

HELEN KOUNTOURIS

A Greek – Australian "Designer of the Year"

The Greek interior designer Helen Kountouris was declared "Designer of the Year" in the Australian Awards "IDEA" (Interior Design Excellence Awards).

According to the newspaper 'The Age', when the news became known in Greece, members of the Greek government and the Greek business world came in contact with the Australian designer who is proud of her Greek origin. Many Greek companies came in contact with her in order to ask her how they can get out of their financial problems.

Mrs. Kountouris answered that the only way is to work with domestic designers, not with foreign ones. That's exactly what she does, trusting only Australian constructors.



Historic cash box for Greek Consul

ERRITORY Greeks have reclaimed a historic cash box that went missing from Japan during WWII.

Greek consul John Anictomatis said he was overdue for a new money case.

"I will make some inquiries with foreign affairs and if it has no significance I will use it here at the consulate," he said.

The dark-green metal box was used for petty cash at the Greek consulate in Osaka, Japan, before the war broke out.

Well-known war veteran Arthur "Pappadopoulos" Page had the box in his possession for nearly 50 years.

His father was the Greek consul in Osaka but the family was forced to flee to Fremantle, in Western Australia, when the war with Japan was declared in 1941.

They were accused of being spies and fled with their belongings and the box.

Mr Page, who is now 88 years old and lives in Brisbane, handed the



Northern Territory Greek consul John Anictomatis received an historic cash box from Gavin Andersen. Picture: BRAD FLEET

box to the treasurer of a Queensland gun club Gavin Andersen about two years ago.

But Mr Andersen, 57, decided the box should be with Mr Anictomatis when he met the consul at a dinner in Darwin earlier this month.

"It's an item of the past that should

get back to where it came from," Mr Andersen said.

The handover happened at a private function at the Greek consulate in Darwin.

Article from Northern Territory by NADJA HAINKE



Princess Letizia takes fashion crown at Greek wedding

She may not have been the one in white but it seems Princess Letizia nearly managed to steal the show at the Greek royal wedding of Prince Nikolaos and Tatiana Blatnik.

The Spanish princess won the admiration of the thousands of readers who voted in our poll to decide the most elegant wedding guest.

Wearing a stunning periwinkle blue, one-shoulder creation by Felipe Varela, she glittered at the top spot with an overwhelming 30 percent of votes.

Close on her heels was Princess Mary of Denmark, with 24 percent, wearing a gorgeous green patterned floor-length gown.

Princess Victoria of Sweden won third place with an elegant empire-line warm tangerine dress, complete with matching shawl.

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It was a close call for Princess Marie of Denmark and Princess Madeleine, in competition for fourth and fifth place in our elegant style stakes.

Although both opted for strapless gowns, Princess Marie's sand-coloured dress with a stylish fan took fourth place, leaving Princess Madeleine in a respectable fifth, with a bold aqua design.

Article from HelloMagazine

Greek head coach dies in car accident

Greece's head athletics coach Costas Spanidis was killed in a highway accident in the north of the country on Monday, police in the main outlying city of Thessaloniki said.

Spanidis, 51, died after his car collided with a van parked on the safety lane on the Thessaloniki-Moudania highway, the police said.

They added that the ambulance crew that reached the scene found no visible injuries, leading to suspicions that he may have suffered a fatal heart attack.

A coach to former discus champion Tassoula Kelesidou, Spanidis had been appointed to the post last year after a previous stint in 2005-2008.

