

DJ with a sweet tooth!

● **Personalities**
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● **A typical weekday...**
It starts very early let's say at around 3.45 am. The first thing I do is to make a call to the one I love (she's in Aussie). By 5.00 am I'm at work. And that's the time I hunt for hot topics, from politics to sports and entertainment - mainly focusing on Sri Lanka. As this is our country, I firmly believe people need to, emotionally get involved in things that happen, at least be aware of things that happen in this country. 7.10 am ON AIR with Kross, then sit together with the EFM Team to plan and work on new ideas, promotions, productions and everything that goes with radio. My work day is done around 5.30-8.00 pm - if it's not a long day I try to go to the gym on a good day and I'm home by about 8.00 pm.

● **Weekends**
I got my show 6.00 am-10.00 am and then back home for some sleep, and movies with food. Sunday is my paper day - read almost all the papers (politics, current affairs and sports). I really wouldn't know why, but I love those topics.

● **Dining out**



To be honest, I don't go out that much. Since my better half left the country, I've got used to staying at home - but Pillawoss is unbeatable in the night, specially their ice Milo. Whoa!

● **Favourite food**
Stringhoppers with kiri hodi and sambol, plus cheese macaroni. Oh, by the way, I live on sweets - mainly chocolates, cakes, deserts, ice creams and fruits. As for drinks - it's tambilli (king coconut) and fruit drinks. (Hey, I'm not kidding.)

● **Music**
Yanni (Yanni Voices) - Love it. Listening to yanni has been one of the best things I have discovered. It's really a treat to listen to Yanni. He is so talented and his concerts are out of this world. I also go for the sounds of alternative bands and...let's say anything that feels good and sounds good.

● **Movies**
I spend my free time watching, mostly realistic stuff. Like romantic comedies, action, adventure, horror. Of the last few movies I watched, "Ugly Truth," "My Sister's Keeper," "Orphan," "The Taking Of Pelham 123," "The Proposal," and "Up" (animated), are some movies I would rate above 8 (out of 10). Movies I'm keen

to watch are "The Box," "The Law Abiding Citizen," "2012" and "The Blind Side."

● **Sports**
Cricket, cricket and cricket! I follow the game pretty closely and get involved in it as a - play whenever I get the chance. I also enjoy local rugby, FI, international tennis and a bit of NBA, plus English football!

● **Pets**
I had cats and dogs. As a child, I loved them and took care of them. But sadly, my pets today are my computer and my mobile.

● **Fashion**
Some say that I'm old fashioned in the way I dress. Well, they're right. It's



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because I'll wear anything that's comfortable (easy to get into and easy to wash - stuff that dries soon), and most of them are my favorites which I wear for each day of the week - yeah, I know I'm boring, but...I'm comfortable with them and I love wearing them.

● **Relaxation**
Listening to Yanni - try it if, you haven't! Also, spending time by the beach (whenever I get a chance), and going to Kuli, my home town. I like places that are quite and peaceful.

Just one thing more - my motto is doing what you want to do in life. No matter what you get in life, make the best of it. Yes, you have got to take chances. Believe in The One above and yourself. Have faith - nothing is impossible, but remember to always be your self, no matter where you go or what you do.



● **After Dark**
With Christmas in Your Heart Presented by The Burgher Association, this yuletide extravaganza will be held at the CR & FC grounds on Sunday, December 13th (09), from 5.00 pm onwards, and will feature the band, Black, and DJ Outburst. Other highlights include guest appearances by Michael Jackson, Elvis Presley and Tina Turner look-alikes, trade stalls, food court, Santa, nativity play, fireworks display, competitions, grand raffle draw, and prizes and surprises! All proceeds in aid of The Burgher Association School of English.

WHITE OUT Rouge
The scene is set for another mega beach party - "White Out Rouge" to be held on Friday December 18th, (09), from 10:00 pm onwards. And the venue will be the La Voile Blanche, Mount Lavinia Beach. The hot sounds will be handled by DJs Tim, Marlon, Shiyam, Ricky Divine, Dishan and Romano. Dress code? Only red and white!



The Glam Scene

Neshanie Dahanayake

pic by: Dinathu Premaratne

Magic of the season at MOUNT

Holiday foods from across the globe, festive traditions, family-oriented activities...what more can you ask for! Well, that's exactly what the scene is like this festive season at the Mount Lavinia Hotel.

The theme this year (during the month of December), is focused on worldly delights celebrated at Christmas.

The hotel's Governor's Restaurant is making available to guests food synonymous to countries and consumed at Christmas time. You could check things out till December 24th.

And to give that real Christmas feeling, festive sounds will be provided by Voice Print, Nuovo Vita (St. Thomas' College Choir), and the Wisemen Choir as they tour the hotel, and with highlights on special nights - December 13, 21, 22 and 24.

The hotel has also made elaborate arrangements to welcome kids, with a special kid's menu, and complimentary treats.

New Year's Eve celebrations will be on the Terrace, with glitz and glamour, featuring Sha men & The Reggae Colours, G.C., along with DJ Pierre and Jerome Speldewine.

Yes, indeed, it's going to be a fantastic festive season at the Mount Lavinia Hotel - filled with fun nights, live music, and super food from all over the world!



50 years of undying

Fifty years in normal life is a lifelong experience but 50 years of wedded bliss is truly a test of time, endurance, tolerance and, without a semblance of a doubt, deeply embedded love that is not easily surpassed in the modern world.

Trevine Rodrigo (who keeps us informed of the latest happenings Down Under), and his wife, Anne, were among 200 selected invitees to the 50th wedding anniversary of Cholmondley and Melrose.

Willenberg who chose to renew their wedding vows of five decades ago at a memorable ceremony in Melbourne recently. Describing the scene to us, Trevine said it was a fantastic day of celebration, reunion and much fanfare as the families of Cholmondley and Melrose left no stone unturned to provide family and friends with a day not to be forgotten easily.

Some of the memories, the tried and tested married couple will cherish from that extremely eventful day, were dreamt up by her brother, Tony, from Norway, who, with their kids and grand kids, hired a bright red 1950s Cadillac, which drove the couple to Church and the reception venue.

An excited Cholmondley recalled that it was a similar car that drove them to their wedding, 50 years ago, in Sri Lanka.

Asked how they survived those long, long years together, Melrose happily said, "We have a great understanding and, most importantly, we share similar interests, such as travelling, country music, dancing, and gardening and, of course, going to church."

The invitees came from around the globe - Melrose's brothers (Tony from Norway and Bernard from Sri Lanka), and, together, feted their sister and her husband in their milestone achievement. Cholmondley's brothers Ralph, Shirley and Darrel were there to celebrate their brother's big day. After a packed service at St. Aiden's Church in Keysborough in Melbourne, the crowd was entertained to a night of fine food provided by Silverline Caters and some fantastic music by Midnight Mist.

Part of the night's entertainment was provided by Melrose's



Cholmondley and Melrose
brother Tony Fernando, a former outstanding musician in Sri Lanka and currently continuing his good work in Norway. Tony will be remembered by music fans in Sri Lanka during his musical holiday having played for legendary bands such as Desmond and the Clan.

