

Test WC nears reality

JOHANNESBURG, Mar 1: International Cricket Council (ICC) chief executive David Richards said on Friday that a formally recognised Test World Championship could be instituted by the end of the year, reports Reuters.

Richards told a news conference at the Wanderers on the first day of the first Test between South Africa and Australia that he would be seeking assurances from all nine Test playing nations that a formalised World Championship would have their backing.

The next ICC meeting is in Kuala Lumpur on March 23 and once we've agreed in principle it's just a question of juggling itineraries to make sure that all the countries play each other home and away over perhaps a four-year period," Richards said.

"The points system suggested by Matthew Engel seems to be the simplest."

Engel, editor of Wisden, cricket's annual almanac suggested a system whereby a team winning a series would get two points, one point for a draw and no points for a lost series.

Richards added, "There is a feeling that we need to reaffirm what the players feel about the importance and status of Test cricket and a World Championship would certainly raise its profile."

"The ICC cannot limit the number of one-day games played around the world — that is up to each individual country but both Mark Taylor and Hansie Cronje have expressed their concerns to me about the hectic nature of modern playing schedules."

Taylor and Cronje captain Australia and South Africa respectively.

Barnali bridge from Mar 6

The Barnali team event bridge competition will be held from March 6 to 10, reports BSS.

The quarterfinals will take place on March 6 and 7 at the Bangladesh Bank Club while the semifinals and the final will be held at the Officers' Club from March 8 to 10.

Srinath may return home

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Mar 1: West Indies Test batsmen Robert Samuels and Jimmy Adams both failed to get substantial scores here Friday as India spent the opening day of their Caribbean tour in the field against Jamaica at Sabina Park, reports AFP.

Sent in to bat, Jamaica reached 245 for five by the close with left-hander Tony Powell unbeaten on 59.

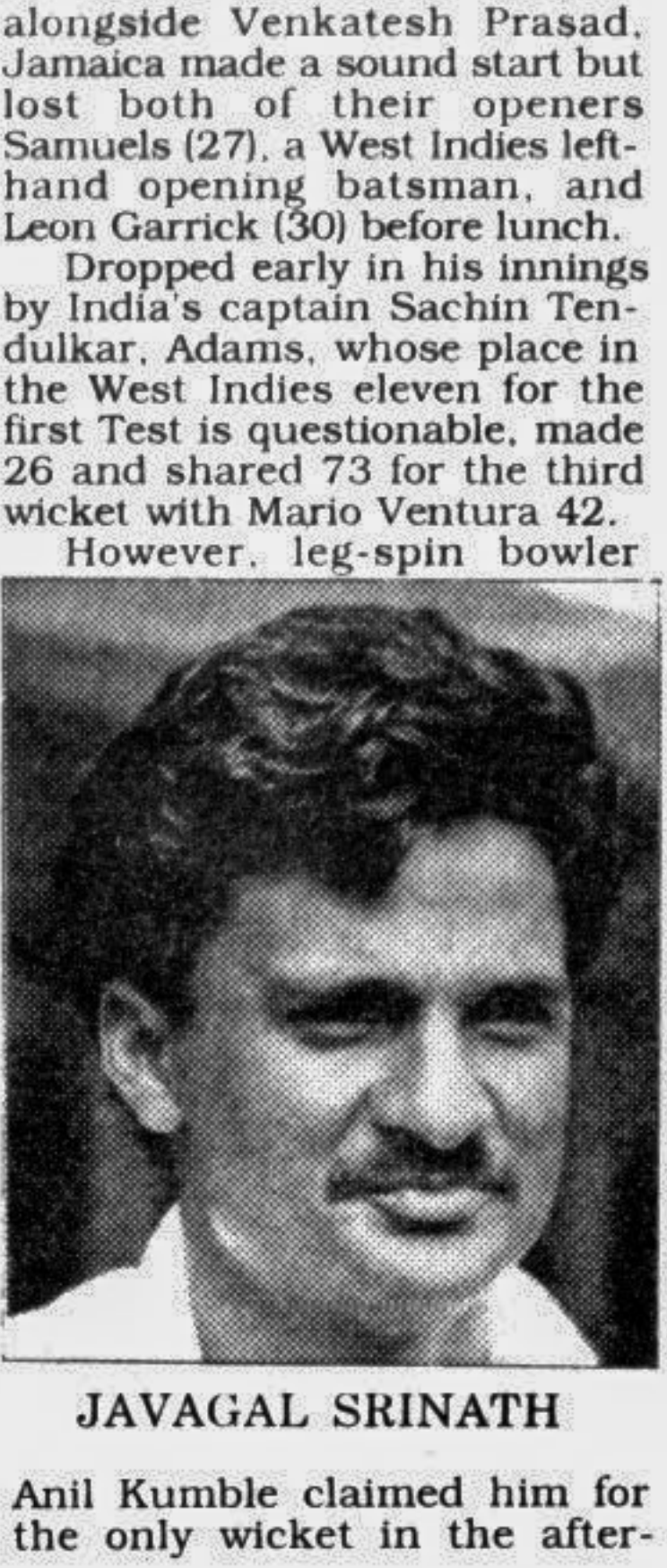
Wicketkeeper Shane Ford had joined him at the crease and was not out on one.

But the cricket was largely overshadowed by news that Indian fast bowler Javagal Srinath will probably have to return home.

The 27-year-old new-ball bowler aggravated a shoulder injury that he sustained prior to the solitary Test against Australia on the eve of the match.

Although the Indian team doctor was not too optimistic about his chances of recovery on tour, manager D V Subba Rao said they were awaiting a medical report and advice from the Board of Control for Cricket in India.

With Srinath unable to bowl



JAVAGAL SRINATH

alongside Venkatesh Prasad. Jamaica made a sound start but lost both of their openers Samuels (27), a West Indies left-hand opening batsman, and Leon Garrick (30) before lunch.

Dropped early in his innings by India's captain Sachin Tendulkar, Adams, whose place in the West Indies eleven for the first Test is questionable, made 26 and shared 73 for the third wicket with Mario Ventura 42.

However, leg-spin bowler

SCOREBOARD				
Scoreboard Friday on opening match of India's cricket tour of the West Indies at Sabina Park:				
JAMAICA: First innings				
Garrick lbw b Prasad	30			
Samuels run out	27			
Ventura run out	42			
Adams c Azharuddin b Kumble	26			
Powell not out	59			
Murphy c Sidhu b Joshi	37			
Ford not out	1			
Extras: (b-5, lb-7, nb-11)	23			
Total: (for five wickets)	245			
Fall of wickets: 1-49; 2-71; 3-144; 4-165; 5-233.				
To bat: Nehemiah Perry, Laurie Williams, Franklyn Rose, Courtney Walsh (captain).				
Bowling:	O	M	R	W
Prasad	12	4	25	1
Kuruvilla	18	3	59	0
Kumble	21	7	43	1
Joshi	21.4	5	55	0
Dravid	9	1	26	0
Laxman	9	1	23	0
Tendulkar	2	2	0	0

Anil Kumble claimed him for the only wicket in the after-

16th Lancer golf tourney held

The 16th Lancer Golf Tournament '97 was held at the Kurmitola Golf Club on Friday. The day-long tourney, organised by Rang Group Limited in collaboration with Mitsubishi Motors Corporation and Kinsho-Mataichi Corporation, was inaugurated by president of the club Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen M Mahabubur Rahman through a formal tee-off at 7 am, says a press release.

Later a prize distribution ceremony was held at the club premises in the evening which was addressed by chairman of Rang Group Abdul Rouf Chowdhury, vice-president of the tournament committee Maj Gen Mohammad Anwar Hussain and chairman of the tournament committee Maj Gen Mustafizur Rahman.

Rouf Chowdhury expressed his hearty congrats to K Okamoto managing director of Mitsubishi Motors Corporation, T Kawachi, general manager of Kinsho Mataichi Corporation and S Iba, manager south-east Asia Mitsubishi Corporation for participating in the tournament.

T Okamoto and K Kawachi expressed their appreciation to the management of Rang Limited and members of Kurmitola Golf Club for making the tournament successful.

Maj Gen Mohammad Anwar Hussain vice-president of the tournament committee thanked Abdul Rouf Chowdhury for organising the tournament.

Maj Gen Mustafizur Rahman distributed prizes among the winners.

Winners are: Bong Chan Lee, ladies winner Seonng Ok Jeon, best gross score Do Lee Park, second best gross score Saad Rahim, runner-up Chan Lee, ladies runner-up Kang min Yoon.

Nirman cricket

Sports Reporter

Wari High School and Hanif Model Academy won their respective matches in the Nirman School cricket tournament yesterday.

At the Dhanmondi Club, Wari High handed Mitali Bidyapith a humiliating 110-run defeat.

Electing to bat, the Wari boys collected 181 runs in 34.3 overs with middle order bat Rehan scoring highest 33.

In reply, Mitali Bidyapith were shot out for 71 in 16.4 overs.

In the other match of the day, Hanif Model Academy registered an exciting three wicket victory over Shaheed Monu Miah High School at the Mirpur Outer Stadium.

SAF soccer from Nov 18

Sports Reporter

The South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) has once again deferred the forthcoming SAF football tournament scheduled to be held in Nepal next April.

According to a Bangladesh Football Federation (BFF) press release issued yesterday, the SAFF, organisers of the biennial tourney, has declared a fresh schedule for the meet. The tournament involving six SAARC nations, will now be held from November 18 to 29 this year.

Meanwhile, the SAFF has also proposed Bangladesh to host SAF under-17 football tournament. To finalise the matter SAFF general secretary JSN Anandaraaj is coming here.

Riflemen beat Japanese kabaddi squad

Visiting Japanese national Kabaddi team suffered a 22-27 points defeat against local national champions Bangladesh Rifles in the first exhibition match played at the Rifles ground in Fikkhana yesterday, reports UNB.

The Riflemen, who earned two creditable points, dominated the first half 11-4 points.

Deputy director general of Bangladesh Rifles Brig Abdul Rouf was introduced to both teams before the match. Kabaddi Federation vice-president A K M Mukitir Rahman and general secretary Monir Hossain were also present.

The visitors will play their second exhibition match against Munshiganj district team at the Munshiganj Stadium today.

Adamjee Cant Public School sports

The annual sports meet of the Adamjee Cantonment Public School concluded at the school premises at the Dhaka Cantonment yesterday, reports BSS.

Three sports events and march past were held on the concluding day.

Zakiul Alam Fahim in the senior group, S M Rasel Faroque in intermediate group and Ahmed Al Mansur in junior group were individual champions.

Chief of General Staff of Bangladesh Army Major General Mohammad Anwar Hossain, Bir Protik was present as chief guest on the concluding day while Begum Khursheda Anwar distributed the prizes.

BAF tennis

The annual inter-base lawn tennis championship of Bangladesh Air Force was begun yesterday at the BAF Officers' Mess complex, reports BSS.

In the inaugural match, Wing Commander Shahjahan and Saif of Air Headquarters Unit beat Wing Commander Azam and Flight Lieutenant Awt of BAF Base Bashur in 2-1 sets.

Return of the native

KOSICE, Mar 1 (AP): Tennis prodigy Martina Hingis moved away from this town in eastern Slovakia more than a dozen years ago and recalls little of her birthplace.

"I don't remember much from my childhood as we left Kosice when I was three years old," said Hingis, the world No 2

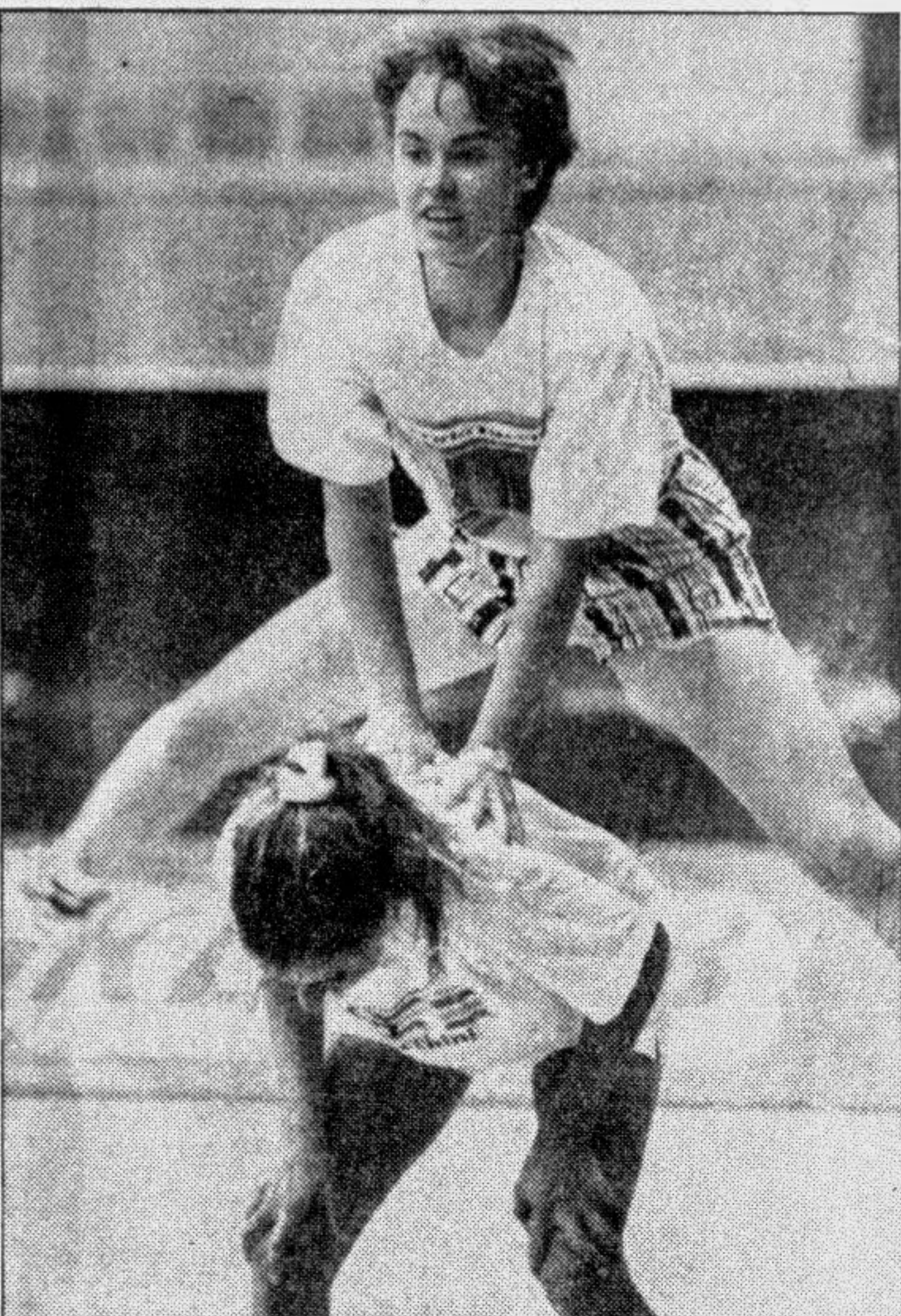
Hingis — who is poised to become the youngest world No 1 in history — was named after Czechoslovak-born tennis great Martina Navratilova. She was born to a Czech mother and a Slovak father and lived in both parts of the former Czechoslovak federation before her parents divorced in 1986.

She then moved to Switzerland with her mother, Melanie Molitor, and settled in Trub-

bach near the border with Liechtenstein.

Her father, Karol Hingis, greeted his daughter with a bouquet of flowers when she arrived in Kosice. They are in regular contact and last saw each other three months ago.

"I meet my father quite often, in fact every time I play in the Czech Republic," she said. "I don't know why this is of such interest to everybody. I came to Kosice to play tennis in the first place."



World number two Martina Hingis of Switzerland leapfrogs teammate Patty Schnyder during a practice session in Kosice, Slovakia on Feb 28. The Swiss are there to take part in their Fed Cup engagements. — AFP/UNB photo

Hingis will play Slovakia's No. 2 player Katarina Srebnikova in the opening singles on Saturday. Swiss Patty Schnyder faces rising Slovak star Karin Habsudova, the world's No 10 player, in Saturday's other singles.

Reverse singles and the doubles are scheduled for Sunday in the World Group II tie.

Hingis' parents were both ranked in the Czechoslovak top 30 in their time. While her mother took on the role of Martina's coach and sole adviser, Karol Hingis stayed in Kosice, where he works as a caretaker at the VSZ Kosice tennis club and occasionally coaches young players.

Her father was living in relative anonymity — interviewed only by Czech and Slovak journalists. That all changed when his daughter won the Australian Open earlier this year, becoming the youngest Grand Slam singles winner of the century.

"Suddenly all those people asked for an interview, and I'm just not used to publicity," he said, explaining he and relatives have been getting calls from around the world.

He said he was offended by stories in foreign newspapers about his standard of living.

"I'm not complaining about my life," he said in reaction to reports he earns about 6,000 crowns (200 dollars) a month and lives in a shabby prefab house.

In Kosice, an iron mining town near the Ukrainian border, 80 per cent of the population lives in similar Soviet-style prefabricated housing built during the communist era, and 6,000 crowns is just a little under the average monthly wage.

Dhaka Electric Supply Authority Tender Notice

নিয়মিত বিদ্যুৎ বিল পরিশোধ করুন

According to Tender Notice No. EEN/O&M/MIR(D)/97/126/86, dt. 5.2.97, said tender in DESA Form No-T-1, are hereby invited from enlisted contractors. Regarding yearly repairing & maintenance work of wooden-leaf, door-frame, iron grill and sanitary goods etc. for the quarters under supervision of Operation and Maintenance Division, Mirpur, DESA, Dhaka. Those who are interested to participate in the supply of stores materials they can purchase the tender schedule. After seen by valid trade licence, VAT registration, GIR/TIN. The detailed of tender documents, schedule to be obtained at a cost of Tk. 200/- (Two hundred) only per set (Non-refundable) in favour of the Additional Director, R.A.O. DESA Dhaka through Bank Draft/Pay-Order during office hours up to 9.3.97 from the office of the (i) General Manager, Consumer Service (North), DESA, Dhaka (ii) Superintending Engineer, Consumer Service, Mirpur Circle, DESA, Dhaka (iii) Manager, Janata Bank, Sec-1, Branch Mirpur, Dhaka with permission from the undersigned. Tender will be received on 10.3.97 at 12.00 Noon and opened on the same day at 12.30 PM in presence of the bidders (if any). The authority reserves all right of acceptance or rejection of any tender without assigning any reason thereof.

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The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

Sunday 2nd March
(All programmes are in local time. There may be changes in the programmes).

BTV
3:00 Opening Announcement
Al-Quran Programme Summary
3:10 News in Bangla 3:15 Patriotic Songs 3:20 Recitation from the Bible 3:25 Rerecited of Drama 4:50 Marami 5:00 News in Bangla 5:25 Sports Programme 6:00pm Getmaliya 6:35 Mayader Jannoy 6:50 Open University 7:00 The News 7:25 Documentary on Freedom Fighting 8:00 News in Bangla 8:25 Women in Freedom Fighting 9:00 Film Series: Akbar The Great 10:00 News in English 10:25 Those Days of Freedom Fighting 10:30 Shono Anaban 11:30 News in Bangla 11:35 Monday's programme 11:40 Close down

BBC
6:00am BBC World News 6:30

India Business Report 7:00
BBC World News 7:25
The News 7:30
BBC World News 7:35
India Business Report 8:00
BBC World News 8:25
BBC World News 8:30
BBC World News 8:45
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BBC World News 11:15
BBC World News 11:30

Time Out: Top Gear 12:00 BBC
World News 12:20 On The Record 1:00 BBC World News 1:20 Window On Europe 2:00 BBC World Headlines 2:05 World Focus: Naked City 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 Time Out: Tomorrow's World 4:00 BBC World Report inc. World Business Report/24 Hours 5:00 BBC World Report inc. World Business Report/24 Hours

CHANNEL V
6:00am Frame by Frame 7:00 Rewind VJ Sophia 8:00 Frame by Frame 9:00 Big Bang Week-end VJ Alessandra 11:00 BPL Oye 12:00 Videocon Mangta Ha 12:30 Liberty First Day First Show 1:00 Rewind VJ Sophia 2:00 Speak Easy 2:30 Videocon Flashback 3:00 Asian Top 20 VJ Trey 5:00 Live At Chandigarh 7:00pm Soul Curry 8:00 The Indian Top 10 9:00 Big Gig India Featuring Mantra 10:30 Launchpad VJ Samira 11:00 House Of Noise VJ Laks

12:00 Rewind Vs Sophia 1:00 The Ride 2:00 By Demand VJ Trey 3:00 Big Bang VJ Samira 5:30 VJ Alessandra

STAR PLUS
6:30am Voltorn 7:00 Aerobics Oz Style 7:30 The Kingdom Of Brunei 8:30 Alaap 9:30 Bunriyaad 10:00 Jananta Ki Adalat 10:30 Chandrakanta 11:30 Amul India Show 12:00noon The Great Escape 12:30 India Business Week 1:00 Living On The Edge 1:30 Star Trek 2:30 Hindi Classic Film: Dil Ek Mandir 6:00pm Batman 6:30 Charles Angels 7:00 The Amul India Show 7:30 Plus Preview 8:00 Priya Tendulkar Show 9:00 Reporter (Hindi serial) 9:30 Chandrakanta 10:30 STAR News Sunday 11:30 Lakme — Hero Honda Haute Couture Show 12:00 India Business Week 1:00 Star News Sunday 2:00 BBC Documentary "Around the World in 80 Days"

3:00 Movie Classic: "The Man Who Knew Too Much" 5:00 Seafloor

STAR SPORTS
6:00am Spanish Fball League H/L 7:00 Live NBA Game Of The Week Golden State @ Washington 9:00 Asia Sport Show 9:30 WWF — Blast Off-22 10:30 ATP Kroger/ St Jude Int'l Indoor Open 1st Semi-Final 12:00 5 Nations Championships England v France 1:30 5 Nations Championships Scotland v Ireland 3:00 Australia v S Africa 1st Test Match, Day-2 7:30 Inside PGA Tour-7 7:30 ATP Kroger/St Jude International Indoor Open 2nd Semi-Final 9:00 Marlboro Asia Pacific Road Racing Champs Hits 10:30 Australia v S Africa 1st Test Match Day 2 11:30 NBA Game Of The Week Golden State @ Washington 2:00 Dubai Desert Classic Final Day 4:30 NBA Game Of The Week Golden State @ Washington

STAR MOVIES
7:30am Comedy: 9-Devil 15 (Hindi Subtitles): 9-30 Family: The Last Battle For The Universe PG 11:00 The Bhaskar Ghosh Show 11:30 Oscar Winner — Best Cinematography: Laura G (Hindi Subtitles): 1:30 Action: Eye of the Eagle 1:15 (Arabic Subtitles): 3:30 Sunday Show Time: Pee-Wee's Playhouse PG 4:30 Sunday Show Time: Hollywood: The Golden Years 5:30 Sunday Family: Double Feature: Father And Scout 12 (Hindi Subtitles): 7:30 Sunday Family Double Feature: Once Upon A Forest G (Hindi Subtitles): 9:00 The Bhaskar Ghosh Show 9:30 Film '97 10:00 True Story: Innocence Lost 11:00 (Hindi Subtitles): 2:00 Action: Blue 6 (Arabic Subtitles): 4:00 Comedy: House Party 1118 (Hindi Subtitles): 5:00 Thriller: When The Bough Breaks 15 (Arabic Subtitles)

ZEE TV
6:00 The News 6:30 Jagran 7:00 Bhajans 7:30 Maa 8:00 ZED 8:30 Disney Hour Cartoons 9:30 Kya Scene Hai 10:00 Ghumta Aana 10:30 Aap Ki Adalat 11:00 Sitarang Cine Magic 11:30 Lakme Minutule 12:30 Bournvita Quiz Contest 1:00 Ashiana 1:30 Asian Sky Shop 2:00 Dream Merchants 2:30 Hindi Feature Film 5:00 Dhak Ghar Apna Ghar 6:00 Helpline 6:30 Disney Hour 8:00 Insight 8:30 Haste Khathe 9:00 Jaspal Ki Yeash 9:30 Chahat Aur Nafrat 10:00 Zee Horror Show 10:30 News/Business Roundup 11:00 9 Melehar Hill 11:30 Philips Top Ten 12:30 Yeh Kaha Aagaya Hum 1:00 No Problem 1:30 Raahat 2:00 Zee Arabia 2:30 ZEE Arabia: Infotainment TMM 4:00 Daraz 4:30 Through The Gears 5:00 Jagran 5:30 Surtal

EL TV
7:00 Special: Hum Hindustani 8:00 Hindi Feature Film 11:00 Cine Smile 11:30 Liberty Public Demand 12:30 Sorry Meri Lorry 1:00 Prag Number One 2:00 Amar Prem 2:30 Narsieu 3:00 Purnokhetra 3:30 Money Game 4:00 Zandu Baam Dance Mania 4:30 Ajnabi 5:00 Peoples Club 5:30 Meri Marzi 6:00 Mast Mast Show 6:30 Dear EL 7:00 Bengali Serial 7:30 Bengali Serial 8:00 Abhineta/Hasin Pal 8:30 The Music Show 9:00 V3-9:30 Shatrang 10:00 Ru Ba Ru 10:30 Hindi Feature Film 1:30 Bengali Prog 2:30 Prag Number One 3:30 Anurag 4:00 Mast Mast Show

PTV
8:00am Tilawat Aur Tarjuma/Ham/Naat 8:20 Cartoon 8:30 Khairan 8:45 Fun Time 9:05 TV Encyclopedia 9:25 Khat Farmaish 9:40 Sports Clinic 10:05 PTY Gold 10:30 English

DD 7
9:00 Jannudin 9:05 Geetmalay 9:30 Movie Club Film 1:30 Surer Asar 1:00 Aleya 1:30 Movie Club Film 3:30 Geet

Film: Darkwing Duck 10:55 Masti Sanyo 11:00 Khabraan 11:10 Sports Hour 12:05p Biscop 95/Qasmi Hatan 12:55 Quran-e-Hakeem 1:02 Bismillah 1:15 Aaj Ki Kahani 1:40 Aaj Di Shaam 2:00 Kinara Ep-71 (Drama Serial) 2:55 Ghost Writer 3:55 Karabar 4:15 Education 5:25 Razi 9th 5:55 Zameen Per Zindagi (Drama Serial) 6:25 Aloo Courses 7:00 English News 7:30 English Film: Star Trek Deep Space Nine 8:20 Hawwa Ki Naam 9:00 Break for Headlines News 9:20 Tasveer (Pakistani Film 1947-95) 10:00 Khabarnama Commercial News 11:00 Pezwaan 11:35 Home Victim (New Serial) 12:35 Music Masters-Raag Rang 1:00 Khas Khas Khabraan

SONY ET
8:30am Jai Bir Hanuman 9:30 Gaane Jaane Maane 10:00 Jagdurg 10:30 Sunday Ki Sunday 11:00 Taj Mahal Takita Dhin 12:00 BSA Star Ki Pasand 12:30 Pehli Mulakat 1:00 Good Shot 1:30 Pehchan 2:00 Yeh Sadi Nahi Ho Sakti 2:30 Premier 3:00 Catmakar 3:30 Five Star Xpressits 4:00 O'Maria (Serial) 4:30 Rasoi Show 5:00 Jeevan Miryu 5:30 Cover Story — Hosel Boco Coway 7:00 Bindass Bol 8:00 Hindi Feature Film 11:00 The Young And The Restless 12:00 Kash 12:30 Shiddhi (Serial) 1:00 Humse Barker Gong (Game Show) 1:30 Kismet 2:00 Premier 2:30 Closed