

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

### Musical soiree

Celebrating 147<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore  
**Organiser:** Nandan  
**Venue:** Chhayant Sanskritbhavan, House-72, Road-15 A, Dhanmondi  
**Date:** May 10  
**Time:** 6:45 pm



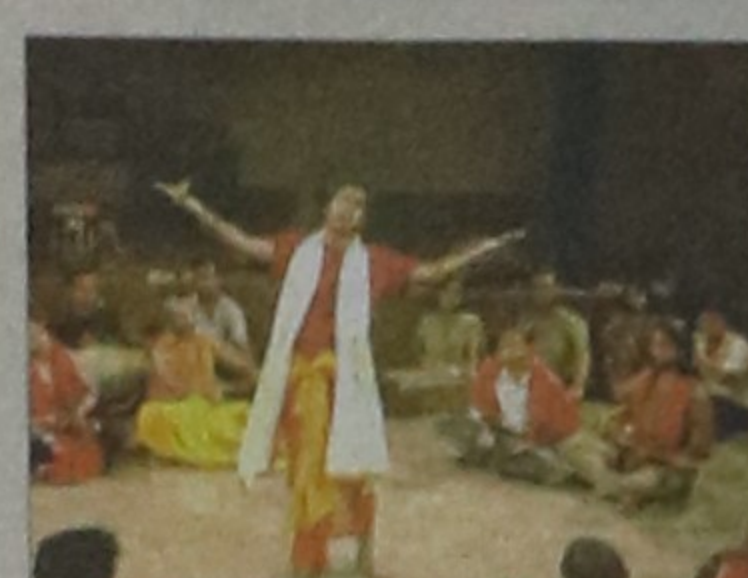
### Film Screening

To celebrate 22nd anniversary  
**Title:** Films from Africa  
**Organiser:** Zahir Raihan Film Society  
**Venue:** Goethe-Institut Bangladesh, H 10, R 9, Dhanmondi  
**Date:** May 18-22



### Theatre

**Play:** Sitar Bonobash  
**Troupe:** Department of Drama and Music, DU  
**Venue:** Natmondol, DU  
**Date:** May 4-8  
**Time:** 7 pm everyday



### Theatre

**Play:** Little Shop of Horror  
**Troupe:** Dhaka Stage Troupe  
**Venue:** American International School, United Nations Road, Baridhara  
**Date:** May 7-9  
**Time:** 7:30 pm everyday



## A journey through the works of artist Mohammad Kibria



Mohammad Kibria (L) and Chief Adviser Dr Fakhruddin Ahmed display the book at the launch programme; Anders Jensen and Elthem Kabir seen at the back

JESMINA SHANTA

In the midst of a crisis where art is striving to carve a niche in the global arena, a book on art, titled *Kibria* was recently launched to make for a smoother path. The work takes a close look at painter Mohammad Kibria, providing a retrospective of his works and the first series of the books on eminent artists.

Set up in 2002, the SPBA seeks to promote Bangladeshi arts, paintings and sculptures globally. A non-profit organisation, it aims to give national artists and their work a platform. Though Bangladeshi art itself has attained a certain standard, unfortunately it has not received the global recognition it deserves. On personal levels, several painters like Zainul Abedin, Quamrul Hasan, Mohammad Kibria, Qayyum Chowdhury, Debdas Chakrabarti, Shahbuddin and others have obtained international acclaim, but overall national art lacks a foothold in the international art scene. At present, the global art market is upbeat, and the artworks of our neighbouring countries -- India

and China -- are high priced. In this scenario, Bangladeshi art is dealing with several issues. The society revealed that they aim to print more books featuring the photography and information of the eminent artists of the country, in order to keep a record of the contemporary art of Bangladesh. It has taken three years to publish the book, *Kibria*. Thanks must also go to art lovers who have allowed photographing Kibria's paintings from their personal collection. The Chief Adviser, Dr Fakhruddin Ahmed, was present as the chief guest at the book launch. In his speech, the Chief Adviser said that the government is interested in promoting the country's art and culture to the

world as Bangladesh takes pride in its thousand-year-old rich and vibrant traditions. He also assured the guests that he would look into the unfinished construction of the gallery at the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.

Among others, Mohammad Kibria, 79; eminent artist Qayyum Chowdhury; Elthem Kabir, chairman of the SPBA and Anders Jensen, chief executive officer of the Grameenphone also spoke at the book launch.

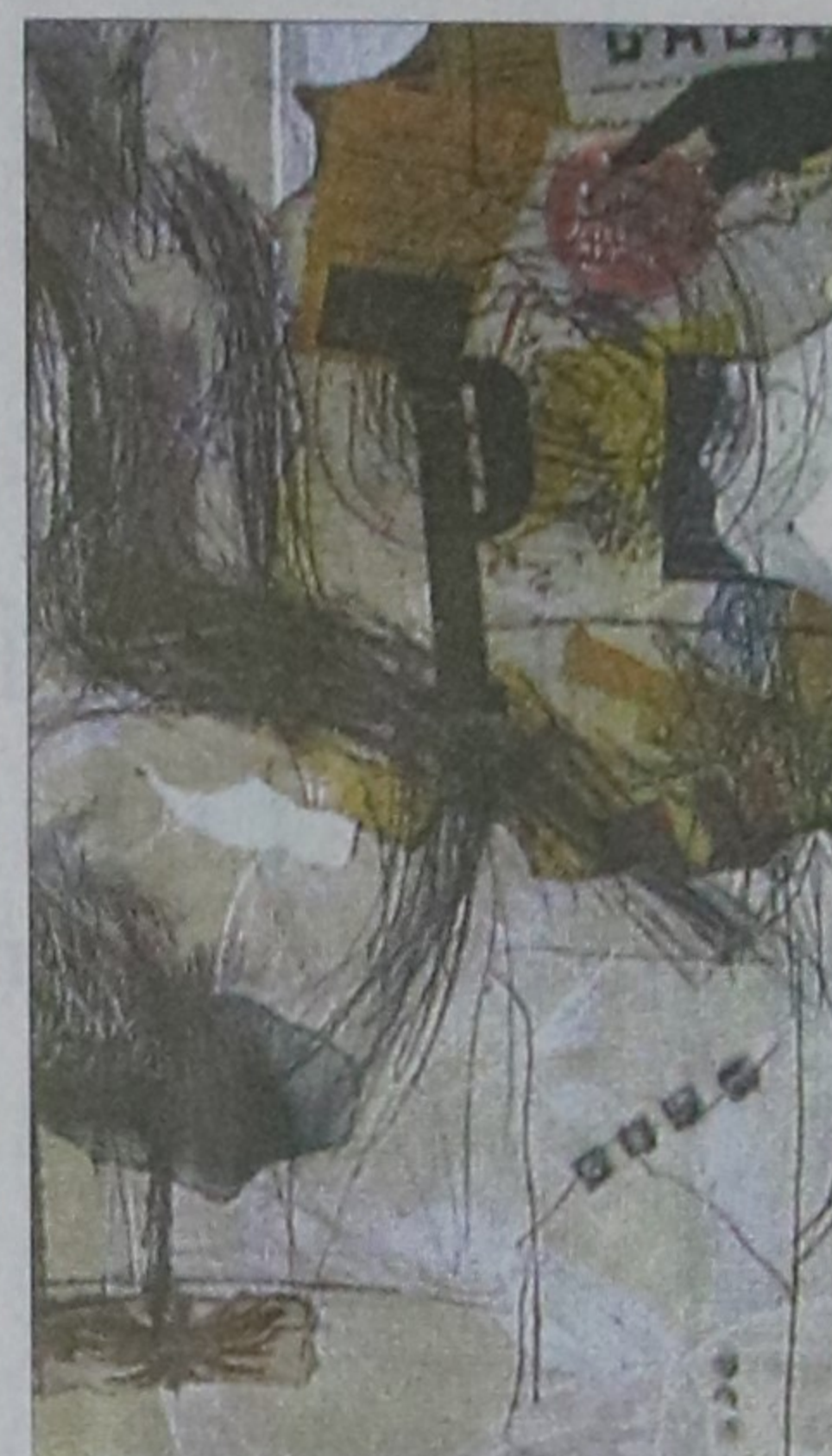
The speakers pointed out that exchange of such art books among dignitaries would give them an access to the art scene in our country. In particular, the Bangladesh embassies all over the world, whose fundamental goal is to enhance the image of Bangladesh, must promote such art books so that any person or organisation interested in Bangladeshi art can get a glimpse of the traditional and current artworks of the country.

An overwhelmed Kibria, the pioneer of the contemporary art movement in Bangladesh, said that the publication of the book at this stage of his life has inspired him to paint once more.

However, there are tough hurdles to cross. An art patron cannot single-handedly promote these works globally. Other stakeholders must include the artists, the art promoting organisations, the patrons, the art auction bidders, the corporate companies and the government. First of all, the government must formulate policies to inspire and financially support the artists. A few positive policies will ensure a smooth journey for the painters and artists. With such focussed efforts, Bangladeshi art should soon obtain its due recognition in the contemporary global art arena.

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## Prints in monochrome colours



(From left) *All in the Past-I* (mixed media) and *Sokittho* (woodcut)

FAYZA HAQ

Print making has never been easy, whether it be on wood, stone or metal. However, Farhana Yasmin and Tariq Julfiqar have fascinated their viewers with their recent combined exhibition of prints at Samatata Gallery. The two artists have different views and themes, both living in a world of their own.

Farhana presents incidents from her every day life. She brings in both the happy and painful events from her life, beginning with her childhood and going up to emotions and memories of her adult life. It is the selection of monochrome colours that make her work unusual.

She says, "There is no difference between my art and my life. I want to transfer my experiences. I don't want to be the only one talking and my audience listening. I want to share my experiences."

Farhana has studied print making at Rajshahi University and at UODA, Dhaka. She has won the Rashid Chowdhury Award from Rajshahi University; she has taken part in many group exhibitions such as 12<sup>th</sup> Asian Art Biennale.

Tariq depicts mankind's eternal dream of flying in the sky. He too uses monochrome but from time to time includes shades of green, yellow and red, bringing in a fresh concept of combination of hues.

He says, "I feel the artist's life is full of commitment. Art is an absolute obsession and my passions are my inspiration. Most artists think deeply about what is happening around and inside them, and share these thoughts and ideas with others through their visual art. The major theme of my work is the social situation of our time and salvation from our stagnant times."

Tariq has qualified from the same art institutions as Farhana, and has an Honourable Men-

tion Award from the 17<sup>th</sup> National Art Exhibition, 2007 from the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.

"Pathos-1" Intaglio presents a devil in black, caught in a mesh of webs. The only relieving figure in this haunting piece is the crescent moon at the back.

"Viscosity, Sulakha's mind" depicts black twigs and branches in the shape of a leaning woman against a greenish yellow sky.

"Uprising, Intaglio" depicts a flying man seen against a black and gray backdrop, the subject appearing almost like a dragon fly. "All in the past", mixed media, includes floating figures, hands, alphabets and dry autumn leaves.

"Sokittho", woodcut, presents two happy, village women in bright and contrasting colours.

The exhibition ends on May 5.



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

## On Air

### BTV

08:20 Shuprobhat  
 08:45 World Roundup  
 09:05 Talk Show  
 09:30 Smritimoy Geetimoy  
 10:05 Open University  
 10:30 Quiz Quiz  
 10:55 Selected Programme  
 11:30 Drama Serial  
 12:00 Maa O Shishur Katha  
 12:30 Educational Programme: Shobbar Jonyo Shikhya  
 01:00 Baanshuri  
 01:30 Cartoon  
 02:15 Ogrodot  
 02:40 Khela Dhula  
 03:05 Shukhi Poribaar  
 03:30 Nirapodey Choley Chai  
 04:05 Onu Porumanu  
 04:30 Dance Programme: Nriyter Nriyter Taley Taley  
 05:05 Debate  
 06:15 Matri Bhasa  
 07:00 Talk Show: Shomoyer Shanglap  
 07:25 Bazar-er Bag  
 08:35 Selected Programme  
 09:00 Musical Programme: Chhayachhondo  
 10:30 Musical Programme: Shondha Maloti  
 11:00 Talk Show: Dale Line Dhaka

### ATN BANGLA

08:15 Aiker Shangbadpotro  
 08:30 Char Dayaler Kabyo  
 09:15 Drama Serial: Alokogor  
 10:30 Talk Show: Onnyodristhi  
 11:05 Shushtho Thakun  
 11:35 Notun Chhobir Gaan  
 12:15 Molamot  
 02:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House  
 03:10 Drama Serial: O Amar Chokkhu Nai  
 03:50 Children's Programme: Chhander Prithibi  
 04:20 Agricultural Programme: Shomali Din

05:10 Square Hospital Shushtho Thakun  
 05:45 Business Show: Genetic Business Week  
 06:20 Documentary Programme: Ashe Pasher Manush  
 08:00 Drama Serial: Shopno Mongol  
 08:45 Talk Show: Tobuo Chup  
 11:30 Talk Show: Jey Katha Keu Boleni  
 12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

### CHANNEL-1

08:05 Tagore Song  
 09:30 Shangbadpotro Bangladesh  
 09:45 Public Reaction  
 09:50 Grameenphone Trio Matra  
 11:05 Educational Programme  
 12:30 Talk Show: Citycell Taroka Kathan  
 01:05 Musical Programme: Ebong Cinemar Gaan  
 01:30 Musical Programme: Sa Re Ga Ma  
 02:35 Ekattur Er Dinguli  
 03:05 Banijyo O Orthonti  
 03:30 Musical Programme: Hridoyer Gaan  
 04:30 Educational Programme: BSB Cambrian Medha Bikash Muktyudhho Proidin  
 05:30 Drama Serial: Alor Khojey Amra Kojona  
 06:40 Oshamanya  
 07:50 BBC Bangladesh Shanglap  
 09:35 Drama Serial: Neel Tepantore  
 10:00 Travel Show: RC Travel On  
 11:30 Drama Serial: 69  
 12:00 Grameenphone Aiker Shangbadpotro

### ETV

08:30 Ekusher Shokaal  
 09:15 Drama Serial: Dur-er Manush  
 10:30 Ekushey Business  
 12:00 Ekushey Dupur  
 12:30 Ekushey Business: Special Focus  
 01:30 Ekushey Business: Shophol Jara  
 02:10 Drama Serial: Poribibi  
 02:30 Drama Serial: Aziz Market Dhaka 1000  
 03:30 Shomali Shada Kalo  
 04:00 Sports Round up  
 05:15 Sports Plus  
 05:45 Ekush-er Shondha  
 06:15 Sms Mania  
 06:30 Documentary Programme: Desh Jurey  
 07:45 Cookery Show: Tomi Mian-er Recipe  
 08:15 Drama Serial: Ekey Shunyo Dash  
 09:30 Drama Serial: Dur-er Manush  
 10:00 Drama: Prolichhaya  
 10:50 Financial Bulletin

### BANGLAVISION

08:35 Ebong Class-er Bairey  
 09:00 Agami Kontho  
 10:10 Drama Serial: Tank Ali Hadari  
 10:40 Sports Vision  
 11:35 Kemon Budget Chai  
 02:00 Daily Soap: Mohanagar  
 02:30 Talk Show: Aamar Ami

### ZEE STUDIO

08:30 The Battle Of The Last Panzar



Shopno Mongol On ATN Bangla at 08:00 pm Drama Serial Cast: Zahid Hassan, Romana

03:05 X Crime  
 04:20 Drama Serial: Byasto Doctor  
 05:30 Drama Serial: Shohor-er Shesh Bari  
 06:05 Citycell Din-er Sheshey  
 06:50 Drama Serial: Horek Rang-er Mon  
 08:25 Daily Soap: Mohanagar  
 09:05 Cookery Show: Confidence Salt  
 10:30 Shomali Shada Kalo  
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06:00 Saaj Bela  
 07:00 Shondi Khoney  
 08:15 Drama: Koshai Bou  
 09:00 Shomoyer Aainay-er Rajniti  
 09:30 Cine Tune  
 11:00 Gaan-el Gaan-ey Bohudur Swadhinda Concert

### ZEE STUDIO

08:30 The Battle Of The Last Panzar

12:30 Chasing Earthquake  
 01:30 Hog Genius  
 02:30 The Real Serengeti  
 03:30 Mystery Fire  
 04:30 I Didn't Know That  
 05:00 Fangs Of The Forest  
 05:30 Big Bang  
 06:00 Croc Chronicles  
 06:30 Sinking A Destroyer  
 07:30 Death Of The Bear Man

12:00 Raja Ki Aayegi Baraat  
 12:30 Bidaai  
 01:00 Kis Desh Me Hai Meraa Dil  
 01:30 Kunkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan  
 02:00 Bhabhi  
 02:30 Karam Apnaa Apnaa  
 03:00 Grihasti  
 03:30 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi  
 06:00 Raja Ki Aayegi Baraat  
 06:30 Bidaai  
 07:00 Grihasti  
 07:30 Sangam  
 08:00 Santaana  
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 09:00 Kis Desh Me Hai Meraa Dil  
 09:30 Bidaai  
 10:00 Kasturi  
 10:30 Kahaani Ghar Ghar Ki  
 11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi  
 11:30 Kayamath  
 12:00 Karam Apnaa Apnaa  
 12:30 Kasturi

### STAR WORLD

09:30 Grey's Anatomy  
 10:30 For Better Or For Worse  
 11:30 My Wife And Kids  
 12:00 The Simpsons  
 12:30 Seinfeld  
 01:00 Friends  
 01:30 Northern Exposure  
 02:30 The Ellen Degeneres Show  
 03:30 The Bold And The Beautiful  
 04:00 General Hospital  
 05:00 Desperate Housewives  
 06:00 King Of The Hill  
 06:30 The Simpsons

### RADIO

Radio Foorti 88.0 FM  
 07:00am Hello Dhaka  
 11:00am Amar 88  
 03:00pm Dhaka Calling  
 07:00pm Seven Eleven  
 12:00am Back to Back music  
 Radio Today 89.6 FM  
 07:15am Good Morning Dhaka  
 11:00am Masti Unlimited  
 01:00pm Today's Adda  
 04:00pm U-Hum  
 08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok  
 11:00pm Raal Vor Gan  
 02:00 am Back to Back

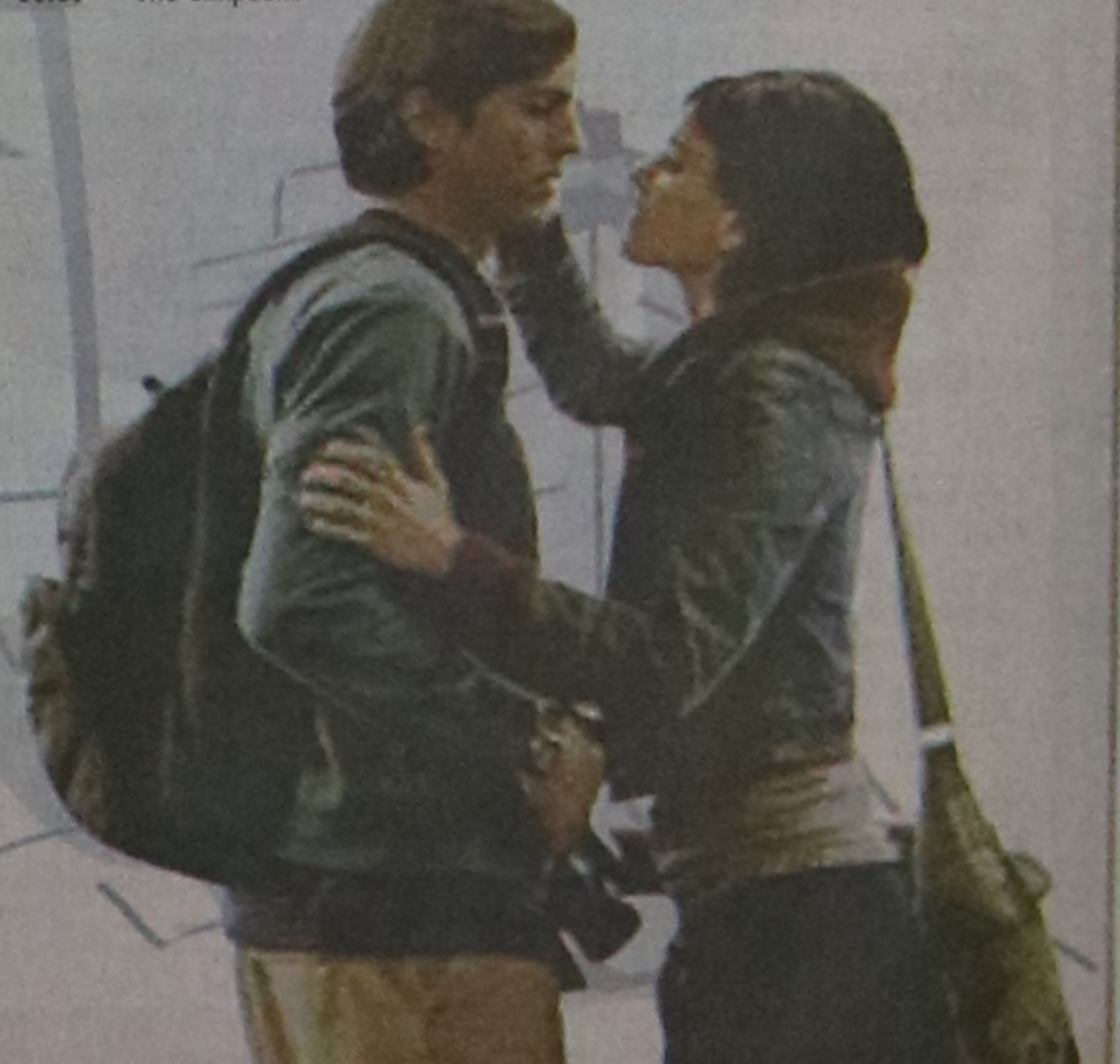
07:00 Rodney  
 07:30 Friends  
 08:00 Seinfeld  
 08:30 My Wife And Kids  
 09:00 8 Simple Rules  
 09:30 Life With Bonnie  
 10:00 Less Than Perfect  
 10:30 Last Comic Standing  
 11:30 Cops  
 12:30 Seinfeld

### THE HISTORY CHANNEL

09:30 Destination Diamond Mine  
 10:30 P-51 Mustang  
 11:30 Eye Max  
 12:00 Swarna Heera  
 12:30 Blood Diamonds  
 02:30 Biography  
 03:30 Al Gore  
 04:30 Cars And Planes  
 05:30 Machines Of The East  
 06:30 Destination Diamond Mine  
 07:30 Da Vinci Code  
 08:30 Breakfast Tech  
 09:30 Jekyll & Hyde  
 11:30 P-51 Mustang  
 12:30 Hawkins And Boggs

### A Lot Like Love

On Zee Studio at 12:45 pm  
 Genre: Romance  
 Cast: Ashton Kutcher, Amanda Peet



### STAR MOVIES

09:40 Van Wilder 2: The Rise Of Taj  
 11:15 Deadly Water  
 12:45 The Thin Red Line  
 03:30 Blown Away  
 05:30 Sharpshooter  
 07:00 Dragon Boys - Ep. 1  
 08:35 Dragon Boys - Ep. 2  
 10:15 Van Wilder 2: The Rise Of Taj  
 12:00 The Hills Have Eyes  
 01:45 Shopgirl

### STAR PLUS

09:30 Kunkum - Pyara Sa Bandhan  
 10:00 Shaka Laka Boom Boom  
 11:00 Prithviraj Chauhan  
 11:30 Grihasti

### NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL

09:30 Madagascar: A World Apart  
 11:30 Anamalai