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OUR PICK

1 // WEAR

Handmade Italian silk tie and sock sets (\$295) from chic new Australian men's accessories label Stanley Lewis. www.stanleygentlemen.com

2 // LISTEN

Carla Bruni, former supermodel and new wife of the French president, has another string to her bow – as a singer and composer. Her new CD *Comme Si De Rien N'Était* (As If Nothing Happened, Filter Music) is unashamedly folksy, with Carla's breathy voice evoking sensuality and serenity.

3 // READ

Some of the most diabolical characters in Ancient Rome were, apparently, women as you will discover in *Empress of Rome: Den of Wolves* by Luke Devenish, (Bantam, \$32.95).

4 // USE

WOH's Optima Voyage Trekker Satchel (\$79.95, ph: 02 9886 4900) holds everything you need for a romantic picnic for two – just add wine and food.

5 // WATCH

All the intrigue of Mervyn Peake's gothic novels is brought to life in *Gormenghast*, starring Jonathan Rhys Meyers (BBC, \$29.95).



UNsung HERO

SAMANTHA TRAYLEN 35 // ACCOUNTANT

Samantha isn't afraid of high finance. Indeed, so unafraid is she, she's committed to raising \$7000 for Variety Queensland each year. This will be her third year in the charity's annual Variety Bash, a 10-day drive in the Outback that generates money for sick, disabled or disadvantaged children. "About 200 cars participate and all entrants must have cars that are at least 30 years old. We visit country towns and stop along the way to call on families and schools," says Samantha, of Nundah. "It is hard work, but the event is a lot of fun, so you enjoy making the money and meet many people who benefit from the cause," she says. This weekend, Samantha will swap her 1967 Holden for joggers to complete in the Bridge to Brisbane, to generate further funds for Variety Queensland, her chosen charity for the fundraising challenge. "I have never done anything like this before, but a group of my friends decided to give it a go and we have been training a couple of times a week."

DEANA PUGLISI



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