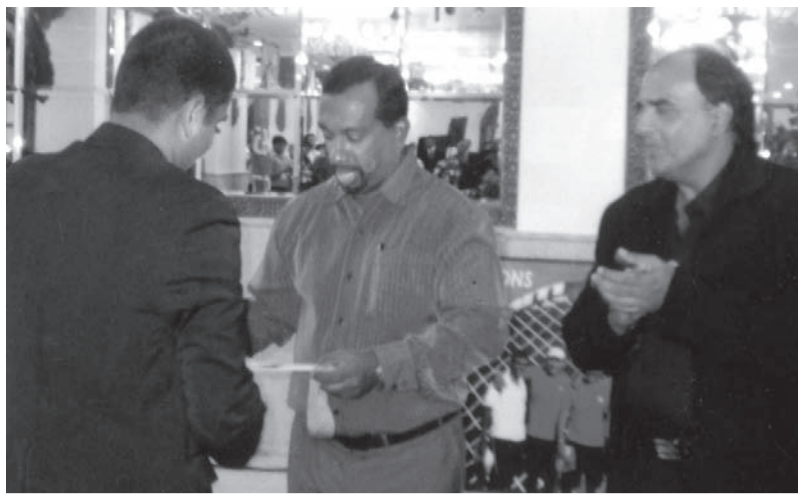




A one-day seminar organised by the Department of Government Information to mark world Media Independence Day was held at its auditorium in Kirulapona recently. Here Secretary, Mass Media and Information Ministry Charitha Herath addresses the gathering.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



A ceremony to felicitate the Sri Lanka Tennis team who had fared well in the Davis Cup 2013 was held at the Kingsbury Hotel recently. Here Samal Dissanayake receives a gift from Sports Minister Mahindananda Aluthgamage while the President, Sri Lanka Tennis Association, Iqbal Bin Issaq looks on.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



Central Provincial Councillor, UNP Nawalapatiya chief organiser and Chairperson of Lakwanitha Peramuna, Shanthini Kongahage organised the Membership Drive Program in the Nawalapatiya electorate recently. Here parliamentarian Ravi Karunanayaka presents a membership card to a woman supporter while Shanthini Kongahage looks on. Parliamentarian R. Yogarajan and Sujeeva Senasinghe, Provincial Councillor Ajantha Niroshan Padukka, Dr. Karunasena Upulee Weerasinghe Kodithuwakku and Urban Councillors, Pradeshiya Sabha members also participated.



A Bak Maha festival organised by Colombo Municipal Councillor Premajayantha Kasthuri was held at the Borella M.H. Mohamed grounds recently. Here a winner receives a cash prize from Mayor A.J.M. Muzammil, the chief guest.
Pic: A. Sumanasena, Kolonnawa Gr. Cor.



Senior Minister A.H.M. Fowzie donated Rs. 200,000 to the father of Rizana Nafeek who was executed in Saudi Arabia recently. Here the Minister hands over the money to M.S. Nafeek at his Ministry. ITN Director Hashim Omar and Mutur Pradeshiya Sabha Deputy Chairman M.H.M. Mohideen were also present.
Pic: Ruzaik Farook



Provincial Health, Social Services Minister Jagath Angage took oaths as Acting Chief Minister of the Western Province before Western Province Governor Alavi Mawlana recently. Secretary to the Governor, Sunil Abeywardene looks on.
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.

EVENTS

Vesak program at Sri Mahindaramaya, Maradana

The annual Vesak pinkama of the Sri Mahindaramaya, Maradana organised by the Vihara Dayaka Sabha, in association with the staff and students society of the Sri Mahindaramaya Daham Pasala will be held from May 23-25.

Viharadhipati Ven. Mapalane Dhammaloka Adhikarana Sanghanayake Thera of Nawa Korale and Nawa Totamune said the program will include Atavisi Buddha Poojas at 5.30 pm daily with the participation of Daham pasal students. The program on Vesak Poya day May 24 begins with a mass sil campaign at 6 am. The day's highlights will include a series of Dharmadesana, meditation, Dhamma discussions, release of 25 head of cattle from slaughter at 5.30 pm and an Atavisi Buddha pooja at 6 pm.

The program will conclude with a Vesak Bhakthi Gee recital presented by the Daham pasal students at 7 pm at the Vihara premises.

Krishnamurti talk

A recorded public talk on "The ending of sorrow brings love and compassion" delivered by the late Indian sage Jiddu Krishnamurti will be replayed at 9.45 a.m. today at the Anula Nursery School Hall, High Level Road, Colombo 6.

It is organised by the Krishnamurti Centre, Sri Lanka Inc.

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Ex Officio: Juragan Majid -(President SLMA), Rilwan Lantra -(Secretary SLMA).



Flood affected families in the Akkaraipattu DS Division received with gift parcels from CARE International recently under the Flood Relief and Recovery Project. The distribution ceremony was held at the Village Disaster Management Centre, Akkaraipattu recently. Here a member of the Akkaraipattu Municipality N.M. Najimudeen presents a parcel to a beneficiary. President of the Centre, S.T.M. Rijan and officials of CARE International were also present.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



A felicitation ceremony to the former Secretary of the Western Province Education Ministry, J.M.C. Wijethunga on his new appointment as the Western Province Chief Secretary was held at the Provincial Education Ministry recently. Here the new Secretary of the Provincial Education Ministry, S.T. Kodikara presents an award to the Chief Secretary. Senior Assistant Secretary, Malsiri Seneviratne is also in the picture.
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



The Walk organised by the Sri Lanka Red Cross Society to mark its 150th anniversary and the World Red Cross Day was held at Nupe, Matara, under the patronage of Presidential Coordinating Secretary for Parliamentary Affairs, Kumarasiri Hettige recently. Here SLRS President Jagath Abeyasinghe, Vice President Bharata Jonikkuhewa, International Red Cross and Red Crescent Organisation's Resident Representative, Bob MacCrow and IRCC Chief Representative, Sherin Pollin take part in the Walk.



Deshabandu Deshamanya S. Sunderalingam was awarded another prestigious title *Vishvakeerthi* from the Western Provincial Council Governor, Al-Haj Alavi Moulana at a function held at the BMICH International Study Centre.
Pic: Ashraff A. Samad, Dehiwela-Mt. Lavinia Spl. Cor.



The Islamic Centre for the Physically Handicapped (ICPH), Doolmala, Thihariya opened its new staff quarters at the ICPH premises recently. Here the chief guest, Managing Director, Zam Gems (Pvt) Ltd., Z.A.M. Refai unveils the plaque. President, ICPH, Jiffy Haniffa, ITN Director, Hashim Omar and Agar Barry are also in the picture.
Pic: Ruzaik Farook



The Founders' Day ceremony of the All Ceylon Union of Muslim League Youth Front (ACUMLYF) was held at the National Library auditorium, Torrington, Colombo 7, under the patronage of Senior Advisor, to the Ministry of Human Resources, M.E. Fernando recently. Here the chief guest addresses the gathering. President, ACUMLYF, Rasheed M. Imthiyaz and Secretary S. Lukman are also in the picture.
Pic: A. Maduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



A ceremony to distribute wheel-chairs and spectacles among low-income family members was held at the Sadharshanarama Viharaya premises, Horape, Ragama recently, sponsored by Western Provincial Councillor Janaka Sooriyabandara from his decentralised budget allocations. Viharadhipathi, Ven. Godagama Anura Dhamma Thera, Janaka Sooriyabandara, Pradeshiya Sabha membe Anthony Cooray and members of the board of trustees are look on.
Pic: A. Mduraveeran, Colombo North Gr. Cor.



The Ministry of Local Government and Provincial Councils donated vehicles to eight local bodies in the Ampara district Kalmunai, Akkaraipattu Municipal Councils, Dehiyattakandy, Maha Oya, Damana, Pot-tuvil, Uhana and Nintavur Pradeshiya Sabhas, under the *Deyata Kirula* Development program recently. Minister of Local Government and Provincial Councils A.L.M. Athaullah was the chief guest at the event at the Sri Lanka Institute of Local Governance (SLILG). Ministry Secretary R.A.A.K. Ranawaka, SLILG Director, I.A. Hameed and Coordinating Secretary to the Minister A.B. Dawood were also present.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



The Secretary to Eastern Provincial Council Chief Minister U.L.A. Azees was sashed with a golden shawl by retired principal and Asst. Secretary of the East Ceylon Arabic College, Addalaichenai, U.M. Sakeethu recently, organised by FEED Sri Lanka held at Lloyds Auditorium, Addalaichenai. President S.M. Zahir Hussain, Divisional Secretary, Addalaichenai, I.M. Haniffa and N. Manivannan, Provincial Director, Department of Social Services, Eastern Province were also present.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.



A farewell ceremony to the District Secretary, Matara, Mrs. W.K.K. Athukorala who was promoted Chief Secretary of the Southern Province was held recently. Here Mrs. Athukorala and her family members arrive at the Matara Secretariat.
Pic: Priyan de Silva, Matara Sports Cor.



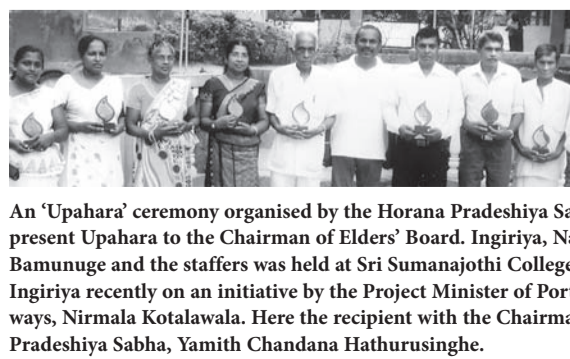
A staff officer of the Matara branch of the Ruhuna Development Bank, Anura Kurukulasuriya presents New Year gifts to students of Janadhithipathi Vidyalaya, Wellamadama, Matara recently.
Pic: A.W. Gunawardhana, Matara Central Cor.



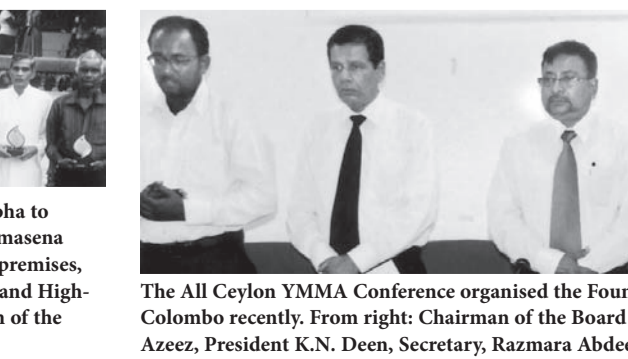
A blood-donation program organised by the Old Girls' Association of Sujatha Balika Vidyalaya, Matara was held at the College premises on May Day.
Pic: Priyan de Silva, Matara Sports Cor.



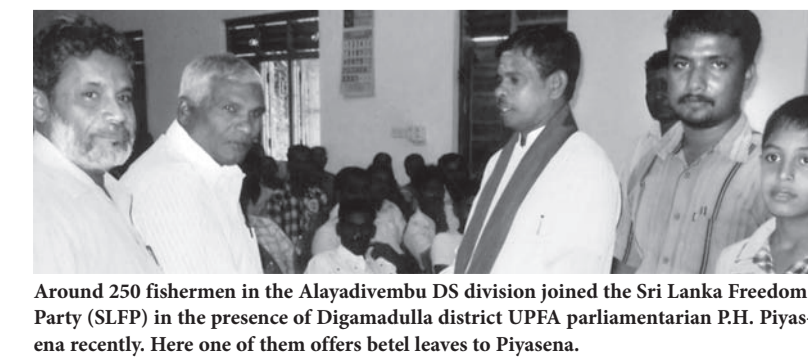
Work on a parapet wall at a cost of one million around the Panadura, Ambalanduwa Muslim Vidyalaya was inaugurated recently. Here Western Provincial Councillors M. Amjad and Ranaviru Wikum Gunasekara lays the foundation stone.
Pic: M.S.M. Munthasir, Panadura Central Gr. Cor.



An 'Upahara' ceremony organised by the Horana Pradeshiya Sabha to present Upahara to the Chairman of Elders' Board, Ingiriya, Namasena Bamunuge and the staffers was held at Sri Sumanajothi College premises, Ingiriya recently on an initiative by the Project Minister of Port and Highways, Nirmala Kotalawala. Here the recipient with the Chairman of the Pradeshiya Sabha, Yamith Chandana Hathurusinghe.
Pic: Priyadarshani Kahawala, Ingiriya Central Gr. Cor.



The All Ceylon YMMA Conference organised the Founders' Day ceremony at the YMMA auditorium, Colombo recently. From right: Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Kalid M. Farook, Moulavi A.M.A. Azeez, President K.N. Deen, Secretary, Razmara Abdeen and Treasurer, M.R.M. Ziyen.
Pic: Ruzaik Farook



Around 250 fishermen in the Alayadivembu DS division joined the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) in the presence of Digamadulla district UPFA parliamentarian P.H. Piyasena recently. Here one of them offers betel leaves to Piyasena.
Pic: I.L.M. Rizan, Addalaichenai Central Cor.