

RECOMMENDATIONS

Book launching

April 28
Academic Press and Publishers Limited (APPL) launches its book entitled *The Tale of the First Private University of Bangladesh: North South University* by Muslehuddin Ahmed at the Conference Hall of Presidency University of Bangladesh (House-11/A, Road-92, Gulshan-2, Dhaka) at 5 pm. Wahiduddin Mahmood will chair the programme while Justice Mustafa Kamal and Dr M Asaduzzaman will be present as the chief guest and special guest respectively.

May 02-03

The launching ceremony of the book *Surviving Dreams: the Struggling Circuses of Bangladesh* by Pierre Clacuin will be held at the Alliance Francaise (26, Mirpur road, Dhanmondi R/A) at 6:30 pm on May 2. The book will be launched again at the Tribal Craft (House-56, Road-7/A, Block-H, Banani) at 5:30 pm on May 3.

Exhibition

April 26-May 08

A 12-day long painting exhibition of five renowned contemporary artists will be held at Haque Art Gallery, Gulshan from April 26. Thirty five paintings on oil, tempera, acrylic and mixed media by Mahmudul Haque, Abdus Sakur Shah, Rokeya Sultana, Kanak Champa Chakma and Khalid Mahmood Mithu will be displayed in the exhibition.

April 01-29

Russian Cultural Centre has arranged a photo and stamp exhibition on aviation and cosmonautics to celebrate the International Day of Cosmonautics and Aviation at the center's library.

Sculpture

April 13-30

British Council Bangladesh holds a bamboo sculpture exhibition at its compound at 5 Fuller Road. The display presents works of 9 sculptors and two traditional bamboo artisans. The display remains open from 10 am to 7 pm daily.

Music

April 30

The Indian High Commission in Dhaka, in conjunction with the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, will present a light classical music programme by Penaz Masani at 7 pm at the Osmani Memorial Hall, Dhaka.

Campus chronicles

Earth Day celebrations at IUB

Environmental issues at centre stage

SABRINA F AHMAD

EARTH Day, on April 22, was first observed in San Francisco in 1970. Over the last few years, this day has now become a global event as a special day designated for discussions and activities centred on environmental and social issues.

In its countdown to Earth Day, Green Sphere, a student organisation run by students of the School of Environmental Science and Management (SESM), of the Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB), hosted a special bird photography exhibition.

The exhibition kicked off recently, at IUB's SESM campus in Baridhara. The chief guest, renowned bird photographer Enamul Haque, inaugurated the programme. Congratulating Green Sphere for their efforts in spreading awareness about birds, he took a few moments to comment on the current environmental crisis of disappearing birds. Out of the 9000 or so species of birds, 2000 are currently on the endangered list. The number of Bangladeshi birds on this alarming list comes around to 40, and is expected to include 'common' birds such as the crow in a few years. The factors that are contributing to the decrease in the bird community include loss of habitat as well as dwindling food supply, and increased pollution, problems which are mainly caused by human intervention.

Professor Dr MA Hussain of the Department of Environmental Chemistry and Waste Management,

spoke about some of the common sources of pollution that are causing concern for bird lovers and environmentalists around the globe. Professor Haroun Er Rashid, Director of the SESM, in a brief speech, thanked the chief guest for gracing the organisation, and also informed the audience about Enamul Haque's mountaineering project, which started sometime last year, when he took a group of students on an expedition to Mt Keokradong.

The speeches were followed by a short question-and-answer round, before the exhibition was formally opened. The show featured a collection of Enamul Haque's photographs of different birds of the subcontinent, from the egret to the mynah, to lesser-known species like the black baz. Students of the

SESM, as well as from other departments of the university, thronged in to catch a glimpse of the photographs on display.

On April 22, Green Sphere had another impressive line-up for existing and aspiring environmentalists. The Earth Day Programme began at 10.30 a.m., at Campus 8 in Kalachandpur. It started off with speeches by the Vice Chancellor of the Independent University Professor Bazlul Mobin Chowdhury, Professor Haroun Er Rashid, Professor Dr MA Hossain, Head of the Population Environment Department Professor Dr Nashid Kamal Waiz, Ex-President of Green Sphere Sabrina Islam, and current Green Sphere President Rahat Bari Toohleen.

Each speaker had something to

say about the history of Earth Day, the issues surrounding it, the environmental and social problems that are at the root of these issues, and some achievements of environmentalists of this country and around the globe. The Green Sphere presidents spoke about the organisation, its roots, its achievements, and setbacks. They also presented the audience with the first issue of the Green Sphere newsletter, which outlines the various activities and concerns of the SESM.

The speeches were followed by a slide show, conducted by Green Sphere member Rumana Rashid. The slide show presented the SESM, its structure, programmes and achievements.

The show was rounded off with a short drama called *Modon Pori, O Gaach*, a hilarious story about an enterprising businessman who makes money from the logging industry. The businessman suffers from lack of oxygen, and his son Modon, wins the heart of the nurse Pori, by convincing his father not to fell the trees again. The actors of the play were Rubayat, Robin, Narmeen, Roman, Shantonu, Farah, and Shaikat with a cameo performance by Professor Ayaz Rabbani. The play's director, Prince, later spoke about how the entire skit was put together with very limited rehearsals.

Thus the celebrations ended on a happy note, followed by refreshments. Green Sphere hopes to be able to organise many more such events in the future.



SYED ZAKIR HOSSAIN

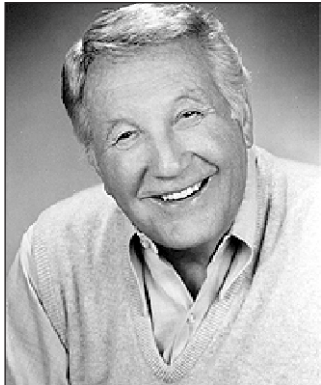
Tribute

Voice of Woody Woodpecker dies



BBC ONLINE

Harry Babbitt, the man who voiced the distinctive laugh of popular cartoon character Woody Woodpecker, died aged 90 in California.



Harry Babbitt

His son Michael said he died of old age on April 9 in a nursing home in Newport Beach.

Walter Lantz created the famed bird, Woody. An obnoxious mischief-maker, Woody would usually star in the shorts, occasionally taking a backseat to his friends Andy Panda, Wally Walrus, Gabby Gator, Buzzy Buzzard, Oswald the Rabbit, and Arctic penguin Chilly Willy. With arguably the most famous laugh of any cartoon character in history, Woody Woodpecker pecked his way into our lives through a 1940 Andy Panda theatrical short entitled *Knock Knock*. Woody continued to appear in short films throughout the 1940s and 1950s, and in 1957, the Kellogg's company packaged these theatrical works into the syndicated package *The Woody Woodpecker Show*.

Babbitt was also a member of the Kay Kyser Big Band from 1938 to about 1949, singing on hits such

as *The White Cliffs of Dover* and *The Umbrella Man*.

He also appeared in seven movies alongside Kyser, who died in 1985. Babbitt teamed up with a new band in the 1980s but stopped performing in the mid-1990s. He leaves behind a wife and family.

He obtained the rights to the Kyser band name and back catalogue after Kay Kyser died.

The St Louis-born tenor also featured on Kay Kyser's College of Musical Knowledge, a popular comedy and musical radio quiz show in the US. The band were famed for their novelty records including *Three Little Fishes* and the 1948 hit, *Woody Woodpecker*, sung by Babbitt. He also made a solo recording of *All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth* with his trademark high-pitched voice.

Music

'Let music be the artistic protest against evil'

An evening of Nazrul songs

CULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

WHEN veteran Nazrul singer Khalid Hossain and Yasmeen Mushtari rendered the patriotic Nazrul song *Khati Shonar Cheye Khati* in duet, the audience was spellbound. The occasion was a musical evening, arranged by Amra Shurjomukhi, to celebrate the Bangla New Year at the Biswa Shahitya Kendra.

The chief guest of the programme was Sheikh Kabir Hossain of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society while singer Hasina Muntaz, Dr Arefin Siddique and Dr Rajib Humayun of Dhaka University were present as special guests.

With the slogan *Let music be the artistic protest against evil*, Amra Shurjomukhi organised this programme. Yasmeen Mushtari stated, before rendering her songs, that, she was like an apprentice to Khalid Hossain.

Among the most popular Nazrul

songs Yasmeen rendered were those featuring love, celebration and worship. The most melodious one was *Tumi shunite cheyo na amar monero kotha*, which Yasmeen performed with passion. After her rendition of four songs

Khalid Hossain began his solo performance with the song *Snigdho shyam beni borna*. He also rendered some love songs of Nazrul. The programme was a success as was evident in the positive response of the audience.



Khalid Hossain and Yasmeen Mushtari performing a duet.

News-makers



Winners of Pantene You Got the Look Contest 2004 (L-R): Best hair (male) Ziaul Faruk Apurbo, Best look (male) Mirza Mohammed Ghalib, Best look (female) Shabnam Munir Tanisha and Best hair (female) Saria Hossain. Pantene Pro-V held this glamorous contest on April 23 at the Hotel Sheraton, portraying beauty along with brains. Young men and women participated in this show, showcasing their talents in singing, dancing and also showed an immense amount of self-confidence. The contest has been bringing forth young and budding models of Bangladesh in recent years.



Sushmita Sen has refused attempts to lure her towards television. The former Miss Universe has been contacted with offers on a number of occasions, including a possible talk show for Balaji Telefilms. However the offers have always been politely rejected. 'I am not ready for such a thing as yet,' Sushmita confesses.

SOURCE: HINDUSTAN TIMES

Kids' theatre



On the occasion of the completion of their acting course *Shokal Belar Pakhi* at the theatre school Palakar Kids, the students staged a drama *Abak Jalpan* of Sukumar Ray at the school auditorium recently. A total of 17 children participated in the two-month long course conducted by Palakar Kids. The school also teaches music, drawing, story-telling etc.

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 8:55 am, 12:10 pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 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 7-15 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 9 a.m, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1pm, 2:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

ntv

News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 5:00 pm, 6:15 pm, 9:30 pm.
News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm.
Telecast of BTV News (Bangla and English) at 11:30 pm.

TARA BANGLA

News-Headlines(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

07:30 Bangladesher Hridoy Hote
12:30 Shastha Tathyo
01:05 Ananda Jhama
01:30 Shilpo O Sahitya
02:05 Computer Protdin
03:05 Drama Serial
03:35 Shukhi Panibar
04:05 Lekhapora
04:30 Open University
05:05 National Television Debate Competition
05:05 Shamokalin Aurthonitee
06:00 Dosh Janopod
06:10 Dolon Champa
06:35 Nritter Taley Taley
07:00 Weather Forecast
07:05 Shishu Kishor Niritya Gucho
07:30 Drama Serial: Alo Chhaya
08:30 Shamokalin Natak
09:30 Drama Serial: Hoyto Tomar Jonnyo Anandalok
10:35
10:45 Trityo Matra
12:00 Chithi Pelam
01:00 Ebong Cinemar Gaan
02:00 Feature Film: Asha Nirasha (Rozeenal Jony)
05:00 Sa Re Ga Ma
05:15 Music Plus
06:15 Drama Serial: Johu Dewan
06:40 Priyo Tarakar Shera Gan
07:50 Drama Serial: Keboli Raat Hoya Jai
08:25 Drama Serial: Shunnoy Theke Shamudre
09:35 Drama Serial: Thief of

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NTV

10:00 Baghdad Drama Serial: Juboraj
09:30 Ei Shomoy
10:05 Ananda Jhama
10:30 Dhakar Cinema
02:30 Zoo Adventure
03:40 Right Click
04:15 Medhabi
05:10 Putulnach
05:40 Apnaar Jigyasha
06:20 Shubho Shondhya
06:50 Khoboror Shondhane
08:10 Drama Serial: Chanpa Dangar Bou
08:50 Band Music
09:40 Drama Serial: Din Darpan
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HBO

10:15 Omega Doom
12:00 Borderline
2:00 The Story of Us
4:00 Zoollander
6:00 Chameleon 3: Dark Angel
7:45 Cyborg
9:30 Evil Woman
11:30 The Screaming Room: Books into Horror
12:00 Fright Night
2:15 Zoollander
4:15 Into the Arms of Strangers: Stories of the Kindertransport
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TARA BANGLA

12:30 Swapner Rang Nil Rpt.
2:00 Taka Na Sona Rpt.
2:30 Angana Live
4:00 State Govt. Lottery
4:30 Tarpor Chand Uthlo Rpt.
5:00 Serial Probaho
6:00 Nonte Fonte
6:30 Taka Na Sona
7:30 Sree Ramkrishna
8:00 Serial-Jug
8:30 Serial-Tarpor Chand Uthlo
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PICK OF THE DAY



Mogabali

Drama Serial
On ATN Bangla at 8:30 pm
Tony Dayes, Mizan, Hassan, Shomapti, Khaled, Shekhar Ahmed

Evil Woman

On HBO at 9:30 pm
Genre: Comedy / Romance / Crime
Jason Biggs, Steve Zahn, Jack Black

Keboli Raat Hoya Jai

Drama Serial
On Channel-i at 7:50 pm
Sweety, Deepa Khondkar, Joy, Mir shabbir, Sumaia Shimu



STAR WORLD

1:30 Mac Gyver
2:30 Oprah Winfrey
3:30 Bold And Beautiful
4:30 Hollywood Squares
5:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway
5:30 Miami Vice
6:30 The Simpsons
7:00 Home Improvement
7:30 Friends
8:00 Just Shoot Me
8:30 The King Of Queens
9:00 Everybody Loves Raymond
9:30 Grounded For Life
10:00 Frasier
10:30 Third Watch
11:30 Baywatch
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STAR MOVIES

10:00 Stone Cold
11:30 Lost Battalion
1:00 Against All Odds
3:00 Deceived
4:45 Count Of Monte Cristo
7:00 Shark Attack 3
8:40 Buried Alive2
10:15 Mel
11:45 Fear of the Dark
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STAR GOLD

9:00 Angaaray
12:30 Aitbaar
4:30 Haqeeqat - Ajay Devgan
8:00 Staroons Countdown
8:30 Joru Ka Ghulam

STAR PLUS

2:00 Bhabhi
2:30 Kabhi Aaye Na Judai

3:00 Karvaachauth-Ek Pati Rakhash
3:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
4:00 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
4:30 Kahiin To Hoga
5:00 Kaahin Kissi Roz
6:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain
6:30 Fox Kids
7:25 Series
7:30 Kunkum-Pyara Sa Bandhan
8:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom
8:30 Krishna Arjun
9:00 Kasautii Zindagi Kay Des Mein Nikkila Hog Chand
10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki
11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi
11:30 Kahiin To Hoga
12:00 Kaahin Kissi Roz

DISCOVERY

1:30 Baby Stories: Baby Tamborelli
2:00 Fat Free
2:30 New Detectives: Written in Bone
3:30 10 Million Wildcats
4:30 Physical Science in Action
5:00 I Love My Music
5:30 Globe Trekker
6:30 Martial Arts
7:30 Tracking Deadly Vipers
8:30 Cave of the Glowing Skulls
9:30 Colour of War: The beginning of the End
10:30 World's Best death defying Vacations
11:30 FBI Files: In Pursuit

ANIMAL PLANET

1:30 Costa Rica-The Ambada
2:30 Animal Planet Showcase: First Primates

3:30 Pet Nation (Baby Boom, Frankenitty, Borzoi, Dachshund)
7:30 From Cradle to Grave: Dolphins, Dancers of the Deep
8:30 On the Edge: Elephant Crush, The Amazon-Going Bananas)
10:30 Animal Planet Showcase: Apes
11:30 From Cradle to Grave: Gorillas-The Greatest Apes

STAR SPORTS

10:30 Tennis Masters Series Monte-Carlo Monaco Final (R)
12:30 English Premier Football League 2003/04 (R)
2:30 Super 12 Rugby 2004
5:15 Sydney Australia Nsw Waratahs Vs Act Brumbies Round 10 (S)
4:30 Race Day Imola Foster's San Marino Grand Prix(R)
5:00 2004 Formula One World Championships Imola Foster's San Marino Grand Prix
7:30 Chequered Flag: Formula One Imola Foster's San Marino Grand Prix(R)
8:00 Sportsline (L)
8:30 Spanish Football League 2003/04 (R)
10:30 Sportsline (R)
11:00 World Supertbike Championships 2004
11:30 Highlights (T)
12:00 Kiana's Flex Appeal (T)

ESPN

10:00 English Premier Football League 2003/04 (R)
12:00 Sri Lanka Tour of Zimbabwe Vs Sri Lanka Day Internationals
1:30 ESPN Football League 2003/04 (R)
3:30 English Premier Football League 2003/04 (R)
5:30 ESPN School Quiz 2004 (T)
6:00 Harsha Online Ian Healy (R)
7:00 NBA Special 2004 Preview (R)
7:30 English Premier League Highlights (T)
8:30 Sportscenter India (L)
9:00 English Premier Football League 2003/04 (R)
11:00 UEFA Champions League Magazine Show
11:30 Sportscenter India (R)
12:00 ESPN School Quiz 2004 (R)

TEN SPORTS

10:00 WI v Eng: 3rd ODI H/Ls
11:00 Trans World Sports
11:30 Gamer TV
12:00 ATP Tennis
2:00 South American WC Qualifier Story
4:30 WI v Eng: 3rd ODI H/Ls
5:00 Trans World Sports
5:30 Gamer TV
7:00 Raw
8:00 ICC Cricket World: Ep 14
8:30 Gamer TV
9:00 Gillette World Sport
11:00 WI v Eng: 3rd ODI H/Ls