CULTURAL FEAST

Exhibition

Title: Neel: Indigo Exhibition
Organiser: Aranya & Source (MCC)
Venue: Aranya, 60 Kemal Ataturk Avenue, Banani
Time: October 22-November 15
The event features daily demonstrations of dyeing and printing with indigo as well as information on its cultivation and extraction.

Title: Italian Art Books and Handicrafts Show
Organiser: The Italian Embassy
Venue: The Italian Ambassador's residence, House NW 7, Road 54, Gulshan 2
Time: October 29-30, from 10am to 2pm.

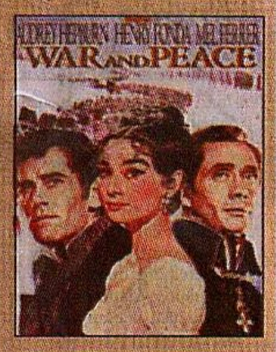
Title: Even the Walls Have Ears
Artist: Tayeba Begum Lipi
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Road, Dhanmondi
Time: October 21-31, from 5pm to 8pm

Title: Islamic Calligraphy & Italian Reproduction Art
Venue: Art & Soul Gallery, Road 36, House 16, Gulshan
Time: October 29-November 20, from 12pm to 4pm, 7pm to 9pm

Title: Power
Artist: Khalid Mahmood Mithu
Venue: Gallery Chitrak, Road 4, House 21, Dhanmondi
Time: October 22-31, from 10am to 8pm

Title: Calligraphy Exhibition 2004
Organiser: Lalbagh Art Group
Artists: Ha Mim Kefayetullah, Ishak Ahmed, Ata Imran and Morshedul Alam
Venue: Novera Gallery, National Museum
Time: October 23-27, from 9am to 3pm

Film Show



Title: Tolstoy in Film
Organiser: Dhaka Film Society and Centre for Asian Arts and Cultures
Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi
Time: October 26-27

Schedule:
October 26
3:00pm Anna Karenina (Ballet Dance)
4:30pm Anna Karenina (Feature Film)

October 27
3:30pm War And Peace (Feature Film)

ON LOCATION

The New Shobuj Opera

ERSHAD KAMOL

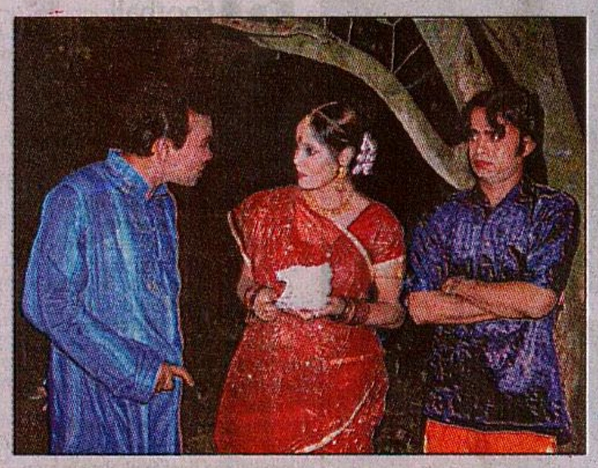
A huge typical jatra *pandal* (open air stage) is built beside the relics of the Srifal Tali zamindar palace near Kaliakoir, Gazipur. A film crew is on its toes shooting the new mega serial *The New Shobuj Opera*. The programme will be aired from the first week of November on ATN Bangla.

Through the story of a particular jatra company, *The New Shobuj Opera* depicts the colourful lifestyle of the jatra artistes. This new venture, by Manunur Rashid, reveals the decay of this art form. For the shooting, the team has set up a realistic ambience of a jatra, which includes a ticket counter and a stage at the shooting spot.

Performers as well as the technical crews have been staying near Kaliakoir, Gazipur, for 20 days for the shoot. The interiors of the zamindar palace and the nearby lawn are being used for the shoots.

October 21 was the 20th day of the continuous shooting slot On this day, a few interesting sequences were shot. For instance, a duel sequence between AKM Hasan and Shamim Zaman was shot. During the shoot out, the actors sometimes became so involved in their roles that some of them sustained injuries.

AKM Hasan has already established himself as a comic actor in *Ronger Manush*. He said, 'I play the role of a chef in the jatra company. My character is quite an interesting one. I play the role of a sycophant of the owner of the jatra company; and in his absence in the scene, I enact his role.'



Fazlur Rahman Babu, Eva Saha and AKM Hasan in the mega serial

Babu and Helal in a comical sequence

In the next shot, Fazlur Rahaman Babu, who plays the role of a quarrelsome fellow, was filmed in a cooking scene brawling with the chef.

Like the other performers, Jayanto Chattopadyay is also racing against the clock to complete the shooting. As he said, 'One night I had to change my make-up four times for six sequences.' He gives credit for this feat to the make-up artiste M Ali Babul.

In *The New Shobuj Opera*, a good number of young artistes appear on the screen for the first time. The debut artistes--Rubli Chowdhury, Joyeeta and Shurobhi--are also enjoying their experiences in the course of the shooting.

Shah Alam Dulal, who plays the role of the manager of the company, said, 'I had no idea at all as to how interesting the role of a jatra manager is! In the serial, we had to work with a professional jatra team. I picked up many nuances of acting from them--much of which I had not learnt in my 25-years as a stage artiste.'

Director Mamunur Rashid said, 'Zamindar Afzal Chowdhury is helping by allowing us to use his palace. It is only nature that is hostile to us. During these 20 days, we could not work for more than 10 days.' Regarding the introduction of many new artistes in the play, he said, 'During our next slot, which starts from November at the same place, a few more new artistes will stage an entry in the serial.'

Songs that touch the listener's heart

Tête-à-tête *with Mahmud Khurshid*

SABIRA MANIR

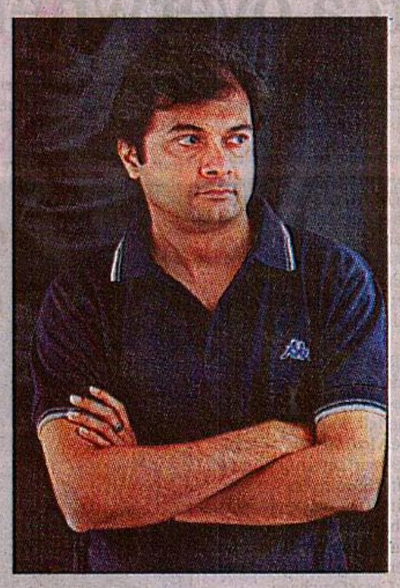
The songs of Miles, such as *Phiriye dao, Dhiki dhiki agun joley* and *Neela* are still fresh in the memory of millions of the band's fans. Mahmud Khurshid, the lyricist of these songs, is now set to come up with other musical attractions. He has written two more songs for Miles' forthcoming album *Protiddhoni*. The songs are *Swapnabilash* and *Jibone chai josh*.

Mete uthi boishakhi utshobey, sung by Mehreen, is also written by him. However, this is the first festive song after *Melay jaire*, sung by Maksud of Feedback which was a big hit. 'I had been toying with the idea of writing such a song for a long time, 'says Mahmud.

The lyricist of many popular songs, Khurshid started his journey in 1989. The first band he worked with was Octave. He wrote half of the songs for the band's album *Tumi Chole Gechho*. Next he wrote lyrics for Miles, which instantly brought him into the limelight. *Shei mishti hashi bhulte parini* was his first song written for Miles' first album *Protisruti*.

Some of Mahmud's popular songs like *Phiriye dao, Neela, Dhiki dhiki agun joley* appeared with *Shopno bhongo* and other songs in the Miles' second album *Prottasha*.

These songs mainly helped *Prottasha* to become one of the most memorable albums in Bangla band history. His next creations were *Jala jala, Bhulbona tomake* for Miles' third album *Prottoy*. *Probaho*, the fourth album of Miles, touched the listener's heart with *Bisshoy jatra* and *Parini bujhatey*.



Mahmud Khurshid also composed the lyrics of some delightful songs for the popular metal band Warfaze. Besides band songs, he wrote songs for many solo artistes such as Ankhi Alamgir and Kaniz Shuborna. The popular songs performed by them and the songs of Miles are also often telecast on Indian channels like Tara Bangla and MTV.

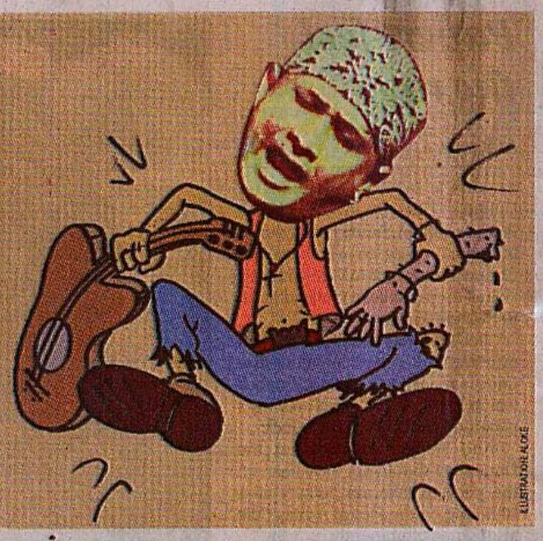
Sentiment, heritage and country images have been used as the theme of the songs written by Mahmud. As he says, 'I was always inspired by positive themes.' He enjoys the songs of the band Feedback, Miles, Renaissance, Warfaze, LRB and Souls. 'Besides this, Black, Subconscious, Artcell and Arthaheen are setting a new trend, which is a plus point of band music, ' says Mahmud. According to him, nowadays, quantity is getting priority over quality.

Most of the songs written by Mahmud have been composed by Manam Ahmed. 'We have an intellectual understanding,' points out Mahmud. 'The lyrics of all my songs are tuned while still in the process of writing. The lyrics and the music are interlaced in a complementary manner,' he adds.

Mahmud Khurshid is also a familiar face in the advertisement. He appeared as model in the advertisements of Fair and Lovely, Berger paints, HSBC bank and Liberty shoes. 'I anchored the programme *Bolun Dekhi* in BTV. I also worked as a presenter in a few documentary programmes. This is how I came into modeling,' says Mahmud.

Lyricist Mahmud Khurshid is the author of more than ten books. Most of the writings are science oriented. ' To be a recognised lyricist is my passion, the other activities I am engaged in are my interest,' says Mahmud.

Mahmud plans to write more songs for Miles and Feedback. This is a welcome piece of news for music lovers.



'Suddenly I noticed a chopped hand on my keyboard'

-- Tutul

SI Tutul is a popular musician, a keyboardist of the popular band LRB and recently instrumentalist-turned-singer. In the course of his career, Tutul has carved a niche for himself in the music world of Bangladesh. Recently, he spoke to our cultural correspondent on issues close to his heart. Excerpts from the interview:

Why sport a bandana?

I am a great fan of Axl Rose, the vocalist of famous rock band Guns n' Roses. He used to wear such a band on his head and I just followed him. Don't think that I am bald. It's just a fashion.

Is talent an important criterion in the media?

It is 'the' most important element, because an artiste cannot shine unless she or he has potential or talent. Then again, if you don't have initiative or sincerity, you can never flourish in the media. But most of all you must enjoy the work. Otherwise one can never do justice to the profession.

Who do you think came first, the egg or the hen?

May be, the hen, because the hen produces the egg. Well, I am not sure... only God can tell. May be both the egg and hen came first. The question is 'tricky' and till now remains an unresolved mystery.

Want to share a weird experience with your fans?

Once I was invited at the Dhaka Medical College premises to perform with LRB. It was a wintry evening. I was playing with full passion when suddenly I noticed a chopped hand on my keyboard. Without paying much heed I just moved it from my instrument. And it felt icier than the usual human hands. However, when I started to play again I found the hand was placed before me again. I was really annoyed. But, to my horror, I saw that it was a hand that didn't belong to a living person. I was really scared by then and began to scream and tremble. Then I saw a medical student, all wrapped with a shawl, laughing from the sidelines. And it became clear that this boy was trying to play a practical joke at my expense. Oh! I can never forget that event.

What would you do if you won a million dollar in a lottery?

I would rush to a music shop and buy my favourite musical instruments to my heart's content. And about the rest of the money? Well, I would give it to my wife and let her spend it any way that appeals to her.

What would you do if your were chosen to be the Prime Minister for a day?

I don't think I would ever accept the offer. It is a Herculean task to run a country. The head of the state hardly has a family life. He or she gets so embroiled with problems and solutions that they have very little time for themselves.

I would rather take the responsibility of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs. I would give the cultural personalities, especially those who have less media exposure, the best facilities to flourish in the entertainment world. (Smilingly) And last of all, I would try to retain the power for more than a day.

The best movie you have watched so far?

It is hard to tell because I have so many favourites on my list! Well, to name a few: Home Alone *was an excellent movie. I also liked the action* Terminator2: The Judgement Day. *At home I like the Liberation War movies* like Ora Egaro Jan *and* Aguner Parashmani. *This is also because I feel inclined towards such movies because my father was martyred in the war. Besides, I like the religious movies like* Arc of Noah. Sunflower *is another of my favourites.*

The best book you have ever read?

I don't have much time to read books now a days. Still when I was a student I used to read a lot from the Bangla literature like Manik Bondyapadhhyay, Budhhbev Basu and Bankimchandra Chattyapadhhyay.

What songs appeal to you most?

Scorpions are my all time favourites especially their Wind of Change and Holidays are great ones. Again Bryan Adams, Sting, Richard Marx, Mark Anthony, Pink Floyd, and The Doors are also my very favourite artistes and bands.

What if you were told to give up your career as a singer?

I would either settle in the Himalayas or commit suicide, that is for sure. Because music is my life and I cannot live without music.

Celsius 41.11-- reply to Moore's *Fahrenheit 9/11*

BBC ONLINE

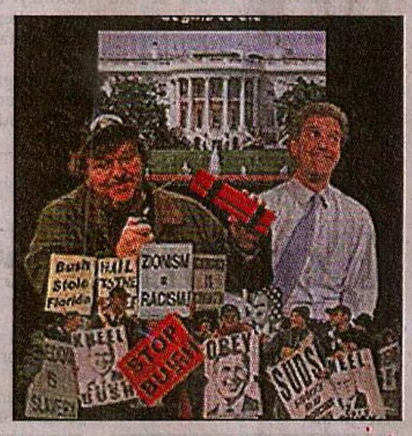
Billed as the Republican reply to Michael Moore's President Bush-bashing film *Fahrenheit 9/11*, the documentary *Celsius 41.11* has just been released in the US.

The name of the film, directed by Kevin Knoblock, refers to the temperature at which the brain begins to die. It does not pretend to offer a balanced political picture, and in fact was financially backed by conservative research organisation Citizens United.

And *Celsius 41.11* is already proving as contentious for US newspaper reviewers as *Fahrenheit 9/11*, coming at such a politically sensitive time with just weeks to go until the US elections.

Many newspapers, while not disagreeing with the facts of the documentary, have not been impressed with it as a piece of entertainment. Philip Kennicott of *The Washington Post* called it a 'dull' and 'overlong attack ad on John Kerry'.

Jeffrey Bruner of the Des Moines Register said: 'For the US $900,000 reportedly spent on this film, it's a pretty low-quality production that's not going to transfer well to a big screen. But as after-dinner viewing in your living room, it should work fine.'



Celsius 41.11 supports Bush's stance on the Iraq war

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

ATN BANGLA
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am.10:00am. 2:00 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 9:00 a.m,10:00 am, 11:00 am.1:00pm.3:00 pm. 4:00pm.6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

ntv
News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am. 12:00 am. 6:15 pm. 9:30 pm.
News (Bangla) 7:30 am. 2:00 pm. 5:00 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
09:00 Satellite Programme
12:15 *Shongbad Potrer Pata Thekey*
12:30 Health Bulletin
01:05 Cartoon Film
01:30 Education Programme
02:05 *Hater Kachhe Computer*
02:30 *Shikkhangan*
03:30 Campus
04:05 *Sangita*
04:30 Open University
05:05 *Mahe Ramadan*
06:10 *Shondhya Maloti*
06:35 Programmes from Chittagong Centre
07:05 Quiz Quiz
07:30 *Gaan Shudhu Gaan*
08:25 *Protidin Bangladersh*
08:30 Drama Serial: *Bikeley Bhorer Alo*
09:00 Drama Serial: *Mukhoshdhari*
10:30 *Sonali Sakal*
11:00 *Ujjibon*

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08:00 *Aajker Shakal*
08:30 *Adekha Bhuban*
09:20 *Khoborer Shondhaney*
10:05 *Natoker Gaan*
10:30 *Sunsilk Opshora*
11:00 *Chhobir Gaan*
11:30 *Putul Naach*
12:02 *Purono Ekok Natok*
02:30 *Adekha Bhuban*
03:05 *Tijiner fanke*
03:40 *Apnar Jigyasha*
04:25 *Hridoye Ramadan*
05:20 *Islam Shikkhar Ashor*
06:20 *Shubho Shondhya*
06:50 *Sanglaap*
08:10 Drama: *Sporsher Baire*
08:50 *Taray Taray*
09:40 Drama Serial: *Shaeola*
11:25 *Dindarpan*

CHANNEL-i
09:30 *Shongbad Potrey Bangladesh* and Public reaction
09:45 *Tritio Matra*
10:45 Grameen Phone Cricket Online
11:30 *Bijli Boarding*
12:00 *Chithi Pelam*
12:30 *Aaj Dupurey*
01:00 *Ebong Cinemar Gaan*
01:25 *Public Reaction*
01:30 Bangla feature film
04:00 *Banglar Gaan*
05:00 *Sa Re Ga Ma*
05:15 *Jonopoder Khobor*
05:30 i Sports
06:00 Music Plus
06:30 *Aananda Bichitra*
07:50 Close up Juke Box
08:25 *Parityakto Bari*
09:35 Drama Serial: *Shonali Danar Chil*
10:00 Drama Serial: *Taka*

ATN BANGLA
10:30 Talk Show: *Anya Drishti*
11:15 Drama Serial: *Mohona*
11:50 *Business this week*
12:30 Bangla Feature Film: *Uro Cola Saat Rang*
03:45 *Shamoshamoik*
04:20 *Shamoshamoik*
05:10 *Mobarak Ho Mahe Ramadan*
06:20 *Cute Aynar Shamne*
08:00 Drama Serial: *Chhotto Ey Jibon*
08:30 Drama Serial: *Gulshanubar*
09:00 Drama Serial: *Anushuchona*
09:30 *Ek Dui Teen*
10:30 *Prekkhapot*

ALPHA BANGLA
2:00 Neelseemana
2:33 Search Light
3:00 Titash Ekti Nadir Naam
4:33 Bengali Feature Film - Contd.
5:30 Gaan Unlitd.
6:00 Alpha Khabar
6:30 Dhanni Meye
10:10 Dhyattarika
8:30 Ek Akasher Niche
9:30 Hao Mao Khao
10:00 Paanch Dine Gappo - Alpha Mini Series

HBO
10:15 The Naked Gun The Smell of Fear
12:00 Taboo
1:45 The Eighteenth Angel
5:45 Poolie Tang
7:30 Mr. Deeds
9:30 See Spot Run
11:30 Sex and The City

STAR MOVIES
10:45 The Craft
12:30 Bollywood Queen
2:00 First Blood
3:30 I Don't Buy Kisses Anymore
5:25 She's The One
7:00 Original Sin
8:50 Entrusted
11:00 The Craft
12:45 Unspeakable
2:30 Hellraiser iii: Hell On Earth

STAR GOLD
1:30 Hatya
4:45 Dadagiri
7:30 Kuch Hit Kuch Superhit
8:30 Raju Chacha

STAR PLUS
3:00 Kesar
3:30 Kabhi Aaye Na
4:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bhu Thi
4:30 Kahiin To Hoga
5:00 K.Street Pali Hill
5:30 Zindagi Milke Bitayenge
6:00 Hit Filmein Hit Sangeet- 20 M
6:30 Maal Hai To Taal Hai
7:00 Fox Kids
8:00 Kumkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan
8:30 Hello Dollie
9:00 Dekho Magar Pyaar Se
9:30 Kasautii Zindagii Kay
10:00 Kehta Hai Dil

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
6:00 The Simpsons
7:00 Home Improvement
7:30 Friends
8:30 Just Shoot Me
9:00 John Doe
9:30 Uc: Undercover
10:30 Law & Order: Svu
12:30 Baywatch

HALLMARK
1:30 Choosing Matthias
3:30 Play With Me Sesame
4:00 Sesame Street
5:00 Bewitched
5:30 Family Law
6:30 Judging Amy Season
7:30 Jasper Texas
9:05 Mysterious Ways
9:55 Family Law
10:45 Out of Order

AXN
10:30 Global Adventure
12:30 Season
1:30 Fear Factor
2:30 Global Adventure
3:30 Boomtown
4:30 Now See This
5:30 Rescue
6:00 Going Back
6:30 Xena Warrior Princess
9:30 Maximum Exposure
10:30 The Karate Kid

ZEE CINEMA
9:30 Kismat
1:00 Hote Hote Pyar Ho Gaya
5:30 Dosti Dushmani
9:00 Director's Cut-N Chandra-Tezaab

ZEE TV
3:30 Ram Avtaar
4:30 3 Ka Show Contd
5:15 Exposure Jhalak
6:30 Cartoon Network On Zee
7:30 Hip Hip Hurray
8:00 Reth
8:30 Tumhari Disha
9:00 Piya Ka Ghar
9:30 Astitva - Ek Prem Kahani
10:00 Kareena Kareena
10:30 Bollywood Dreams: The Making Of A Cinestar
11:00 Tum Bin Jaaoon Kahan
11:30 Kabhi Haan Kabhi Naa

CARTOON NETWORK
10:30 Tom and Jerry Kids
11:00 Boo!
11:30 Rubadubbers
12:00 Baby Looney Tunes
12:30 Scooby-Doo
1:30 Rubadubbers
3:00 The Legend of Snow White
3:30 The Powerpuff Girls
4:00 Codename: Kids
5:00 Justice League
5:30 Pokemon
6:00 Digimon
6:30 Tom and Jerry Show
7:00 All New Popeye
8:00 Dexter's Laboratory
8:30 Pokemon
9:00 Digimon
9:30 Tom and Jerry Show
10:00 Dexter's Laboratory
11:30 The Mask

ANIMAL PLANET
1:30 Emergency Vets
2:30 Miami Animal Police Freeway Gator
3:30 Animal Precinct At Ground Zero
4:30 Police Mystery Monster
5:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals
6:00 Amazing Animal Videos
6:30 Wild Island
7:00 Monkey Business
7:30 Deep Into The Wild Penguins
8:00 Nightmares of Nature
8:30 Miami Animal Police
10:00 Animal Precinct Horse Neglect
10:30 21st Century Ark
11:30 Wild Encounters

DISCOVERY CHANNEL
1:30 House to Home
2:00 Baby Whisperer
2:30 Fastest, Tallest, Biggest
3:30 America's Most Haunted Places Chicago
4:30 New Detectives,
5:30 Great Hotels
6:00 Popular Mechanic For Kids Navy Seals
6:30 Ushuaia Nature
7:30 Wild and Nature
8:30 Science Frontiers Human Mind
9:30 Seven Wonders of the Industrial World
10:30 Drama On Discovery
11:30 Great Crimes

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
1:30 Be The Creature
2:30 Planet Wild
3:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife
3:30 Ng
4:30 Croc Chronicles
5:00 Wildlife Diary
5:30 Be The Creature
6:30 Planet Wild
7:00 Toyota World Of Wildlife
7:30 On Assignment
8:30 Marco Polo
9:00 Two Way Tea Journey
9:30 People's Planet
10:30 Quest For Noah's Flood
11:30 Croc Chronicles

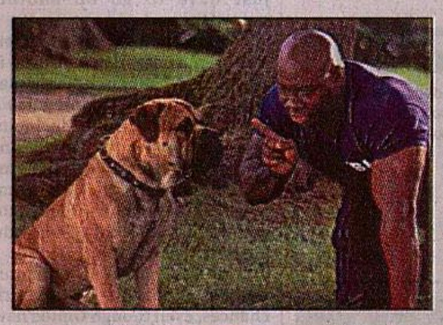
STAR SPORTS
11:30 Hitz
12:00 New Zealand Tour Of Bangladesh Chittagon Bangladesh Bangladesh Vs New Zealand 2nd Test
4:30 The Golf Club
5:00 Cricket Gold
8:00 Sportsline
8:30 Champions League Extra Uefa
10:30 Sportsline (R)
11:00 New Zealand vs Bangladesh Highlights

ESPN
10:30 English Premier Football League
2:30 Ama Motocross
3:30 English Premier Football League
6:30 Football Focus
7:30 Motorsport Asia
8:00 Cricket Show
9:00 Cricket Gold
11:00 Motorsport Asia
11:30 Sportscenter India

TEN SPORTS
10:00 WWE: Raw
10:30 ICC Cricket World
11:00 Gillette World Sport
11:30 ATP Tennis
12:30 Italian Serie A
2:30 Pakistan v Sri Lanka
4:30 Italian Serie A
5:00 Gamer TV
5:30 Gillette World Sport
7:30 WWE: Smackdown
9:00 Indoor Cricket World
10:00 Italian Serie A
11:00 German League Highlights

PICK OF THE DAY

Parityakto Bari
On Channal-i at 8:25 p.m.
Genre: Drama Serial
Cast: Gazi Rakayet, Soma, Rakhi Reza



See Spot Run
On HBO at 9:30 p.m.
Genre: Comedy (more)
Cast: David Arquette, Michael Clarke Duncan