

## ➤ ICING ON CAKE

### Neighbourly welcome

ORLANDO Bloom has thanked Joan Rivers for giving him a warm welcome after moving into the same building as her. The British actor, who announced his split from Miranda Kerr after three years of marriage last week, is renting a new bachelor pad in New York and the 80-year-old Fashion Police host bought a cake to welcome him to the 'hood.



## ➤ FACE VALUE

### Klum's 'old woman' stunt to prove point

HEIDI Klum says she is fed up of people asking her how it feels to be 40.

The German supermodel has revealed she dressed up as an old woman for Halloween because she wanted to prove she is still in her prime.

"There was so much talk about me turning 40 this year and what it felt like to be older. I thought, 'Really? I will show you old!'" she said.

The mother-of-four enlisted Oscar-winning make-up artist Bill Corso to make a cast of her face.

"The rest of my ideas – the grey hair, yellow-stained teeth, lots of wrinkles, a hunchback, arthritic

hands, age spots and milky eyes – he just made happen," she said.

The blonde beauty, who has previously dressed up as Cleopatra, completed her costume with pear necklace and a vintage designer suit, because "you can never go wrong with Chanel, no matter how old you are".



## ➤ HELPING HAND

### Oprah yard sale

OPRAH Winfrey has hosted a giant yard sale for charity. The talk show host offloaded personal belongings from her homes in Hawaii, Indiana and California, in three huge tents at the Santa Barbara Polo & Racquet Club to raise funds for the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy Foundation College Fund. The fund helps graduates of her school in South Africa attend colleges and universities.



## ➤ ROUGH PATCH

### Friends fear for two-year match

RYAN Gosling and Eva Mendes' relationship is reportedly on the rocks.

The couple, dating for two years, are reportedly going through a rough patch and friends predict they may soon split.

A source close to Gosling told UsMagazine.com his relationship hadn't been going well since a brief break six months ago.





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## Innovation: Technology winner



**EASIER FOR ALL:** GP Ramana Panda has developed an integrated system for telehealth consultations. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

# Specialist GP service now closer

A QUEENSLAND GP has developed medical teleconference software that can be used via mobile phone or tablet, eliminating the need to buy expensive equipment or go to a dedicated video conference centre.

Ramana Panda has worked in rural communities in Australia and New Zealand and knows first hand the difficulties in accessing specialists.

"When I needed specialist help I used to get digital images and email them to a specialist. Then they would get back to me and tell me if the patient needed to be seen straight away, or if they could wait until the next clinic," Dr Panda said.

He said sometimes it

was hard to get hold of a specialist – he didn't know when they were available – and the patient was anxious and wanted to know if they needed to travel to see a specialist.

While teleconferencing is nothing new, Dr Panda's software has the added function of an online scheduler which means they know when the specialists are available and appointments can be booked.

"We can use a mobile phone, iPad, Android, etc, for the consultation and it can be done anywhere, anytime, you don't need to have an expensive set up," he said.

"With this software GPs can use their own systems and they don't need a costly set-up or

the space to set one up."

As well as specialist appointments, the software can be used for live monitoring of chronic diseases and could be used by community nurses to visit patients at home and then teleconference with the specialist.

Dr Panda said he had a patient who needed a hip replacement and he wanted to have the surgery over the Christmas period so he wouldn't have too much time away from work.

Using the telehealth software he was able to have his pre-op examination in his home town, then travel to where the surgery was, then travel back and have the post-op examinations also from his home town.

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