


tv previews TIM ELLIOTT

Family Fortunes

ABC1, 8pm

 Here's one Australian who has made a fortune on the pokies without playing a single game. A dentist's son, Len Ainsworth did a year of medicine before leaving to pursue his more mechanical instincts - designing and building prototype pokies at his father's surgery in suburban Sydney. The company he started, Aristocrat, would become a leader in its field, supplying machines to every casino from Vegas to Macau. Along the way, he battled allegations of criminal conduct, had five sons, left his wife, had another two sons with another woman, beat cancer, got out of Aristocrat, then started up another, competing company. Anyone who doesn't reckon fact is stranger than fiction isn't paying enough attention.

Walk Like A Man

SBS, 7.30pm

 Most rugby teams wouldn't raise funds by holding a gay cowboy dance night - except for the Sydney Convicts. The Convicts are one of the teams to beat in the Bingham Cup, an international gay and bisexual rugby competition named for the late Mark Bingham, one of the four hostages who, on September 11, 2001, stormed the cockpit of the hijacked

United Airlines flight 93.

Bingham, who was gay, played for the competition's other top team, the San Francisco Fog.

Loaded with observations and revelations, this superb and at times touching doco follows the Convicts and the Fog as they prepare to face off in the 2006 Bingham Cup. The Convicts winger Luke Carpenter says: "What [rugby] did was release a lot of anger that I'd been bottling up. I just become a completely different person on the field."

Dinosaurs On Ice

ABC1, 8.30pm

 "Deep inside the Arctic circle, scientists have made an *extra-o-o-o-ordinary* discovery!" says the narrator, in a tone that suggests something truly remarkable. But it turns out that what they discovered were dinosaur bones, not quite that extraordinary after all, it seems. If they had discovered a NSW Tourism visitor information bureau, yes, but dinosaur bones? That's exactly what you'd expect them to find, right?

Wrong! For a long time, palaeontologists assumed that cold-blooded reptiles like dinosaurs could have survived only in warm climates. But it turns out that places like Alaska are full of dead dinosaurs; the only catch is getting to them, buried as they are under layers of permafrost. This documentary