

What's On

Overheard in the Souk the grapevine

● The much-awaited long weekend is here. As many will fly out for a quick getaway and refresh themselves, a hapless few will be unable to do so. Apart from those who are unable to travel abroad, there is a more unfortunate bunch — folks who don't get any of the days off. However, there is an upside to going in to work on a public holiday — the open road.

While those on holiday start their languid mornings with a long-drawn-out brunch with family and maybe take to the outdoors to supplement the photo pile on social media, driving to the office will be wonderfully brisk.

● A friend came across a compatriot who had been through some hellish experience of some sort in the past eleven months or so as a maid.

Her ordeal started as soon as she arrived in her owner's home. The first maid she met in the home, in collusion with the children, immediately started to show hostility

towards her and would ensure she is not served any food of her own except leftovers.

When the new maid sensed the hostile atmosphere in the home, she asked for an immediate release to go back home but her madam refused and even threatened her with imprisonment.

The maltreatment in the home left the lady so emaciated and malnourished that she decided she couldn't take it any longer and bailed out without her passport after eleven long arduous months. Sometimes one wonders how some people feel subjecting fellow humans to such needless hardship.

One sometimes cannot help but wonder if some people are born wicked or are victims of circumstances. People who go in for maids should be made to understand they don't own them fully and should accord them at least basic human dignity.

● If you can't beat them, join them! People who try to live their best to

be upright and straight with their business dealings and interpersonal interaction with other people and colleagues at their workplace may it be in public or private offices are always subjected to pressure in one way or another to adopt, assimilate and adjust to the existing system in place. But what happens if they don't?

The existing system may not be the ideal environment for a newcomer who has been imbued with values that strongly opposes corruption, bureaucratic red tape and other shady deals.

Chances are, those who have been benefiting from the corrupt and convoluted system where they earn big bucks from their shady deals will definitely try to lure the newcomer to join them in this no sweat transactions.

They usually ask the newcomer to practice the "See no evil, hear no evil dogma" and just go with the flow. Once the newcomer does not conform, those ingrained in the reeking corrupt system will either

harass or pressure the former until he finally gives up and resigns.

But to the steadfast and strong-hearted, fight the system with their whole might but until when? Can you beat them or just join them? Or maybe stay out of the kitchen, when it gets too hot to handle.

● Many are beginning to feel that the current parliament could complete its legislative term which will fall in 2017. For several years the Kuwaiti parliament has never end its term and had been witnessing dissolution after dissolution. The last time the parliament completed its term was in 2006. The previous governments had also witnessed similar fate of numerous resignations. This was due to fighting among various political blocs in the parliament on one hand and between the parliament and the government on the other hand.

This situation had not only caused political instability in the country but also unprecedented tension among Kuwaiti society and

the residents. Many are sure that the current parliament can and will end its four-year legislative term because of its good relation with the incumbent government, in addition that the current parliament is generally made up of independent individuals rather than political blocs.

Some give this credit to the current speaker of the parliament who, they say, has been able to handle the parliament in a very good and effective manner. He has able to defeat outside and inside opposition and has created good relation and cooperation with his government counterpart.

● Public figures or public officials should master the art of being discreet. The public's nerves are raw and edgy so anything that a public figure or official says or does publicly can have a profound impact on whoever is listening and watching. Being discreet is usually regarded as being a good thing, because you wish to spare someone from feeling embarrassed or ashamed or

most importantly, you spare yourself such embarrassment.

Some people look and salivate for juicy news about their neighborhood, what more with public figures or officials who are seen everywhere? Some may have learned their lessons too well of not being discreet in the past after being piqued by the nosy public, affecting their work, love life and other aspects of their personal life. Some try to be discreet but as the saying goes, no secret is ever revealed. You and your date may be in the same place at the same time though not seen together but still, you can never escape an eagle's eye.

Tips to being discreet are quite simple depending on the situation you're in. For one if this is a situation where you don't want others to know about a certain lifestyle that you have, then, do not meet people at your home.

For one thing it is a definite security issue as well as a red flag to the newsy neighbor.

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most effective way to save lives by detecting breast cancer at early stage. For more information visit: <http://fighting-withcancer.webs.com/>

Latest

Embassies Football League: The Premier Sport Academy in association with Everton FC is pleased to invite embassy teams to participate in a football league dedicated to serving the international community in Kuwait.

Weekly matches will be played at the Everton Bayan Sports Arena on Sunday evenings with kick off times of either 7 pm or 8 pm starting in October. Teams should consist of 7 players (one goalkeeper plus 6 outfield) and upto 4 substitutes. Matches will be two halves of 25 minutes each.

Participating teams must represent their embassy and be either employees or nationals from the embassy.

The league will be organised by PSA Everton and will initially run for twelve

weeks followed by the Everton Cup competition.

Please contact Mike Finn, Everton Academy Director to confirm your involvement or for further information on 99981327 or by email: info@psa-kuwait.com prior to the end of September 2015.

Sept 29

AWARE Center events: The AWARE Center announces following events for the month of September:

■ **Aware Diwaniya: 'Kuwait's Dust Storms' by Dr Muhammad Wiidan:**

Do you know the relationship between geographical locations and the climate of dust storms?

What is the probability of sand storms' recurrence in 2016?

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