

Mexico trumps Australia in Universe pageant

Mexico's Jimena Navarrete has been crowned Miss Universe, beating 82 competitors including Miss Australia at the annual beauty pageant in Las Vegas.

Gold Coast glamour Jesinta Campbell, 19, missed out on the crown after making it to the top five finalists on Monday (US time). She was second runner-up. She also was named Miss Congeniality.

The first runner-up was Miss Jamaica, Yendi Phillipps.

Navarrete, a 22-year-old nature enthusiast from Guadalajara, is the 59th winner of the Miss Universe title.

She received her crown from reigning Miss Universe Stefania Fernandez, Venezuela's second winner in as many years. In a major shock, this year's Miss Venezuela failed to make it past the first cut when the 83 contestants were whittled down to 15.

Miss USA, another favoured contender, was also eliminated at the outset. The contest, co-owned by Donald Trump and NBC, was judged by celebrities including 2010 Olympic gold medallist Evan Lysacek and actress Jane Seymour.

Article from ABC news



Miss Universe 2010: Mexico's Jimena Navarrete. (AFP: Mark Ralston)



Jesinta Campbell finishes third in Miss Universe



Campbell, 19, was among the finalists, who with some bookmakers firmed as a favourite, faced stiff competition from beauty queens from Puerto Rico, Ukraine, Mexico, Belgium, Ireland, South Africa, France, Jamaica, Russia, Albania, Colombia, Guatemala, the Czech Republic and the Philippines. The contestants went through the national costume stage, with Campbell showing off the high-heel uggbot ensemble she has copped flak for back home. They then strutted onstage in short silver and black dresses. Jesinta had been updating her Facebook while she has been in Las Vegas and on Sunday posted: 'Met Mr (Donald) Trump today! Very nice man with kind words for all of the contestants :) very excited for tomorrow night!! xx.' She also updated her friends and family members about a 6am shoot in which she took part. The brunette beauty was the school captain of Aquinas College and moved to Sydney about 18 months ago.

Article from the Herald Sun

Europe's royals prepare for another wedding as Nikolaos and fiancée get set to say: 'I do'

Greek mythology holds that Agamemnon stopped there on his way back from Troy to Mycenae, seduced by 'the sweet music of this fertile isle'.

In modern times Spetses, which is a three-hour boat ride from Athens, was to become a retreat for heroes, tycoons and socialites, seducing among them, Jackie Kennedy Onassis.

The magical island will attract the world's attention in earnest again when 40-year-old Prince Nikolaos of Greece and his fiancée Tatiana Blatnik become man and wife.

Though not a royal wedding in the strictest sense - his father King Constantine was deposed in 1974 - the nuptials are likely to be a magnificent affair, graced by many members of Europe's reigning houses.

Among the guests of honour are newlyweds Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden and husband

Prince Daniel, who tied the knot in lavish style earlier this summer.

Also attending are her siblings, Carl Philip and Madeleine. Spain's royal family will be heavily represented as the country's Queen Sofia is Constantine's sister.

The groom's mother Anne Marie, meanwhile, is the sister of Queen Margrethe of Denmark.

Tatiana, an ice cool blonde with ravishing cheek bones, who works for Diane von Furstenberg, is

also from a distinguished family.

Educated in Switzerland and the US, the 29-year-old is the granddaughter of Ellinka Countess von Einsiedel.

The couple will tie the knot at sunset in the white-washed 19th-century monastery of Ayios Nikolaos.

Guests are then invited to toast their happiness during a reception overlooking the ancient harbour where the crystal waters of the Mediterranean lap Garifalo beach.

Article from Hello Magazine



The son of King Constantine of Greece is to marry Tatiana Blatnik in a lavish ceremony on the Saronic island of Spetses



Guests representing Europe's most distinguished families will witness the exchange of vows between Constantine and Anne-Marie's son



They will become man and wife in the 19th-century monastery of Ayios Nikolaos