

package drama

Adhuli: An Honest Social Commentary

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By Nadine Murshid

Date: July 19, 1999

Time: 5:30 PM
Place: Goethe Institut, Dhaka
Event: The screening of a package drama, Adhuli

THE screening of 'Adhuli' a drama by Lavlu Bhai of 'Doiroth' fame drew a large crowd and many assembled at the aforementioned place to watch Shahiduzzaman Selim, among others, at work.

The story of 'Adhuli' revolves around 'Adhuli', a society reject, and her grief-stricken family. 'Adhuli' is branded as a bad omen ever since her fiancé and his friends drowned after the 'bride viewing ceremony'. Since that day, the whole village stopped interacting with that family, thinking that any connection with them would bring them misfortune. One day, two men from the city arrive to spend a week. They get to hear the story of Adhuli and are shocked by the superstitions of the villagers; they wonder why no one wants to marry her. Finally Adhuli's father finds a groom, and the family is again filled with laughter and excitement.

Everyone, including Adhuli

is very happy and they prepare for the wedding with zeal and enthusiasm, when her father tells her that the groom is the crazy son of their neighbor. Adhuli's dreams and happiness disappears in a moment and she begs her father to call off the wedding, but he says, 'The important thing is that you're getting married, not who you are getting married to.' To become a part of the social life from which they have been banned, her father goes against her will and even borrows money from the two gentlemen from the city. Adhuli goes to them for help, asks them if they would take her along with them, and when they find who the groom is they plan to take her along. Then Adhuli's father says that the only way they can do that is by taking her as a bride — which is quite impossible for any one of them. So, Adhuli is married to the mad man and her family, in exchange, is accepted into the society from which they had been segregated ages ago.

A good story line accompanied by brilliant acting made the drama entertaining and enjoyable — kudos to everyone behind the making of 'Adhuli'. The screening of the drama was accompanied by an interview of the director where he claimed

that such package dramas were not a threat to aesthetic films (are they even made today?) since each has its own viewers and because they are not alternatives of each other. He said that package dramas are more powerful in the sense that they can relay messages to a wider audience, not the only ones who takes time out of their busy lives to watch a full-length film.

'Lavlu Bhai' as he is called by many, stressed on the fact that the package dramas produced today are better than the ones before, because previously, businessmen undertook the production only, with the profit motive in mind, regardless of quality. Now, he said, there are known dramatists and filmmakers in the business and they undoubtedly do a good job. He said that filmmaker wannabes also gets the opportunity to produce something, which was otherwise impossible because of financial constraints. The production of package dramas are commercially more viable and more talented people can try their hands at drama production, he concluded.

All in all it was a good show for all drama-enthusiasts who are interested in the drama as well as what happens behind the camera.

exhibition

Art Meets Commerce

Three-day pottery show begins at Alliance Francaise today



By Cultural Correspondent

A three-day T-shirt and Pottery exhibition begins at the Alliance Française in Dhanmondi today.

Three leading designers — Baby Kabir, Morshed Nasser and Shafi Babu — have been jointly organised the exhibition. The three Vedas designers have collectively worked for the two opposite manners exhibition.

Popular music band LRB will cut the ribbon of the exhibition at a simple ceremony at 4 pm today, said a press release.

This will be the third exhibition of Morshed Nasser, second for Baby Kabir while Shafi Babu is being presented for the first time with Morshed and

Baby. They unitedly have tried to design in the same motif. Colour has been given utmost priority in both the medium. The T-shirt has been given importance on juvenility while pottery get the priority of native motif.

A total of 250 T-shirts and 50 potteries will be displayed at the three-day (July 21-23) exhibition. Price of the T-shirt ranging in between Tk 90 to Tk 250 while the pottery price is Tk 50 to Tk 1500.

The exhibition will remain open from 4 pm to 8 pm every day. This three Vedas designers will organise another three-day exhibition in Sylhet from August 5. Impress Telefilm Ltd is being sponsored both the exhibition.

audio cassette

An Enchanting Collection

Flora Ahmed charms with 'Hridoyey Jegechhiley'

By Cultural Correspondent

TAGORE'S songs are popular with the people of the subcontinent and especially the Bengali-speaking people. They are unique in their composition and cannot be compared to any other type of music because of their singular style. Every now and then some new collection of Tagore's songs is brought out by an artist. They all tend to focus on the same line of songs and somehow it turns out that the popular singers of the time are embedded in a rigid circle of numbers that no one seems very interested in breaking out of. It is when an artist takes the trouble of getting a different collection of numbers together that people sit up to notice their effort, and seemingly it gets more appreciation than what it would deserve under normal circumstances.

Flora Ahmed has brought together a different set of songs in her album *Hridoyey Jegechhiley*, though the songs are not altogether a rare set of gems, they are somewhat a little off-beat the songs of Tagore that we are constantly more exposed to.

Flora's voice is rich, full and exotic, if one is allowed to define a voice of her like. The slow numbers seem almost tailor-made for her sensual voice and she does justice to every piece. Her tone is sombre, her singing with due devotion and the cassette takes every listener on a journey of sheer different enjoyment.

The first song on Side A *Dukho Ratey Hay Naath Kay*



Daklay is especially enchanting. Listening to it one would almost feel like they are floating through clouds of a different world where the music becomes the world and nothing else seems to matter. The second song on this side *Jader Chhahiya Tomaray Bhulechhi* is equally good. *Jaanti Jaanti Kion Adikalay, Probhu Toma Lagi Akhi Kaday* and *Probhu Aji Tomar* are the numbers on this side that will undoubtedly be to the liking of all listeners alike.

Ami Rupay Tomay Bhulaboy Na, and *Hridoyey Jegechhiley* are the numbers on the second side of the cassette that will ignite the interest of all. Flora's voice is just suited for these slow numbers that are soothing to listen to. The credit for the liking of the songs in this col-

lection owes as much to the singer as to the fact that the songs themselves are unique in their composition. This does not go to say that the singer has nothing to do with their presentation. Flora does justice to every piece in the collection. It is her voice that brings every song to life and endears them to the listeners ears. Everyone will not only enjoy this cassette but will also look forward to Flora's next presentation, which hopefully will be in the near future.

Bengal Foundation deserves its own due for the beautiful recording of the album which does not disappoint the ears with *ups and downs* in the sound level or anything else. The cassette is well worth the money that it is being sold for!

TV Guide

Wednesday 21th July

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

BBC WORLD

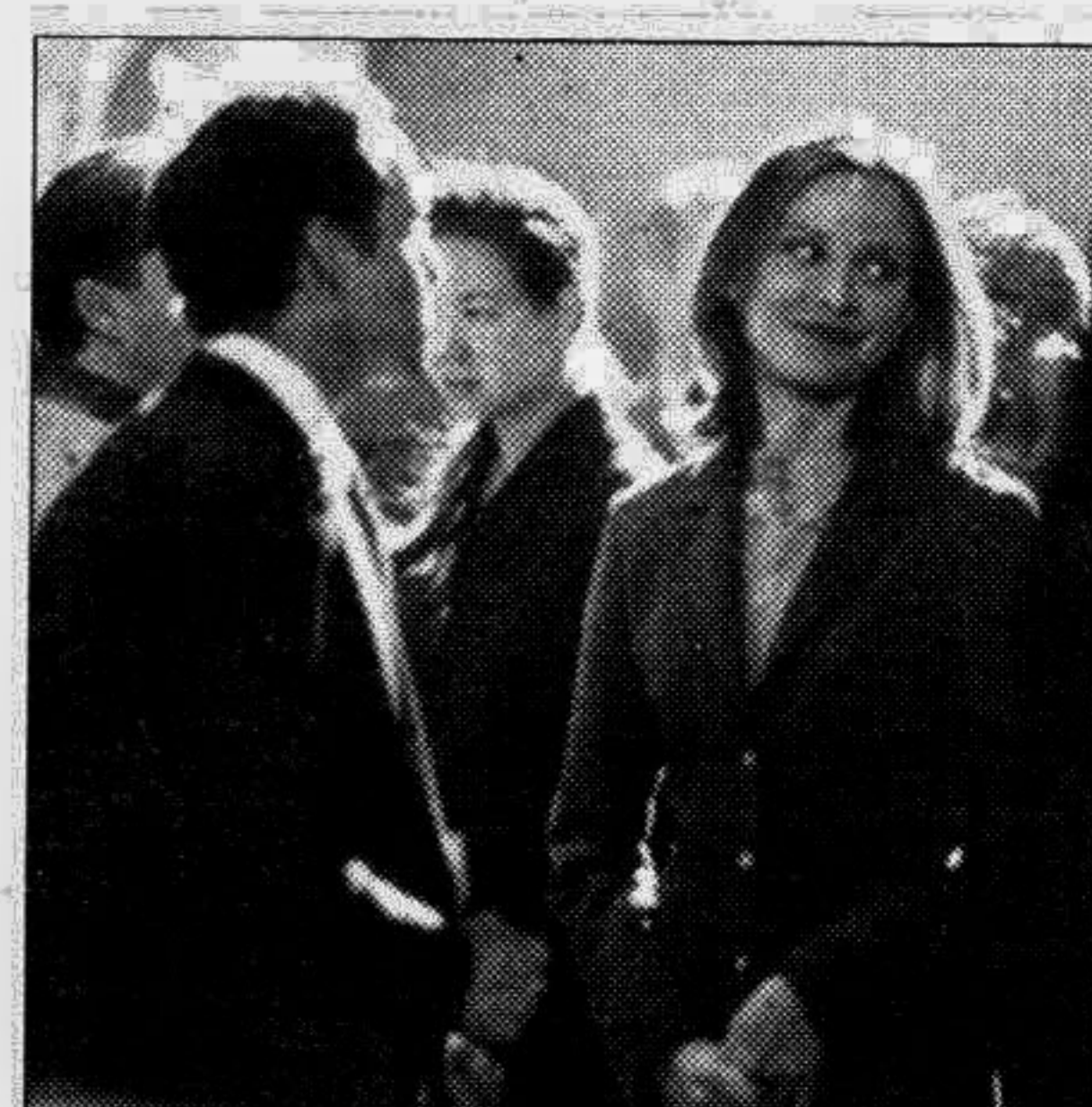
6:00 BBC World News
6:30 World Living: Vinters' Tales - Jancis Robinson's Wine Course
7:00 BBC Newsroom
7:30 World Business Report
8:00 USA Direct/Asia Today
8:30 24 Hours
9:00 BBC Newsroom
9:30 World Business Report/Asia Today
10:00 BBC World News
11:30 Europe Direct
12:00 BBC World News
12:30 World Living: Wheels
1:00 BBC World News
1:30 Holiday Guide
2:00 World News 2:30
World Focus: Reporters
3:00 BBC World News
3:30 Hard Talk
4:00 BBC World News
4:30 World Living: Vinters' Tales - Jancis Robinson's Wine Course
5:00 BBC World Today
6:30 World Focus: Reporters
7:15 World Business Report
7:30 BBC The World Today
8:00 World Living: The Big Trip
9:00 BBC World News
9:30 World Focus: Hard Talk
10:00 BBC World News
10:30 World Living: Face to Face
11:00 BBC World News
11:30 The World Today
12:30 World Focus: Hard Talk
1:00 BBC News
1:30 World Focus: Irish Journeys
1:30 The Boys of Summer
2:00 BBC World News
2:30 World Living: Top Gear
3:15 Europe Direct
4:00 BBC Newsdesk
4:30 World Business Report/24 Hours

CHANNEL [V]

8:30 Rewind VJ Sophiya
9:30 V News Bulletin
10:30 Zabaradast Hits
12:00 House Arrest
12:30 Catch 22
1:00 Zabaradast Hits
2:30 First Day First Show
3:00 Turn On TV
4:00 [V] News 4:30 [V] Backbench
5:30 Turn On TV
6:00 Teen Strip
7:30 First Day First Show
7:45 [V] News Bulletin
8:00 House Arrest
8:30 Kingfisher-Manga Hai
9:30 Launch Pad
10:00 Turn On TV
10:30 House of Noise
11:00 Toofan TV
11:30 Band at Bedtime
12:00 The Juice
12:30 The Drum
1:30 V News Bulletin
1:32 Turn On TV

STAR PLUS

6:30 Nainad
7:30 Good Morning India
9:00 The Tril Show
9:30 We the People
10:00 Good Morning India
12:00 Gedevez with Simi Garewal
12:30 Zabaan Sambhalke
1:00 Hit Ya Fit
1:30 Virasat
2:00 Is Duniya Ke Sitare
2:30 Swabhimani
3:00 I Love My India
3:30 Kabhie Kabhie
4:00 Hera Pheri
4:30 Potli Baba Ki
5:00 Doogie Howser
5:30 The Wonder Years
6:00 Small Wonder
6:30 Zaban Sambhalke
7:00 Hit Ya Fit
7:30 Star News Hindi
8:00 Cheese
8:30 Tanha
9:30 Star News
10:00 3-2-1



Ally McBeal

on Star World at 11 pm

In *Theme Of Life* — Ally defends a doctor accused of transplanting a pig's liver into a woman without her permission; Ally and Georgia square off in a kickboxing match; and Whipper dumps Fish or toying again with Janet Reno.

10:30 Picture This
11:00 Aaj Ki Baat
11:30 A Mouthful of Sky
12:00 Star News
12:30 The Bold and the Beautiful
1:00 Brittas Empire
1:30 Space Island
2:30 Jewel in the Crown
3:30 Snowy River
4:30 Media TV
5:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
5:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show

STAR WORLD

6:00 Aerobics Oz Style
6:30 Hollywood Squares
7:00 Hawaii Cooks
7:30 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventure
8:00 2 Point 4 Children
8:30 Newhart
9:00 LA Heat
10:00 The Pretender
11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show
12:00 NYPD Blue
1:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
1:30 Daily Series: Tropical Heat
2:30 Fashion TV
3:00 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventure
3:30 2 Point 4 Children
4:00 Hollywood Squares
4:30 World News
5:00 Asia News Update
5:15 World Business Report
5:30 Home Improvement
6:00 Buffy the Vampire Slayer
6:45 Asia News Update
7:00 Series: Alley McBeal
8:00 The Practice
9:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
9:30 Home Improvement
10:00 Buffy the Vampire Slayer
11:00 Series-Alley McBeal
12:00 The Practice
1:00 Home Improvement
1:30 Buffy the Vampire Slayer
2:30 Series-Alley McBeal
3:00 Hollywood Squares
4:00 Life in the World with Joyce Meyer
4:30 World News
5:00 Home Improvement
5:30 Media TV

STAR MOVIES

8:00 Comedy: Indian Summer
9:45 Drama: A Son's Promise
11:30 Drama: Gullys
12:00 Action: Die Hard
15:30 Horror: Demonic
7:45 Drama: Heaven and Earth
9:30 El Bts
10:00 Double Bill: Tom Hanks

MTV Hanging Out VJ
Rahul/Sonia 9:00 Classic
MTV VJ Sarah/Rahul
10:00 Non-Stop Hits
10:30 MTV Most Wanted
VJ Nadya
11:30 MTV Chill Out
VJ Shehnaz/Amrita/Nikhil
12:30 MTV Hit Film Music
1:00 MTV Housefull
V Nafisa
1:30 MTV Fresh VJ Ralvi
2:00 MTV Recycled
2:30 MTV Select
VJ Nikhil
3:30 Love Line VJ Malaika
4:00 Non-Stop Hits
4:30 Pepsi Dance Connection
Special: MTV
5:30 MTV Most Wanted
VJ Nadya/Rahul
6:30 MTV Chill Out
VJ Shehnaz/Amrita/Nikhil
7:30 MTV In Control
— Cricket
8:30 TBA
9:00 Non-Stop Hits
9:30 MTV Hit Film Music
10:00 Housefull
VJ Nafisa
10:30 Non-Stop Hits
11:30 The Grand (Beach Show)
12:30 Non-Stop Hits Continue...

MUSIC ASIA

7:30 Aalaap
8:00 B&W
8:30 All Time Hits
9:00 Hit Parade
9:30 World Premiere
9:45 Brake Fail
10:30 Hit Parade
11:00 Colgate Zig Zag Best Of The Day
11:30 Bajaj Music Box
12:00 World Premiere
12:15 Medimix
Madhur Moments
12:30 Bakeman's Star Ek Mood Anek
12:45 Pop Re Pop
1:00 Jharokha
1:30 Hum Ta Ra Rum
2:00 Pop Re Pop
2:15 World Premiere
2:30 House of Choice
3:00 All Time Hits
3:30 Medimix
Madhur Moments
3:45 Bakeman's Star Ek Mood Anek
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4:15 Pop Re Pop
4:30 Bajaj Music Box
5:00 Artist Of The Fortnight
5:30 Hit Mix
6:00 Brake Fail
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8:00 Bakeman's Star Ek Mood Anek
8:15 Medimix
Madhur Moments
8:30 Best Of The Best
9:00 Pop Hungama
9:30 Bajaj Music Box
10:00 100 Tavern Sizzlers
10:30 Jharokha
11:00 Brake Fail
11:45 Shabab

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10:30 Janmadin (Birthdays Greetings)
10:35 Shree Ram Krishna
11:00 Dropadi
11:15 Classical/Folk Songs
11:30 Parliament Hour/Musical
12:30 Kunja Villa
1:00 Aakash Chhooa
1:30 Rupkatha
2:00 Kanakanjali
2:30 Shree Ram Krishna
3:00 Maha Prabhu
3:30 Mohini
4:00 Bhangagarar Khela
4:20 Nepali Programme
5:05 Chharg Baire/Sahitaya
5:30 News
5:40 Jibeeka Samachar
5:50 Palli Katha
6:10 Astaraag (Serial)
6:40 Khas Khabar
6:50 Janmabhumi
7:30 Bangla Sambad
8:00 Darshaker Darbare
8:30 Modern Songs
9:00 Janmabhumi
9:30 Dropadi
10:00 Khas Khabar
10:10 Bengali Movie: (Underrun Closed)

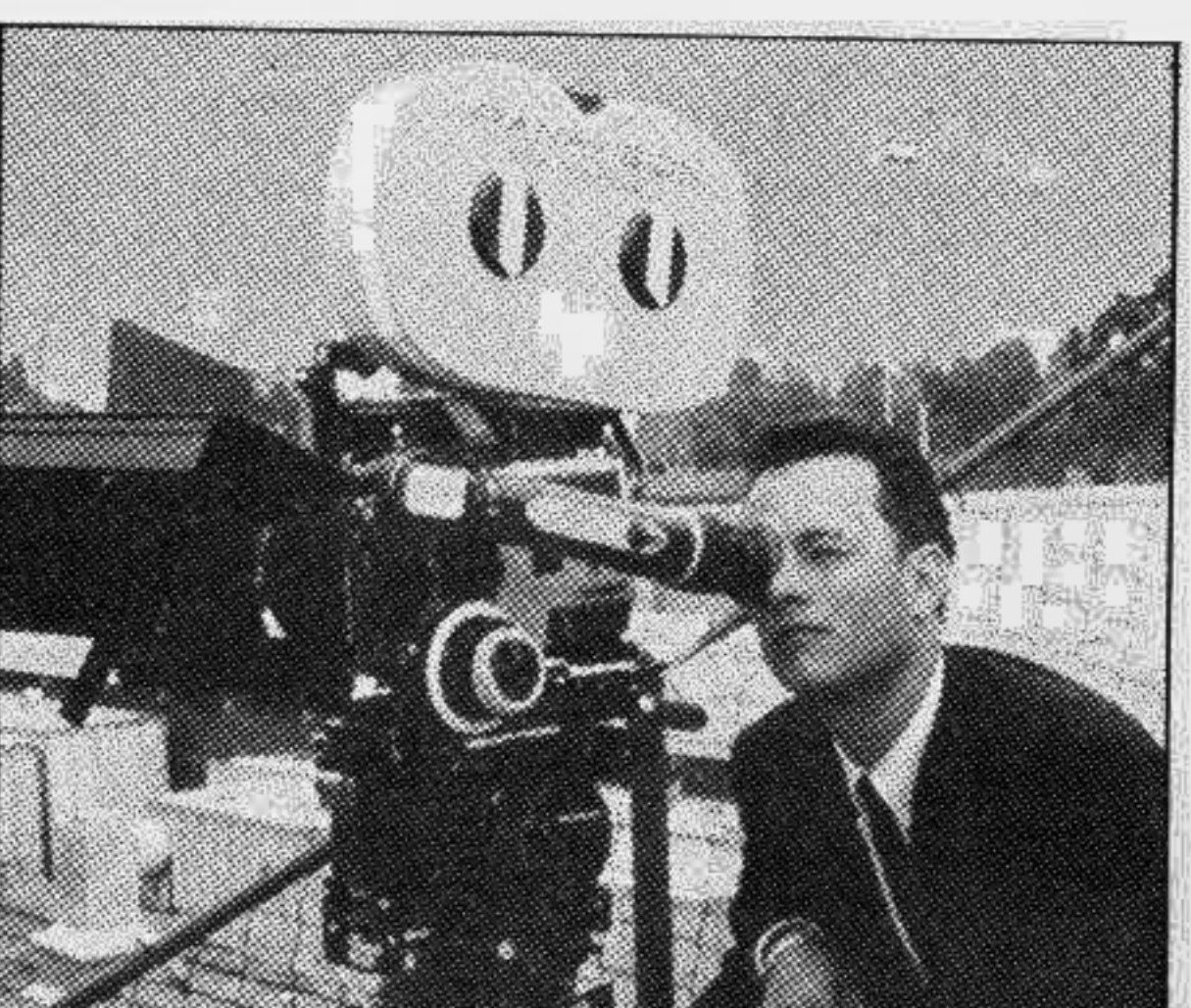
DD CHANNEL-1 (National)

5:55 Vande Mataram &



Picture This on Star Plus at 10:30 pm

Thought of The Day
6:00 DV Music: Aradhana
6:30 For The Universities
7:00 UGC Programmes
7:30 Samachar
7:45 Suba Sabera
8:30 Business Plus
8:45 The News
9:00 Suba Sabera
9:30 Palsha
10:00 UGC Programmes
10:30 Tarang
11:30 Young
12:30 Aurat
1:00 Aparajita
1:30 Ishaas
2:00 Waqi Ki Raftar
2:30 News in Hindi
2:40 News in English
2:50 Rop Suhane
3:00 Aap Ki Shanti
3:30 Ujala
4:00 Tea Time Monoranjana
4:30 Anjuman
5:00 Bhanjan
5:15 Ankur
5:30 Weekly Sports
6:00 Programme on Environment
6:15 Sab Rang
6:30 Kala Parikrama
7:05 Rural Woman
7:30 Samachar



Double Bill: Tom Hanks

on Star Movies at 10 pm

That Thing You Do!
Starring Liv Tyler, Johnathon Schaech, Tom Hanks
Two-time Academy Award winner Tom Hanks makes directorial debut on 'That Thing You Do!' a comedy which he also wrote. The film tells the story of the meteoric rise to fame of the singing sensations, The Wonders, played by Tom Everett Scott, Johnathon Schaech, Steve Zahn and Ethan Embry. Liv Tyler also stars as an unofficial member of the band while Tom Hanks portrays Mr White, the Play-Tone Records executive who manages the band.

The Man with One Red Shoe 12:15 am
Starring Tom Hanks, Lori Singer, Charles Durning and Jim Belushi
The riotous story of an innocent musician, played by Tom Hanks, who, while caught up in a bizarre conspiracy, is buggered, shadowed and almost wiped out by government agents, while remaining blithely unaware that anything is wrong.

Tom Hanks' Celebrity Profile at 2:15 am
Tonight's edition features exclusive interviews with director Ron Howard and actor Peter Scolari, as well as Hanks' high school drama teacher and childhood friends. Hanks' film career exploded soon after he co-starred with Scolari on the American sitcom *Bosom Buddies*.

Ka 3:30 Junoon
4:00 Cine Matinee-Hindi Feature
Film: Kaajal
7:30 Cine Clips
8:00 Chartist
8:30 Family No. 1
9:00 Hum Sab Ek Hain
9:35 Just Mohabbat
10:05 Serial: CID
10:40 Movers & Shakers
With Gust
11:10 Ek Mahal Ho Sapno Ka
11:45 Junoon
12:15 Ramayan
1:00 Dil Vil Pyar Vaar
1:30 Sparsh
2:00 Open House
3:00 Kabhi Yeh Kabhi Woh
3:30 Cine Nite Show-Hindi Feature
Film: Mahasati Anusuya

ZEE TV

6:00 Yeadon Ki Pal (B/W Songs)
6:30 Zee News & Zee Business (Rpt)
7:00 Bhakti Songs
7:30 Jagran
8:00 Gulasta
8:30 Zara Haske-Hai Zindagi
9:00 Zafra Haske- Filmi Chakkar
9:30 Disney Hour
Cartoons
10:00 Ek Nazar
11:00 Backman's Mama Mia
11:30 Jaan
12:00 Adhikar
12:30 Zaika Ka Safar
1:00 Jeena Iska Naam Hai
1:30 Naye Nazrane
2:00 Hum Paanch
2:30 Mausam
3:00 Raahat
3:30 Cine Hits
4:00 HF Film: Naach Utha Sansar
6:30 Ek Nazar
7:00 Disney Hour
Cartoons
8:00 Yeh Hai Zindagi
8:25 Hip Hip Hurray
9:00 D Aur Do Paanch
9:30 Kaha Se Kaha
10:00 Annonzee-Zee Horror Show
10:30 Baat Ban Jaa
11:00 Zanjeerein
11:30 Rabhat
12:00 Amanat
12:30 Satuday Suspense (Horror Drama)
1:30 Knock Knock Kaun Hai
2:00 Zee News
2:30 Mano Ya Na Mano
3:00 Hindi Feature Film: Dushman

SONY TV

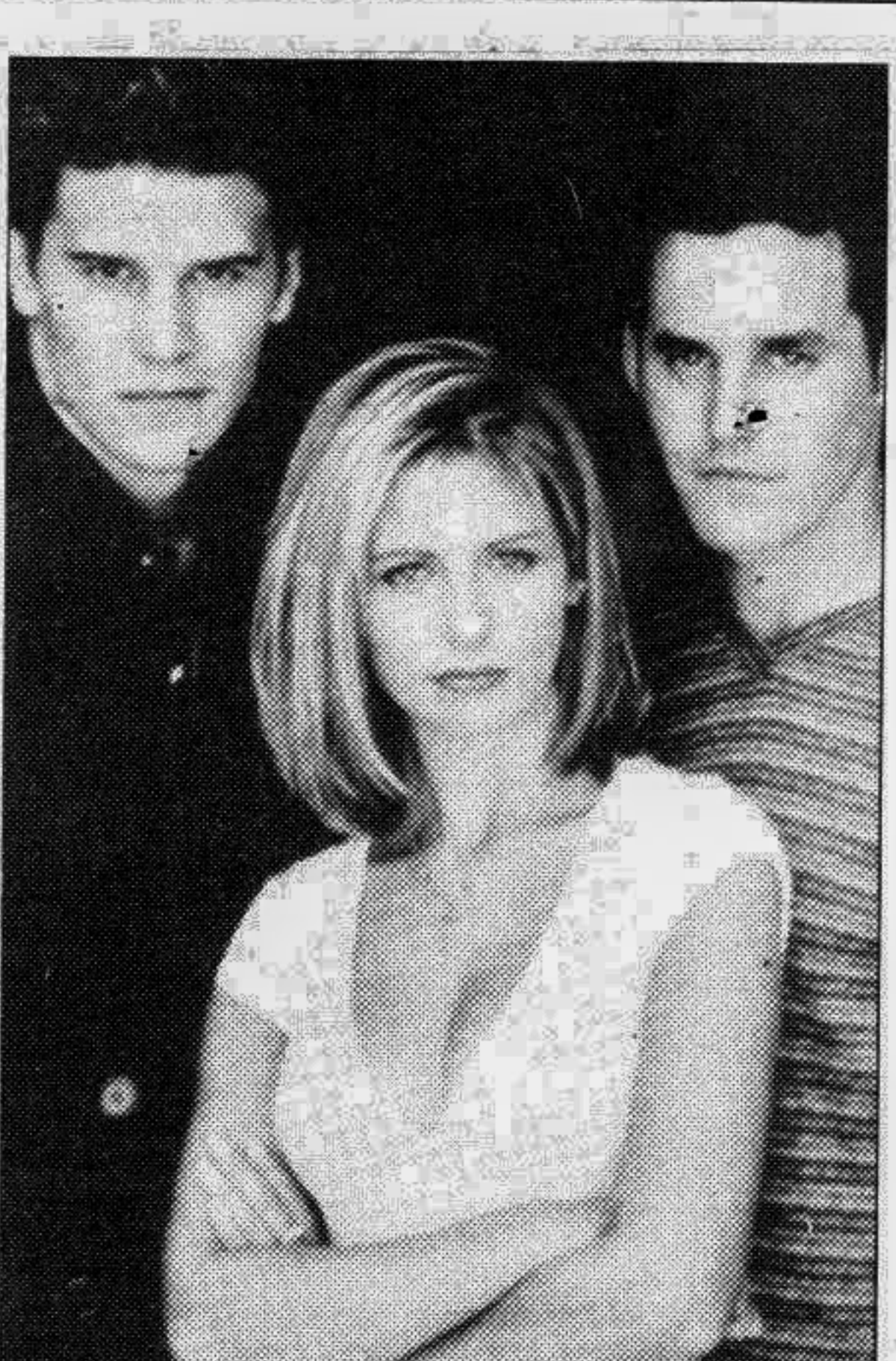
7:30 Kabhi Yeh Kabhi Woh
8:00 Risprasad
8:30 Movers & Shakers
9:00 Chartist
9:30 Cine Clips
10:00 Rang Berange
10:30 Khwish
11:00 Alpavram
11:30 World Of Cricket
12:00 Movers & Shakers
12:30 The Good Home Show
1:00 Chartist
1:30 Cine Clips
2:00 Boogi Woogi
2:30 Kabhi Yeh Kabhi Woh
3:00 Ek Mahal Ho Sapno

DD METRO

7:00 Stay Fit
7:15 Bhakti Sagar
7:45 Business Aaj Tak
8:00 Good Morning Today
8:30 The First Edition
9:00 Ret Pe Likhe Naam
9:30 Current Affairs
10:00 Nirmay
10:30 Saat Raag Sharaat
11:30 SSV
12:30 UTS Shopping
1:00 Live: Challenge the Master
1:30 Rajdhani
2:30 UTS Shopping
2:55 Samachar
The News-English, Urdu
3:05 The Restaurant Show
3:30 Dhalti Sham Ka Suraj
4:00 Aaj Aajob 4:30 World Sports
5:30 Darkwing Duck
6:00 Nani Kahe Kahani
6:30 Tom & Jerry
7:00 Heads & Tels
7:30 Sonnet
8:00 Anand
7:50 Entertainment
Now/Cinema
Cinema
8:00 Nature Calls
8:30 Kuchh Is Tarah
9:00 Didi Ka Dulha
9:30 Sher Mere Yaar
10:00 Padosan
10:30 Aaj Taak (News)
10:50 TBA
11:05 Hello Zindagi
11:30 Silent Reel
12:00 UGC Prog (Underrun Closed)

DD Int'l

9:30 Opening & News in English
9:45 Business Plus
10:00 Film Ki Dunia May (Film Magazine)
10:30 Hello Zindagi/India This Week (Reporting)
11:00 Light Music
11:15 Junoon (Ramesh Sippy's Serial)
11:45 Saat Phere (Jaya Bachchan's Serial)
12:15 Bharat Samachar (News)



Buffy the Vampire Slayer

on Star World at 10 pm

High school student by day and vampire slayer by night best describes the title character of Buffy the Vampire Slayer, a thrilling action-packed television series cleverly laced with comedy and horror which is loosely based on the 1992 feature film of the same name. In its second season, the critically acclaimed cult hit stars Emmy Award-winner Sarah Michelle Gellar as Buffy, Nicholas Brendon as Xander, Alyson Hannigan as Willow, Charisma Carpenter as Cordelia, David Boreanaz as Angel, and Anthony Stewart Head as Giles. In *Reptile Boy* — Buffy and Cordelia attend a frat party where they are offered as human sacrifices to a reptile-like creature.

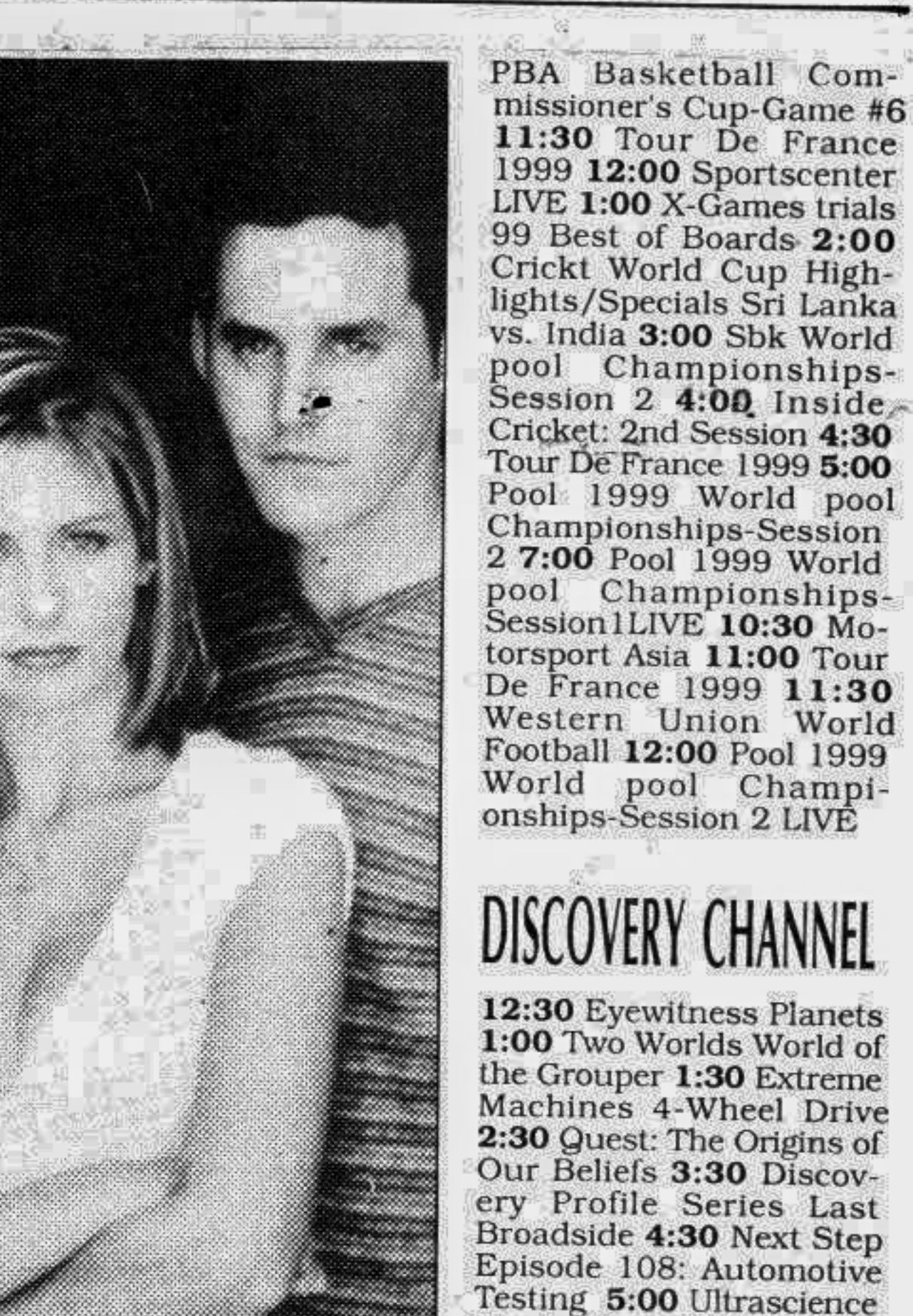
in Hindi 12:30 TBA
1:00 Hindi Film (Rpt)

CARTOON NETWORK

5:30 World Famous Toons
6:30 The Real Adventures of Johnny
7:00 Tom & Jerry Kids
7:30 The Popeye Show
8:00 Scooby & Scrappy D
8:30 Perils of Penelope
9:00 Josie & Pussycat
9:30 Drink The Little
10:00 Flintstone Kids
10:30 Richie Rich
11:00 Top Cat
11:30 Captain Planet
12:00 Scooby Doo
12:30 The Cartoon Grand Prix
1:30 Fantastic Max
2:00 Crocodile
2:30 The New Scooby Doo
3:00 Scooby Doo
3:30 Centurions
4:30 Swats
5:00 Ninja Robots
5:30 Flintstones
6:00 Tom & Jerry Kids
6:30 Crocodore
7:00 The Mask
7:30 Dexters Laboratory
7:45 What's a Cartoon? Show
8:00 The Addams Family
8:30 Scooby Doo
9:00 Are You
9:00 The Popeye Show

ZEE CINEMA

8:15 B&W Hits - Jhoola (B/W) (Santosh Dutta, Vyantimala)
11:15 Movie Fare
11:30 Banphool (Jeetendra, Babita)
2:30 Madhyantar
2:45 Making Of A Legend
3:15 Yahan Wahan
3:45 Farooq Shaikh,



DISCOVERY CHANNEL

12:30 Eyewitness Planets
1:00 Two Worlds World of the Grouper
1:30 Extreme Machines
4-Wheel Drive
2:30 Quest: The Origins of Our Beliefs
3:30 Discovery Profile: Series Last Broadcast
4:30 Next Step Episode 108
Autism: Testing 5:00 Ultrascience
Black Aircraft 5:30 Beyond 2000
6:00 Splat! Episode 17
7:30 Go For It! Dory Rafting in Idaho
8:30 Travelers Bio-Bumba De Parintins Festival: Brazil
9:30 Superstitions
10:00 Intimate Escapes
10:30 Great Mysteries and Myths
11:00 A New World
11:30 Wild Guide
Episode 13
12:00 Lost Animals of the 20th Century
Episode 14
12:30 Equinox Under Fire
1:30 Next Step
Episode 93
2:00 Ultrascience
Marian Mission
2:30 Beyond 2000
3:00 Splat! Episode 26
3:30 Ushuaia
Sky Sports
4:30 Go For It! Dory Rafting in Idaho
5:30 Travelers Bio-Bumba De Parintins Festival: Brazil
6:30 Born Among Wild Animals
Shows of the Sea
7:00 Jaws & Claws
Our Best Friend
7:30 Lonely Planet
New York City
8:30 Hunters The Dangerous Sea
9:30 Medical Detectives
The Talking Skull
10:00 Trauma: Life in the ER
Knife and Gun Club
10:30 Treasures of the World
11:30 Discovery Profile
Floating Inferno



Say Cheese on Star Plus at 8:00 pm