RECOMMENDATIONS

Anniversary and Book exhibition

June 30 - July 9 Birth Anniversary of renowned author Ahmad Safa is being observed by Sraban, a book outlet at Aziz Super Market in the city. A ten-day book exhibition of the writer continues at the shop with an inauguration at 11:00 a.m. on the opening day.

Young Artists' art exhibition 2002

June 20-July 4

A fortnight long young artists' art exhibition, organised by the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy, is being held at the academy's new auditorium building. The show is open from morning till evening

Photography June 30 - July 4

A photography exhibition titled, "Terrorism against humanity' by an American photographer is being held at NSU (BTA-100) at Banani in the city. 28 works of photograph show devastating aftermath of September 11 at and around Twin Towers in New York city. The exhibition is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. The exhibition is organised by North South University

Photography Club.

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Event

A praiseworthy tribute

Srabon, a book merchandise house in the city arranges a fair of books written by and on Ahmad Safa, a reputed author of the country

ten-day long book fair started at Srabon, a book selling outlet at Aziz Super Market at Shahbagh in the city, since June 30.

A total of 36 books and literary publications written by and on Ahmad Safa, have found place on the shelves of Srabon, at the fair.

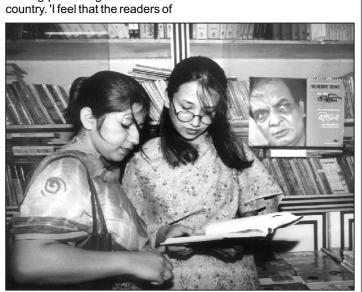
The fair is a corresponding event with that of observance of the 61st birth anniversary of late Ahmad Safa. The anniversary of birth of the renowned author was observed by Srabon on the opening day of the fair that is on June 30. Abul Kashem Fazlul Haq, a reputed intellectual inaugurated the ceremonious event at 11:00 a.m. on the day. The chief guest of the session also unfolded covers of five new novels of Safa those have been published by Student Ways, a leading publishing house of the

the present generation, through evaluation of the well-written books of Ahmad Safa, would certainly enrich their scholastic aptitude and as well, would help transform the society into a peaceful and pleasant situate of mankind', said Fazlul Haq, while delivering a speech on the occasion.

Among others, Nasir Ali Mamoon, the chef photographer of the Bangla daily Prothom-Alo, and Robin Ahsan, publisher-owner of Srabon recollected several of their pleasant memories of interaction with Ahmad Safa.

It has become a routine affair for the management of Srabon to observe birth anniversaries of renowned poets, authors, singers and reputed cultural personalities of other disciplines.

The fair remains open to all from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day till before its closure on July 9.



Visitors browse through pages of books written by Ahmad Safa, and dis-

played at the book fair of Srabon

Cinema

CULTURE

Friendly neighbour returns to silverscreen

Spiderman, the movie seems to have caught the fancy of old and young alike as the hero teaches a lesson or two to audiences world wide

ALK of cobwebs and you are reminded of dusty alleys, ghostly rooms and everything related to grim and filth. This is the haunt of spiders, those tiny black eight-legged creatures who sting with glee and spin their webs with élan. And this is where one of them metamorphoses into a larger-than-life hero.

Character of Spiderman has the special red outfit, the black web and the silver eyeshades that add the shining touch to the hero who has entertained children for decades And now he is here for all to see for the first time on the big screen What isn't surprising is the huge opening it received in India, but what is shocking is the viewership it is attracting.

The magical man has become synonymous with the "Good Samaritan", the perennial "dogooder". Shown as a "genetically altered spider" with newly discovered powers, Spiderman the film has taken Indians by storm. Literally so, in fact, when India and Pakistan are busy indulging in their own kind of cobweb making. The film transcends the world that the comic strips used to depict.

Spiderman is about attracting people of all generations to the movie halls, resulting in heavy bookings and relieved viewers. While children are busy enjoying their summer vacations, elders are seeking respite in the movie away from a rhetoric-based duel continuing between the two South Asian neighbours. The movie, slickly made with a bounty of special effects to boast of, is drawing people from all age groups with equal alee and passion. Whether it is the grandmother

accompanied by zealous kids out to see their fighting hero or the retired couple simply out to see a "feelgood" movie, Spiderman is offering to be the relief for all of them and more. While the storyline does not boast of much to be proud of, the presentation, the setting - a New York high school - and Tobey Maguire as the title character is where the film cashes in a big way.

Peter Parker is a high school nerd interested in science, heavy



Spiderman returns among fans

research projects and anything that can be photographed! A field trip of his class to a science laboratory dealing with various species of spiders changes the life of Parker, who is otherwise considered an outcast by his classmates. He is everything that depicts stupidly intelligent, awkward, geek, even underprivileged. In other words, he is every high school boy's night-

An inopportune spider sting leads him to discover that he has miraculously attained secret powers, all centring around the crawly abilities of a spider. As he gradually discovers his powers, he is motivated to adhere to the phrase of "great power means great responsibility". The love angle is introbatch mate and the "girl next door" who of course is the school dame and Parker's besotted dream. While dialogues like "I cried like a kid when you played Cinderella in the school play" and "I've loved her since fourth grade" make up the love ingredient in the movie. Parker twice rescues Jane, albeit in his persona as Spiderman, who in turn becomes Jane's addiction.

Sweet moments also go down well with the spectators with witty comedy making the movie pulsate with energy and youth. There is also the customary villain in the guise of the Green Goblin, a scientist in the role of a green glider who is out to destroy everyone who dares say no to him and his ambitions. He is obviously then (as a matter of course!) countered in his

evil by the "people's hero" who is maligned by the media with questions being raised about him being a menace or otherwise.

The climax surrounds a fair in New York City, where the Goblin plans to destroy all and Spiderman has to relinquish his photography opportunities and turn saviour again. This is followed by a mishmash of kidnappings, tears, warnings and a final duel between the The conclusion of a wellpacked plot however, does disappoint the optimists with a desolate ending with the hero realising that good doesn't always equally good promise returns.

Otherwise, it is a full two-hour narrative of high flies across New York, wicked humour and something for everyone to look forward to. What are Indians saying after watching the movie? While the kids are raving once again about their favourite hero, the elders are talking about "lessons learnt" and "morals". What they have to say does ring a distant bell for Spiderman does have a lesson on offer. Besides the realisation by the "true at heart" Parker who changes

outfits to save lives and earns by photographing that every good deed doesn't a hero make, this effort to get a decade old idol back into prominent limelight has also highlighted the fact that age old ideas of bravery and idolatry still

If you are enjoying holiday time,

you have a reason to go see this flick that sits pretty on the basis of watching an adorable high school "kid" play it big, though through disguise. If you are a lover of action, then again this has more than the average to offer with special effects thrown in with generosity and the fights between the Goblin and our hero making the chairs squeal with startled senses.

Yes, the unexpected is what you should expect in Spiderman, the hero of not only Mary Jane but also of all those who believe in following his motto of "great power means great responsibility", something that unfortunately comes after a lot of experience, especially of the opposite.

Exhibition



NSU, who include (from L-R) Sara Hossain (speaker), Ali Emdad Khan, A.B.M. Kamaluddin (Chairman, NSU foundation), Dr. Osman Faruque (Education Minister), Christopher Webster (American Charge D' Affaires in Bangladesh), Islam M. Faisal (a founder-member of NSU foundation), Azimuddin Ahmed (a founder-member and immediate past Chairman of NSU foundation) and Roushan Alam.

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BTV 2:00p.m. Opening News headline

Patriotic songs Open University 9:35 Health related 10:35 News 11:05 Adult education

3:20 Cartoon 4:00 News headline 4:05 Children's program 4:25 Drama 5:00 News Drama series 5:30 Sonas

6:00 News Sukhi paribar 6:35 Chittagong BTV center 7:00 News headline

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11:30 News (Bangla/English) 11:45 Closing **EKUSHEY**

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7:30 **Ekushey Shongbad** 8:00 **Ekushey News Bholar Diary** 8:05 8:30 Biskata 9:00 Nijhum Nibash 10:00 News When Century Was 10:30 11:00 **Ekushey Late Night** Shongbad **Ekushey Business** 11:30

Ekushey Headlines

CHANNEL-i 7:30a.m. Music Plus

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1:00 Special program 1:30 Opening 1:35 Special program Bangla feature film 1:50 5:05 I Zone 5:35 Goto Saatdin 6:10 Music Plus 6:45 I Sports 7:15 Drama serial: Simana

Channel I News Drama serial: Joar Ispahani I teleguiz Shongbadpotrey Bangladesh 9:45 Channel I Mobile Anubhabey Anukhoneý

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ATN Bangla News 8:25 Mage serial: Mohine 9:00 Reporting Prog : Ghotonar Nepathee **Band Musical** Prog: Pop Dhamaka Mage Serial: Kun Semanay Mukte Bengali Feature

1:30 Songsar 2:00 ATN Bangla News 3:00 6:07 Musical prog: ATN Music Magazine Prog: 6:45 Muktho Katha 4:30 ATN Bangla 5:30 Evening News 6:00 Mage Serial: Computer based 7:00

Drama: Keyo

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Katha Rakhene ATN Bangla News Bengali Feature film: Apon Por 10:35 11:30 ATN Bangla News **HBO**

Justice League Of America Trilogy of Terror II 11:45 The Locusts 2:15 The Pest JFK 4:00 The Deep End Of 7:45 The Ocean Child's Play 3 11:45 Children of the

1:45 The Locusts The Deep End of 4:15 the Ocean **STAR MOVIES** 6:30 Ghost, The

8:30 Au Pair 2 10:15 Doa Rusty The Great 12:00 Rescue 1:45 Attention Shoppers Lip Service 5:30 **Boiling Point** Circle, The

7:00 8:45 Fluke 10:30 Au Pair 2 12:30 Lord Of Illusions ANIMAL **PLANET**

Zig & Zag: Alpha Dog Challenge 6:30 7:00 Planet's Funniest Animals (IIII) Wild Island

7:30 8:00 The Aquanauts 8:30 **Animal Planet** Safari 9:30 Tuesday Trauma 10:00 Tuesday Trauma 10:30 Tuesday Trauma Crocodile Hunter 12:00 Zoo 12:30 Animal Doctor II 1:00 Vet's School Wild Rescues I

1:30 Savage Wilderness 2:00 **Animal Planet** Safari 2:30 Planet's Funniest 3:00 Animals (III) Tuesday Trauma 3:30 Tuesday Trauma Crocodile Hunter 4:00 4:30 Zoo 5:00 Wild Island 5:30 **Animal Planet**

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

STAR WORLD: 6:00 & 9:30 p.m. JAG. JAG (military-speak for Judge Advocate General) is an adventure drama about an elite legal wing of officers trained as lawyers who investigate, prosecute, and defend those accused of crimes in the military, including murder, treason, and terrorism. In tonight's episode, Mac prepares a lecture on a 19thcentury Naval court-martial trial.



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Natural World

Animals (III)

Planet's Funniest

Tuesday Trauma

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Tuesday Trauma

Crocodile Hunter

Music Mantra

Amrit Varsha

Chartbusters

Good Morning

Disney Good

Music Mantra

Showcase:

Humraaz

Chamatkaar

Yeh Duniya

HaiRangeen

Malgudi Days

Indian Holiday

Ek Mahal Ho

Sapano Ka

Kuchh Jhuki

Kkusum

Kutumb

Palkain

Dhadkan

Khwaish

Disney Hour

Thoda Hai

Thode Ki Zaroorat

Just Mohabbat

Thjpe Dil qurban

Star Yaar Kalakaa

Morning

Dil Ka Dwar Khol

Sant Asaram Vani

Thomas Johnson dies in an auto accident and comes back to life as a dog. Remembering some of who he was, he returns to his wife and son to protect them from the man who caused his accident. But, as time goes by, he remembers more of his life, and realizes he wasn't such a good husband and father.

Chartbusters Music Mantra Taal 8:00 Se Taal Mila 9:00 Dhadkan 9:30 Kkusum 10:00 Kutumb 10:30 Aahat Specials Kuch Jhuki

11:30 12:00 Ek Mahal Ho Sapno Ka **BBC WORLD** 6:00 **BBC News** 6:30 Asia 7:00 **BBC News** 7:30

Today/Reporters Asia Today/Asia Business Report BBC News 8:30 Today/Reporters 9:00 **BBC News** Asia Today/Asia 9:30 Business Report 10:00 **BBC News** World Business 10:30 Report 11:00 **BBC News** 11:30 World Business Report 12:00 pmBBC News

Today

BBC News

Euro Brief

BBC News

Hardtalk

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12:30 1:00 1:25 1:30 2:00 2:30 3:00 3:30 World Business 4:00 Report/Sports 4:30 5:00 **BBC News** 6:30 Correspondent

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STAR MOVIES: 7:00 p.m. Fluke. Workaholic Child's Play 3 On HBO at 10:00 p.m.

BBC News

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Film Toppers

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Kabhii Sautan

Kabhii Sahelii

Hit Filmein Hit

Small Wonder

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It's been eight years since the events in the second film, we now see that Andy is a teenager who has been enrolled in a military school. Play Pals Toy Company decides to re-release its Good Guys line, feeling that after all this time, the bad publicity has died down. As they re-used old materials, the spirit of Charles Lee Ray once again comes to life.

Kya Film Kay Geet

Kumar, Bina Rai)

PICK OF THE DAY

Asia Today/World 7:30 Bhabhi **Business Report** 7:55 Film Toppers **BBC News** 8:00 Hum Saath Aath Hardtalk 8:30 Kalash STAR PLUS 9:00 Kasautii Zindagii Star Geetmala Kay Hum Saath Aath 9:30 Kehta Hai Dil Aatma

Kahaani Ghar 10:30 Ghar Kii Hit Filmein Hit 11:00 Kyunki Saas Bhi Sangeet Fox Kids-Daily Kabhi Bahu Thi Kaahin Kissii Roz Hit Geet 12:00 Film Toppers Kya Film Kya Geet 12:05 Small Wonder Aaj Ki Baat Maal Hai To Taal Hai STAR GOLD Meri Saheli 7:00am Geet Bahar 12:00pmShanti 8:00 Anarkali (Pradeep

> Bollywood News Kaahin Kissii Roz Prem Bandhan (Raiesh Khanna, Kahaani Ghar Ghar Rekha, Moushmi Chatterji) 3:00pm Geet Bahar Kyunki Saas Bhi Shaheed (Dilip 4:00 Kumar, Kamini Kaushal) **Bollywood Beats** 7:30 Mangal Masti: Aamne Saamne (Shashi Kapoor, Sharmila Tagore)

> > Jackie Shroff) STAR WORLD The Oprah Winfrey

Vardi (Sunny Deol,

MacGyver King of Queens 9:00 Dharma & Greg 9:30 Boston Public The Oprah Winfrey 12:00pm_Everybody Loves Raymond

12:30 Frasier 1:00 Caroline In The City 1:30 The Bold & The Beautiful 2:00 Hollywood Squares Family Ties 3:00 Baywatch 4:00 The Simpsons 4:30 Cheers 5:00 Star News Asia 5:30 Friends

6:00 JAG 6:55 Star News Asia 7:00 The Pretender 8:00 Law & Order Friends 9:30 JAG 10:30 The Pretender

Law & Order 11:30 STAR NEWS 7:30 **Breakfast News**

English 8:00 **Breakfast News** Hindi 8:30 **Breakfast News** English 9:00 Breakfast News Hindi 9:30 Star News English 10:00 Star News Hindi 10:30 Star News English 11:00 Star News Hindi

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11:30 Star News English 12:00amSports Tonight CHANNEL [V] 8:00 [V] Back To Back [V] Jumpstart [V] Hit Machine 9:30 10:00 [V] Back to Back

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10:30 [V] Hit Machine 11:00 [V] Back to Back [V] Hit Machine 11:30 12:00pm[V] Zabardast Hits

[V] Jungli Jukebox [V] FDFS 1:00 1:30 [V] Hit Machine [V] Zabardast Hits 2:00 2:30 [V] Back to Back 3:00 [V]Zabardast Hits [V] Hotline 4:30

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12:00am[V] Back To Back NATIONAL **GEOGRAPHIC**

6:30 Wild 7:30am Nat Geo Max 8:30 Dogs With Jobs 9:00 Human Edge 9:30 On the Edge 10:30 Scientific American Frontiers 11:30 People & Places 12:30pmEndangered Human Edge

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9:00 Star Trek: Voyager Talking to Heaven **ZEE NEWS** 6:30 Bulletin RPT 7:00 7:30 Bulletin

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5:30 Bulletin RPT 6:00 6:30 Zee Business 6:57 Manoranjan 7:00 Bulletin News At 7 8:00 Zee Business

8:30 News At 8 Metro News 9:00 9:30 News At 9 10:00 Prime Time 10:30 ISS Wagt 11:00 Din Bhar 11:30 World View

11:57 Manoranjan **ZEE MUSIC** Sizzlers 7:30 Zee Music Box 8:30 Dil Se 9:00 Sizzlers 9:30 Hit Pe Hit

10:30 Hit Mix 11:00 Zee Music Plus 12:00 Compact Disc 12:30 Hit Pe Hit 1:30 Zee Music Box 2:00 Jharokha Tara Rum 2:30 3:30 Dialogues 4:00 Zee Music Box 5:00 Compact Disc 5:30 Hit Mix

A Stranger to Love Taking Back Our Scholastic Clifford Star Trek: Voyager

Touched by an

No Ordinary Baby

Angel VII

Zee Music Plus 6:00 7:00 Just Jammin

7:30 Zee Music. Com 9:30 Sizzlers 10:00 Dil Se 10:30 Jharokha 11:00 Zee Music Box 11:30 Phoren Maal