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Food for the Soul Indeed

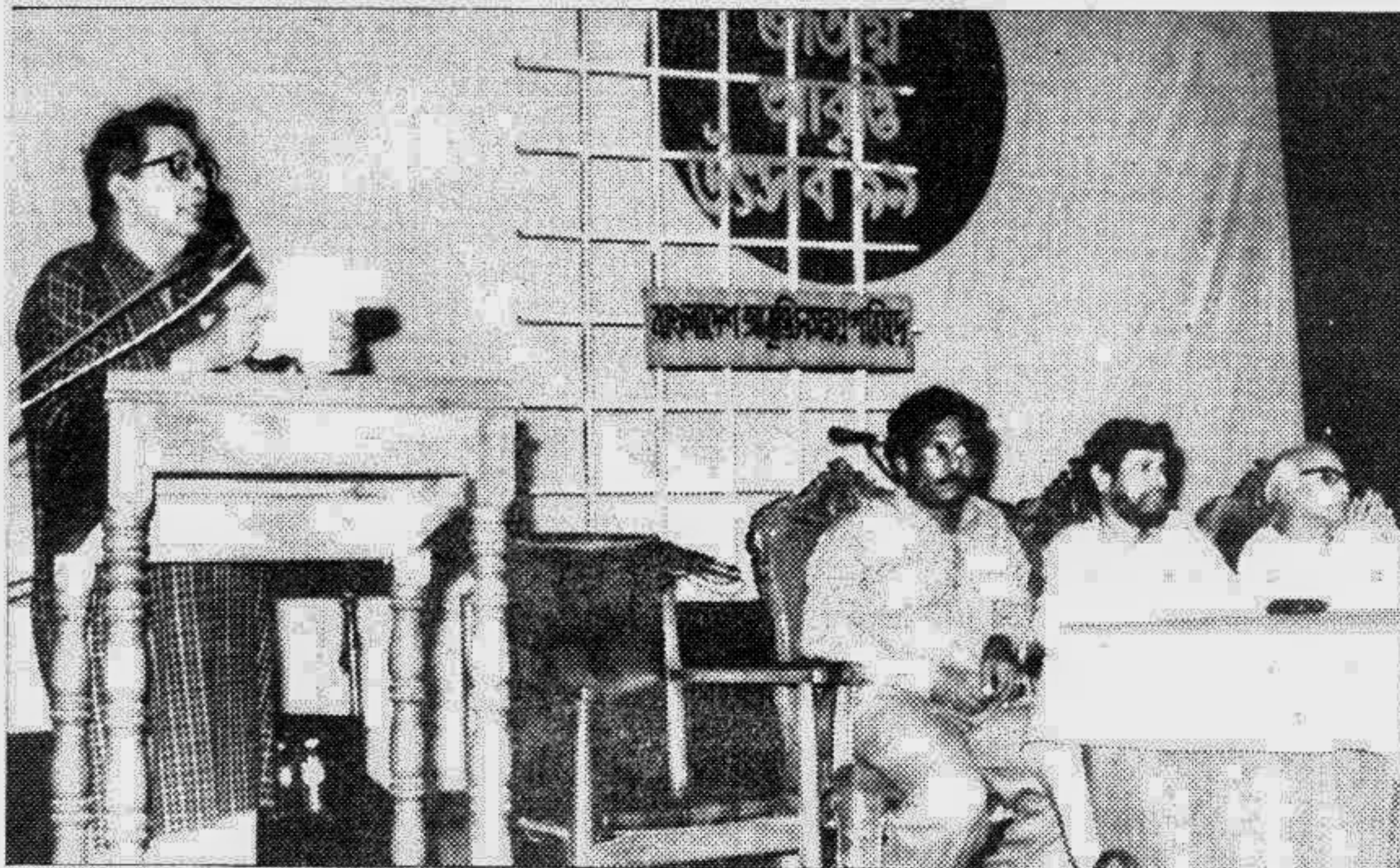
5th National Recitation Festival Begins

by Shahana Parveen

THEY say that music and poetry is the food for the soul. This is evidently true and as the city has luckily started on an extravaganza of poetry for four nights.



The fifth National Recitation festival began at the Shaukat Osman Auditorium of Central Public Library on Thursday. It is a four day festival organised by the Bangladesh Abritti Samannoy Parishad. The festival was formally inaugurated by noted journalist, musician and poet, played by recitation in our social life and various national struggles.



Noted actor Golam Mustafa recites Bidrohi by national poet Kazi Nazrul Islam at the inaugural session, on July 29, of the 4-day National Recitation Festival at Public Library in city.

The organisers said that they had a few demands and luckily for them, these had all been fulfilled. Noted recitation artist Shimul Mustafa reiterated the demand for separate auditioning and gradation list in the Radio and Television for recitation artists. BTV's Director General Sahabuddin Zaki, who was a special guest at the programme in his speech

promised to take steps to do so. Furthermore, he even suggested that the Abritti Samannoy Parishad prepare a gradation list and send it to the BTV authorities and BTV will accept that list.

The chief guest, Obaidul Quader, Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs, announced a grant of Tk 30,000 to the parishad and said in fu-

ture, really good reciting groups (as recognised by the Abritti Samannoy Parishad) would be able to rent halls at half the actual charges). Among others who spoke at the inauguration programme were Hasan Arif, Golam Qudus and Asaduzzaman Noor, the General Secretary of Abritti Samannoy Parishad.

Renowned actor Golam

Mustafa recited Kazi Nazrul Islam's 'Bolo Bir-Bolo Unnata Momo Sheer'

The first day's programme included groupas well as solo recitations. Asaduzzaman Noor enchanted the audience with his of Rabindranath Tagore's 'Jharer Kheya'. So did Jharna Sarker when she presented Shamsur Rahman's 'Tomake Pavar Jonney hey Shandhinota'.

Among the group recitations, the Bodhon Abritti Parishad from Chittagong did a presentation entirely by children. It was titled 'Banijieto Jabo Ami'. This excellent production deserves high commendations. Although each and every child was excellent, the little girl on the extreme right (who among other roles, played the Golden Parrot) stole the show with her delightful recitation. 'Brishti Porey Tapur Tupur' by the Abritti Angon was another piece presented at the show that

This four day festival has attracted poetry and recitation lovers as is evident from their 'sold-out' counters (all tickets for the four days of programme have already been sold out). The will run till tomorrow. With the monsoons in full swing, the rainy evenings literally watering the hungry poetic souls, the festival will provide entertainment for veteran recitation lovers as well as novices.

drama

'Rupkatha' - Fact in Fable

Battikrom theatre group's latest production received well



by Nafid Imran Ahmed

CORRUPTION and politics are now synonymous. Political corruption or corruption of politics do not get much attention as subject matter creative writing. Theater group 'Battikrom's' thirty-third presentation, a new drama 'Rupkatha' features the facts of political warfare. 'Rupkatha' was staged at the Guide House auditorium on July 29. Written and directed by actor Syed Mahidul Islam 'Rupkatha', meaning fable, is a story of reality and aspiration.

Political power is no doubt a matter most hankered after. Fight for power always centres around the ruling party and the opposition. But what benefit

does it bring for the country and the citizens, who can tell.

'Rupkatha' features this political game and what really happens inside. Monna Bhai played by Sayed Mahidul Islam himself is a political leader for the Government party becomes a Minister. The drama starts with the death of two men and the political parties fight with each other for the dead bodies. To get their job done people pay inducement. In one of the sequence a man comes to Monna Bhai to get his job done. Monna Bhai agrees in exchange for some 'under table' money. The man asks his secretary (played by Saymon Gomes) about the sum. He claims five lakhs for Monna Bhai and another two lakhs for the rest of the office staff. Bargaining with the secretary, the bribe was fixed for a total sum of six lakhs. Monna Bhai while talking to his wife (played by Kushi) decides that they will pay for their son's wedding with the five lakhs he has earned. His wife wants to go to Singapore for shopping. Ponta (played by Nafid Ahmed) is the opposition party leader. He hates Monna Bhai who is actually related to him. In his party office he tells everyone about the black money earned by Monna Bhai. In one of the

scenes during an interview with a journalist, Monna tells him that all that their leaders want is power. Talking about the development of the country and people all we want is change of seats. One who can sing songs for the country and gets his pocket filled secretly is considered an 'intellectual' today. Before the journalist leaves Monna Bhai however forbids him to publish all this. Ponta decides to call 'hartal' to protest on price hike on Thursday or Sunday so that he will get the public support for the holidays that fall within the call.

Fairy tales originate in people's imagination. But imagination comes from experience. 'Rupkatha's' Monna Bhai and Ponta are really not figments of our imagination. They are characters who come across in our daily life. It is, however, easy to imagine what will happen to these characters in the course of their lives.

The writer Syed Mahidul Islam in his drama tries to imagine what happens in the lives of such people who are fighting for and against corruption in all aspects of our life. 'Rupkatha' is thus not really a fairy tale but a story of everyday life.

TV Guide

Saturday 31st 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 #8/16 Thailand & 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 #3/10 11:00 World News 11:30 Europe Direct 12:00 World News 12:30 World Living: Face To Face India Talk (Presenter: Kanjan Thapar) 1:00 BBC News 1:10 Vanishing Peace: The Aftermath Of Oslo #2/2- Seeds Of War 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Focus: Correspondent 3:00 World News Headlines 3:05 World Weekend: 20:20 Profiles of Century-Mother Teresa 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: After One Small Step- Story Of Walked On Moon 7:00 BBC World News 7:30 Wild World: The Living Planet #13/24 8:00 BBC World News Headlines 8:05 World Weekend: Watergate #4/5- Massacre 9:05 World Weekend: 20:20 Profiles of Century-Mother Teresa 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 #2/2- Seeds Of War 1:00 World News Headlines 1:05 World Weekend: After One Small Step- Story Of Walked On Moon 2:00 BBC World News 2:30 World Focus: Top Gear: The Air Show #7 3:00 BBC World News 3:05 World Weekend: Watergate #4/5- Massacre 4:00 BBC News 4:30 HARD talk

11:00 Potli Baba Ki 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: "Angarey" (Sanjeev Kumar, Raakhee) 6:00 Sarfarosh 6:15 Terrorist



Kinetic Mega Show on Star Plus at 6:30 pm

6:30 Kinetic Mega Show 7:00 Hit Ya Fit 7:30 Sap-tah Ki Baat 8:30 Living on the Edge 9:00 Ek Mulaqat 9:30 Star News 10:00 Star Bestsellers 11:00 Century 12:00 Shrimati Sharma Na Kehi Thi 12:30 Chef! 1:00 Brittas Empire 1:30 Movie: Young Mr Pitt 3:30 Space Island One 4:30 Class Act 5:30 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 2:00 The New Professionals Back to Business 3:00 The Adven-



Hercules: The Legendary Journeys

on Star World at 12 midnight
In 'Mummy Dearest' - Hercules (Kevin Sorbo) must recover a stolen mummy (Mark Newman) before it begins murdering innocent people to increase its power.

CHANNEL [V]

7:30 Channel [V] HitMachine 8:30 Channel [V] HitMachine 10:00 Line Lagoo 10:30 Virtual [V] 11:00 Channel [V] HitMachine 11:30 [V] On Campus 12:00 [V] Careers 12:30 [V] Style Police 1:00 Gone India 1:30 Channel [V] HitMachine 2:30 [V] Mainstage 3:30 Channel [V] HitMachine 4:00 [V] Patli Galli 4:30 [V] The Ticket 5:00 Channel [V] HitMachine 6:00 [V] Saturday Special 6:30 Channel [V] HitMachine 7:00 [V] News 7:30 Channel [V] HitMachine 8:00 Top of the Pops 8:30 Billboard US Countdown 9:30 [V] Launch Pad 10:00 Channel [V] HitMachine 10:30 [V] Whatatnoise 11:00 Channel [V] HitMachine 11:30 [V] Saturday Special 1:00 Channel [V] HitMachine

STAR PLUS

6:30 Nainad 7:30 Good Morning India 9:30 Travel Asia 10:00 Bak the Cat 10:30 Story Teller

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 Sunheri Yeadon 7:00 English News 7:20 PTV Music Library 7:30 Virsa Pakistan 7:55 Ghazal Uss Naye Saaree 8:25 Den-tonic-World of Sports 8:45 Drama 9:00 Break for Headlines News 10:00 Khabrain & Commercial News 10:45 Drama: Laaj 11:45 Do Sitaree 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

STAR MOVIES

8:30 Comedy: Money For Nothing 15 1:0:0 Comedy: Father of the Bride 12:00 E/C/P Harrison Ford 12:30 11:4 SSCI-FI Aliens 15:23 Star Kids Club: The Paper Brigade 12 4:30 E/C/P Kevin Bacon 5:30 Wild West: One Silvers 7:00 Great Movies: Cocktail 9:30 Movie Television 10:00 Thrillennium: The Star Chamber 1983 12:30 Night Night: The Relic 15:23 Thriller: Flash Frame 15 4:00 Family: The Paper Brigade 12:30 Comedy: Cocktail

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 House-full 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 6:30 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 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



Thrillennium
The Star Chamber

on Star Movies at 10 pm
Starring Michael Douglas, Hal Holbrook, Sharon Gless and Yaphet Kotto
A provocative thriller which probes the question of what happens when a model group of Superior Court judges lose faith in the constitutional by laws which they have sworn to uphold.

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 Sabera 8:15 Khoj Khabar 8:45 The News 9:00 Suba Sabera 9:30 Series- Khoj Khabar 10:00 UGC Programmes 10:30 Serial: Naye Subha 11:00 Serial: Lakin Woh Sachch Tha 12:00 Shaktiman (Animated Series) 1:00 Regional Film Show 3:30 Sports World 4:30 Sunhera Pal 6:00 Heads & Tales 6:30 Series: Turn-



Xena: Warrior Princess

on Star World at 11 pm
In 'Girls Just Wanna Have Fun' - Xena (Lucy Lawless) and Gabrielle (Rene O'Connor) join forces with Joxer (Ted Raimi) and Orpheus (Matthew Chamberlain) to defeat the evil god Bacchus (Anthony Ray Parker), who is transforming innocent girls into deadly monsters.

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 Jatra Pala 8:30 Durin 9:00 Serial: Katha 9:25 Serial: Sukh Duksha/Surjashan 10:00 Khas Khabar 10:10 Drama: Siddhanta 10:30 News & Bengali Sambad & Closed

SONY TV

7:30 Aatma 8:00 Rishiprashad 8:30 Chartbusters (Trailer Show) 9:00 Movers & Shekhsers 9:30 Music Mantra (Trailer Show) 10:00 Star Year Kalakar 11:00 Heena #32 ('Simone Singh, Rahul Bhatt, Rakhi Bhijjan) 11:30 Choti Si Asha #21 ('Churni, Sandhya Mredul) 12:00 Movers & Shekhsers 1:2:3:0 Chartbusters (Trailer Show) 1:00 Dekh Bhai Dekh 1:30 Music Mantra (Trailer Show) 2:00 Hum Sab Ek Hai #53 (Serial) 2:30 Dil Vil Payar Var #6 3:00 Family No.1 #40 3:30 The Good Home Show 4:00 Cine Matinee-Hindi Feature Film: Khariadar 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 BARASAAT ('Raj Kapoor, Nargis) 12:30 CID #Ep- The Stolen Dynamite Pt-2 1:00 Missing #6 1:30 Aahat 2:00 Bhanwar 2:30 Chartbusters (Trailer Show) 3:00 The Poppadum Show 3:30 Cine Nite-Film: Anokhi Ada

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 Isika Naam Hai 1:30 Hip Hip Hurry #40 2:00 Hum Paanch 2:30 Daayre #2 3:00 Khubsoorat 3:30 Cinema Hits-Hindi Film: Sabse Bada Rupaiya 6:30 Ek Nazar (Trailer) 7:00 Disney Hour (Cartoon) 8:00 Mr. Gayab ('Jay Sengupta 8:25 Colget-Sop Ten (Weekly Top Ten Chart VJ Satish Shah) 9:00 Basera #6 ('Papia Sengupta, Kanchan, Rohit Kumar, Rohit Segal) 9:30 Guldasta #52 10:00 Saturday Suspense-Music Killer 11:00 Nagian #6 ('Seema Kapoor, Ronit Roy, Ajinka Deo, Sonam, Prithvi) 11:30 Ashiqui 12:00 Close-Up: Antakshari (Anchore-Anu Kapoor & Pallavi Joshi) 12:30 Serial: X

-Zone 1:30 Chota Muih Aur Bari Baat 2:00 Zee News 2:30 ZEE Arabia: India's Most Wanted 3:00 Hindi Feature Film(B/W)

DD METRO

7:00 Health Tips 7:15 Bhakti Sagar 8:00 Phul-



Star Bestsellers: Tripti on Star Plus at 10 pm

wari Bachchoon Ki 8:30 The First Edition 9:00 Serial: Apne Apne Suryamukhi 9:30 Top Job 10:00 A Few Ruppes More 10:30 Telefilm 12:00 Telebrands 12:30 1:00 HT Ones 1:30 Serial: Rishte 2:00 Serial: Aur Pal Do Pal 2:30 Hindi

man 11:00 Milli Sur Mera Tumhara 12:00 Special

AXN ACTION TV

8:00 Extremists 8:30 Very Radical 9:00 Free Ride 9:30 Knights Warrior 10:30 Police Rescue 11:30 VIP 12:30 Superstars of Ac-



Baywatch

on Star World at 10pm

In 'White Thunder At Glacier Bay Pt 2' - Narrowly escaping Gaving for the moment, Hobie and Leslie take off, paragliding over the Alaskan mountaintops. Gavin is soon right behind them, brandishing a gun. With a confused Hobie following, Leslie lands her glider and takes off running. Gavin is in hot pursuit, eventually forcing them into an ice cavern from which they cannot escape.

Neely tells Mitch that she couldn't go through with reuniting with her ex-husband when she is actually in love with someone else. Mitch asks who she is in love with, and she replies with a tender kiss. The long-standing affection they've held for one another is finally revealed. A now self-assured Mitch offers his life-long love to Neely by presenting her an engagement ring. Overwhelmed with joy, she happily accepts his proposal and they married in an elegant ceremony aboard the ship.

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 Masaal (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.)

CARTOON NETWORK

5:30 World Famous Toons 6:30 Jatsons 7:00 Flintstones 7:30 The Popeye Show 8:00 Scooby & Scrappy D 8:30 Scooby All Star Laff-lympics 9:00 Youghi's Treasure Hunt 10:00 Young Robin Hood 10:30 The Detective Squad 11:30 Dynomutt 12:00 Tom & Jerry Show 12:30 Bugs & Daffy 1:30 Ad-dams Family 2:00 Dumb & Dumber 2:30 The Real Adventure of Johnny 3:00 Goober & The Ghost Chasers 3:30 Casper and the Angles 4:00 Goldie Gold and Action Jack 4:30 The Detective Squad 5:30 Dexter's Laboratory 6:00 Tom & Jerry Kids 6:30 Bugs & Daffy Show 7:30 Johnny Bravo 8:00 The Stupid Dog 8:30 Scooby Doo: Where Are You 9:00 The Popeye Show

DISCOVERY CHANNEL

12:30 Ultimate Guide 1:30 Seatalk Episode 4 2:00 Without Warning 2:30 Lost Civilizations 3:30 The New Explorers 4:30 Next Step Episode 92 5:00 Ultrascience 5:30 Beyond 2000 Episode 240 6:00 Splat! Episode 1 6:30 Ushuaia Episode 101 7:30 Go For It! 8:30 Travelers 9:30 Supercities 10:00 Intimate Escapes 10:30 Lost Civilizations 11:30 The New Explorers 12:30 Oceans of Mystery 1:00 Oceans of Mystery Episode 8 1:30 Eyewitness 2:00 Two Worlds 2:30 Ultimate Guide 3:30 Untamed Africa 4:30 Beyond 2000 Episode 13 5:00 Discovery News Episode 7/23/99 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 95 10:30 Wings Episode 4 11:30 Danger Zone 12:00 ESPU

ZEE CINEMA

8:15 Film Show: 11:15 Movie Fare 11:30 Film Show: 2:45 Madhyantar 2:45 Ghar Detergent Cine Magic 3:15 Film Show: 6:15 Top Nopht 6:30 Tune Time 6:45 Alma Lio Its My Choice 7:15 Film Show: 10:30 Film Show: 1:45 Top Of The Tops 2:15 Film Show: