

Zoroastrian Association of Florida

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We were quite apprehensive at the beginning of the year — the economy was still dead in the water; the impending war with Iraq and the almost universal opposition to our President's plan didn't help.

Well, spring is finally here helping clear away the gloom and pushing aside the Naysayers. The War with Iraq has wound down quickly to the occasional skirmishing and demonstrations, the stock market is creeping upwards, and everyone is hoping the long awaited recovery is finally around the corner.

Although SARS has created a near panic in the Far East, fortunately, the USA has been mostly spared.

For unexplained reasons, the SARS virus has been much milder in the USA; wags have referred to it as MARS (Mild acute respiratory syndrome) and we have been spared the sight of our citizens going around looking as though they were about to rob the neighborhood bank.

The Indian community is certainly growing in both strength and numbers and our influence over the American landscape is increasing. Besides impressing the man on the street with our presence in the professional fields — doctors and engineers — our influence in cultural events is also growing.

Indian film and drama are increasingly attracting attention and getting critical acclaim. Hollywood has now started investing in Bollywood, helping free our Indian producers from the clout of the Indian mafia, which was often the only source of funding that the Indian Producer could draw upon (Nationalized Indian banks apparently not being a viable option). Turner Classic Movies will be paying tribute to Bollywood next month, showing three Indian movies every Thursday night in June.

Your association is trying hard to respond to the needs of the community. In this newsletter, we try to address topics of interest to us and to our environment. For our internet-connected brethren, some of the news may be old hat but it is of importance to our older members, who may not be as computer-savvy as our youngsters. This year, we hope and expect that our association will continue to attract new members and new arrivals to South Florida. We are trying to raise interest in our Zoroastrian culture and customs, especially amongst our younger members. UNESCO has also started giving a

hand in documenting Parsee customs and traditions.

Our annual picnic was a blast; we had a good turnout with over 50 adults and about 15 kids. Our Navroze function went off very well too with a sweet play put together by our tiny tots, under the direction of Hovi Shroff. We hope the next event, our celebration of Pateti & the New Year will be on an even bigger scale.

We wish a fond farewell to our Webmaster, Afshad, who has made our dreams of a web site, a reality. Afshad is leaving for Pakistan but will stay in touch with us via the web. We are looking for someone to maintain and update our web site. Please volunteer your time and energy if you have the experience. It is not that hard; even my 11-year old son, Cyrus, has his own web site, "Cows Rule!"

At our annual general meeting, we handed out a survey seeking the community's opinion on proposals to establish a Zoroastrian Community Center in South Florida. So far, we have received back about 10 questionnaires out of over 75 questionnaires that were mailed. Please send us your response and tell us your thoughts. Although many of the earlier responses were enthusiastic, some have dismissed it as a "Pie-in-the-sky" concept. We hope you too will believe in this dream; no goal is unattainable. If we all wish for a Center for our community and commit to building and maintaining this Center, it will always be there as a lasting source of guidance and inspiration for our children and grandchildren.

Pauli Bhadha

Vice President, ZAF May 2003

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FAREWELL TO OUR WEBMASTER

Our Webmaster, Afshad Irani, is leaving South Florida to go back home. Afshad has done a tremendous job in preparing our ZASF website and has worked tirelessly to constantly update and improve it with many features. Any ZASF member who wishes can have an e-mail address through the website. We wish Afshad All the Best in his future endeavors and hope he will stay in touch with the community.

Here are instructions (with some editions) from Afshad to access the website:

I was requested by quite a few to put more light on ZAF's email system, so I am going with the instructions again.

To reach our email system you can either go direct through this URL:

<http://zasforg.mail.everyone.net/email/scripts/loginuser.pl> or through our website:
<http://zasf.org/index.asp>; double

click on ZAF Website. In the blue box, where you see email login put in your email username and password.

I have sent everyone their email username and password. If you check the box besides Remember me, it will

always remember your username and password. NOTE: If you have multiple users on the same computer, this

feature is not desirable. Once logged in, you will see a list of options on the left of the screen, labeled, INBOX,

COMPOSE, ADDRESSES, FOLDERS, etc. Clicking on INBOX will open your mailbox where all your emails are

stored. Your new emails will stay highlighted until you read them. If you wish to send an email, use COMPOSE.

Under ADDRESSES, you can store the email address of your frequent contacts.

Remember, if your name is Dorabji Contractor, your zASF email is dcontractor@zasf.org. Your temporary

password when your account is first established will be 123456. To change password, go into OPTIONS, and

CHANGE PASSWORD. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at afshad@zasf.org.

NAVROZE Function

We had a nice Navroze function at Farida & Jimmy's Clubhouse. Under the direction of Hovi Shroff, our children put together a very interesting play on the History of Creation, based upon our scriptures.

Cyrus Bhadha played Zarathushtra and all the little ones, including Jessica, Shanaya, Zane, Sara,

Kevin, Persis, Alexis were Amesha Spentas. Stephan, Brandon, and Jedd reminded us of our Three

Tenets of Good Thoughts, Good Words & Good Deeds. Thank you Hovi and Nergish Irani for

preparing the costumes and the attractive crowns worn by our little angels.

Dustyn Shroff gave an interesting presentation on Parsee demographics; he had given a similar presentation at the last Zoroastrian Youth Congress. Thank you Jimmy & Farida Major for letting ZAF use the Clubhouse and thank you Kernaaz & Kersi Engineer for the delicious Falooda.

ZASF PICNIC

We had a fun picnic at Markham Park on April 20, Easter Sunday. Our webmaster was there early staking out our pavilion and taking a little snooze with his face hidden under a big Sombrero. Kaizad, with a little help from Afshad, did a great job on the barbecue, whipping up yummy hot dogs and hamburgers and roasted corn on the cob. A delicious new addition to the menu was Puri-Bhaji, thanks to Arnavaz & Gustad Irani.

After satisfying our immediate hunger, we had a very active soccer game going on with both young and old participating. Nari Uncle arranged for the children to paint Easter eggs after which we had them for an Easter hunt. After sipping some Chai, thanks to Nellie & Hovi, the kids gathered around for the most important event — the Piñata of course! We had a good turnout with over 50 adults and about 15 kids. Thanks to all for making our annual picnic a big success. May 2003

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We take great pleasure in announcing the following:

Historic Find helps save Parsi Culture

(E-mail from Rashid Hataria, summarizing articles from the BBC)

A collection of more than 90,000 rare manuscripts about the history and heritage of India's declining Parsi community has been discovered and is to be preserved. Many of the documents are hundreds of years old and written on slowly perishing materials such as tree bark.

The Parzor Foundation, based in Navsari in the western state of Gujarat and set up under the auspices of the UN cultural organization, UNESCO, is undertaking the process of preserving and microfilming the texts.

The documents were discovered at the 131-year-old Dastoor Meherjirana Library in Navsari. They include

the original Sanad of Emperor Akbar dating back to 1578, a document which agreed to give land to the first Dastoor Meherjirana.

Historical texts

The head of the Parzor Foundation, Dr Shernaz Cama, told the BBC the documents showed the diversity and unity that existed in India at the time.

"We need a lot of funding before we can create this team. These documents include Arabic and Urdu and

old Gujarati. They deal with issues as diverse as astrology, astronomy, medicine, history, music. All sorts of

topics. That's why they are so interesting and important to preserve." she said.

Dr Cama said it was essential that efforts were made to save them.

Poor condition

The task - partly funded by the National Archives which contributed 300,000 rupees (\$6,250) - forms part of

the Preservation of Parsi Zoroastrian Heritage project.

"Until we preserve them, we can't microfilm any of them. And these documents are on very rare material,

including birch bark. So we need to create an onsite preservation team at Navsari. And we need a lot of funding before we can create this team," explained Dr Cama.

The Parsi population is declining and there are only around 75,000 Parsis left. The Navsari project is therefore seen as playing an important part in keeping the culture alive and the international support it is

receiving is significant. Dr Cama explained: "The very fact that UNESCO has realized the need to preserve

and document this culture is a very important step."

Editor's Note: At the World Zoroastrian Congress in Houston a few years ago, UNESCO gave a presentation expressing their interest in documenting Parsee culture and customs and asked for donations from the audience. Attendees were asked to fill out a survey

describing what rituals / customs they routinely followed, e.g. Chowk, Toran, etc.

The world economy has been in the doldrums and times may be tough for many but some are more fortunate. Forbes magazine lists the 500 richest persons in the world each year.

Did you know that 2 Parsis are among the 500 richest in the world?

#199. Pallonji Mistry (construction), 73, is worth \$2 billion;

#386. Adi Godrej (diversified industries), 60, \$1.1 billion.

There are 5 other Indians on this exclusive list:

45. Azim Premji (software), 57, \$5.9 billion

#123. Mukesh & Anil Ambani (diversified), \$2.8 billion

#158. Kumar Birla (commodities), 35, \$2.4 billion

#177. Laxmi Mittal (steel), 52, \$2.2 billion

#427. Shiv Nadar (technology), 57, \$1.0 billion May 2003

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As we mentioned earlier, there are finally a few signs that the US economy may be turning the corner.

The stock market has started to inch upwards but sadly, some of us are still on the unemployment rolls.

Kernaaz sympathizes with all who have

lost a bundle in these tough times and has

a solution for you...

MONEY.....

It can buy a House

But not a Home

It can buy a Bed

But not Sleep

It can buy a Clock

But not Time

It can buy you a Book

But not Knowledge

It can buy a Position

But not Respect

It can buy you Medicine

But not Health

It can buy you Blood

But not Life

So you see money isn't everything?

And it often causes pain and suffering.

I tell you all this because

I am your friend and as your friend,

I want to take away your pain and suffering.

So send me all your money

CASH ONLY, PLEASE

and I will suffer for you.

Here are some thoughts from Steve Goodier's, "Joy
along the Way."

SITTING ON YOUR TALENT

If you are like me, there are some things you may feel you
do pretty well, and others that you would not admit to
having done even at gunpoint! I do play guitar adequately
and I can make a memorable enchilada dish. I also enjoy
working with people and I seem to have made it a lifelong
project to learn how to become a better listener.

I never thought of myself as one who has any great talent, but like each of us, I have certain skills and abilities. Let me tell you a story, however, passed down through jazz circles. It's a story about a man who had real talent.

This particular man played piano in a bar. He was a good piano player. People came out just to hear him and his trio play. But one night, a patron wanted them to sing a particular song. The trio declined. But the customer was persistent. He told the bartender, "I'm tired of listening to the piano. I want that guy to sing!"

The bartender shouted across the room to the piano player, "Hey buddy! If you want to get paid, sing the song. The patrons are asking you to sing!"

So he did. He sang a song. A jazz piano player, who had not sung much in public, sang a song that changed his career. For nobody had ever heard Sweet Lorraine sung the way it was sung that night by Nat King Cole!

He had talent he was sitting on! He may have lived the rest of his life playing in a jazz trio in clubs and bars, but because he had to sing, he went on to become one of the best-known entertainers in America.

You, too, have skills and abilities. You may not feel as if your "talent" is particularly great, but it may be better than

you think! And with persistence, most skills can be improved. Besides, you may as well have no ability at all if you sit on whatever talent you possess!

Some people ask, "What ability do I have that is useful?"

Others ask, "How will I use the ability that I have?"

What is it like to be a Zoroastrian (Zarthusti)?

A woman was asked by a coworker, "What is it like to be a ZOROASTRIAN?"

The co-worker replied, "It is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. Then He cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc., and then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."

BRAIN TRANSPLANTS

A British doctor says "Medicine in my country is so advanced that we can take a brain out of one man, put it in another and have him looking for work in six weeks."

An Australian doctor says, "That's nothing, we can take a brain out of one person, put it in another and have him preparing for war in four weeks."

The American doctor, not to be outdone,

says, "You guys are way behind, we just took a man with no brain out of Texas, put him in the White House, and now half the country is looking for work, and the other half fighting a war." May 2003

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We now wish to tread delicately on the controversial topic of Zoroastrians "marrying outside the faith" and the potential ramifications. Several articles have been published lately and been forwarded to our Editors. Given below are two of them, slightly abbreviated to fit this Newsletter:

The Rediff Special / Monika Joshi in New York

April 28, 2003

Writer Bapsi Sidhwa was in London, at the rehearsals of her play, "Sock'em With Honey," when she heard about a

resolution adopted recently by the high priests of the Parsi Zoroastrian community in Mumbai.

The resolution, published in Jam-e-Jamshed, a weekly published in Mumbai for the Parsi community, March 23, declared

that marriages of Parsi Zoroastrian men or women to people of other faiths are invalid under the religion. It also declared the

children of such marriages would not be admitted into the Zoroastrian faith.

Sidhwa, who was born in Pakistan and lives in Houston, Texas, has raised the same issue in Sock'em With Honey, adapted

from her book, An American Brat. "My whole purpose of writing An American Brat, and now the play based on portions of

the novel, is to show how difficult these laws are for our children, specially daughters," Sidhwa said in an interview by email.

"Up to now, the children of boys who married out were allowed to have their Navjote [baptism] ceremony whereas girls (who

married outside the community) were not allowed to visit the [Zoroastrian] fire temples nor could their children have

Navjotes," she says.

Sidhwa's daughter married a non-Parsi, and given the rigidity of the non-conversion laws, there was not much the parents

could do to reconcile her with the religious community. "(The resolution) is sad news indeed for a community that, I believe,

is on the endangered species list," Sidhwa adds.

The resolution, signed by the seven dasturs (priests) from Udwada, Mumbai, Navsari, Surat, and Bangalore, points to the

increasing number of intermarriages within the community and the initiation of their offspring into the Zoroastrian faith, which

it says is against the tenets of the religion. 'If this trend continues, the day is not far when the unique Parsi Zoroastrian

identity which the community has zealously preserved since centuries will be diluted and subsequently wiped out,' says the

resolution.

The issue of conversion and mixed marriages has long rocked the Parsi Zoroastrian community and divided it into the

seemingly orthodox and liberal camps.

Sohrab Fracis, whose book "Ticket to Minto: Stories of India and America" won the 2001 Iowa Short Fiction Award,

explains the two contrary views while taking the liberal side himself.

He says since a group of Zoroastrians came to India, having fled religious persecution in Persia (now Iran); they have lived in

fear of depletion of their already small numbers.

"Conversion of others to Zoroastrianism was prohibited, some say, initially by Jadi Rana, the ruler of the kingdom on the

coast of Gujarat (where the first Parsis landed), but in any case incorporated into our religious laws. So our numbers could

not grow through conversion," Fracis says. As a result, religious laws prohibiting marriage into other communities were also

put in place.

But no community can afford to be an island, he points out. "In many other ways Parsis have assimilated and contributed

wonderfully well, whether in India or Canada or America. So why retain this anachronistic blot in our religious policies?" asks

the author who has written on the subject.

"If the community is as proud of its ancient and influential religion as it professes to be, then it should be inclusive rather than

exclusive and should open its arms to anyone who wishes to swell its numbers even for purely philosophical rather than

marital reasons," Fracis adds.

Lylah M Alphonse, an editor with The Boston Globe, takes the same view. "I think this resolution is ridiculous," she says.

"Instead of seizing the chance to bring up the children of mixed religious marriages and teach them to be dedicated

Zoroastrians, our high priests have decided to preserve that by ex-communicating the people," she adds. "It seems the only

preservation we have is of a relic in a museum."

Alphonse says she spoke to her mother, who is a Parsi married to a Roman Catholic born in Haiti, about the resolution. "Her

reaction was that Zoroastrianism is something that lives within you whether or not the high priests agree."

According to the resolution, the high priests feel the religious scriptures disapprove the marriage of Zoroastrians with

members of other communities and faiths. May 2003

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Lovji Cama, a founding member of the Zoroastrian Association of Greater New York, says there have been

intermarriages between Zoroastrians and non-Zoroastrians in India and Iran, as per his knowledge. "In previous times they

used to quietly bring the children into their religion," he says. "Now it's becoming public and therefore more controversial."

Will the edict have an effect in North America?

Zahra Sethna, a freelance writer in New York who has married a non-Zoroastrian, says it is not so far-reaching as to affect

her or her husband's daily life. "It wouldn't stop us from believing what we believe in."

Many Parsis left India, in part, because of the stifling rules and restrictions imposed on them by the high priests, adds

Alphonse. "The bulk of us who have married outside the religion, whether they were Indians or non-Indians, we've already

effectively been ex-communicated, so they can't really do anything to us."

Cama, who chairs the education and scholarship committee, Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America,

agrees the resolution will have little effect on Parsis in the US. "It's like trying to close the gate after the horse is gone. I was

surprised they bothered to do it."

Sidhwa too feels the younger generation in the US and UK will ignore the high priests' "absurd and outdated edicts." Delhi,

for instance, ignores the Bombay priests, she says. "In many places, 70 percent of Parsi youngsters are marrying out."

Though no clear figures are available on Zoroastrian Parsis in mixed marriages, Cama puts the number at about 20 to 25

percent. There has been no upswing or decline, at least in the New York area, he says.

The small number of Parsis and absence of concentration in one area has contributed to mixed marriages as in the case of

the other South Asian communities. Francis says in Jacksonville, Florida, where he lives, he is practically one of a handful of

Parsis. In nearby Orlando, there are about eight or nine Parsi families. They are very concerned about such edicts

because their children are growing up and starting to look for spouses, he says. "There is the high likelihood that they may

find spouses outside the community," he adds.

Cama, while agreeing that non-Parsi spouses and children should be accepted into the Zoroastrian religion, does not see

the need to encourage interfaith marriages. "There is a fair amount of intermarriage in the community and the children of

mixed marriages do not necessarily become Zoroastrians," he says. "In India, there is the argument that you don't accept the

children of mixed marriages, so how do you expect them to become Zoroastrians?" he asks. "But here, I think the argument

falls apart because in most of the North American communities, the children of mixed marriages are accepted."

Sethna's husband, she says, has been warmly accepted into the community. "He is very interested and excited by what he

knows of the community," she adds. "The people we associate with in New York have responded very warmly to that." "But if

we wanted to visit Udwada and say our prayers at the fire temple, I do think there would be an effect," she says. "More

important is the message that is being sent -- I think it's a very negative message and shows Parsis to be exclusionary and

racist."

The high priests' resolution bars priests from performing marriage ceremonies or Navjotes of children where only one of the

partners is a Zoroastrian Parsi. One wonders if the priests in the US will abide by it.

Homi Gandhi, president of the Zoroastrian Association of Greater New York, says priests are divided between the

orthodox and liberal. There may be more of the liberal component in North America. Even if they don't perform the

ceremony, they may participate in them. "He is your friend or a relation; you're going to go there and enjoy."

"An individual makes his or her decision. I don't think anyone is going to stop doing that," said Gandhi who stresses that his

views are not representative of the Association.

"A lot of priests I have encountered in North America and Canada are more in touch with members of the community and

understand their predicament," says Fracis. "They are part of it; their children also have those situations forced upon them."

Here is another article, by a non-Parsi:

Parsis: Unsweetening the Milk

by Anil Thakraney (An article from Bombay's English language newspaper "Sunday Mid-day")

I think of the Parsi community in India as a role model for the rest of us. There are a number of things they have

done right since the time they arrived on our shores, 1400 years ago. May 2003

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Here's the long list: Their spirit of adaptability (notice how most of them speak fluent Gujju? To think, they

landed in Gujarat centuries ago). Their entrepreneurial skills (Tata, Godrej, need I say more?)

Their high literacy level and huge success in chosen fields (which is why they tend to name themselves after

their professions (Kotwal, Engineer, Doctor, Contractor)

Their live-and-let-live philosophy (neither are they demolishing others' holy structures, nor are Fire Temples built

over ruins of others' places of worship). Their yummy cuisine (I never miss out on a seven-course-serving Parsi

wedding, have even gate-crashed once; sadly, not too many happening these days, more on that later).

Their legendary honesty (who else would you buy a used car from?). And most of all, their philanthropy (few

people know that the J. J. Hospital is named after Sir Jamshedji Jeejeebhoy, a man of big heart).

In recent times, however, things haven't been looking too hunky-dory for the bawajis. And the number one

problem is their fast receding number in India.

From 91,000 in 1971 to 71,000 in 1981, it's currently pegged at about 60,000? And likely to fall further in the

coming decade! At this rate of decline, in about-50 odd years, the community could get erased from the tapestry of Indian life.

The key reasons for low rate of childbirth: reluctance of a Parsi man to marry, and that of a Parsi woman to

procreate. And even if these two things are sorted out, it's no more than one child, that too after solid debate

and heated arguments. This basically has meant that today, one in every five Parsis is over 65.

In an attempt to protect the race from being wiped out, the seven head priests, in their wisdom, have made

community laws tougher than they already are. Now proselytism (by male and female members) will lead to excommunication; no visits to the Fire Temple, no Navjotes for their 'diluted' kids, and certainly no last rites at the

Tower of Silence.

While I am sure the good Dasturjis (may Ahura Mazda bless them) have noble intentions at heart, I just cannot

help feeling the move could completely backfire. The more 'islanding' the community does of itself, the quicker

it will vanish. Because the basic attitudes of late/no marriage will not change, nor will the Bawajis suddenly start

producing 13 kids/couple. Parsis, for the very reason they tend to be more evolved amongst us, will never have

children unless they can provide them the very best.

But if inter-caste marriages are encouraged, the community could actually thrive. Simply because as more

options of men/women worth marrying get opened up, more the chances of marriage. Also, a Parsi marrying a

Hindu or a Muslim will be forced to have at least 20 kids (relax, just kidding!)

In fact, because the population is so small, the community needs to be a bit more liberal in its marriage laws, for

its own survival; had there been a million Parsis around, an insular approach may have made little difference.

The bottom line: Better to have seven 'half-bawas', than to have none at all.

There's another disturbing problem. Evidence suggests that the community suffers from particularly high

incidences of mental illness and hemophilia, both perhaps exacerbated, to some degree, by forced inbreeding.

Opening out could tackle this issue as well.

Over a thousand years ago, a bedraggled and exhausted bunch of persecuted folks landed at a tiny port in

Gujarat. Legend has it, the local king, not too excited at the thought of refugees piling onto his meager jagir,

sent a bowl full of milk to the foreigners, signifying that the land was already full up.

The canny leader of the refugees did some quick lateral thinking: he added a pinch of sugar to the bowl, which

did not overflow. The message: "We will add sweetness to local life, without being a burden."

Impressed, the

king welcomed them in.

Today, centuries later, the seven venerable priests find themselves at crossroads of the future of the Parsi

civilization in India. Incorrect steps (even if well meant) taken today, can seal the fate of our bawa brothers and

sisters tomorrow.

And it would be such a great tragedy if we lose these wonderful people: The damn milk will taste bitter

all over again! May 2003

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NEWS from our Community

Peter Patel celebrated his 70

th

Birthday. A surprise birthday party was thrown by Daisy, Huti and Dinshaw at Ocean II last weekend to celebrate this momentous event. Displayed were Peter's family photos. Peter comes from a proud family with strong military traditions. Peter's father was the Commander in the British Navy over both World Wars; he last commanded the H.M.S. Ranchi. Peter's brother was also in the Navy but met an untimely end during construction of the Koyna dam in India. We wish you the best, Peter and hope you will be with the South Zoroastrian community for many years to come!

UPCOMING EVENTS

The date for the Pateti Function has been tentatively set for August 23.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We would like to mention that we welcome anyone who wishes to advertise his or her business card in our quarterly newsletter for a \$25 donation per card. You can even post your business cards on our website, <http://zasf.org/>, at \$25 donation for 3 months.

Anyone who wishes to have an article printed in our newsletter, and we hope there will be many articles and other contributions forthcoming from our members, may submit it to Pauli Bhadha @ PBhadha@aol.com or Kernaaz Engineer, either by e mail: Curlykat17@zasf.org or at 17905 N.W. 21 st

Street, Pembroke Pines, FL 33029. No spam, please and no e-mails forwarding some horror story.

We request everyone to pay their Association dues as soon as possible; please mail them to the Treasurer.

Tribute to Bollywood

Indians are supposed to be the wealthiest ethnic group in America, but the only Indian on TV is Appu from the Simpsons and he is a cartoon reference. Indians ask, "If we have so much money, why don't we have some sort of representation on TV?" Turner Classic Movies will be paying tribute to

Bollywood next week, showing three Indian movies every Thursday night in June; the schedule is below.

JUNE 6th

8:00 PM

Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge (1995) A young man follows the woman he loves to India to stop her arranged

marriage. Shahrukh Khan, Kajol, Amrish Puri. D:Aditya Chopra. 181m. LBX

11:30 PM

Bombay (1995) Religious unrest threatens the marriage of a Hindu man and a Muslim woman. Arvind Swamy,

Manisha Koirala, Nasser. D: Mani Rathnam. C 135m. LBX

2:00 AM

Amar Akbar Anthony (1977) Three brothers separated at birth come together to track a kidnapper. Vinod

Khanna, Rishi Kapoor, Amitabh Bachchan. D: Mammohan Dasai. C 162m.

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JUNE 13th

8:00 PM

Rangeela (1995) A young actress' rise to stardom is complicated by conflicting affections for her co-star and her

childhood sweetheart. Jackie Shroff, Aamir Khan, Urmila Matondkar.

D: Ram Gopal Varma. 143m. LBX

10:30 PM

Dil Chahta Hai (2001) Three friends have their lives transformed by love during one marvelous summer.
Aamar

Khan, Saif Ali Khan, Akshaye Khanna. D: Farhan Akhtar. 183m.

2:00 AM

Sholay (1975) A vengeful police chief forces two small-time crooks to hunt down the bandit who destroyed his

family. Dharmendra, Amitabh Bachchan, Sanjeev Kumar. D: Ramesh Sippy. 200m.

JUNE 20th

8:00 PM

Pakeezah (1971) A free-spirited young woman refuses a prince's proposal for love of a man she only met once.

Ashok Kumar, Meena Kumari, Raaj Kumar. D: Kamal Amrohi. 146m. LBX

10:30 PM

Junglee (1961) Young lovers defy the caste system to fight for happiness. Shammi Kapoor, Saira Banu, Helen.

D: Subodh Mukherji. 140m.

1:00 AM

Awaara (1951) A bitter young man vows revenge on the two men who destroyed his mother's life. Raj Kapoor,

Prithvi Kapoor, Nargis. D: Raj Kapoor. 171m.

JUNE 27th

8:00 PM

Mother India (1957) A family struggles to survive the machinations of an evil moneylender. Nargis, Sunil Dutt,

Raaj Kumar. D:Mehboob Khan. 174m.

11:00 PM

Do Bigha Zamin (1953) Family members risk all in a move to Calcutta to raise money and save their land.

Balraj Sahni, Nirupa Roy, Ratan Kumar. D:Bimal Roy. 125m.

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