RECOMMENDATIONS

CD Launching

Bengal Foundation will hold ceremonies for launching of eight more CDs at the Bengal Shilpalaya. The schedule is as follows:

February 24 at 6:30 pm
Rabindrasangeet album Aamarey Jodi Jagaley Aaji by Mita Haque

February 25 at 6:30 pm
Rabindrasangeet album Aamar E Path by Iffat Ara Dewan

Flute recital

February 26
British Council arranges a concert at Osmani Memorial Hall. The concert features famous flute player and piper Michael McGoldrick and his band. The show starts at 7.30 p.m.

Anniversary

February 24
Swadesh Chinta Shangha arranges Dr. Ahmad Sharif Memorial Award conferring ceremony to mark the fourth death anniversary of the Late Dr. Ahmad Sharif. The programme also includes a discussion on the eminent teacher. The programme takes place at the TSC premises at 3.30 p.m.

Music

PHOTO: AFP

Singer Natalie Imbruglia arrives at Earls Court 2, London, on February 20, for The Brit Awards 2003.

Theatre

'Shiddhidata'-a strange fantasy

Loko Nattyadal launches their 21st production

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WELL-known theatre group Loko Nattyadal presented their 21st production *Shiddhidata* at the Mohila Shamitty stage on February 22. Written by Mohit Chatterjee, the play has been adapted from a *sanskrit* play *Bhogobothggukiam* written by Boudhayan.

The story is about a fraud priest and his student who beg for food. The student was not a *Brahmin*, the upper class amongst the Hindus. The only reason that he mingled with the priest was for food. Their fate was never with them, so they led a miserable life. One day the priest had a dream, which led them towards their eternal happiness. The drama centered around this dream.

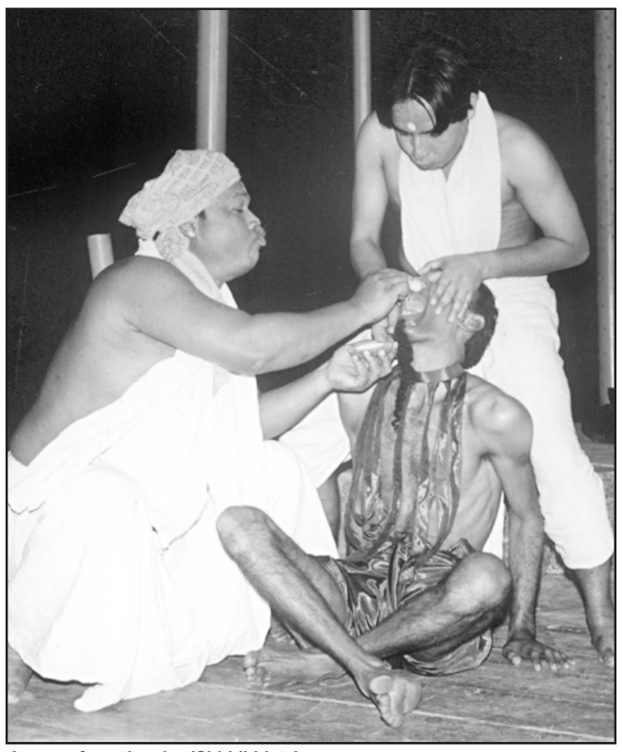
The *Yamdut* from hell came to take the life of a woman named *Bashantoshena*. On earth, while he was standing under a coconut tree, a coconut fell on his head. He was injured and went to the priest for medication. But the priest and his student denied to help him as they thought that Yamdut would take their lives. After a long discussion the Yamdut convinced them that he would not take their lives.

In the meantime the priest and his student found a temple of *Ganesha* in the forest. They were astonished to see the worn out condition of the temple. *Ganesha* told them that if they could fix up the temple, he would grant them a wish and all their problems would be solved. So the priest agreed and decided to fix the temple. When this was taking place, the student heard *Boshontoshena* singing and fell in love. At that time, *Yamdut* took the form of a serpent and mistakenly took the life of *Boshontoshena*. *Yamdut* was sent back to earth for making such a mistake.

Back on earth the student lamented over his lover's dead body and asked his master to make her alive. The priest entered *Boshontoshena's* body to keep her alive for some time. Upon his return *Yamdut* found the priest dead and *Boshontoshena* praying. As a result *Yamdut* placed *Bashantoshena's* life in to the priest's body.

Then the priest started to behave like *Boshontoshena,* got frustrated and tried to commit suicide. In the mean time, the student and *Bashantoshena* (priest) remembered *Ganesha* and prayed. Once again *Ganesha* told them to setup the temple. After doing so all their troubles were over.

The plot and the presentation were impressive. The stage was designed by Ali Ahmed Mukul. Background music was composed by Yasmin Ali, which added more colour to the play. Costumes were designed by Kamrun Noor Chowdhury and Yasmin Ali and lighting was done by Thandu Raihan. The play was directed by Liakot Ali Laki, which starred Monir Hassan, Hafizur Rahman, Zakir Hossain, Azizur Rahman Shujan, Abdullah Al Harun, Mamun Choudhury Anonto, Sajedul Alam Dalim, Esha Al Jami Rahi, Ziauddin Shipon, Anisur Rahman Dipu, Farzana Afroze Mili, Shamima Islam Tushti, Zahida Aktar Soni, Lavly Mahmud, Monira Ferdousi Rotna, Maria Rahman Rita and Liakot Ali Laki himself.



A scene from the play 'Shiddhidata'

Music

Post-Sept. 11 songs in running at Sunday's Grammys

REUTERS, *New York*

THE Grammy Awards return to New York for the first time in five years on Sunday, with songs influenced by the Sept. 11 hijacked plane attacks on the city in the running for the music industry's top annual prizes.

Veteran rocker Bruce Springsteen's "The Rising" and country singer Alan Jackson's emotional "Where Were You (When the World Stopped Turning)" are both nominated for Song of the Year.

Young singer and pianist Norah Jones with her mellow mix of jazz, blues and country song and album "Come Away With Me," is among eight stars most frequently mentioned by music critics as likely winners of the most sought after statuettes for Album, Record or Song of the Year.

But music fans are often surprised by the industry voters' odd choices such as reclusive jazz-rock band Steely Dan in 2001 and the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences has a committee to weed out embarrassments before they are nominated.

Springsteen and his E Street Band head the Madison Square Garden playbill for the Grammy's show to be broadcast live on CBS-TV at 8 p.m. EST. The Academy moved the show out of New York to Los Angeles in 1999 after then-Mayor Rudolph Giuliani had a much-publicized dispute with Academy executives.

Springsteen's "The Rising" was released in July, the first all-new recording by Springsteen with the E Street Band since 1984. The album includes the tracks "Into the Fire," which Springsteen wrote after Sept. 11, and "My City of Ruins," an earlier song about down-on-its-luck Asbury Park, New Jersey, that the musician dedicated to New York after the attacks.

The awards will honor artists in 104 categories, ranging from pop, rock, soul and jazz to classical music, spoken word and polka.

Simon & Garfunkel

PHOTO: REUTERS

Bono, of the group U2, performs after being named Musicares Person of the Year at the Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences Award dinner in New York on February 21. Bono was honoured for his accomplishments as a musician and as a humanitarian.

Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel of Simon & Garfunkel, one of the great popular music acts of the 1960s and 1970s, are reuniting on stage when they will also receive a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award.

A spokesman for Simon said the famed duo were not planning any tour or recordings but had practiced for Sunday's event.

"They were working yesterday for the first time in many years," Simon's spokesman Dan Klores said on Friday. "They had a wonderful time hanging out and singing together. They spent many hours doing so ... it was very warm."

Some musicians and Hollywood stars have publicly opposed the U.S. buildup to possible war against Iraq, leading some music industry watchers to expect antiwar gestures on stage Sunday during the live network broadcast.

CBS spokesman Chris Ender said he knew of no specific planned protest. "No one has been restricted in their artistic expression for this live show ... this is first and foremost an entertainment event," Ender said.

Many of the night's other performers, Jones, rapper Eminem, three-women country band Dixie Chicks, singer/guitarist Sheryl Crow, Canadian teen-age sensation Avril Lavigne and Rhythm and Blues singer/songwriter Ashanti are also nominated for awards.

In all, eight musicians shared the most nominations with five each when they were announced by The Recording Academy last month -- Springsteen, Jones, Lavigne, Crow, rappers Eminem and Nelly, R&B's Ashanti and Raphael Saadiq.

Should "The Boss" Springsteen win the Album Grammy, it would fit the trend of academy voters giving the nod to some of popular music's most enduring performers. Eric Clapton, Tony Bennett, Steely Dan, Bob Dylan and Carlos Santana have all won in the past decade ahead of younger acts.

A public opinion poll Jan. 22-Feb. 2 by the video music cable TV channel VH1 revealed that album buyers want Springsteen, Jackson, Ashanti, rapper Eminem and Dixie Chicks to win Grammys.

"Our poll shows that broad current appeal, commercial success and being topical is of great importance to the consumer, whereas the Grammys have often gone to the sentimental favorite or the artist with the most history," said Rick Krim, VH1's head of music and talent.

The two post-Sept 11 songs by Jackson and Springsteen topped the poll for Song of the Year. Respondents favored The Dixie Chicks' "Home" for Album of the Year and Eminem's "Without Me" is preferred for Record of the Year.

The TV channel said respondents believe Ashanti should win Best New Artist, ahead of Jones, Lavigne, pop and rock teen-age singer Michelle Branch, and John Mayer, known for breezy, catchy songs. The poll of 1,000 people had a margin of error of plus or minus 3.1 percent.

TV GUIDE

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

HBO: 11.45 p.m. ***Romeo Must Die***. In this modern day Romeo and Juliet, kung fu action star Jet Li plays Romeo to hip-hop singer, Aaliyah Haughton's Juliet. Li is an ex-cop investigating the murder of his brother, who had ties with the Chinese mafia in America. Aaliyah plays the daughter of the American mob boss. Neither side approves of their romance, so, obviously, kung fu action ensues, with a soundtrack by Aaliyah.

AXN: 10.30 p.m. ***Bitter Harvest***. Travis has just buried his father, when Kelly, an attractive hitchhiker walks into his life. At the same time, another attractive blonde, Jolene, starts taking an interest in Travis. Both women are secretly after something.

PICK OF THE DAY

Raising Cain

On Star Movies at 10.30 p.m.
Jenny Nix, wife of eminent child psychologist Carter Nix, becomes increasingly concerned about her husband's seemingly obsessive concern over the upbringing of their daughter. Her own adulterous affair with an old flame, however, causes her to neglect her motherly duties.

BTV

12.10 pm News Headlines
12.15 *Shubhechha Nin*
12.30 *Ajker Shangbadpatra*
12.25 Cricket Quiz
12.35 Highlights of the World Cup Cricket Game
01.00 *Khabar*
01.15 Live telecast of the Sri Lanka VS Kenia's World Cup Cricket game
02.00 News Headlines
03.00 English News
04.00 News Headlines
05.00 *Khabar*
06.00 *Khabar-Desh Janopad*
07.00 News Headlines (English)
07.05 *Share Bazaar* & Weather Bulletin
08.00 Bangla Shangbad at 8'o clock
10.00 English News at 10'o clock
10.25 News Report
10.30 *Shamakaleen Arthonity*
11.00 *Anandolok*
11.30 Late Night News/News Headlines

CHANNEL-i

02.00 pm Bangla Feature Film: *Aporadh*
05.35 *Janopad-er Khabar*
05.45 *Lekhok Pathok Prokashok*
06.10 Music Plus
06.45 Drama Serial: *Bashor Ghar*
07.15 Channel-i News
07.45 Ispahani-i Tele Quiz (Questions)
07.55 Close Up Juke Box
08.25 Drama Serial: *Amader gram Amader Shefali*
09.00 Channel-i News
09.31 Ispahani-i Tele Quiz (Answers)
10.00 Drama Serial: *Manush Mondir*
10.30 Channel i News
11.15 *Shangbadpatrey Bangladesh*
11.30 Live Telecast of BTV Late Night News Telecast of Recorded BTV News at Ten
12.20 am Channel-i News

HBO

6:30 Bram Stoker's Burial of The Rats
8:15 JFK
12:00 Mrs Winterbourne
2:15 Sexual Predator
4:00 Dennis the Menace Strikes Again
5:30 U-Turn
800 The Flintstones in Viva rock Vegas
10:00 Joe's Apartment
11:45 Romeo Must Die
2:00 Winterbourne
4:15 Mr Baseball

AXN

6:30 Movie: Arizona Dream
9:30 Relic Hunter
10:30 Earth Final Conflict
11:30 Farscape
12:30 Who Dears Wins
1:30 Martial Law
2:30 Movie: Arizona Dream
5:30 Who Dears Wins
6:30 Farscape
7:30 Eco-Challenge Sabath
8:30 Relic Hunter
9:30 X Zonefear Factor
10:30 Movie: Bitter Harvest
12:30 The Hunger
1:30 AXN Late Nights Relic Hunter

ZEE TV

6:30 Bhakti Bhav
7:00 Life In The Word-Good News
7:30 Jagran
8:00 Bhagwat Katha
8:30 Manav Dharam
9:00 Cartoon On Zee
10:30 Ghar Jamai
11:00 Aati Rahengi Baharein
12:00 Mulk
12:30 Maa Beta
1:00 Astiva-Ek Prem Kahani
1:30 Miit
2:00 Kittie Party
2:30 Piya Ka Ghar
3:00 The Train
6:30 Cartoon On Zee
8:00 Piya Ka Ghar
8:30 Kammal
9:00 Aati Rahengi Baharein
9:30 Astitva
10:00 Miit
10:30 Kittie Party
11:00 Mulk
11:30 Lipstick
12:00 Kammal

ZEE CINEMA

7:00 Ikke Pe Ikka
7:30 Hindi Feature Film
10:15 Tvc Skyshop
10:30 Hindi Feature Film
1:30 Hindi Feature Film
5:15 Tvc Skyshop
5:00 Hindi Feature Film
9:00 Bollywood Tonight
9:30 Hindi Feature Film

ZEE MUSIC

6:30 Zee Music Box
7:30 Taaza Maal
8:30 Just Jammin
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
2:00 Jharokha
2:15 Tvc Skyshop
2:30 Tara Rum
3:30 Hit Mix
3:15 Tvc Skyshop
4:00 Zee Music Box
5:00 Pop Re Pop New
5:30 Hit Mix
5:15 Tvc Skyshop
6:00 Artist Of The Fortnight
6:30 Zee Music Box
7:00 Tele Brands
7:30 Zee Music Box
8:30 Taaza Maal
9:30 Sizzlers
10:00 Pop Re Pop New
10:30 Jharokha
11:00 Zee Music Box
11:30 Phoren Maal

ALPHA TV BANGLA

6:00 Aanyaa Bangla
6:30 Ranna Ghar
7:00 Joyce Meyer
7:30 Sumaugalam
8:00 Purobi Bangla
8:30 Grihasajja
9:10 Gaan Unltd.
9:30 Swapna Niye
10:00 Bichitra
10:30 Prapto Baeskoder Janye
11:00 Andolan
11:30 Gaan Unltd.
12:00 Hiyar Majhe
12:30 Bishesh Sangbad Data
1:00 Nayantara
1:30 Goyenda Paribar
2:00 Sanghaat
2:30 Tumi Jey Amar
5:00 Gaan Unltd.
5:30 Ek Palak
5:45 Gaan Unltd.
6:00 News In Bengali
6:30 Chokher Bali
7:00 Ek Palak
7:15 Gaan Unltd.
7:30 Anya Bhuvan
8:00 Pratimimba
8:30 Ek Akasher Niche
8:10 Ananya
9:50 Spandan
10:30 News In Bengali
11:00 Ek Palak
11:15 Gaan Unltd.
11:30 Nayantara
12:00 Blind Lan

ADVENTURE ONE

(Thirty minutes plus)
6:30 On Assignment
7:00 Microlight Odyseey
7:30 Quest For K2
8:00 Surfer's Journal
8:30 Explorer's Journal
9:30 Out There
10:00 Next Wave
10:30 Across The Line
11:00 Freestyle Man
11:30 Danger Diaries
12:30 On Assignment
13:00 Microlight Odyseey
13:30 Quest For K2
14:00 Surfer's Journal
14:30 Explorer's Journal
15:30 Morning Glory
16:00 Quest For K2
16:30 Surfer's Journal
17:00 Explorer's Journal
18:00 Out There
18:30 Next Wave
19:00 Across The Line
19:30 Shark Feeders
20:00 Danger Diaries
21:00 On Assignment
21:30 Out There
22:00 Next Wave
22:30 Across The Line
23:00 Shark Feeders
23:30 Danger Diaries

CARTOON NETWORK

(Thirty minutes plus)
7:00 The Ku Koo Du Koo Show
8:00 The Scooby Doo Show
8:30 Dexter's Laboratory
9:00 The Mask
9:30 The Cartoon Cartoon Show
10:30 Tom & Jerry Kids Tiny TV
2:00 The Powerpuff Girls
2:30 The Scooby Doo Show
3:00 Flintstones
3:30 The Mask Power Zone
4:00 Swat Kats
4:30 G I Joe
5:00 Dexter's Laboratory
5:30 Jackie Chan Adventures
6:00 All New Popeye
6:30 The Legend of Snow White
7:00 The Powerpuff Girls
7:30 Scooby Doo Hour
8:00 Toon Talkies
8:30 Jackie Chan Adventures
9:00 The Mask
9:30 Flintstones
10:00 Johnny Bravo
10:30 Top Cat Power Zone - Late Night
11:00 Swat Kats
11:30 GI Joe
12:00 The New Scooby Doo Movies
1:00 Courage the Cowardly Dog
1:30 Ed, Edd n Eddy
2:00 The Mask
2:30 Jetsons
3:00 The New Adventures of Captain Planet
3:30 Addams Family
4:00 Top Cat
4:30 Flintstones

CHANNEL[V]

(Thirty minutes plus)
6:30 [V] Special Program
10:00 [V] Hit Machine
10:30 [V] Back To Back
11:00 [V] Hit Machine
11:30 [V] Zabardast Hits
12:00 [V] Jungli Jukebox
12:30 [V] Fdfs
13:00 [V] Hit Machine
13:30 [V] Zabardast Hits
14:00 [V] Back To Back
14:30 [V] Zabardast Hits
15:00 [V] Back To Back
15:30 [V] Hit Machine
16:00 [V] Hotline
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17:45 [V] Hit Machine
18:00 Very V
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19:30 [V] Zabardast Hits
20:00 [V] Back To Back
20:30 [V] Zabardast Hits
21:00 [V] Jungli Jukebox
21:30 [V] Fdfs
22:00 [V] Hit Machine
22:30 Late Night [V]
23:00 [V] Zabardast Hits
23:30 [V] Back To Back

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

(Thirty minutes plus)
7:00 Worlds Apart
7:30 Nulla Pambu The Good Snake
8:00 Truth Files
9:00 Game For It
9:30 Earth Report
10:00 Miracle In The Pacific
11:00 Dogs With Jobs
11:30 Earthpulse
12:00 Twenty (20) Years With The Dolpins
13:00 Croc Chronicles S2
13:30 Toyota World Of Wildlife S3
14:00 Built For The Kill
15:00 Realm Of The Lobster
16:00 Treasures Of The Deep
17:00 Sea Stories
17:30 Return To The Wild
18:00 Dogs With Jobs
18:30 Earth Pulse
19:00 Cheetahs: Tale Of 2 Kitties
20:00 Croc Chronicles S2
20:30 Toyota World Of Wildlife S3
21:00 Built For The Kill
22:00 Perils Of Plectropomus
23:00 Keepers Of The Wild

ESPN

(Thirty minutes plus)
6:30 Winter X Games Classix Winter X Games Vi Classix - Chix Mt. Aspen, CO USA (R)
7:30 Follow Through Day 15(R)
8:00 Pool World Pool League 2002 (R)
9:00 Usa Vs Europe Bowling Championships Usa Vs Europe Tenpin Bowling 2002 (T)
10:00 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2002/03 Manchester, ENGLAND Manchester City Vs Arsenal Fc (R)
12:00 Best Of Pga Golf Fantastic Finishes # 1 (T)
12:30 Taking Guard Day 16(L)
13:00 Taking Guard Day 16(R)
13:30 America'S Cup Finals America'S Cup 2003 Race 6 (If Nec.)(T)
16:00 Usa Vs Europe Bowling Championships Usa Vs Europe Tenpin Bowling 2002 (R)
17:00 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2002/03 Birmingham, ENGLAND West Bromwich Albion Vs West Ham United (R)
19:00 English Premier League Highlights English Premier League Highlights 2002/03 (T)
20:00 Sportscenter Hindi (L)
20:30 Pool World Pool League 2002 (R)
21:30 Follow Through Day 16(L)
22:00 English Premier League Highlights English Premier League Highlights 2002/03 (R)
23:00 Sportscenter Hindi (T)
23:30 Follow Through Day 16(R)

STAR MOVIES

10:45 The Pickle
12:30 Omen Iv: The Awakening
02:30 Circuitry Man
04:30 Night Breed
06:30 Ernest In The Army
08:00 The Scout
09:45 Claudine's Return
11:15 Deeply
13:15 Mad About Mambo
15:00 White Men Can't Jump
16:45 The Negotiator
19:00 Powder
20:45 Two If By Sea
22:30 Raising Cain

STAR WORLD

(Thirty minutes plus)
06:00 Cheers
06:30 Grammy Awards
10:00 Malcolm In The Middle
10:30 Oprah Winfrey Show
11:28 Star Asia Travel
11:30 World's Wildest Police Videos
12:30 Suddenly Susan
13:00 The Bold And The Beautiful
13:30 Hollywood Squares
14:00 The Brady Bunch
14:30 Baywatch
15:30 The Simpsons
16:00 Cheers
16:30 Starnews Asia
17:00 Frasier
17:30 Grammy Awards
20:30 Frasier
21:00 Grammy Awards

STAR PLUS

(Thirty minutes plus)
06:00 Geet Bahar
06:30 Geet Bahar
07:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
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 Kabhiekabhiemere-gharmeinbhucha
10:30 Hera Pheri
11:00 Meri Saheli
11:25 Film Toppers
11:30 Shanti
12:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
12:30 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
13:00 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
13:30 Bhabhi
14:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
14:30 Shagun
15:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
15:30 Kabhi Aaye Na Judai
16:00 Kaahin Kissi Roz
16:30 Saans
17:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
17:30 Hum Saath Aath Hain
18:00 Fox Kids
18:40 Aaj Ki Baat
18:55 Kya Film Kya Geet
19:00 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
19:25 Film Toppers
19:30 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
20:00 Krisshna Arjun
20:30 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
21:00 Des Mein Nikla Hoga Chand
22:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii
22:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
23:00 Kaahin Kissi Roz
23:30 Aaj Ki Baat

STAR GOLD

(Thirty minutes plus)
07:00 Tanhai
10:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
10:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
11:00 Mahal
13:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
14:00 Geet Bahar
14:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
14:55 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
15:00 Chori Chori
18:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
18:30 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
19:00 Khuddaar
22:25 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
22:30 Kuch Yaadein Kuch Baatein
23:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet
23:30 Azaad

STAR SPORTS

(Thirty minutes plus)
06:00 Ama Supercross Series 2003 Thq World Supercross Gp (250cc) Anaheim, Ca Usa Highlights(R)
07:00 Follow Through Day 15(R)
07:30 Asia Sport Show (R)
08:00 Five / Six Nations Championships Royal Bank Of Scotland Six Nations 2003 Saint-Denis, France France Vs Scotland (S)
10:00 Spanish Football League 2002/03 Spanish Football League Madrid, Spain Rayo Vallecano Vs Valencia Cf (R)
12:00 Motorcycle Programming Masters Of Endurance Series 2002 Magny Cours, France Highlights(T)
12:30 Taking Guard Day 16(L)
13:00 Taking Guard Day 16(R)
13:30 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League Bolton, England Bolton Wanderers Vs Manchester United (T)
15:30 Ama Supercross Series 2003 Thq World Supercross Gp (250cc) San Diego, Ca Usa Highlights(T)
16:30 Golf Programming The Golf Club 2003 (R)
17:00 Pga Tour Golf Nissan Open Pacific Palisades, Ca Usa Final Round(S)
19:30 Sportsline Tonight Sportsline (L)
20:00 Atp Tennis Kroger St. Jude Memphis, Tn Usa Final(S)
21:30 Follow Through Day 16(L)
22:00 Sportsline Tonight Sportsline (T)
22:30 Pool Rack 'Em Up - 1996 World Pool Masters Vincent Facquet Vs Ralf Soquet Finals(T)