

RECOMMENDATIONS

Fruitfair

June 19-21
The Royal Thai Embassy in collaboration with Thai Airways International will organise a three-day Thai Fruits Fair: 'Exotic Fruits of Chiang Mai' at the Embassy ground 'Uthayan Thai' on Madani Avenue in Bardiha, Dhaka from 19-21 June, from 10am to 6pm.

Anniversary

June 18
June 18 is the first death anniversary of Neelima Ibrahim, one of the country's pioneer female educationists, litterateur and social activist. Neelima Ibrahim Bangladesh Study Centre will observe the occasion with several activities. A discussion and a launching ceremony of a book titled Neelima Ibrahim Sharok Grantho (Neelima Ibrahim Memorial Book) will be held at the VIP Lounge of the National Press Club. Nurjan Begum, editor of the well-known magazine for women Begum will attend the event as the chief guest. The programme will start at 4.30 pm.

Exhibition

June 11-17
A photography exhibition titled 'Cry of the forest' by Philip Gain is going on at the Drik Gallery, House 58, Road 15/A (new) from 11 to 17 June, from 3pm to 8pm.

June 14-24
Dhaka Shantiya Sanskriti Kendra is holding the 6th calligraphy exhibition at the National Museum gallery on the occasion of Holy Srirattanabhi (Sm.). The exhibition presents works of 42 artists. The exhibition is open for visitors everyday from 10am to 5pm.

Theatre

June 27-30
To mark the fourth Biannual Conference of Shattwak Natya Somproda, the theatre group arranges a drama festival at the Shawkat Osman auditorium of Begum Sufia Kamal Library. Entitled Moliere Drama Festival, the festival features staging of Moliere's drama by four reputed theatre groups of Dhaka. Besides, a seminar titled Moliere's Drama in Bangladesh will also take place during the 4-day-long conference of Shattwak.

Award

Singing Bonnya's success

Ex-students of Shurer Dhara rejoice

HARUN UR RASHID

No other song could be a greater honour for Rezwna Chowdhury Bonnya than *Tumi kemon Korey gaan koro hey guni*. And that too performed by her own disciples. The ex-students of Bonnya's music school, Shurer Dhara.

On June 14, the organisation for the ex-students of the school, Shurer Dhara Praktani gave Bonnya a warm reception for her winning the Ananda Award for Rabindra Sangeet. With this year's accomplishment, Bonnya has won the award for the second consecutive time. In fact, she is the only awardee so far since the award itself was introduced two years back. Speakers at the reception cere-



Overjoyed Bonnya expressing her feelings to the audience and the students of Shurer Dhara Praktani.

Chowdhury described this feat as 'an immense source of inspiration' for others. Widely acclaimed authority on both Rabindranath Tagore and Kazi Nazrul Islam, Dr Karunamoy Goswami urged Bonnya and other practitioners of Tagore to maintain the purity of the art. He criticised the current trend of singing Tagore's songs in one's own style that violates the notation prepared by Rabindranath himself, after the copyright on Tagore's songs was lifted. Artist Hashem Khan reminisced how one of Bonnya's album was selected for playing on the last day of a work-

mony termed this achievement a rare and very honourable one. Eminent educationist Kabir

Celebration

Russian National Day observed

NOVRA DEEPTA

To mark the 'Day of the Adoption of the Declaration of the State Sovereignty of the Russian Federation' the Russian Cultural Centre, Dhaka jointly organised a cultural evening with the Volga Club at the Russian Cultural Centre recently.

The children of Volga Club began with the song 'We shall overcome'. The performers aspired to give pure

entertainment. Khandakar Khairuzzaman Kaium sang two Tagore songs -- *Koto boro Bhebechhino* and *Amichini go chini*. Lincoln a boy of 12 presented two folk songs, after which three little girls, Smita, Munni and Mita performed a classical dance, which was cheered by the audience.

Guitarist and vocalist Mamun sang four different numbers one modern, two Hindi and a folk. Little girl Kashfia Tabassum sang three

Hindi tracks which was not appropriate at all. The programme celebrated the National Day of Russian Federation, so it was difficult to understand why the performers sang Hindi film songs, which had no significance at all. Even the lighting on stage seemed inadequate.

On the whole the programme carried an impression of neglect and was not up to the mark.

Tribute

Gorgeous Gregory gets missed

AFP, Los Angeles

ONE of Hollywood's last great leading men, Gregory Peck, famed for his heroic roles in such classics as 'To Kill a Mockingbird,' died last Thursday at the age of 87.

Peck, known for his quiet dignity, became an icon of cinema's golden era with starring roles in more than 60 films, including "Roman Holiday," "Cape Fear" and "Spelbound" and won the best actor Oscar for "Mockingbird" in 1962.

A classic star who became a respected elder statesman of cinema, Peck died peacefully in his Los Angeles home at 4:00 am Thursday (1200 GMT) with his French-born wife of 48 years, Veronique, holding his hand, publicist Monroe Friedman said.

His death is a stunning loss to the movie industry and cuts one of the last remaining links to Hollywood's golden age.

"He was one of the great leading men of all time. His name became part of the English language. He was like a monument, not a man, he was one of the touchstones of cinema all over the world," Friedman said.

Peck retired from active filmmaking several years ago but was in good health, Friedman said, denying rumours that he had been ill.

Actor Charlton Heston, who starred with Peck in 1948's "Big Country," mourned the loss of his friend.

"Gregory Peck was one of those few great actors of generosity, humor, toughness and spirit," he said adding that Peck "faced life's challenges with great vigor and courage."

Nominated for five Oscars in a career spanning nearly 60 years, the velvet voiced Peck became synonymous with morally courageous heroes such as Atticus Finch, the right-minded Southern lawyer in "To Kill a Mockingbird."

"They'll probably even put it on my tombstone," Friedman recalled Peck once saying. And he may have been right. Last week, the American Film Institute named Peck's character in the movie as the greatest screen hero of all time.

The handsome actor, born Eldred Gregory Peck in the south-



Gregory Peck is surrounded by Grace Kelly (R), and Jean Simmons, during the 10th Annual Golden Globe Award in Hollywood.



PHOTO: AFP
Gregory Peck in a scene from the 1977 Hollywood film "MacArthur" in which Peck portrayed historical figure US General Douglas MacArthur.

ern California city of La Jolla in April 1916, shot to stardom in the 1940s and remained in the spotlight for the rest of his life, never touched by scandal.

Setting out to become a doctor, student Peck soon switched majors to English literature and began a lifelong passion for acting.

After moving to New York in 1939, he badly injured his back in a fall while studying with legendary dancer Martha Graham, an accident that was to prove fateful for Hollywood.

Barred from military service by the injury, Peck made his Broadway debut in 1942 a drama which won him glowing reviews and Hollywood came-a-knocking two years later.

As one of the few actors who was not in uniform, Peck won leading roles in movies including "Keys of the Kingdom" (1944) which won him his first Oscar nomination.

He worked with top directors John Huston in "Moby Dick," Alfred Hitchcock in "Spelbound" in 1946, King Vidor in "Duel in the Sun" (1946) and Elia Kazan in "Gentleman's Agreement" (1947), which got him a second Oscar nod.

And he went on to win further Academy Award nominations for best actor for "12 O'Clock High" (1949) and "The Yearling" (1946) before finally winning the coveted award when he was 45.

Known for his portrayals of upright men of moral fortitude, he occasionally departed from that character slot, as in the role of Nazi war criminal, Doctor Josef Mengele, in "The Boys from Brazil" (1978).

Peck worked until 1998 -- when he made his last TV movie, a cameo role in a remake of "Moby Dick," and was famously paired with such leading ladies such as Audrey Hepburn in "Roman Holiday" and Ingrid Bergman in "Spelbound."

In another odd flashback to his glory days, he also took a cameo part in Martin Scorsese's 1991 remake of "Cape Fear."

Peck, who worked tirelessly for charities, has been compared by those who knew him with the heroes he played on screen, but he rejected the comparison.

"I'm not nearly as confident as those hero characters are. Sometimes I've been courageous, and sometimes less so."

ATN BANGLA

6:00 Islamic Prog:
8:00 ATN Bangla News
8:25 Weekly Drama:
Nadi

7:45 Feast Of July
9:45 Howling Vii:
Mystery Woman

9:35 Magazine Prog:
Adda

11:30 Jaws 3
1:15 The Affair Of The
Necklace

10:50 Talk Show: Katha
Mala

3:15 From Hell
5:15 Running Free

12:00 ATN Bangla News
12:20 The Daily
Newspaper

7:00 Future Sport
8:35 The Dark Half

12:40 Shasthya Tathy
1:00 News

10:30 Arlington Road
12:30 Howling Vii:
Mystery Woman

12:40 Musical Prog :
ATN Music

7:00 Friends
7:30 Dharma & Greg

1:20 Bengali Feature
film: Sadhana

8:00 Hollywood
Squares

4:20 Puppet Magazine:
The World of
Jonathon Sing

8:30 The Brady Bunch
9:00 Cheers

4:50 The Daily
Newspaper

9:30 Oprah Winfrey
Show

5:00 Discussing Prog:
Ajker

10:30 The King Of
Queens

5:00 Sangbadpotro
Gram Banglar

11:00 Grounded For
Life

5:15 Musical Prog:
Music Vision

7:00 Friends
7:30 Dharma & Greg

5:50 Musical Prog: Uro

1:00 Frasier

5:50 Cola Saat Rang

1:30 Chicago Hope
2:28 Star Asia Travel

6:25 Islamic prog:
Islamee Sawal O

2:30 Oprah Winfrey
Show

5:00 Jawab

3:30 Bold And
Beautiful

5:15 ATN Bangla
Evening News

4:30 Hollywood
Squares

7:30 Computer Based
prog: ATN
Computer

5:00 The Brady Bunch
5:30 Knight Rider

6:25 Projekte

6:30 The Simpsons
7:00 Everybody Loves
Raymond

8:05 Drama : Donddo

7:00 Dharma & Greg

8:40 Drama : Aronner

7:30 Kache Fera Asha

9:00 ATN Bangla News
9:25 Audio Magazine:

8:00 Friends
8:30 The Drew Carey
Show

10:00 ATN Bangla News
10:25 Audio Mela

9:00 Whose Line Is It
Anyway

10:30 Bengali Feature

9:30 S.V.U

12:00 Film: Moner Moto

10:28 Star Asia Travel
10:30 Baywatch

11:00 Business Show

11:30 Late night
news/News Head-
lines

11:30 CHANNEL-i

12:30 Drama Serial: Al-
Bhola

12:30 Drama Serial: Pantho
Hey

12:30 Drama Serial:
Superman

01:00 Drama: Harjit

2:00 Bangla Feature Film:
Bod Nasib

5:35 Jonopoder Khabar

5:45 i-Sports

6:10 Music Plus

6:45 Drama Serial:Poster

7:15 Channel-i News

7:45 Ispahani - Tele Quiz
(Q)

7:50 Drama Serial:Sundar
Sharbonash

STAR MOVIES

6:00 A Low Down Dirty

STAR WORLD

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