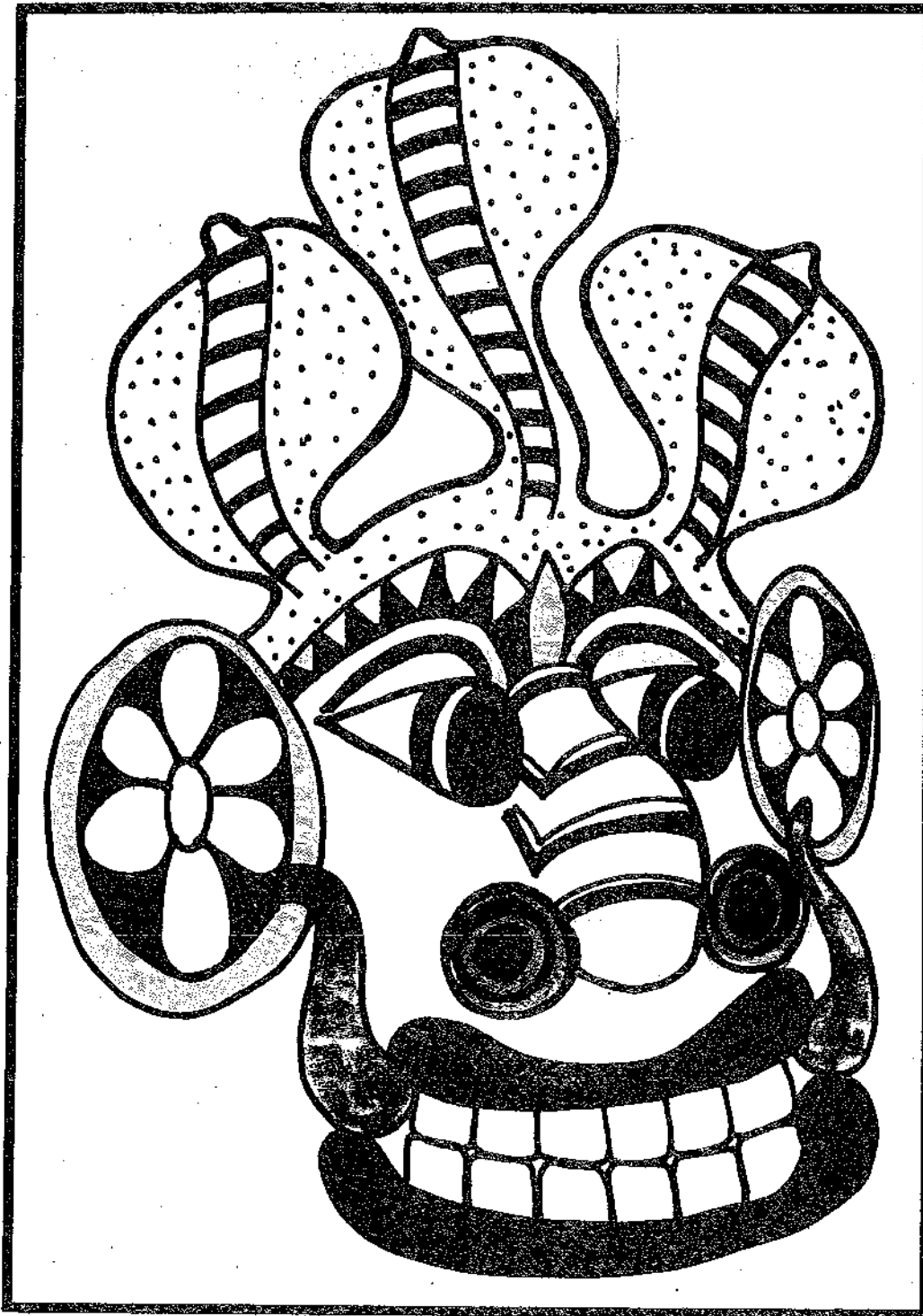


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Newsletter



# EDITORIAL

Dear Members..

'AYUBOWAN'

As Guest Editor, I counted many blessings, among them the opportunity to produce a newsletter which reflects people, places, issues and events of interest to our community... as I see them.



The greatest blessing was found in those people who encouraged, assisted or gave contributions. To them I say, "Bohoma Sthuthi". The theme for this issue is, -"something for everybody" - with emphasis on Tradition, Culture and a caring attitude towards Sri Lanka and its problems.

This issue also introduces the new Committee for 1985/86. From where I sat, at the committee table, I saw an energetic and enthusiastic group of people taking up the challenge and running with it. This will be born out as you read about the line up of forthcoming events on other pages.

I have no doubt that we can confidently look forward to your continued support to help make the year's activities as successful as possible.

### \*\*\* PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE \*\*\*

It's been some two months since I accepted the position of President of the Association - a period of hard work but with very enjoyable rewards and it was particularly gratifying to note that our membership has increased somewhat. The favourable feedback and pledges of support we have had in the past few weeks firmly entrenches my belief that members are the Association and the Association is for the members.

If the success of our Bingo/Quiz Night gives further credence to the ability of our Committee to provide us good quality functions, then the reciprocal attitude of our membership should also be acknowledged.

My sincere thanks go to my Committee for the Bingo/Quiz Night and to other enthusiastic members who gave donations and helped in many other ways.

I would be failing in my duty if I did not make special mention of the very kind ladies who provided us with a lovely supper. Thank you...

It has been recently rumoured that some of our Gentlemen Members intend combining their culinary talents to treat the Ladies to a night of Sri Lankan fare.. Yes.. I can see it now.. vocal serenading around the log fire and ladies, you won't even have to wash up!!!

Finally, may I remind you that our Winter "Stardust" dance on the 20th July is poised to be an immense success, and as tickets are restricted to 300 only please secure your tickets - otherwise you'll be disappointed...

I look forward to seeing you there..  
God Bless.



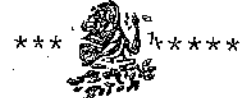
# NEWS FLASH

This is the last Newsletter of the  
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[REFER TO PAGE 15]

# TRIVIA!!!

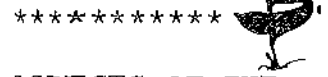
## ORIGIN OF TEA

Origin of Tea dates back to 2737 B.C. When Emperor Shen Nung of China discovered this delectable drink when a few leaves from a wild tea bush had fallen into a pot of boiling water imparting a strong fragrance. The Emperor sipped this brew and it tasted as good as it smelt. The Japanese however, claims that a Buddhist ascetic Dharma, about 1900 years ago, discovered it. - However Tea was introduced first into Europe in 1610 and it was in England that it became a National beverage...



## GOSSIP OVER TEA

Flowers keep much longer if the vase is filled with cold tea instead of water and they give a more delicious scent if a few drops of lemon juice are added to the tea.



## SOME ASPECTS OF THE THERAPEUTIC VALUE OF TEA

If you are making out a shopping list for your bomb shelter, be sure to include Tea. American health reports that studies in India show that mice who have drunk tea are less likely to develop leukemia after exposure to radiation.

\*\*\*\*\*

## On Holiday

Sheila De Zoysa  
Olga Ramasamy  
Ken & Christine  
Bartholomeusz



## Birthdays

Kevin Wright  
Prakash Muthu Krishna  
Pheobe Tucker  
Vino Ramasamy  
Sheila De Zoysa  
David Thambipillai  
Niranjala Galhenage  
Kim Wright  
Joshua McDonald  
Moira Pascoe  
Brian von Berghein  
Channa Galhenage  
Joyce White

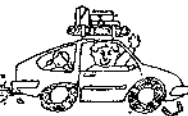


## In Perth

Mr. & Mrs George Arndt  
Mr Nigel Barrow  
Penny Jayawardene

## Fairwell

Lakshmi & Jaliya  
Kumaratilake.



## Obituaries

Our condolences to Nita and Tony van Ranzou, on the death of Nita's beloved mother.

## Wedding Bells

Geetanjali Pelpola daughter of Clifford & Maureen of Morley married Neal Perumal on 25th May 1985, at Church of the Infant Jesus in Morley.



WEDDING

## Anniversary

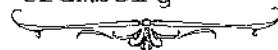
Denise and David  
Schokman (silver)

Joyce and Wilton  
White (ruby)

Charmaine and  
Vivian Blaze

## Engagement

Patrica Vallis  
and Dwight van  
Gramberg



# WHAT'S IN STORE

15th JUNE BINGO / QUIZ NITE  
 20th JULY WINTER DANCE (STARDUST)  
 14th SEPT EAT & MEET OVER A QUIZ  
 27th OCT FOUNDATION DAY  
 15th DEC CHILDREN'S X'MAS PARTY  
 31st DEC NEW YEARS EVE DANCE

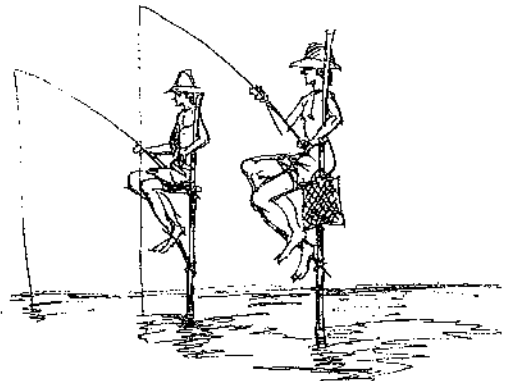
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9th FEB INDEPENDENCE DAY PICNIC  
 15th MAR SUMMER DANCE  
 6th APR CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST  
 27th APR A.G.M.

## Those important details

### MOONSTONES:

Nearly all the worlds moonstones of commercial value are found in a solitary quarter acre block of land in the village of Meetiyagoda to the south of Sri Lanka.



## Timely Tips



Cakes mixed with the hands are lighter than those mixed with spoons, etc.

To wash hair brushes, shake the brushes in a mixture made of one teaspoonful of liquid ammonia and one pint of hot

water until they are clean. Then rinse in cold water and dry in the sun.

Varnish Linoleum to keep it clean. It has to be done twice a year and can be wiped with a wet cloth. The varnish

improves the appearance of linoleum.

Carpets are easily cleaned with hot water and ammonia, a teaspoonful of ammonia to a pint of water. The carpets must be well-beaten first of all, wring a white cloth in the ammonia solution and rub well over the carpet. Change the liquid frequently.

# NEW ARRIVALS

JOIN  
 THE CLUB



## ADDRESS CHANGE ?????

Have you recently had an address change? Have you informed the Association of the change?

Please contact any committee member. The Editor is not responsible for any

# Yes, we have BANANAS!

When I was about four, described by mother as "fussy", "finicky", and "foolish" for steadfastly refusing the more solid food other normal little boys had been weaned to, I broke the spell by accepting and engorging with obvious relish, a pathetic little banana offered me by a beggar while I sat in the family car in Kandy town. That was a long time ago. After my first, I ate them regularly and have now, more than half a century later, sampled just about every kind of banana in the country.



Ones like that first one from my beggar friend are still called "sour plantains" by most Sri Lankans. They are the cheapest, most ubiquitous but (sadly) least respected of the many varieties of bananas grown here.

Bananas (or plantains) could be the third most important food of native Sri Lankans. Rice takes pride of place of course and coconut comes second. Some of you sharp and sore-tongued foreigners could say chillies come next but that's cheating. The ever-present chillie is a condiment, not a food.



Bananas are cheap, although grumbling housewives refuse to pay the equivalent of eight cents US each for the very choicest *kolikuttu*, which is a plump, sweet and sort of floury delight - the Rolls Royce, so to speak, of 'bananavores' in this country.

What most palefaces call a banana is a long, curved pale green variety we call "*anaimalu*" in Sri Lanka. We don't mind *anaimalus* but they don't rate too highly. In fact, our visitors seldom have them served up in hotels which prefer the plebian *ambul kehel* (sour plantain). It is cheaper, keeps better and is a delight to visitors who find the sour flavour a pleasant change from the dull sweetness of the banana in their local grocery shop - which has usually had a long and painful journey from the Canary Islands or West Indies to Europe and places temperate.

There is an "improved banana", the *amboong*, which is larger, sweeter and more yellow in colour. These are very substantial and a single good specimen is a meal in itself. The exciting red variety, *rath kehel*, comes from Kerala, where such fruits are said to be aphrodisiacs.

Two varieties with very subtle flavour, the *saxandel* and *povalu*, are said to be good for sick people and preferred by diabetics. These are slim, and a dull golden colour, but to me they are quite delicious and different.

Ash plantain is the cooking banana, harvested when under-ripe but just mature. It is three-sided, not cylindrical like most bananas, and an attractive sober green with ashy exterior. Ash plantain curry is practically a standard for any proper rice and curry meal. With just a bit of tempering it is also essential for the famous *lamprais*.

There are also banana chips, dried and fried slices of this fruit gently flavoured with salt and chilli powder. Just the thing with your evening arrack. The British taught us to serve genteel bananas at tiffin or dinner. These are simple ripe fruit gently fried in butter and then, as if not sweet enough, doused in treacle from the sap of the coconut flower. Banana fritters are NOT for diabetics.

We call a bunch "*kehel kana*", and a comb "*averiya*", and a single banana "*kehel gediya*". Bunches hang in most eating houses and small hotels, where habitues casually help themselves to the best individual fruits and rip them off the mature combs, watched by an eagle-eyed cashier. After eating their bananas,

they carelessly fling the skins outside, where hungry cows are always present to clean up. Few people, if any, slip on banana peel in this country.

Banana trees are lovely additions to any tropical garden and we use them in landscaping. In the wilder areas the animals are attracted to them, mainly monkeys and elephants. The flowering spike on a banana tree is an unusual dull red, conical object, from the sides of which the young combs appear in due course. The very apex is then removed and ends up chopped in a curry or a *sambol*. Very few things are not curried in Sri Lanka.

Fresh banana leaves fetch good prices and are used to wrap and flavour rice and curry meals and also serve vegetarian South Indian food. Dried banana leaves find their way, of all places, to tropical fish-breeding establishments where they are soaked in water to give it just the right degree of acidity.

All this indicates that Sri Lanka could be a leading banana exporter if we were not just too fond of them for our own consumption. Nor would we want only to grow those which travel well by banana boat. Tree-ripened and fresh bananas are, in fact, the only ones worth eating, as every Sri Lankan knows.

It may be that the most important of any banana from the visitors' viewpoint is that, gobbled after a torrid meal of curry and rice, it does much to drive away the sizzling sensation left on one's tongue and palate. Yes, we have your bananas. And that's no slip of the tongue.

\*\*Extracted from "SERENDIB"

- Air Lanka's Inflight Quarterly Magazine.

## NIGHTLIFE...

### STARDUST-20 JULY



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# BINGO-QUIZ NIGHT

Take a cosy hall filled with friendly faces, add the exhilaration of a questioning quiz, the excitement of bingo, a sackful of giveaway goodies and a tasty Sri Lankan dinner and you have the recipe for our very successful bingo-quiz night which took place on June 14.

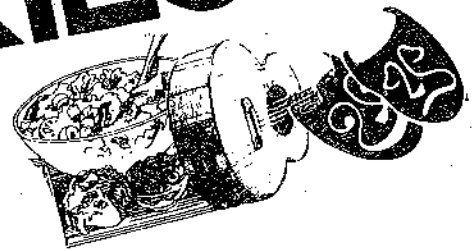
About 150 people attended the function, which was held at the Rod Evans Centre in Perth.

Thanks to the hard work of the organising subcommittee and their families the event ran on well-oiled wheels and a good time was had by all.

You may be interested to know that the evening was also a tremendous success financially for the Association.



## MEMORIES



### TATTLER'S ROVING EYE SPIED THE FOLLOWING:

- \*Deep in thought during the quiz hour were Mrs Olga Driberg, Mrs Charmaine White and the Caspersz family --- who won the event and the \$50 grocery hamper.
- \*With furrowed brow ex-president Mr Vivian Blaze tried to come to grips with the seven dwarfs ---- with some unusual results so we're told.
- \*Making all the right choices was Mr Mike Richards, winner of the heads -and-tails competition. **scene-stealers**
- \*Prettily pregnant ---- Mrs Jutta Anderson and Mrs Sigrid Thomas both received prizes for their great expectations.
- \*Catching up on old acquaintances was Mrs Penny Jayawaderne currently back in Perth after a long stay in Sri Lanka.
- \*Bingo! It was a profitable evening for the Van Granberg family who were winners again and again ---- and again.
- \*New faces among our membership were Mrs Gladys Nugawela and Mr Martin Stewart and his family.
- \*Busy in the kitchen (as usual) was Mrs June Sullivan while husband Greg had everyones attention in his role as quizmaster.
- \*Tucking into the tucker and enjoying the evening were Mr Dennis Ingram and friends.
- \*Click went the camera as our guest editor Mrs Manjula MacDonalid caught the crowd in candid poses.





# HOTLINE

## NEWS...NEWS.....SRI...LANKA

Home for the sick - a new home, offering refuge for sick and aged destitutes will be set up in Wennappuwa shortly. This home will mainly offer refuge to dying destitutes. There are hundreds of people who die in the streets without so much as a roof over their heads and with no one to care for them. The home will be a self-sustaining unit, with its own vegetable gardens and poultry farms.



Tightening supplies at origin should mean further increases in the price of pepper until a new crop becomes available later this year. White pepper on the other hand, has held fairly steady in price. Both types come from the same vine and the basic difference is that white pepper is fully ripened while black pepper is picked six weeks to two months before.

Minister of Health, Dr Ranjith Attapathu wants to set up an air conditioned "Snake Farm" in Sri Lanka. The purpose of the snake farm is to process anti-venom to treat snake bite.



The Victorian schools rugby team from Australia will tour Sri Lanka in August this year. The visitors will play four matches during their two weeks tour of the island. The last foreign school rugby team to tour Sri Lanka was Dulwich College, England which came in 1978.

Deathtraps on Roads - A new menace is appearing in Colombo and the suburbs for pedestrians. Up to now, the danger has been uncovered deep pits here and there on our roads. Now some mischief makers are stealing the cast iron tops of the Telecommunication Department's underground telephone cable boxes. These uncovered deathtraps are a danger and can not only injure anyone falling into them but may even kill someone.

ASHANTHA AND JULIA say "I DO" ---

Sri Lanka's fast bowler Asantha de Mel bagged his most treasured wicket on April 10th, 1985. Asantha joined hands with Julia Modder in holy matrimony at Christchurch, Gall Face.

In 1985 the prospects for increased coconut exports are much better. Due to the many development programmes implemented by the Ministry of Coconut Industries and twin factors of good rains and good prices. It is hoped to earn at least Rs. 2500 Million in 1985. A modest increase of 25%.



"I am delighted to announce today, that my Government has decided to offer Sri Lanka further aid of £20 Million. This grant will be used over the next few years to strengthen Sri Lankan economy for the benefit of all your people".

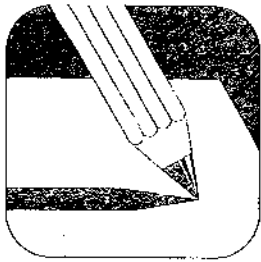
MARGARET THATCHER: April 13, 1985

JAPAN-SRI LANKA BUDDHIST CENTRE HOLDS VESAK PINKAMA: A large number of people from different communities attended the first ever Vesak Pinkama held at the Japan-Sri Lanka Buddhist Centre in Tokyo, Japan, on May 4th, 1985.



The Dharmavijaya Foundation, a prominent social service organization, planned a "Skip-a-Meal" campaign on June 2nd, Poson Poya Day, in a bid to raise funds to help the disaster-stricken in the country. The Foundation appeals to all Lankans at home and abroad and participants in the campaign, donations to the foundation headquarters or hand them over to a local temple, church, mosque, or Kumbura (More about this Foundation in this Magazine).

# Letters



## MARRIED LOVE

I wrote my spouse a poem  
 Expressing it in rhyme  
 Telling him my love will last  
 Forever and a time.  
 I told him how I show it  
 Every hour and every day  
 From the time I make his breakfast  
 Until I kneel and pray...  
 In the frypan, 'to his omelet  
 I drop a little kiss;  
 And with his sandwich filling  
 I wish him hours of bliss;  
 The tea that steams its fragrance  
 Is like my concern for him,  
 It keeps spilling, as it darkens  
 Right o'er the very brim.  
 And if I burn a shirt  
 It's 'cos my thoughts will stray  
 To what he might be doing  
 In his office far away.  
 But he doesn't quite believe me -  
 "Excuses all" he says.  
 In practically dreaming  
 He thinks, I spend my days.  
 He says, if I did love him,  
 I should remember this -  
 That he loathes the sight of omelets,  
 Even with a kiss!  
 And he'd much prefer the roast beef  
 To go between the bread,  
 Than to satisfy his hunger  
 Without the sandwich spread;  
 And if I stopped my dreaming  
 His teacup full would be  
 Instead of just the fragrance  
 From a dripping bag of tea;  
 And he doesn't own a shop  
 Where shirts are selling cheap  
 It's better if I tried, my thoughts  
 On my work to keep.  
 sigh!

I wrote my love a note -  
 "I know I've been a sinner.  
 "Your roast beef in the fridge.  
 "I'm going out to dinner."

Fleur

# More letters

## Just A MINUTE!



As Wilton sees it .....

G.P.O. COLOMBO 1920.



## "Flash"

(YOUNG READERS STORY)

Once upon a time  
 there was a little boy  
 called flash who was  
 a very good swimmer.  
 One day his mum and  
 dad wanted to go  
 fishing. His dad said  
 "can flash come". His  
 mum said, "yes". So  
 every body got in to  
 the car and went to  
 the fish. flash dug in the  
 sand. He felt some thing  
 hard. "It's treasure, it's  
 treasure. I'm rich, I'm rich."  
 "And he was."

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BY JOSHUA McDONALD



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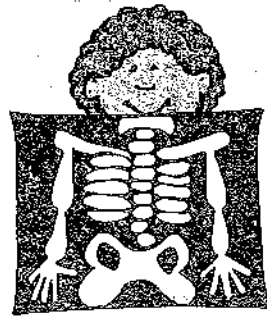
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CLASSIFIED ADS

# වෛද්‍යවිද්‍යා's Medi Facts



## SPARE TYRES

For those well developed spare tyres on your back, exercises which make the muscles of the torso stretch will help. Posture also matters. If you tend to slouch in your chair, you will only assist in the development of these rolls of fat. Try bending and twisting exercises, and circle movements with hands on your hips.

## CALF MUSCLES

For poorly developed calf muscles—the legs need to be exercised. Daily walks, extending your legs at the knee and bending foot upwards at the ankle. Hold this position for some time and release. Repeat several times, gradually increasing the exercises each time you do them.

## DOUBLE CHINS

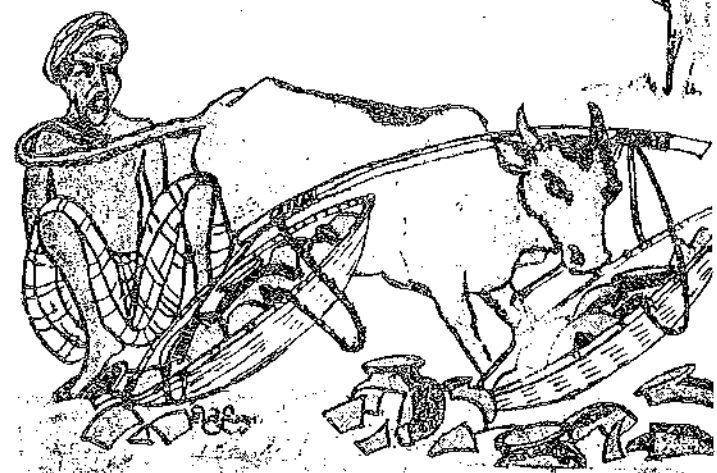
Try sleeping without a pillow. This is important. Further you could massage the neck and chin area daily so that the fat is evenly distributed. But sleeping without a pillow is the best.

## HICCUP CURES

Eat a teaspoonful of sugar. Alternately chew a thin slice of lemon, rind included. Both remedies often works for reasons unknown.

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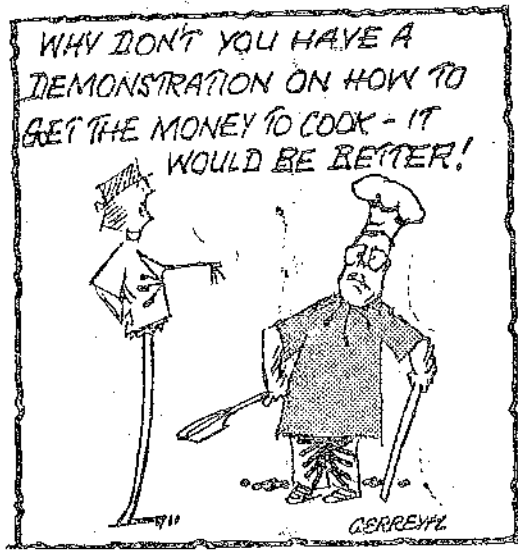
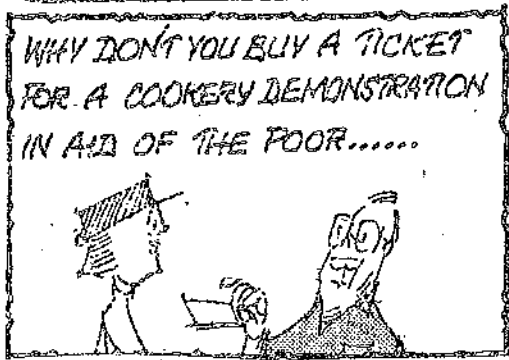
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# SRI LANKA

Your  
Island  
in  
The Sun..

## THOPPI by Mark Gerrey



# CATCHING UP

A roundup of news, views and interviews

## Militant Tamils agree to ceasefire

COLOMBO, Tues: The major Tamil separatist guerilla groups in Sri Lanka have agreed to stop hostilities from today.

\*\*\*\*\*  
 \* WEST. AUST. \*  
 \* 19th June \*  
 \* 1985. \*  
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The National Security Minister, Lalith Athulathmudali, said government troops would adhere to the arrangement, but "would be compelled to take counter-action if any splinter rebel groups did not fall in line."

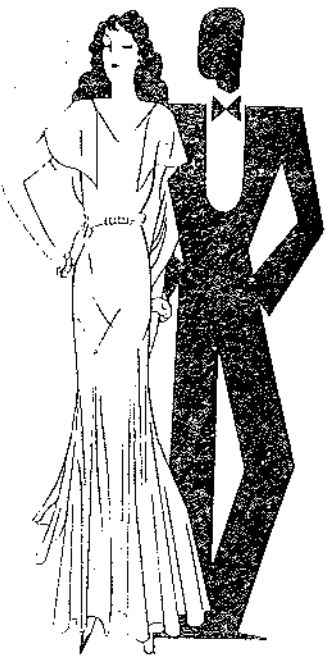
He said last night that all five major guerilla groups had agreed to a cessation of hostilities, but there were about 30 other minor groups "which may not have got the message."

India had played a "useful role" in making the truce agreement.

The leaders of all the major guerilla groups are believed to live in the southern Indian city of Madras.

Mr Athulathmudali said the arrangement "would help to create a proper atmosphere to work out a political solution to end the unrest between the majority Sinhalese and minority Tamil communities."

The guerillas have been fighting to set up a separate Tamil State in the northern and eastern provinces where most of them live.



## NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Ascot Inn  
 Junction  
 centre  
 BELMONT

### FESTIVALS OF SRI LANKA

The Kataragama Festival will be from 17th July, 1985 to 1st August 1985.

The Kandy Perahera will take place from 22nd July to 31st July 1985.

The Day Perahera will be on 1st August, 1985.

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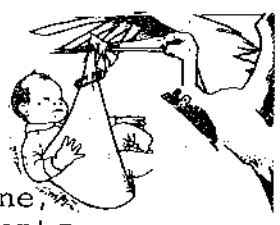
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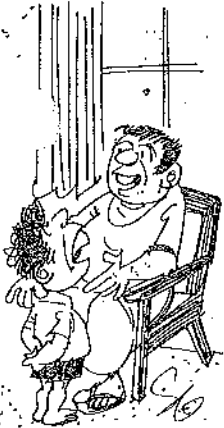
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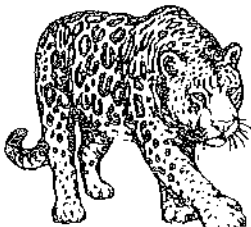
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• CHINESE doctors believe that human gallstones can be used as sedatives. Gallstones from the ox

have long been used in China to treat coma, delirium and convulsions. Doctors recently treating rats with human gallstones claim that they have found similar results.

• IN KARACHI, a cow bought by Noor Alam to be sacrificed during

a Moslem festival went berserk and killed him. The cow was still sacrificed later.



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# An Ordination =

Like giant fireflies in the darkness, the electric torch-bulbs mounted on the elephant's head-covering flickered into life. With infinite care, the young man dressed in the rich robes of a Thai prince climbed slowly up to his seat on the animal's massive shoulders, the tall, gilded spire of his elaborate crown wobbling insecurely on his head. Flaming torches, actually small braziers on poles, cast a ruddy glow over the assembled crowd. With much blowing of horns and beating of drums the colourful procession started out on its short journey from the Dalada Maligawa, or Temple of the Tooth, to the Malwatte monastery, where ordinations to the Sangha are held.



Passing the gracious old Queen's Hotel, dowager duchess of Kandy's hotel trade, the cavalcade skirted the lake with its low, Moghul-style battlements. Flashes of light from the torches reflected off the polished silver breast ornaments and headdresses of the traditional Sinhala dancers, while the drummers' hands were blurs as they pounded out an incessant, throbbing rhythm punctuated only by brazen notes of horns blown by their colleagues.



Acrid but strangely aromatic smoke from the flickering torches filled my nostrils as I merged into the crowds of relatives, monks and others following the young elephant and its temporarily ennobled rider towards the white-walled monastery half a mile away. Already, many members of the ordinant's family and other well-wishers had gathered, apparently by the bus-load, at the entrance to the compound. As the procession started up the gentle slope towards the monastery's main gateway, their previously restrained mien was transformed into undisguised excitement.



Inside the main courtyard, the procession halted just before the side entrance to the temple hall itself. People crowded around the dancers and elephant, surging forward eagerly to get a better view. Others occupied the narrow verandahs

# Traditional charm

around the encircling buildings, transforming them into makeshift bleachers. The young man at the centre of all this attention was hurried unceremoniously off his royal mount and into the prayer hall for the initial stages of the ordination rituals.

Little actually happened on this first occasion. The main ceremony took place the following day, but before a novice monk can be fully ordained in the Hinayana tradition he must first symbolically "return" to the laity. As Siddhartha Buddha gave up his comfortable life as a prince to follow his destiny, so the young monk-to-be must renounce the trappings of Samsara or the material world to be worthy of his new status. The procession and rich regalia - usually rented from the monastery - symbolises this renunciation and brings home to the initiate the true import of his vows. In Buddhist Sri Lanka, the clergy is accorded a very high status. Special seats are reserved for them on trains, for example, and the initiation of a new monks is regarded as an event of some significance.

Inside the packed temple hall at ten O'clock the next morning, the central rituals of ordination were about to begin. The main body of the hall was quite simply decorated, strangely lit by a combination of beautifully crafted, heavy brass oil-lamp chandeliers and naked neon tubes. At the far end a huge gilded statue of the Buddha, garbed in a red robe, gazed down beneficently over the congregation. On each side of the area adjacent to the altar sat a row of very senior monks, and between them, facing towards the main body of the hall, was enthroned the venerable old Abbot, his presence commanding despite a diminutive stature.

Accompanied by his two "sponsors" the initiate entered. All were robed, the former's status identified by the bright red sashes worn over their shoulders. The ceremony itself consists of vows repeated by the initiate, based on the Five Precepts: abstinence from killing any sentient being, from stealing, from lying, from taking any intoxicating substances and from sexual misconduct. He must also vouchsafe his answers to certain questions, ranging from "Are you a man?" to "Are you whole (i.e. not crippled)?" and "Are you subject to arrest for any crime?"

Throughout the ceremony, the Abbot holds up his fan to hide his face, thus signifying that he represents the whole order - rather an unnerving sight for the young man earnestly taking vows before him. First, the sponsors introduce the initiate to the Abbot and question the monk-to-be as outlined above. They then take him away towards the congregation, where the questioning is repeated. This stage successfully carried out, the initiate is left to meditate on his situation whilst his sponsors report his answers to the Abbot.



# A timeless tradition

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## VESAK IN THE VILLAGE

Finally, he is once more brought about before the Abbot and repeats his vows for the third time. Buddhist rituals often repeat important points three times. After making the traditional offering the now ordained monk takes his seat and a senior monk formally describes to the congregation what has happened and announces the young man's new status. To put a seal on the occasion, the Abbot emerges from behind his fan and presents the new member of the Sangha with a robe and alms bowl - henceforth to be his only worldly possessions.



Outside, the sun was shining but monsoon showers sent monks and laity scurrying for shelter beneath the wide eaves of the monastery buildings and left big puddles on the hard-packed earthen courtyard. The harassed photographer, with his huge old wooden-framed view camera, did the best he could to hold the group together. He was protected by a giant black umbrella wielded by an assistant, but his efforts proved in vain. Shortly, the rapid retreat was complete; bar a venerable old monk in the centre who declined to move. He sat with total equanimity beneath his bright yellow umbrella as the rain tumbled down about him.

The shower was soon over, and all the monks and family of another initiate lined up in best wedding-photography style to record the moment for posterity. The young man, whose name was Mahanama, wore the robes and ornaments of a prince, as had his fellow initiate the previous night, but without the same high crown. He still made an impressive figure, heavy silver medallions and necklaces resplendent about his neck and waist.



The solemn moment over, the gathering dissolved into animated groups of chattering people. Proud relatives clutching bags of food for the inevitable picnic bustled about or made polite conversation with the monks. Mahanama was surrounded by his friends amongst the novices who eagerly questioned him about his feelings. Overhead, the sun broke through the clouds to bathe everything in that clear, magical light that only occurs after the rain had washed the air pure and clean, and the dry smell of dust has been replaced by the fresh scent of wet earth.\*\*\*\*



The old folks of the village had cleaned up the school hall, which was close to the bo-tree, as a place to observe sil. They were all there on Vesak day in their best sil clothes fussed over by their grandchildren who had been specially detailed to attend to their wants. In the village homes their kinsmen, especially the women, were busy cooking dane which was eventually served at a communal feast. The villagers, in little groups under the bo-tree, were either reciting sutras aloud or were engaged in religious discussions with the highly-respected visitor-the Atanwela Upasaka. In the evening they lit little clay lamps round the bo-tree. The children ran up Attapattan, the multi-faced coloured lattern.



But the piece-de-resistance of the day was the Kinduru Netuma. In the evening a small knot of people were seen coming to Rambukoluwa across the paddy-fields, with a youngster in the rear carrying a battered suitcase. This was the Kinduru Netum troupe.



By nightfall they were dressed and ready. They wore long white leggings and what appeared to be white long sleeved banians. Across their waists they tied beautifully-decorated frills (inahedaya). Strapped to their backs were little cardboard wings which flapped ever so often in the breeze. And as they enacted the Sanda Kinduru Katawa with a little bit of singing and dancing punctuating the narrative verse we were transported to the Himalayas where the legendary Sanda Kinduri resisted the amorous advances of King Brahamadatta in her tremendous loyalty to her mate.



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It was great fun; but fun which affirmed the basic social values of goodness, loyalty, sacrifice and stoicism in the face of overwhelming odds, which all the jatakas prescribe for a Buddhist society.



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What impressed me was that this was a joyous but ascetic occasion. Meditation, religious discussions and affirmation of positive social values was the basis of the type of celebration.

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# STOP & THINK POEM TIME



There are things of which I may not speak:  
There are dreams that cannot die:  
There are thoughts that make the strong heart weak,  
And bring a pallor into the cheek,  
An a mist before the eye.

Strange to me now are the forms I meet  
When I visit the dear old town;  
But the native air is pure and sweet,  
And the trees that overshadow each well known street,  
As they balance up and down.

For the thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts.

This was written by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and is an extract from his poem 'My Lost Youth'

(sent in by Wilton White)



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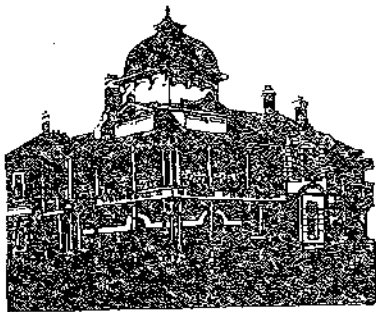
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# In the news

## Maithri's predicament

### 'Should Lanka disown us?'

Maithri Panagoda enjoys a lucrative practice as a criminal lawyer in Dubba - a country town 400 miles of Sydney, Australia.

He has his own house, drives his own car, and with his Sri Lankan wife and two children can be described as a typical example of the immigrant who has made good.

That is the side of the story of the Lankan family Panagoda that's clearly visible to his new friends in Australia, his childhood friends in the home country and that somewhat envious group of Lankans who would emigrate too if only the Australian High Commission here would let them.

But in Colombo a few days ago, Maithri who was here the first time in four years for a brief holiday at home betrayed another aspect of his life which few suspected even existed.

Maithri was clearly not a completely happy man. What is more, he assured me, there are quite a number like him - outwardly the pictures of success, inwardly not exactly disappointed men, but nevertheless sick at heart.

Homesickness? No, but the malady they are suffering from has a lot to do with their 'roots'.

When you emigrate, the country which accepts you grants you what is called permanent residential status, a legal status which enables you to live and work there as long as you don't break the rules.

There are fields of employment however, which you cannot enter if you do not go one step further - that is enjoy the citizenship of that country. In Australia for

By William de Alwis  
instance you cannot join their equivalent of the Public Service (its called the Commonwealth Pu-



blic Service) if you are not a citizen of Australia and therein lies the rub.

Under Sri Lankan laws you cannot become a citizen of a foreign land without revoking citizenship of your home country.

"There are many professionals like me...we start thinking hard when it comes to that point."

Wherever they meet, these Lankans on foreign soil spend long hours over their sundowners talking of what's happening at home, seeking solutions to the problems there, and inevitably the question of what to do about citizenship.

There is a solution they've found, but it depends on how the home country thinks of it. "Dual nationality".

"There are countries which permit it...why shouldn't Sri Lanka", Panagoda and his friends in the same predicament ask.

"Remittances from Sri Lankans form one of the biggest sources of foreign exchange to the country...In the field of international trade, technology, higher education, economics, in almost every sphere overseas Sri

Lankans have been playing a vital role bringing credit to their homeland and promoting international relations," Maithri Panagoda argues.

So why should not Sri Lanka take steps to derive the maximum benefits from her sons and daughters living abroad?

"Dual nationality would enable us to take up citizenship in a foreign country without forfeiting our citizenship rights in the motherland," he explained.

"From a very personal point of view, being treated as a foreigner in your own country is a disgrace."

So Maithri Panagoda leaves one of these days for Australia, doubtless with many a wistful backward glance at home.

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## Mother of three has quins the fourth time

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A Muslim woman in the Polonnaruwa district had quintuplets a few months ago, three boys and two girls.

It was Mrs. Noor Sinapilal's second marriage and her husband, M. Ismail, a cycle mechanic, had also been married once earlier and had three children.

It was quite a surprise to

him when his 31-year-old wife gave birth to five babies. But their poverty combined with ignorance of infant care, reduced the family to triplets. Now only two boys and a girl survive.

However, five generous Muslim lawyers of the area have contributed Rs. 10,000 each towards building a home for this family, who are now finding it hard to make ends meet.

A delegate from the Ceylon Bathualmal Fund has donated Rs. 10,000 to the couple.

In addition to the babies, Ismail has six other children to feed and clothe. Three of them are his own, the others are Noor's children by her first marriage.

Both Ismail and his wife expressed their gratitude to all those who responded to their appeal for help.

A TASTE OF WHAT'S TO COME

LOOK OUT for the fun day 27<sup>th</sup> Dec. FOUNDATION DAY.

# Favourite Village Tales.....

## THE RATEMAHATMAYA'S PRESENTS

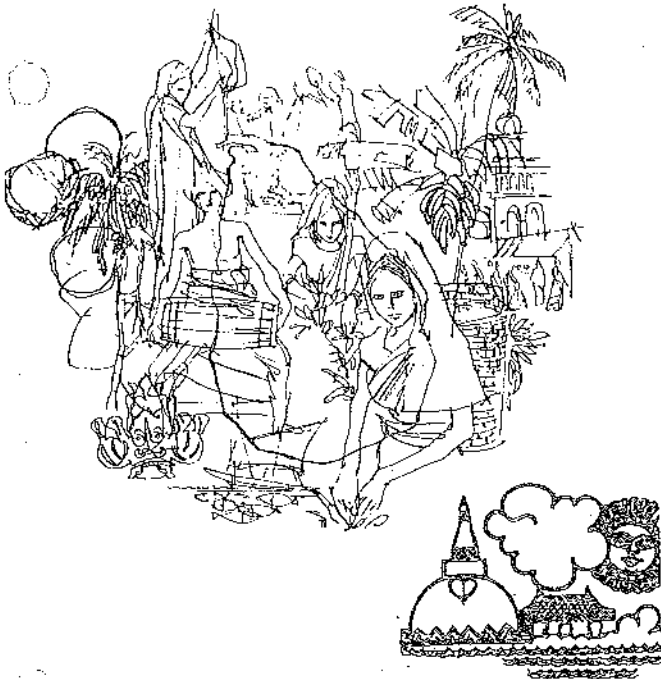
A CERTAIN cultivator having gone to his Kackiri garden, and having seen, when he looked (through it), that a very beautiful long Kackiri fruit was ripe, presented it to the Chief of that country.

The Ratemahatmaya, being pleased regarding it, presented to him a very valuable young bull.

A man who lives in that country, ascertaining this, thought, "Should I also bring some present I shall receive a present (in return) in this manner" (that is, one of much higher value); and he presented to him a valuable heifer from his herd.

Thereupon the Ratemahatmaya, this time being acquainted with the stratagem, presented to the man the Kackiri fruit which the cultivator gave.

North-western Province.



## A LEGEND OF KANDY<sup>1</sup>

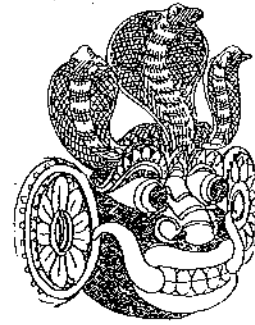
AT a certain place in Lankawa (Ceylon), there was an extensive forest. In that forest there were elephants, bears, leopards, wanduras,<sup>2</sup> and many other jungle animals.

At any time whatever, at the time when any animal springs for seizing an animal that is its prey, it comes running near a rock that is in an open place in the forest. Having arrived near the rock, the animal that ran through fear goes bounding back after the animal that is chasing it. Regarding that rock, it was the custom that it was (known as) "The Rock of the Part where there is Tranquillity" (*Sen-kada-gala*).<sup>3</sup>

One day a Basket-mender for the purpose of cutting bamboos went into this forest. While he was cutting bamboos a certain jackal went driving a hare on the path. At the time when the hare arrived near this rock the jackal began to run back, and the hare ran behind it.

The Basket-mender, having been looking at this, examined the place, and having gone near the King who was ruling at that time, told him of this circumstance. And the King, having thought that it is a good victorious ground, went there, and having built a city makes it his capital (*raja-dhaniya*). For that city he made the name Senkada-gala (Nuwara—that is, Kandy).

Uva Province.



## THE MASTER AND SERVANT

WHILE a certain Master and Servant were going on a journey, they having become hungry the Master said, "Ada! Bring plantain flowers,"<sup>1</sup> and gave money to the Servant.

The Servant having brought plantain flowers, for the purpose of eating them they sat down at a place. The Master spoke to the Servant, "Ada! Don't throw away their rinds (*potu*); having given money also (for them) what are you throwing them away for?" he said.

"If so, you must eat them," the Servant said.

Thereupon, while the Master first was eating the peel (*jeji*) of the plantain fruits, his stomach having filled he became unable to eat the core (of the peeled fruit).

After that, the Servant ate the small quantity of the core.

Uva Province



## HOW THE RICE AND CURRY BECAME RAW

AT a certain time there were a woman and her husband, two persons. During the time while they were (there), one day the husband said to the woman, "I am going to-day to the watch-hut. Having gone there, I shall not come back to-morrow morning; I shall be delayed, ploughing the field below that field. Because of it, you must bring me cooked rice to-morrow morning."

Then the woman during the whole night<sup>1</sup> having abundantly given food and the like to her paramours, without sleeping, it became light. After that, the woman went to sleep.

(After) going to sleep, being without the means of bringing cooked rice (through want of time to cook it), she washed rice, putting it in a cooking-pot, and cut up dried fish and brinjal,<sup>2</sup> putting them raw into a large cooking-pot, and took them to the rice field (uncooked).

After she went, that man said, "Bola! Strumpet! Didst thou stay with thy paramours until so much time has gone?" and scolded her (for being late).

Thereupon, this woman, saying "Apoyi! Because you said such a vile word to me may the cooked rice and curry which I brought for you become raw," put them down on the ground.

When the man looked, the woman's speech was true; the cooked rice and curry had become raw. After that, the man, having said to the woman that she was a good woman, thoroughly respected her.

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Kandy

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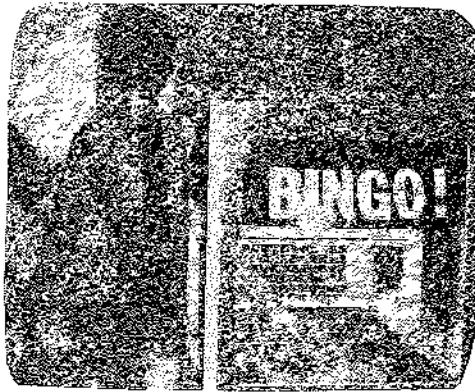
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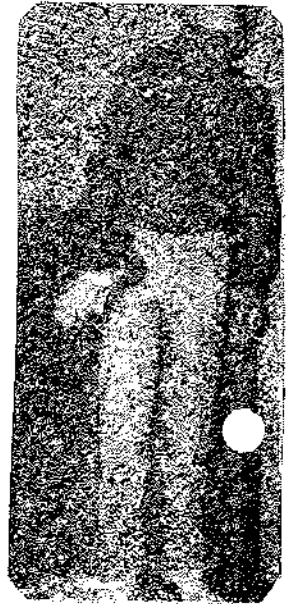
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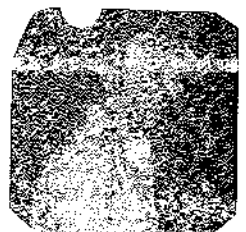
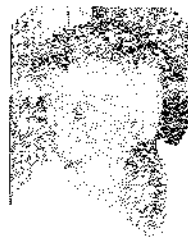
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IF MUM WOULD ONLY SING???



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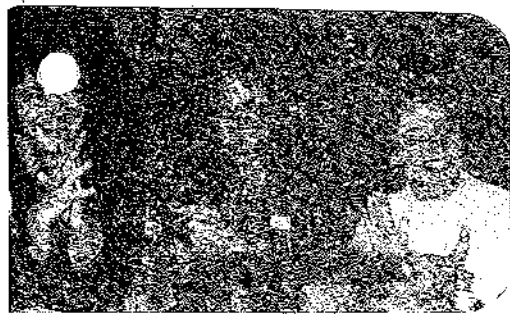
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JOEL'S BACK



CHECKING THE SCORE



OH! NO!



HAVING A DRINK



GOOD ON YOU MUM TIP TOP'S THE ONE



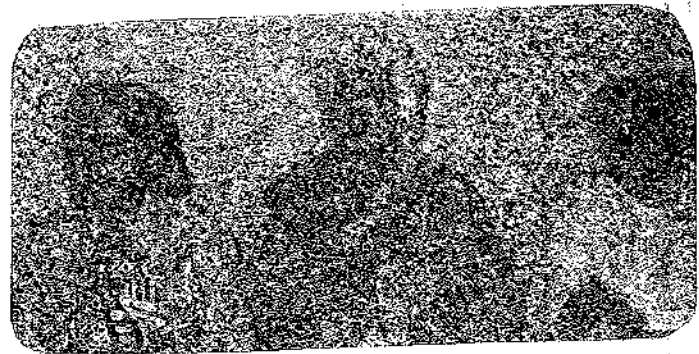
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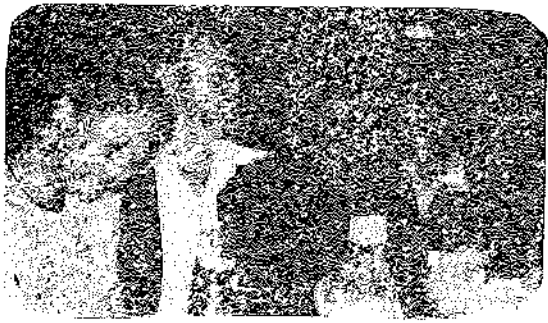


I DON'T THINK SO.....I THINK SO ANYWAY.





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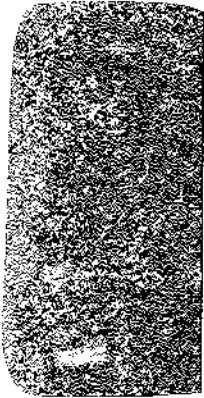
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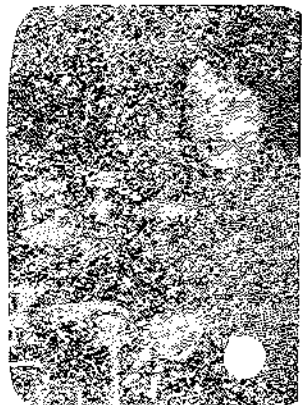
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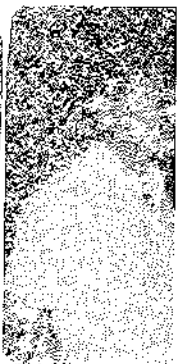
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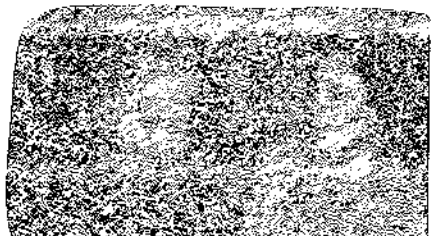
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TO US





# COOKING CLASS

## SRI LANKAN *by Luvanga*

Ayubowan!!! Ladies (and Gentlemen!) I welcome you warmly to the Sri Lankan Cooking Class.. Using locally available produce and experimenting has always been a pleasure and my favourite hobby.. Livins so far away from home and not being able to get fresh 'Kos' and 'Polos' has been very frustrating for me. So I have found a way of making a real 'Polos Mallung' which turns out just the thing every time... Cauliflower as you know, is a very versatile vegetable... I have made quite a few different dishes out of this vegetable which happens to be "In Season" right now at a very reasonable price... Try my "Polos Mallung" this way... I assure you that you won't be disappointed!!!

### INGREDIENTS



1 small or 1/2 large Cauliflower  
1 cup Coconut (fresh or dessicated)  
6 large cloves Garlic  
1 inch piece green Ginger  
4 green Chillies  
1 dessertspoonful (or more) Pepper Corns  
1 level teaspoon Turmeric  
1 medium Onion (Chopped)  
1 1/2 - 2 tablespoons Oil  
2 teaspoons Mustard seeds  
Salt to taste  
Curry leaves.

### PSYCHOLOGY OF EATING

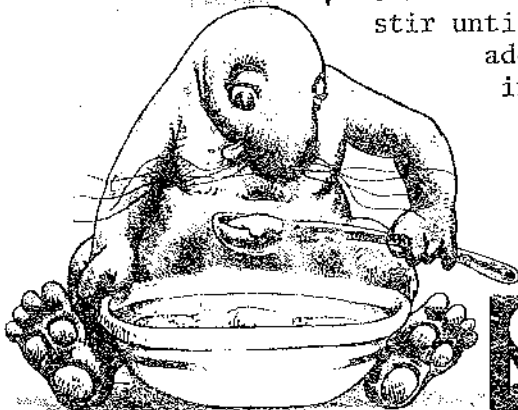
THE problem is that most of us don't eat just because we're hungry, and we don't stop eating just because we're full. Food and eating are both highly related to other things, not just the need to survive. Here are some of the other reasons for eating (particularly eating more than you need):

- Bored and don't know what else to do
- Distracting yourself from something you don't want to do
- You'll hurt someone else's feelings if you don't.
- You'll please the person who's cooked for you
- You're depressed and unhappy
- Everyone else is eating, too.
- You should clean up your plate
- You've paid for it
- You like the taste (and feel slightly mischievously naughty)
- You're feeling angry and don't want to shout at anyone
- You need to comfort yourself
- It's dinner/lunch/breakfast "time" (so you should eat).

### METHOD



Wash and trim the Cauliflower, break into flowerettes, slice or shred finely. Heat oil in a wok or frying pan, add the mustard seeds stir until they pop, add onions & curry leaves, fry until lightly brown add Cauliflower and stir until just beginning to cook. Grind in a stone grinder or a blender - green chillies, garlic, ginger, pepper corns and grind them well, add coconut and grind until well mixed. Add these to the Cauliflower, stir well. Add turmeric and salt and mix well and fry on high heat stirring all the time. Do not overcook this vegetable. It should be just crunchy. Serve hot or cold with plain rice.



## Such a lot of taste..

Let me warn you .. through my disastrous experience... about the 'Plain Wrap' packs from 'Coles'. I had, in my pantry cupboard, two packets, salt and sugar.. instead of 2 lbs of sugar I added- taking it for granted of course- 2 lbs of salt to my very expensive love cake!!!!... They look so much alike - especially when you have them in 'Your cupboard' away from the supermarket shelves.. Please read the labels before you use them. I wasted, 18 eggs, 500 gms butter, semolina..

*ARNING!!!*

# COMMUNITY INFORMATION

**Note:** INFORMATION ON THIS PAGE IS BY NECESSITY BRIEF AND IS INTENDED ONLY TO GUIDE FURTHER ENQUIRY ABOUT POTENTIAL BENEFITS

SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENT	BASIC CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY	BASIC RESIDENCE QUALIFICATION	FURTHER INFORMATION
AGE PENSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Man aged 65 years or over OR</li> <li>Woman aged 60 years or over</li> </ul>	Generally must have lived 10 years in Australia	Department of Social Security 320 3357
INVALID PENSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aged 16 years and over</li> <li>Not less than 85% permanently incapacitated</li> </ul>	Immediately eligible if incapacity occurred in Australia	"
WIDOWS PENSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A widow or a woman who was dependent on a man for at least 3 years prior to his death</li> <li>A divorcee or woman deserted</li> <li>A woman whose husband has been imprisoned</li> </ul>	Immediately eligible if in Australia at time of event OR 5 years residence	"
SUPPORTIVE PARENT BENEFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have the curstody care &amp; control of a child                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- male divorcee</li> <li>- separated husband/wife or defacto</li> <li>- unmarried parent</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Residing in Australia at time of event OR 5 years residence	"
SPOUSE CAREERS PENSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A man providing constant care and attention in home for his wife who is severely handicapped</li> </ul>	- as above -	"
SICKNESS BENEFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temporarily unable to work</li> <li>Must have suffered a loss of income as a result of illness or injury</li> <li>Medical certificate essential</li> </ul>	One year in Australia OR likely to remain here permanently	"
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unemployed</li> <li>Available for work</li> <li>Actively seeking work</li> <li>Registered with Commonwealth Employment Service</li> </ul>	- as above -	"
SPECIAL BENEFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unable to make sufficient livelihood</li> <li>Not eligible for other benefit</li> </ul>	Depends on circumstances	"
FAMILY ALLOWANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child(ren) under 16 in your care</li> <li>Full-time dependent students 16 - 24 years</li> </ul>	1 year in Australia OR to remain here	"

# KIDSTUFF

## EDITORIAL

Hi, I'm the new editor in the Kids Gossip Column for this issue, which is also a first for the editor of this past tattered bunch of garbage (If I may say so myself). Whaddaya mean you hate this already? (Hint: Makes great dunny paper). Instead, you like pages an pages of silly holiday reading of absolutely no relevance to anything sensible, but still great fun all the same? You like reading jokes and crosswords from fools? (Like a few I can name-send to any of your local committee members, and I'm sure you'll understand.) Then read on, ~~shut up~~ sir/madam!

Actually, the point of all this space-filler-upper is to put your mind off this Aussie, yes you heard right Aussie production, and do something else, like having a free meal at Auntie SHEILA's (She's going to get me for this), or asking ~~CEASER'S~~ eyeballs their memoirs of watching Thai dancers while spending 5 nights in Bangkok!

Finally, to all the people who didn't disregard my last notice, all complaints anywhere in this mag (especially here) go to the NEXT EDITOR, please, Get the picture? I'm warning you, the consequences will be severe e.g. We'll do a full page article on the private life of any person who dares to send it to me (I'm going to be busy...) The complaint number is 450-619 - (No obscene calls, please...)



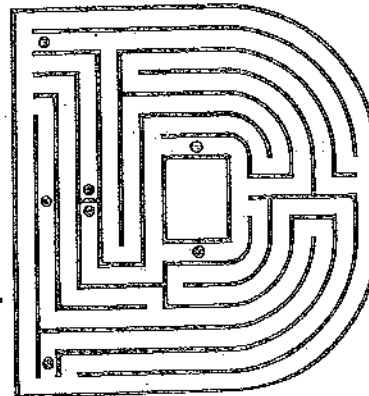
## PEN PALS DEPT.

If you would like a pen pal, please write to me (17 Aspen Close, GREENWOOD P/C 6024), and I will include your request on the Western Mail kids page.

## BOGGLE WORDS

Work out the familiar phrases in boxes A and B.

A		B	
1. P A R K I N G	P A R K I N G	1. D D O M I C E I R O M I S E	2. T R E E
3. P O W E R	4. D E T R I O M P H E	3. T H I S I S K C I T S	4. S T R O K E  Stroke stroke



## DETOUR

Travel through this maze connecting each of the seven spots with one continuous line. Your starting and finishing points are located in the dead end passages.

## WHAT AM I?

My first is in boot but not in sock,  
My second's in time but not in clock,  
My third is in bed but never in cot,  
My whole is something that's in a knot!

Solutions: What am I: A TIE!

Solution: BOGGLEWORDS  
A. 1. Double parking  
2. The long and short of it  
3. Power storage  
4. The old romaine  
B. 1. Broken promise  
2. Tree top  
3. This is a stroke  
4. Different strokes

MORE FUN OVERLEAF

★ ★ Le Joke Le Waiter:-



WAITER: How did you find your steak, sir?  
DINER : Quite by accident, actually. I pushed aside a pea, and there it was...

DOES THAT MAKE YOU SICK? (Think carefully before you say yes) Well, this is going to make you spoil your mum's new carpet, as we launch into our...

★ JOKES DEPT.

- ☞ In 1983, A Californian researcher discovered that grasshoppers who fed on marijuana leaves could jump higher than usual...
- ☞ A Junior accountant, Mr Ahmed Corker, was passing through customs at Manley Airport, Jamaica, when a large rat dashed up, and sank it's teeth into the sole of his shoe. After the rat had been repulsed, customs officials discovered that both Mr Corker's shoe were soled with Cannabis...
- ☞ The pushbutton dunny is an Australian invention...
- ☞ No insurance party has yet dared offer third party insurance on a nuclear power station...
- ☞ The parish register at Lymington shows that in 1896, Samuel Baldwin was buried at sea. The ceremony was performed at the deceaced's own request - however - frequent squabbles with his wife had declared her intention to dance on his grave...
- ☞ In 1970, a Sweedish bookseller was taken to court, and fined \$100, because his literature was not as pornographic as he had advertised it to be...
- ☞ California raises more turkeys than any other U.S. State. Ronald Reagan comes from California...
- ☞ LEO VIII( Pope 963-965 A.D.) died of a stroke while committing adultery...



★ EMBARRASSMENT AWARDS DEPT.

(DON'T WORRY-ALMOST EVERYONE IS IN HERE)

▲ Best Cricketing Fan/1984-85

NIGEL WHITE, ROSHAN WEDDIKKARA

▲ Best Blabbermouths

"CONRAD", SOME YEAR 9 AT ST. HILDA'S (Not a very hard guess involved here), SOME GUY AT CCGS, initials "H.C."

▲ Best Boekworm

ANOTHER WILD GUESS INVOLVED- Hint: Another ST. H'S student.....

▲ Best Function attenders/84-85

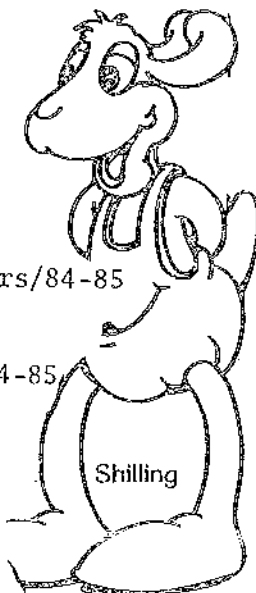
The Sri Lanka association Youth Group (Under 60's) Functions: Ziltch,so far...

▲ "Coolest Dukes"of 1984-85

Initials "R.V.R!" Year 11 at CCGS (Hint: Gandhi hairstyle, Initials: O.M.K.

▲ Best Editor

Manjula McDonald(Overwhelming vote- the only editor of this year)  
P.S. This was written while having a gun pointed at the editor's head...



★ ★ ★ Well, we come to the end of this gossip column for this issue. For Part II, turn over:-

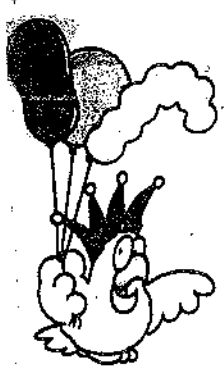
# Practical Jokes for children

There was this Englishman, Scotsman and Irishman who were unfortunate enough to be captured in the desert by a group of Bedouin Arabs. All their valuables were taken from them and they were told that they would be executed by a firing squad at dawn. During the night the captives discussed how they might get out of their situation. "I've heard," said the Englishman, "that Arabs are terrified of natural disasters - they think natural disasters are a punishment of God. That might just save us".

The dawn came, and the Englishman was facing the firing squad. Just as the robber chief was about to give the signal to shoot, the Englishman looked over their heads and shouted "A sandstorm....."!!

Immediately there was confusion and panic, and the Englishman made good his escape. But the next morning, the Scotsman was also facing the firing squad. Just as the firing squad was about to shoot, the Scotsman looked to the right and shouted "Flood...flood..flood. Immediately, there was further confusion and panic, and the Scotsman also made good his escape.

But the following morning, the Irishman had to 'face the music' and just as the firing squad was awaiting the signal to shoot, the Irishman - looking very confident... looked to the left and shouted - "FIREERRRRR.....!!!



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## THE BIRD BRAINS READING LIST

- Brick Laying
- Feed Your Dog Properly
- The Dangers of Jumping a Cliff
- Spare the Rod and Spoil the Child
- The Case of the Stolen Chesnut
- Laying Carpets

- By C. Ment
- By Nora Bone
- By Hugo First
- By Corporal Punishment
- By Nick McConker
- By Walter Wall



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Lady: "Give me 1/2 a pound of bacon, please, and make it lean".  
Butcher: "Certainly, Madam - which way?"



"Doctor, doctor, everyone thinks I'm a cricket ball"  
"How's that?"  
"Oh - not you as well"!!



What is worse than a giraffe with a sore neck?  
@@@@@@@@@@.A centipede with corns.@@@@@@@@@@@@@@

If your clock strikes thirteen, what time is it?  
Time to get a new clock!!!!!! tic . toc..

What do cannibals have for lunch?  
Baked Beings ?????



How do you keep an idiot waiting?  
I'll tell you later.....

NEWS FLASH: HOLE FOUND IN WALL OF NUDIST COLONY. POLICE ARE LOOKING INTO IT!!



"Waiter, waiter, I've got only one piece of steak.  
All right, I'll cut it in two for you..."



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