

exhibition

A Catharsis of Emotions

By Shahana Parbeen

A famous quote goes like this. "We do not inherit the world from our ancestors. We borrow it from our children." If this is really so then we do not have a right to destroy this beautiful earth, do we? After all, we have borrowed it for a while and need to hand it over to our children intact and unharmed if not improved. Yet as civilisation has advanced, pollution has increased. It seems like pollution and development is going on hand in hand. Mahera Khaleque Joya's first solo art exhibition 'Catharsis' at the Zainul Gallery at Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka depicts two different forms of pollution presently threatening us — Environmental Pollution and Acid Attack (a social pollution).

Joya feels that environmental pollution has taken such vast proportions that we shall need a huge solution. A mere mask worn over our nose and mouth with no longer do. We shall need a 'protective mask' for the whole world. In other words we shall need a massive protective measure. In most of her paintings on environmental pollution, the mask appears as a metaphor for many things. The colossal masks could symbolise a solution to this problem. They could also symbolise helmets as worn by soldiers, prophesying a horrific future



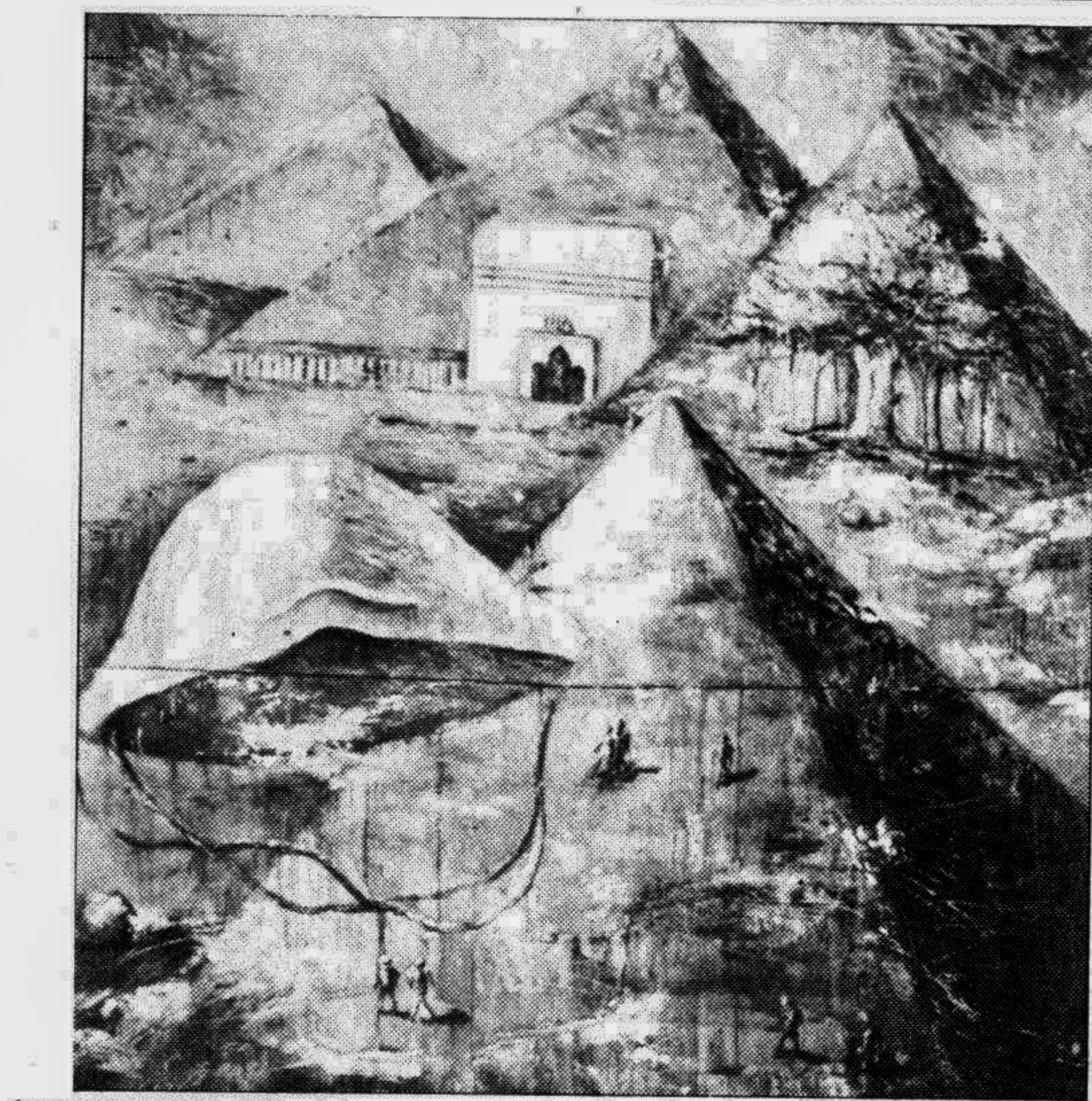
where people will wage wars to gain control over less polluted regions. A mask can also hide — it could also symbolise polluters hiding among the polluted, unidentified because of the masks behind which they hide.

Most of the paintings on pollution are done in black and white because Joya fears that pollution will turn the earth infertile, barren and colourless. In one of her paintings, we see a vast barren field with empty black pots — pots are associated with fertility and among many cultures we see the use of brightly painted pots to celebrate fertility — which shows that the human race is threatened with infertility as pollution takes alarming proportions. The use of wheels along with masks in one painting shows the irony of human development. As the human race develops and advances (as symbolised by the wheel), pollution

and destruction of the environment increases. Joya has painted a picture where she has the Baitul Mokarram and the Ramna Botmul (two places every Dhakaite is familiar with and holds dear) preserved in pyramids in order to protect them from damage due to pollution.

The acid attack series are done in colour. The artist felt that she could express the pain of the victims better with vivid colours. The acid attack series shows acid victims from various perspectives. For example one painting shows a victim's face all done up in bandages as she stands before a mirror. But the reflection in the mirror is that of a beautiful young woman. That's the way the victim thinks she really is but her face (eyes included) are bandaged and she doesn't know how terribly she has been disfigured. In another painting we find a victim trying to scream out in anguish but has her mouth tied up. Joya explains that in our society we have a general tendency to blame the acid victims for their misfortune and so the victims don't even have a shoulder to cry on let alone express their anguish! There's a total of 18 items on display. Among them, ten paintings are on environmental pollution, seven are on acid attack and another is a collage.

Mahera Khaleque Joya has done her Pre-Baccalaureate



from the Institute of Fine Arts and got her Baccalaureate with Honours from York College of Pennsylvania (USA). She is doing her master of Arts at Purdue University (USA). She is currently a teaching assistant at Purdue University and has had a string of other experi-

ences including that of an Assistant Researcher at York College. Her paintings on Environmental Pollution and Acid Attack on Women in Bangladesh has won her the Delta Phi Delta Stewart-Train Fine Arts Award and Scholarship from Purdue University.

Although this is her first solo exhibition, she has participated in eleven other exhibitions both in Dhaka and in the USA. Her exhibitions which started yesterday (July 23) shall continue till July 30. The exhibition is open every day from 10 am to 8 pm.

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'Kotha Abbriti Charcha Kendra' Celebrates Their 15th Year

By Cultural Correspondent

RANE Prane Aaj Mile 'Kotha Abbriti Charcha Kendra' — The slogan for the two day long recitation and cultural festival started yesterday at the Shawkat Osman Smriti Auditorium, Public Library. Marking its fifteenth year of establishment, 'Kotha Abbriti Charcha Kendra' organized various programs through out the whole day. Presided over by Vashkar Bandhapadhy, Abdus Selim Chowdhury was the secretary of the committee that organized the function marking their establishment. Few renowned cultural groups of Dhaka along with some famous artists and performers took part in the marking of their anniversary.

Day one started with famous narrator and actor Gulam Mustafa inaugurating the opening function at nine in the morning at Public Library Auditorium. The opening function was followed by a rally of the 'Kotha Abbriti Charcha Kendra' members that started at half past ten in the morning. The colorful rally initiated from the Public Library Auditorium went through the university campus to Doel Chattar and back to the Public Library again just before one o'clock.

With the recitation of 'Prane Aaj Mile Jak Pran', an authentic poetry recited by the member's of Kotha, the cultural function started at the Shawkat Osman Smriti Auditorium at

six in the evening. Solo recitation and group recitation was the main content of the day. Many renowned and famous performers such as Shimul Mustafa, Pragma Labony, Mahidul Islam Mahi, Golam Sarwar took part in the program. The group recitation of 'Kotha Abbriti Charcha Kendra' was followed by a song from Nilutpal Shadhan. Among the invited performers Shimul Mustafa, Mahidul Islam, Golam Sarwar, Rejina Wall, Kamrun Nahar, Shadat Hossain, Nimal Mandal recited a poetry each. Mahiuddin Chowdhury Maina's song was followed by Pragma Labony's solo recitation. Among the renowned cultural groups of Dhaka, 'Sarakaalpan' and 'Sroto Abbriti Shangshad' performed a group recitation each. The famous group 'Uddiehihi' performed an extra ordinary song, which the house full audience applauded a lot.

The stage had a new and different look. The stage of the day was dedicated to the late Professor Noren Biswas for his outstanding dedication to Bengali culture.



TV Guide

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

BBC

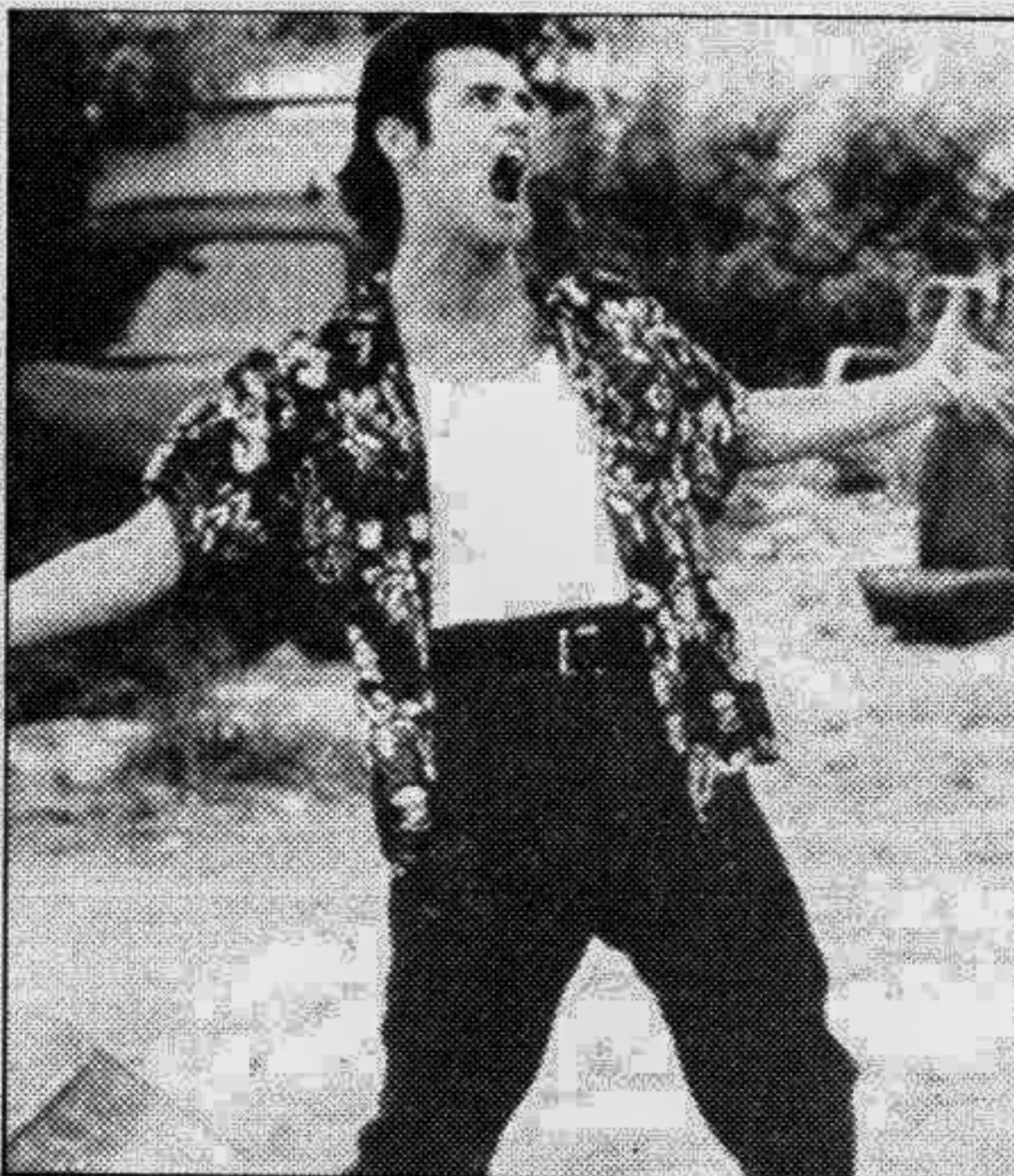
6:00 BBC World News
6:05 USA Direct 6:30 World Living: The Big Trip #7/16 Thailand and Malaysia 7:00 BBC News Headlines 7:30 Asia Today 8:00 BBC News 8:30 World Focus: USA Direct/Asia Today 9:00 BBC World News 9:30 Hard Talk: 10:00 BBC News 10:30 World Focus: The Sky at Night #2/10 11:00 World News 11:30 Europe Direct 12:00 World News 12:30 World Living: Face To Face India Talk Presenter: Karan Thapar 1:00 BBC News 1:10 Vanishing Peace: The Aftermath Of Oslo #1/2 1:12 Vital Issues Deferred 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Focus: Correspondent 3:00 World News Headlines 3:05 World Weekend: 20:20 Profiles of Century-Louis Armstrong 4:00 BBC World News 4:30 World Living: Holiday Guide 5:00 BBC News 5:30 This Week 6:00 World Headlines 6:05 World Weekend: Man on the Moon #2/2 6:30 Story Of Apollo Project 7:00 BBC World News 7:30 World: The Living Planet #12/24 8:00 BBC World News Headlines 8:05 World Weekend: Watergate #3/5 8:30 Scapegoat 9:05 World Weekend 20:00 Profiles of Century-Louis Armstrong 10:00 World News 10:30 Style 11:00 BBC World News 11:30 World Living: This Week 12:00 World News 12:10 Vanishing Peace: The Aftermath Of Oslo #1/2 12:15 Vital Issues Deferred 1:00 World News Headlines 1:05 World Weekend: Man on the Moon #2/2 1:30 Story Of Apollo Project 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Focus: Top Gear The Air Show #6 3:00 BBC World News 3:05 World Weekend: Scapegoat 4:00 BBC News 4:30 HARD Talk

STAR WORLD

6:00 Batman 6:30 Animal House 7:00 Crystal Maze 8:00 Mr Belvedere 8:30 Only Pools & Horses 9:00 The Good Life 9:30 Travel Asia TV Com 10:30 Travel Asia 11:00 Ally McBeal 12:00 Mystery Movies: Touch of Frost 2:00 Space Above and Beyond 3:00 The Adventures of Sinbad 4:00 Hercules 5:00 WWF Shotgun Challenge 6:00 Xena 7:00 Baywatch 8:00 Lovejoy 9:00 Soldier Soldier 10:00 Baywatch 11:00 Xena 12:00 Hercules 1:00 Tropical Heat 2:00 Baywatch Nights 3:00 The Key Of David 3:30 Small Wonder 4:00 Aerobics Oz Style 4:30 World News 5:00 Lasse 5:30 Eek! The Cat

STAR MOVIES

8:30 Thriller: Innocent Lies 15 10:00 Action: Rob



Jim Carrey

on Star Movies at 4:30pm

Today's edition features exclusive behind-the-scenes footage of Jim Carrey at work on *In Living Color* and *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective* as well as never-before-seen footage of Carrey during his days as a stand-up comedian. The programme also includes interviews with Carrey's friends and Carrey himself.

Roy 12:30 Romance: Fabulous Baker Boys 15 2:30 Star Kids Club: Leader Of The Band 4:30 El CP: Bury Them Deep 15 7:30 Great Movies: Airheads 15 9:30 Movie Television 10:00 Thriller: Marshall Law 15 12:00 Night: The Fury 15 2:15 Action: Rob Roy 4:45 EICP Martin Scorsese 5:30 Western: Bury Them Deep 15

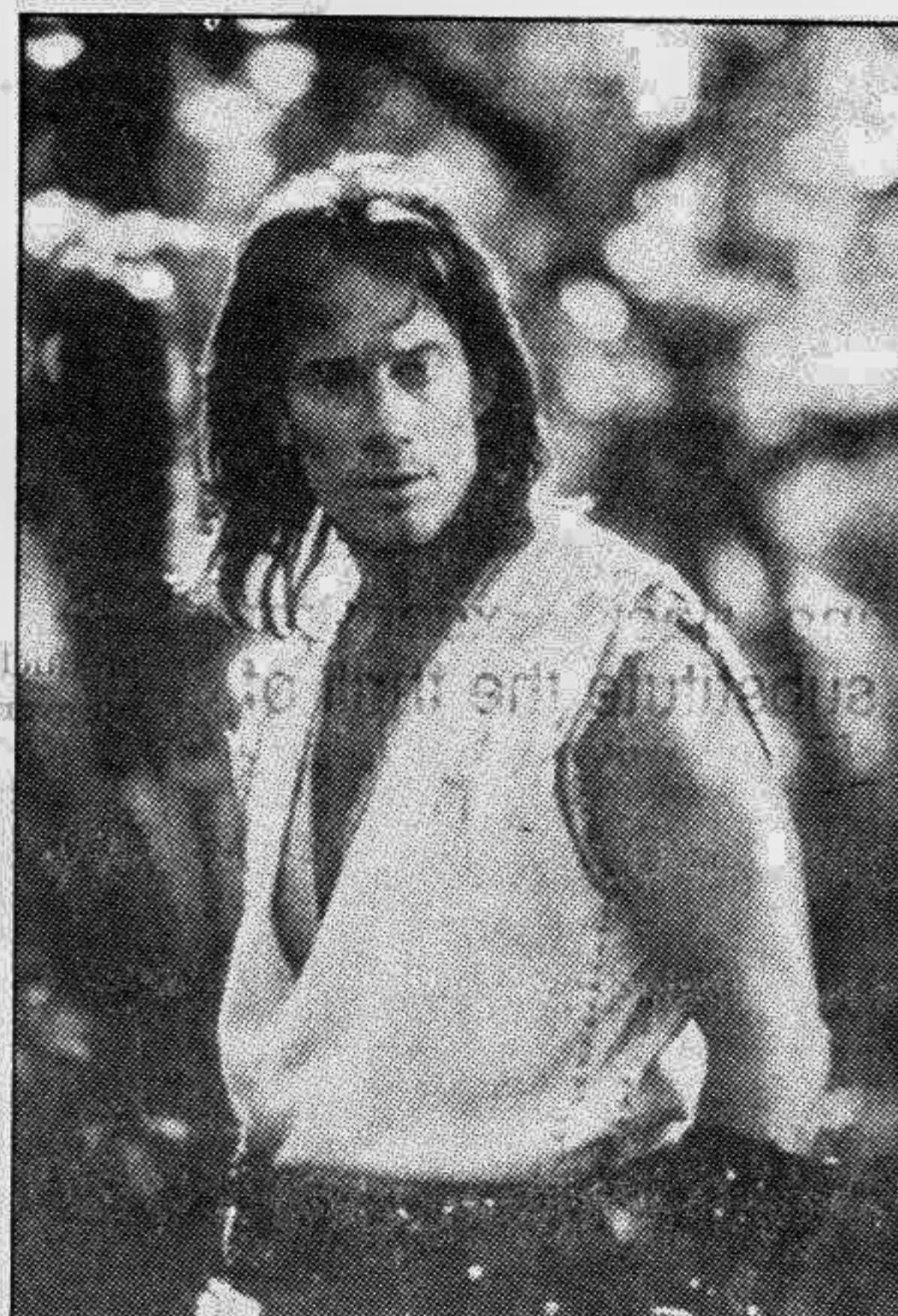
PTV-2

8:00 Tilwat aur Tarjuma/Hamd/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-Insaf & Sports Coaching 3:20 TV Encyclopedia 3:40 Sports Time 4:05 Serial 5:05 Medicine 5:25 Computers 6:10 Sunhari Yaddoon 7:00 English News 7:20 PTV Music Library 7:30 Virsa Pakistan 7:55 Ghazal Uss Naye Saare 8:25 Dastarkhawan 8:30 World of Sports 8:45 Drama 9:00 Break for Headlines News 10:00 Khabrain 10:45 Drama: Laaj 11:45 Do Sitare 1:15 Urdu Feature Film/Khas Khabrain/Close Down

ZEE NEWS 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 News in Hindi 12:57 News Headlines 1:00 Insight 1:30 The Diplomacy Show 2:00 Beech Shashar 2:30 Ru Ba Ru 03:00 Jaanch Ya Aanch 3:30 The Tech Show 4:00 Teer Kaman 4:30 India Debates



Hercules: The Legendary Journeys

on Star World at 12 midnight

In *Love Takes A Holiday* — Bored with her life as a matchmaker, Aphrodite (Alexandra Tydings) decides it's time for a career change. Unfortunately for the men of the world, her actions cause women everywhere to lose interest in love. Iolaus (Michael Hurst) learns of this disturbing situation, when he arrives in Parthia expecting a week of romance with the lovely Evanthea (Fiona McGregor). Instead, he is slugged in the jaw by the dark-haired beauty, who storms off insisting she never wants to see him again. Hearing a family laugh, Iolaus turns to find Aphrodite smiling at her handiwork. He pleads with her to return love to the world, but to no avail. Aphrodite is having too much fun watching the confusion of the male villagers as their romantic overtures are spurned at every turn.

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 Moments 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 Premiere 2:30 Mix Masala 3:30 Medimix Madhur Moments 3:45 Bakeman's Star Ek Mood Anek 4:00 World Premiere 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 Tar Ra Rum 9:00 Music Zone 9:30 Bajaj Music Box 10:00 Old Tavern Sizzlers 10:30 Jharokha 11:00 Brake Fail 11:45 Shabbat 12:15 Pop Re Pop 12:30 Old Tavern Sizzlers 1:00 Sa Re Ga Ma 1:30 Jharokha 2:00 Bajaj Music Box 2:30 World Premiere 2:45 Pop Re Pop 3:00 Geeton Ki Bahar

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) 7:30 Sapthahik 7:30 Bangla Sambad 8:00 Jatra Pala 8:30 Durbin 9:00 Serial: Katha 9:25 Serial: Sukh Duksha/Surjajan 10:00 Khas Khabar 10:10 Drama: Siddhanta 10:30 News & Bengali Sambad & Closed

SONY TV

7:30 Rang Berangee 8:00 Rishprashad 8:30 Movers & Shakers 9:00 Chartbusters (Trailer Show) 9:30 Cine Clips 10:00 Star Yaar Kalakar 11:00 Heena (Simone Singh, Rahul Bhatt, Rakhi Bhajan) 11:30 Choti Si Dusha (Churni, Sandhya Mredul) 12:00 Movers & Shakers 12:30 Dekh Bhai Dekh

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

1:00 Chartbusters (Trailer Show) 1:30 Cine Clips 2:00 Hum Sab Ek Hai (Serial) 2:30 The Good Home Show 3:00 Chartbusters (Trailer Show) 3:30 Cine Clips 4:00 Cine Matinee-Hindi Feature Film: Reporter Raju (Shakher Sumon) 7:30 The Unforgettable — Raj Kapoor's Film Songs 8:00 Bajaj Ki Lehren 8:30 Cine Prime Hindi Film: The Showman Raj Kapoor's — Awaraz (Raj Kapoor, Nargis) 12:30 CID 1:00 Missing 1:30 Aahat 2:00 Bhanwar 2:30 Aadaab Arz Hai 3:30 Cine Nite: Film: Shama

ZEE TV

6:00 Yeadon Ki Pal (B/W Songs) 6:30 Zee News & Business 7:00 Bhakti Songs 7:30 Jagran 8:00 Guldasta 8:30 Disney Hour (Cartoon) 9:30 Knock Knock Kaun Hai 10:00 Shapath #131 (*Kiron Kumar, Nikita Shah, Homi Wadia) 10:30 Ek Nazar 11:00 Eno Chalo Cinema 11:30 TVS Saregama 12:30 Nestle Jhatpat Kazana 1:00 Jeena Iska Naam Hai 1:30 Hip Hip Hurray 2:30 2:00 Hum Paanch 3:30 Daayre #1 3:00 Khushoorat 3:30 Cinema Hits-Hindi Film: Hathiyar (*Sanjay Dutt, Rishi Kapoor, Sangeeta Bishnoi, Dimple Kapadia) 6:30 Ek Nazar (Trailer) 7:00 Disney Hour (Cartoon) 8:00 Mr. Gayab (*Jay Sengupta) 8:25 Colgate Top Ten (Weekly Top Ten Chart) 9:30 Satish Shah 9:00 Basera #5 (*Papita Sengupta, Kanchan, Rohit Kumar, Rohit Segal) 9:30 Gudgudde #51 10:00 Saturday Suspense



Baywatch

on Star World at 10 pm

In *White Thunder At Glacier Bay Pt 1* — When the ship docks in Ketchikan, Mitch and Cody prepare for a day of Salmon fishing while Hobie and Leslie plan an outing in town. As Hobie and Leslie are departing the ship, Leslie spots Gavin at the gangplank anxiously scanning the crowd as they leave the ship. She quickly offers to stay onboard while Gavin searches for her off the ship. Fortunately for Leslie, Gavin has met Donna, who he mistakes for Leslie because of her long blonde hair. Donna on the other hand, believes she has found her millionaire dream man. Mitch and Cody are enjoying their day of Salmon fishing, when a ferocious grizzly bear attacks Neely and forces them to make a daring rescue in the ice cold lake.



Star Bestseller 'Uncha Kaun' on Star Plus at 10 pm



Xena: Warrior Princess

on Star World at 11 pm

In *The Giant Killer* — While visiting the giant Goliath, an old friend who has been working as a guard for the Philistine leader Dagon (Calvin Tuteau), Xena watches as a group of Israelites are arrested for hunting game in the Philistine forests. Convinced that Dagon is trying to enslave the half-starved prisoners and their people, she turns to Goliath for help in freeing them. Goliath, however, can think of nothing but revenge against a rival giant named Gareth (Jim Ngaata) for his family's murder. His work for Dagon pays well and he refuses to give up the money, which will enable him to track down his enemy.

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DD INT'L

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

CARTOON NETWORK

5:30 World Famous Toons 6:30 Jatoons 7:00 Flintstones 7:30 The Popeye Show 8:00 Scooby & Scrappy D 8:30 Scooby All Star Laff-a-

perities 10:00 Intimate Escapes 10:30 Lost Civilizations 11:30 The New Explorers 12:30 Oceans of Mystery U-518 1:00 Oceans of Mystery 2:00 Two Worlds 2:30 Ultimate Guide 3:30 Untamed Africa 4:30 Beyond 2000 Episode 12 5:00 Discovery News Episode 7/16/99 5:30 Science Frontiers Episode 1 6:30 Born Among Wild Animals 7:00 Jaws & Claws 7:30 Extreme Machines 8:30 Challenge 9:00 Challenge 9:30 Ultrascience 10:00 Next Step Episode 94 10:30 Wings Episode 3 11:30 Danger Zone 12:00 ESPU

ZEE CINEMA

8:15 Alakh Niranjan (*N. Y. Rama Rao) 11:15 Movie Fare 11:30 Guru Aur Chela (*Shaikh Mukhtiyar, Jr. Mehmood) 2:30 Madhyantar 2:45 Ghari Durrant Cine Magic 3:15 Kiteab (*Uttam Kumar, Vidya Sinha) (Tribute To Uttam Kumar) 6:15 Top Notch 6:30 Time Time 6:45 Alma Lio 7:00 Choice 7:15 Aakhir Kyon (*Rajesh Khanna, Rakesh Roshan, Smita Paul) 10:30 Baagi (*Salman Khan, Nagma) 1:45 Top Of The Tops 2:15 Prahaar

ESPN TV

9:00 Sbk World Superbikes Championship H/Ls 10:00 LPGA Golf Gian Eagle LPGA Classic 11:30 Tour De France 1999 12:00 Cricket World Cup Highlights/Spacials 1:00 ECB International Cricket 1999 Cornhill Insurance Test Series New Zealand vs. England 2:00 Senior British Open 4:00 WNBA Action 4:30 Tour De France 1999 5:00 Pool 1999 World Pool Championships-Session 2 Jip 7:00 Pool 1999 World Pool Championships-Session LIVE 10:30 LPGA Golf Gian Eagle LPGA Classic 12:00 Pool 1999 World Pool Championships-Session 2 LIVE

Star Sport

8:00 Cricket Magazine Stumped 8:30 Cricket World Cup Highlights/Specials West Indies vs. England 9:30 World Wrestling Federation Raw 10:00 International Dances Sport Federation IDSF Standard Invitational 11:30 Inside Cricket: 1st Session 12:00 ECB International Cricket 1999 Cornhill Insurance Test Series New Zealand vs. England 1:00 NBA Inside Stuff 1:30 Bledisloe Cup Australia vs. New Zealand LIVE 3:30 Olympic Magazine 3:50 ECB International Cricket 1999 Cornhill Insurance Test Series New Zealand vs. England LIVE 11:00 Asia Sports Show 1:30 Futbol Mundial 2:00 Asian Basketball 2:30 PIM Asian Road Racing C'ship

CHANNEL [V]

8:30 Rewind VJ Sophiya 9:30 V News Bulletin 10:00 Turn On TV 11:30 Turn On TV 12:30 Rewind Special 1:30 Hot Seat 2:00 [V] Mainstage 3:00 Turn On TV 4:00 The Drum 5:00 Billboard US Countdown 6:00 Speak Easy 6:30 Turn On TV 7:00 Lunch Pad 7:30 Top of the Pops 8:00 The Juice 8:30 Over the Edge 9:00 The Ticket 9:30 Shoppies' Choice 10:00 House of Noise 10:30 Story Teller 11:00 Potli Baba 11:30 The Great Escape 12:00 Living on the Edge 12:30 A Taste of India 1:00 Hit Ya Fit 1:30 Tanha 2:30 Bakemans Ooh La La 3:30 Tea Time Cinema: 'Udhan Katola' (Dilip

STAR PLUS

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