

George Michael charged with drug possession

George Michael has been charged with drug possession and driving while unfit through drink or drugs. The Careless Whisper singer – whose real name is Georgios Panayiotou – was charged on Thursday and later freed on bail to appear at Highbury Corner Magistrates Court, London, later this month. The charges stem from an incident last month, when the 47-year-old singer – who only recently ended a two-year driving ban – was arrested after losing control of his Range Rover and crashing into the door of a shop in the early hours of July 4 after attending the Gay Pride parade in London. This is not the first time Michael has been in trouble with the police.

He was arrested in September 2008 after being caught in a public toilet in possession of crack cocaine and marijuana. A year previously he was handed 100 hours community service for drug driving after being found slumped at the wheel of his Mercedes car by police.

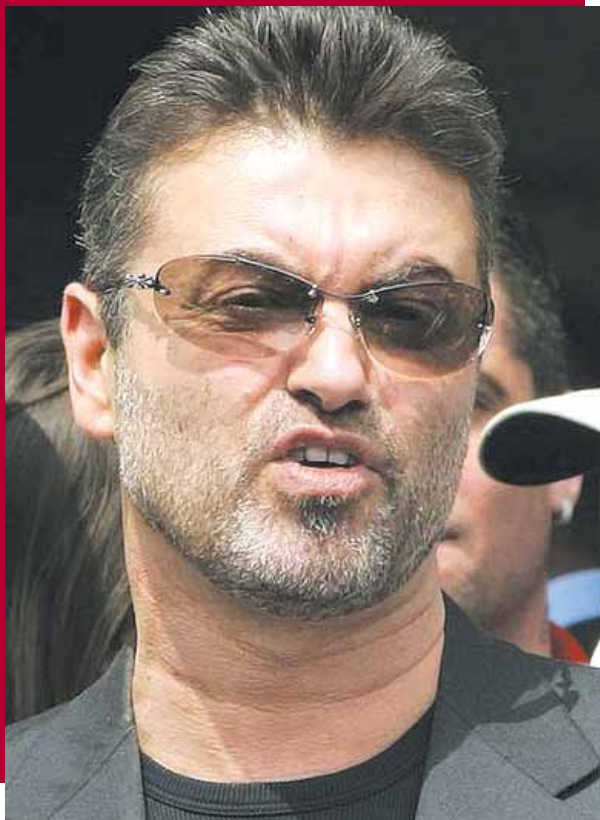
In a frank interview last year the ex-WHAM! star insisted he had cut down his marijuana use, smoking only "seven or eight" cannabis-laced cigarettes a day from 25.

Michael – who is in a long-term relationship with art dealer Kenny Goss – also admitted he was frustrated that people judge him for his drug use and penchant for casual gay sex.

He said: "People want to see me as tragic with all the cottaging and drug-taking. I don't see them as weaknesses any more. It's just who I am.

"I've done different things at different times that I shouldn't have done, once or twice, you know. Of course, nobody wants to regularly smoke crack."

Article from the Sydney Morning Herald



Child's play ... Junior MasterChef contestant Lucy with George Calombaris / Pic: Channel 10 Source: The Daily Telegraph

Cries Junior MasterChef cooking is anything but child's play

"CAN I give you a hug?" Anna Gare asks the red-faced boy with his head in his hands.

Falling into the TV presenter's open arms, his second attempt at buttery "pastry frangipane" lying on the kitchen bench, the tension of the moment is released in his cries.

This is a pressure test, Junior MasterChef style.

Watching from the gallery yesterday, the scene is excruciating and heart-warming in equal measure.

And before the

child protectionists arc up, there is nothing in the least bit exploitative about it.

Their care, their success is paramount, celebrated most of the time with high fives and huge smiles.

Matt Preston stands a few metres away, a father-figure fretting in those trademark suede boots.

"We've seen it in all the series, it's an emotional thing. When you really focus on doing something, sometimes you might not do as well as you want to," Preston said.

Producers and chaperones have moved in to comfort the challenger, one of three tasked with making florentine tarts (a Cornflakes confection with pastry from scratch).

While the recipe has tested all three, things just haven't gone well for the red-faced boy, whose flare and imagination in previous challenges has set him apart.

The mothering Gare, who has joined the judging line-up, has been stunned by the skills and confidence of the kids.

Article from the Daily Telegraph

Exhibition for the Greek speaking World in the Greek Museum of Melbourne

An exhibition entitled Millenia is presented in the Greek Museum of Melbourne until 10th December 2010. The exhibition is about the 4000 years of the Greek speaking World's history in three continents. The exhibition uses the Peter Mitrakas' collection of Cypriot vessels and Din Kalimnios' collection of Greek coins, as well as objects from the collections of the Greek Museum. The exhibition begins from the years of Alexander the Great until the modern times and tries to answer some questions about Greece and Greeks.



Greeks win at world maths meet

SIX OF Greece's sharpest young math minds recently returned from a worldwide competition where they divided, added, subtracted and multiplied their way to distinction.

The group took part in a prestigious maths contest for secondary school students – the 51st annual International Mathematical Olympiad. It is said to be the largest and hardest maths contest in the world.

More than 100 countries took part at this year's event, which was held in Kazakhstan on July 2-14. The team of Greek maths whizzes included secondary school students from around the country. They were selected by the Hellenic Mathematical Society, a group founded by Greek maths professors back in 1918 and which currently boasts more than 15,000 members.

"It's the oldest scientific organisation of its kind in Greece," said Yiannis Tirlis, a maths professor in Athens who serves as the society's general secretary. "The maths competitions – like the international Olympiad, as well as the national and Balkan-wide competitions – are of course one of our main priorities."

The mathematical society holds three nationwide secondary school maths competitions each year.