

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Solo Painting Exhibition

Title: Memories and Desire
Artist: Najma Akhter
Venue: Alliance Francaise de Dacca, 26 Mirpur Rd, Dhanmondi
Date: October 17-29
Time: 9am-12pm, 5pm-8pm (Saturdays 5pm-8pm)



Art Exhibition

Organiser: Chaturanga
Venue: Zainul Gallery, Faculty of Fine Arts, DU
Date: October 23-29
Time: 3pm-8pm



Photography Exhibition

Title: Andharer Alo
Organiser: Nitya Upahar
Venue: Gallery Nitya Upahar, 50, Aziz Co-operative Super Market, Shahbag
Date: October 20-28
Time: 10am-8pm



Film Screening & Poster Exhibition

Organiser: Dhaka University Film Society and Goethe-Institut Bangladesh
Venue: Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, H 10, Rd 9, Dhanmondi
Date: October 20-23
Time: 5pm (exhibition 10am-8pm)
Oct. 22 Short Sharp Shock



180th anniversary of Pabna district celebrated with gusto

Colourful cultural programme on the occasion



A procession was brought out from the Pabna Town Hall premises.

Artistes perform folk songs at the programme.

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR, Pabna

The 180th anniversary of Pabna district was recently observed with colourful programmes. A discussion and a cultural programme were the highlights of the occasion.

chaired the programme. Among the speakers were the Principal of Pabna Government Bulbul College, Shibojit Nag; former Principal of Pabna Women's College, Professor Abdul Karim; President of Pabna Press Club, Rumi Khondokar; Vice President of Pabna Chamber of Commerce, Mahbulul Alam Mukul; Marketing Manager of Universal Group, Rajjur Rahman Rumi and President of Shammilito Sangkritik Jote, Pabna, Abul Kashem.

the district. Pabna was famous for its superb handloom products during the 18th century both across the country as well as the sub-continent, expressed the speakers, adding that the situation was radically different today. The district was also famous for other reasons. Pabna played a major role during the anti-Raj movement and Liberation War. The riverine district has also been a hub of art and culture. Prominent author Pramath Chowdhury and poet Bande Ali Mian hailed from the district and have enriched Bengali literature.

A cultural programme was an added attraction. Artistes of Shahid Baul M.A. Gafur Academy performed at the programme. Ustad Malek Sarkar organised the cultural programme. Artistes rendered folk songs of Pabna. Earlier a procession was brought out from Pabna Town Hall premises. Posters and leaflets highlighting different parts of the district marked the procession. The event was the first of its kind to mark the anniversary of the district.

Million dollar mistakes by movie stars

Sean Connery wasn't supposed to be James Bond. Keanu Reeves wasn't supposed to be "The One." So, who were the original choices?

Here are 5 actors and the legendary roles they turned down: 1. THE ROLE: James Bond in "Dr. No" WHO LET IT GET AWAY: Cary Grant

Despite being Bond producer Albert Broccoli's best man, Grant said, "I don't" to the offer, and Sean Connery got the role instead. Of course, many studio executives objected to the decision, and even Bond creator Ian Fleming said Connery "wasn't exactly what I had in mind."

REGRETTABILITY METER: Low By the 1960s, Cary Grant already had a spectacular film career. If he'd accepted the role (as Broccoli later revealed), it would've been just a one-movie deal. Mental Floss: Name that 007 tune

2. THE ROLE: Neo in "The Matrix" WHO LET IT GET AWAY: Will Smith turned it down to star in the forgettable action flick "Wild Wild West," and the part went to Reeves. REGRETTABILITY METER: Low

In an interview with Wired, Smith said, "I would have absolutely messed up 'The Matrix.' At that point I wasn't smart enough as an actor to let the movie be -- whereas Keanu was."

3. THE ROLE: Vincent Vega in "Pulp Fiction" WHO LET IT GET AWAY: Michael Madsen, who was stuck in lengthy rehearsals for "Wyatt Earp." John Travolta got the role instead and, almost overnight, transformed from a Hollywood has-been into one of the most bankable stars in the business. REGRETTABILITY METER: High

Madsen called "Wyatt Earp" a "big waste of time."

4. THE ROLE: Gandalf in "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy WHO LET IT GET AWAY: Sean Connery, who'd never read the J.R.R. Tolkien series and claimed he "didn't understand the script."

REGRETTABILITY METER: High

5. THE ROLES: Sundance in "The French Connection" and Captain Benjamin Willard in "Apocalypse Now" WHO LET THEM GET AWAY: Steve McQueen

REGRETTABILITY METER: High

Tragically high McQueen turned down the role of Sundance simply because co-star Paul Newman refused to give him top billing.

Later, McQueen declined the lead in "The French Connection" because he felt the part was too similar to the tough cop he'd played in 1968's "Bullitt." Gene

didn't feel like spending four months shooting in the Philippine jungle.

Instead, Martin Sheen landed the role, and despite suffering a heart attack during the stressful production, he gave one of cinema's greatest performances.

Source: CNN

Hackman took the part and won an Oscar for it. And finally, in 1978, McQueen told "Apocalypse Now" director Francis Ford Coppola to shove off when he was offered the lead. McQueen's non-negotiable asking price was \$3 million; plus, he

Will Smith turned down the offer to play Neo in "The Matrix."

REGRETTABILITY METER: High

In return for playing the role, New Line Cinema offered the Scottish actor up to 15 percent of worldwide box office receipts, which would have earned Connery more than any actor had ever been paid for a single role -- as much as \$400 million.

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Music Wagon Musical Programme: Shur Ponchomi

HBO Jerry Maguire Curious George

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On Air logo with a television icon.

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

News Bulletin section listing various news programs and their schedules.

BTV and ATN BANGLA sections listing various television programs and their schedules.

RTV and CHANNEL-i sections listing various television programs and their schedules.

BANGLAVISION section listing various television programs and their schedules.

RADIO FORTI 88.0 FM and RADIO TODAY 89.6 FM sections listing radio programs and their schedules.

HBO section listing various television programs and their schedules.

STAR WORLD section listing various television programs and their schedules.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL and ZEE STUDIO sections listing various television programs and their schedules.

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Advertisement for Radio Forti 88.0 FM and Radio Today 89.6 FM.

Advertisement for the movie 'Perfume: The Story of a Murderer' featuring Ben Whishaw, Alan Rickman, Rachel Hurd-Wood, and Dustin Hoffman.

Advertisement for Star Movies at 8:45 pm featuring 'Perfume: The Story of a Murderer'.