

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

### Theatre

Play: Khona  
Troupe: Subachan Nattya Sangsad  
Venue: Experimental Theatre Stage, BSA  
Date: July 23  
Time: 7pm



### Group Art Exhibition

Venue: Gallery Samatata, H 4, Rd 95, Gulshan-2  
Date: July 12-21  
Time: 11am-8pm



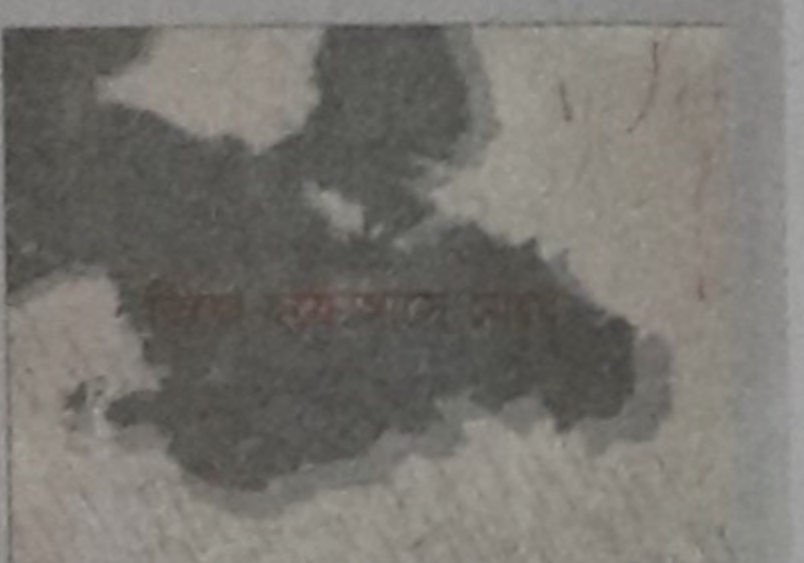
### Solo Art Exhibition

Title: Image of Nature  
Artist: Khurshid Alam Saleem  
Venue: Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts, H 275/F, Rd 27 (old), Dhanmondi  
Date: July 18-29  
Time: 12pm-8pm



### Exhibition

Title: Bhijey Hoye Ashry Megh  
Featuring designs by artists Hashem Khan, Qayyum Chowdhury, Dhruvo Esh, Sabyasachi Hazra, Mahabub Rahman and others  
Venue: Gallery Nitya Upohar, Aziz Cooperative Super Market, Shahbagh  
Date: July 5-24, Time: 10am-8pm



## Talent hunt for rickshaw-wallahs and CNG drivers

# "Magic Tin Chakar Taroka"



One of the contestants takes part in the programme.

JAMIL MAHMUD

At present, talent hunt programmes are the rage. Several TV channels and corporate houses have been arranging talent hunt programmes concerning different sectors of art forms over the last couple of years. Why should rickshaw-wallahs and CNG (auto-rickshaw) drivers be excluded from such programmes?

With the slogan "Gaito Hobe Gola Chhery", production house SB (Shishir Bindu) in association with corporate house Square Toiletries Ltd. and satellite channel ATN Bangla, has initiated a different kind of talent hunt competition specifically for rickshaw-wallahs and CNG drivers.

The programme titled "Magic Tin Chakar Taroka" kicked off on May 9 this year through its preliminary round held in Mirpur. Since then, three more instalments of the preliminary round were held at different venues around Dhaka. The last instalment of the preliminary round was held at Karwan Bazar on July 18.

Organisers informed that from the four instalments of the preliminary round 100 "Magic Card" holders (25 contestants from each instalment) have been selected for the next round. The selection round, which is next, is expected to be held in August at ATN Bangla studio.

"Our initial goal was just to provide a source of recreation for the rickshaw-wallahs. Initially the

programme was called 'Tin Chakar'. After the first instalment of the preliminary round, Square Toiletries Ltd. and ATN Bangla came forward and expressed their interest in the programme and that is why we changed the title to 'Magic Tin Chakar Taroka', said Shishir Salaman, chief executive of SB.

Square Toiletries Ltd. is the sponsor and ATN Bangla is the media partner of the programme. Muni Saha, chief of News Operations, ATN Bangla is the director of the programme. She said, "Masum Apu of Prothom Alo informed me about the programme. I attended the first instalment at Mirpur and was impressed by the participants' enthusiasm as well as their perfor-

mances, all of whom are from the underprivileged class."

"We have further plans to arrange four episodes in the selection round before moving on to the gala round," Muni Saha informed. The winner of the competition will receive prize money worth Tk. one lakh and a chance to record a solo album. Top ten contestants will also be rewarded with notable prizes.

So far, each instalment of the preliminary round featured a panel of four judges. Composer Z. A. Tushar and Momtaz Begum, head of the Department of Music, UODA were common judges at each instalment, while two other positions were filled in by noted artists. Tagore singer Lily Islam and classical artist Ashit Dey were the guest judges at the Karwan Bazar instalment.

About the participants, Lily Islam said, "Presentations by some of the contestants are noteworthy. It is hard to believe that they have no formal training in music."

Ashit Dey said, "If these contestants are groomed properly then it shouldn't be impossible to find an accomplished singer among them."

Though the programme was supposed to feature only rickshaw-wallahs and CNG drivers from Dhaka division, the organisers informed that contestants from all over the country are participating. According to the organisers, over 25,000 contestants took part in the preliminary round.

Md. Raju Ahmed came from Jamalpur to compete at the Karwan Bazar venue after noticing a poster - about the talent hunt - glued behind a rickshaw. Initially the organisers circulated over 70,000 posters for rickshaws.

## Kanak and Mithu win gold

Kanak Chanpa Chakma and Khalid Mahamood Mithu have been awarded a gold medal each from the Olympic Fine Arts 2008. The awards are for Kanak and Mithu's works "Amity of Torch" and "Target-2", says a press release.

The award will be given to the artists on August 11 at the Beijing International exhibition centre. Three hundred artists have been selected from around 10,000 entrants. An honorary certificate and a symbolic torch of the Olympic will be given with the gold medal. The Olympic committee explains the act of conferring the torch symbolises that "art ignites passion, while colour transfers dream wish".

Kanak Chanpa Chakma and Khalid Mahamood Mithu with the symbolic Olympic torch.



## 'Sandhani Donor Club' celebrates 20th anniversary in Pabna Debate and cultural programme held

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

'Sandhani Donor Club', Pabna celebrated its 20th anniversary in Pabna on July 18 amidst festivity and colourful programmes. The debating competition, discussion meeting and reception programme were held in 'Pabna Bonomali Auditorium' marking the day long anniversary programme.

The college students took part in the debating competition with the topic "Social unawareness is

the prime cause of substance use". Students of 'Kamal Uddin' Hall and 'Samsujjoha' Hall of Pabna College took part in the competition. Professor Md. Apur Karim, former principal of Pabna Women College conducted the competition.

Later, a discussion meeting was held in Bonomali auditorium at the evening marking the anniversary. Acting president of 'Sandhani Donor Club', Pabna Dr. Iftekhar Mahmud chaired the discussion meeting while the deputy civil surgeon Pabna Dr. Dipak Kumar

Ghosh was the chief guest. Among others, secretary of Pabna Press Club Utpal Mirza, secretary of 'Sandhani Donor Club', Pabna Khairuzzaman, Ahmed Karim, former secretary of Sandhani Shanto, life member of 'Sandhani Donor Club', Pabna and journalist Sifat Rahman Sanam spoke at the programme.

The speakers stressed on recording the blood group from the very beginning of school admission. "When the children are admitted in the school the blood group should be mentioned," speakers said.

The speakers also urged the donation of blood for the sick. People should come forward to donate blood because safe blood can save lives. If we want to stop the illegal blood business we must be ready to donate blood," speakers said in the meeting.

Later a colorful cultural programme was held marking the occasion. Artists performed music, dance, and recitation in the programme. Prominent Lalon think tank of Kushtia, Ustad Safi Mondol and his group performed folk music.



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

On Air

### News Bulletin

ETV  
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. (To be telecast on all Bangla channels).

CHANNEL-1  
News (Bangla) at 7:15 am, 9:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:30 pm, 12:15 am.

ATN BANGLA  
News (Bangla) at 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm, 11pm. News (English) 8:20 am, 7:00 pm.

Latest News (Bangla) at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

CHANNEL 1  
News (Bangla) at 8:00 am, 12:00 pm, 2:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:00 pm, 12:30 am.

BANGLAVISION  
News (Bangla) at 7:30 am, 1:30 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:15 pm, 10:30 pm.

News Headlines (Bangla) at 10:00 am, 12:00 am, 4:00 pm. News (English) at 6:00 pm.

Rtv  
News (Bangla) at 10:15 pm, and 12:15 am.

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News (Bangla) 7:30 am, 12:02 pm, 2:00 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm, 1:00 am.

ETV  
News (Bangla) 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 11:00 pm.

### BTv

08:20 Shuprobhat  
08:45 Bishwa Bichitra  
09:05 Selected Programme  
09:30 Musical Programme: Smritimoy Geetimoy  
10:05 Open University  
10:30 Shilpa O Shahitya  
11:20 Musical Programme: Gaan Guli Mor

12:10 Drama  
12:30 Maa O Shishur Katha  
01:00 Jib O Jibon

02:15 Educational Programme  
03:05 Cartoon  
03:30 Maa O Shishur Katha

04:05 Shilpa Prangan  
04:30 Musical Programme: Shur Lohori

05:05 Debate  
06:15 Malachyo  
07:00 Mati O Manush

07:20 Shomoyer Shangleap  
07:40 Esho Bangladesh Goni  
08:35 Drama Serial: Neel Konthey Konyo

09:00 Golpo Theke Nakol  
10:30 Musical Programme: Laukik Bangla

ATN BANGLA  
08:15 Akter Shanbadpotro  
08:30 Selected Programme

10:30 Talk Show: Onyodrishti  
12:15 Drama Serial: Ghar Jamal

01:25 Khelar Jogot  
02:30 Drama Serial: Bijoya

03:15 Selected Programme  
04:25 Talk Show: Kaal-er Jaatrar Dhoni

05:10 The Sword of Tipu Sultan  
05:45 Entertainment Show: Paanch

Phoron  
08:00 Prathider Shathe Shangleap  
09:20 Drama Serial: Orchid  
11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House  
12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

ETV  
08:30 Ekush-er Shokal  
09:15 Drama Serial: Aziz Market, Shahbag, Dhaka 1000

10:30 Ekushey Business  
12:00 Ekushey Dupur  
12:30 Ekushey Business: Special Focus

01:30 Ekushey Business: Shaphol Jara  
02:10 Musical Programme

03:30 Shangkriti Shath Din  
04:00 Explosive  
05:30 Sms Mania

05:45 Ekusher Shondha  
06:30 Desh Jurey  
07:45 Street Show: Key Ki Koy

08:15 Musical Programme  
09:30 Drama Serial: Ghatlak Ebong Amra

10:10 Golpo Sholpo Gaan  
11:40 Sports Round Up  
12:00 Ekush-er Raat

Rtv  
08:40 Musical Programme: Saangeet Angon

09:05 Shomoyer Dorpon  
09:35 Drama: Path-er Sheshey

10:03 Drama Serial: Nirontor  
10:55 News Update  
11:00 Kingfisher Taroka Alap

12:30 Musical Programme: Path Chaoatel Anondo  
01:30 Dhallywood Beats

02:30 Bangla Feature Film  
06:00 Protidin  
06:30 Musical Programme: Cinema ar Gaan

08:00 Wide Angle  
08:35 Cookery Show: R Ranna  
09:20 Drama Serial: Dohon

11:00 Drama Serial: Poroshpor  
11:30 Biz Event  
12:00 Editor's Comment

BANGLAVISION  
08:30 Shur-er Bhuboney  
09:00 Cinebit

09:30 Bangla Feature Film  
02:00 Daily Soap: Mohanagar  
02:30 Drama Serial: Shomudro Jol

03:05 Nodi O Jibon  
08:30 The Rock

04:20 Drama Serial: Nogorey Nagonik  
05:30 Law Chamber  
06:05 Din-er Sheshey

06:20 Cinebit Shada Kalo  
06:50 Sports Vision  
08:25 Daily Soap: Mohanagar

09:05 Visa Apnar Agami  
09:45 Drama Serial: Swapno Chura  
11:25 Drama Serial: Shohorer Shesh Bari

12:00 Shangbad Protidin  
10:45 Night At The Museum

12:35 Flyboys  
02:55 Nine Months  
04:40 The Devil Wears Prada

06:30 Vip Access: The Dark Knight  
07:00 Bandidas  
08:35 She's The Man

10:20 The Mistress Of Spices  
12:00 Something Beneath  
HBO

09:30 Solo  
04:20 Drama Serial: Moza Marey Foza Bhai

04:00 Gaan-er Khata  
04:30 Cookery Show: Shomoyer Swad  
05:15 The Right Tune

06:00 Saalbela  
06:30 Top News  
08:15 Drama Serial: Moza Marey Foza Bhai

09:00 Shomoyer Ainayee Rajhiti  
09:30 Cine Tune  
11:00 Rupantor-er Golpo

STAR MOVIES  
08:30 The Rock

11:30 Leapin' Leprechauns! 2  
01:15 The Honeymooners

02:30 Flushed Away  
04:45 Entourage 33: What About Bob?  
05:15 Entourage 34: Sorry, Ari

05:45 Tim Burton's The Corpse Bride  
07:15 Click  
09:30 Batman Forever

12:00 The Mask  
THE HISTORY CHANNEL  
09:30 Napoleon: Steel Monster

10:30 Russia  
11:30 The 60's  
12:30 Biography

01:30 Nefertiti: Mumy Returns  
02:30 Then And Now  
03:30 London's Lost Cities

04:30 Genghis Khan  
06:00 In Case Of Emergency

06:30 That '70s Show  
07:00 Hope And Faith  
07:30 Ugly Betty

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09:30 Grey's Anatomy  
10:30 Desperate Housewives

11:30 Blood Ties  
ZEE STUDIO  
10:45 Mystery Men

01:15 George Of The Jungle  
03:30 Bed And Board  
05:45 The Hollywood Reporter - Repeat

06:15 Rabbit Proof Fence  
08:30 Heroes In Hell  
11:00 Out Cold

### STAR PLUS

09:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby  
09:30 Krishna Kathayien  
12:00 Amul Star Voice of India - II  
01:30 Idea IIFA Awards 2008  
07:00 Raja Ki Aayegi Baraat  
07:30 Salbaba  
08:30 Kya Aap Paanchvi Pass Se Tez Hai  
09:30 Prithviraj Chauhan  
10:00 Baa Bahoo Aur Baby

12:00 South American Contrasts  
12:30 BMW  
01:30 On Thin Ice  
02:30 Comets: Target Earth?  
03:30 Bombay Calling  
04:30 Serious Amazon  
05:00 Shanghai  
05:30 Big Bang  
06:00 Wild Detectives  
06:30 I Didn't Know That  
07:00 What Would Happen If



### Radio Fori 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-turn  
08:00pm Tobe Tai Hok  
11:00pm Raat Vor Gan  
02:00 am Back to Back



Moja Marey Foza Bhai On Channel 1 at 8:15 pm Drama Serial

Cast: ATM Shamsuzzaman, Fakhru Hasan Bairagi

### CHANNEL 1

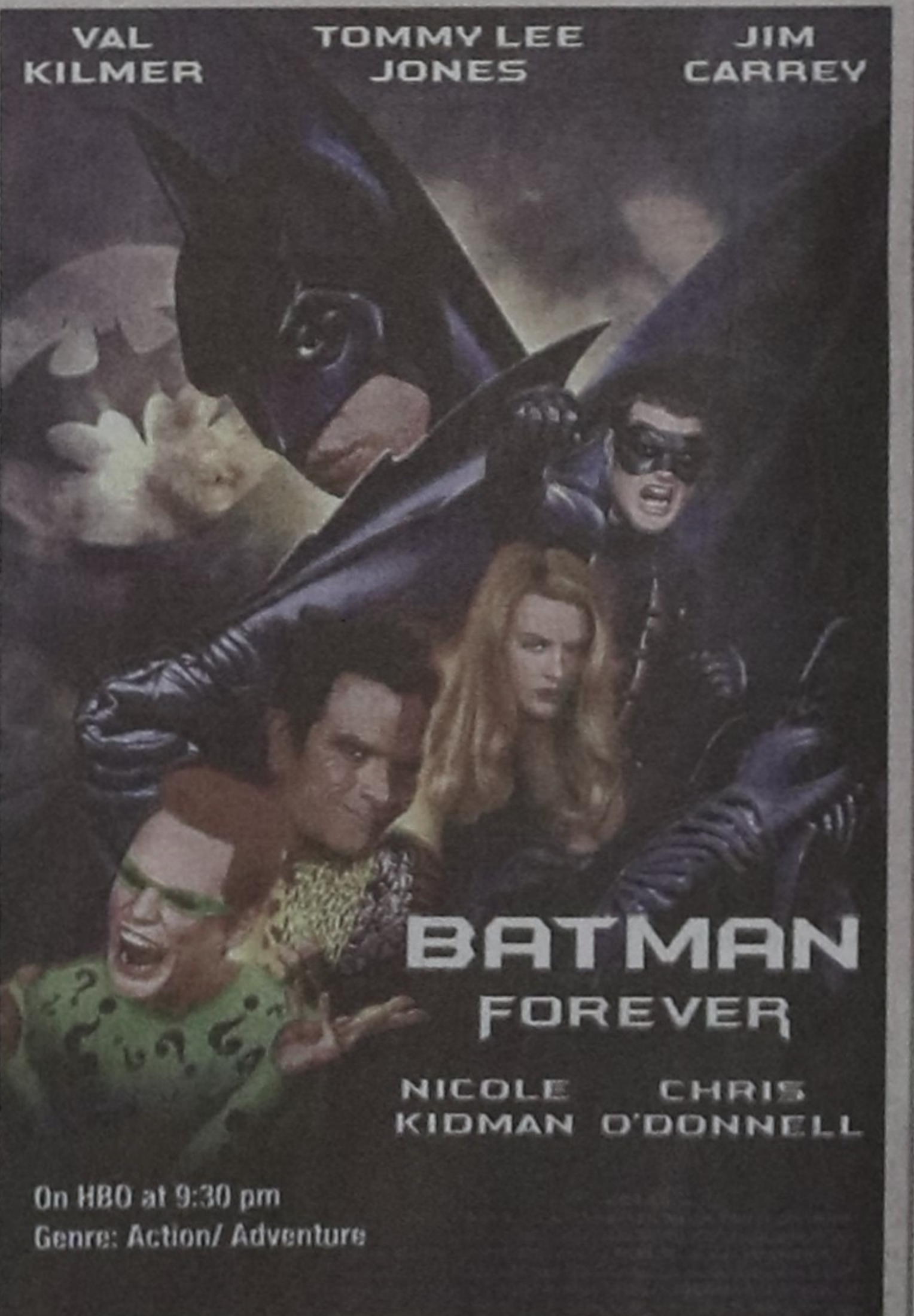
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On HBO at 9:30 pm  
Genre: Action/ Adventure  
10:30 Zara Nach Ke Dikha  
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL  
11:15 Telemall- Sauna Belt  
11:30 Lufthansa Nat Geo Genius  
07:30 Ultimate Shark  
09:30 Connections  
10:30 Corvette  
11:30 Crossing The Himalaya  
12:30 Connections