll find out tonight. But while it's good to be finally getting some answers, the series needs to up the pace.