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Pearler of adventure

YOU could say **Pearl Jam** are soul savers. **Jason Leung**, right, quit his job as civil engineer managing high profile construction projects for the Vancouver and London Olympics, to follow Pearl Jam on tour and pursue a "more fulfilling life" when he was 25. The trip culminated in him writing *This All Encompassing Life*.

Canadian born Jason has since become an avid traveller, aspiring filmmaker, travel writer, part-time blogger and entrepreneur.

He visited Adelaide in November 2006 during the Pearl Jam tour and then again in the spring of 2007 when he was living in Melbourne.

"The two shows in Adelaide that tour were some of the best shows I've seen," he tells *Confidential* from his London home.

"I've met a few of the members and they give as much attention back to you as you would to them. They are almost more excited to meet you than you are of meeting them, thanking you for your support."

The story chronicles his journey

of 197 days on the road driving 40,494km and flying 103 hours through 13 countries to take in 62 Pearl Jam shows.

"Pearl Jam has always been my favourite band based on music alone, but there was also something extra special about them that goes beyond music," he says.

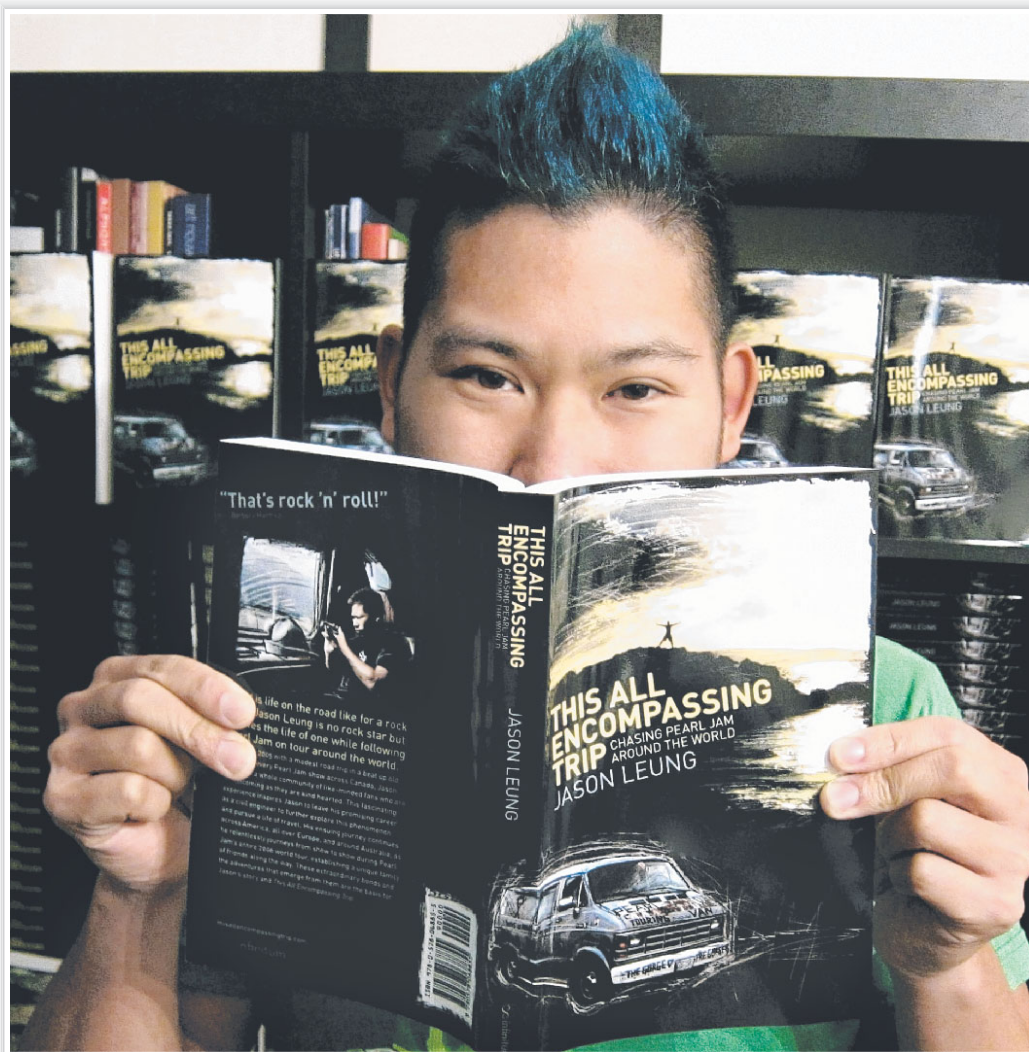
"Their ethics, their political stance, their environmental awareness, their care for the fans and their meaningful lyrics are all things that I respect and can relate to a great deal. I connect with everything that the band stands for."

He found his calling when the band toured Canada extensively.

"I knew that it was a trip I had to do," Jason says.

"What I found were other fans similar to me, fans who were respectful, helpful, caring and genuine. Special bonds were made and only fuelled my need to continue following the band that brought us all together. I've not stopped since."

More details are on the www.ThisAllEncompassingTrip.com website.



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Flag flies high for Jen

HOLDING the Aussie flag, literally, for our country, Myer faces **Jennifer Hawkins** and **Kris Smith**, above, are some of our hottest ambassadors yet.

Australian fashion will again take centre stage at the G'Day USA Ball in Hollywood in January as part of a parade showcasing designers sold at Myer. Former Miss Universe Jen will return to the US to star in the special Myer fashion show to promote the best in local Aussie designers to an international audience.

"I can't wait to be involved

once again. Last year the Myer parade in Hollywood was one of the highlights of the year and I'm looking forward to sharing the event with even more of our Australian designers in 2011."

Attending designers are Aurelio Costeralla, **Jayson Brunson**, **Nicola Finetti**, **Leona Edmiston**, **Wayne Cooper**, **Yejin Bae**, **Manning Cartell**, Ellery and **Fernando Frisoni**.

G'Day USA is a week of celebrations that promotes Aussie business and trade and culminates in the black-tie ball on January 22.

Desperate times for show

THINGS are getting desperate on *Desperate Housewives* with news **Teri Hatcher**, right, is to quit her lead role.

It's a double exit as co-star **Felicity Huffman** is following suit.

Teri has handed in her notice and is getting ready to move on, a TV insider told the *Daily Mail*.

Bucking the trend that "older" women don't get good roles, Teri apparently has another production in the pipeline and is in the early stages

of developing a sitcom. Word is that the show still has two more seasons in it, but without Teri, there's the possibility it will just fizzle.

The show's creator, **Marc Cherry**, signed a deal with ABC Studios last October which gave *Housewives* a stay of execution for two years provided its leading cast members, including **Teri**, **Eva Longoria** and **Felicity**, remained happily onboard.

All three will be out of contract after the next season.



Gwyneth behaving not so badly

FRIENDS in need are friends indeed. When Hollywood starlet **Gwyneth Paltrow**, right, knew she would be playing a recovering addict country star in *Country Song*, she turned to recovered addict Robert Downey Jr for information on how she could understand her character.

"I asked Robert a lot of questions because there were some things that I just did not understand," she says.

"Like, how do you behave so badly one night and not just embarrass yourself, but wreck people's lives and then wake up in the morning and be like, Hi!"

"I don't get it. So he would write me emails about what addiction is and how it was for him. He was very articulate about it and he helped me a lot."



Gwyneth, 38, who has two children, **Apple**, 5, and **Moses**, 4, with husband **Chris Martin**, says she has managed to avoid many of the pitfalls of fame because she gets so much support from her family.

Fans bamboozle Bieber

CANADIAN pop star **Justin Bieber** has an adviser to avoid the pitfalls of his awkward teenage phase.

Internet rumours are that the 16-year-old *Baby* singer reportedly has a minder called **Ryan** who tells him how to act in order to impress the public, how to talk, walk and even to flirt.

Baby-faced Bieber

doesn't understand why he is regularly mobbed by screaming fans.

"I'm not even that cool, seriously," he, like, says. "These girls are crying, I can't believe that. I'm so honoured that you're crying but, I don't know, it's crazy!"

The youngster is following the celebrity perfume trend but is planning to release a scent for the ladies.

Here's cheers for cricket

CRICKET isn't known for being a racy game, but add a few cheerleaders and you might get some converts.

SACA's **Philipa Danson** and head West End Redbacks cheerleader **Courtney Semmler** are on the lookout for eight new recruits to dance at Big Bash games and do promotions during the season.

So if short shorts and pompoms are your talent, head to the Adelaide Oval Indoor Cricket Centre on Saturday from 10am-1pm to vie for a coveted spot in the West End Redbacks cheerleaders ring.