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"Whatever women do they must do twice as well as men to be thought half as good. Luckily, this is not difficult."

— Charlotte Whitton

Star Weekend's

I am pleased to see the Star

new content and colourful

the young and new readers.

Thanks to the editor and the

publisher of the Star for this

remarkable new supplement.

Weekend in its new format. I

find it very exciting to see the

illustrations. I think it is really a

great idea and nice surprise for

Re-vamp

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Another Step to Glory

We're very glad that Bangladesh has qualified for quarter final for the first time by beating the English. It's a great achievement for Bangladeshi cricket. The century by Mahmudullah will be evergreen in our memory. Contributions of other players were also remarkable including Rubel, Mushfiqur Rahim etc. We want tigers continue their performance. I think they are now one of the greatest teams in the world. Go ahead tigers. We are with you. Md Noman Hossan Khandker

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A Day in the Life of a Dhakaite

The satire by Anika Hossain nicely depicted the plight of the Dhakaites in these days of uncertainty. Hartals and blockades have been ruining our economy, education system, and daily lives from the very beginning of this year. But still we can't see any peaceful solution for the near future. We have become so desensitised that burning property, people and the rising death toll don't affect our minds the way they used to. I would like to thank Anika for her amazing satire piece. Tartila Khan Dhanmondi, Dhaka



Star Weekend's New Look

Sitakunda, Chittagong

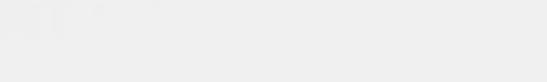
I thought I would hate the new format, but I think I am getting used to it now! However, I think the colours of the overall Star Weekend was very dull and also the spotlight looked like something out of a brochure! Last week's Straight Talk was a very timely piece. I do liked the snippets on Wes Anderson, who happens to be my favourite filmmaker. Suraiya Kazi

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SATIRE



piti Snoboni has moved back to Dhaka after 4 years of studying in the United States, because she believes in our development sector and wants to devote her life to helping the poor, empowering the powerless etc. Unfortunately, she has failed to convince her friends that under all her Prada clothes and D&G perfumes lies the heart of a humanitarian who can identify strongly with her tattered sari wearing, overworked bua.

She has obtained a job through her father's best friend at a local NGO -Khudharthoder Khawan, which is located in a poor, remote part of the city called Dhanmondi (she is super proud of this!). She has also purchased a new "inexpensive" wardrobe (all 365 kameezes are from boutiques on Gulshan Avenue) and has decided to go to work via public transportation. No, no not a CNG- a BUS, where she can become one with her underprivileged soul mates.

She waits at the Kakoli bus stop on her first day of work covering her head conservatively, with her dupatta. A few feet behind her stands her devoted chauffer (at her father's insistence), determined to follow her to work. After having mistaken several buses for her own (her Bangla isn't the best after all those years abroad), her bus arrives, and to her extreme confusion the mile long line of people waiting for it try to get inside all at once! She is rudely pushed and shoved aside as people climb in and she wonders how there is space enough for everyone! Her chauffer finally elbows people to help her in and she suddenly finds herself sandwiched between two lungi clad passengers who she is sure, have never heard of deodorant.

She looks expectantly around at the young men sitting, waiting to be offered one of their seats, but chivalry, it seems, has died in this battle field. Suddenly she feels an anonymous pinch on her side as she is jerked around during the bumpy never-ending ride. Nevermind, she will be dignified and will set an example for them all, she thinks, as people scream at her to move, from all directions. As the bus driver swings around a corner like he's

driving a sports car, a woman next to Apiti, to her horror, leans over to the window and starts vomiting. Shockingly, everyone seems quite nonchalant about this--her brain screams "Remain calm, DON'T PANIC!" Her resolution, however, is tested beyond all limits as the men sandwiching her discard phlegmy spit

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World

Water

Day

We never know

the worth of water

till the well is dry.

long with the world,

Bangladesh will be

observing World Water

Day on March 22, as declared by

the United Nations. This year,

celebrated under the theme of

Since 2009, Volunteer for

Bangladesh (VBD), along with

Coca-Cola has been observing

concern has always been about

consumption throughout the

Bazar and Banani slums to

districts will also join the

door to door activation

campaign. More than 400

programme where they will

creating awareness on safe water

This year JAAGO will organise

awareness programmes in Rayer

promote the importance of safe

water. Volunteers from 10 other

volunteers will participate in a

discuss the problems of unsafe

water and will talk about how to

prevent life threatening diseases.

The volunteers will also show

prevention against waterborne

water. This activation will take

place today. JAAGO will also

arrange a press conference on

National Press Club, Dhaka.

March 22 at the VIP Hall,

diseases and ways to secure safe,

posters on how to create

this day in Bangladesh. The

World Water Day will be

'Water & Sustainable

Development'.

- Thomas Fuller

TRIALS OF A DO-600DER

ANIKA HOSSAIN

By now her polite façade has crumbled as she aggressively pushes into a newly vacated seat yelling loudly at a chubby lady who is also trying to knee her way in. After two and half excruciating hours, she finally arrives at her destination her make-up running and hair matted -- the bus is not airconditioned though it sports a sign that says it is. Almost in tears now, she is informed by her chauffer that she needs to jump out as the bus nears her stop. "If it stops, too many people will try to get in," he informs her as though this is a perfectly acceptable explanation. As she lands on all fours, she sheds her sweat soaked dupatta along with her desire to become the ultimate do-gooder, and grabs the next airconditioned taxi to the nearest spa.



