

Kapila: Many strings to his bow, many irons in the fire

Who would not know this handsome young man, Kapila Mohotti - Food and Beverage Manager of Colombo Hilton, always smartly dressed walking around the Hilton most of the time. You can't miss him, he walks around with a 'Can I help you' look and has a charming smile for all the guests who crowd the Hilton at all times specially when there is live music around with reputed musicians and famous bands playing.

Kapila received his education at Richmond College, Galle, and his thoughts used to always stray towards hotels. Whilst awaiting the Ordinary Level results, at the tender of 16 years, a close friend of his, who had a small beach restaurant in Unawatuna, Galle, asked him to come over and while away his time at this restaurant. He was asked to work in the kitchen and at that age he really loved the different aromas of food. I asked him whether he felt greedy he smiled and replied "No wonder as the smells were so appetising".

In the meantime, his O'level results were out and he had passed. Now here was a big decision he had to take at just 16 plus. Naturally his father wanted him



Kapila with his wife Kavitha and son

opening in the kitchen and he was recruited as a trainee steward. Done! Ambitions half achieved! He worked there for 2 1/2 years and by this time he was nearly 20 years old. This hotel was one of the best holiday resorts in Sri Lanka. Then on hearing so much about Colombo city hotels, he applied to the Galadari which was then called the Galadari Meridien Hotel as he longed to get to Colombo. He was lucky and Galadari Meridien employed him.

Initially for six months he worked at the Banquet Department and at that time the hotel had the best night club called Colombo 2000. Since he was young and crazy about music, dancing and anything that goes well with club life, and as there was an opening in the night club he started working as a steward. At this juncture most of his desires were fulfilled.

Whilst working at Galadari, he used to walk around Fort and while doing this, he noticed a building come up slowly and steadily and then found out that it was the Hilton Colombo which was going to be the first international hotel in Colombo. Then he made up his mind that one day he would end up working at Hilton Colombo and today his dream has been realised.

He is now the Food & Beverage Manager at Hilton Colombo. Before he reached the present position, he mentioned that vacancies in Hilton had been advertised and he faced an interview. He was offered the post of trainee assistant steward. This was really the first step. Because of his night club training, he was put to work at the Blue Elephant. This was the first discotheque in Sri

Lanka. At the club, he performed really well and rose to the position of Manager. He decided that he had to do something concrete and also had to climb several steps in leaps and bounds. Since he is music crazy and music was always foremost and as there was so much scope on those lines he became a DJ, which was in 1989.

In 1992, he won the Island Music Award for the Best DJ in Sri Lanka. In 1994 he won the Golden Clef Award for the Best DJ In 1994 the management requested him to manage the club and he was appointed forthwith as Manager of the Blue Elephant. He held that post for seven years. Whilst doing this he did a bit of homework for the next level which was Food & Beverage Manager. In 2002 he was appointed as Acting Assistant Food & Beverage Manager and in 2007 became the Food & Beverage Manager. Congratulations! Well done!

Coming to his family - he married the girl of his choice - Kavita Wijetunga who is blessed with both beauty and

charm. She was working at the Hilton when cupid shot the arrow right through their hearts and in 2002 they were joined in holy matrimony. They have a little son aged two years. Kapila said "I just have to mention another side of mine." He called himself a farmer. This is something unique today with the present high society. Nevertheless he is proud of this. He owns a beautiful plot of land in Dambulla, overlooking the Dambulu Oya river and this is his hide-out when he wants to get away from it all and relax. He has grown fruits and vegetables in a big way and also has a herd of cattle and owns a bullock cart. He is developing this in order that people could experience the traditional village lifestyle.

To maintain his good physique, he does take some exercise when time permits. Our final question "With the busy schedule do you find time for your wife and son?" "Yes of course. I somehow find the time to be with them as well."

Well after all is said and done I think Kapila has done very well although he has so many strings to his bow and so many irons in the fire.

Good luck to you! I know you will go higher and sky is the limit.



Kapila at 20

Australian minister resigns over semi-naked dance



Matt Brown

Sep 10: SYDNEY, Australia - An Australian state government minister was forced to quit following reports that he danced in his underwear at a parliamentary office party, the state premier said Thursday.

Matt Brown resigned late Wednesday, only three days after he was sworn in as police minister of Australia's most populous state, New South Wales Premier Nathan Rees said.

"I'm a human being and I made a mistake and I'm going to cop the consequences of that mistake," Brown told reporters, without elaborating.

The resignation came on the eve of an unreported in national newspaper The Australian that Brown danced in "very brief" underpants to techno music on a leather couch during a drunken late night party in his Parliament House office three months ago. He was then housing minister.

Rees said he demanded Brown's resignation Wednesday night because the former lawyer and university lecturer - a state lawmaker for nine years - initially gave assurances that "absolutely nothing untoward" had happened during the party.

"I subsequently put it to former minister Brown late last night that there are too many reports of you in your underwear for me to ignore," Rees told Fairfax Radio Network. "He conceded he'd been in his underwear and that gave me no option but to demand his resignation."

The scandal is a blow to Rees' efforts to revive the flagging fortunes of the 13-year-old Labor Party government with a new leadership team. "Embarrassed doesn't begin to describe it," Rees said.

Brown said he had agreed with Rees that he should resign for behaving "in a manner not befitting a minister." (AP)

Those who matter

by Yvonne F. Keerthisingha

to carry on with his education. After all, a parent wants to do the best for his child - that was one side of the coin. On the other side of the coin was his friend pressing him to stay longer at the restaurant and tempted him by offering him good money - what a dilemma! Quick bucks on one side and higher education on the other! 'My head kept on turning but I said to myself - education first and so I decided that way.' But his friend was kind and said "Ok you go ahead with your studies but after school drop into the restaurant and work there as well since you are really good in that line." So he ended up attending school as well as helping out in the restaurant when time permitted.

His father noticed how keen he was about the hotel industry and since he had a friend at Triton Hotel Ahungalle he took Kapila over and introduced him to the Manager. Here, too, there was an

TV GUIDE

ETV	
06.00	Prime Time Morning
06.55	Chanel News Asia
10.30	Telemarketing
10.30	Chanel News Asia
11.00	Telemarketing
P.M.	
12.00	YA TV
12.30	Telemarketing
01.00	VH1
02.00	Idol Gossip
02.30	Chanel News Asia
03.00	Telemarketing
03.30	Chanel News Asia
04.00	Telemarketing
05.00	As Told by Ginger
06.00	Telemarketing
07.00	VH1
07.45	Debrief
07.55	Lanka Business Online
08.01	That 70's Show
08.30	The Hills
08.55	Lanka Business Online
09.01	The Bold & The Beautiful
09.45	Debrief
09.55	Lanka Business Online
10.01	Lanka Business Report
10.30	Chanel News Asia
10.55	Lanka Business Online
11.01	VH1 Specials
12.00	End of Transmission

ITN	
04.30	Station Opening
04.35	Prithi Deshanaya
04.42	Jayamangala Gatha
04.46	Davase Sithuvili
05.00	Thakshilawa
06.00	ITN Puwath
06.15	Davase Pathihara
06.55	Jeevithaya Jayaganna
07.00	Hathveni Peya - Live
08.00	Peypen Peya Puwath
08.05	Pahan Dora Magazine
08.30	Vaidya Sayanaya
09.00	Peypen Peya Puwath
09.05	Salmal Yaya
10.00	Peypen Peya Puwath
10.05	Nimthera
11.00	Discussion
11.30	Quantum Teleshopping
Noon	Noon News Bulletin
P.M.	
12.30	Tele Drama (Sinhala)
01.00	Tele Drama
01.30	Hedakara Hendewa
02.00	Peypen Peya Puwath
02.03	Hedakara Hendewa (Contd.)
02.30	Hindi Geeth Madhuri
03.00	Peypen Peya Puwath
03.03	Teeseen Marketing
03.30	Pacman
04.00	Peypen Peya Puwath
04.05	Science & General Knowledge
04.10	Sondhuru Isawwa
04.15	Deye Pahan
04.20	Lama Gee
04.30	Deudura Hendewa
05.00	Peypen Peya Puwath
05.03	Deudura Hendewa - Contd.
05.30	Lama Puwath
05.45	Theruwana Namadimu
05.50	Jaya Piritha
06.00	News - Tamil
06.30	Documentary
06.55	Jeevithaya Jayaganna
07.00	News - Sinhala
07.30	Muthu Kirilli
08.00	Paba
08.30	Battli
09.00	Mayumi - Tele Drama
09.30	News - Sinhala
09.50	Biz News
10.00	Doramadalawa
10.30	News - English
10.40	Doramadalawa - Contd.
11.00	Game Show
11.30	Diganthaya
12.00	Lunch Time News
P.M.	
12.15	Lunch Time TV
12.30	Nonawaruni Mahatwaruni
01.30	Sinhala Movie
03.00	Close
04.00	
04.30	Afternoon News
04.45	Tamil Film
04.50	Cartoon Series
05.00	Islamic Religious Programme
05.30	Ilther (Ramazan breaking)
05.45	Musical
06.00	Golden Hit Songs
06.30	Vidyalai Nokki
07.00	News & Weather Report
07.30	Kalki
08.00	Tele Drama
08.30	Tele Drama
09.00	News & Weather Report
09.30	Borsoir (English)
10.00	Fantastic
11.30	End of Transmission

CHANEL EYE

VH1
Mon - Fri at 7.00 p.m. and 11.00 p.m. on ETV

SIRASA TV	
04.00	English Lesson
04.30	Prithi & Jayamangala
05.00	Gaitha
06.00	Mahamaluwa
06.30	Bana
07.00	Cartoon
07.30	English Lesson
08.00	News First
08.30	Soragappappa
09.00	Praveena
09.30	Jeevithayala Eda Denna
10.00	Game Show
10.30	Diganthaya
10.45	Visamulhiya
11.15	Sirasa Super Star Chart Show
P.M.	
12.15	Lunch Time TV
12.30	Nonawaruni Mahatwaruni
01.30	Sinhala Movie
04.00	Cartoon
04.30	English Lesson
05.00	Prithi & Jayamangala
05.30	Gaitha
06.00	Mahamaluwa
06.30	Bana
07.00	Cartoon
07.30	Silu Gedara
08.00	Mahagedara
08.30	Kindurangana
09.00	Praveena
09.30	Kawya
10.00	News 1st
10.30	Final Cut
10.45	Visamulhiya
11.15	Sirasa Super Star Chart Show
P.M.	
12.15	Lunch Time TV
12.30	Nonawaruni Mahatwaruni
01.30	Sinhala Movie
04.00	Cartoon
04.30	English Lesson
05.00	Prithi & Jayamangala
05.30	Gaitha
06.00	Mahamaluwa
06.30	Bana
07.00	Cartoon
07.30	Silu Gedara
08.00	Mahagedara
08.30	Kindurangana
09.00	Praveena
09.30	Kawya
10.00	News 1st
10.30	Final Cut
10.45	Visamulhiya
11.15	Sirasa Super Star Chart Show
P.M.	
12.15	Lunch Time TV
12.30	Nonawaruni Mahatwaruni
01.30	Sinhala Movie
04.00	Cartoon

MTV	
05.55	Station Opening
06.00	Voice of America
06.30	News First
07.00	Good Morning Sri Lanka
08.00	Fox News
10.30	VOA
11.30	Fox News
P.M.	
12.30	News First
12.45	VOA
01.15	Fly Tales
01.30	Fox News
04.30	Oswald
05.00	Dennis & Gnasher
05.30	Ewoks
06.00	Enter 10 Music
06.30	Y Cafe
07.00	TV South Asia
08.00	Black Stallion
08.30	Wolf
09.00	Channel 1 News
09.30	Alias
10.30	Top Story
10.32	Fox News

DERANA	
05.55	Station Opening
06.00	Cartoon
07.00	Derana Aruna
08.00	Suba Dawasak
08.30	Eka Dawasak Ude
10.30	Sedona
11.00	Sihil Sulan Ralle
P.M.	
12.00	Ada Derana
12.15	Sinhala Songs
12.30	Salthu Wila
01.30	Mix Songs
04.00	Dragon Tales
04.30	Cartoon
06.00	Derana Juke Box
07.00	Derana Real Leader
08.30	Blascope
08.00	Ada Derana
08.30	Sara
09.00	Doo Kumariyo
09.30	Testing 123
10.00	Ada Derana
10.15	Testing 123
10.45	Mechanic
11.15	Back to Back Songs

SHAKTHI TV

One Tree Hill Wednesday at 8pm

SHAKTHI TV	
06.00	Breakfast News
06.15	Filler
06.30	Good Morning Sri Lanka
06.45	News Paper Today
07.00	Good Morning Sri Lanka
08.30	Comedy Time
09.30	Netru Indryu Naalai
10.00	Nimmathi
10.30	Pukundha Veedu Porandha
11.00	Anandam
11.30	Kasturi
Noon	Penmanikkaga
12.00	Malagall
12.30	Pennagal Neram
01.00	Madhya Seithigal
01.15	Shakthi Movie
04.00	X-Men
04.30	My Dear Boodham
05.00	Gijo
05.30	Kutty's Choice
06.00	Pudu Padal
06.30	Kolungal
07.00	Kalasangam
07.30	Anjali
08.00	News 1st
08.30	Selvi
09.00	News
09.30	Live @ 8
10.00	Malagall
10.30	Netijam Marappathillai
11.30	Puthham Puthus

ART TV	
06.00	CNN Today
08.00	World Report
08.30	World News
09.00	World Sport
09.30	Quantum Tele Shopping
09.57	State of Business (3 min)
10.00	Teeseen Marketing
10.30	CNN Today
10.57	State of Business (3 min)
11.00	CNN Today
11.57	State of Business (3 min)
Noon	Teeseen Marketing
P.M.	
12.30	CNN Today
12.57	State of Business (3 min)
01.00	World Business Today
01.30	World News
01.57	State of Business (3 min)
02.00	World Report
02.30	Larry King Live
03.30	World News
04.00	World Sport
04.30	Three Friends & Jerry
04.57	State of Business (3 min)
05.00	Teeseen Marketing
05.30	World News Asia
05.57	State of Business (3 min)
06.00	Teeseen Marketing
06.30	iReport
06.57	State of Business (3 min)
07.00	Top 10 Hits
07.45	World News
08.15	The State of Business
08.30	Business Class
08.57	State of Business (3 min)
09.00	Desperate Housewives
09.57	State of Business (3 min)
10.00	Larry King Live
11.00	The State of Business
11.30	Business International
A.M.	
12.00	Talk Asia
12.30	CNN Special
01.00	World News
01.30	World Sport
02.00	World Sport
02.30	World's Untold Stories
03.00	International Correspondents
03.30	World News
04.00	World Sport
04.30	CNN Today

RUPAVAHINI	
04.48	Station Opening
04.50	Homage to the Triple Gem
05.00	G.C.E. (O/L) Exam Guide
05.55	Dina Asriya
06.00	News
06.06	Sivudesa
06.30	Palihara Sirasthala
07.00	News
07.05	Aadaraneeya Yavuvanaya
08.00	News
08.05	Nuga Sevana
09.00	News
09.05	Nuga Sevana - Contd.
10.00	News
10.05	Nuga Sevana - Contd.
11.00	News
11.05	Aluth Sri Lankawak
Noon	Walalaku
P.M.	
12.30	News
01.00	Hiru Vjyana
02.00	News
02.05	Vandaneeya Bharatha
03.00	News
03.05	Mang Hinda
03.30	Dambulugala Sakmana
04.00	News
04.05	Lisa and Paul (Punchi Amuththa)
04.15	Sarirasa
04.45	Deshiya Cartoon
05.00	Tharagaya
05.00	News
05.05	Tharu Davasa
06.00	News
06.05	Vishva Nanasara
06.30	Vahakada
07.00	Kung Fu
07.29	News Headlines
08.00	Suzuran
08.30	Pasubima
08.35	Sasara Chakra
09.05	Govisitha
09.15	Viyapparkka Vilthi
09.18	Jayoda
09.32	Malsara Akuru
10.00	Vanni Meheyuma
10.03	Janamathaya
11.00	News - Sinhala
11.30	Aluth Sri Lankawak
A.M.	
12.30	End of Transmission

VH1

SWARNAVAHINI	
06.00	Ehi Passiko
06.30	Mul Pituwa
07.00	Loka Siliyama
07.30	Cartoon
08.00	Hello Sri Lanka
10.30	Pooja
11.00	Mahajana Sewaya Pinisai
Noon	Live @ 12
P.M.	
12.30	Kula Kumariya
01.00	Hada Rendri Peya
02.00	Senehasata Aadarai
03.00	Gawthami
04.00	Nilarjana
05.00	Anne
05.30	Mini Toons