

## Overheard in the Souk the grapevine

● On May 30, 2019, Super Station FM 99.7 published the following post on its Instagram account #rkfm997 –

We are deeply saddened to hear of the news that one of our most iconic and beloved DJ's of the breakfast show from 1994-2013 and RKFM family member Linda Lou Al Shammari (1957-2019) has passed away.

Our hearts and prayers are with her family and friends. #RIPLindaLou you will be forever in our hearts.

On the same day, the blog site "Desert Girl on Kuwait" published the following blog –

Kuwait's former DJ on 99.7 Radio Kuwait, throughout the 90s, Linda Lou Al-Shammari, has passed away.

I never met her in person, but she always helped me with causes behind the scenes and was always willing to do her best to help. She was married and lived in Jahra and had 2

daughters. Friends of mine helped her leave Kuwait with her children and move back to the States. She just silently disappeared from the radio one day. Everyone talked about why and what had happened for months to follow.

She was loved by many who grew up with her on the radio – often listening to her advice to 'wear your seat belt' on their way to school. Many actually heeded that advice and she may have saved lives because of it.

Linda died on May 27, 2019, after a stay in the hospital. She was surrounded by her family in North Carolina."

(Source – #rkfm997 and Desert Girl on Kuwait, May 30, 2019)

● Displays of wealth is not unusual for the Gulf region and Kuwait is no exception. Kuwait is a country full of wealth created

from the small petroleum-based economy as well as a leading position in the financial service for GCC countries. These industries combined have led Kuwait's dinar to be the highest valued currency in the world.

1. Their currency is the most expensive in the entire world. Enough said.

Most people tend to think of the Euro, the Pound and American dollars as the top currencies in the world. However, that's not true. In fact, the top three currencies are all from the GCC.

2. Their population is only about 4 million Their small population means that their capita per person equates to being very high. Hence, pushing them to be the second richest country in the GCC and fifth in the world.

3. The cars are outrageous

It's like one huge competition of whose car accelerates the fastest. If you don't have a

luxury car here, you're at least always admiring one.

4. They have a pond full of gold They have enough petrol to account for over half of Kuwait's GDP, 94% of its export revenues and 90% of the government income.

5. Having everything done for you is not uncommon

When having home help, gardeners, drivers and car cleaners is the norm, that's when you know there are ultra-rich people.

(Source – www.expatwoman.com, July 4, 2017)

● A circulated video shows a number of dead carcasses of stray dogs left in the street and on a dusty yard. The video does not show exactly where the carcasses were found.

A lot of citizens responded to the video via

varied comments reflecting their contradictory opinions.

Part of the comments supported disposing of stray dogs stressing that this is the way the children are protected from the dogs attacks. Other part of the comments objected on the way the dogs are killed. A citizen suggested sending the dogs to the countries where eating their meat is allowed.

Another commentator suggested allocating shelters for keeping the dogs and providing them with eating and health service.

There were some unique comments such as the one who said people are more dangerous than dogs, but this does not mean they deserve to be killed. Another commentator said not only stray dogs should be killed but fashionistas deserve the same as well.

(Source – 3ajel\_kwInstagram, June 24, 2019)

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### Homes

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#### General

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**Q8BBall Season 13:** Q8BBall is beginning our 13th season with Boys U13 (ages 10-13) and U17 (ages 14-17). We train three times a week and play regular games throughout the year with schools and clubs. Contact Coach T 97128884 for information.

**Invitation to Grand Mosque:** The Visits Department is pleased to invite you to visit the Grand Mosque, which is one of Kuwait's most treasured religious and cultural landmarks to discover the beauty of Islamic arts and architecture. Free guided tours are available all year round on official working days between (9-11 am) and (5-7 pm), within a special tour program designed to cater to the needs of different age groups. The program is as follows:

Reception; Auditorium show; (according to age group); Touring the Mosque; Q & A; Art workshops; (according to age group – between 5 and 18 years old); Snack break; Distribution of the Grand Mosque publications and souvenirs; End of tour.

According to these age groups:  
Age group: 5 to 9 years old: Morning: 60 visitors max; Evening: 20; 10 to 15 years: Morning: 100 visitors max; Evening: 45; 16 and above: Morning: 140 visitors max, Evening: 105;

Tour language: Arabic- English-French; Arabic (English upon prior request); Arabic- English- French; Arabic (English upon prior request); Arabic-English- French; Arabic (English upon prior request)

Rules and Regulations:  
■ Please arrive in time for your visit.  
■ All visitors are kindly required to abide by the mosque's dress code. Male visitors should wear long pants. Shorts and sleeveless shirts are not allowed. Female visitors: should wear head cover and long loose clothing (available at the mosque).

■ Foods and drinks are not allowed inside the prayer halls.

■ For school visits, teachers are responsible for their students and are required to cooperate with the staff members of the Grand Mosque.

■ Photography is allowed inside the Grand Mosque (please note that disrespectful poses are strictly prohibited).

If you would like to book a tour, please contact us:

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#### Share your story with Amricani:

Do you or any of your family members, acquaintances or friends happen to have a story with the American Missionary hospital in Kuwait (Mustashfa Lemricani) during the years from 1914-1967, the official period of offering medical services in Kuwait?

Please share with us your story or your memory during those old days by writing the event and sending it to the following email address: Mystory@darmuseum.org.kw

Notes: 1. Please send your story only to the above mentioned email. Story shared in Instagram, Facebook or Twitter will not be considered.

2. Please write your story or memory and sign it with your full name, and your contact number.

3. It will be great if you send us your personal photos or those of the place related to the story (optional).

Your story will be part of a new book to be published by DAI.

I am confident that your contributions will be an essential part of the history of Amricani. Share with us!

#### NYF offers free yoga classes:

NYF Kuwait offers free yoga, breathing, meditation and reiki classes by a well-experienced female yoga teacher for all age groups. Classes are given on the basis of different health problems, stress and other problems by different techniques. Contact: 99315825.

#### Leadership Excellence Course:

The Leadership Excellence Course (LEC) is a course modeled on the Seerah of Rasoolullah who is the best model of leadership for all mankind. The LEC focuses on the lessons that we can learn from the Seerah of Rasoolullah and see how we can apply them in our lives to become winners in this world and the next.

The objectives of the course are 1. Understand what leadership is from the Seerah of Rasoolullah and how to apply it in our lives today 2. Understand the purpose of our lives and learn to

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This photo provided by Ghislaine Viñas shows San Francisco artist Rex Ray's Padauk surfboard wallpaper for Flavor Paper which brings a groovy vibe into the bedroom of a home in Montauk designed by Ghislaine Vinas. (AP)

### 'Classic contemporary'

## Nautical decor with modern, classy panache

By Kim Cook

Designers are playing with the idea of nautical decor in new ways, with furnishings and style notes that say "classic contemporary" instead of "kitschy cute."

There might be life preservers on the wall, but they're probably vintage, and paired with modern chairs. There might be art, but instead of the usual beachy tableaux, there are close-up wave prints, or oversize photos of sea creatures.

It's a look that still pays homage to a home's waterside location — actual or aspirational — but in a stylish way.

New York designer Ghislaine Vinas recently did a project out in the sandy seaside enclave of Montauk, New York. A fresh palette of white and blue was accented with Vinas' signature punches of bright orange, green and yellow. Beach-chair-style stripes of color adorn furniture pieces and shower tile.

#### Fixtures

Porthole-style mirrors in various iterations anchor bathroom vanities. And scattered throughout the home are nautical references given a playful spin. For example, in the open plan living area, Vinas hung a group of white sphere light fixtures suspended in blue netting; they look like boat buoys.

Blues ranging in intensity from sky to pool to navy were used in textiles and rugs throughout the house.

And there's loads of lively art, from photoprints of giant waves to San Francisco artist Rex Ray's groovy surfboard wallpaper, as well as a group of whimsical, painted shark heads from California ceramicist Lorien Stern.

"For this Montauk project, the client's roots are strong in Florida, and she has fond memories of time spent on the beach in the 1970s," Vinas says. "So we adopted a super tongue-in-cheek aesthetic and mixed it in with a classic but cool Hamptons beach vibe."

By Kim Cook

If ever a color were to be associated with an emotion (OK, blue, we see you), it's got to be yellow. Upbeat and welcoming, it's a hue that's easy to love. But it can be tricky to use when decorating.

Bold yellows are eye-catching, but color experts advise caution. Unless you're prepared to live with bright yellow's peppy assertiveness, softer, creamier versions might be more prudent choices.

Will Taylor, founder of the color blog Bright.Bazaar and an interior design expert at Marshalls, loves yellow in all its iterations. "To me, it's happiness personified," he says. "As soon as I see it, I feel joy."

Better Homes & Gardens Style Director Jessica Thomas calls yellow "sunshine in a can."

And Dee Schlotter, senior color marketing manager for PPG Paints, says yellow is often seen as the signature hue for "happy."

"Bright, energizing yellows are known to enhance the mind and



This photo provided by Bertazzoni shows one of their yellow ranges. This yellow range from Italian maker Bertazzoni makes a bold, beautiful statement. (AP)

help creativity flow," she says. "We saw 'Gen Z yellow' bubble to the surface last year, with colors like Crushed Pineapple reflecting the optimism and boldness of that generation."

Schlotter says yellow was a close runner-up for PPG's 2019 Color of the Year, Night Watch, a moody green-gray, ultimately took

she says.

#### Graces

Albers referenced that coast's moody palette of sand, mist and ocean in the furniture and accessories. A smart little model sailboat graces a mantel, while a gallery wall of white-framed, watercolor seabird prints adds interest in a family seating area.

Wal-mart and Wayfair have several well-priced options if you're looking for a rope-trimmed table lamp; some have the rope wrapping a base, while on others the rope itself is the lamp base.

the title, but Golden Field — a dramatic mustard yellow — was a strong second.

A tip when you're in the paint store:

"We recommend first looking at the bottom color on the paint swatch to find the root of the yellow," Schlotter says. "For example, if the bottom color is green, the yellow at the top of the card will have subtle hints of green infused into it."

Go two or three shades lighter than you think you want if you're painting a room. And "warmer yellows tend to work better on walls," Schlotter says. "Brighter variations are perfect on a front door, as an accent wall in a bedroom, or in a dining room to provide a rich, striking look."

Taylor's got some favorite yellow paints, including Dayroom Yellow from Farrow & Ball, Bicycle Yellow from Behr, and Hawthorn Yellow from Benjamin Moore.

"Yellow's the queen of accent colors," he says. "It goes with neutrals to blacks and blues. Think of adding pops of yellow across art,

pillows, throws and flowers. It will instantly add visual interest, giving the eye a place to land, and it prevents a room from feeling flat."

Lemon motifs and prints are a fresh, fun way to bring the color home.

"Lemon print wallpaper in a bathroom or closet is a cheerful way to add yellow," Taylor says. "Every time you step in it will make you smile."

Check out Spoonflower, Etsy and Walls Need Love for lemon-y wallpapers that range in style from realistic to retro.

Marshalls has some festive, lemon-printed melamine serveware that would add zest to summer parties. For more dressed-up get-togethers, Williams-Sonoma has porcelain plates decorated with Meyer lemons and framed with a vintage-look botanical border.

Ballard Designs offers Sunbrella fabric by the yard with a pretty lemon-and-leaf print that would be great on patio pillows or cushions; there are faux lemon branches here as well, to tuck in a vase or basket.

An array of deep, liquid blues. Water sparkling on the bay inspired San Francisco designer Erica Tanov's Shimmer collection for Cle. Each tile is crafted in Northern California of solid brass, and when arranged on a wall they do resemble sunlit water — or mermaid's scales.

If you like the idea of a siren's song on the wall but don't want to go with tile, consider designer Genevieve Gorder's Pearl Belly repositionable and removable wallpaper at Tempaper. A dreamy, iridescent finish brings both mermaids and shells to mind. (AP)