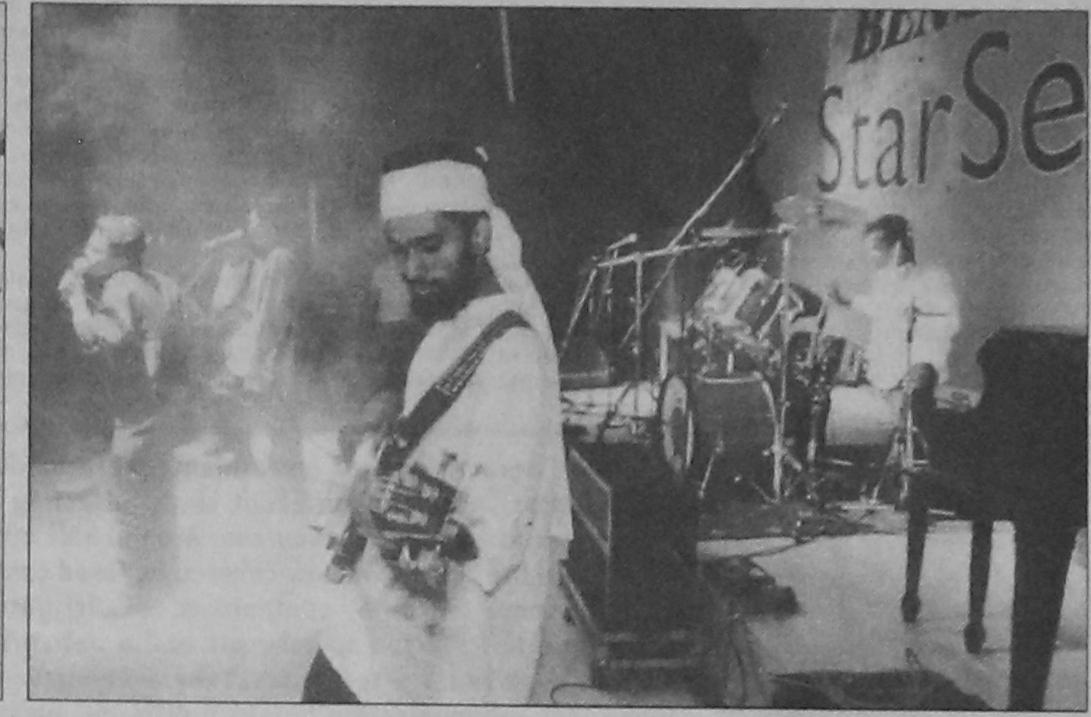
# Reviving baul music

# Benson & Hedges presents its Heart & Soul concert







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ENSON & Hedges have been in the forefront of the musical scene of the country with their continuing contribution in promoting music talents of the country. Through their different ventures in the promotion of local musicians as well as helping to organise programmes by international artists in the country, they have been one of the private organisations to earn a name as a great patron of music.

In the immediate past Benson & Hedges have organised concerts featuring international music stars, acoustic musical evenings, jam sessions with leading musical groups of the country and through their talent discovery programme Star Search, created new faces in the musical scene. Pioneers in bringing young and talented pop music bands and solo performers to the forefront, they are at present focusing on an area a little bit neglected for long in the world of music.

heritage. Bauls are traditionally mystic singers. Their songs are intricately woven into the rich and diverse cultural history of Bengal and its lifestylends agos our lauran with a local and its lifestylends agos our lauran with Though neglected for some time, there

has been a renewed interest in the sounds of these traditional songs among the new generation for sometime now. Young people have presented them to the masses again with a little bit of fusion with modern beats and sounds. Experiments on folks with modern instruments resulting in fusion sounds have been growing in popularity as alternative music.

As part of Benson and Hedge's promotion of folk music a special evening of folk songs titled Heart & Soul was arranged at the Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel on April 6. This Baul musical event was an opportunity for the music lovers of the country to take a taste of the hundreds of year-old folk songs of Bengal.

The evening started with an introduction to Baul music, its origin and history. This was followed by a soul stirring performance by Baul Shahjahan Munshi. This famous blind Baul singer started the Benson & Hedges Baul music extravaganza with Lalon and his songs. Baul music has a very rich Bengali He began with 'Je Name Shomon Jontrona, Jabere Mon E Shongsare, Murshid Bine Ki Dhon' Lalon's supernatural lyrics that have been popular for

Next Bauls Rob Fakir and Aklima Pakir



took the stage. These two singers always perform together. They are quite famous in Kushtia from where they hail and have also performed at the Bangladesh Festival in London in 1999. They perform only Lalon's songs. The magnificent sound of the Ektara and other local instruments filled the hall as they rendered the best of Baul songs starting with 'Hridkomole Bhab Darale, Ojan Khobor Apni Hoy'. A short break followed their performance.

Next came on stage Bangla, a fusion group that tries to amalgamate Bengali folk songs with western music. They started with 'Shahaj Manush'. As their female vocal Anusheh hit the microphone the whole hall room fell under the spell of her marvellous voice. Among the titles they presented were 'Ke Jash Re' and 'Namaj Amar'.

Best solo performer of Benson & Hedges Star Search 2000 Atahar Tito tool the stage next. He presented 'Tumi Je Amar Pranero Behala', 'Amon Ek Khan Ghar Banaila' and others. His music was not truly traditional in its form but a fusion of western and folk tunes.

The best band of Star Search 2000, Steeler from Chittagong took to the stage next : They performed their popular

numbers as 'Ekjon Baul Se', Paban Das Baul's 'Dil Ki Doya'. The audience sang along with the band as they performed this tremendously popular song. They concluded with a presentation of 'O Pran Preyoshi'.

The main attraction of the show was yet to come. The Baul of city Nagar Baul next on the line up. The audience went crazy as James made his much awaited appearance. Baul Rob Fakir performed with James and it was really this combination of the village Baul and the city Baul performing side by side that made the crowds go crazy with their dual music. 'Lace Fita' was the number with which James started his performance following up with 'Nagar Baul', 'Jedin Bondhu Chole Jabo', 'Mira Bai', 'Dukhini Dukko Koro Na' 'Jao Pakhi' and Banglar Lathial'. The crowds sang along with the band. The song that pulled the curtain on the Heart & Soul show was 'Jatra'. Nagar Baul prolonged the song mixing it with contributions of Rob Fakir and his Dholplayer.

It was an enchanting evening and the music of the East and the West will remain in the memories of the audience for a pretty long time

RECOMMENDATIONS



Solo exhibition

The 1st solo painting exhibition by Omar Khalid Rumi is now being held at Gallery 21. The exhibition will remain open from 10:00a.m. to 8:00p.m. everyday till April 15.



### Dress show

Shatabdi is going to hold a dress exhibition on the eve of Pahela Baisakh (1st day of Bangla new year) from April 12 to 14 at Arial Centre from 11:00 a.m. till 8:00 p.m. every day. The show will include Sari, Kamiz and Panjabi.

### Art Show

A solo exhibition of etchings by Mela Ferrer, a Spanish artist, opens on April 13 at 5:00 p.m. at Shilparag, H#15, R# 16. Dhanmondi. The show will remain open to all till April 26 from 10:00



Vergin Takdhum Takdhum on Ekushey TV at 8 p.m.

### **EKUSHEY TV**

12:00 Ekushey Midday 2:00 Classic Cartoons 2:30 E Shoptaher Bishsho 3:00 Ekushey Headlines 3:05 Bangla Film: 5:30 Gillette World Sports Special 6:00 Ekushey Headlines 6:05 The Big Fight 7:00 Mukto Khobor 7:30 Ekushey News 8:00 Virgin Takdum Takdum 9:00 Shukrobarer Drama: Ebhabei Golper Shuru 10:00 Ekushey Test Special 10:30 BTV News 11:15 Ekushey Late Night News 11:30 El Shoptaho 11:45 Ekushey Headlines

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### STAR GOLD

8:30 Bollywood News 9:00 Chaani (Rajana Deshmukh, Sushant Ray) 12:00 Geet Bahar 12:30 Hira Aur Patthar (Shashi Kapoor, Shabana) 3:30



The Simpsons on Star World at 4 p.m.

Bollywood News 4:00 Munmi (Dev Anand, Nalini Jaywant) 7:00 Geet Bahar 7:30 Shaadaar Shukrawaar Chhoti Bahen (Balaraj Sahni, Nanda, Rehman) 10:30 Bollywood News 11:00 Anjaam Khuda Jane (Naseeruddin shah, Anita Raj, Danny) 12:30 Anjaam Khuda Jane (Contd) 2:00 Geet Bahar 2:30 Chaani (Ranjana Deshmukh, Sushant Ray, Danny) 5:30 Anjaam Khuda Jane (Naseeruddin shah, Anita Raj, Danny)

### STAR WORLD

6:00 Murder Call 7:00 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 The Drew Carey Show 12:30 Whose Line Is It Anyway? 1:00 Media TV 1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful 2:00 Mork & Mindy 2:30 Happy Days 3:00 Baywatch 4:00 The Simpsons 4:30 Home Improvement 5:00 STAR News Asia 5:30 Friends 6:00 World Championship Wrestling Worldwide 6:55 STAR New Asia 7:00 Jescus Christ Superstar 9:00 Friends 9:30 STAR News 10:00 Jescus Christ Superstar 12:00 3" Rock From the Sun 12:30 French and Saunders 1:30 French and Saunders 2:00 Jescus Christ Superstar 3:00 Morris Cerullo 3:30 Exalted Word 4:00 Creflo Dollar. Changing Your World 4:30 World News 5:00 Outback Adventure 6:00 The Adventures of Sinbad

### STAR PLUS

6:00 Tu Tu Main Main 6:30 STAR Geetmala 7:30 Cine Jharokha 8:00 Hit Ya Fit 8:30 Good Morning India 9:30 Star Morning Show: Pushpanjali (Sanjay Khan, Naina Sahu) 12:30 Hit Ya Fit 1:00 TSN 1:30 Shrimati Sharma Na Kehti Thi 2:00 Meri Saheli 2:30 Jubilee Plus 3:00 Pari 3:30 Shanti 4:00 I Love My India 4:30 Cine Jharokha 5:00 Hit Ya Fit 5:30 Chhupa Rustam 6:00 Small Wonder 6:30 Fox Kids 7:30 Ek Main Aur Ek Tu 8:00 Family Fortunes 8:30 Tu Tu Main Main 9:00 Star Superhit 11:30 Aaj Ki Baat 11:45 Star Superhit 12:30 Ek Main Aur Ek Tu 1:00 Chalti Ka Naam Antakshri 2:00 Gharwali Uparwali 2:30 Chhupa Rustam 3:00 Shrimati Sharma Na Kehti Thi 3:30 Kalash 4:00 I Love My India 4:30 Janata Ki Adalat 5:00 Siski 5:30 STAR

Bestsellers

### STAR MOVIE

8:30 Drama: Song For The Season 10:15 Thriller: The Narrow Margin 12:00 Drama: Rocky Marciano 1:45 Drama: Kiss The Sky 3:30 Comedy: I'll Be Home For Christmas 5:00 Thriller: Three Days of The Condor 7:00 You-Pick-the-Flick: TBA 8:45 Thriller: Entrapment 11:00 Thriller: Deceived 1:00 Action: Aspen Extreme 3:00 Drama: Lulu On The Bridge 5:00 Drama: Coming Home

HBO 6:30 The Road Raiders 8:30 Lethal Weapon 3 11:00 Bronco Billy 1:30 The Accidental Tourist 4:00 Route 9 6:00 King Solomon's Mines 8:00 Absence Of the Good 10:00 Tales Absence of the Good 12:00 Friday the 13" 2:00 The Accidental Tourist 4:30 Absence of the Good 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/World Business Report 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Click Online 11:00 BBC News 11:30 Money Prog 12:00 BBC News 12:30 Hardtalk 1:00 BBC News 1:30 top Gear/Aqua/Extr Mach 2:00 BBC News 2:30 Life ex Panorama 3:00 BBC News 3:30 Hardtalk 4:00 BBC News 4:30 Talking Movies 5:00 BBC News 5:30 Life ex Panoram 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 Life ex Panoram 9:00 BBC News 9:30 Asia Today 10:00 BBC News 10:30 Question Time India 11:30 World Business Report 12:45 World Sport 1:00 BBC News 1:30 world Science/Phys World Predictions/Future Fant 2:00 BBC News 2:30 World Business Report 3:00 BBC News 3:30 Correspondent 4:00 BBC News 4:30 World Business Report/Asia Today 5:00 BBC

### News 5:30 Hardtalk DISCOVERY CHANNEL

6:30 Let's Dance & Eat 7:00 I Love My Music, My House and My Animal 7:30 High Adventure 8:30 Lonely Planet III 9:30 Assignment Discovery 10:30



Friday the 13th on HBO at 12 midnight Six unsuspecting camp counsellors stumble into gruesome woodland action in a horror tale that has become a classic of its kind. Camp Crystal Lake turns from a rustic playground to a creepy scene of terror as the youths are fiendishly stalked by an unseen killer. Don't miss it this one started it all. Starring: Kevin Bacon, Harry Crosby

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STAR SPORTS 8:30 Sportsline Today 9:00 Sportsline Today 9:30 Fim World Moorcycle Championship Motogp 2001 Suzuka City. Japan Highlights 11:00 Oxford & Cambridge Uni. Boat Race The Oxford/Cambridge Boat Race 2001 London, England Highlights 11:30 Watersports World 12:30 Sportsline Today 1:00 Table Tennis Ittf Pro Tour 2001

Semifinals 3:00 Yachting World yachting 2000 Highlights 3:30 National Sports Report 4:00 Judo 2001 Hyundai Millennium Judo Cup Budapest, Hungary Highlights 5:00 This Is the Pga Tour 6:00 6:30 Nba Basketball Orlando, FL USA Philadelphia 76ers @ Orlando Magic 8:00 Sportsline Tonight 8:30 Asian Football Show 9:30 Inside The Pga Tour 10:00 NBA Inside Stuff 2000/1 Nba Inside Stuff 10:30 Sportsline Tonight 11:00 Cricket Magazine India's Greatest Cricket Moments Dhaka. Bangladesh, India Pakistan '98 B'Desh Silver Jubilee 2° Odi 12:00 Sportsline Tonight 12:30 Pga Tour Golf Worldcom Classic-The Heritage Of Golf Hilton Head Island, SC USA First Round 2:30 Freestyle Sking Bumps & Jumps 00/01 California, CA USA Finals 3:00 Sportsline Tonight 4:00 Austra-

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Sportsline Tonight 5:30 World

Wide Rugby Super 12 Rugby

Croatian Open Zagreb, Croatia

### HIGHLIGHT

Joseph Pinytek Ochieno, Ugandan opposition leader, with Tim Sebastian on BBC World's Hardtalk at 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. Joseph Ochieno is said by some to be a rising star in Uganda's opposition, and a possible future leader. Yet political opposition is not a comfortable place to be in Uganda. Yoweri Museveni's administration operates a so-called "no party" democracy where opposition parties are not allowed and President Museveni himself is lauded by Western governments for having brought peace and prosperity to the country. As Joseph Ochieno tells Time Sebastian, free elections are top of his list for change in Uganda.

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# ZEE MGM

landers Round

6:30 Committed 8:30 Original Sound Track 9:00 Johnny Be Good 11:00 Hollywood Remembers 11:30 Car 54 Where Are You 1:30 Hollywood Remembers 2:00 Bat-21 4:00 Total Recall 4:30 Foreign Body 6:30 Hollywood Remembers 7:00 Committed 9:00 Hollywood Remembers 9:30 Johnny Be Good 11:30 Car 54 Where Are You 1:30 Bat-21 3:30 Original Sound Track 4:00 Foreign Body 6:00 Total Recall

ZEE ENGLISH 6:30 Benny Hill Show 7:00 Capitol 7:30 Music Zone 8:00 Late Show With David Latterman 9:00 Three's Company 9:30 Here's Lucy 10:00 Dave's World 10:30 Er 11:30 Full House 12:00 Capitol 12:30 All My Children 1:30 Dave's World 2:00 Three's Company 2:30 Friends 3:00 Suddenly Susan 3:30 Fresh Prince of Bel Air 4:00 Gregory Hines Show 4:30 Here's Lucy 5:00 Three's Company 5:30 All My Children 6:30 Suddenly Susan 7:00 Full House 7:30 ER 8:30 Friends 9:00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air 9:30 Late Show With David Latterman 10:30 Living Single 11:00 Jesse 11:30 Friends 12:30 Full House 1:00 Late Show With David Latterman 2:00 All My Children 3:00 Music Zone 4:00 Benny Hill Show 4:30 Capitol 5:00 Original Sound Track 5:30 Music Zone

ZEE CINEMA 9:00 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme 9:15 Tara Rum 9:45 Movie Fare 10:00 Ginny Aur Johnny-Feature Film 1:00 Chatpati Chat 1:15 Madhyantar 1:30 Army Feature Film 5:00 Darpan 5:15 Making of A Legend 5:45 Film Time 6:00 Badaltey Rishtey Feature Film 9:45 Cine News 10:00 lkke Pe lkka 10:30 Pehchan Feature Film 2:15 Kuch Lamhe Kuch Nagme 2:30 Call Girl Feature Film 5:30 Chehren 5:45 Film Time 6:00 Madine Ki Galivan Feature Film

### ZEE MUSIC

6:00 Zee Music Box 7:00 Aalap 7:30 Tararun 8:30 Hit Pe Hit 10:30 Hit Mix 11:00 Dil Se 11:30 Zee Music Box 12:00 Zee Music Plus 1:00 Hit Pe Hit 2:00

Jharokha 2:35 Pyar Mohabbat Etc 3:05 Tararum 4:00 Hit Pe Hit 5:00 Zee Music Box 5:30 Hit Mix 6:00 Artist Of The Fortnight 6:30 Zee Music Plus 7:30 Hit Pe Hit 8:30 Dial M 9:30 Zee Music Box/First Take 10:00 Sizzlers 10:30 Jharokha 11:05

Compact Disc 11:35 Phoren

Maal 12:35 Shabab 1:05 Zee

Hit Pe Hit 3:00 Dil Se 3:30

Music Box 1:30 Jharokha 2:00

Tararum 4:30 Phoren Maal 5:30

### Sizzlers

ALPHA TV

6:30 Aatpake Bandha 7:00 Monihaar 7:30 News Bulletin 8:00 Alaap 9:00 News Bulletin 9:05 Bharat Bhromon 9:30 Ki Likhi Tomai 10:00 Saregama 11:00 Ki Darun Drishya 11.30 Grihasajja 12:00 Bahari Aahaar 12:30 Kashinath 1:00 Ingeet 1:30 Ek Akasher Niche 2:00 Nayantara 2:30 Sabuj Dweeper RajaFeature Film 5:00 Shesh Prashna 5:30 Ekushe-pa 6.00 Alpha Khabor 6.25 Jhankar 6.30 Football 7:00 Wah Ki Darun Drisha Kash Bitorka 7:25 Jhankar 7.30 Cine News 7:55 Jhankar 8:00 Nayantara 8:30 Ek Aksher Niche 9:00 Mayurakshi Tumi 9:30 Daibaddho 10:00 News Bulletin Bengali 10:05 Ingit 10.35 Ek Palake 10.40 Football 11.10 Ek Palake 11:15 Alpha Khabor 11:40 Ek Palake 11:45 Bhowanipurer Chattujera 12:15 Wah Ki Darun Drisha Kash Bitorka 12.25 Ek Palake 12:30 Ki Likhi Tomai 1:00 Bharat Bhromon 1:30 Feature Film 4.00 Prapto Boyshkoder Janya 4.30 Talk Jhaal Misti 5.00 Sat Kahan 5.30 Khelar Duniya

# 6.00 Swami Vivekanda

ZEE TV 6:15 Yaadon Ke Pal 6:45 Old Is Gold 7:00 Bhakti Geet 7:30 Jagran 8:00 Morning Zee 9:00 Nickeloden Zee On Zee 9:30 Nickelodeon 10:00 Guldasta 10:30 Filmi Chakkar 10:57 Intermission 11:00 Highlight Zee 11:15 Chatpati Chaat 11:30 Ek Nazar 12:00 Mehendi Tere Naam Ki 12:30 Sangini 1:00 Quiz Contest 1:25 Jhalak 1:30 Hasratein 2:00 Chandan Ka Palna Resham Ki Dori 2:30 Saath Saath 3:00 Gharaz 3:00 Just No problem 4:00 Kare Kahoon ... ? 4:30 Gardish 5:00 Nickelodeon 5:30 Nickelodeon 6:00 Ek Nazar 6:30 Banegi April Baat 7:00 Hip Hip Hurray 7:30 Ek Nazar 8:00 Zee Talkies 8:30 Babul Ki Duayein Leti Ja...

9:00 Aashirwad 9:30 Chandan Ka Palna Resham Ki Dori 10:00 Khamoshiyan... Kab Tak 10:30 Pradhan Mantri 11:30 Kaise Kahoon...? 12:30 Koshish...Ek Aashaa 1:00 Thief Of Baghdad 2:00 India's Most Wanted 2:30 Ek Nazar 3:00 Baiju Bawra-Feature Film 5:45 News In Hindi

### AXN

6:30 Dual/Max Steel 7:30 Shinhakkenden/Samurai X 8:30 Nightman II /Fear City 9:30 Action Hereos/Action Hereos 10:30 Dual/ Max Steel 11:30 Shinhakkenden/Samurai X 12:30 The Net/Transplant 1:30Action Hereos/Action Hereos 2:30 Beastmaster II/Centaurs 3:30 Movei: On The Border 5:30 Who Dares Wins/Dual 6:30 Max Steel/Shinhakkenden 7:30 Samurai X/Who Dares Wins 8:30 Planet Ex II/Planet Ex II 9:30 18 Wheels Of Justice/The Road To Hell 10:30 Survivor II 11:30 Seven Summists 12:30 Profiler II/Power Corrupts 1:30 Survivor II 2:30 Seven Summits/Silverstone 4x4 Rally 3:30 18 Wheels of Justice/The Road To Hell 4:30 Profiler II/Power Corrupts 5: Nightman II /Fear

### SONY TV

City

7:30 Amrit Varsha 8:00 Sant Asaram Wani 8:30 Chartbusters 9:00 Good Morning Disney 10:00 Music Mantra 10:30 Hum Sub Ek Hai 11:00 Shaheen 11:30 Chamatkar 12:00 Dil Vil Pyar Vyar 12:30 Hum Sub Ek Hain 1:00 Movers & Shakers 1:30 Boogie Woogie 2:30 Alpviram 3:00 Aurat 3:30 Ghar Ek Mandir 4:00 Nazdeekiyan

4.30 Itihaas 5:00 Ajnabi 5:30 Chartbusters 6:00 Music Mantra 6:30 Disney Hour 7:30 Boogie Woogie 8:00 Dekh Bhai Dekh 8:30 Jeeto Chappar Phaad Ke 9:30 Boogie Woogie 10:00 Heena 10:30 Lajja 12:30 Saaya 1:00 Yeh Duniya Hai Rangeen 1:30 Choodiyan 2:00 Hum Sub Ek Hain 2:30 Movers & Shakers 3:00 Rang Birangee 3:30 Chamatkar 4:00 Dil Vil Pyar Vyar 4:30 Alpviram 5:00 Aurat 5:3- Ghar Ek Mandir 6:00 Nazdeekiyan 6:30 Itihaas 7:00

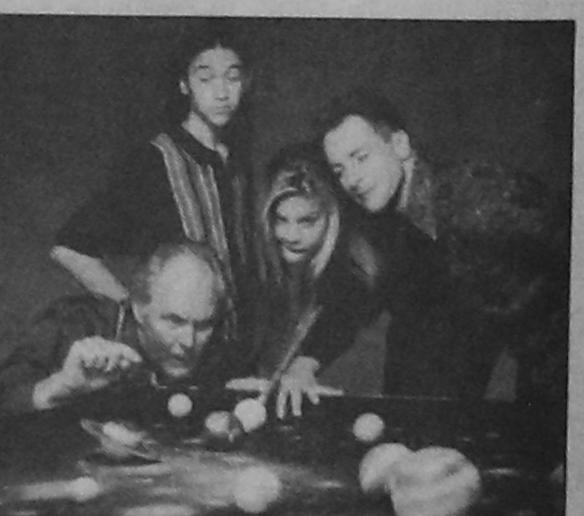
### HALLMARK TV

1:45 Neil Simon's The Sunshine Boys 4:15 Danger Bay 5:00 Wishbone 5:30 Secret World of Alex Mack, The III 6:00 Mopatop's Shop 6:30 Construction Site 6:43 Construction Site I 7:00 Clifford 7:30 Cro 8:30 My Brother's Keeper 10:00 Lena: My 100 children 12:00 Broken Promises: Taking Emily Back 2:00 Wishbone 2:30 A room Of Her Own 3:00 Mopatop's Shop I 3:30 Construction Site 3:43 Construction Site I 4:00 Construction Site I 4:00 Clifford 4:30 Cro 5:00 Secret World of Alex Mack, the III 5:30 The Hound of the Baskervilles 7:30 Blue River 9:30 Resting Place 11:45 The

# SET MAX

7:30 Mini Movies: Inspector Eagle 8:30 Highlights New Zealand vs Pakistan 9:30 Parakh 12:30 ÉHotlist 1:00 Matinee Film: Rakhwala 4:00 Highlights 3:20 New Zealand vs Pakistan 5:00 Pakistan vs Sri Lanka 2:30 Rakhwala 5:00 Chandan

Hound of the Baskervilles



3rd Rock from the Sun on Star World 12 midnight