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FIRST UP

LETTER OF THE WEEK

When have you been guilty of judging a book by its cover?

I'd been chatting to this guy on RSVP and we organised to meet at a bar in Paddington for a drink. I arrived a little early and found this fellow at the bar wearing a bright green shirt, chinos and what looked like riding boots. In Paddington. Yikes. It was my date. Well, as I was NEVER EVER going to see this guy again, I totally relaxed, let it flow and had fun. You guessed it, we've been married for four years and have a nine-month-old son!

Robyn Ekstrom, Como

Congrats, Robyn. You win a LouenHide bag.

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what's hot

SWEET LIFE

New film *Caramel* has been dubbed Lebanon's answer to *Sex and the City: The Movie*. The rom-com centres around five women in Beirut living around cultural taboos, like not being a virgin on one's wedding night or trying to get a hotel room as an unmarried couple. It's on at Dendy Opera Quays.



DIY WOMAN

Aussie workwear icon Hard Yakka has launched a new range of women's workwear designed for the fashion-forward DIY woman. Originally launched in the early '90s, the women's range has been updated to take into account current trends. So, you can look hip and feminine while painting! Visit www.yakka.com.au.

GEM THERAPY

We don't need much encouragement to lust over gemstones. Moi Fine Jewellery hosts jewellery appreciation workshops on Thursdays from 6-7pm at its QVB store, comparing your facial shape with celebs such as Halle Berry, Julia Roberts and Catherine Zeta-Jones to pinpoint which jewels best suit you. The store uses diamond simulant moissanite, as with this Claudia ring (\$3200). Bookings essential: 9261 0200.

CITY SEEN CITY SEEN

Let us in on your Sydney goss at cityseen@ninetofive.com.au.



Doesn't singer/songwriter **Vanessa Amorosi** look hot in her new music video for *The Simple Things*? She had a little help from Perth designer **Allison Cotton**'s Joveeba label. Amorosi fell so in love with the spring/summer collection she had it flown to Melbourne especially for the shoot. Other fans of the brand include **Paris Hilton**, **Miranda Kerr** and **Emma Booth**. The new campaign for Joveeba, now five, was shot by Sydney photographer **Jody Pachniuk**. Visit www.joveeba.com.au.

Sydney party gal **Tiffany Farrington**, behind the PR and events website SocialDiary.com.au, lived every

guy's fantasy recently – paying a visit to the Playboy Mansion in LA. She was there with a whole bunch of Aussies, including local band **Martini Club**, for the fundraising soiree *Rock the Mansion*. "The girls had to dress as schoolgirls or in lingerie and the boys as rock stars – I went as Malibu Stacy Goes to School," Farrington says, laughing. "Just being there was amazing. There was a naked guy in the pool when we got there. We assumed he was part of the entertainment but he was a guest – he was naked until the end. More people were naked in the grotto too, which was hilarious. We went running around the grounds, pretty much everywhere but inside the house!" The closest some of us are likely to get is watching new film *The House Bunny*...

Ah, the sounds of yesteryear. **Noiseworks** will hit the tour trail in NSW in October and November, with support act **Taxiride**. It will certainly *Take Me Back*. And you? Visit www.noiseworks.com.au for tour dates. Talking of blasts from the past, **New Kids on the Block** are also back on our radar with a new album, *The Block*. No word on their reunion tour making landfall here, though.

what's not

GET INKED



It is unfortunate in this day and age that animal suffering is still an issue. Still, you can do your bit to stop the suffering. **Abbie Cornish**, **Wil Anderson** and **Erin McNaught** are among those identities getting behind the **World Society for the Protection of Animals'** global petition to achieve a universal declaration on animal welfare at the UN. Sign up at www.makeyourselfbeautiful.org.au.

BABY STEPS

We could hardly believe it when we discovered that two US mums had launched a business selling baby high heels, dubbed **Heelarious**. It certainly takes playing dress-ups to new levels. The shoes are described as "extremely funny, completely soft shoes for babies 0-6 months, designed to look like high heels". Fun aside, what'll they think of next? Baby-sized bras?

HAIRY MOMENT

They won't say why they're sporting them but rugby league team **New Zealand Warriors** are certainly looking pretty hairy (including **Ruben Wiki**, pictured). The players have made a mutual pact to let their facial hair grow wild, though won't say why. With **Movember** around the corner, things are looking a little hairy for us girls. We like to support a good cause but we'd rather the goal be to be the most clean-shaven.

