

Carnival

Of fun, frolic and fairy tales

Private book shop holds a two-day grand summer festival at a school premise in the outskirts of the city

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STUDENTS, teachers, guardians and general visitors relished fascinating hours of fun and excitement at the STM Hall of Scholastica School at Uttara Model Town in the city during the last couple of days where Etcetera Bangladesh (Pvt) Ltd, a commercial book outlet and an associate of the Scholastica Group, held a unique festival, The Summer Carnival.

The carnival, organised by a management committee of the organisation of Etcetera and first of its kind in the country, featured various events of competition like the Race Day, a radio-controlled car race contest, Barbie Dolls' fashion show, yet another competition, Fisher Price Baby model contest, a photo session for children under the age of twelve and the Blue Mountain Greetings Card competition, one in which participants got a chance to compose their own card designs.

The 'Race Day' event was a contest of racing cars owned by participants who fought to win the top position while racing against time. A total of over hundred children and youth who were divided in three age groups competed to earn the best lap time. Models of realistic racing tracks with miniature hilly environment all around were laid out upon the spacious floor of a hall at the carnival venue of STM Hall.

'This sort of car racing is probably first of its type in Bangladesh and Etcetera is a pioneer in this matter', informed the stall manager of the Race Day contest. The racing cars' club that is managed by Etcetera in Gulshan has so far been able to hold two official racing contests at its club premises



Bouncing Castle provides immense fun to visiting kids



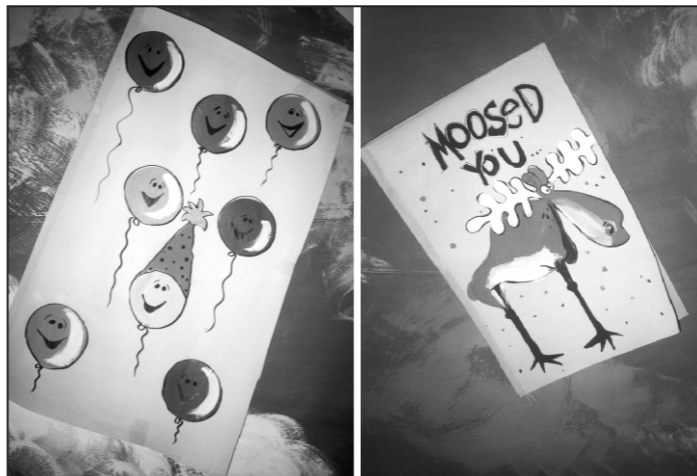
Etcetera's Race-Day contest pulls a large number of visitors



Prince Ashu and Princess Lia arrive at STM hall from Fantasy Kingdom



Exclusive collectible items enrich Etcetera's own stall at STM hall



Children create fine Blue Mountain Greeting Cards at the carnival



A stall at the carnival displays gift and decoration items

with participation of over 400 enthusiastic members and new entrants.

Young visitors expressed their great joy and admiration at the appearance of Prince Ashu and Princess Lia, two popular characters who had arrived all the way from their kingdom at Ashulia to meet all, at the much-talked carnival!

Magic shows were being held throughout the two days of the carnival at STM in which magician Ali Raaj, a popular figure among the kids of Dhaka, displayed some enchanting

magic performances to the delight and amazement of the young viewers.

Some of the finer and more sophisticated events like the Barbie Dolls' Fashion Show, Fisher Price Baby model contest and the Blue Mountain Greetings Card competition were introduced at the carnival by Etcetera authorities with promotional purpose for their future dealership and trade. All of these items are soon to hit the racks of the Etcetera book shop for sale to general clients.

Approximately fifty stalls

were set up inside the air-conditioned hall rooms on ground and first floor of STM, dedicated in memoriam of a late founder of the Scholastica Enterprises, Syed Tanvir Morshed. Garments, handicrafts, gift items and toys were displayed in and sold from the stalls located on the first floor. A food court was too, seen at a corner on the ground floor where a wide variety of mouth-watering meals and delicacies were kept for the visiting clientele. A stall sold Chinese dishes and sweets.

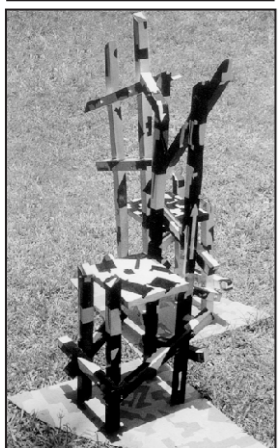
tors to arrive at the venue, especially from downtown Dhaka.

Amer Ahmed, an Executive Director of the Scholastica Enterprises seemed quite delighted and satisfied about the response of the visitors who, as he felt, had shown tremendous interest. 'We have organised several events of competition in this carnival where young ones are taking part and as I strongly feel, children of our country, through this sort of events and fairs, can easily help themselves in

acquiring a matured and smart attitude like those of the children of the advanced world's," added Amer, who also felt the need of arranging more such carnivals and fairs for the children of our society who certainly lack opportunities of attending fun fares in cities and suburbs during their summer vacations.

Etcetera have the credit of holding a grand book bazaar last February in the premises of its outlet at Gulshan Circle-1 in the city in observance of the immortal Ekushey.

RECOMMENDATIONS



Young Artists' art exhibition 2002

A fortnight long young artists' art exhibition, organised by the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, is being held at the academy's new auditorium building. The show is open from morning till evening daily.

Bird fair, painting, quiz competition

A bird fair will be held at Aga Thakurpara in Barguna district on June 29 that is to be organised by Dalchut, a little magazine club with cooperation from Enam-Ul-Haque, President of Bangladesh Bird Club. Children's painting contest, quiz competition, photography exhibition and bird watching will also be held.

Santal Festival

A festival of the santal community will be held at Mullanipara at Bhullu of Thakurgaon district in the northern part of the country that will feature traditional cultural items of the tribals. Members of Coch, Oraon and Palia communities will also join the festival. The festival is being organised by a group of students of the Dhaka University Fine Arts Institute.

TV GUIDE

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Table with TV channel ZEE MUSIC and program listings from 6:00 to 5:30.

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TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS



STAR WORLD: 7:00 & 10:30 p.m. First Wave. In 1564, Nostradamus - the man who saw tomorrow - foretold an apocalyptic invasion coming in three terrifying waves: the first wave - an elite infiltrative and saboteur force, the second wave - invasion from above, and the third wave - Armageddon. The First Wave is here. In tonight's episode, Foster's worst nightmare comes true. The Gua have taken over the earth!

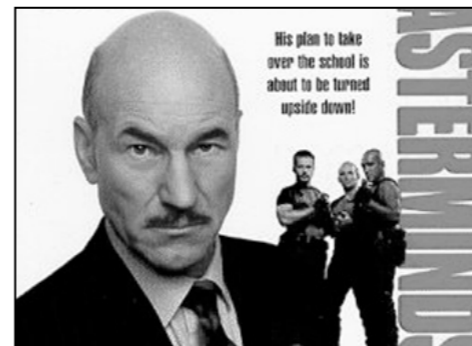


STAR MOVIES: 8:30 p.m. Duce Begalow Male Gigolo. Deuce Bigalow is a fish tank cleaner until he gets a temporary job watching over a gigolo's house. But when Deuce accidentally wrecks the house, he is forced to compensate by becoming a gigolo himself! He takes on interesting clients (a tall Swedish woman, a rotund eater in drag, a roommate who curses every five seconds, a nurse)...and together with a detective chasing Deuce down...



AXN: 9:30 p.m. Alien. The crew of the deep space mining ship Nostromo are awoken from hypersleep to investigate a strange signal from a nearby planet. While investigating the signal, they discover it was intended as a warning, and not an SOS. What follows are some grisly and inventive special effects based on the work of H.R.Giger.

PICK OF THE DAY



Masterminds On HBO at 10:00 p.m. Oz, a rebellious teenager who just got expelled from his preppy school returns for one final prank. But as he goes to the basement to set things up, he stumbles upon a security consultant, former school employee, that just took the entire school hostage for millions in ransom. Oz must rely on his youth and love for pranks to outwit the devious criminal mastermind.

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