

Cracking down the junkie punters

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THE seamier side of sport comes under the microscope in **Four Corners**, **The Fast Track**, when reporter Paul Barry investigates the epidemic of drug use on horses on the nation's racecourses.

Doping with "elephant juice" (etorphine), an illegal stimulant 10,000 times more powerful than morphine, was discovered in January this year at the Perth summer racing carnival.

In the United States, the problem is worse, with some of the top names in horse racing being implicated in doping scandals.

Forget the horses lining up at the starters gate, the real race is now on between the technology to detect the drugs and the latest hit from junkie punters' laboratories.

Good clean fun about being unemployed is what it's all about in **Bread**, a lively new comedy series from Britain written by Carla Lane who wrote the charming *Butterflies* series starring Wendy Craig.

Four Corners: ABC, 9pm
Bread: ABC, 8.30pm
My Brother's Wedding: SBS, 9.30pm

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Family unity and loyalty come first with no questions asked and if registering Grandad as incontinent is worth another 30 quid in social security benefits, so be it.

Plucky humour, cute skulduggery and canned laughter turn poverty and how to survive under Thatcher economics into a joke.

My Brother's Wedding is a not so pretty look at family values and what it's like being out of work.

When you're black and live in the sprawling ghettos of Los Angeles, life

seems to mean nothing more than hanging out on the mean streets of disenchantment and petty crime.

Focusing on Pierce, an unrealistic romantic and proud cynic who is bored by others' attempts to be respectable, this tragic sweet and sour comedy snowballs towards a tense situation.

When Soldier, Pierce's friend, gets out of jail trouble brews, and when Soldier gets killed Pierce is in a moral dilemma. Ironically, Pierce's sense of responsibility and commitment lead to his downfall.

When the funeral and his lawyer-brother's wedding to a spoon-fed charm school woman fall on the same day, Pierce tries to attend both and fails, disappointing everyone.

"The higher you go the lower the people get," snaps the idealistic Pierce.

— BERWYN LEWIS



From *My Brother's Wedding*... streetwise