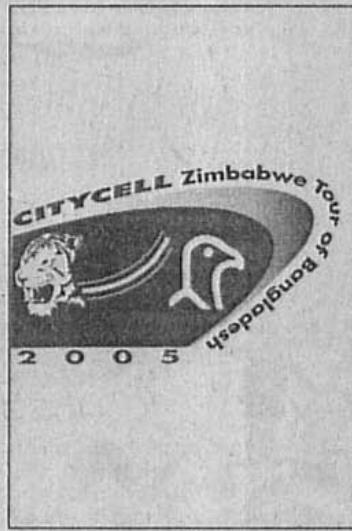


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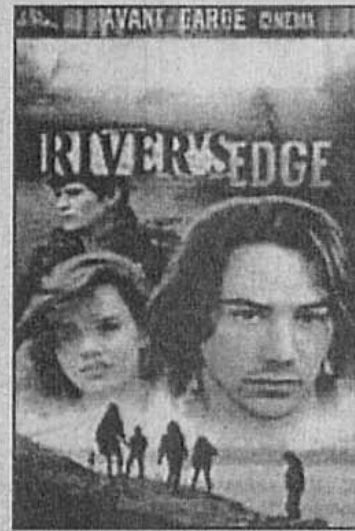
Our Choice

Hulk (IMDb rating 6.0) On HBO, January 30 at 08:30 pm Directed by Ang Lee Genre: Sci-Fi/Action/Drama Eric Bana, Jennifer Connelly, Sam Elliott, Nick Nolte It seems to scientist Bruce Banner that his father David has been performing genetic experiments on him at a young age—but these are memories Bruce tries hard to erase. One day, an accident in Bruce's laboratory exposes him to intense gamma radiation that alters him physically and mentally, turning him into a raging green monster when stressed. Misunderstood and feared, the Hulk goes on rampage...



The Sport

Zimbabwe Tour of Bangladesh CityCell Bangladesh-Zimbabwe ODI Series 2005 4th & 5th ODIs (D/N) January 29 & 31 from 01:00 pm Live from Dhaka, Bangladesh On BTv



The Movie

River's Edge (IMDb rating 7.1) On Star Movies, February 01 at 08:35 pm Directed by Tim Hunter Genre: Crime/Drama Crispin Glover, Keanu Reeves, Ione Skye, Daniel Roebuck, Dennis Hopper A chilling and visually arresting drama that centres on a close-knit group of slacker teenagers who discover that one of their own, Samson, has killed his girlfriend Jamie. Emotionally unprepared and ambivalent, they must struggle between friendship and responsibility before deciding to report the murder.

Satellite TV



A Walk to Remember (IMDb rating 6.7) On HBO, January 29 at 09:30 pm Directed by Adam Shankman Genre: Drama/Romance Shane West, Mandy Moore, Peter Coyote, Daryl Hannah In a coastal North Carolinian small town in the mid 1990's, a boy from the popular but troubled undirected group of students gets busted, and for punishment, you guessed it, has to do community service activities which include the high school's spring play. This throws him in with the minister's daughter, you guessed it, the mousy seemingly awkward yet beautiful girl with an angelic heart, and she sings too. They grow hesitantly closer than their previous adversarial relationship as old bonds are tested and new awareness are inspired. A couple twists occur as the story concludes.



The Truman Show (IMDb rating 7.7) On HBO, January 31 at 02:15 am Directed by Peter Weir Genre: Comedy/Drama/Sci-Fi Jim Carrey, Laura Linney, Noah Emmerich, Natascha McElhone Truman Burbank's life is a fake one... The place he lives in is in fact a big studio with hidden cameras everywhere, and all his friends and people around him are actors who play their roles in the most popular TV-series in the world: The Truman Show. Truman thinks that he is an ordinary man with an ordinary life and has no idea about how he is exploited. Until one day...he finds out everything. Will he react?

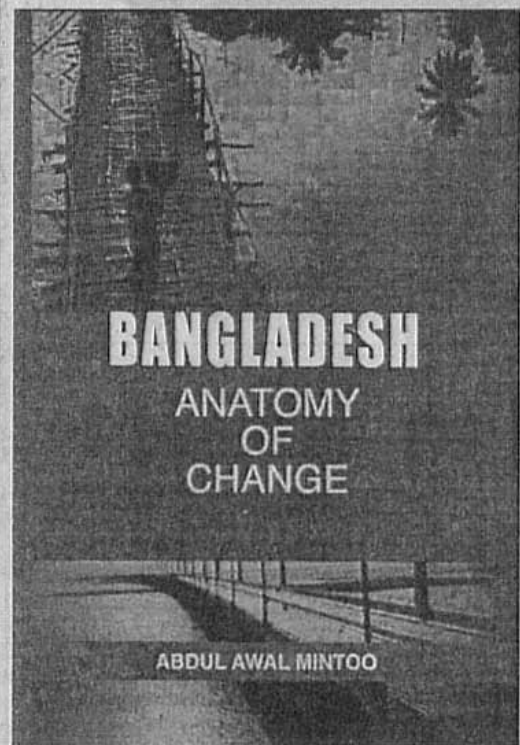


Kaena: The Prophecy (IMDb rating 5.9) On Star Movies, January 30 at 07:00 pm Directed by Chris Delaporta & Pascal Pinon Genre: Action/Adventure/Animation/Fantasy/Sci-Fi Voices: Kirsten Dunst, Richard Harris, Anjelica Huston, Keith David On a distant planet AXIS, a gigantic coiling plant, stretches high above the clouds... At its center is a village whose people are in mortal danger because AXIS is withering... it's sap is drying up. The people beg their gods for help... but to no avail. Compelled by a mysterious force, Kaena, a rebellious, high-spirited teenage girl will defy the High Priest and her people's ancestral beliefs to take the perilous journey through the Axis and discover what dark secrets lie beyond the clouds... A dying world, an evil force, a terrible secret...

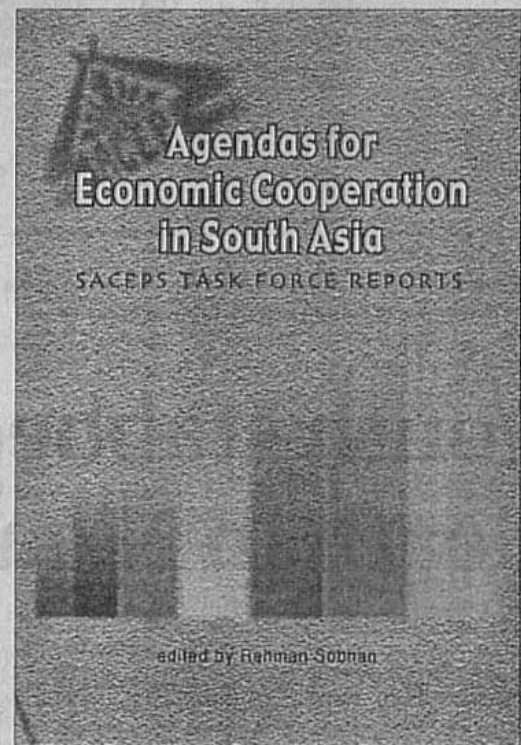


The Man from Elysian Fields (IMDb rating 6.8) On Star Movies, January 31 at 12:15 am Directed by George Hickenlooper Genre: Drama Andy Garcia, Mick Jagger, Julianna Margulies, Olivia Williams Byron Tiller, happily married with a young child, is a writer whose last novel has ended up in the remainder bins. Down on his luck and struggling to make ends meet, he keeps bashing away, refusing to admit that perhaps he is not that good. One day, at wit's end and feeling sorry for himself, he meets someone who has actually read his book: a rather elegant looking Englishman who introduces himself as Luther Fox. Luther runs an escort agency Elysian Fields, which provides extremely wealthy women with attractive, intelligent dates. Desperate for any job—and Luther guarantees good pay and convinces him that it can be only temporary—Byron reluctantly agrees, keeping the whole thing hidden from his wife.

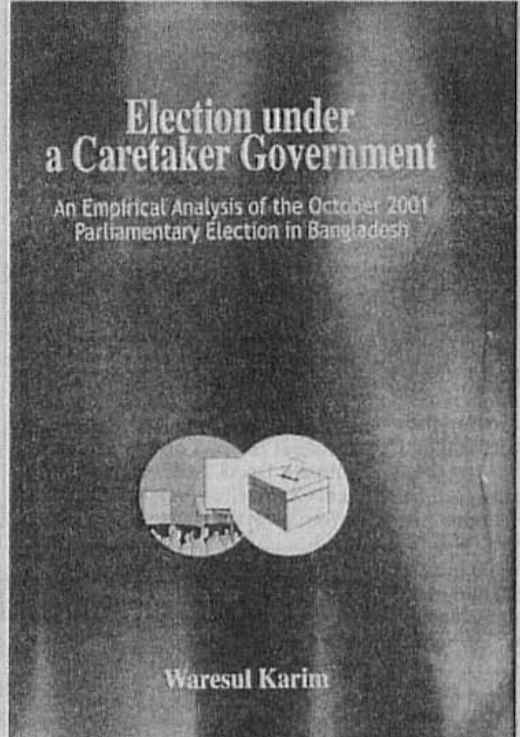
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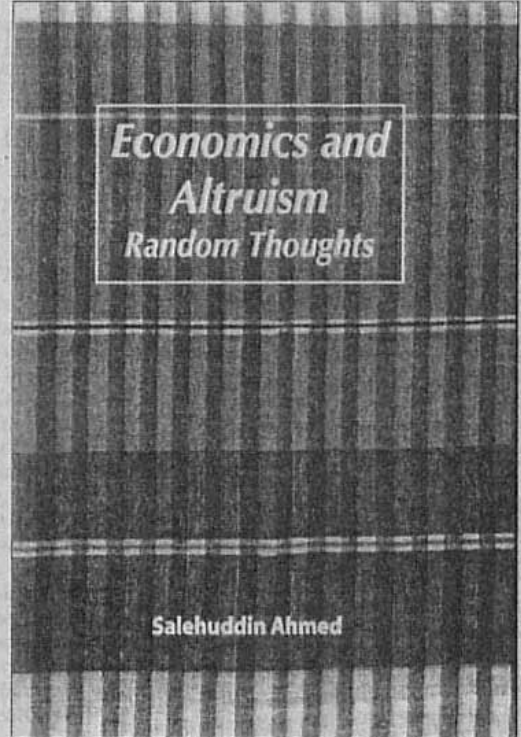
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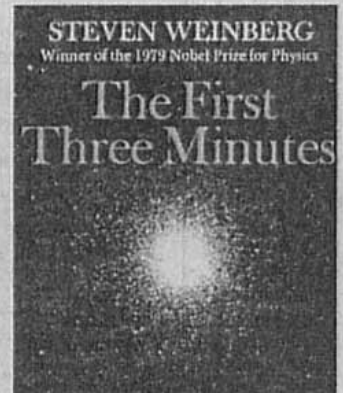
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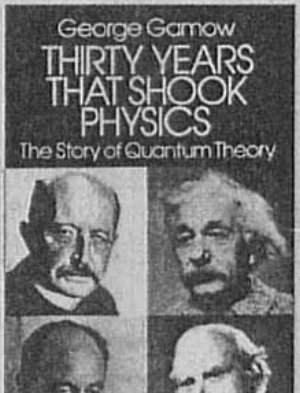
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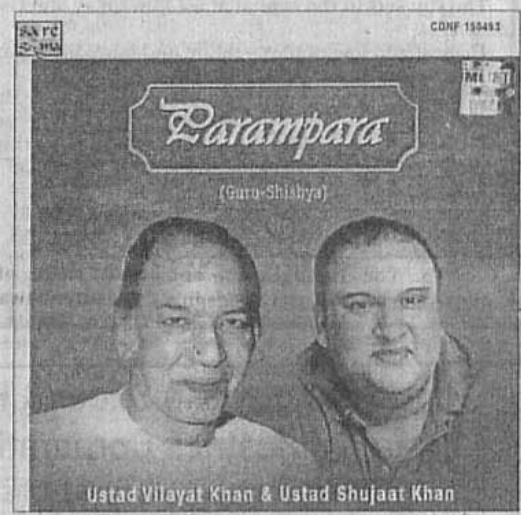
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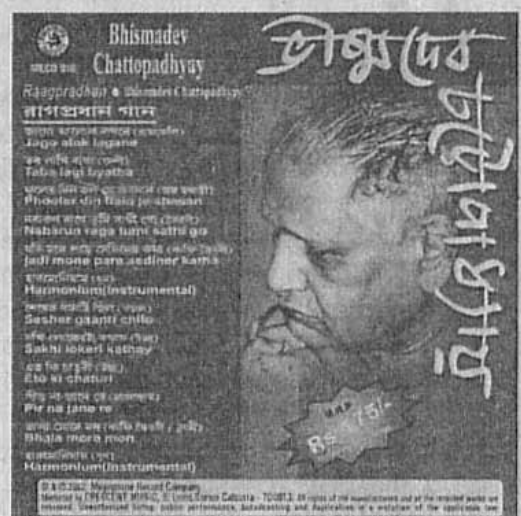
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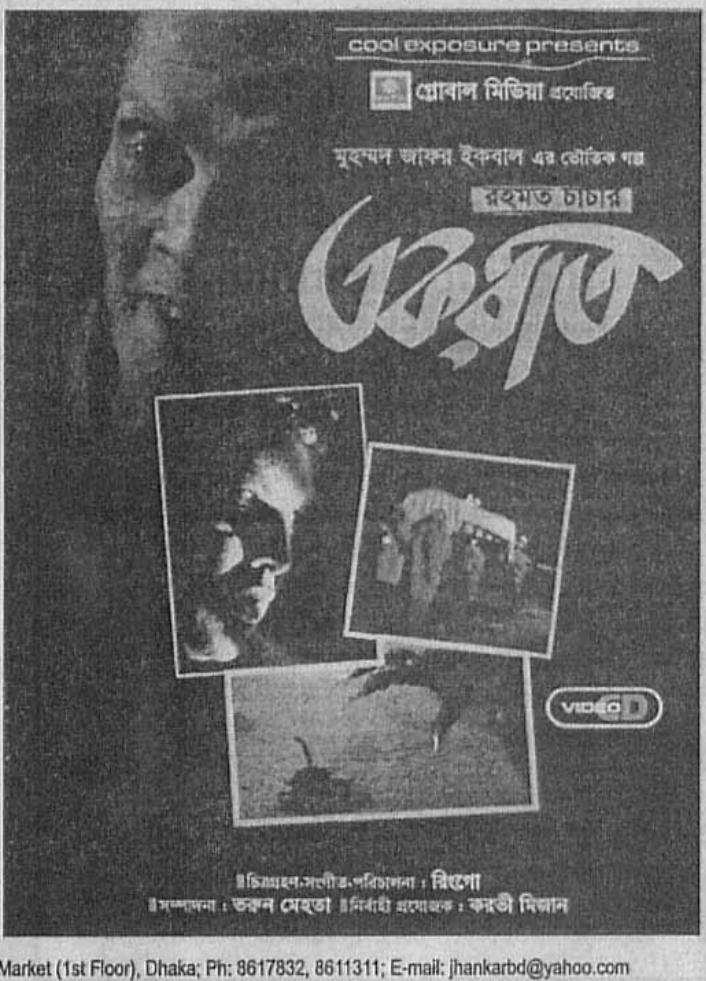
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Rahmat Chachar Ek Raat

(One Night of Uncle Rahmat)

Horror Drama by Ringo Based on story by Muhammad Zafar Iqbal

Cast: Majnun Mizan, Shamapli Mashuk, Khaled Bastaman, Kalyan Karmakar, Habib Ahmed Panir There's nothing called 'Shoo' or spirits. They never were, they will never be. But there have always been horror stories. The present play uses some such stories—only changing the names of places and characters so that they feel real. And the result is this hair-raising drama.



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