

RECOMMENDATIONS

World Press Photo

January 07-29  
 DRIK Gallery holds prestigious photojournalistic exhibition titled World Press Photo from January 4. The display remains open for all from 3 to 8 pm everyday.

Exhibitions

January 04-15  
 A joint exhibition titled *Buthan: an Act of Offering* by Kama Wangdi of Bhutan, Deepa Islam and Jasim Uddin Xecon of Bangladesh, and Yannick Jooris of Belgium is going on at the gallery of Alliance Francaise. The show remains open for all from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

January 08-22

The Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts holds a solo exhibition, titled Evidence of artist Mohammad Eunos, featuring his works on oil, acrylic paints and acrylic sheets at the gallery premises. The show will remain open for all from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm everyday.

January 04-February 04

Russian Cultural Centre holds a month-long children's book exhibition dedicated to the 100th birth anniversary of the prominent Russian writer A P Gaidar at the centre's library.

January 13-February 12

Saju Art Gallery will hold the 50th Grand Group Art Exhibition of Reputed Bangladeshi Artists 2004 with 128 art works by 87 artists beginning from today at 4:30 pm at the gallery premises (F/40-41, DCC, North Super Market 2nd Circle, Gulshan). The display will remain open for all from 10 am to 8:30 pm everyday except Fridays.

Russian Film Session

January 13-14  
 A two-day-long Russian film session and photo exhibition dedicated to the 300th anniversary of the Russian Northern Capital St. Petersburg is being held at Jahangirnagar University, Savar. The programme has been organised jointly by Zahir Raihan Film Society and the Teachers-Students Centre of Jahangirnagar University, in association with the Russian Cultural Centre, Dhaka.  
 January 14  
 2:00 pm: *Sisters*  
 4:00 pm: *The Odyssey*

Exhibition

Faces behind the scene

Artists from the Asian Biennale

FAYZA HAQ

T SUBAKI Noruboru is one of the three artists from Japan who have stirred up the viewers of the 11th Asian Biennale. This begins tomorrow at Osmani Memorial Hall, Shilpakala Academy and the National Museum. Tsubaki's work is about UN forces that are engaged in



Ashmina Ranjit

peacekeeping operation. There are large landmines all round which seem impossible to remove. "Penta" the mine removal boot moves its legs struggling to fulfill its mission in vain. "Penta" both points to the existence of land mines and alludes to the distant possibility of peace.

Kityama Yoshi, participating for the second time, shows three-dimensional works made of bamboo in a style that is very Japanese and very oriental. Having achieved success as a contemporary artist, Kityama removed himself from art-for-art's sake creativity. The work he shows in the exhibition is more than a series of new, freshly completed drawings. His style drawing in detail with ink on Japanese paper (washi) the images he has created in clay has achieved a kind of perfection. "Viole, Strip, and Dominate" bring in a pair of male and female images on them of violence and desire to dominate express human impulses. They show us that neither the perpetrator nor victim is a good role.

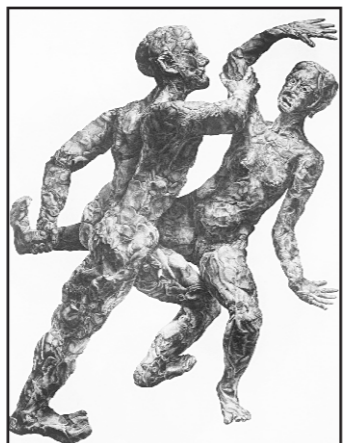
In Domoto Yuumi's double-faced picture of the tulip, we see a flower whose petals are very heavy. The petals hang in a tenuous balance, symbolizing love and sorrow. Domoto shows us the importance of accepting events quietly and calmly. She shows for



'Penta' alludes possibilities of peace and will captivate many

us the simple fact that the possibility of revolutionary change exists only when people accept the real problems facing them instead of trying to shut them away.

"I've been working as an artist for several years," says Ashmina Ranjit from Nepal. I began as a painter and now I'm moving into new forms such as installations with video, prints. Here in Dhaka, I've done an installation titled 'Love, compassion and peace'. There are 2,500 bottled Buddhas placed in a spiral form and as the visitors come, they can pick one and go away with it. The images are



Theme of violence

screen printed inside the bottle." Touching on Nepalese art, Ashmina said that contemporary art brings in experimentation by young artists although traditional art is still there. Giving her opinion of Bangladeshi art, she said that judging by the work that she has seen in Nepal such as that of Mahboob, Lipi and Milli, she felt that their work is vibrant and energetic.

Kha Kit from Singapore said that the works of the Singaporean artists were different from many as theirs is a city state and the works reflected urban life on large and the artists brought in elements that one saw in a city. Thus Vincent Leav's painting had flowers flying out of a waste paper basket along with faces and hands of humans. It was in bright red, yellow, blue and black and appeared quite surrealistic. Shing brought in paintings of her installations, depicting a chair-like construction and another, which looked like a table from which fish-like creatures appeared to be pouring out. The gray table had some nails bent on it. Shu Fang had brought in wrappings of sweets, lollypops, toffees and chocolates in the composition. Kha Kit had a communication structure, like some satellite painted gray and blue. Giving his opinion of Bangladeshi paintings Kha Kit said, "I think they are strong in terms of

traditional skills and depicts and colourful and open culture of Bangladesh. By having such an exhibition such as the Biennale it will expand the views of the local artists."

Simin Keremmti, from Tehran, Iran, said, "My work is a video installation about a well and I show the upper portion and lower portion of this well. The message is that someone has fallen into a deep well and needs help. This is fixed in



Simin Keremmti

a small room as I wanted the audience to feel the darkness of the well and the helplessness and bitterness of being lonely and lost." Giving her impression of Bangladeshi art, Simin said that this was her first time in Bangladesh and she hoped to meet the local artists during the Biennale. With her was Mahmood Bakshi who had cypress trees made from metal sheets and mounted on a pond of mirror that symbolised water. This visualised a verse in the Quran that promises a paradise with sky high trees and rivers. Her other colleague from Iran, Jamshad Hagigat Shenan, had painted on wood, bringing in mythical images with modern ones that appeared like wooden puppets. Some have detailed stylised strokes in them while some had just been sketched in bringing in the epic of Sohrab and Rostam, Stars, moons, paisley patterns, flowers and other items from everyday life were included in the composition in blue, black and beige.

Ali Akai, a curator from Turkey who was a member of the jury for the Biennale, giving his impression of Dhaka, said that he was totally overwhelmed by the traffic motor cars and rikshaws. He found the clothes colourful while the food was like the spicy food found in India. He had a glance at some of the works so far and had to see more to pass any judgement.

Light and shade

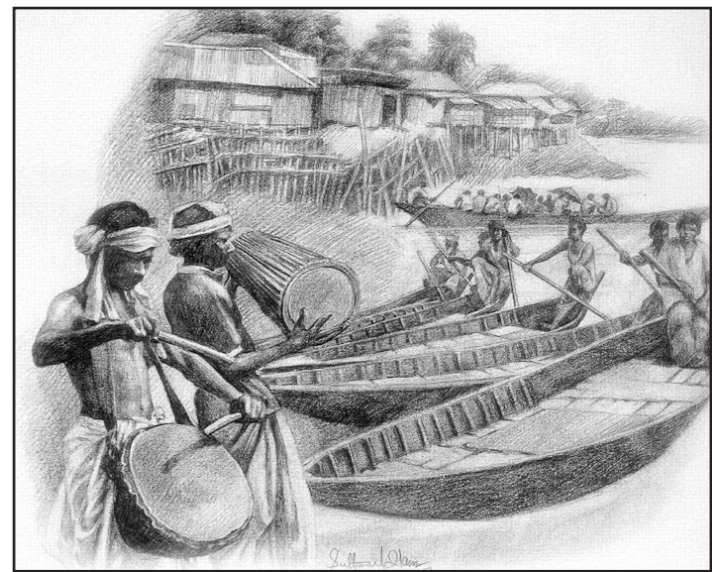
A calendar with a view

ELITA KARIM

EVERY New Year is marked, not only with burst of crackers and balloons all around, but also the flurry of colourful calendars of all shapes and sizes. The many different companies and agencies in the country make it a point to come up with year planners and calendars, distributing them to prospective customers, business acquaintances and friends.

This year, one of the calendars, which might turn out to be a sparkling eye catcher, is the one brought out by Quasem Group. With the theme, 'Evolution of transportation system in Bangladesh' in mind, artist Sultanul Islam, sketched every means of transportation available in Bangladesh. What might strike one the most is the contrasting idea of the many different traditional musical instruments that he has sketched as well. Although the depiction of the musical instruments is not always harmonious with the backdrop yet the calendar is worth a view.

For instance, the calendar begins with a sketch of a palanquin and its bearers, carrying the young bride from one village to another. Right in front of the palanquin, a village *baul* is seen sitting and playing his *ektara*. There are also sketches of a Biman airlines taking off, while a lady and her assistant



A detailed pencil sketch depicting the tribal community, its transportation system and musicians

sing with their *harmonium* for a living, watching the aircraft fly off above them.

Intricate details, sketched to its perfection, have a viewer truly enthralled, for instance the design of bullock-carts running on the country roads with a flutist enjoying a leisurely time with his flute under a Banyan tree will definitely please the viewer. The calendar goes onto give illustrations of trains, horse carts, ships,

fishing boats, public busses, CNGs, rikshaws and both the black and yellow taxi cabs. Neither does the artist fail to illustrate further on the traditional instruments like a *dotara*, *mondira*, a traditional wedding band party with trumpets, *shehna*, *dhols*, violin, *dugdug* and many more.

This calendar has a different taste all together and surely gives off a refreshing taste to everyone.

Channel click

Sitcom 'Frasier' to end 11-year NBC run in May

AFTER 20 years as one of television's most beloved and enduring snobs, Kelsey Grammer will soon be leaving his "Frasier" persona behind for good.

NBC said on Monday that "Frasier," which debuted in 1993 as a spinoff of the long-running bar-room comedy "Cheers" and won Emmy Awards as best comedy for five years in a row will end its 11-year run at the close of the current TV season in May.

The decision was announced by NBC Entertainment President Jeff Zucker during a television critics luncheon at the Paramount Network Television lot in Hollywood, where the show is filmed.

Official word that "Frasier's" days are numbered comes as NBC prepares to bid farewell in May to



Frasier days are over

another of its signature sitcoms, "Friends," whose fate was sealed by Zucker last January. "Friends" will have run for 10 seasons.

Grammer, 48, stars as the elitist

but lovable Dr. Frasier Crane, a neurotic Seattle psychiatrist who dispenses advice to radio listeners as host of his own call-in show. David Hyde Pierce co-stars as his fussy younger brother, Niles.

The impending departure of "Frasier" has been widely anticipated for at least a year, but executives at the General Electric Co.-owned broadcaster had until now left open the possibility of the show returning.

"The show is going to end, and we're all actually kind of at a place where we're OK with it," he said. Added co-creator David Lee, "From the executive producers' standpoint, (there) was never an intention of going further than this year."

Source: Reuters

Breaking new grounds

Saudi shows new face to world

Female news readers introduced

SAUDI Arabia has launched an all-news satellite television channel, featuring the kingdom's first female news reader, to present a new image of the state, the station's director said Monday.

Ikhbariya, inaugurated Sunday, will broadcast in Arabic for 12 hours a day before moving to round-the-clock programming, director Mohammad Barayan told Reuters.

Critics say the kingdom fueled

militancy by promoting anti-Western sentiment in schools, giving radical clerics a platform and failing to stem the flow of funds to extremists, charges denied by officials who say they have cracked down on militants.

Barayan said the state-owned channel would correct false perceptions, including some about the role of Saudi women.

Breaking new ground in the deeply conservative Muslim kingdom, Sunday's opening news

bulletin was delivered by female announcer Buthaina al-Nasr, dressed modestly in a black head scarf and white jacket.

"Some of the things they say about women in our country aren't right. This channel will have women reading the news and will also discuss social issues related to women," he said.

Source: Reuters

Around the world

A closeup shows the face of Austrian composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's statue in Salzburg 10 December. Vienna and Austria are already preparing for the 250th anniversary celebrations of Mozart set for 2006, with even more music and a bonanza in tourism expected.

PHOTO: AFP



The Faberge Coronation Box, part of "Imperial Treasures: Faberge for the Forbes Collection", on display, on January 8, at Sotheby's auction house in New York. Nine Faberge Imperial Easter Eggs, valued collectively at 90 million USD, will be auctioned on 20 April. The Coronation Box is estimated at 1.5-2 million USD.

PHOTO: AFP



TV GUIDE

All programmes are in local time. The Daily Star will not be responsible for any change in the programme.

News Bulletin

**BTV**  
 News Headlines (Bangla) at 9:40 am, 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:10 pm, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm.  
 News (Bangla) at 8:00 am 1:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 8:00 pm.  
 News (English) at 3:00 pm, 10:00 pm.  
 Late Night News (Bangla and English) 11:30 pm.  
**CHANNEL-i**  
 Breakfast News 07:15 am, 9:00am News (Bangla) at 7:15 pm, 9:00, 10:30, 12:15 am.  
 Telecast of BTV news (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.  
**ATN BANGLA**  
 News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11:00 pm.  
 Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.  
 Latest News (Bangla) at 09 a.m, 10:00 a.m, 11:00 am, 1 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, and 8:00 pm.  
**NTV**  
 News Headlines (Bangla) at 5:02 pm, 6:30 pm, 9:45 pm.  
 News (Bangla) 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm.  
**TARA BANGLA**  
 News Headline (Bangla) at 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm, Tara News (Bangla) at 8:30 pm, 11:30 pm.  
 Tara News Bangladesh (Bangla) at 9:30 pm.  
**BBC World**  
 Every hour on the hour

**BTV**  
 07:35 *Suprohat Bangladesh*  
 08:25 *Documentary: Show*  
 09:15 *Anya Bhuban: Wild Nature*  
 12:15 *Sangbad Potrer Pata Theke*  
 01:05 *Lal Golap*  
 02:05 *Rangdhanu*  
 02:30 *Hijol Tomal*  
 03:05 *Shukhi Poribar*  
 03:30 *Geotoblat*  
 04:05 *Open University*  
 04:30 *Agrotud*  
 05:30 *Probash Mela*  
 06:10 *Mati O Manush*  
 07:00 *Share Market, Weather Forecast*  
 07:05 *Loukik Bangla*  
 07:30 *Film Show: Mortal Combat Conquest*  
 08:30 *Drama Serial: Ahanqar*  
 09:00 *Drama Serial: Mukhosh*  
 09:30 *Drama Serial: Ashamoy*  
 10:30 *Amader Ain Gaaner Bhela*  
**CHANNEL-i**  
 09:45 *Tritia Matra*  
 12:00 *Chitila Pelam*  
 12:30 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*  
 02:00 *Feature Film: Abhijog (Bobita, Sohel Rana)*  
 06:10 *Music Plus*  
 06:45 *Yamee Chhayra Jhankar*  
 07:50 *Kichhu Money Korben Na Dot Com*  
 08:25 *Drama Serial: Kichhu Megh Kichhu Roddur*  
 09:35 *Drama Serial: Rangdhanu Rang*  
 10:00 *Drama Serial: Jugalbandi*

**ntv**  
 08:00 *Ajker Sakal*  
 08:30 *Baul Gaan*  
 09:00 *Right Click*  
 09:15 *Ei Shomoy*  
 10:02 *Hello Music*  
 10:30 *Shur-Ananda*  
 11:00 *Tele Film: Prayoshchitta*  
 01:00 *Potrikar Khabor*  
 02:30 *Cine Gaan*  
 03:00 *Drama Serial: Ebong Ami*  
 03:30 *Taray Taray*  
 04:00 *Drama Serial: Shangshay*  
 04:30 *Drama Serial: Amader Golpo*  
 05:02 *Potrikar Khabor*  
 05:20 *Ithasher Ei Diney*  
 05:25 *Ke Korbe Bajimat*  
 06:00 *Apnar Jigyasha*  
 06:32 *Shubho Shondhya*  
 08:00 *Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe*  
 08:35 *Shurer Jolsha*  
 09:47 *Drama Serial: Chena Chena Lagey*  
**ATN BANGLA**  
 10:15 *Talk Show: Annodistee*  
 Magazine Prog: Ek Dui Tin  
 12:40 *Uro Cola Saat Rang*  
 12:50 *Feature Film: Sabar Agantee*  
 5:10 *Motamot*  
 6:25 *Talk Show: Annodistee*  
 7:40 *Gondoraz Samsung Cine Aaha*  
 8:15 *Drama Serial: Khuyak*  
 8:40 *Drama Serial: Nayeka Sangbad*  
 9:25 *Drama Serial: Danob*  
 10:30 *Talk Show: Face to Face*  
 12:20 *Feature Film: Tume Sudu Tume*

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

**HBO: 6:45 Vanilla Sky.**  
 Drama/Romance/Thriller, Tom Cruise, Penelope Cruz, Cameron Diaz. During the week he turns 33, magazine publisher David Aames, a playboy with strange dreams, spends a night of passion with Julie, a friend he sometimes sleeps with, and a night with Sofia, a dancer with a Spanish accent. David is charming, rich (his mother's Monet, "Vanilla Sky" is in his bedroom), he inherited the magazines and his minority partners want him out. Jump ahead: he's in jail, wearing a prosthetic mask, talking to a sympathetic psychologist to get at the truth behind a death.

**HBO: 9:30 pm. The Hunted.**  
 Horror/Drama: Harry Hamlin, Madchen Amick. Samantha has climbed the rungs of her Fortune 500 insurance company to earn herself a prime office with a window. She finds the man of her dreams when she spends two weeks in the rugged northwest mountains to investigate a plane crash involving the Sky Olympic Transport Company. On the mountains, Samantha encounters a loner, a certain Doc Kovak who loves a game of stalk and chase. Is Doc someone to be trusted?

**STAR MOVIES**  
 12:00 *Double Team*  
 11:45 *Luminarias*  
 1:30 *Waiting To Exhale*  
 3:30 *WW 3*  
 5:10 *Kindergarten Cop*  
 7:00 *Code 11-14*  
 8:30 *Bandits*  
 10:30 *Transylvania 6-5000*  
**HBO**  
 9:00 *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*  
 12:00 *Come Together*  
 2:00 *Trojan War*  
 3:15 *Any Given Sunday*  
 6:45 *Vanilla Sky*  
 9:30 *The Hunted*  
 11:45 *Money Train*  
 2:00 *Trojan War*  
**ZEE CINEMA**  
 10:30 *Dhartiputra (Mammootty, Jayaparadha, Rishi Kapoor, Farha)*  
 1:30 *Naajayaz (Ajay Devgan, Juhi Chawla)*  
 5:30 *Sanam Teri Kasam (Kamal Hassan, Reena Roy)*  
 9:30 *Ghulam-E-Mustafa*  
 5:00 *Chasing Time*  
 5:30 *Return To The Wild*  
 6:00 *Animal Edens*  
 6:30 *Dogs With Jobs*  
 7:00 *Toyota World Of Wildlife*  
 7:30 *Secret Life Of Stella*  
 8:30 *Cheating Death*  
 9:30 *Seismic Seconds*  
 10:30 *Deeper Blue: Freedivers*  
 11:30 *Operation Hot Pursuit*  
**DISCOVERY**  
 4:30 *Operation Junkyard: Water Bike*  
 5:00 *The Prison Inn/Seeing*  
 5:00 *Chasing Time*  
 5:30 *Return To The Wild*  
 6:00 *Animal Edens*  
 6:30 *Dogs With Jobs*  
 7:00 *Toyota World Of Wildlife*  
 7:30 *Secret Life Of Stella*  
 8:30 *Cheating Death*  
 9:30 *Seismic Seconds*  
 10:30 *Deeper Blue: Freedivers*  
 11:30 *Operation Hot Pursuit*  
**NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC**  
 4:30 *People Out There*  
 5:00 *Chasing Time*  
 5:30 *Return To The Wild*  
 6:00 *Animal Edens*  
 6:30 *Dogs With Jobs*  
 7:00 *Toyota World Of Wildlife*  
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**DISCOVERY**  
 4:30 *Operation Junkyard: Water Bike*  
 5:00 *The Prison Inn/Seeing*

PICK OF THE DAY



**Bandits**  
 On Star Movies at 8:30 pm.  
 Genre: Comedy/Crime/Drama/Romance  
 Bruce Willis, Billy Bob Thornton, Cate Blanchett  
 A charismatic convict and a hypochondriac inmate break out of prison in a cement truck and immediately start a bank robbing spree. Becoming known as the "Sleepover Bandits", the two kidnap bank managers the night before their robbery, spend the night with their families, and then all go to the bank in the morning to get the dough.

**MGM**  
 9:00 *Big Game*  
 11:30 *Hunting*  
 2:00 *Fever*  
 4:30 *The Million Dollar Hotel*  
 7:00 *Skin Deep*  
 9:30 *The Great Train Robbery: Sean Connery Jackie Brown*  
 5:00 *Chasing Time*  
 5:30 *Return To The Wild*  
 6:00 *Animal Edens*  
 6:30 *Dogs With Jobs*  
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**DISCOVERY**  
 4:30 *Operation Junkyard: Water Bike*  
 5:00 *The Prison Inn/Seeing*

6:30 *Ghost Dogs*  
 6:30 *Travellers: San Francisco*  
 6:30 *A Celebration of Flight: Aviation Security*  
 7:30 *Playpus: World's Strangest Animal*  
 8:30 *Extreme Engineering: Subways in America*  
 9:30 *Extreme Machines: Image Possible*  
 10:30 *Dinosaur Planet: Thank God They are Gone*  
 11:30 *Martial Arts*  
**ANIMAL PLANET**  
 4:30 *Profiles of Nature: Turtles-The Shell Game*  
 5:30 *Animal Hospital*  
 6:00 *Cat Sanctuary, Oskar Saves Owner, Kuwait Seabirds*  
 6:30 *Emergency Vets*  
 7:00 *Great Danes*  
 7:30 *Amazing Animal Videos*  
 8:30 *Planet's Funniest Animals*  
 9:30 *Blue Planet: The Deep*  
 12:30 *Animal Planet Reveals: Snakes*  
 2:30 *Shagun*  
 3:00 *Kabhi Aaye Na Judai*  
 3:30 *Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi B*  
 4:00 *Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii*  
 4:30 *Kahin To Hoga*  
 5:00 *Kaahin Kissii Roz*  
 6:00 *Hum Saath Ath Hain*  
 6:30 *Fox Kids*  
 7:30 *Kumkum - Pyara Sa Ban*  
 8:00 *Shaka Laka Boom Boom*  
 8:30 *Sonpari*  
 9:00 *Kasaauti Zindagi Kay*  
 9:30 *Sanjivani - A Medical Bo*  
 10:30 *Kahaani Ghar Ghar Kii*  
 11:00 *Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi B*  
 11:30 *Kahin To Hoga*  
 12:00 *Kaahin Kissii Roz*  
**STAR GOLD**  
 9:00 *Kati Patang*  
 12:30 *Baazi*  
 4:00 *Gaane Bhi Do Yaaron*  
 4:30 *Raja Hindustani*  
 8:30 *Hero No 1*  
 12:30 *Bade Dilwala*  
**STAR SPORTS**  
 9:00 *Pakistan Tour Of New Zealand*  
 1:00 *English Premier Football League 2003/04*  
 3:00 *World's Strongest Man 2003 Finals(T)*  
 4:00 *Motorcycle Programming 2003 Firm Awards*  
 5:00 *Hitz (R)*  
 5:30 *Pakistan Tour Of New Zealand*  
 6:00 *Pakistan 4th ODI Highlights(S)*  
 8:00 *Sportsline (L)*  
 8:30 *Hyundai Hopman Cup*  
 9:30 *Xvi Perth Australia*  
 10:00 *Russia Vs Czech Republic (T)*  
**ESPN**  
 8:30 *Australia Cricket Vb*  
 9:00 *Series India Vs Zimbabwe 3rd ODI*  
 9:30 *Lunchtime Show (L)*  
 10:00 *Australia Cricket Vb*  
 10:30 *Series India Vs Zimbabwe 3rd Odi*  
 11:00 *Review(L)*  
 1:30 *Winter X Games Classix '03 Snowboarding (T)*  
 3:00 *Aviva Asian Bowling*  
 3:30 *Tour Hong Kong Semifinals & Finals(R)*  
 6:00 *English Premier Football League 2003/04 Arsenal Vs Middlesbrough (R)*  
 8:30 *Sportscenter India (L)*  
 9:00 *Sunny By Night India Vs Zimbabwe 3rd Odi Highlights(S)*  
 11:00 *Goals! (T)*  
 11:30 *Sportscenter India (R)*  
 12:00 *Sunny By Night India Vs Zimbabwe 3rd Odi Highlights(R)*  
**TEN SPORTS**  
 11:00 *Gamer TV*  
 11:30 *Indian Football Show*  
 12:00 *ICC Cricket World*  
 12:30 *ATP Tennis*  
 1:00 *Red Hot News*  
 3:00 *The Match: Man United v Newcastle United*  
 5:30 *Match Premier*  
 7:30 *Pakistan v Malaysia*  
 8:30 *India v Korea*  
 9:30 *After Burn*  
 11:00 *India Pakistan Unforgettable*  
 12:00 *India v Korea*  
 12:00 *After Burn*