

RISING STARS

The Young People's Page

THE HOMOSAPIENS

By Sabah Moyeen

I looked at the clock for the umpteenth time. It was two after midnight and still no sleep. Reality and dream — both kept on haunting me. The scene had been engraved on my mind so deeply that it encroached on my thoughts even when I was sleeping. I couldn't forget the girl I had seen two days ago. The girl who was running down the streets, crying helplessly and clutching a baby to her bosom as tightly as she could. It seemed as if that was the last possession she had. I could not wipe out the desperate, lost and the helpless looking face from my mind. And nobody, not a single

passer-by could afford to lose one moment of their life to help her or ask her the reason behind her tears. May be some people wanted to, but they were helpless themselves, like me. I was also just another passer-by.

What has become of us? We are supposed to be humans — the best of all creation. Humans who claim superiority to animals because we have a conscience to tell right from wrong, a highly developed mind to understand and like all other living objects we have hearts to feel. And ignoring that helpless girl was definitely not an act of humanity.

Can we really with pride call our world a highly developed one? Yes, we can, when it comes to the development of science and technology. But what about peace, human rights, a fair life? What about the things that are more important than nuclear weapons? Today the world is a place where what one man can't earn working, hard and honestly in a year is spent by another in one night celebrating his long coveted only son's birthday. Today the world is a place where some people have to sell their babies for a piece of bread. It is a place where drugs or suicide become the

only alternatives for the frustrated.

The time has come for us to stop and think. It is time for us to stop living just for ourselves and start thinking about 'our world', 'our life' and not 'My world', 'My life' we have to bring an end to the unrest, chaos and the cataclysm. We have to become aware of the extreme injustice behind depriving people of their rights because of sex, race, religion or position in society. We must not join in the 'turning away' from a problem pretending not to see.

We the homosapiens have to do something before our world, our life is entirely eclipsed into complete darkness because of our evasiveness.

The Stars Of Sharjah

By Sagheer Bin Faiz

The pulse of the cricket fan was running faster than the speed of light from the 17th to the 25th of October, 1991. This time the centre of his attention was Sharjah, setting for the triangular Davis Cup competition between Pakistan, India and the West Indies. And this year, the heightened publicity of the matches was more than justified as this year not only saw the breaking and making of records at Sharjah but also provided a riveting demonstration of cricketing, par excellence. Most of all, it highlighted the best cricket talents on the globe, new and old, and served as a warning for the other teams competing in next year's World Cup.

Pakistan shone once again above all the teams, though this shining was a trifle delayed by their losing both matches in the first round. But in the end, they managed to snatch the cup away for yet another time, and the final fight was not very arduous for them. India, their rivals in the finals, only managed a paltry 190 to Pakistan's 263!

The star which was supposed to shine the most was Pakistan's Waqar Younis, who supposedly broke a batsman's leg while bowling in England. And shine he did! He emerged with sparkling figures of 4 for 48 against the W.Indies the first time and 3/54 the second time. But these figures were eclipsed by Aaqib Javed's unbelievable record-breaking triumph of 7 for 37 in the final match.

On the batting side, old timers Rameez Raja, Javed Miandad, Imran Khan and Salim Malik kept up everyone's hopes. Raja scored a massive 90 against West Indies aided

by Imran's 77, while Miandad made a valiant but futile 61 against India in the first match. Salim Malik's 87 in the finals made sure that he played a key-role in Pakistan's victory. Newcomer Zahid Fazal also put in a surprise by aiding Malik

with 98 runs. But Pakistan was not the only one with shining stars. The youngest player on the Indian side, Sachin Tendulkar, proved one of the most competent. He seemed invincible even to Waqar Younis, scoring 52 put out in the first match against Pakistan and also did a good job of frustrating the W. Indies bowlers.

But the man who figured most on the Indian batting side was Sanjay Manjrekar. In not a single match did he score less than half a century, his highest being 71 against the Pakistanis.

And with Manoj Probakar around, India was ensured a strong bowling side. Every match seemed to add to his tally as he struck again and again with fatal results every-time — 4 for 25 against Pakistan, 4 for 30 against the W. Indies.

And speaking of West Indies, they may have been the dark horses of the tournament by coming out third, but these Caribbeans put up a very strong fight. They won against Pakistan twice, by the same narrow margin: 1 run! Of course skipper Richie Richardson scored the highest scores of the match: a stunning 106 and 122, against the Pakistanis.

Eventually, only one team won, of course. But judged in terms of prowess and excellence, no one really won. It was more of a tie!



In the stadium gallery tension turns to joy, then despair and vice versa.

Votes at 16?

by Farzana Lucky Ali

If you asked me whether people of 16 understand politics and politicians, I would question back to you, 'when has that ever been a qualification for voting?' Many voters of our country have never heard of half the government, and at the recent referendum held, one man did not vote for parliamentary form of government even after pin pointing out to him the drawbacks of a presidential form of government, because he believed that 'too many cooks spoil the broth'!

If you ask whether young people want power — I, for one, do. When I see the ghastly mess that Bangladesh is in today, all the corruption that is being practiced right in front of my eyes, even in such minor fields of the economy, I feel very frustrated at not being able even to vote. Normally we would just turn our backs to such abominable facts or try to remind ourselves that it is none of our business, hence or otherwise take them for granted and accept these unfair practices. But, we never for once, try to refute them, or

do we, or in other words, are we allowed to? And this slackness leads to corruption in more important and concentrated areas of our economic system.

List of electors take months to come into force. General elections are usually held every four or five years. For these reasons the average age at which people cast their first vote in a general election is nearer 24 than 18. Votes at 16 would bring down this average age to about 21. It is often overlooked by older people that the youth of today are not only idealistic and concerned about the future of the world, they are also well informed and thinking people, and of course for less complacent than the average adult.

A vast fund of intelligent ideas is being lost because of the mystique which surrounds the 18th year. In earlier vote would serve to give a very important section of the community a much needed — political vent which would give them an identity and in turn a more responsible and patriotic outlook on life.



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Beauty: Steal It From The Kitchen shelf

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Ever winced while going through a copy of Vogue or Glamour? Its natural. There they are, these gorgeous women staring haughtily at you from glossy magazine pages, while you eat your heart out. They never have work hard; their hair is lustrous and bouncy and never out of place; they never have sloppy or streaked make-up, acne or wrinkles. Well, you too can get beautiful, that too without needing to spend millions on expensive cosmetics. Lets just take a trip to the kitchen!

Here are a few easy recipes and beauty tips:

HONEY-BANANA MASK (for all skin types)

Heat the honey until it flows easily. Pour enough of it on a mashed banana to make a paste. Blend well and then apply it over your clean face. Leave it on for 15 minutes before washing it off with warm water.

EGG-WHITE MASK (not for dry skin)

Clean your face thoroughly then smear it with raw egg white. Leave it on for 10-15 minutes, and rinse off with tepid water.

VITAMIN MASK (for all skin types)

Stir one dessert spoon milk, one teaspoon freshly squeezed lemon juice, one egg-white and one dessert

spoon warm honey into a creamy paste. Spread over thoroughly cleaned face, leave until set, and then wash off.

MASK FOR GREASY SKIN

Peel and cut into thin slices a cucumber and a grape fruit. Force through a sieve to obtain a creamy liquid. Wipe face with a pad of cotton wool soaked in milk, paying particular attention to greasy spots. Spread fruit cream over face, leaving it on for 20 minutes. Squeeze a lemon in two pints of water, and rinse off with this.

MASK FOR DULL SKIN

Add six drops of lemon juice and six drops of milk to an egg-yolk. Apply on face leaving it on for 20 minutes, then wash off.

TO CLEAR SKIN

Mix a rounded spoon of brewer's yeast into a thin paste

with milk and add this to more milk until you have a thin liquid. Take twice a day.

VITAMIN DRINK:

You will need: 4 lemons, 2 oranges, 1 teaspoon melted honey. Squeeze juice from lemons and oranges, add honey, crushed ice and soda water.

Keep wrinkles away by applying castor oil every night.

Before shampooing your hair, rub mayonnaise into the scalp, and wrap hair in a warm towel.

Combine the juice of a lemon to sugar. Use its whiter and cleanse hands and feet. Add glycerine if your skin tends to be dry.

Every night before going to bed, eat an apple. Its good for the digestion and complexion — and you'll sleep much better.

Letters to a Son SHORT-CUTS IN LIFE

DURING YOUR lifetime, do not expect to get anything free of charge. You have to pay to correct cost or price for the material or skill in cash or in kind (labour, effort, service, dedication).

You will meet many persons who are on the look-out for short-cuts, or 'discounts' (as you see during sales in shops). Discounts apply not only to the goods you purchase when you go shopping, but also to education, knowledge, and experience, and success in life.

This is an important principle in life. The idea is simple, scientific, and moral; but success does not come if it is wrongly applied. The idea is: output can never be greater than input.

By short-cut I mean that you want something which you do not deserve; or, for which you are not yet ready or qualified. It is like a form of cheating. It does not pay — in the long run.

When you realize it later, it is too late.

It is like building castles in the sand. Without a solid foundation or base, the structure will come down. Here are some examples or applications (or mis-applications).

Do not believe in the philosophy of "instant" success: trying to get rich quickly, quick success in life, hankering after something you do not deserve. Because output can never be greater than input. The energy you put in must be greater than the result you get. The smaller the effort or know-how, the poorer the

quality of what you have to offer, whether it is a class work, or a product or service you are marketing.

Between your input and output there is a black box. It is the "factory" which converts what you do into the finished product or work. In a factory, the raw materials (or parts) go in, and the finished product comes out. Lots of energy and man-hours are required to finish the product, whether it is a camera, or the planning of a project.

Remember the word 'efficiency'. This efficiency is never 100 per cent. For example, the efficiency of an electric lamp (bulb) in your house

is around 25 to 30 per cent; whereas that of the tube light is about 75-80%. A motor car has 30% efficiency (the rest is heat, which does not run the vehicle). There is also efficiency in design. Some products have highly efficient designs.

There is a moral side also. You can cheat others, but you cannot cheat yourself — you know what you are doing; others will find it out later if you try to hide some weaknesses or tricks. Do not try to be over-smart.

So short-cuts do not pay in the long run. You will be caught. — A.M.

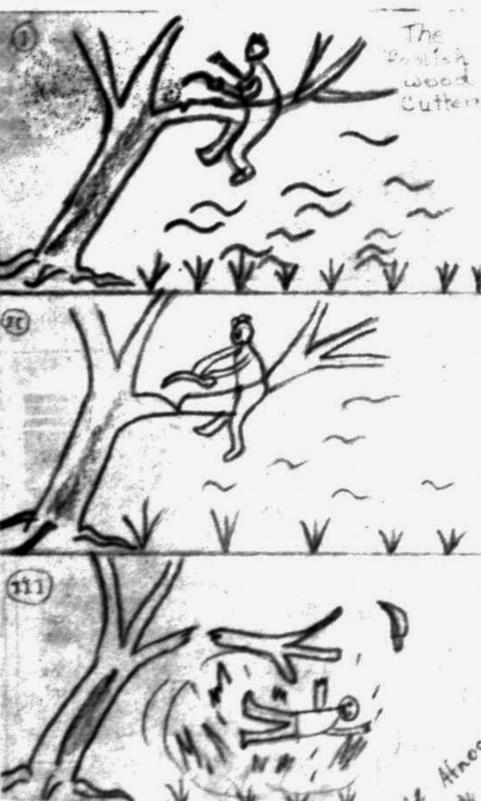
QUIZ CLUB

- Here are this week's Quiz Club questions. Let us remind you again, please send your answers in by next week. It is a pity that we have to disregard so many correct answers because they came in too late! Omar Anam, we haven't forgotten you — you will be receiving your prize very soon!
1. When was Mahatma Gandhi assassinated?
 2. Who was the first American president?
 3. Who was Robin Hood?
 4. Where is Mount Pinatubo which erupted last June?
 5. Who is the present Chairman of SAARC?
 6. Who is the president of Zimbabwe?
 7. Where are Gabriela Sabatini and Jennifer Capriati from? (country of citizenship)
 8. Who wrote Anja Karanina?
 9. Who wrote the song 'dhono dhanne pushpe bhora'?
 10. When is Rabindranath Tagore's birthday?
- Answers to Nov 15th Quiz Club questions.
- (1) Venus.
 - (2) San Francisco, California.
 - (3) Guglielmo Marconi.
 - (4) 'God save the Queen'.
 - (5) Daniel Defoe.
 - (6) May 1 Queen of England (1516-1558)
 - (7) Meghnath Badh by Michael Madhu-Sudhan.
 - (8) March 2nd 1971, Dhaka University Campus.
 - (9) 1921.
 - (10) Zimbabwe.

Bet you didn't know:

- The inventor of the ball point pen was John Loud.
- The forerunner of paper money was leather money.
- Pieces of white stag skin embellished with designs of water plants by a Chinese Emperor We between 140 and 86 B.C.
- The term 'Piggy bank' originally came from the clay called pygg from which early Americans made coin banks. Later these clay coin banks were made into the shape of pigs.
- The real name of Bob Dylan is Robert Zimmerman.
- A jet plane can fly around the Earth in less than a day.

The Foolish Wood cutter



Tale from 'Laughing Together'

They Did Move Their House, But...

On the right side of the house of a minister there lived a blacksmith, and on the left side, a carpenter. The blacksmith and the carpenter made noise night and day and disturbed the minister. When he could not take it any more, the minister called the two and demanded that they move their houses.

One day the blacksmith visited the minister and said, "Your Excellency, I am moving my house today as desired by you."

After a while, the carpenter also paid a courtesy call on the minister, saying, "Your Excellency, I am moving my house, too."

The minister was relieved to hear this, but pretended to be sorry at losing them as neighbours. He treated them to good food and sent them off.

But strangely enough, the noise of sawing and hammering continued. The minister was both surprised and annoyed. He called his servants and ordered them to find out what was going on.

The servants came back with the news that the carpenter and the blacksmith did move houses as they had promised. The carpenter had moved to the blacksmith's house, and the blacksmith to the carpenter's, where they happily continued hammering and sawing night and day.

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