

MUSIC

COUTURE POP

If Alexander McQueen owned a record label, Swedish pop supergroup Zeigelt would probably be the first band he would sign. Crafting a new wave-meets-nu rave track list on their latest album, *The Jade Motel*, this trio's stylish look—heavily influenced by art star Matthew Barney, Japanese fashion label Comme des Garçons and Mr. McQueen himself—is just as strong as the band's sound. Download: "Black Milk"



The hottest culture picks of the month

SUMMER MUSTS

FASHION



BOOK

FASHION FIXATION

Want to get inside Karl Lagerfeld's ponytailed head? Twenty-one of the fashion industry's hottest names, including King Karl and Lanvin's Alber Elbaz, give the world a quick peek into their master minds by way of a new book called *The Fashion Questionnaire*. *New Yorker* writer Michael Specter penned the introduction, while each fashionite is given a Marcel Proust-inspired set of questions, rounding out some juicy info on today's top tastemakers.

ARM CANDY

Inspired by the Japanese B-movie director Seijun Suzuki, Corto Mottedo's new handbags come in various palettes and exude a retro rock 'n' roll vibe with their cassette-tape clasps.

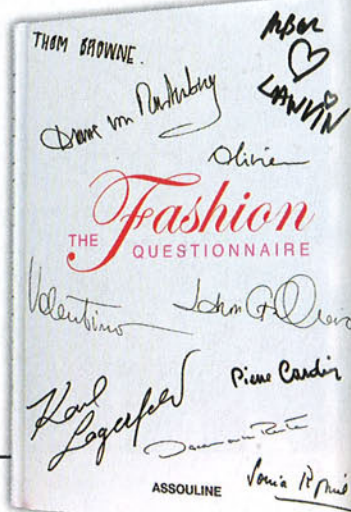
FILMS

TOWELHEAD

Based on the acclaimed novel by Alicia Erian and starring Toni Collette, Aaron Eckhart and Maria Bello, *Towelhead* is a gutsy drama about a young Arab-American teen (Summer Bishil) coming to terms with her sexuality while confronting the racism within her Texan suburb.

MAMMA MIA!

Mamma Mia!, the sing-along ABBA-inspired musical, is hitting the silver screen with some seriously talented surprises in the lead roles. Oscar-winner Meryl Streep stars as Donna, a single mother whose daughter, Sophie (Amanda Seyfried), is about to get hitched. Pierce Brosnan (aka the former James Bond) and Colin Firth (aka Mr. Darcy) play two of Donna's hunky ex-flames.



BISHIL IN
TOWELHEAD



FUNKY HUNK

Easy on the ears and the eyes, Australia's Sam Sparro has been getting praise from power bloggers, such as popjustice.com (who compare him to Prince), for months due to the online leak of his now-hit "Black and Gold." Luckily, his self-titled electro-pop debut lives up to all the hot hype, placing him in a category that tightwalks gracefully between Justin Timberlake and Jamiroquai. Download: "21st Century Life"



DVD



DRAMA TEENS

The Hills: The Complete Third Season Relive all the Heidi Montag and Lauren Conrad madness and watch their feud reach great heights on the newly released third season of *The Hills* on DVD. Just be sure you treat the season as a guilty pleasure and not a friendship guide—nobody needs this kind of high maintenance in real time.

TV

'60s FEVER

If anyone can pull off creating a television show based on a fictitious advertising firm from the 1960s, it's *The Sopranos'* writer Matthew Weiner. Recently launched on CTV, *Mad Men* is a top-notch series with a wardrobe brimming with pencil skirts and vintage fedoras. If the politically incorrect dialogue doesn't get you hooked, scene-stealing newcomers such as January Jones and Maggie Siff (who take a few cues from Dita Von Teese) definitely will.



TECH



DJ PETITE

Calling all remix lovers. The new pocket-sized Pacemaker by Tonium is a portable DJ system that allows you to mix, play and edit your favourite tunes on the go. With your purchase, you also gain access to the online community (www.pacemaker.net), where owners can exchange tracks through webcasts.