

Showtime Renews "Soul Food," "Resurrection Blvd."

Showtime has engineered some major reshuffling of its original-series schedule, giving a 20-episode commitment to action-drama "Street Time," renewing "Soul Food" and "Resurrection Blvd." and canceling the rookie series "Going to California" and "Leap Years."

"Street Time" stars Rob Morrow as a narcotics smuggler who returns to his wife and son after five years in prison, facing two antagonists -- parole officers played by Scott Cohen and Erica Alexander.

About the renewal of "Soul Food," Showtime programming president Jerry Offsay said, "This decision was a no-brainer."

Showtime's eight regularly scheduled series, "Soul Food" is the second highest-rated, behind "Queer as Folk."

As reward for its audience delivery, Showtime has picked up "Soul Food" for another two seasons, covering 40 hourlong episodes, which will keep the series running on the network well into 2004, Offsay said.

Showtime is being more cautious about its renewal of "Resurrection Blvd.," committing to only 15 episodes. Offsay acknowledged that the show's ratings are well below what he would like.

But because "Resurrection" features more Latinos both in front of and behind the camera than any other English-language series, Offsay said Showtime's affiliate sales department uses the series as a sales tool to get more Hispanics to become subscribers to the network.

Neither "Going to California" nor "Leap Years" were able to chalk up a sufficient audience in their first season of 20 hourlong episodes apiece to warrant a second-year renewal.

"Going to California," in particular, Offsay said, "needed 18- to 34-year-old males to make it successful, but we've never made anything else directed at them, so they weren't used to watching us. Our movies and series appeal mostly to adults between the ages of 30 and 50."

Before Showtime commissions another series appealing to young adults, Offsay said he's going to approach Viacom corporate sibling MTV to work out a promotional strategy that would make MTV viewers aware of the series.

A few months ago, Showtime renewed "Queer as Folk" and "The Chris Isaak Show," each for a second season.

Rookie sci-fi/action series "Jeremiah" premieres on Showtime in mid-2002. In the show, stars Luke Perry and Malcolm Jamal Warner fight their way in a futuristic world similar to that of the "Mad Max" movies.

Lewis Might Finally Get His Wish: Tyson



LAS VEGAS -- Lennox Lewis has his championship belts back. Now he wants Mike Tyson.

Lennox Lewis has the belts; who's first in line to try to take them away?(AP) "Since the Evander Holyfield fight (in 1999) I've been waiting for Tyson," Lewis said Sunday after regaining the WBC-IBF heavyweight titles on a fourth-round knockout of Hasim Rahman.

Lewis, 36, might not have to wait much longer.

"HBO is committed to making a Lewis-Tyson fight," HBO president Ross Greenburg said. "We will negotiate with our brethren at Showtime."

Tyson congratulated Lewis for recapturing the title. "He said he wants me," Tyson said. "Well, I really look forward to it."

Lewis has a multifight contract with HBO, while Tyson is tied to Showtime.

undisputed champion by outpointing Holyfield, but was stripped by the WBA for not giving Holyfield a rematch.

A Tyson fight would be a mandatory WBC title defense for Lewis.

Lewis appeared headed for a Tyson bout when he was upset by Rahman on a one-punch knockout in the fifth round April 22 in South Africa.

Lewis admittedly took Rahman too lightly in that fight. Not this time.

"When we went to camp, everybody was focused and they kept me focused," Lewis said.

The first two rounds were a battle of jabs. Lewis then hurt the 29-year-old Rahman with a couple of rights to the head in the third, and shook him with another right 20 seconds into the fourth round.

The end came at 1:29 of the fourth, when Lewis landed a left hook and crashing right to the jaw that dropped Rahman flat on his back. He struggled up at the count of nine but fell again, and referee Joe Cortez signaled the fight was over.

"He couldn't handle my movement," Lewis said. "I gave him different looks."

Rahman's championship reign of 209 days was the shortest in heavyweight history -- four days shorter than that of Leon Spinks, who won and lost in fights with Muhammad Ali in 1978.

"He had his 15 minutes of glory," Lewis said. "The titles were on loan. They're now back with me."

"That's three times, baby," Lewis shouted after becoming the fourth man to win back at least a share of the heavyweight championships. The others were Floyd Patterson, Ali and Holyfield.

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Vinny Testaverde Needed Few Passing Heroics to Lead the Jets Past the Dolphins

Didn't they change the rules to open up the passing game?

In the days' biggest game, in which the Jets beat the Dolphins 24-0, Vinny Testaverde threw for just 76 yards and one touchdown. That's because the Jets had two interception returns for touchdowns that allowed them to sit on a lead.

Four other starting quarterbacks won without throwing for over 175 yards: Philadelphia's Donovan McNabb (129), Seattle's Matt Hasselbeck (134), Cleveland's Tim Couch (144) and Tennessee's Steve McNair (172). Tony Banks (who left with a concussion in the second quarter) and Kent Graham, the two Washington Redskins quarterbacks, combined to throw for 150 in their 17-10 victory over the Denver Broncos.

So what gives? Why has "pass" become a dirty four-letter word?

Turnovers and returns for touchdowns made big throwing days by these quarterbacks unnecessary this week.

Of the six teams, four had some sort of return for a touchdown. The Jets and Eagles each had two interception returns for scores. The Browns and Titans each had one return for a score.

Five of the six teams won the turnover battle; only Washington did not.

That isn't to say that teams can't win by throwing. Warner is proof of that. Atlanta's Chris Chandler (352 yards) and Arizona's Jake Plummer (334 yards) also won with big passing days.

Detroit's Charley Batch threw for 436 yards and lost; Tampa Bay's Brad Johnson threw for 399 with the same result. Both teams lost the turnover battle and were forced to scramble from behind.

Don't get fooled. You still need a solid passing game to be successful in the NFL. Winning when your quarterback has the day off isn't going to happen every week, which is why Warner's Sunday night show was more promising in the long run than the games won by sub-200-yard passers.

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Diabetes Among Latinos

What Is Diabetes?

Diabetes is a disease that affects the body's ability to produce or respond to insulin, a hormone that allows blood glucose (blood sugar) to enter the cells of the body and be used for energy. Diabetes falls into two main categories: type 1, which usually occurs during childhood or adolescence, and type 2, the most common form of the disease, usually occurring after age 45. Diabetes is a chronic disease that has no cure.

How Does It Affect Latinos?

Prevalence

* The prevalence of type 2 diabetes is 2 times higher in Latinos than non-Latinos whites.

* 1.2 million or 10.6% of all Mexican Americans have diabetes.

* Approximately 24% of Mexican Americans in the United States and 26% of Puerto Ricans between the ages of 45-74 have diabetes.

* Nearly 16% of Cuban Americans in the United States between the ages of 45-74 have diabetes.

Latinos and Diabetic Complications

* Diabetic retinopathy is a term used for all abnormalities of the small blood vessels of the retina caused by diabetes, such as weakening of blood vessel walls or leakage from blood vessels. The prevalence of diabetic retinopathy in Mexican Americans is 32-40%.

* Ten to twenty-one percent of all people with diabetes develop kidney disease. In 1995, 27,900 people initiated treatment for end stage renal disease (kidney failure) because of diabetes. Among people with diabetes, Mexican Americans are 4.5 to 6.6 times more likely to suffer from end stage renal disease.

What Is Needed?

In ideal circumstances, Latinos

with diabetes will have their disease under good control and be monitored frequently by a health care team knowledgeable in the care of diabetes.

* Patient education is critical. People with diabetes can reduce their risk for complications if they are educated about their disease, learn and practice the skills necessary to better control their blood glucose levels, and receive regular checkups from their health care team.

* People with diabetes, with the help of their health care providers, should set goals for better control of blood glucose levels, as close to the normal range as is possible for them.

* Health care team education is vital. Because people with diabetes have a multi-system chronic disease, they are best monitored and managed by highly skilled health care professionals trained with the latest information on diabetes to help ensure early detection and appropriate treatment of the serious complications of the disease. A team approach to treating and monitoring this disease serves the best interests of the patient.

Could you have diabetes and not know it?

Sixteen million Americans have diabetes - one in three does not know it! Take this test to see if you are at risk for having diabetes. Diabetes is more common in African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, Asian-Americans, and Pacific Islanders. If you are a member of one of these ethnic groups, you need to pay special attention to this test. To find out if you are at risk answer the following questions and click on "CALCULATE" to see what information is returned.

The Board of Directors of The Latino Coalition (TLC) and the Hispanic Business Roundtable (HBR) today launched a website, www.FreeTradeForAmericas.com, as part of their campaign to educate the

Hispanic community on the benefits of free and fair trade and to urge them to call on Congress to immediately pass Trade Promotion Authority (TPA), HR 3005.

"Our Boards strongly believe that having the U.S. as a party to only two out of the 130 preferential trade agreements in the world today is damaging our economy," said TLC

Chairman Dorene Dominguez, executive vice president of Vanir Construction Management in Los Angeles, Calif. "U.S. business and workers are missing vital opportunities."

The facts are clear, international commerce provides enormous opportunities for U.S. business and workers, and particularly those in the U.S. Hispanic community. "Since the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), we have witnessed a very significant growth in the number and the size of Hispanic-owned businesses in the U.S. Our community benefits

from the distinct competitive advantage when conducting business with Latin America of being bilingual and bicultural. Increased trade has opened the door for business opportunities for our entrepreneurs and our workforce," said HBR President Mario Rodriguez, CEO of Jonathan Grey & Associates Inc. in San Clemente, Calif.

"But we cannot just stop with NAFTA," Rodriguez added. "The U.S. should be negotiating agreements with other countries in Latin America to expand business and job opportunities. While we

debate amongst ourselves, Canada and other countries have already negotiated agreements, businesses have cemented opportunities, and their economies and workers are benefiting from them."

"The data is clear: TPA is extremely important in expanding economic opportunities in the U.S. Hispanic community," said HBR Board Member Remedios Diaz-Oliver, CEO of All American Containers, Inc. in Miami, Fla. "We will make sure that Hispanic voters across the country know where their member of Congress

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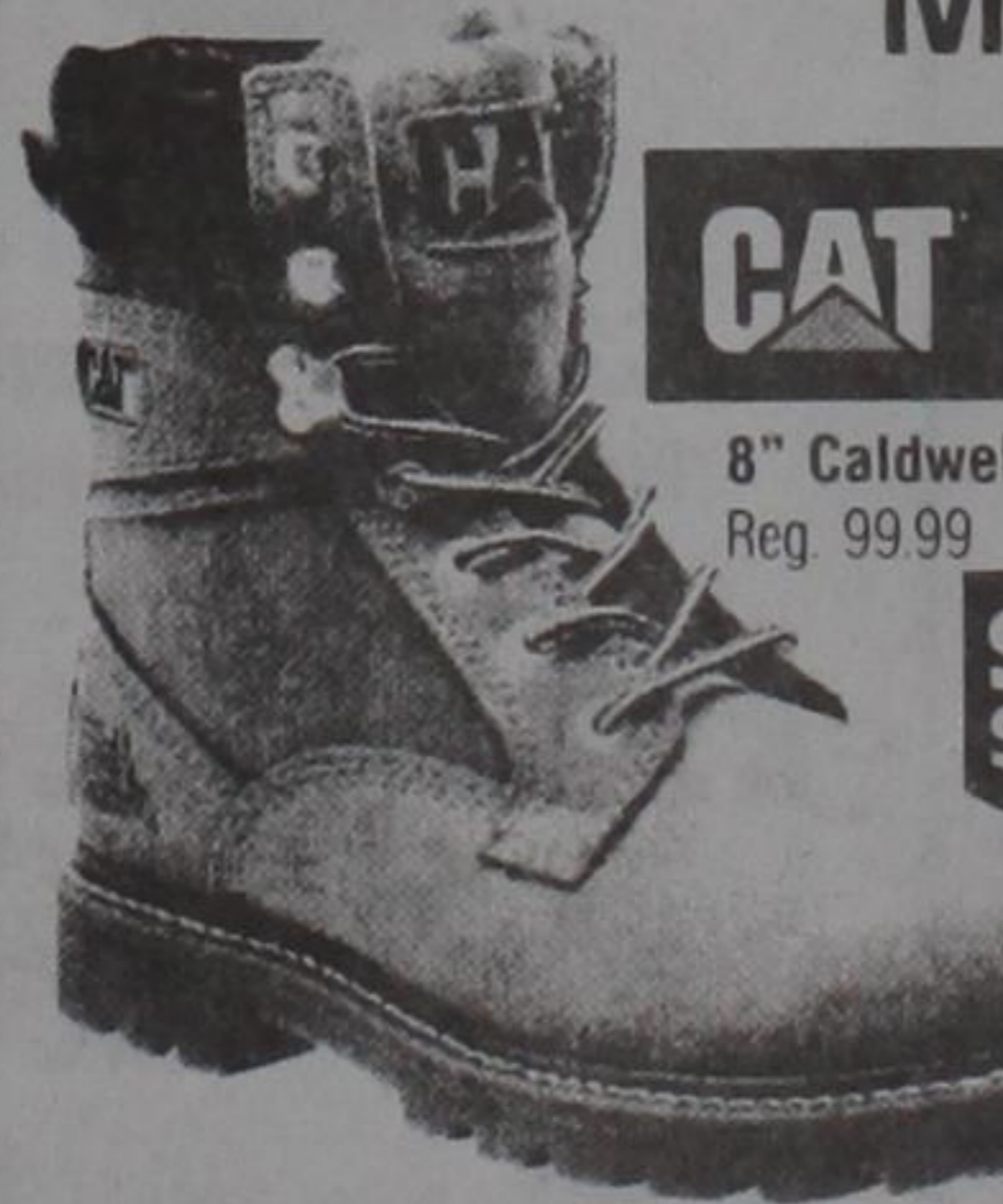
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