

# Fury at starve stance

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SYDNEY: Australian nutritionists have hit out at two international fashion heavyweights who have admitted they starve themselves to fit into haute couture clothes.

Male model Andrej Pejic and fashionista Daphne Guinness said they needed to go hungry to look good.

Pejic, 20, who has modelled women's clothing for Jean-Paul Gaultier, has told *Grazia* magazine he lives in a state of semi-starvation to fit into the designer outfits, sparking anger from nutritionists who labelled his comments as irresponsible.

Pejic said he followed a strict diet and had lost inches from his waist.

"Let's be honest. You can't eat much if you want to do

this. To do womenswear I have to be disciplined."

Meanwhile, journalist and haute couture collector Daphne Guinness revealed in an interview with *New York* magazine she goes hungry so she can wear designer clothes. "I'll eat when I'm dead," she said.

Pejic's manager, Matthew Anderson, said most models had a healthy lifestyle and were disciplined when it came to food and exercise.

Nutrition Australia said the comments sent the wrong message to vulnerable young people who may already be suffering self-esteem issues.

"He (Pejic) is a role model who young people look up to so these sorts of comments can plant ideas in their heads," a spokeswoman for the organisation said.



Model Andrej Pejic has caused outrage by admitting he sometimes starves himself

## NAOMI'S MANSION

ISTANBUL: Naomi Campbell is reportedly building a luxurious eco-mansion shaped like the Egyptian Eye of Horus on an island off the coast of Turkey. The former supermodel's new home, designed by Spanish architect Luis de Garrido, will reportedly feature a huge landscaped terrace and a greenhouse-style roof to provide heating. The glass-domed retreat, built on the island of Isla Playa de Cleopatra, will be completely water and energy self-sufficient, architecture website Inhabitat reports. The 25-bedroom property is rumoured to be a gift from Campbell's Russian boyfriend Vladimir Doronin.

## RACIST THREAT

LOS ANGELES: TV bosses were forced to beef up security on the set of hit US TV show *House* after Olivia Wilde's love scene with black actor Omar Epps prompted death threats. Wilde, who played seductive Dr Remy Hadley in the popular medical drama, was required to lock lips with co-star Epps for an episode in 2009. She tells America's *Cosmopolitan* magazine after the program aired she received a startling backlash from viewers who were enraged by the interracial kiss. "There are racist people out there," she says. "We got hate mail that said that someone wanted to cut off my lips and kill me."

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## Melissa tells of love for hip-hop mogul

LOS ANGELES: Australian actress Melissa George has broken her silence on her new love, hip-hop mogul and multimillionaire Russell Simmons.

George, 35, who recently shot the Australian TV series *The Slap*, and *Bag of Bones* alongside Pierce Brosnan, was first linked to Simmons, 53, in July.

George, who married Chilean film director Claudio Dabed 11 years ago, has until now been reluctant to confirm the status of her relationship with Simmons, who has an estimated worth of \$340 million and was once married to reality TV ident-



Melissa George

ity Kimora Lee Simmons became a millionaire founding the hip-hop label Def Jam.

Asked if they were in a relationship, George said: "Yes."

She said she was amused by Simmons recently posting a provocative photo of her on Twitter, then asking followers if it was "too sexy" for the micro-blogging site.

"It's just, you know, fun... so much fun," George said with a laugh. "I can't stop smiling."

"For what it's worth... it's absolutely lovely."

## Dokic tries to heal the rift with dad

BELGRADE: She once said she would never speak to him again, but Jelena Dokic has returned to the Serbian home of her volatile father Damir in a reported attempt to heal their rift.

The father and daughter have been estranged for eight years but Jelena this week visited her father's mansion in the northern



Jelena Dokic

Serbian village of Vrdnik, Serbian news website *Mondo* reported.

The former world No. 4 arrived at the house with her Croat boyfriend Tin Bikic, who is the brother of her tennis trainer Borna Bikic.

## Sadly, geek's no Helen of Troy

SYDNEY: *Beauty and the Geek* male hottie Troy Thompson has already sidestepped his geeky partner, hooking up with not one, but two of the female beauties in the house.

The personal trainer from Bondi was partnered with Canberra statistician Helen for the series — the first male beauty



Troy Thompson

and female geek pairing in the show's history. Though meant to be Helen's man, it was the beauties that caught the eye of the model and topless waiter, with Thompson admitting he finds love on the show — twice.

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