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Get hot and sweaty on a date, discover All Mighty powers and go for gold, geek-style.



Sweet nothings

Limited-edition lingerie is uncovered at a hot new boutique.

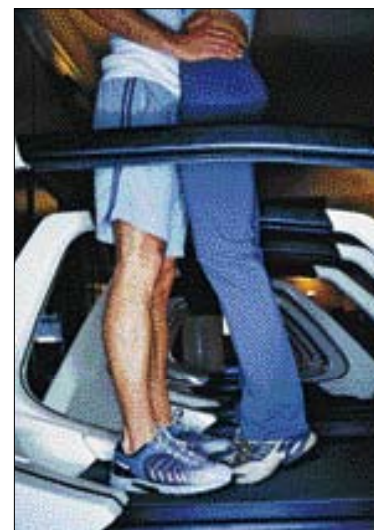
If you're at all worried about wearing the same outfit as your rival, you can at least make sure your knickers are exclusive. Cult British label Bela's Dead, by Manchester-born designer Jo Lynch, crafts only 30 of each bra. At about \$275 apiece, the bras combine silk with storytelling artwork by Finnish illustrator Klaus Haapaniemi. The label's vixen-friendly Fox Hunt bras are

going as quick as the proverbial at new naughty-but-nice lingerie store Dirty Pretty Things (www.dirtyprettythings.com.au). Owner Melissa Gallagher says the Sydney shop, fitted out in the manner of a Parisian boudoir, offers women a "hint of burlesque and a twist of glamour". DPT's range of lingerie is also available by mail order. *Helen Hawkes*



Power of attraction

When ordinary fridge magnets just won't do, the All Mighty fridge magnet – the type on the box brags that it's "the world's strongest magnet" – will tell your weakling magnets where to, well, stick it. This stock-cube-sized beacon of field-emitting greatness can affix up to 36 sheets of paper to your basic domestic cooling unit (or anything metal, for that matter). At \$14.95 (plus delivery) from www.latestbuy.com.au, the All Mighty is a unique kitchen or office novelty. Buy two and watch your paperclips quake with fear ... and remember: if your refrigerator is running, it'll be easy to catch it. *Amelia Dalton*



Let's get physical

Plain old dating is usually enough to get your heart pumping but why not try it with exercise? At Fit2Date, personal trainer Erica French leads 16 singles (eight men; eight women) in relay-style activities for one month. Week one is a "group date" as teams of eight go head to head. Get a little more intimate on a "double date" on the second week before a "blind date" in the third week. For the final session, it's your choice for a one-on-one workout. Erica says the classes give singles the chance to meet in a pressure-free setting. The courses, which cost \$200, run in North Sydney, Double Bay and Coogee and are coming to Melbourne and Wollongong. Email hookmeup@fit2date.com.au or call 0412 195 808. *Brooke Hemphill*



Gold standard

For added desk bling, Thanko has housed those ultra-handy eight USB2.0 ports in a striking Gold Ingot design. The port, \$US69 (\$78), from www.audiocubes.com, is PC and Mac compatible, features an AC adaptor for power and when you connect a USB cable to the hub, the ingot lights up. If you prefer something cute and kitschy, boost your computer's storage capabilities with a few plastic My SushiDisk USB drives. Choose from cucumber rolls, salmon roe, sea urchin or prawn, from £30 (\$70), plus delivery, from www.usbstore.co.uk. *Kirsty Munro*



From the vault

Australian Screen online is a growing digital library that will please the nerdiest film buff (www.australianscreen.com.au). It includes 1500 clips from 500 local features, such as *Clubland* (left), documentaries, historical footage, newsreels, television drama and home movies produced during the past 100 years. But Australian Screen is not our first web library. The National Library of Australia established PANDORA in 1996 to archive websites and make our cyber heritage available on the web. Take a look at pandora.nla.gov.au. *Daniel Fallon*

Hit list

Five horror films that star animals on the attack.

By Eliza Compton



The Birds (1963)

In the masterpiece of the genre, Alfred Hitchcock puts his glamorous heroine (Tippi Hedren) off bird-watching for life when she heads to California to deliver a pair of lovebirds. Feathered fiends, indeed.



Cujo (1983)

Who let the dog out? In this Stephen King tale, a placid St Bernard catches rabies from an infected bat and takes his teeth to the residents of small-town America. This is one dog you want to sit and stay.



Razorback (1984)

Before John Jarratt terrorised the Australian outback, it was a killer pig. The humour, possibly unintentional, makes this a top DVD. Film fact: director Russell Mulcahy found fame making music videos for Duran Duran.



Isolation (2005)

In quiet rural Ireland the cows have an appetite for more than grass. Aussie actor Essie Davis stars in this gruesome award-winning horror movie that owes no small debt to *Alien*. Not one for the faint-hearted.



Black Sheep (2006)

Just when you thought it was safe to go back to the farm... This film about genetically engineered sheep that turn from harmless to killer confirms New Zealand's reputation as fertile pasture for quirky B-grade shockers.