

Exhibition

# Faces of war

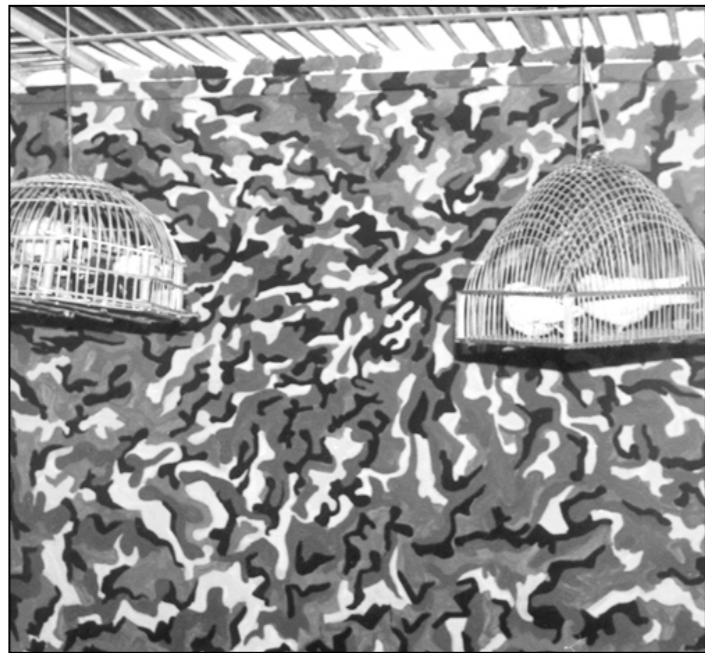
Mahbubur Rahman's art exhibition on war and bloodshed at the Gallery 21 in the city

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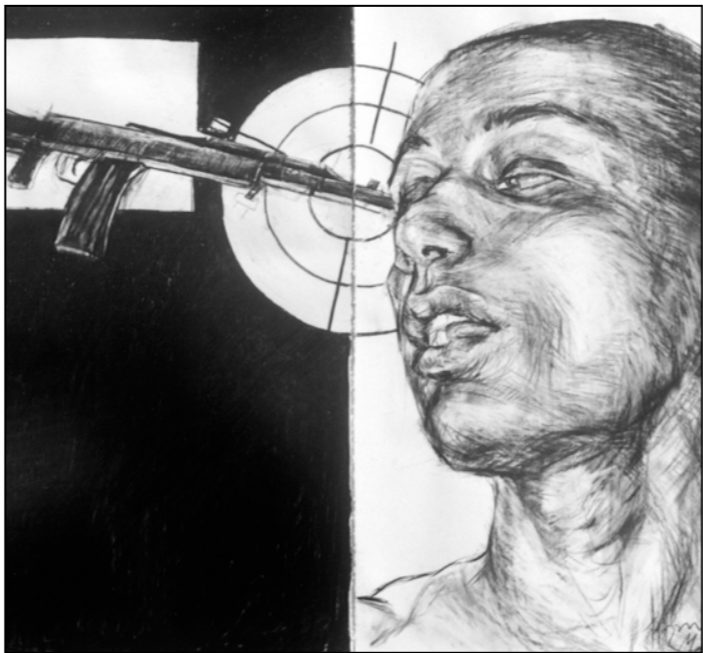
THE scenes painted on canvas describe war and bloodshed in intricate details. Some of the oil and acrylic works present dark, hidden front line military hideout amidst crossfire as the onlooker experiences a feeling of the rattling sound of ammunitions and bombardment. Artist Mahbubur Rahman has provided us the opportunity to feel the ravaging war through his artworks.

An exhibition of his recent artworks on war scenes titled 'War My Love' started at the Gallery 21 on January 10. The exhibition started with a live performance by the artist.

The most fascinating part of the exhibition is the way Mahbub presented his work. Starting from the entrance of the Gallery, Mahbub painted floor, wall and ceiling spaces of the two large galleries with military emblems. Special light effects provided the place with a taste of reality. At a corner of a room there



are some caged pigeons those resembled the innocent lives



images are real and recent war photographs. It is very clear from his works that Mahbub, whose works are always related to the social and political crisis, was deeply moved by the recent war of Afghanistan. Most of the subjects of Mahbub are world leaders and political heads who carried prime responsibility for the initiation of the war.

Young artist Mahbubur Rahman completed his MFA (Masters in Fine Arts) from the Institute of Fine Arts, University of Dhaka in 1993. His first solo exhibition titled 'Waiting For Heaven' was held at the National Gallery, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in 1994. At present Mahbub have 6 solo exhibitions, many group exhibitions and many outstanding awards to his name. Among which the Grand Prize at the 9th Asian Art Biennale in 1999, Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy Award (Grand Prize) for painting at the 13th National Art Exhibition in 1998, Best Award for sculpture at the 12th Young Artists' Art Exhibition and many others are notable. In this exhibition titled 'War My Love' Mahbub has displayed almost 20 artworks. These works can be easily divided into two categories.

Apart from the 5 large charcoal drawings all other works are small and completely different. These works are done on digital prints. In these digital prints on canvas Mahbub worked with acrylic. He also used light and wood. These digital

trapped in the terrible curse of war. US President George W Bush, his rival Osama Bin Laden and the fellow leaders are found in most of the works. Some works of Mahbub try to unmask inner psychic facial appearance of the leaders concerned. Some small paintings have been done in wooden boxes. These have two parts and Mahbub has worked with plaster on these. The large paintings are completely different from the digital prints. These drawings in charcoal seem to have the Liberation War as subjects. Mahbub has specially focused in his works the issue of heinous rape and torture carried upon the Bengalee commoners during the war period.

While commenting on his paintings, Mahbub said, "After the Liberation War of 1971, I used to listen to

the harrowing incidents and later on gathered information about the real war and saw some photographs". Mahbub, besides dealing with the sensitive issue of the Liberation War, has also been hurt by a lot of other matters. Like every other child, Mahbub too, played the game of war with his toy pistol. But over time the real-life gruesome picture of war influenced his life to a great deal. "War is nothing but killing humans, at the same time creating an enormous crisis of basic amenities." Mahbubur Rahman's infatuation towards destruction of life led to the hosting of his previous exhibition, 'Self-Slaughter', in 2000 that depicted the suicidal tendency of the human mind. Mahbub adds, "Social injustice, outrage and environmental crisis make me so much worried that I try to represent these anxieties in my works to free myself from the additional pressure."

The exhibition will remain open every day from 2:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. up to January 20. 'Artist's Talk', a special event by Mahbubur Rahman will be held at 6:00 p.m. on the concluding evening.

Literature

# Camilo Jose Cela dies

Nobel literature laureate Cela was leader of crude, straightforward style of writing called 'tremendismo' in contemporary Spanish literature

AFP, Madrid

SPANISH Nobel literature laureate Camilo Jose Cela died Thursday in Madrid, a spokesman at the clinic where the author was being treated for respiratory problems said. He was 85.

Cela was among the writers who emerged after the Spanish civil war, first winning critical acclaim for his novel *La familia de Pascual Duarte* in 1942, whose brutal realism was characteristic of Cela's style.

The novel is considered by many critics as one of the most important in Spanish literature.

Cela won the Nobel prize for literature in 1989.

Among many other notable works were *La colmena* ("The Hive") published in 1951, *Mrs Caldwell habla con su hijo* ("Mrs Caldwell speaks to her son") from

1953 and *Diccionario secreto* in 1968, a Spanish-language dictionary with a sense of humour.

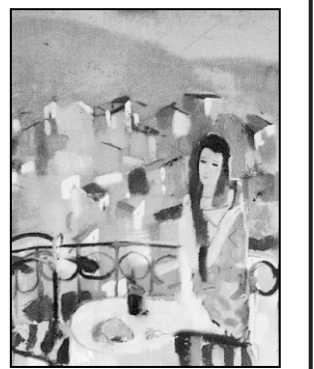
The Spanish academic, who had been a member of the Royal Spanish Academy since 1957, was also renowned as a short-story writer, poet and essayist.

Cela's work -- which totals 70 volumes -- has been translated into 20 different languages, and is part of the Spanish school curriculum. A colourful character, before being able to make a living from his writing Cela had worked in a number of different jobs, and even made his way as a boxer.

With his strong personality and often poor relations with other writers, Cela featured frequently in the Spanish press.

Cela was born in 1916 in Galicia, northwestern Spain and is survived by his wife, journalist Marina Castano.

RECOMMENDATIONS



Exhibition by Russian artists

The Russian Cultural Centre, Dhaka organises a show of contemporary art by Russian artists Poliakov Vasily and Persidskiy Konstantin which opens on January 20 at Exhibition Hall of the Russian Cultural Centre, House # 510, Road # 7, Dhanmondi R/A. This exhibition is dedicated to mark the 30th Anniversary of diplomatic tie between Bangladesh and Russia.

Art show of three Bengali pioneers

An exhibition showcasing works of pioneer artists Zainul Abedin, Qamrul Hassan and S.M. Sultan-of-Bangladesh art movement is being held at the Bengal Gallery of Fine Arts at Dhanmondi. This show is the second of a series presented from the collection of Abul Khair, chairman of Bengal Foundation.

Group Art Show

The 45th Grand Group Art Exhibition of leading Bangladeshi artists organised by Saju Art Gallery is now being held at its gallery space at Gulshan, North Super Market 2nd circle. The month-long show, open to all, will run until February 7 from 10 am to 8:30 pm barring Fridays.

2nd solo exhibition

The 2nd solo art exhibition by artist Rezaul Hoque Lilon is being held at the High Commission of India Cultural Centre (754 Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi). The exhibition will remain open for all from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. everyday, till January 24.

French Cinema

Alliance Francaise de dhaka will be screening the movies, 'The birth of impressionism' directed by Alain Jaubert and 'My little enterprise' directed by Pierre Jolivet, at its auditorium today as part of the institutions' weekly "Vendredi Cinema".



File picture dated on 24 November 2001 of Spanish writer and Nobel Prize for Literature winner in 1989, Camilo Jose Cela, and his wife Marina Castano (L).

## TV GUIDE

**BTV**

9:00a.m. Opening Session  
 9:10 News Headline in Bangla  
 9:15 Islamic Program: Alor Pothey  
 9:45 Coca-Cola Series 2002: Live transmission of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Test Match between Bangladesh & Pakistan from Chittagong Stadium  
 10:00 The News  
 11:00 News Headline in Bangla  
 12:00p.m. News Headline in Bangla  
 3:10 News Headline in Bangla  
 4:00 News in Bangla  
 4:45 Full length Bangla feature film  
 5:00 News Headline in Bangla  
 6:00 News in Bangla  
 7:00 Live transmission of the opening ceremony of 'Natun Kuri 2002'  
 8:00 News in Bangla  
 8:30 Drama serial: Ei Megh Ei Roudro  
 9:00 News in Bangla  
 9:05 Magazine: Rang Dhanu  
 10:00 The News  
 10:25 Film: Ripley's Believe It or Not  
 11:20 World Music Album  
 11:30 News in Bangla / The News  
 11:45 Closing  
**EKUSHEY TV**  
 9:30 Coca-Cola Test Series-2002  
 Bangladesh Pakistan Second Cricket Match Live Telecast from Chittagong  
 12:00 Ekushey Midday  
 12:30 Coca-Cola Test Series-2002  
 Bangladesh Pakistan Second Cricket Match Live Telecast from Chittagong  
 3:00 Ekushey Headlines  
 3:05 Coca-Cola Test Series-2002  
 Bangladesh Pakistan Second Cricket Match Live Telecast from Chittagong  
 5:00 Circus Circus  
 5:30 E Shoplather Bishsho  
 6:00 Ekushey Headlines  
 6:05 WWF Smackdown  
 6:55 Ekushey Headlines  
 7:00 Mukto Khobor  
 7:30 Ekushey News  
 7:58 Ek Minute  
 8:00 Annondo  
 8:30 Murchona  
 9:00 Ekushey News  
 9:05 Shukrobarer Natok: Dohon  
 10:00 News : Simulcast from BTV  
 11:00 Ekushey Late Night News  
 11:30 Ei Shoplatho  
 12:00 Ekushey Headlines

**CHANNEL-i**

6:10pm. Song: Music Plus  
 7:15 Channel I News  
 7:30 Magazine: Eker Bhetor Panch  
 8:00 Song: Panch Mishali  
 8:30 Ispahani I Telequiz  
 8:35 Magazine: Your Choice Ole Ole  
 9:00 Channel I News  
 9:20 Sangbad Patrey Bangladesh  
 9:30 Ispahani I Telequiz (Results)  
 9:45 Cinema Program: Marine Location Thekey  
 10:30 Channel I News  
 10:50 Bangla Film: Mouchor (Cast: Razzak / Kajari)

**ATN**

6:00 Islamic prog.  
 7:30 Islamic prog.: Sundor Jeebaner Jannee  
 7:35 Musical prog. : Protibha  
 8:00 ATN Bangla News  
 8:25 Musical prog. Antor Jane  
 9:00 Drama serial: Bondon  
 9:35 Talk Show: Samokalin Prosongo  
 10:10 Reporting prog: Prekhha Pot  
 11:30 Islamic prog:  
 12:00pm ATN Bangla News  
 3:30 Bengali feature film: Tume Sodu Amar  
 6:07 Children Cholo Gan Gai  
 6:45 Motamat  
 7:00 ATN Bangla Evening News  
 7:35 Musical prog.  
 8:10 Film Songs Prog.  
 8:45 Manazina prog Muktokatha  
 9:20 Drama Serial Goenda Kaheni  
 10:00 ATN Bangla News  
 10:35 Bengali feature film: Chondro Lekha  
 11:30 ATN Bangla News

**BBC WORLD**

6:00 BBC News  
 6:30 World Business Report  
 7:00 BBC News  
 7:30 Asia Today/Asia Business Report  
 8:00 BBC News  
 8:30 Asia Today/World Business Report  
 9:00 BBC News  
 9:30 Asia Today/Asia

Business Report  
 10:00 BBC News  
 10:30 Hardtalk  
 11:00 BBC News  
 11:30 World Business Report  
 12:00 BBC News  
 1:00 BBC News  
 1:30 World Business Report/Sport Today  
 2:00 BBC News  
 2:30 Talking Movies  
 3:00 BBC News  
 3:30 Money Prog.  
 4:00 BBC News  
 4:30 East Asia Today/Sport Today  
 5:00 BBC News  
 5:30 Hardtalk

**HBO**

6:30 Groudhog Day  
 8:30 Lorenzo's Oil  
 11:15 Problem Child  
 1:00 Rattled  
 2:45 The Swan Princess  
 4:30 Princess of Thieves  
 6:15 Dream House  
 8:00 Barb Wire  
 10:00 The Swahaveshank Redemption  
 1:00 The Mummy  
 3:30 Problem Child  
 5:15 Dream House  
**STAR GOLD**  
 7:00 Arzo (Rajendra Kumar, Sadhana, Feroz Khan)  
 10:30 Amul Bollywood News  
 11:00 Geet Bahar  
 11:30 Dil Ki Rani (Raj Kapoor, Madhubala)  
 3:00 Amul Bollywood News  
 3:30 Swati (Shashi Kapoor, Shamila Tagore)  
 7:00 Geet Bahar  
 7:30 Shaandaar Shukrawar Raampur Ka Lakshman (Randhir Kapoor, Rekha)  
 11:00 Amul Bollywood News  
 11:30 Super Action Film: Ganga Jamuna (Dilip Kumar, Vijayanthimala)  
 12:30 Ganga Jamuna (cont)  
 3:00 Geet Bahar  
 3:30 Swati (Shashi Kapoor, Shamila Tagore)

**STAR PLUS**

6:00 Sanskruti  
 6:30 Star Geetmala  
 7:30 Hum Saath Aath Hain  
 8:00 Aatma

**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS**

**EKUSHEY:** 9:05 pm. *Drama - Dahan*. Shama, Mamun's wife, is lonely. Ambitious Mamun does not pay much attention to his wife. Shama spends her time reading books and listening to music. One day Mamun meets his old photographer friend Abir and brings him to his house and introduces to Shama. From there on a new story unfolds.

**STAR WORLD:** 9:00 pm. *Friends*. Starring Jennifer Aniston, Courteney Cox Arquette, Lisa Kudrow, Matt LeBlanc, Matthew Perry and David Schwimmer. The series focuses on the friendship of three men and three women who frequently gather at each other's apartments and share sofa space at Greenwich Village's Central Perk coffee house.

**PICK OF THE DAY**

**The Shawshank Redemption**  
 On HBO at 10:00 pm.  
 Based on a short story by Stephen King. The Shawshank Redemption is a powerful, poignant prison drama about the triumph of the human spirit. The story develops deliberately and is compelling all the way. Andy (Robbins) a man who is wrongfully imprisoned for murder and eventually escapes. Red (Freeman) is the inmate who shows him that life is not a box of chocolates.

9:00 Hit Film:in Hit Sangeet  
 9:30 Fox Kids Daily  
 10:30 Small Wonder  
 11:00 Pal Chhin  
 11:30 Saahil  
 12:00 Shanti  
 12:30 Hit Film:in Hit Sangeet  
 1:00 Hum Saath Aath Hain  
 1:30 Jannat  
 2:30 Star Bestseller- The Ring  
 3:30 Kashmakash  
 4:00 Kabhi Sauten Kabhi Saheli  
 4:30 Kalash  
 5:00 Meri Saheli  
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 12:30 Gharwali Uparwali  
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 2:00 Chhupa Rustam  
 2:30 Amul Best of Surabhi  
 3:00 Family Fortunes  
 3:30 Eena Meena Deeka  
 4:00 Tu Tu Main Main

4:30 Kahani Jurm Ki  
 5:00 Sonpari  
 5:30 Star Bestsellers  
**DISCOVERY**  
 7:00 am Let's Dance & Eat  
 7:30 Wild Discovery  
 8:30 Lonely Planet IV  
 9:30 Living Pulse  
 10:00 Living Pulse  
 10:30 Terra X

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 12:00 Star News Hindi  
 12:30 Sports Tonight  
**AXN**  
 6:30 Movie: Stormchasers  
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**ALPHA TV**  
 7:00 Nayantara  
 7:30 News in Bengali  
 8:00 Surer Ei Jhamadhara  
 8:30 Monniye  
 9:00 News  
 9:05 Bharat Bhraman  
 9:30 Ki Likhi Tomai  
 10:00 Bideshini Bodhu  
 10:30 Bhalobasa Mandosa  
 11:00 Nayantara  
 11:30 Ebar Jombe Moja  
 12:00 Jhara Samayer Uapakatha  
 12:30 Chena Mukher Shari  
 1:00 Ingeet  
 1:30 Ek Akasher Niche  
 2:00 Pratibimba  
 2:30 Bari Theke Paliye Feature Film  
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 10:30 Daku Ganga Jamuna Feature Film

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 5:00 Darpan  
 5:15 Making Of A Legend  
 5:45 Film Time  
 6:00 Ghar Ek Mandir Feature Film  
 9:15 Cine News  
 9:30 Ikke Pe Ikka  
 10:00 Khiladi Feature Film  
**HALLMARK**  
 6:00am Nurses on the Line  
 8:00 Mary & Tim  
 10:00 Lonesome Dove: The Series  
 11:00 Follow The River  
 1:00pm Sliders  
 2:00 Sesame Street  
 3:00 Scholastic Clifford  
 3:30 Cailou  
 4:00 Lonesome Dove: The Series  
 5:00 Star Trek: Voyager  
 6:00 Sliders  
 7:00 Life With Judy Garland: Me and My Shadows  
 9:00 Star Trek: Voyager  
 10:00 Jack and the Beanstalk  
 12:00 Nairobi Affair  
 2:00 Kates and Dog  
 3:00 Nairobi Affair  
 5:00 Sesame Streets  
**ANIMAL PLANET**  
 7:00 Wild On the Set II  
 7:30 Animal Doctor II  
 8:00 Vets on the Wild Side  
 8:30 Animal Planet Safari  
 9:30 Wet N Wild Friday  
 11:00 Animals A-Z  
 11:30 Fit for the Wild  
 12:00 Wild Rescues  
 12:30 The Planet's Funniest Animals  
 1:00 All Bird TV  
 1:30 Extreme Contact  
 2:00 Battersea Dogs Home III  
 2:30 Monkey Business  
 3:00 In The Wild Wolves  
 4:00 Vets in Practice  
 4:30 O'Shea's Big Adventure  
 5:00 Shark Gordon  
 5:30 Wet N Wild Friday  
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## SPORTS

**ESPN**  
 6:00 Nba Basketball Charlotte, NC USA Philadelphia 76ers @ Charlotte Hornets  
 8:30 Nba Action Motorsport Asia  
 9:00 Italian Serie A Football Italian Serie A  
 2001/2002  
 11:30 World Cup Mix  
 12:00 Pool World Pool League 2001 Semifinal  
 1:00 Sportscenter Bristol, CT USA  
 2:00 Soccer: The Match of the Century: Platini  
 2:30 Australia Cricket Vb Series Sydney, Australia New Zealand @ Australia 4<sup>th</sup> Odi, 1<sup>st</sup> Session  
 7:00 Australia Cricket Vb Series Sydney, Australia New Zealand @ Australia 4<sup>th</sup> Odi, 2<sup>nd</sup> Session  
 7:30 Here We Go

8:30 Sportscenter Hindi  
 9:00 Here We Go  
 9:30 Boxing Series Friday Night Fights Bristol, CT USA  
 11:00 Cricket programming Super Selector  
 11:30 Sportscenter Hindi Nba Basketball East Charlotte, NC USA Philadelphia 76ers @ Charlotte Hornets  
 2:00 Australia Cricket Vb Series Sydney, Australia New Zealand @ Australia 4<sup>th</sup> Odi, Highlights  
 3:00 Sportscenter Hindi Soccer the Match of the Century: Zico  
 4:30 English Premier Football League English Premier Football League 2001/02 Southampton, England Manchester United @ Southampton  
 8:00 Sportsline Tonight Here We Go!  
 8:30 Australian Open Highlights Australian Open Highlights 2002 Melbourne, Australia Day #5  
 9:00 Highlights Cricket Programming Super Selector  
 10:30 Sportsline Tonight Pga Tour Highlights Pga Tour Year In Review 2001  
 1:00 Australian Open Australian Open 2002 Melbourne, Australia Men/Women Third Round  
 2:00 Sailing Volvo Ocean Race  
 6:00 Inside The Pga Tour Australian Open Highlights Australian Open Highlights 2002 Melbourne, Australia Day #5  
 7:00 Sportsline Tonight Here We Go!  
 8:00 Australian Open Highlights Australian Open Highlights 2002 Melbourne, Australia Day #5  
 9:00 Highlights

11:30 In the Wild  
 12:30 Science Mysteries  
 1:30 Wild Discovery  
 2:30 Wild Discovery  
 3:00 Born Winners  
 4:00 Let's Dance & Eat  
 4:30 Adventure Crazy  
 5:30 Lonely Planet VI  
 6:30 In the Wild  
 7:30 Wild Discovery  
 8:30 Living Pulse

9:30 Friday Showcase  
 11:30 Adventure Crazy  
**STAR NEWS**  
 07:00 Breakfast News  
 6:00 Star Khel  
 6:30 Bollywood News  
 7:00 Star Bazaar  
 7:30 Saat Baje  
 8:00 Hotline  
 8:30 Tonight at 8

11:30 Madhyantar  
 1:30 Saadu Aur Shaitan Feature Film  
 5:00 Darpan  
 5:15 Making Of A Legend  
 5:45 Film Time  
 6:00 Ghar Ek Mandir Feature Film  
 9:15 Cine News  
 9:30 Ikke Pe Ikka  
 10:00 Khiladi Feature Film  
**HALLMARK**  
 6:00am Nurses on the Line  
 8:00 Mary & Tim  
 10:00 Lonesome Dove: The Series  
 11:00 Follow The River  
 1:00pm Sliders  
 2:00 Sesame Street  
 3:00 Scholastic Clifford  
 3:30 Cailou  
 4:00 Lonesome Dove: The Series  
 5:00 Star Trek: Voyager  
 6:00 Sliders  
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