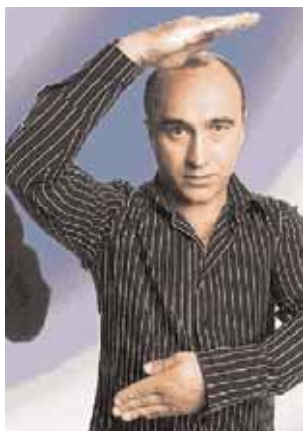




It's all Greek at special banquet night

FOR a fun-filled night of dancing and comedy and an authentic Greek banquet, make a booking now for Doltone House for Friday, October 9.



That's when Sutherland Shire's famous waterfront function and conference centre will be transformed into a Greek taverna to present a night of Greek-inspired entertainment, along with a special guest, comedian George Kapiniaris, star of stage and screen who was most recently seen in Sydney as part of the II Dago comedy act.

Also performing at Doltone House on Friday week will be the celebrated bouzouki player, Tommy T.

Doltone House is renowned for its ability to produce exceptional international cuisine, and the Greek Taverna Night will enable diners to enjoy traditional Greek fare ranging from mezze platters to succulent, seasoned lamb.

Tickets for the Greek Taverna Night are \$65 with a \$5 discount for groups of 10. Doltone House, 223 Belgrave Esplanade, Sylvania Waters. Bookings essential: 8543 6000.

Greek sailor dies after cargo ships collide

Authorities say a Greek sailor has died after two cargo ships collided in the Aegean Sea and one of them sank.

The Merchant Marine ministry says the Captain Michalis and the Santana, registered in Greece and Malta, respectively, collided early Sunday morning southeast of the island of Mykonos. The Captain Michalis sank immediately.

A third cargo ship rescued eight of the sunken ship's crew of nine — six Greeks, a Romanian and an Irishman. The injured captain was hospitalized.

The ministry says the missing sailor's body was recovered. It did not release his name.

The Santana will remain at the island port of Ermoupolis while authorities investigate.

The Captain Michalis had been headed to Mykonos while the Santana was en route from Ukraine to Thailand.

Peter Andre replaces sex with chocolate

Singer Peter Andre, whose divorce from Katie Price will be finalised this month, has been satisfying his sexual needs by eating chocolate.

Contactmusic.com reports that the singer insists he hasn't had a relationship since he has split from Price in May and while he misses some bedroom action he has found other ways to satisfy his needs.

He said: "I'm a hot-blooded Greek guy, but it's not my priority. I manage fine. Anyway, I've replaced it, I've got my chocolate, which the fans keep bringing me. I'm living on it! A lot of people



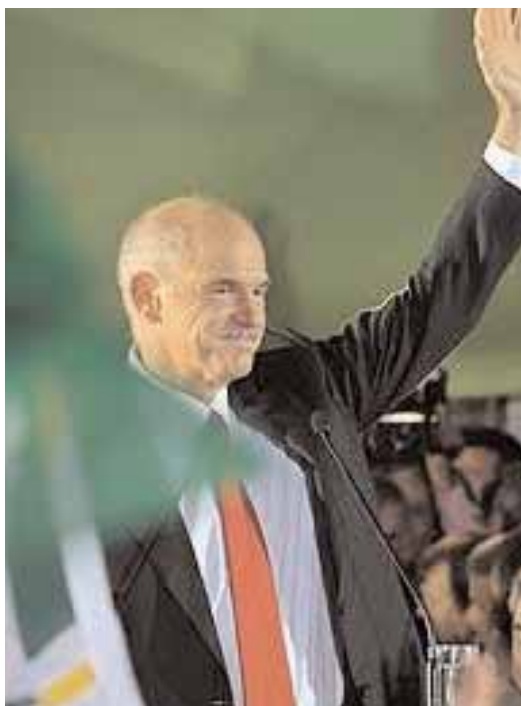
say, 'Don't eat all the chocolate, you'll ruin your six-pack!' And I'm thinking, 'Who cares!'"

The singer, who raises

three children -- Harvey (7), Junior (4) and two-year-old Princess Tiaamii with the glamour model -- has now become comfort-

able with his own company.

"You have to learn to be yourself again. If you can't be with yourself, you really shouldn't be with anyone else. I love going to bed, watching a movie on my laptop, tucking into a bit of chocolate. I'm just a typical guy. A single guy, I'm having a laugh now and have turned that corner. I have some amazing people around me and we are all true to each other," he said.



Greek PM quits as socialist leader George Papandreou claims election victory

GREEK socialist leader George Papandreou has declared victory in the general election after trouncing the ruling conservatives of outgoing Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis.

"We stand here united before the great responsibility which we undertake, which I undertake," Mr Papandreou told supporters from a special stand in front of the party's Athens headquarters.

The 57-year-old leader said his party had waged "a good fight to bring back hope and smiles on Greeks' faces ... to change the country's course into one of law, justice, solidarity, green development and progress".

Bouncing back from a demoralising defeat in 2007, the Pasok socialists won over 43 per cent of the vote and look set to capture a 159-seat majority in the 300-deputy parliament, according to results from nearly two thirds of polling stations.

In contrast, Mr Karamanlis resigned his party leadership after the conservatives produced one of their worst electoral results in their 35-year-history.

New Democracy looks set to win about 35 per cent of the vote and 94 seats.

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Greece's Kokosalaki serves up elegant draping

PARIS — Greek designer Sophia Kokosalaki served up on Saturday a spring-summer 2010 ready-to-wear collection of artfully draped cocktail dresses that would have done her ancestors proud.

Abbreviated cocktail dresses in neutral tones were wound in whisper-light chiffon so graceful it evoked classical Greek sculptures.

"I did all my drapery in wet fabrics, just to keep it really light and effortless," the imposing blond told The Associated Press in a post-show interview.

The abbreviated, asymmetrical dresses in black, ivory and purple-y gray fluttered invitingly as the models tromped down the catwalk. Still, the dresses were not so different from the short, draped bustier and sheath cocktail numbers that have already dominated many other Paris runways.

What set Kokosalaki apart were the little leather jackets and short jumpsuits embellished with traditional Greek motifs.

"My heritage is so rich, it's a never-ending source of inspiration," she said, adding with a laugh, "It's a bit of a joke, but Greek people like to say that all the designs, all the motifs out there, their origin is Greek."

