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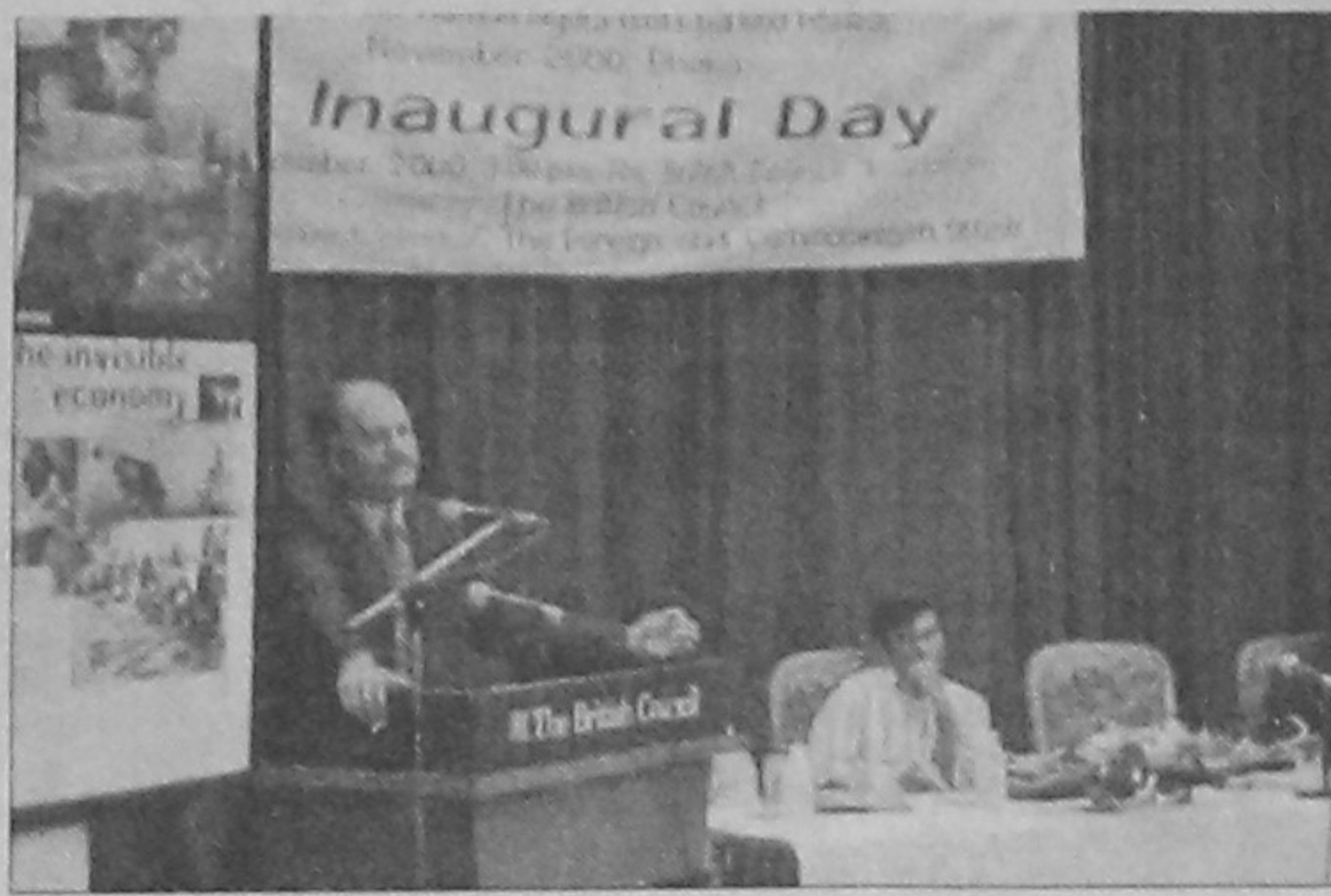
More than a Drop in the Ocean

The First Human Rights Cartoon and Film Festival being held at British Council auditorium proved to be a great aid to awareness building on basic human rights

By Nafid Imran Ahmed

THE majority of our population who live below the poverty line, never have the blessings of education, access to basic health facilities and human needs, basic human rights do not make any sense to them.

Many programmes have already been undertaken by the government and non-governmental organisations to sensitise people about basic human rights. The Human Rights Cartoon and Film Festival organised by the British Council with the support from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), UK, will prove as great aid to the hapless million who do not



Abdul Matin Khoshru, Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs delivering his speech at the inaugural ceremony of the festival.

of the articles of the constitution regarding human rights and discussed how the basic human rights were being violated and what should be done to protect one's rights.

Abdul Matin Khoshru said that the people of Bangladesh were unaware of their basic human rights, adding that widespread illiteracy was the main reason behind this. Visual media such as films and cartoons could be a fantastic aid in enlightening people about their rights. The government has taken steps to aware people through TV dramas and other visual aids.

He appreciated the British Council and FCO for organising the festival.

After his speech a documentary titled 'Adhikar' written by Falguni Hamid was screened. In this 7-minute film created by Human Rights Commission of Bangladesh the life of a typical village housewife is portrayed, how she is tortured by her husband and how her mother-in-law tries to convince her that the wife who is beaten her husband is blessed. And then the following day when her husband remarries and brings her home, she out of frustration decides to commit suicide. She ultimately decides against it and arranges money to sue her husband.

'Adhikar' was followed by another 45-minute English film 'When Good Men Do Nothing'. Directed by Mike Robinson this BBC Panorama investigation reveals the inside story of how the West ignored the warnings of

the Genocide Convention and how in 1993 in Rwanda, that convention was put to the test and was proved to be worthless.

After the feature film a discussion was held by filmmaker Tareque Masud, project director of Human Rights Commission, K M Haque Kaiser and A H Monjurul Kabir, Law Desk In-charge, The Daily Star. The discussions focused on the Genocide of 1971 and how important it was to create films on the worst nightmare that took place in our country.

After a short tea break another feature film 'Cry Freedom'



A scene from the feature film Cry Freedom

dom' was screened. Directed by Richard Attenborough this 2 and a half-hour film is another revolutionary approach towards human rights.

The second day of the festival,



A scene from the movie When Good Men Do Nothing.

yesterday was the Women and Human Rights Day. The screening of 'Lifetime' (a series of 12 X 1 minute spot shots), 'Bhai' on the Beach (a feature film) and 'Dolls and Dust' were held, which was followed by discussion.

Tomorrow's films will be under the theme 'Traffic Victims, Refugees and Migrant Workers Day'. My Migrant Soula story on modern day slavery, 'Shishu Pachar' (a Bengali programme on child trafficking), 'Refugee Women and Protection' (a video documentary) and 'In Search of Asylum' (Refugees in South Asia) are the films on the card.

On November 24, the concluding

'Let me live let me grow' (a 5 minute TV spot from UNICEF), 'Seen Heard and Respected' (an award winning documentary by Debbie Ingram), 'Shoshur Bari', 'Our Boys' and Cartoons from UNICEF will be screened.

According to the organisers the aim of the project is to raise awareness in newer constituencies from students to leaders, professionals, media, parents and victims and the support groups. The four day-long festival will screen many films, documentaries and cartoons which, will be followed by discussions chaired by highly profile personalities and panelists, who will be selected to ensure that the discussions provide opportunities for including voices and concerns of those who have been socially excluded in debate.

The intention of this project is not to produce new films. The films that are being screened at the festival have been chosen from a range of international material, which are approaches in handling human rights issues sensitively. The films will specially focus on access to justice, children's rights and women's rights.

There is no doubt that the festival will help the people to know about their rights and reach most of its goals. But one single approach is never enough for something that has been a major factor since centuries. Government and non-governmental organisations should initiate concerted efforts to try and enrich people about their rights and take proper actions so that these rights are not violated.

ing day will be devoted on child rights titled 'Child Rights Day'. A total of five films will be screen on the day - 'Voices of Children' (a video documentary directed by Tareque and Catherine Masud),

music

Junoon All set to Rock

Trio arrives for the first ever Benson & Hedges Live & Explosive concert at Chittagong

Cultural Desk Report

ONE of the biggest musical sensations in the subcontinent Junoon, have arrived in the country, dispelling rumours that they have backed out from the Benson & Hedges Live & Explosive Concert to be held at M A Aziz Stadium Chittagong tomorrow and on November 24.

They will be performing live alongside LRB, Nagar Baul, Freedback, Dream, Vikings (B&H Star 1999) and this year's Star Search winners Atahar Hossain and Steeler at the first ever international music concert outside Dhaka.

One of the biggest musical phenomena to emerge in South East Asia in recent years, Junoon's combination of western rock, traditional elements of Sindh and Punjabi folk and the qawwali and Kafi of Pakistan have made them a household name across the subcontinent. The UK's Q magazine called them 'one of the biggest bands in the world'.

Since he was a teenager, Salman Ahmad, one of the trio in the band, had an interest in music. He had ideas of his own about the new sound that could be created with eastern musical styles and the electric guitar. In 1990, his dream was part way to becoming reality when he teamed up with Ali Azmat, a young vocalist who had already some success with The Jupiters. Salman had previously been a member of top pop group Vital Signs and asked another former member of the group, Nusrat Hussain to join them on a part time basis. Thus Junoon (meaning obsession) was born.

Things were not easy at the beginning. Their first two

albums 'Junoon' and 'Talah', although critically acclaimed, failed to make any lasting impact. Nusrat decided he could not commit to the band fully and left the group. He was replaced by Brian O'Connell, a friend of Salman's since they attended Tappan Zee High School together. Brian had relocated to Karachi and readily accepted the invitation to join the group.

In 1996 their luck took a turn for the better when their song 'Jazba-e-Junoon' was used as Pakistan's official song of the 1996 Cricket World Cup. Their sound matured over time and with lyrics that encompassed social and political issues in Pakistan, their audience began to grow. Their third release 'Inquilab' achieved a great success. People now flocked to their live performances and they were began to make a name for themselves outside Pakistan as well.

In 1997, they released their fourth album 'Azadi' which was their first release in India. Their first single from the album 'Sayonra' was an instant success becoming a hit in South East Asia and the Middle East, staying in the number one position on the Channel V and MTV Asia charts for over 2 months. Sales of 'Azadi' soared and within four weeks it had achieved platinum status, a sales record. The groups were then invited by ZEE TV to play at the ZEE Cine-awards in Mumbai in March 1998, where the cream of India's entertainment industry paid tribute to them.

Junoon has never looked back since.

Now they are in Bangladesh to win the hearts of the music lovers all over again. And its unlikely that they will go away without doing so.



Junoon performed at Army Stadium in 1999

Recommendations



Artists of the New Millennium

Gallery 21 celebrates its 3rd founding anniversary with the group exhibition titled Artists of the New Millennium. The inaugural ceremony of the exhibition started on November 17. The exhibition will bring together the works of all our exciting younger painters.

The exhibition will remain open from 10:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m. till November 27.

A Selection of Films

As a part of A Tribute to the Century A selection of films VII, the seventh programme of the series organised by Chalchitram Film Society will be held at the Goethe Institut Dhaka on November 23. The Polish film The Double Life of Veronique will be screened at 5 and the Italian film Medea will be screened at 7 in the evening.

Exhibition

Jamal Ahmed presents his 43rd solo painting exhibition, now being held at the Divine Art Gallery. Pan Pacific Sonargon Hotel. The exhibition remains open daily from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and will run till November 27.

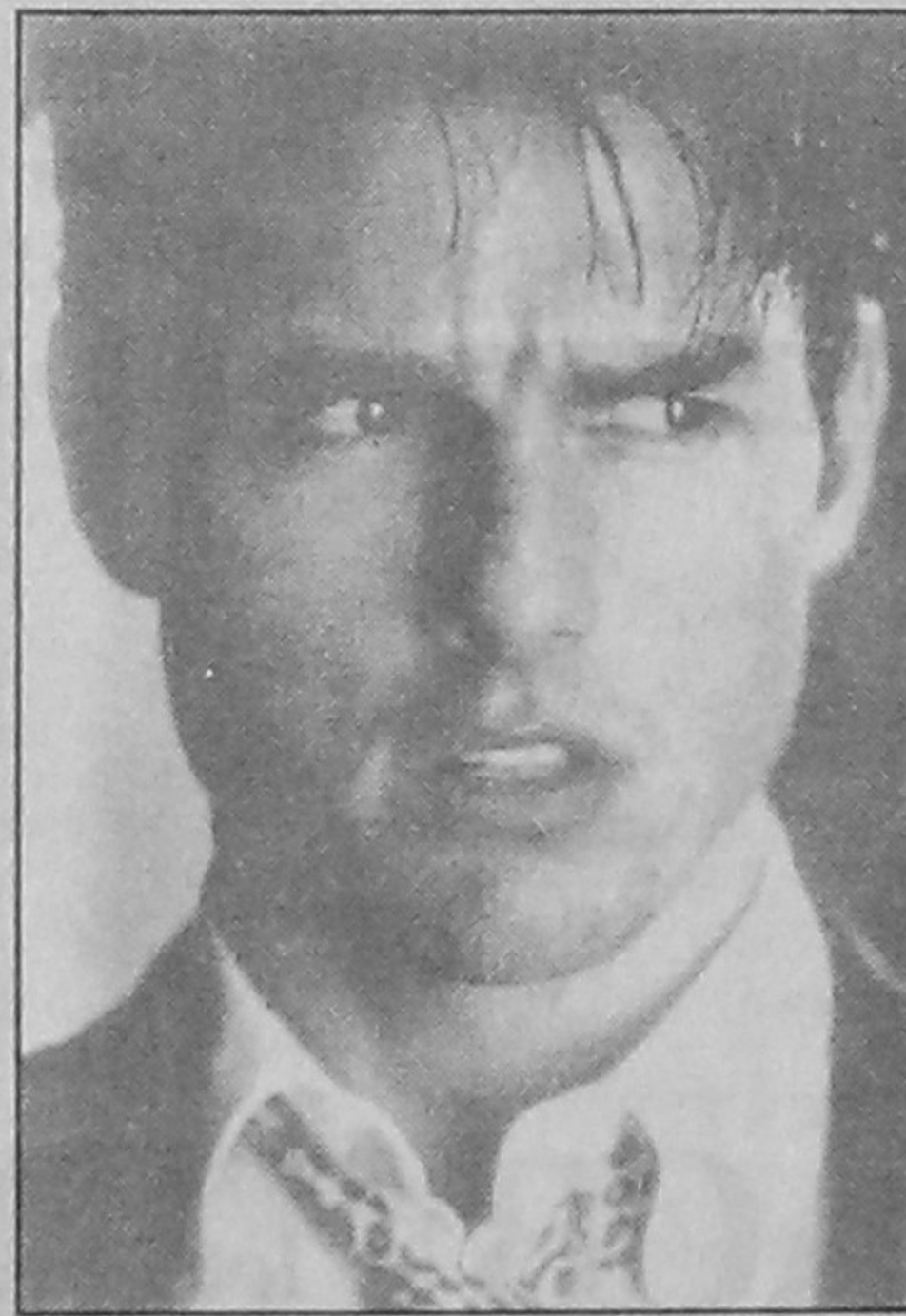


Woman Artists

A selection of art works by different women artists of the country will be put on show at the Bengal Shilpalaya Gallery on occasion of the first death anniversary of poet Begum Sufia Kamal. The show that opens at 275/F, Dhammondi Rd no 27 (old) 16 (new) on Saturday will remain open to the public from 12.00 pm to 8.00 pm everyday till December 9.

TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



Jerry Maguire

Tonight on HBO at 10

Starring: Tom Cruise, Cuba Gooding Jr, Renee Zellweger International sensation Tom Cruise is back in one of his best roles ever. He is the titular Jerry Maguire, a successful sports agent with a high powered agency. When he develops an honorable streak, not only is he fired but he also loses most of his clients and his fiancée in the bargain. He's left with only his least important client Rod Tidwell (Gooding Jr, What Dreams May Come) and the only person who believes in him, single mother Dorothy Boyd (Zellweger, Me Myself and Irene) The down and out Jerry must start his life from scratch. This charming comedy/drama feature one of the most memorable lines in the history of cinema "show me the money" delivered with aplomb by Gooding Jr. His efforts won him a Supporting Actor Oscar. For his heartwarming and honest performance, Cruise won a Best Actor nomination.

Romance: Sommersby PG 7:30 Action: Recoil PG 1:30 Midday 15 9:30 The Ticket 10:0 Movie: The Birdcage Thursday Mega 15 3:30 Thriller: Tracks Of A Killer 15 5:30 Hot Favourites: When Comedy: National A Man Loves A Woman PG 2:00 The

EKUSHEY TV

12:00 Ekushey News
Headlines 12:00 Ajker
Potrikay 12:15 Bangla

Magazine Prog. 7:50
ATN Music 8:25
Knight Rider 9:00
Musical Prog. 9:35



Fashion Premium on Ekushey television tonight at 9:30

Movie: Biswas
Abiswas 2:40 Drishti
3:00 Ekushey News
Headlines 3:30
Bhalobasha Kare Ky
4:00 Mon Mon Re Amar
4:30 Curcus Curcus
5:00 Expedition to the
Animal Kingdom 5:30
Drishti 5:50 Ajker
Potrikay 6:00 Ekushey
News Headlines 6:05
Classic Cartoons 6:30
Charidike 7:00 Close-
up E-Zone 7:30
Ekushey News 8:00
Drama: Shesh
Drishasho 9:00 Meizan
Rashonar Bashona 9:30
To be Confirmed 10:00
BTV News 10:20
Noorjahan 11:00
Ekushey Late Night
News 11:20 Ei
Shoptaher Bishsho
11:45 Ekushey News
Headlines

Islamic Prog 10:10
Reporting Prog 10:45
Bangla Film-
Deshpram

HBO

6:30 The Advocate's
Devil 8:15 American
Anthem 10:30
Murphy's Romance
12:45 Better Off Dead
2:45 The Pelican Brief
5:15 The Ripper 7:45
Junior 10:00 Jerry
Maguire 12:45 The
Cowboy Way 3:00 The
Advocate's Devil 4:45
Junior

STARGOLD

5:30 Hamari Yaad
Aayegi 8:30 Bollywood
News 9:00 Dadi Maa
12:00 Geet Bahar 12:30
Devi 3:30 Bollywood
News 4:00 Ramkali
7:00 Geet Bahar 7:30
Lamhe Pyaarke:
Aadmi 10:30
Bollywood News 11:00
Bharat Ke Shaheed
12:30 Bharat Ke
Shaheed (Contd) 2:00
Geet Bahar 2:30
Ramkali

ALPHA BANGLA TV

6:30 Alaap 7:00

Grihasajja 7:30 News
8:00 Serial: Din
Protidin 9:00 News
9:05 Bharat Bhroman
9:30 Bahari Aahar 10:00
Grihasajja 10:30 Kichu
Smriti Kichu Gaan
11:00 Kono Ek Din
11:30 Shudhu
Tomakechai 12:00
Bahari Aahar 12:30
Serial: Amra Probasi
1:00 Serial: Shyaola
1:30 Serial: Ek Akasher
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Nayanara 2:30 Fea-
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5:00 Football 5:30 apna
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Protidin 12:00 Serial:

1:30 Feature Film 4:00
Ek Akasher Niche 4:30
Griha Sajja 5:00
Shyaola 5:30 Hiya
Majhe

STAR PLUS

6:00 Cine Jharokha 6:30
Star Geetmala 7:30
Good Morning India
8:30 Cine Jharokha 9:00
Hit Ya Fit 9:30 Star
Morning Show:
Ravaan (Vikram, Smita
Patil 12:30 Hit Ya Fit
1:00 TSN 1:30 Tanha
2:00 Meri Saheli 2:30
Saans 3:00 Kabhi
Kabhi Mere Ghar Mein
Bhuchal Ala Hai 3:30
Small Wonder 4:00
Kyonki Saas Bhi Kabhi
Bahu Thi 4:30 Cine
Jharokha 5:00 Hit Ya
Fit 5:30 Kuchha
Paapad Pucca Paapad
6:00 Small Wonder
6:30 Fox Kids 7:30
Kahani Ghar Ghar Ki
8:00 Tu Tu Main Main

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11:00 Kyonki Saas Bhi
Kabhi Bahu Thi 11:30
Aaj Ki Baat 12:00 Tanha
12:30 Hit Ya Fit 1:00
Small Wonder 1:30
Saans 2:00 Meri Saheli
2:30 Tanha 3:00 Tu Tu
Main Main 3:30 Hasna
Mat 4:00 Sewal
Mewawala 4:30 Mirch
Masala 5:00 Kyonki
Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu
Thi 5:30 Hit Ya Fit

STAR WORLD

8:00 Home Improve-
ment 8:30 Happy Days
9:00 Guys A Girl And A
Pizza Place 9:30 Mag-
gie Winters 10:00 Ally
Mcbeal 11:00 The
Oprah Winfrey Show
12:00 The Practice 1:00
Three Perfect Days 1:30
The Bold And The
Beautiful 2:00 Mork &
Mindy 2:30 Happy
Days 3:00 Baywatch
4:00 Hollywood
Squares 4:30 Home
Improvement 5:00 Star
News Asia 5:30
Friends 6:00 World's
Wildest Police Video
7:00 Walker Texas
Rangers 8:00 Martial
Law 9:00 Friends 9:30
Star News 10:00 The
World Most Scariest
Police Chases 11:00
Walker Texas Rangers
12:00 Martial Law 1:00
World's Wildest Police
Video 2:00 Walker
Texas Rangers 3:00
Creffo Dollar 3:30
Kenneth Copland
Ministries 4:00 Life in
the word with Joyce
Meyer 4:30 World
News 5:00 Ooh La La
5:30 Mork & Mindy
6:00 Hollywood
Squares 6:30 The New
WKRP in Cincinnati
7:00 The Oprah
Wintrey Show



Walker Texas Ranger on Star World tonight at 11

Arghya 12:30 Bharat
Bhroman 1:00 Jhara
Samayer Up Akatha
8:30 Ma Shakti 9:30
Kaun Banega
Crorepati 10:30

STARMOVIES

7:30 Drama: 18 Shades
Of Dust 15 8:30 Sci-Fi:
Death watch 11:00



Ally McBeal on Star World today at 10:00a.m.

10:30 Biz Asia 11:00
World News 11:30
O&A South Asia 12:00
World News 2:00 The
Artelub 1:30 World
Business Today 2:00
World News 2:30 O&A
News 3:00 World
News Europe 3:30
CNN Newsroom

ESPN
6:00 NIT Basketball:
TIVO NIT Preseason
LIVE 8:00 MAUI
Invitational LIVE 10:00
Commonwealth Bank
Cycle Classic 2000
11:00 Snooker Billiards:
ESPN World Snooker:
2000 Scottish Masters
1:00 Sportscenter LIVE
2:00 Asian Bowling
Tour 2000: Hong Kong
Masters Cup 5:00
Conference USA
Basketball Temple vs.
Memphis 7:00 Football
Focus 7:30 UEFA
Champions League:
2000/01 8:00 UEFA
Champions League:
2000/01 12:00 English
Premier League High-



Two Guys A Girl And a Pizza Place on Star World today at 9:00a.m.