

weekender

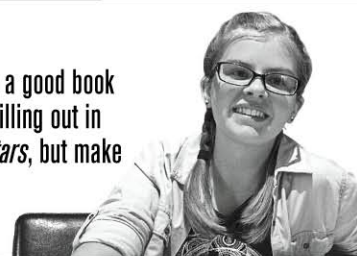
BEST BUYS, HOT SPOTS, NEW IDEAS

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Weekends are for snuggling under a blanket with a good book – anything by John Green or Ally Carter – and chilling out in front of a good movie. I loved *The Fault in Our Stars*, but make sure you have a box of tissues ready.”

HANNAH CHANDLER, 12-YEAR-OLD AUTHOR OF *I DON'T LIKE CHEESE* (\$20).



EAT

38 CHAIRS

When the former director of one of Melbourne's best-loved Italian restaurants (Caffè e Cucina) opened his own diner in 2012, expectations were high. Two years on, it's fair to say they've been exceeded; Gino Forlano's cosy 38 Chairs has quickly become a destination in its own right. The all-Italian staff are charmingly casual, while the food is a study in simple refinement: the homemade pasta, such as pappardelle with duck ragù, is exemplary, while the primi piatti, designed for sharing, make stars of top-notch produce from Moreton Bay bugs to Wagyu bresaola. It's pricey (wines included), but you get what you pay for. ANNABEL ROSS

38 CHAIRS, 4A BOND STREET, SOUTH YARRA; (03) 9827 5553; THIRTYEIGHTCHAIRS.COM.AU

get festive

We'll happily be going over to the dark side this holiday season with a tippie or two of Mr Black, an Aussie-crafted, Pozible-funded cold-drip coffee liqueur that has recently scooped two international gold medals. Serve it on the rocks or shaken in a martini, or try this rather special cocktail (below), which comes to Weekender courtesy of Mr Black's creators, Phillip Moore and Tom Baker.



MR BLACK SPICED ICED COFFEE

Pour 45ml of Mr Black over ice into a latte glass. Combine 60ml milk, 10ml dark rum or brandy and a pinch each of cinnamon and nutmeg in a cocktail shaker with a few ice cubes, and work vigorously. Pour over the liqueur and garnish with fine curls of milk chocolate.



we love

We've lost our hearts to this whimsical collection of gold and silver jewellery by West Australian Renee Evans, who translates bumblebees in their honeycombs, feathers adrift on a light breeze and seahorses delicately suspended in an ocean current into eye-catching, wearable pieces. "They're made with the intention of each item becoming a personal talisman," says Evans, who gleans her inspiration on long coastline walks.

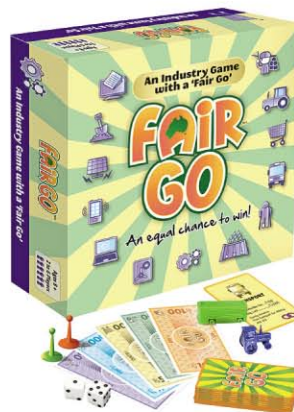
"TWIG AND BEE RING TWO-TONE", \$139; COLLECTBOWERBIRD.COM



Object of desire

Lovers of lomography – a creative, zany way of capturing the world photographically (see lomography.com.au) – will be delighted to learn that they can now record their favourite holiday moments on a series of cute credit card-sized snapshots courtesy of Lomo's first dedicated instant camera. The fun quotient here is ample: the Lomo'Instant comes in three liveries (how we adore the tan and beige Sanremo) and is compatible with a variety of different lenses (built-in wide angle, plus fish-eye and portrait). There are colour flash gels, too, for added delirium.

LOMO'INSTANT BASIC PACKAGE FOR BLACK AND WHITE (INCLUDES FUJIFILM INSTAX MINI INSTANT FILM), \$150 (WITH ADDITIONAL LENSES, \$175); SANREMO BASIC PACKAGE, \$170 (WITH ADDITIONAL LENSES, \$195); LOMOGRAPHY.COM.AU



have fun

A new board game, invented by Aussie educator Andrea Thompson, is competitive and philanthropic. Fair Go pays homage to Monopoly but instead of driving opponents to bankruptcy through relentless acquisition, the winner is determined by how enlightened and socially responsible an industry owner he or she is. Will you provide bushfire relief or house the homeless while helping your fellow players reach their potential? Throw the dice to find out. FAIR GO, \$50; FAIRGOGAME.COM

THE LIST: party nails

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