

music

The Legend Lives

Legendary pop group Boney M to perform in Bangladesh

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GRAT news awaits for the Boney M fans. This legendary pop group is about to perform for the first time in Bangladesh on January 4, 2001 at 3:00p.m. at Army Stadium premises.

According to the organisers,

Belgium, he created Boney M to support the song, bringing in four West Indian vocalists who had been working as session singers in Germany - Marcia Barrett, Liz Mitchell, Maizie Williams and Bobby Farrell.

If we look back and see how the whole Boney M story started, we see in December 1974 Frank Farian spend six weeks in

by Liz Mitchell. Line-Up now: Marcia Barrett, Liz Mitchell, Maizie Williams and Bobby Farrell.

When "Baby Do You Wanna Bump" was released in 1975, it seemed nobody thought the tracks of this formation's success would run into the 90's. Without a doubt it was the voice of Liz Mitchell that carried most of the songs.

Liz was born on Jamaica and came to Germany in the end of the 60's. Here she played in 1969 in the Berlin Version of "Hair". In the beginning of the 70's she joined the Les Humphries Singers from the start (1970-73), and with Malcolm Magaron, another member of that group, she did Malcolm Locks. From her friend Marcia Barrett, who lived in Hamburg, came the suggestion to join together a group that was founded by Frank Farian - Boney M.

The producer Frank Farian later said that all members of the group would be replaceable without hurting the Group - but not Liz.



after a long lapse of time the rejuvenated Boney M has started performing recently. And this is one of the main reasons behind bringing the band to Bangladesh. They are also planning to stage another Bangladeshi band along with them. The tickets will be available after December 16 at various places at Tk. 500 each.

Although they never had much success in America, the Euro-Disco group Boney M was a European phenomenon during the 70s. After German record producer Frank Farian recorded the single "Baby Do You Wanna Bump" in 1974/75, which was very successful in Holland and

Europa-Sound Studio in Offenbach, Bieber. Recording: "Baby Do You Wanna Bump" under pseudonym "Boney M" (Boney: Hero of an Australian TV-Series). At first only Discotheque Success, weekly sales about 500 Records. By the end of 1975 Dutch TV and discos wanted live-appearances of Boney M. Farian and the Artist-Agent Katja Wolf find four coloured girls and one man. Aboriginal Boney M: Maizie Williams, Sheila Bonnick, a girl named Nathalie and the African Mike. This aboriginal line-up did only Dance- and press appearances. Later Claudia Barry joined the group, but she was replaced



Boney M in Germany and a Top-10-Hit in December 1976 in the 1984 on Eye Dance. In May 1977, "Ma Baker" just



topped the U.K. charts. In September 1978, "Rasputin" became another U.K. Top Ten hit, followed by the seasonal chart-topper "Mary's Boy Child" / "Oh

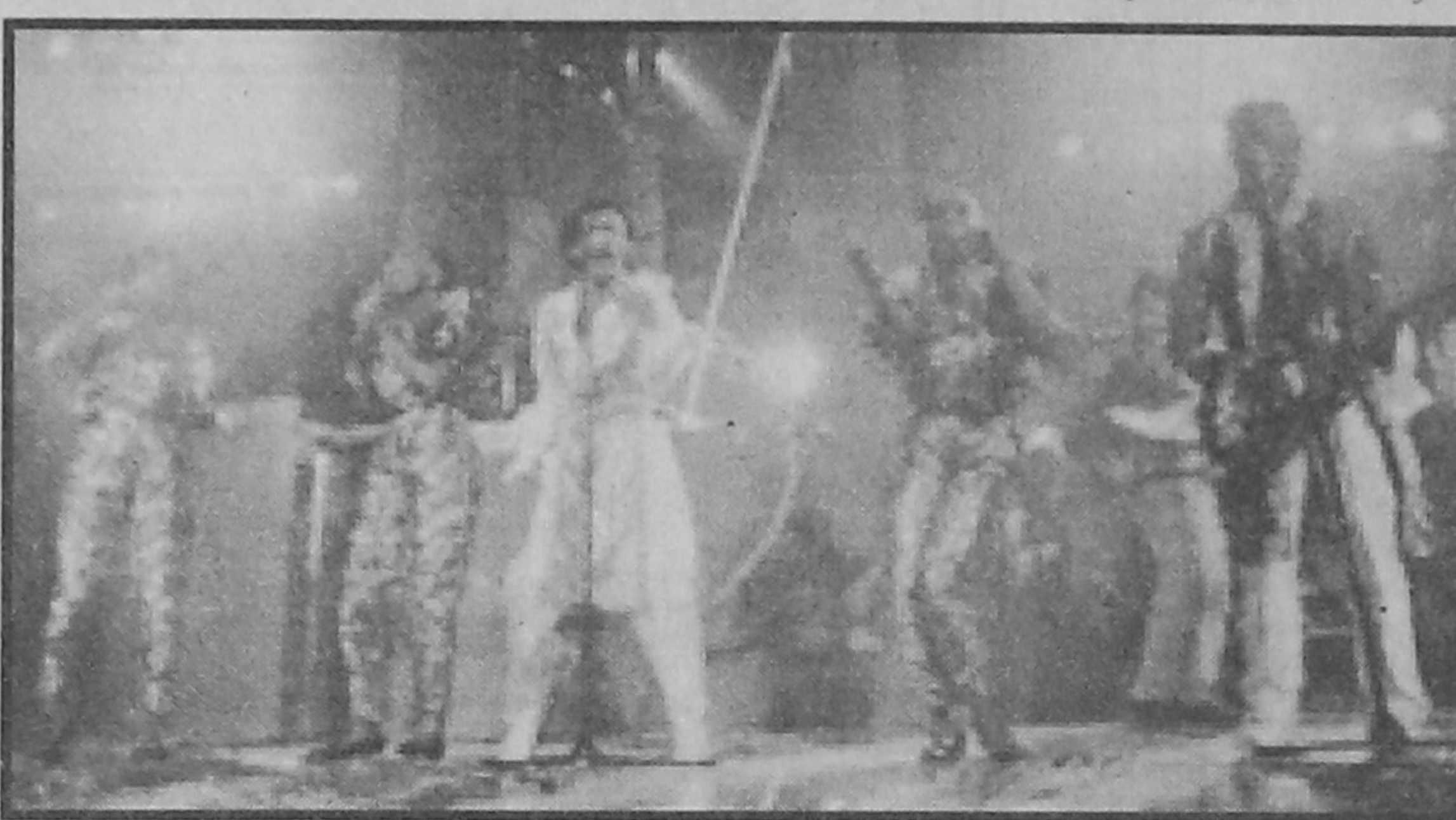
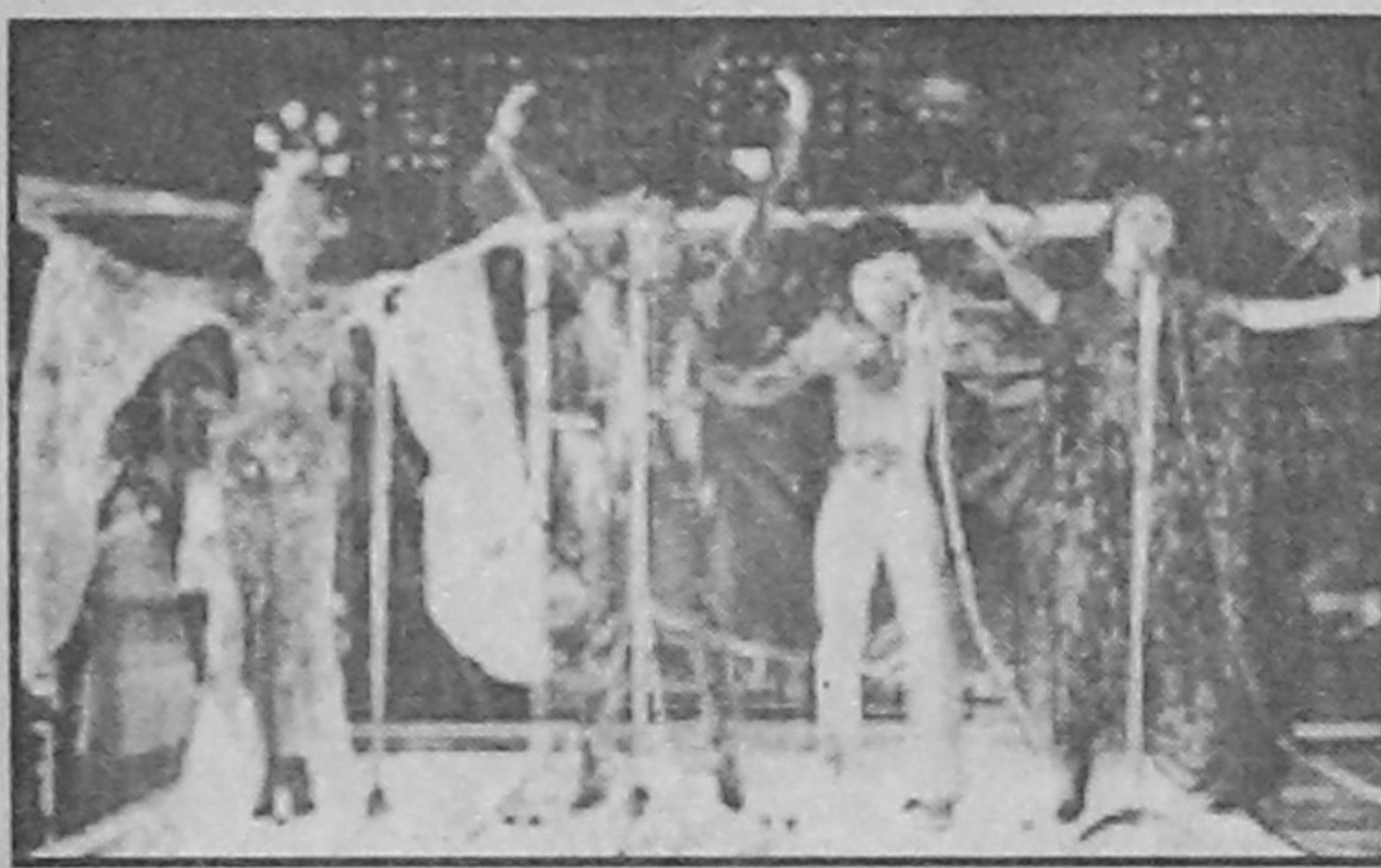
"My Lord", which became the fifth-biggest selling single in U.K. history. In March 1979, "Painter Man" hit the U.K. Top Ten, followed in

April by "Hooray! Hooray! It's a Holiday". In September, the album "Oceans of Fantasy" hit number one.

Making a balance-sheet after 10 years, Frank Farian counted 18 Platinum- and 15 Gold-LPs, more than 200 Gold- and Platinum

Singles and about 150 Million sold units all over the world. Whose voices could be heard besides that of Liz will be remaining Farian's little secret. By the end of the 80's Farian put out a new edition of Boney M onto the Market.

So far the history of legendary group shows many ups and downs and also a lot of change in members of the band. Their music is pure and unforgettable. The new Boney M is about to perform in Bangladesh for the first time and lets hope they provide the pop and disco loving community of the country with a memorable performance.



Boney M's first appearance in Germany was a performance of the song "Daddy Cool" in the then important and famous TV-Show "Musikladen" in 1976. After that TV-show appearance the sales of the single were about 100,000 singles each week!

From then on the album (Take The Heat Off Me) did well, too. In July 1976 with "Daddy Cool" came the first Number 1 for

UK. The same year in Germany the follow-up to Daddy Cool was a remake of Bobby Hebb's "Sunny", which hit Number One in December 1976. In the UK it hit Number one in March 1977.

The Original Group Lineup was Marcia Barrett, Liz Mitchell, Maizie Williams and Bobby Farrell. In 1982 Bobby Farrell was replaced by Reggie Tsiboe. But Bobby rejoined the group in

missed the U.K. number one spot, and "Belfast" hit the Top Ten in October. In 1978, Boney M was at the height of its popularity with "Rivers of Babylon" / "Brown Girl in the Ring", which became the second-biggest selling single in U.K. chart

history. "Rivers of Babylon" also was Boney M's only U.S. Top 40 hit. Boney M's album "Nightflight To Venus" also



Recommendations



Exhibition

A photography exhibition on the war victims of 1971 titled War Veterans of Bangladesh is being held at the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, at road # 27, Dhanmondi. This show, held as part of the 1st Festival of Photography in Asia, will run till December 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00p.m. every day.

Painting

Exhibition

Painting exhibition by Nurul Amin now being held at the Divine Art Gallery at 11:00a.m.

Eminent art critic Sayeed Ahmed inaugurated the exhibition as chief guest, while artist Professor Abdus Sakoor was present as special guest.

The exhibition will remain open everyday from 10:00a.m. to 8:00p.m. till December 18.

Exhibition on Liberation

On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Liberation War, the Liberation War Museum has put up a month long exhibition titled Gourobnay Atmadan Chiro-Jagoruk.

The remains found in the killing fields of Jalladkhana and Nuri Masjid and some photographs are being exhibited.



Drawing and Sketch Show

A selection of drawing and sketches done in charcoal, pastel, watercolour and acrylic by gifted artist Kuhu will be put on display at the residence of Mrs. Chowdhury at Road 9, House 4, Gulshan-1. The two-day show begins on December 16 and will continue until December 17 from 2 to 8 p.m.

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Milk Money on HBO

at 10:00p.m.

A young twelve-year old Frank Wheeler of puberty, decides to go to big city to find out what women are about. He and his friends are rescued by a beautiful and streetwise woman after being robbed. Frank immediately sees past her tough veneer and wants her to marry his widowed father (Ed Harris) and become his stepmother.

Starring: Melanie Griffith, Ed Harris.

Arghya 12:30 Bharat Bhromon 1:00 Andolan 1:30 Feature Film 4:00 Cine News 4:30 Griha Sajja 5:00 Bhalobasa Mondobasa

HBO

7:00 Trapped 9:00 US Marshals 11:45 Christmas On Division Street 1:45 Singles 3:45 going Under 5:30 Honkytonk Man 8:00 If Looks Could Kill 10:00 Milk Money 12:15 A Few Good Men 3:00 Singles 5:00 If Looks Could Kill

STAR GOLD

8:00 Bollywood News 9:00 Anken 12:00 Geet Bahar 12:30 Baharen Phir Bhi Aayengi 3:00 Bollywood News 4:00 Hotel 7:00 Geet Bahar 7:30 Shaandaar Shukrawaar-Ghar 10:30 Bollywood News 11:00 Champakali (Contd) 2:00 Geet

EKUSHEY TV

2:00 Ekushey News Headlines 2:05 Ajker Potrikay 2:15 Meizan Roshonar Bashona 2:40 Bangla Movie: Hangor Nodi Grenade 5:00 Religious Musical Program 5:30 E Shoptaher Bishsho 6:00 Ekushey News Headlines 6:05 The Big Fight 6:30 Gillette World Sports Special 7:00 Pepsodent Braincheck 7:30 Ekushey News 8:00 Shofol Jara Kemon Tara 8:30 Virgin Takdam Takdam 9:00 Shukrobarer Natok: Amartir Gaan 10:00 BTV News 10:20 Chirontonee 11:00

Mindy 2:30 Happy Days 3:00 Baywatch 4:00 Hollywood Squares 4:30 Home Improvement 5:00 Star News Asia 5:30 Friends 6:00 World Championship Wrestling Worldwide 7:00 French and Saunders 11:00 Goodness Gracious Me 11:30 Blackadder Goes Forth 12:00 3rd Rock from the Sun 12:30 French and Saunders 1:00 Murder Call 2:00 Goodness Gracious Me 2:30 Blackadder

Ya Fit 5:30 Chupa

12:00 Geet Bahar 12:30 Mr & Mrs 55 (Gurudutt), Barkha Bahar



Omaratir Gaan on Ekushey TV at 9 tonight.

7:30 Hello Cinema 8:00 Tu Tu Main Main 8:30 Kalash 9:00 Star Superhits: Salakhain (Sunny Deol, Revaana Tandon) 12:00 Aaj Ki Baat 12:30 Hit Ya Fit 1:00 Small Wonder 1:30 Saans 2:00 Meri Saheli 2:30 Sewalal Mewawala 3:00 Tu Tu Main Main 3:30 I Love My India 4:00 Kuchha Papad Pucca Papad 4:30 Janata Ki Adalat 5:00 Siski 5:30 Kalash

STAR MOVIES

7:00 Thriller: Reprisal 9:00 Comedy: Gone Fishin 11:00 Drama: Second Best 1:30 Midday Movie: Ever After: Phenomenon 3:30 Drama: One Night Stand 5:30 Thriller: Twist Of Fate 7:30 Comedy: Down And Out In Beverly Hills 9:30 Bhaskar Ghouse Show 10:00 Friday Night All Stars: Miller's Crossing 12:15 Friday Fury: The Masters 2:15 Action: Free Fall 4:00 El This: Twist Of Fate

STAR GOLD

8:30 Bollywood News 9:00 Saathi (Rajendra Kumar, Vyjantimala)



Superhits: Payaar Mein Kabhie Kabhie on Star Plus at 9:00 p.m.

Ekushey Late Night News 11:15 Ei Shoptaho 11:30 Ekushey News Headlines

STAR WORLD

6:00 Mork & Mindy 6:30 Hollywood Squares 7:00 The New WKRP in Cincinnati 7:30 The Oprah Winfrey Show 8:00 Home Improvement 8:30 Happy Days 9:00 Walker Texas Ranger 10:00 Martial Law 11:00 The Oprah Winfrey Show 12:00 World's Wildest Police Video 1:00 Ooh La La 1:30 The Bold & the Beautiful 2:00 Mork &

Goes Forth 3:00 Morris Cerullo 3:30 Exalted World 4:00 Creflo Dollar, Changing Your World 4:30 World News 5:00 Outback Adventure

STAR PLUS

6:30 Cine Jharokha 7:00 STAR Geetmalm 7:30 Good Morning India 8:30 Cine Jharokha 9:00 Hit Ya Fit 9:30 Star Morning Show 12:30 Hit Ya Fit 1:00 TSN 1:30 Shrimati Sharma Na Kehti Thi 2:00 Meri Saheli 2:30 Saans 3:00 Hasna Mal 3:30 Small Wonder 4:00 Jubilee Plus 4:30 Cine Jharokha 5:00 Hit



The Black Adder on Star World at 7:30p.m.



World Championship Wrestling on Star World at 6:00 p.m.

6:30 Jeet Hamari (Rakesh Roshan, Ranjeeta) 10:30 Kaun Rokeya Mujhe (Chunkey Pandey, Nagma) 2:00 Main Tuli Tere Angan Ki (Nutan, Vijay Anand) 6:30 Naram Garam (Amol Palekar, Swaroop S Utpal D) 10:30 Majboor (Sunny Deol, Jaya Prada) 2:30 Kala Coat (Kapil Karzan, Meera Madhuri)

ZEEMGM

4:00 Great LA Earthquake 6:30 Murder Without Motive 9:00 Land Of Doom 11:30 Miami Blues 4:30 Love Bites 7:00 Prime Risk 9:30 Little Man Tate 11:30 The Bay Boy 1:30 Monkey Shines

AXN

6:00 Burn Up Excess/Who Dares Wins 7:00 Survivor 8:00 High Action Adrenalin/Space

Warship Yamamoto Yoko 9:00 Dual/Shadow Skills 10:00 Burn Up Excess/Who Dares Wins 11:00 Survivor 12:00 Profiler III/Las Brisas Ptl 1:00 World Extreme Games 3:00 Who Dares Wins/Space Warship Yamamoto Yoko 4:00 Dual/Shadow Skills 5:00 Burn Up Excess/Who Dares Wins 6:00 Survivor 7:00 The Net/eye-see-you.com 8:00 Movie /Love & A. 45 10:00 The Net/eye-see-you.com 11:00 Movie /Love & A. 45 1:00 Earth Final Conflict 1/Float Like a Butterfly 2:00 Big Sky II/Fade to Black 3:00 Silk Stalkings IV/When There's a Will

BBC WORLD

6:00 BBC News 6:30 World Business Report 7:00 BBC News 7:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today 9:45 Asia Business Report 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Hardtalk 11:00 BBC News 11:30 Click Online 12:00 BBC News 12:30 IT: India Tomorrow 1:30 BBC News 1:30 Hardtalk 2:00 BBC News 2:30 Panorama Cutting 3:00 BBC News 3:30 Hardtalk 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Talking Movies 5:00 BBC News 5:30 Panorama Cutting 6:00 BBC News 6:30 IT: India Tomorrow 7:00 BBC News 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 Talking Movies 8:00 BBC News 8:30 Hardtalk 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today 10:00 BBC News 10:15

World Business Report 10:30 Question Time India 11:00 Top Gear 12:35 World Business Report 12:45 World Sport 1:00 World News 1:30 Hardtalk 2:00 BBC



Goodness Gracious Me on Star World at 11:00p.m.

News 2:30 Jancis Robinson's Wine Course ex Life 3:00 BBC News 3:30 World Business Report 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Correspondent 5:00 BBC News 5:30 World Business Report/USA Direct/Asia Today

CNN

4:00 CNN This Morning 4:30 Asia Business Morning 5:00 CNN This Morning 5:30 Asia Business Morning 6:00 CNN This Morning 6:15 Asia Business Morning 6:30 Asian Edition 6:45 Asia Business Morning 7:00 CNN This Morning 7:30 Moneyline 8:00 Larry King Live 9:00 World News 9:30 World News 10:30 Showbiz Today 11:00 World News 11:30 Q&A (replay) 12:00 World News 12:30 World Report 1:00 World News 1:30 World Sport 2:00 World News 2:30 Insight 3:00 Larry King Live (replay) 4:00 World News 4:30 Biz Asia 5:00 Asia Tonight

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DISCOVERY CHANNEL

6:30 Go For It! 7:30 Ushuaia 8:30 Lonely Planet 1:30 Assignment Discovery 10:30 ESPU 11:00 Outer Bounds 11:30 Shark Files 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Medical Detectives II 2:00 Medical Detectives I 2:30 Discover Magazine 3:30 Go For It! 4:30 Ushuaia 5:30 Lonely Planet III 6:30 Bonehead Detectives of the Paleoworld 7:00 Mega Movie Magic II 7:30 Wild Discovery 8:30 Ultimate Guide 9:30 Future Tense 10:00 Skate II 10:30 India Hour: Gulistan 11:30 Discovery Profile Series 12:30 Wild Discovery 1:30 Ultimate Guide 2:30 Future Tense 3:00



French & Saunders on Star World at 7:00p.m.

World Business Today 2:00 World News 2:30 Q&A 3:00 World News Europe 3:30 CNN Newsroom

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