

RECOMMENDATIONS

CD Launching

February 19, 20, 23, 24, 25 Bengal Foundation will hold ceremonies for launching of eight more CDs at the Bengal Shilpalaya. The programmes will start everyday at 6.30 p.m. The schedule is as follows: February 19 Rabindrasangeet album Aamar Mon Cheye Roy by Aditi Mohsin February 20 Nazrulgeeti album Khunji Tarey Aami Aaponay by Sharmin Shathi Islam February 23 Gonosangeet album Himalaya Thekey Sundarban. Rabindrasangeet album Eshechhi Tomar E Darey by Iqbal Ahmed February 24 Rabindrasangeet album Amarey Jodi Jagaley Aaji by Mita Haque February 25 Rabindrasangeet album Aamar E Path by Iflat Ara Dewan

Exhibition

February 1-March 2 Saju Art Gallery is holding a painting exhibition titled, Grand Group Art Exhibition, displaying works of more than a hundred artists of the country. The exhibition will run through March 2 from 10 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. everyday except Friday.

Cinema



Michael Eickhoff, employee of the picture foundry Noack, puts the finishing touches to the blank of a Berlinale Bear Award, Berlin 11 February 2003. The awards will be presented to the winners of the 2003 Berlinale Film Festival on 15 February.

Event

"By sun and candle light --be my valentine!"

Celebrating Valentine's Day

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"How do I love thee? Let me count the ways. I love thee to the depth and height

My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight For the ends of Being and ideal Grace".

LIKE the beat of the heart, it is a longing to be in the arms of the one who possesses the power to catch the breath, and bring a sense of hope in one's life--it's Love. It's what the world needs.



One celebrates love not only on a special day or night but in every single moment, but still the love laden souls like to mark the February 14th of every year to be their Valentine's Day. It is a day to show love and gratitude to their loved ones. It is said that on February 14th of every year the mythic Cupid, the son of Venus the Roman goddess of love and beauty, searches for the souls to penetrate the single hearts down with the shot of his magical arrows to inspire feelings. Myth it could be but the feeling is as real as oneself. Facts show that every year around the world, chocolates, heart shaped candies, gifts and cards, poems are exchanged among lovers and friends. People spend time

together with the Valentines, enjoy pastimes such as eating out, and candle light dinner, parties, movie, theater and other romantic outings. All these things, all these preparations are just meant for a single line utterance and that is, "J'taime mon cherie, j'taime."

This euphoric celebration of love and romance is not a modern day practice rather a fusion of history and myth turned into a tradition of a cosmopolitan appeal. There are various opinions about the history of Valentine's day. Tradition says that Valentine's Day was named after St. Valentine, in regards to these information historians found at least five persons named Valentine or Valentinus. The most accepted one was a young man who was imprisoned because of helping persecuted Christians. The jailer had a blind daughter named Julia whom Valentine fell in love with but their love did not prevail long due to Valentine's early execution. On February 14th, the morning of his execution, Valentine sent a note to

Howland adopted and produced first ever printed Valentine cards in history. It is also assumed that Julia suddenly got back her sight reading the Valentine note.

A similar story also exists about a priest named Valentine who lived near Rome in 270 AD. As he was a priest some Romans asked him what he thought of their gods. Valentine told them that all of their gods were false and claimed that Jesus Christ was the true savior and when the Roman Emperor Claudius, known as "Claudius the cruel", heard about this sent him to jail. Valentine continued practicing his faith even in the jail as a result the jailers became attracted towards his faith. Even one of the jailer's blind daughter was healed through Valentine's prayer in Jesus's name. This incident was followed by the conversion of the jailers and their families into Christianity. Emperor Claudius heard about this incident and beheaded Valentine on the ground of blasphemy. Later on



good priest named Valentine disobeying the royal ban of marriage and engagement of all the soldiers, secretly gave marriage to the young lovers. When his secret conduct was found King Claudius ordered his death sentence. Later in 496 AD Pope Gelasius honored him with the title of a saint and set aside February 14 to honor him.

Who was Valentine actually? It's very hard to tell. Considering the authentic church history, scholars and historians came to a decision that all these tales could be attributed to the same man who really existed in the third century. The original purpose of setting the day aside was nothing to do with love or marriage rather to turn the day into a Christian festival in celebration of honoring the God of Christianity.

The other side of the whole February 14 story is hidden somewhere in the pagan era and the vast ocean of Roman and Greek mythology. Ancient Romans celebrated a feast called Lupercalia in honor of Lupercus, the god of fertility and protection of the shepherds and their flocks. Lupercus derived from the

Latin word lupus means wolf. On the 15th day of the second month of every year the Romans used to gather around "a cave on the Palatine, one of the Seven Hills of Rome", sacrificed goat and prayed to god Lupercus to keep their flocks safe and away from the prey of the wolves. The priest, called Luperci would give a piece of goat's skin, called februa or "instruments of purification," to two young boys of noble birth. History says, "It came to be believed that if these youths "slapped" or gently struck a woman with the goats' hide when they ran round the Palatine, she might give birth to a little Roman the next year." In Latin the action was called februa meaning "to purify." According to Roman belief Juno the queen of gods and wife of Jupiter was also the goddess of childbirth and in this role she was called Februaria. Worshipping Juno for more childbirth was the part of the festival. Lupercus was to take care of their children too. Thus the Romans called the second month of the year Februarius - known today as

in our eastern culture also. Young people of our country show enthusiasm towards celebrating this day. According to a survey taken among the owners of gift shops like "Archies" or "Hallmarks", during the Valentine season the rate of sales is 50% higher than any other occasion. Most of the customers are the teenagers or the college-university going male students. Although products like stuffed dolls, heart-printed mugs, and heart shaped candies, balloons are really popular among the youngsters, most of them buy special valentine cards, which could be due to inadequate pocket money. E- cards are a better option. Cosmetic jewelries are also in the list. Mini, student of CSE, plans to buy a charm bracelet for her boyfriend Limon, whereas Limon plans for a candlelight dinner. To them celebrating Valentine Day is temporary but each and every moment is their Valentine celebration. "Anybody could be my valentine: friend or parent," says Moniruzzaman agreeing with his friends Happy and Farzana,

Mahbub Karim couple do not sit back. As a busy University lecturer and a prosperous businessman Asif always manages time to spend quality moments with his lovely wife. Asif plans on a river cruise to an island in the remote of Rangamati. As it is his first Valentine Day with his wife he wants to keep it private and a total surprise accompanied with card and flowers for Rehnuma. Asif thinks it would be more than a honeymoon. Wait, they are not the only couple on Cupid's list. Other married young couples are also on the move. Raj-Tahsina, Rony-Nadia, Bushra-Tuhin, each one of them has something special for the day. Next drawing the attention towards the singles like Samer Ahmad a different view is found. Samer, also a lecturer, wants to spend the day "with few friends if not a lover". He says, "A single person should not feel lonely because its not two people who make their life happy, it's the person himself who makes himself happy".

Love does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; love does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; love bears all things, believes all things, endures all things. Love never fails." Thanks to the Valentine's Day celebration. At least it gives a chance to open our heart to the truth.

Let us be a little tolerant towards each other, forgiving, be careful to each other's feelings, give little hope to those who don't have. Not even being prophetic or visionary we can then make this world like a bit of heaven above.

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"February" Travelling all around Europe through the centuries Valentine's Day is celebrated who are students of BBA program of Stamford University. While youngsters win the race Asif and Rehnuma

TV GUIDE

BTV

- 9.15 Shuvessha Nin
9.25 Elder Gan
9.30 Bengali Feature Film
12.35 Cricket Quiz
12.45 Cricket Highlights
1.00 Khobor
1.45 Live telecast of Australia VS India's Cricket Game
2.00 News Headlines
4.00 News Headlines
5.00 Khobor
6.00 Khobor-Desh
7.00 News Headlines (English)
7.05 Share Bazaar
8.00 Weather Report
8.00 8 o'clock News in Bengali
10.00 10 o'clock News in English
10.25 Shangbad Protibedon
10.30 Special Programme
11.30 Late Night

ATN BANGLA

- 8:45 Film songs prog: Surchobi
9:35 Children Magazine: Phoukali
10:25 Musical Prog: Surer Mela
11:00 Drama: Nerobota
12:00 ATN Bangla News
12:40 Children Magazine: Khusher Eid
1:20 Solo Musical Prog: Tume Shudhu Amar
2:45 Indian Bengali Feature Film: Lal Pathor
2:30 ATN Bangla News Headlines
5:10 Drama: Adhar
6:20 Musical Prog: Ganer Thikana
7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News
7:30 Drama: To-Let
8:40 Drama: Dui Kamrar Sangser
10:00 ATN Bangla News
10:30 Magazine Prog: Din Din Protedin
11:00 ATN Bangla News

HBO

- 6:30 The Band Played On
9:15 Mr Baseball
11:30 Sleepy Hollow
1:45 JFK
5:30 SGT Bilko
7:30 The Game
10:00 Bicentennial Man
12:45 Blade
3:15 JFK
ZEE MUSIC
6:30 Zee Music Box
7:30 Taaza Maal
8:30 Dil Se
9:00 Sizzlers
9:30 Hit Pe Hit
10:30 Hit Mix
10:45 Tvc Skyshop
11:00 Taaza Maal
12:00 Pop Re Pop New
12:30 Tele Brands
1:00 Hit Pe Hit (B)
2:00 Jharokha
2:15 Tvc Skyshop
2:30 Tara Rum
3:30 Hit Mix
3:45 Tvc Skyshop
4:00 Zee Music Box (b)
5:00 Pop Re Pop New
5:30 Hit Mix
5:45 Tvc Skyshop
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9:30 Sizzlers
10:00 Pop Re Pop New
10:30 Jharokha
11:00 Zee Music Box
11:30 Phoren Maal
ZEE CINEMA
7:00 Bollywood Tonight
7:30 Hindi Feature Film
10:15 Tvc Skyshop
10:30 Hindi Feature Film
1:30 Hindi Feature Film
5:15 Tvc Skyshop
5:30 Ek Ka Teen Premier
9:00 Dadamoni
9:30 Hindi Feature Film
ZEE TV
6:00 World Spirituals
6:30 Bhakti Bhav
7:00 Life In The World-Good News
7:30 Jagran
8:00 Bhagwat Katha
8:30 Manav Dharam
9:00 Cartoon On Zee
9:30 Cartoon on Zee
10:30 Ghar Jamai
11:00 Mr. Gayab
12:00 Countdown Show
12:30 Love Story
1:30 Saturday Suspense
3:00 Bombay To Goa
6:30 Cartoon On Zee
7:00 Cartoon On Zee
8:00 Thursday Premier
8:30 Trailors
8:30 Simply Shekhar

SONY

- 9:00 Albela
12:00 Zee & You
6:00 Music Mantra
6:30 Just Mohabbat harmony
7:30 Sant Asaram Vani
8:00 Saturday Film: Chasme
8:30 Chasme
9:30 Saturday film
9:00 Saturday Film:
10:00 Saturday Film:
10:30 Saturday Film:
11:00 Showcase: Khushi
11:30 Good Morning Disney
12:30 Kya Hadsaa Kya Haqeeqat
1:30 Cine Matinee: Prem Rog
2:00 Weekend Matinee (Cont)
3:00 Weekend Matinee (Cont)
3:30 Weekend Matinee (cont)
4:30 Weekend Matinee (Cont)
4:30 Weekend Matinee (cont)
5:00 Weekend Matinee (cont)
5:00 Chartbusters
5:00 Music Mantra
6:00 Disney Hour
7:00 Swapnaeel
7:30 To Catch A Bird & The Best Party Ever
7:00 Joyce Meyer CD Files
7:30 Callou - Episode # 24
8:00 Sesame Street - Episode # 6
9:00 Journey Of The Heart
11:00 The Locket
1:00 In Love And War
3:00 Cafe Ole
5:00 Soul Collector
7:00 Snow Queen - Episode Number 0001
9:00 Thank God He Met Lizzie
11:00 Snow Queen - Episode Number 0001
STAR MOVIES
00:45 If You Only Knew
03:45 100 Girls
04:30 Broadcast News
06:45 Father Of The Bride 2
08:30 Two If By Sea
10:15 Holiday Heart
12:00 Courage To Love
13:45 While You Were Sleeping
15:30 Working Girl
17:15 Coyote Ugly
19:00 City Of Angels
20:50 Keeping The Faith
HALLMARK
1:00 Exclusive
3:00 Anne Rice's: Feast

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

STAR MOVIES: 7:00p.m. City of Angels. Based in part on Wim Wenders' 1988 film Wings of Desire, this is the story of Seth (Cage), an angel who wanders the Los Angeles area invisible to humans. As the demise of an individual approaches he spends time near them and becomes visible while acting as their traveling companion during their trip to the great hereafter. His discovery of distraught heart surgeon Maggie (Ryan) inspires him to forego his immortality and exist on earth with her as a feeling and mortal entity.
STAR MOVIES: 5:15p.m. Coyote Ugly. Romantic comedy about a girl in her early 20s named Violet Sanford going to NYC to pursue a dream of becoming a songwriter. Violet gets a "day" job as a bar maid at a nightclub called Coyote Ugly. Coyote Ugly is the city's newest hot spot were the employees are a team of pretty, resourceful women that provoke the clientele and press with their mischief.

PICK OF THE DAY

Bicentennial Man
On HBO at 10:00p.m.
This film follows the 'life' and times of the lead character, an android (Robin Williams) who is purchased as a household robot programmed to perform menial tasks. Within a few days the Martin family realizes that they don't have an ordinary droid as Andrew begins to experience emotions and creative thought.

- 12:30 Rescue
ALPHA TV BANGLA
6:00 Chokher Bali
6:30 Swapnoneel
8:30 Joyce Meyer
7:00 Prarthna Ka Samay
8:00 Jesus Calls
8:30 Purobi Bangla
8:30 Gaan Unltd
9:10 Gihassajia
9:30 Bhalo Bhasha
10:10 Sanghaat
10:30 In Love And War
11:00 Chokher Bali
11:30 Googly
12:00 Spandan
12:30 Ananya
1:00 Ananya
1:30 Ek Akasher Niche
2:00 Pratibimba
2:30 Kinu Goylar Gori
5:00 Manabi
5:30 Bichitra
6:00 News In Bengali
6:30 Swapna Niye
7:00 Mojar Khela Kobitae
7:30 Bhraman Kache Doore
8:00 Saregama
9:10 Prapto Baeskder
9:50 Andolan
10:30 News In Bengali
11:00 Ek Palak
11:15 Gaan Unltd
11:30 Ranna Ghar
12:00 Mon Niye
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- Of All Saints - Part # 2
5:00 What The Deaf Man Heard
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- Police Videos
01:00 Nash Bridges
02:00 Cops
02:30 Morris Cerullo
03:00 Exalted Word
03:30 Creffo Dollar
04:00 World News
04:30 Viper
05:30 Water Rats
06:30 The Simpsons
07:00 Top Drive
07:30 The Bold & The Beautiful
09:30 Rendezvous With Simi
10:00 Travel Asia
10:30 Goosebumps
11:00 Life With Louie
11:30 The Trick
12:00 X-Men
12:30 World's Wildest Police Videos
13:30 Viper
14:30 Baywatch
15:30 Walker, Texas Ranger
16:30 Xena: Warrior Princess
17:30 Tna Wrestling
18:30 Mutant X
20:30 Water Rats
21:00 Malcolm In The Middle
21:00 Baywatch Hawaii
22:00 Mutant X
23:00 Tna Wrestling
STAR PLUS
(+ 30 Minutes)
03:30 Krishna Arjun
04:00 Karishma Ka Karishma
04:30 Sonpari
05:00 Star Bestsellers
06:00 Geet Bahar
06:30 Geet Bahar
07:00 Chupa Rustam

- 07:30 Aatma
08:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
09:00 Fox Kids
09:40 Hit Geet
09:55 Kya Film Kya Geet
10:00 Gurukul - Ancient Wisdom Of In
10:55 Film Topper - 1000 Series
11:00 Hai Na Bolo Bolo
12:00 Aur Phir Ek Din
12:25 Film Topper - 1000 Series
12:30 Star Bestsellers
13:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
14:00 Deewarain
14:30 Hum Hai Kal Aaj Kal Aur Kal
15:00 Do Aur Do Paanch
18:00 Chupa Rustam
18:30 Yatra
19:00 Kya Film Kya Geet
19:00 Sea Hawks
20:00 Raju Chacha
23:30 Aaj Ki Baat
STAR GOLD
(+ 30 Minutes)
10:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
10:30 Geet Gata Chal
11:00 Jubilee Plus
11:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
11:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
12:00 Ek Ajoba
13:30 Chetak
14:00 Bollywood Beats
14:30 Shri Shri Superstar
14:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
15:00 Pratikar
18:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
18:30 Jubilee Plus

- 19:00 Ooh La La
19:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
20:00 Twinkle Twinkle Lucky Stars
22:30 Flashback
22:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
23:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
23:30 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
23:35 Shaitan Tantrik
STAR SPORTS
(+ 30 Minutes)
00:00 Pga Tour Golf Buick Invitational La Jolla, Ca Usa First Round(S)
02:30 Futbol Mundial (R)
03:00 Football Asia (R)
03:30 Max Power Max Power 2003 (T)
04:30 World Cup Swimming World Cup Swimming 2002/03 Melbourne, Australia Day Free Highlights(T)
06:30 Sportsline Tonight
07:00 Sportsline (R)
07:00 Follow Through Day 6(R)
07:30 Saff Championships 2003 Saff Championship Dhaka, Bangladesh India Vs Sri Anka Gp A, Match 3(R)
09:30 Motorcycle Programming Masters Of Endurance Series 2002 Le Mans, France Ighlights(R)
10:00 Ama Supercross Series 2003 Thq World Supercross Gp (250cc) Anaheim, Ca Usa Ighlights(T)
11:00 Nba Inside Stuff Read To Achieve (R)
12:00 Spanish League Highlights 2002/03
13:00 Spanish League Highlights (T)
13:30 Taking Guard Day 7(L)
13:00 Taking Guard Day 7(R)
13:30 Pga Tour Golf Buick Invitational La Jolla, Ca Usa Second Round(S)
16:00 Saff Championships 2003 Saff Championship Dhaka, Bangladesh Pakistan Vs Aldives Semi-Final 1(T)
18:00 Asia Sport Show (T)
18:30 Gillette World Sports Special Gillette World Sports (T)
19:00 Five / Six Nations Championships Royal Bank Of Scotland Six Nations 2003 Rome, Aly Italy Vs Wales (L)
21:00 Best Of Pga Golf 25 Years Of The Players Championship (T)
21:30 Follow Through Day 7(L)
22:00 Saff Championships

- 2003 Saff Championship Dhaka, Bangladesh Vs Sri Lanka Dia Semi-Final 2(T)
CHANNEL [V]
(+ 30 Minutes)
03:30 [V] Saturday Stack
07:00 [V] Saturday Stack
07:30 [V] Back To Back
08:00 [V] Jumpstart
09:00 [V] Saturday Stack
09:30 [V] Back To Back
10:00 [V] Saturday Stack
10:30 [V] Back To Back
11:00 [V] Saturday Stack
11:30 [V] Zabardast Hits
12:00 [V] Saturday Stack
12:30 [V] Zabardast Hits
13:00 [V] Saturday Stack
13:30 [V] Zabardast Hits
14:00 [V] Goddess
14:30 [V] Zabardast Hits
15:00 [V] Back To Back
15:30 [V] Saturday Stack
16:00 Chosen One
17:00 [V] Weekend Spl
18:00 [V] Zabardast Hits
18:30 [V] Back To Back
19:00 Rewind
19:30 [V] Karaoke
20:00 Billboard Us Countdown
21:00 [V] Ticket
21:30 [V] Saturday Stack
22:00 Club [V]
23:00 [V] Weekend Spl
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
(+ 30 Minutes)
06:30 Wildlife Detectives
07:00 Science Of Sport
08:00 Tsunami: Killer Wave
09:00 Code Rush
10:00 Gene Hunters
10:30 Extreme Science
11:00 Human Edge
11:30 Earthpulse
12:00 Search For The Afghan Girl
13:00 Truth Files
14:00 Secret China S2
15:00 Nanga Parbat The Naked Mountain
16:00 Ng Explorer
17:00 Quest For K2
17:30 A Few Acorns More
18:00 Tomorrow's World
18:30 Earthpulse
19:00 Rocket Men Of Mission 105
20:00 Science Times
21:00 Secret China
22:00 Man-Eaters Of India
23:00 Polar Bear Alert
ADVENTURE ONE
(+ 30 Minutes)
08:30 Danger Diaries
09:30 Dive To The Edge Of Creation
10:30 Ng Explorer
11:30 Explorer's Journal
12:30 Surfer's Journal
13:00 Shiver
13:30 Pioneers To The Deep
14:30 Danger Diaries
15:30 Shiver
16:00 Pioneers To The Deep
17:00 Danger Diaries
18:00 Assault On Manaslu
19:00 Ng Explorer
20:00 Explorer's Journal
21:00 Surfer's Journal
21:30 Assault On Manaslu
22:30 Ng Explorer
23:30 Explorer's Journal
ESPN
(+ 30 Minutes)
00:00 Pool World Pool League 2002 (R)
01:00 Goals! (R)
01:30 Motorsport Asia (T)
02:00 Sportscenter Hindi (R)
02:30 Usa Vs Europe
03:00 Surfer's Journal
03:30 Assaunt On Manaslu
03:30 Ng Explorer
03:30 Explorer's Journal
03:30 Pool World Pool League 2002 (R)
05:30 Nba Action (T)
06:00 Sportscenter Hindi (R)
06:30 Nba Basketball Philadelphia, Pa Usa Orlando Magic Vs Philadelphia 76ers (L)
09:00 Goals! (R)
09:30 Western Union World Football (T)
10:00 English Premier Football League Epl Big Red Replay
10:00 Liverpool, England Liverpool S
12:00 Middlesbrough (R)
12:00 Best Of Pga Golf Rookie Sensations (R)
12:30 Taking Guard Day 7(L)
13:00 Taking Guard Day 7(R)
13:30 Pool World Pool League 2002 (R)
14:30 Winter X Games Classic Winter X Games Vi Classix - Champions Mt. Aspen, Co Sa (R)
15:30 Nba Action (R)
16:00 Nba Basketball Philadelphia, Pa Usa Orlando Magic Vs Philadelphia 76ers (L)
18:30 America's Cup Finals America's Cup 2003 Race 1(S)
21:00 Best Of Pga Golf The 90's (T)
21:30 Follow Through Day 7(L)
22:00 Boxing Series Espn2 Friday Night Fights Lemoore, Ca Usa (R)
23:30 Follow Through Day 7(R)