

## exhibition

## A World of Countless Cats



**M**ARION Bloem's startling exhibition of naive art is on at the Shilpakala Academy. Marion has used raw colours and arresting images to present her frank delineation of society in which she feels that humans behave like animals.

Marion was born in Arnhem in the Netherlands in '52. Her parents, who are Eurasians migrated to Holland from Indonesia in the early 50s. After her

by Fayza Haq

high school she studied clinical psychology at the State University of Utrecht. During her study she wrote her first children's book, and she soon started to write, direct and produce short feature films.

In Amsterdam, in '87, Marion had her first exhibition as a visual artist. Since then she has frequently exhibited her paintings, etchings and sculptures in the Netherlands and abroad. Like her literature and her films, her visual art is thematically connected with her culture and social background. Being a daughter of a migrant and a non-white person in a

white community, her awareness is expressed in all her work. In her paintings she shows a great fascination of the problem of the blending process of the non-whites with the whites.

"I want to show that we are not perfect. We push each other and try to tell each other how to live our lives. I want to delineate the confusing motives of the people and their contradictory ways. In denoting cats with people I want to depict that the drives and needs of the people are sometimes that of animals," Marion explains.

"Certainty of Orange" has a sea of faces in shades of blue with eyes and lips done in red. Sometimes the teeth are focused upon. In the midst is an orange woman's figure being dropped from the top.

"Certainty of Living-3" has birds, cats and an upside down figure in a cap and blue casual clothes. The faces of the people are done with quick sketch-like strokes which are almost like a child's doodles.

In "Certainty of Cats" one finds cats sketched in with shades of yellow, red, blue, or-

ange and purple. There is a little naked baby floating among their midsts. The cats all appear to be slyly grinning and peeping here and there.

In "Certainty of Blue and Red" there is once more the barrage of orange faces with curious eyes. The people appear to originate from many places and all appear to be gazing with a sense of shock or horror. In their midst are thrown two pot-bellied naked babies — one is done in shades of blue while the other is done in pink, brown and orange.

"Certainty of Space" depicts two Negro women, both sporting beach-wear: red shoes along with purple swimsuits. Besides them is a third woman holding on to a huge fish. Birds, fish and human heads fill the rest of the canvas.

Marion has recently exhibited in Tokyo, Belgium, South Africa and Budapest. Apart from painting, Marion has written 10 novels, two books on poems and two anthologies of short stories.

She has been to Bangladesh before with her husband and her brothers on different occasions.

## festival

## A Festive Boyati Evening

By Nafid Imran Ahmed

**T**HE sixth day of the National Folk Music Festival '99 took a laughing and shouting look when the famous Boyati of Bangladesh gathered for there "Boyatider Ashor". Organized by Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy the week long festival at Bangladesh Public Library Auditorium was house-full almost everyday of the festival, but not like the sixth day.

The famous Boyaties of Bangladesh gathered at the Public Library Premises before the show started. The place was filled with Boyaties with their long hair, colorful costume and various musical instruments.

The program started at 6:30p.m with a well-known "Jari Song" singer Md. Shomsher Ali and his group. Shomsher Ali started the program with his jocose song "Torir bhab deikha pran akul hoise...". The message in the song was about the daily comic life of our country. The song contains loads of small dialects containing funny tales. In his song he talked about the modern culture and how funny the dresses look now a days, and what really the University students do when they go to their classes. The crowd loved his song.

The audience gave Abdur Rahman Boyati a very warm welcome when he walked on stage. The living legend started his song after a small singing speech where he talked about the New Year and the essence of boishak. Then he started his song "Kolshi kadhe kon Ruposhi?" a love song. The crowd loved his song and cheered all the time he was on stage.

The cooling system and the fans at the auditorium wasn't working properly, but that didn't stop the crowd, people enjoyed the whole show standing and sweating. Among the other singers at the program Rowshan Akhtar Talukdar, Idris Ali Boyati, Abdul Kuddus Boyati and many others performed.

## music

## Concert for Life

**E**BON has to face the reality of death at the age of 15, when most children are too busy to even think of it. This was supposed to be the time to play, the time to enjoy life, to live without a thought for anything else other than having fun, without worries and pain... but fate had other things in mind. As cancer closed its wry hands on him, he had to struggle to live... and the worst part of the struggle is not over yet.

By Nadine Murshid

To raise money for this child, who needs immediate attention by the doctors so that she can live like any other child of her age, LRB, Souls and Feelings staged a performance in the Winter Garden, Sheraton, yesterday, 23rd April 1999. The charity show began exactly at 4pm and continued till 8pm after a series of songs and there was even a bit of a tiff between James (of Feelings) and Ayub Bachhu (of LRB) since LRB was supposed to perform last and James objected and Bachhu felt a little offended.

Anyway, Souls was the first band to perform they did! Souls is probably the oldest band of the country... they have been in this arena for decades and it was really a treat to see them perform after so long. They were their own magical selves and even at four in the afternoon, they were able to transform the audience into another world. As they sang, Kano einshongota, Ricky Martin's Cup of Life, Michael Learns to Rock's Someday, the people in the auditorium sang along. The loud applause and wolf cries which followed Nasim Ali and Partho Boria's songs proved that they are still well remembered.

Then LRB started with a new song, the name of which I cannot recall, but this much was pretty obvious they are here, and they will be here for a long time to come. The new percussionist of the band Hablu gave LRB's music a new rhythm and



Ayub Bachhu, lead singer of LRB, giving a performance at Concert for Life.

this new look gave the audience something different to enjoy. They jammed in every song and their ten songs took quite a while to finish. The bandleader Ayub Bachhu called for Ebon on stage and told everyone to pray for him, he then added that this was the last joint charity concert they will do since they don't want problems like the ones they have had. He said that after this concert all the charity concerts would have to be solo. The band dedicated their new song 'Bangali Bangladeshi...' to Ebon and wished him all the best.

The crowd enjoyed the bands performance immensely. As

they left the stage singing "Bangladesh", they crowd broke out into a loud applause.

The last band to perform was Feelings. The band came on stage and the self-proclaimed legend of band music, James, apologised to the audience for their delay. He said, "The reason behind this is a sad story. The bands drummer Fany's relative died and it took him a while to come from there."

After a long wait the band started performing with their super popular song, 'Dukhini Dukko Koro Na...'. The bands performance wasn't what the crowd expected... after all, they

were supposed to be the best. They sang a few songs of their new album, Thikachhey Bondhu, which were pretty good, but did not live up to the expectations of the populace. But then, some are good, some are not... it really doesn't matter.

All in all, it was a good show and Ebon is lucky to have the support of the so many people. May he get what he deserves: a happy, healthy life with the people he loves. There are many more Ebons out there who deserve just the same.

May we do something for them too?

## TV Guide

**Saturday 24th April**  
(All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme)

## BBC

6:00 BBC World News  
6:05 USA Direct 6:30  
World Living: One Foot  
In The Past #2/3-Once  
Foot In The Continent  
7:00 BBC News Headlines  
7:30 Asia Today 8:00 BBC  
News 8:30 World Focus:  
USA Direct/Asia Today  
9:00 BBC World News 9:30  
Hard Talk 10:00 BBC  
News 10:30 World Focus:  
Panorama 11:00 World  
News 11:30 World Focus:  
Talking Movies 12:00  
World News 12:30 World  
Living: Question Time India  
1:00 BBC News 1:30  
Hard Talk 2:00 BBC  
World News 2:30 World  
Focus: Correspondent  
3:00 World News Headlines  
3:05 World News Week-  
end: People's Century  
#17/26 - 1959 Endan-  
gered Planet 4:00 BBC  
World News 4:30 World  
Living: Holiday 5:00 BBC  
News 5:30 This Week 6:00  
World Headlines 6:05  
World Weekend:  
Panorama Special-When  
Good Man Do Nothing  
7:00 BBC World News  
7:30 Wild World: Land of  
the Tiger #4/12- Sacred  
Waters Pt-2 8:00 BBC  
World News Headlines  
8:05 World Weekend:  
Crossing The Lines #3/3-  
War Rules 9:05 World  
Weekend: Peoples Century  
#17/26 - 1959 Endan-  
gered Planet 10:00  
World News 10:30 Style  
11:00 BBC World News

11:30 World Living: This  
Week 12:00 World News  
12:30 World Focus: Cor-  
respondent 1:00 World  
News Headlines 1:05  
World Weekend:  
Panorama Special-When  
Good Man Do Nothing  
2:00 BBC World News 2:30  
World Focus: Top Gear  
3:00 BBC World News 3:05  
World Weekend: Crossing  
The Lines #3/3- War  
Rules 4:00 BBC News 4:30  
Hardtalk

## CHANNEL [V]

8:30 Rewind VJ Sophiya  
9:30 Turn On T [V] 11:30  
Turn On T [V] 12:30  
Rewind Special 1:30 Hot  
Seat 2:00 Mainstage 3:00  
Turn On T [V] 4:00 The  
Drum 5:00 Billboard US  
Countdown 6:00 Speak  
Easy 6:30 Turn On T [V]  
7:00 Lunch Pad 7:30 Top  
Of The Pops 8:00 The  
Juice 8:30 Over the Edge  
9:00 The Ticket 9:15 AZ  
Profiles 9:30 Sophia's  
Choice 10:00 House of  
Noise 10:30 Banned at  
Bedtime 11:30 Turn On T  
[V]

## STAR PLUS

6:30 Ninaad 7:30 Good  
Morning India 9:30  
Travel Asia 10:00 Eak the  
Cat 10:30 Story Teller  
11:00 Potli Baba Ki 11:30  
The Great Escape 12:00  
Eureka 12:30 Living on  
the Edge 1:00 Pal Chinn  
1:30 Saboot 2:30 Bake-  
mans Ooh La La 3:30 Tea  
Time Cinema: Chor  
Machaye Shor (Shashi  
Kapoor, Danny Denzoga,  
Momtaz) 6:30 Colgate To-

tal World Cup Magic Mo-  
ments 7:15 Dress Circle  
7:30 Sapath Ki Baat 8:30  
Apradhi 9:00 Serial: Ek  
Mulaqat 9:30 Star News  
10:00 Star Super Hit: Dil  
To Pagal Hai (Sharukh  
Khan, Madhuri Dixit, Kar-  
ishma Kapoor) 2:00  
Newhart 2:30 Dangerfield  
3:30 Snowy River McCre-  
gor Saga 4:30 Class Act  
5:30 Lovejoy

## STAR WORLD

6:00 Spiderman 6:30 G I  
Joe 7:00 Crystal Maze  
8:00 Mr Belvedere 8:30  
Only Fools & Horses 9:00  
The Good Life 9:30 Mur-  
der 10:30 Mainstage 10:00  
TV Com 10:30 Travel Asia  
11:00 Ally McBeal 12:00  
Mystery Movies - Prime  
Suspect 2:00 Space Above  
and Beyond 3:00 The Ad-  
ventures of Sindbad 4:00  
Hercules 5:00 WWF Shot-  
gun Challenge 6:00 Xena  
7:00 Baywatch 8:00 Love-  
Joy 9:00 Soldier Soldier  
10:00 The Adventures of  
Sindbad 11:00 Xena 12:00  
Hercules 1:00 Tropical  
Heat 2:00 Baywatch  
Nights 3:00 Series: Sol-  
dier Soldier 4:00 Aerobics  
Oz Style 4:30 World News  
5:00 The Animals of Far-  
thing Woods 5:30 Eek!  
The Cat

## STAR MOVIES

7:00 El CP: Martin  
Scorsese 8:45 Comedy: Re-  
possessed 10:00 UK Top  
Ten 10:30 Thriller: Heav-  
ens Prisoners 12:30 Ac-  
tion: Volcano 2:30 Star  
Kids Club: Licence to  
Drive 4:30 El CP: Michael  
J Fox 5:30 Wild West:  
Dead or Alive 7:30 Great  
Movies: Blame It on the  
Bell Boy 9:30 Movie Tele-  
vision 10:00 Saturday  
Mega Movie Island of Dr  
Moreau 12:00 Action:  
Volcano 2:30 Western:  
Dead or Alive 4:00 Com-  
edy: Blame It on the Bell  
Boy 5:30 Comedy: Repos-  
sessed

## PTV-2

8:00 Tilwat aur Tar-  
juma/Hamad Naat 8:30  
Cartoons 8:30 Khabrain  
8:45 Visitors Book 9:10  
Phool Khushboo 9:25  
Dastarkhawan 9:40  
Mehman 10:05 Aap Ki  
Anwar Maqsood 10:30  
English Film 10:55 Milli  
Naghma 11:00 Khabrain  
11:10 Meri pasand 11:35  
Janun 12:55 Quran-E-  
Hakeem 1:02 Bismillah  
1:15 Grind 2:05 Drama  
Serial 2:55 Husool-E-In-  
saf & Sports Coaching 3:20  
TV Encyclopaedia 3:40  
Sports Time 4:05 Serial

5:05 Medicine 5:25 Com-  
puters 6:10 Suneri  
Yadoodan 7:00 English  
News 7:20 PTV Music Li-  
brary 7:30 Virsa Pakistan  
7:55 Ghazal Uss Naye  
Sairree 8:25 Denticion-  
World of Sports 8:45  
Drama 9:00 Break for  
Headlines News 10:00  
Khabarnama & Commer-  
cial News 10:45 Drama:  
Laj 11:45 Do Sitare 1:15  
Urdu Feature Film: Khas  
Khabrain - Close Down

## ZEE INDIA TV

7:00 Jagran 7:30 AM to  
11:30 PM Every Half Hour  
- Zee News: Hindi 12:00  
India's Most Wanted  
12:30 Disha Samwad 1:00  
Mystery Unfolds 1:30  
Question Hour 2:00 Zee  
World 2:30 Insight 3:00  
The Diplomacy Show  
3:30 Beech Shabar 4:00  
Teer Kaman 4:30 Jaanch  
Ya Aanch 5:00 The Tech  
Show

## MTV INDIA

7:00 MTV Asia Hit List VJ  
Mike/Sarah 9:00 MTV  
Fresh VJ Sarah 9:30  
MTV-U 10:30 Non-Stop  
Hits 12:30 MTV Hit Film  
Music 1:00 MTV Houseful  
V Nafisa 1:30 MTV-U VJ  
Cyrus 2:30 MTV In  
Control 3:30 Thums-Up  
Non-Stop Hits 4:00 MTV  
Unplugged 5:00 Essential  
5:30 MTV Recycled 5:30  
Non-Stop Hits 7:30  
MTV/Fresh VJ Rahul 8:00  
MTV & Smirnoff Mega  
Mix VJ Nafisa 8:30 Non-  
Stop Hits 9:30 MTV Hit  
Film Music 10:00 House-  
ful VJ Nafisa 10:30 Non-  
Stop Hits 11:30 The Grind  
12:00 Club MTV VJ  
Malaika 12:30 Non-Stop  
Hits Continue...

## MUSIC ASIA

7:30 Aalaap 8:00 B&W  
Gems 8:30 All Time Hits  
9:00 Hit Parade 9:30  
World Premiere 9:45  
Brake Fail 10:30 Hit Mix  
Choice 11:00 Colgate Zig  
Zag Best Of The Day 11:30  
Bajaj Music Box 12:00  
World Premiere 12:15  
Medimix Madhur Mo-  
ments 12:30 Bakeman's  
Star Ek Mood Anek 12:55  
Pop Re Pop 1:00  
Jharokha 1:30 Best Of  
The Best 2:15 World Pre-  
miere 2:30 Mix Masala  
3:30 Medimix Madhur  
Moments 3:45 Bake-  
man's Star Ek Mood  
Anek 4:00 World Pre-  
miere 4:15 Pop Re Pop  
4:30 Bajaj Music Box 5:00  
House Of Choice 5:30 Hit  
Mix 6:00 Brake Fail 6:45  
World Premiere 7:00 Hit  
Parade 7:30 Teen Interact  
8:00 Bakeman's Star Ek  
Mood Anek 8:15 Medimix  
Madhur Moments 8:30  
Hum Ta Ra Rum 9:00 Mu-



## Baywatch

on Star World at 7 pm

In *El Nino*, The Santa Ana winds blow an air of mystery into Baywatch. Two sealions are killed in an unexplainable event. Mitch must find the cause and stop it before more damage occurs. April finds herself as the centre of attention for both Manny and Hobie, forcing her to choose between them.

sic Zone 9:30 Bajaj Music  
Box 10:00 Old Tavern  
Sizzlers 10:30 Jharokha  
11:00 Brake Fail 11:45  
Shabab 12:15 Pop Re Pop  
12:30 Old Tavern Sizzlers  
1:00 Sa Re Ga Ma 1:30  
Jharokha 2:00 Bajaj Mu-  
sic Box 2:30 World Pre-  
miere 2:45 Pop Re Pop  
3:00 Geeton Ki Bahar

## DD CHANNEL-1

5:55 Vande Mataram 6:00  
Serial: Aradhana 6:30  
UGC Programmes 7:30  
Samachar 7:45 Suba  
Sabera 8:15 Khoj Khabar  
8:45 The News 9:00 Suba  
Sabera 9:30 Series: Khoj  
Khabar 10:00 UGC Pro-



The Adventures of Sindbad on Star World at 3:00 PM

grammes 10:30 Serial:  
Naye Subha 11:00 Serial:  
Lakin Woh Sachch Tha  
12:00 Shaktiman  
(Animated Series) 1:00  
Regional Film Show 3:30  
SportsWorld 4:30 Sun-  
hara Pal 6:00 Heads &  
Tales 6:30 Series: Turn-  
ing Point 7:00 Yeh Delhi  
Hai 7:30 Samachar 8:00  
Show Them 8:30 Belaiti  
Babu 9:00 Samachar &  
The News 9:20 Current  
Affairs 9:50 Sanskriti  
Bharati 10:02 Serial- Jai  
Hanuman 11:02 Mile Sur  
Mera Tumhara 12:02 Spl

## DD 7

10:30 Movie Club Film  
(Last Monday's Repeat)  
1:30 Movie Club Film  
(Last Tuesday's Repeat)  
4:35 Movie Club Film  
(Last Wednesday's Repeat)  
7:00 Saptahiki 7:30  
Bangla Sambad 8:00 Ja-  
tra Pala 8:30 Durbin 9:00  
Serial: Katha 9:25 Serial:  
Sukh Duksha/Surjan  
10:00 Khas Khabar 10:10  
Drama: Siddhanta 10:30  
News & Bengali Sambad  
& Closed

## Sony TV

7:30 Kabhi Yeh Kabhi  
Woh 8:00 Rishirashad  
Movers & Shakers  
8:30 Movers & Shakers  
9:00 Chartbusters  
(Trailer Show) 9:30 Cine  
Clips 10:00 Toofan Mail  
with Guest 10:30 Just  
Mohabbat #94 11:00  
Heena #18 (Simone  
Singh, Rahul Bhatt,  
Rakhi Bhijani) 11:30  
Choti Si Asha #6 12:00  
Movers & Shakers 12:30  
Dekh Bhai Dekh 1:00  
Chartbusters (Trailer  
Show) 1:30 Cine Clips  
2:00 Hum Sab Ek Hai #43  
(Serial) 2:30 The Good  
Home Show 3:00 Chart-  
busters (Trailer Show)  
3:30 Cine Clips 4:00 Cine  
Matinee-Hindi Feature  
Film: Teesri Aankh 7:30  
Kehne Mein Kya Harz Hai  
8:00 Bajaj Ki Lehren 8:30  
Cine Prime Hindi Film:  
Sohani Mahiwaal (Sunny  
Deol, Poornam Dhillon)  
12:00 CID -#Ep. Death  
By Drowning Pt-2 1:00  
Alpivram #39 (Serial:  
Pallavi Joshi, Aamir  
Bashir) 1:30 Khwahish #2  
(Serial: Mini Mathur,  
Mona Bhattacharya) 2:00  
Aadaab Arz Hai 3:00 The  
Poppadam Show 3:30  
Cine Nite-Film: Dharavi

## Zee TV

6:00 Yeadon Ki Pal (B/W  
Songs) 6:30 Zee News &  
Business 7:00 Bhakti  
Songs 7:30 Jagran 8:00  
Eno Chalo Cinema 8:30  
Hip Hoip Hurry 9:00  
Teacher #96/Mr Gayab  
(Jay Gungupta) 9:30 Dis-

ney Hour (Cartoon) 10:30  
Ek Nazar 11:00 Serial:  
Chalo Cinema 11:30 TVS  
Saregama 12:30 Nestle-  
Jhatpat Kazana 1:00  
Knock Knock Kaun Hai  
1:30 Mujhee Chand  
Chahiye (Serial:  
Telesawal) 2:00 Hum  
Paanch 2:30 Bournvita  
Quiz Contest 3:00 Khub-  
soorat 3:30 Cinema Hits-  
Hindi Film: Inteqam  
(Ashok Kumar, Sadhna)  
6:30 Ek Nazar (Trailer)  
7:00 Disney Hour  
(Cartoon) 8:00 Mast Mast  
Hai Zindagi 8:25 Colget-  
Top Ten (Weekly Top Ten  
Chart VJ Reema, Ashok,  
Devan) 9:30 Gudgudde #38  
10:00 Saturday Suspense-  
The Only Witness  
(Shekhar Suman, Pallavi  
Joshi) 11:00 Tere Mere  
Sapne 11:30 Cell-3  
(Detective Serial)/Close-  
Up Antakshari (Anchore-  
Anu Kapoor & Pallavi  
Joshi) 12:30 Serial: X-  
Zone #Ep- Taalash Pt-2  
1:30 Chota Muh Aur Bari  
Baat 2:00 Zee News 2:30  
Zee Arabia: India's Most  
Wanted 3:00 Hindi Fea-  
ture Film (B/W): Priya

## DD METRO

7:00 Health Tips 7:15  
Bhakti Sagar 8:00 Phul-  
wari Bachchoon Ki 8:30  
The First Edition 9:00  
Serial: Apne Apne  
Suryamukhi 9:30 Top Job  
10:00 A Few Rupees More  
10:30 Telefilm 12:00 Tele-  
chanda 12:30 Filmi  
Dunia Ki Kahani 1:00 HT  
Ones 1:30 Serial Rishite  
2:00 Serial: Aur Pal Do  
Pal 2:30 Hindi Feature  
Film 5:30 Thunder Cats  
6:00 Defenders of the  
Earth 6:30 Denis the Me-  
nis 7:00 Success Track  
7:30 Feeling Fine (Helth  
Today) 8:00 Dusra  
Pehlu/Parda Hatao Parda  
Girao 8:30 India (this  
Week (Magazine) 9:00  
Naughty Boy (Comedy  
Serial) 10:00 Jai Hanu-  
man 10:30 TBA

## DD Int'l

9:30 Opening & News in  
English 9:45 Business  
Plus 10:00 Magazine  
10:30 Parakh (Serial)  
11:00 Light Music 11:15  
Upasana (Serial) 11:45  
Masala (Serial) 12:15  
Bharat Samachar (News  
in Hindi) 12:30 India  
File (Note: Programmes  
May be Change) 1:00  
Hindi Film Show 10:00  
Hindi Film Show (Rpt)

## Zee Cinema

8:15 Rani Roopmati  
(Bharat Bhushan, Birupa  
Roy) 11:15 Movie Fare  
1:30 Sinhasan  
(Jeetendra, Jaya Prada)  
2:30 Madhyantar 2:45



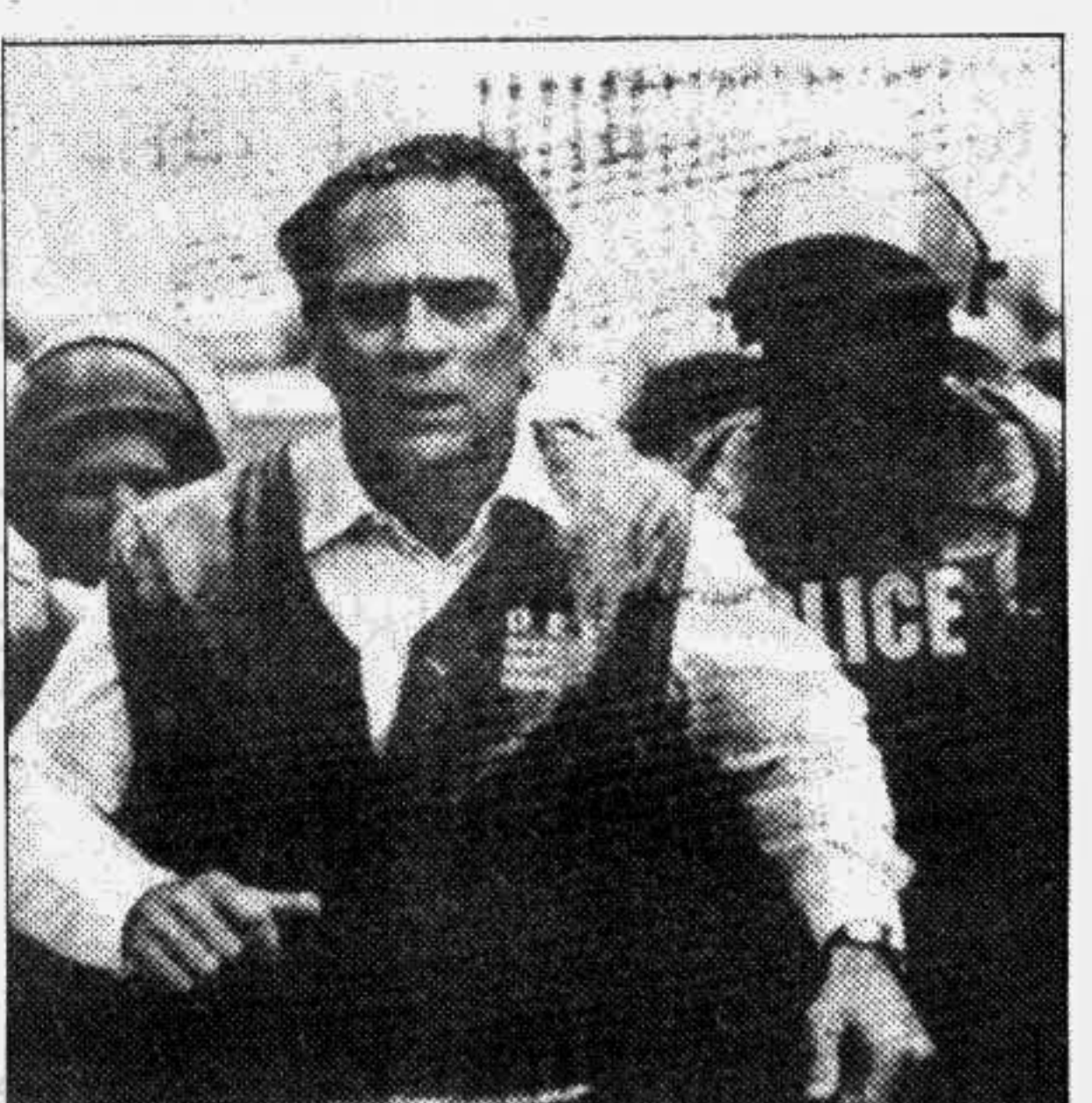
## Mega Movie: The Island of Dr Moreau

on Star Movies at 10 pm

The balance of nature is put to the ultimate test in this science-fiction thriller when a marooned stranger stumbles across an out-of-control experiment that fuses man with animal. Based on the haunting novel written by H G Wells, the explosive storyline fuelling The Island of Dr Moreau has been updated and set in the near future to incorporate more recent developments in genetic engineering. Starring Marlon Brando, Val Kilmer, David Thewlis, Fairuza Balk and Temuera Morrison.

## CARTOON NETWORK

5:30 World Famous Toons  
6:30 Jatonos 7:00 Flint-  
stones 7:30 The Popeye  
Show 8:00 Scooby &  
Scrappy D 8:30 Scoobys



Volcano on Star Movies at 9:30 AM



## Hercules: The Legendary Journeys

on Star World at 12 midnight  
In *Let The Games Begin*, Hercules organises the first Olympic Games in an effort to bring an end to the perpetual fighting between the Spartans and the Eleans.