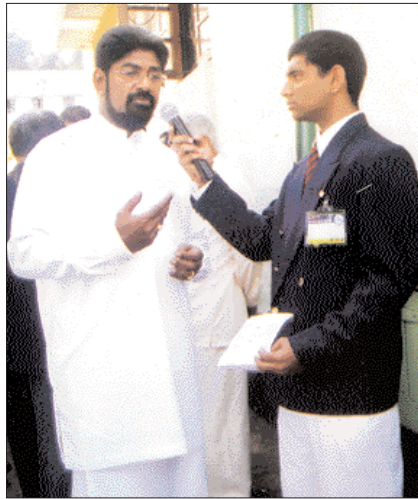




Commodore Ajith Boyagoda of Sri Lanka Navy was honored at a ceremony by his alumnus St Sylvester's College, Kandy for his contribution to defeat terrorism. The ceremony was held to celebrate the school's 70th Anniversary recently. Here Central Province Governor Tikiri Kobbekaduwa is presenting a plaque to Commodore Ajith Boyagoda. S M Jiffrey Abdeen, Kandy South group correspondent



The Nawalappitiya Rena Giraw Welfare Society held its annual certificate and prize-giving ceremony at the Hindu Cultural Centre recently. Five hundred children received prizes, certificates and stationery worth Rs 90,000. Here, a dance performed by the children. Pictures by P B Kirimendiya, Nawalappitiya group corr.



Mass Media and Information Minister Keheliya Rambukwella being interviewed by young media personnel at the Education and Career Guidance Exhibition held at the Trinity College Kandy, recently. H A Shakoor, Pathadumbara special correspondent



The Praja Sahana mobile service organized by the Public Administration and Home Affairs Ministry was held recently at the Badulla Madya Maha Vidyalaya under the patronage of Minister W D J Senewiratne. Here, a beneficiary receiving a land ownership deed from the Minister. Deputy Minister Dilan Perera and Badulla District Secretary Rohana K Dissanayake were also present.



A meeting was held to discuss the Kurunegala District National Housing Development Program for 2011 at the Kurunegala District Secretariat recently. Construction, Engineering Services Housing and Common Amenities Minister Wimal Weerawansa addressing the meeting. Deputy Minister Salinda Dissanayaka, Kurunegala District Secretary K Kusum were also present. Ashraff A Samad, Dehiwela-Mt Lavinia spl corr.



An exhibition of hand sewn pictures was held at the Panadura St John's Girls' School by its teacher Kanganani Senawiratne to make students and the public aware about the interest of doing tapestries using threads. Kapila Somaratne, Panadura group corr.



International Teachers' Day was celebrated at the Ratnapura Dharmapala Maha Viyalaya. Ratnapura Zonal One Education Director Lankaranjani was the Chief guest. Here, the Director, Principal S M P Siriwardena and teachers are led in procession by the school band. Picture by N P Rajadurai, Ratnapura special correspondent



A Wap Magul ceremony was held recently at the Palugama Welyayye Mathawa Kohlegedara. Here Wayamba Provincial Council Chairman R D Wimaladasa and Kurunegala Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman Patrick Karunasinghe with a little Kandyan dancer before the Wap Magula. Picture by Stanley Senewiratne, Kurunegala North group corr.



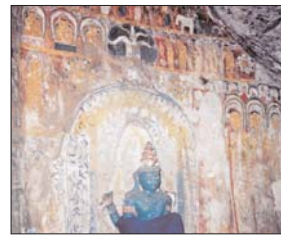
The Awards ceremony of the Madina Central College Madawala Bazaar in Pathadumbara was held at the Ashraff Memorial Auditorium recently. Here, chief guest Provincial Education Director H M Wijesiri Herath hands over an award to a student. H A Shakoor, Pathadumbara special correspondent



A ceremony was held at the Kithuhitiyawa primary school to felicitate teachers and students. Here, North Central Province Chief Minister Berty Premalal Dissanayake presenting a gift to Pramoshika Sanjeevani Wijethunga who became the district's second at the Grade Five Scholarship examination. Picture by Nimal Wijesinghe, Anuradhapura Additional District group correspondent



North Central Province Governor Karunaratna Divulgane examining an exhibit displayed at the Rajarata Wisakam exhibition held at the Anuradhapura Silpa Saalika precincts, organized by the Provincial Cooperative and Industries Ministry. Picture by Walter Dayarathna, Anuradhapura Dist spl corr.



The plaster of frescoes at the Kasagala historical temple at Kumbukgete are peeling off. The temple Dayaka Sabha request the Archaeology Department to look into this. Picture by M A R Manukulasooriya, Hiriyala Group Correspondent



The historic Anuradhapura Mapa Palace is in neglected state. A clan of rulers known as Mapa Clan before King Pandukabhaya is believed to have lived in the area and is on the verge of destruction with lack of attention of the authorities. Ancient artifacts scattered about six acres in the vicinity are also facing the same fate. Left: Ruins of the Mapa Palace at the Northern end of Basawakkulama Tank. Right: Basawakkulama Tank. Picture Senapura D. Nissanka, Anuradhapura East group correspondent