



Susilodaya Daham Pasala of Angurakaramulla Abeyasekaramaya temple celebrated its 24th anniversary and annual concert recently. Here Rashani Chamthaka, a pre-school student receives a prize from the chief guest Ven. Walpola Kalyana Thissa Nayaka Thera. Ven. Meegamuwe Sumadatissa, the Chief incumbent and Ven. Mahanama Thera of Andiambalama, Minuwangoda look on.
Pic: H. Fernando, Negombo Spl. Cor.



Awards and certificates were presented to the franchise holders of the State Pharmaceutical Corporation who had earned highest profits in the sale of drugs, at the Waters Edge, Battaramulla recently. Here the agent of Osu Sala, Colombo 4, R.N. Gunatilleke receives his award from Health Minister, Maithreepala Sirisena. Health Ministry Secretary Dr. Nihal Jayasinghe and SPC Managing Director Rohan Dharmatilleke look on.
Pic: A. Sumanasena, Kolonnawa Gr. Cor.



The Samadhi Community Development Foundation has launched a program to improve the living conditions of needy persons in the Matara district by presenting them with wheelchairs, crutches, tricycles, hearing aids and eye lenses. Philanthropists and others who wish to join this program could contact the organisation for details pertaining to the program. Here Parliamentarian and Managing Director of the Foundation, Buddhika Pathirana gifts a walking stick to a beneficiary in the Akuressa division.



A cash donation of Rs. 100,000 was donated to the Cancer Hospital, Nindana was held recently, to mark the 86th birthday of the founder of the Marjorie de Alwis International, Nugegoda by the Principal Mrs. Manik Jayasekera. Here a child receives a gift from Mrs. Jayasekera.



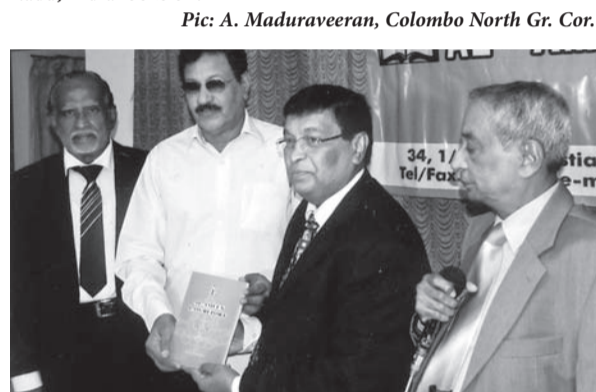
The 62nd Sacred Heart Retreat was held at St. Joseph's Church, Grandpass, Colombo 14, under the patronage of the Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Anandan Fernando. Here the chief guest is being welcomed by a child while Rev. Fr. Joseph Sterlin, from Tamil Nadu, India looks on.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



The Kalutara branch of the Sri Lanka Housewives' Association donated a set of wooden almirahs, purchased from the proceeds of the concert *Tharu Vijaya*, staged by the Association, to the Maternity Clinic of the Nagoda General Hospital, Kalutara recently.



The annual prize-giving of Dhamma Kusala Dhamma School, Nindana was held recently. Here the chief guest, Chief Minister, Southern Province, Shan Wijayal de Silva awards a prize to a teacher P.H. Ranjika.
Pic: Dr. Richmond Wijesekera, Bentota Gr. Cor.



Al-Ameen Publishers launched the book, *The Muslim Law of Succession - A Guide and Al Ameen Law Report* at the Hotel Ranmuthu recently. Here ITN Director Hashim Omar receives the first copy from the chief guest, Supreme Court Justice Saleem Marsoof PC. Former High Commissioner to the UK Faiz Musthapha PC and the author A.H.G. Ameen look on.
Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The Sri Sathya Sai Baba Centre, Colombo donated intra-ocular lenses to cataract patients at the Colombo National Eye Hospital recently. Here Mrs. Thiagarajah presents a set of lenses to a needy person. The event was held at the Sai Shrine, New Chetty Street, Kotahena, Colombo 13, to mark Baghavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba's 87th birth anniversary.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



The annual literary festival organised by the Kalutara Urban Council was held recently at the Kalutara Town Hall, with the participation of Chairman Al Haj M.M.M. Jauffer, Councillors and the members of the Kalutara Public Library Readers' Society (KPLRS). Here a cross section of the audience listens to the chairman's welcome address.
Pic: H.L. Sumil Shantha Kalutara DN Cor.



The Puttalam Divisional Secretariat launched a 'Home Garden' program in connection with the *Divi Neguma* program for 2012. Here the Divisional Secretary, Puttalam, M.M. Malik and his staff inspect the crop of cabbages cultivated on their initiative.
Pic: Puttalam Central Gr. Cor.



The new gymnasium of the National Youth Services Council, Maharagama built at a cost of Rs. 2.5 million was commissioned by the Youth Affairs and Skills Development Minister Dulles Alahapperuma recently. Here the Minister views the new equipment. Kurunegala MP Saranath Basnayake, Badulla MP Udith Lokubandara and the Chief Instructor Thilak Jayaweera are also in the picture.
Pic: Wehelle Piyathilake, Maharagama Spl. Cor.

EVENTS

Christmas Carols Worship celebration

The Community of the Risen Lord will organise a Christmas Worship Celebration, O'Holy Night, an evening of carols and spiritual reflections, celebrating the birth and life of Jesus, on December 15 from 5.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at St. Joseph's College auditorium, Colombo 10. The celebration will incorporate Christmas carols, theatrical pieces and brief narratives in English and Sinhala and the theme will centre on the Holy Night on which Christ Jesus was born and reflect on His vulnerable, defenceless entry into a world of poverty, darkness and hopelessness akin to the dark night which every human being encounters in life. The celebration will feature a choir of 120 vocalists. It is open to the public and parking is available opposite the College, said Bro. Lalith Perera, Director of the Community.

Crescat Family Christmas Extravaganza

Entertainment for the whole family has been arranged by Crescat Boulevard. There will be competitions and games for children, a craft session of making cards for themselves, painting of faces, magic shows and the opportunity to meet their favourite cartoon characters. Musical entertainment will be provided by Sonali Lindsay, Exilir, Choro Calibre, Dilan and Naomi. The extravaganza which is now on will continue till December 23.

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "We are all caught in the idea of progress" delivered by the late Indian sage J. Krishnamurti will be replayed at Anula Nursery School hall, High Level Road, Colombo 6 today at 9.45 a.m. It is organised by the Krishnamurti Centre, Sri Lanka Inc.



The Sabaragamuwa Provincial Handicrafts Artists' Creative Artwork exhibition was held for two days recently at the Eheliyagoda Pradeshiya Sabha auditorium, organised by the Sabaragamuwa PC Ministry of Rural Industries. Here PC Minister Ranjith Bandara and the other guests light the oil lamp at the opening ceremony.
Pic: Nimal Wijayatunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.



The Islamic New Year celebrations were held at the Islamic Centre for the Physical Handicapped (ICPH), Thihariya recently. Here Parliamentarian A.H.M. Azwer presents a photocopy machine and a public address system from his decentralised allocation to ICPH Director Jiffry Haniffa. ITN Director Hashim Omar, Senior Minister A.H.M. Fowzie's PRO T.F. Samsudeen, ICPH Vice President M.S.M. Nizam, Dr. Wilfred Wijesinghe and Weeragulla Police OIC, K. Gnanarathne are also in the picture.
Pic: Ruzaik Farook



Co-producer Kumudu Dharmatilleke, scriptwriter and director Anura Dissanayake sign the agreement to launch the shooting of *Madduma Bandara*. The event was held in Kandy recently.



A tree planting campaign organised by the Economic Development Ministry under *Divi Neguma* program, was launched at the Dehiowita Divisional Secretariat recently. Here the Grama Niladharini of Napawala, Nalini Hettiarachchi plants a sapling at the auspicious time along with officials of the Secretariat.



A function to felicitate senior personalities in recognition of their contributions in their literary fields was held at the Tamil Sangam, Wellawatte, recently. Here Gnanasekaran, Jinnah Sheriffdeen, K.S. Sivakumaran, Hasim Omar and D. Swamynathan with Prof. Seba Jayaraja, Prof. K. Thillainathan and Mrs. Gnanam Gnanasekaran.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



Young women who had completed a course in handwork organised by the Nasootha Foundation, Beruwala received their awards recently.
Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.



Educationist and former Secretary to the Ministry of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs S. H. M. Jameel donated a set of books to D. S. Senanayake College, Colombo recently. Here Jameel presents the set to Principal Brevet Colonel D.M.D. Dissanayake. Former Sri Lankan Ambassador to Iran, M.M. Zuhair PC, staffers Mrs. N. Ameen, M.I.M. Firdhouse and Muslim Majlis President Abdul Rahuman were also present.
Pic: Ruzaik Farook



Chairman, Puttalam Urban Council, K.A. Baiz receives a memento from the Mayor of Karachi Metropolitan Corporation, Mohamed Hussain during the latter's visit to the Puttalam Urban Council.
Pic: M.U.M. Sanoon, Puttalam TKN Cor.



An anti-tobacco protest march was held in the Eheliyagoda town, with the participation of staff of the Eheliyagoda DS' office, Eheliyagoda police, Victory International College and graduate trainees. Here a cross section of the protesters and volunteers get ready with the soft drinks.
Pic: Nimal Wijayatunga, Eheliyagoda Spl. Cor.



Karl Eyerkauffer of Main Kingzig-Kreis, Germany donated sports items to the Sunrise Sports Club, China Fort, Beruwala recently. Here Eyerkauffer presents the gift to the Secretary, M. Hisham Kashim.
Pic: B.M. Mukthar, Beruwala Spl. Cor.



The Bank of Ceylon felicitates newly married couples with a Gold Sovereigns who are *Ran Kekulu* and 18+ accounts by gifting them with gold sovereigns. Here K.P.D. Buddhika Chandrasena and A.D. Tamara Priyadarshani Senevirathna of Minuwangoda receive the gold sovereign from the BoC Manager Minuwangoda K.A. Wijesinghe.
Pic: Ivon Nissanka, Divulapitiya Gr. Cor.