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THOSE LARGER-THAN-LIFE '80S CHARITY BASHES ARE MAKING A COMEBACK, JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE IS TIPPED TO VISIT, ONE PERTH BUSINESSWOMAN IS POISED TO SWEEP THE US, AND MORE THAN A FEW CEOs WILL NEED A LIE-DOWN AFTER THEIR MARATHON TREADMILL DASH.

*High notes*

Local rock royalty **Mark McEntee** and his Divinyls partner **Chrissy Amphlett** will present the award for album of the year at the Australian music industry's big night, the ARIAs, tonight. McEntee and Amphlett will share the podium in Sydney with other presenters including **Megan Gale**, **Missy Higgins** and host **Rove McManus**.

Meanwhile, McEntee's other half, fashion designer-to-the-stars **Melanie Greensmith**, has launched a new campaign for her label **Wheels & Dollbaby**.

The campaign features her friend, expat Perth model **Tiah Eckhardt**.

The photos were shot by top WA photographer **Justin Smith** during Tiah's recent visit for Greensmith's Perth Fashion Festival parade.

*Timberlake top tip*

Will he or won't he? **Justin Timberlake** is tipped to make a surprise appearance at this year's Ronald McDonald charity ball at Burswood on November 10. "That's a rumour – it could quite well be, but we



don't know," says event publicist **Natalie Blake**. "He's performing at the Dome that night and we have a couple of tie-ins with Sony, but we have no idea if he'll show up." Tickets to the ball, which has a "bling" theme, have already sold out. A highlight of the night will be a charity auction. Up for grabs are a golf day and lunch with cricketer **Adam Gilchrist**, among other things. The most unusual lot, however, is the "adrenalin" package. Win this and you and 11 friends can spend two days learning how to escape from a sinking helicopter, operate a rescue craft at sea, fight a fire,



*Good times back*

escape from a smoke-filled building and be winched to safety from a life raft. In the '80s her decadent parties attracted the highest of Perth's high-fliers. Now **Juanita Walsh** is reviving a charity that was supported by some of the state's then biggest and most powerful names. Walsh will relaunch the Black & White Committee. It raised money for Holyoake and its alcohol and drug rehab programs. The charity went into recess after the 1987 stockmarket crash. "It was big time in the '80s and when the crash came I decided it was in poor taste to continue it on," she says. "It was all very decadent. The Bonds, the Connells, all the big names, you name

them and they were there." Walsh remembers raising \$50,000 in 50 minutes at one bash. "People were taking off jewellery and others were buying it from around their necks," she says. "What made me do it now is Ben (Cousins)," Walsh says. "Now is the time. I thought I'd start with a younger group and I'll keep things going until the next crash." Walsh says West Coast footballer **Andrew Embley's** wife **Rayne** had agreed to be on the Black & White Committee. It will be relaunched at a cocktail party at the Matilda Bay Restaurant on November 20. Tickets are \$60. Telephone 9416 4444 for details.





## LIFE'S A BITCH

JAYNE SMEULDERS, WA BALLET DANCER

**So, you think you can sing? Is it really that hard to nail a note, pick up a tune and belt out a few bars of Justin or J-Lo while waiting in traffic or doing the weekly shop? How about doing vocal justice to a chorus of Missy or Mika, or perhaps delivering a remotely tuneful refrain of Robbie or Rihanna in the moments before the elevator doors open or the bus reaches its stop? What is it that makes otherwise thoughtful and well-meaning human beings commit harmonic homicide when singing a few lines of their favourite tune?**

**How is it that people can subject the aural faculties of their fellow human beings to anything less than perfect pitch, instead preferring an acoustic assault on the innocent? The answer is this – we try our best, but many of us just weren't made to sing. Those of us who are melodically challenged often pretend otherwise, and in our hearts we know that those around will most likely suffer, but we say – live with it! Fortunately for me, at least I think I can dance.**

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but says US sales are expected to reach hundreds of millions of dollars within the first five years.

### Competitive spirit

Gem Consulting director **Brian Beresford** is Perth's fastest chief, at least among those who competed in the Foxtel Lap this week. Top business leaders ...

competed on treadmills in Forrest Chase to raise money for the Murdoch Children's Research Institute. Beresford ran 77 laps on the treadmill, or 7.7km, in 30 minutes. Second place went to National Australia Bank's **Tim Sullivan** who ran 68 laps and the ANZ's **Peter Elkerbout** who ran 67. The overall team winner was KPMG, clocking up 1263 laps.

### Tim's top turn out

Sydney celebrities turned out in force for the launch of expatriate West Australian comedian and actor **Tim Minchin's** new DVD. Famous faces at the big bash were celebrity photographer **Peter Brew-Bevan** and actors **Mark Priestly**, **Nathaniel Dean**, and **Dieter Brummer**, among others. Minchin's DVD, *So Live*, is out on November 7 and he will be returning to Perth in December and performing at His Majesty's Theatre on December 19. The DVD is a two-hour solo performance filmed in May at the Sydney Opera House studio.

