

A pre-Christmas culinary adventure

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Boar stew anyone? How about a chestnut loaf, some Corsican goat cheese omelette or pork liver pate? **French Provincial Cooking**, a culinary adventure filmed in the mountainous region of Corsica, shows how to knock it all together but first pick your chestnuts or catch your goat, chicken or pig. Having loaded up on all those calories you'll be able to check in for a liver transplant just in time for Christmas.

And with Christmas being a time for children **Scared Straight - Another Story** shows how some kids don't eat anything much except maybe their own brains in a human zoo, or prison, for delinquents.

Of course most of us here in this happy retirement village land still believe that the rest of the world's young is young, fun-loving and innocent as spraypack snow but some kids have different ways of getting their kicks.

Home is where the drugs are and the sounds of sirens, screams and guns are as familiar and comforting to them as the

French Cooking: SBS, 8pm
Scared Straight: 10, 8.30pm

Times and programs may vary

sounds of cicadas, Christmas bells and carols.

When they get picked up for dealing, trashing cars or stealing they get thrown in the can where they learn new tricks, get done over by the old cons, raped and then get used to it or kill themselves.

This drama of kids and prison was inspired by an Oscar-winning documentary about the Juvenile Awareness Program devised and operated by the inmates of a prison. It is designed to jolt juvenile offenders off the path which leads them to prison as adults.

Starring Stan Shaw who plays Carl Jones, a lifer who dreams up the Awareness Program, this program focuses on a

nightmare confrontation with the inmates of the prison.

The anger, ugliness and barely restrained violence of the scene between the cocky first offenders and the old crims who display a rare generosity in attempting to share their bitterness, is an exercise in a different kind of crime prevention through the spectacle of punishment. It remains embedded in the minds of the young offenders for the rest of their lives.

Television could be put to positive use if a program like this, a form of aversion therapy through TV, could become prescribed viewing for all potential delinquents or young first offenders. If it worked it would be a lot cheaper than dumping them behind the walls of institutions where they're kept out of sight and out of mind until they commit their next offence or become the victim of someone else's depravity.

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Don Fullilove in **Scared Straight**