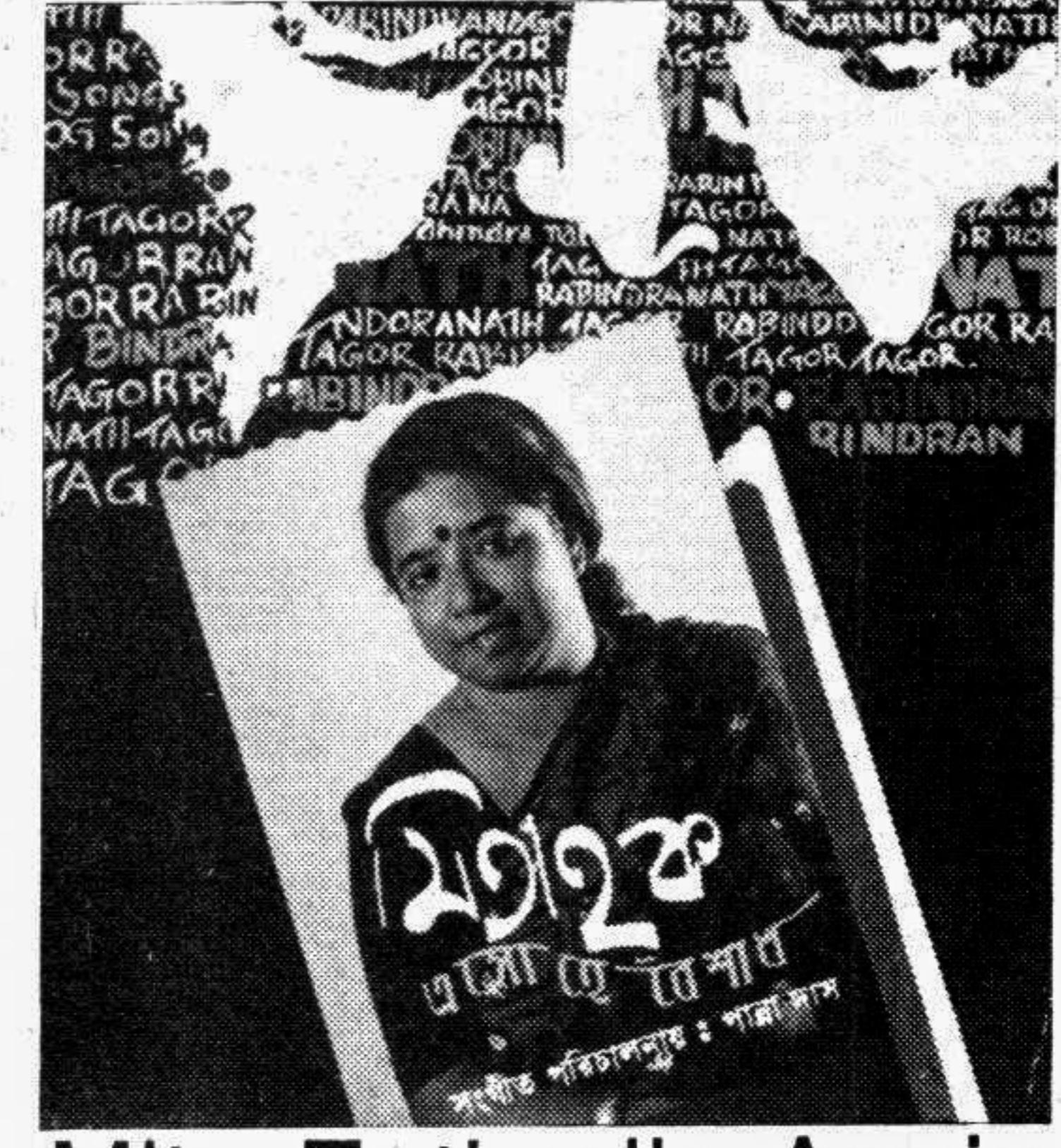


audio cassette



Mita Enthralls Again

Mita Haq's recent Rabindrasangeet album *Esho Hey Baishakh* is sure to top music chart

by Muneera Parbeen

MITA Haq is no newcomer to the world of music, she has already made a good name for herself on the Rabindra Sangeet arena. Critics are full of praise of her full, melodious voice that brings Tagore's songs to life with that extra touch of glamour. Her latest album "Esho he Boishakh" is no exception to her track record of good songs. Mita charms her way through with songs as the title number and other popular ones like *Amar Shokol Dukher Pradip*, *Choker Aloy Dekhoy Chhilem*, *Aay Sraboner Ruminates*, *Aj Shobar Rongey rong Mishatey etc.*

Her well attuned voice leaves no gap behind as she enthralls all with her renditions of the numbers. The highlight of the

12 numbers in this album is undoubtedly the title song "Esho he Boishakh" which is presented with care and love so evidently clear in her voice. *Bol O Shaku Bol Tar naam, Aaj Shobar Rongey rong mishatey* are the other two pieces which stand out on their own.

Aml Rhydoyer katha Bolitey Bekul and *Sranta Kenu Panther* are the two slower soulful numbers that is save to toads anyone's heart not only because of their beautiful lyrics but the way they are presented in the thick and soulful voice of Mita.

Esho he Boishakh' brought out by Sargam will remain another milestone in Mita's musical career. It is well worth the investment to pay the meager few takes that will cost to obtain a copy of it. For, this will be a collection that you will want to (and will) listen to over and over again.

award

Onnyadin And Impress Telefilm Performance Awards

by Nadine Murshid

At a press conference in the Muktijuddha Jadughar, Impress Telefilm and Onnyadin announced that the much awaited awards ceremony, Onnyadin And Impress Telefilm Performance Awards, is to be held on the 26th of June, 1999 at the Winter Garden, Sheraton. On its second year of award giving, Onnyadin and Impress are proud to award deserved individuals in the field of drama,

music and modeling.

They will be awarding people for the following categories: Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Film Actor, Best Film Actress, Best Newcomer, Best Child Artist, Best Drama, Best Playwright, Best TV Program (Entertainment), Best TV Program (Educational), Best Advertisement, Best Model, Best News Reader, Best Singer (male), Best Singer (female), Best Cassette, Best Musician and Best Music Director. Critic's awards will be presented in four categories: Best Playwright,

Best Director, Best Actor and Best Actress.

The awards are based on viewer's choice, which is determined by the magazine, Onnyadin. They give out coupons with each magazine and the viewers choose 'the artistes of their choice' and they are determined each month by the number of 'votes' each gets. The 12 'winners' of the year are the ones who are observed and panels of judges scrutinize their

performances and selects a few of them on the basis of their performances. Thus the nominees are selected and the viewers are again allowed to 'vote' for their favorites. A very democratic way, indeed!

It was a good press preview - everything was well explained and the lunch, which followed, was almost as good, but the actual ceremony will undoubtedly be a much more glamorous and exciting event.

tv highlights

Jotu Grihey Boshobash

E Shaptaher Natok on BTV

THE drama scheduled to go on air in the E Shaptaher Natok slot tonight is titled 'Jotu Grihey Boshobash'. The story is by Aziz Misir and stars Taru Mustafa, Shams Sumon, Chhanda, Monirul Islam and others.

Storyline: Manik is the only child of his widowed mother. His father was martyred during the War of Liberation. His mother is compelled to live under terrible conditions in a city slum and still dreams that she will be able to educate Manik and make a worthy citizen out of him.. In the same slum lives Kasuruddin, a truck driver who was a close friend of Manik's father. Things begin to change when a young man called Hasmat returns from abroad to the slum. He falls for Kasuruddin's daughter and begins to disturb her in every way possible. Manik tries to protect her and ultimately helps the police to nab Hasmat. Hasmat is released on bail and the very next day Manik's dead body is discovered in the slum. Manik's mother is determined to seek justice for her son. She succeeds in uniting all the slum dwellers



against such social evils.

Shahnaz Rahmatullah on ATN Bangla tonight

The guest artist on Priyo Shilpir Kichhu Katha, Kichhu Gaan this week is the versatile Shahnaz Rahmatullah. Shahnaz is scheduled to present two of her songs in this 20 minute programme. This weeks highlight is 'Monsoon Songs'.

Priyo Shilpir... is directed by MH Sulaiman and the programme is penned by Shopno Reza. It is an Impress Telefilm production and is scheduled to go on air at 8.00 pm.

drama

Mrichchakotic staged

The 9th batch who just passed out from Theater School put Mrichchakotic on stage to prove their worth.

By Cultural Correspondent

JUNE 24 was the evening for the students of batch-9 (1998-99) passing out from Theater School run by Society for Education in Theater. The graduation ceremony was held in the Mahila Samity Auditorium at 7 p.m. The Vice-Chancellor of National University, Prof. Aminul Islam handed out the certificates as chief guest.

Among others present from the Theater School were Kabir Chowdhury, principal, dramatist and playwright Abdullah Al Mamun, vice-principal, and performer and dramatist Ramajudur, secretary.

Seventy-eight students initially got admitted in this year-long drama course but mostly dropped out as the course progressed. Rafiqul Azad Ratan came out first in the batch.

Theater School was established ten years ago with 70 students and later with the assistance of Ford Foundation the school started arranging workshop outside Dhaka.

Speaking on the occasion Rameindu Majumdar recalled the day when the school started. He also spoke about the current situation of theater



schools of the country, especially the ones affiliated with university. To us practical education is as essential as academic education" Ramendu Majumdar, secretary.

The award giving ceremony was followed by a famous drama 'Mrichchakotic' performed by the students of the batch. Written by Shudral and directed by Dr. Israfel Shaheen 'Mrichchakotic' was dedicated to late Prof. Noren Bishwas, an outstanding teacher and cultural activist who died last year. 'Mrichchakotic' was the famous creation of Shudral, based on the story of a Brahmin merchant Charudatta, his love and romance. The play consists of ten chapters and is considered as one of the great plays in Indian classical age.

festival



Fete de la Musique

It's music time again as Alliance Francaise generates the spirit of fete de la musique

by Fayza Haq

SUMMER is a time when the countries in Europe celebrate the summer solstice after the end of the cold and gray winter. It is celebrated with singing, dancing and drinking, with music as the main mode of merrymaking.

In June '82 Jack Lang, the Cultural Minister in France declared June 21 a period of festival of music for one and all. Since then this day was chosen as the music day in Europe and has always been looked forward to with warm enthusiasm. It is a time for both experts and amateurs to come out with their enthusiasm, energy, and joie de vivre. The audience too grows in size as the time passes. This is a chance for them to experience more variety of music from a larger selection of musicians.

The idea behind the celebration is to cheer up and warm up the people in both cities and villages. The musical arena caters for all ranging from baroque

and ethnic to pop and jazz. Europeans now share music during this time with the charter between partners that involve France and its neighbours. The blending of different genres of music from different parts of Europe begins a process of global dissemination of music of various origins and types.

It is believed that in the ancient times, Pan delighted the nymphs with his reed flute. It is hoped that humanity will follow the example of this god and spread sunshine and merrymaking during this time with music as the source of happiness and contentment.

Alliance Francaise has recorded this festival by having rock bands like X-Uranium, Miles, Faith, Tee Jay, pentagon, The Attempted Band, and Wire and singers in its premises. Farida Parveen as well as musicians on the bansuri like Bari Siddiqui encompassing both traditional and folk music featured yesterday and the day before at the on going music festival at the Alliance Francaise auditorium.

TV Guide

Saturday 26th June
All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme

BTV

6:00 Opening announcement. Al-Quran, Program summary 9:05 Patriotic song 9:10 Sports 9:35 Documentaries 10:05 Animation film: Soccer Fever 10:35 Dripita Uchcharan 11:00 Movie of the week: All The King's Men 12:40 Close Down 3:00 Opening announcement, Al-Quran, Programme summary 11:00 Recitation from the Tripitak 3:15 Patriotic song 3:20 Phoolkali 4:00 Khabar 4:05 Live Musical programme 5:30 Special programme for children on Miladunabi 6:00 Discussion programme on Miladunabi 6:30 Khabar 6:40 Programme of Chittagong Station 7:05 Haand-o-Naat 8:00 News 8:30 World Living-Holiday Guide: Caribbean



Baywatch (Series 8)

on Star World at 10 pm

In Full Throttle — Cody makes a wild bet with some rich local hotshots — and Mitch ends up risking his uncle's new scarab in a wild race with a finish none of them expected. Meanwhile, Neely and Ashley stay with Mitch for a couple of days until her new apartment is ready, and Mitch's life gets turned around with baby care and two new people in his house. When Neely's new apartment falls through, Mitch realises how much he's enjoying having them around and asks them to stay.

5:00 BBC News 5:30 This Week 6:00 World Headlines 6:05 World Weekend: Horizon 7:00 BBC World News 7:30 Wild World: Jancis Robinson's Wine Course 8:00 BBC World News Headlines 8:05 World Weekend: Breaking The News #4/4-Dishes & Digits 9:05 World Weekend: Peoples Century #26/26 - 1997 Fast Forward 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: Correspondent 1:00 World News Headlines 1:05 World Weekend: Horizon 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Focus: Correspondent 3:00 World News Headlines 3:05 World Weekend: Peoples' Century #25/26 - 1997 Fast Forward 4:00 BBC World News 4:30 World Living-Holiday Guide: Caribbean

CHANNEL IV

8:30 Rewind 9:30 V News Bulletin 10:00 Turn On T 11:00 Turn On T [V] Whitney Houston 12:30 Reward Special 1:30 Hot Seat 2:00 Mainstage 3:00 Turn On TIV 4:00 The Drum 5:00 Billboard US Countdown 6:00 Speak Easy ML TR 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 9:00 A-Z Profiles 9:30 Sophiya's Choice 10:00 House of Noise 10:30 Banned at Bedtime 11:30 Turn On T [V]

STAR MOVIES

7:30 Thrillers: Defence of the Realm 9:30 EL CP: Sylvester Stallone 10:30 Drama: Leaving Las Vegas 12:00 Comedy: Son in Law 2:15 Star Kids Club: My Ghost Dog PG 4:30 E! CP: Jodie Foster 5:30 Wild West: Killer Kid 7:30 Great Movies: Girl 6 9:30 Movie Television 10:00 Mega Movie of the Month: Heaven and Earth 1:00 Fright Night House III 3:00 Comedy: Son in Law 5:00 Movie Television 5:30 Comedy: Girl 6

PTV-2

8:00 Tilawat aur Tarjuma/Hamad Naat 8:20 Cartoons 8:30 Khabrain 8:45 Visitors Book 9:10 Phool Khushboo 9:25 Dastarkhawan 9:40 10:05 Apak Ki Aiwali, Maqsood 10:30 West: Killer Kid 11:00 Phool Khushboo 11:10 Meri Pasand 11:35 Janan 12:55 Quran-e-Hakeem 1:02 Bismillah 1:15 Grind 2:05 Drama Serial 2:58 Husool-e-Insaan & Sports Coatings 3:40 TV Encyclopaedia 4:05 Serial Sports Time 4:05 Serial 5:05 Medicine 5:25 Computers 6:10 Sunheri Year 7:00 English News 7:20 PTV Music Library 7:30 Virsa Pakistan 7:55 Ghazal Uss Naye Saire 8:25 Den-tonic-World of Sports 8:45 Drama 9:00 Break for Headlines News 10:00 Khabarnama & Commercial News 10:45 Drama: Laaj 11:45 Do Sitare 1:15 Urdu Feature Film/Khas Khabrain/Close Down

STAR PLUS

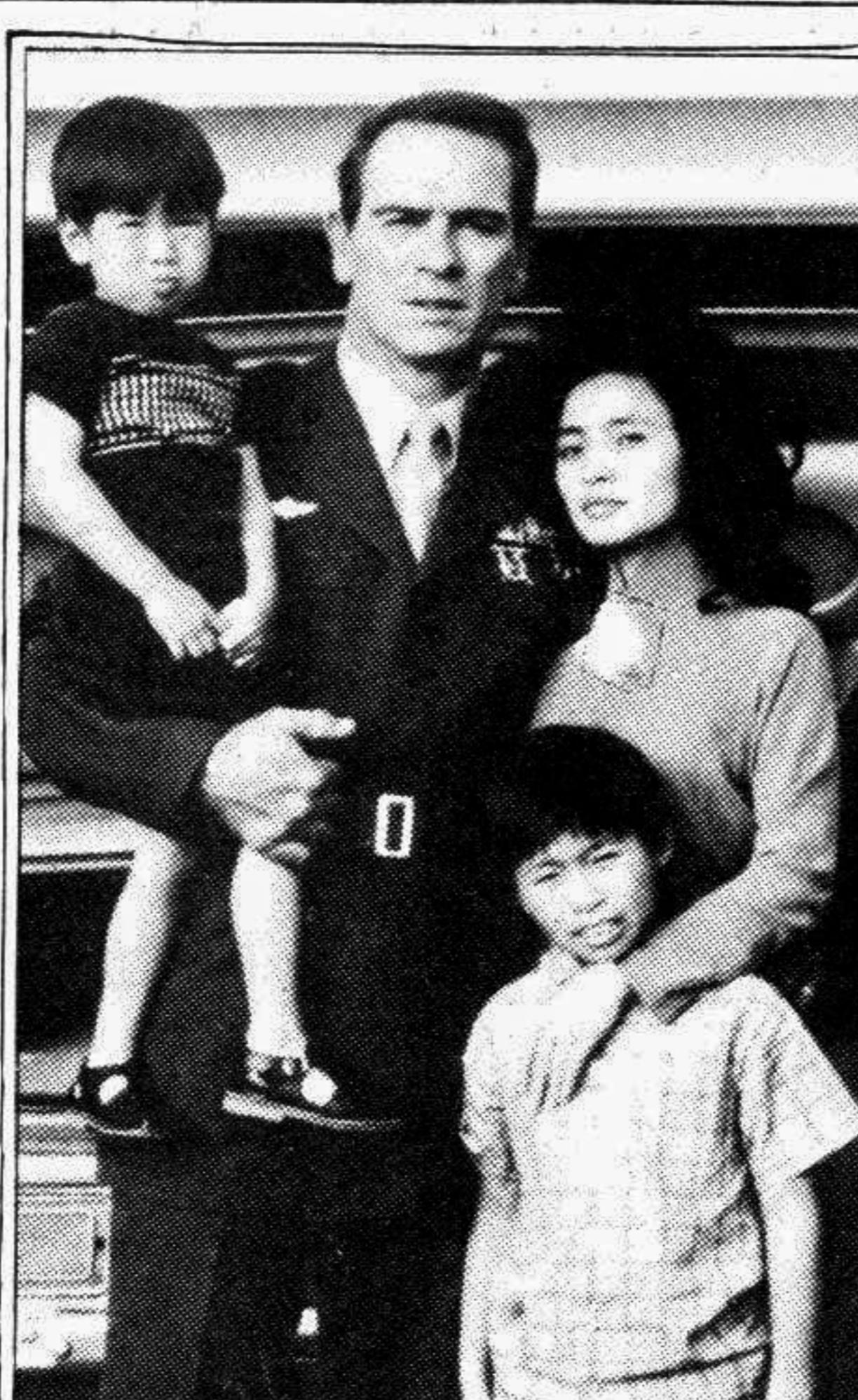
6:30 Nishaad 7:30 Good Morning India 9:15 Dress Circle 9:30 Travel Asia 10:00 Eak the Cat 10:30 Story Teller 11:00 Potli Baba Ki 11:30 The Great Escape 12:00 Eureka 12:30 Living on the Edge 1:00 Pal Chakri 1:30 Saboot 2:30 Bakeman's Ooh La La 3:30 Tee Time Cinema: Rupiya Du Karod (Rajesh Khanna) 6:30 Colgate Total World Cup Magic Moments 7:25 Dress Circle 7:30 Saptha Ki Baat 8:30 Apradhi 9:00 Ek Mulaquat 9:30 Star News 10:00 Star Superhit: Dilwale (Ajay D. Sunil S. Raveena T.) 1:00 Newhart 1:30 Movie: Ginger in the Morning 3:30 Snowy River McGregor Saga 4:30 Class Act 5:00 Jewel in the Crown

STAR WORLD

6:00 Batman 6:30 Animal House 7:00 Crystal Maze 8:00 Mr Belvedere 8:30 Only Fools & Horses 9:00 The Good Life 9:30 Chef 10:00 TV Com 10:30 Travel Asia 11:00 Ally McBeal 12:00 Mystery Movies: Touch of Frost "Unknown Soldiers" 2:00

MTV INDIA

7:00 MTV Asia Hit List VJ Mike/Sarah 9:00 MTV



Mega Movie of the Month Heaven and Earth

on Star Movies at 10 pm

Sarring Tommy Lee Jones, Joan Chen, Dr Haing S Ngor and Hiep Thi Le Oliver Stone's Heaven and Earth, the story of one Vietnamese woman's heroic struggle to survive war, hardship and upheaval in her own country, premieres tonight on STAR Movies. The film was shot on location in Southeast Asia and parts of Southern California.

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 Mediumix Madhur Moments 12:30 Bakeman's Star Ek Mood 12:45 World Premiere 1:00 Sopha 2:00 Baat Baan 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 Star Mera Tumhara 12:02 Sopha

Fresh VJ Sarah 9:30 MTV-U 10:30 Non-Stop Hits 12:30 MTV Hit Film Music 1:00 MTV Housefull VJ Cyrus 2:30 MTV Hit Film 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 Housefull VJ Nafisa 10:30 Non-Stop Hits 11:30 The Grind 12:00 Club MTV VJ Malaka 12:30 Non-Stop Hits Continue...

Ek Mulaquat on Star Plus at 9 pm

Thakur Kripal Singh comes to Bhawani Singh's office and talks to him. He wants his son to get married with Bhawani Singh's daughter Rajani. She tells Bhawani Singh that he is planning to get his daughter married to Uday Singh's son Virender and he feels that with these new relationships the old enmity might become weak. Bhawani Singh is very happy with this proposal. Bhawani Singh talks to Laxmi about this proposal and tells her to convince Rajani for the marriage.

SONY TV

7:30 Rang Berangee 8:00 Rishiprasad 8:30 Movers & Shakers 9:00 Chartbusters (Trailer Show) 9:30 Cine Clips 10:00 Star Yaar Kalakar 11:00 Heena 27 (Simone Singh, Rahul Bhatt, Rakhi Brijgan) 11:30 Choti Si Asha 14 (Churni, Sandhya Mredul) 12:00 Movers & Shakers 12:30 Dk Bhakti 1:00 Chartbusters (Trailer Show) 1:30 Cine Clips 2:00 Hum Sab Eh Hai #52 (Serial) 2:30 The Good Home Show 3:00 Chartbusters (Trailer Show) 3:30 Cine Clips 4:00 Cine Matinee

DD METRO

7:00 Health Tips 7:15 Bhakti Sagar 8:00 Phulwari 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