

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Print Makers' Exhibition

Organiser: Shilpangan
Venue: Shilpangan Gallery, H 26, Rd 3, Dhanmondi
Date: December 25-January 8
Time: 12pm-8pm



Film Screening

Film: Jodha Akbar
Venue: Indian Cultural Centre, H 35, Rd 24, Gulshan-1
Date: January 2
Time: 6pm



Digital Biography and Photography Exhibition

Title: Jibon O Chitrey Gunjon
Organiser: Gunjon
Venue: Alliance Francaise, 26, Mirpur Rd, Dhanmondi
Date: January 6-10
Time: 9am-12pm, 5-6pm



Dance Drama

Play: Hey Ananta
Venue: National Theatre Hall, BSA
Date: January 9
Time: 7pm



Dhaka Int'l Book Fair '08 ends

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Dhaka International Book Fair '08 ended on December 30. With the motto, "Book for Peaceful World," the fair was inaugurated on December 15 at the central playing field, Dhaka University campus. Under the management of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, National Book Centre organised the fair. Over a hundred publication houses from home and abroad took part in the fortnight-long event.

The British Council; Embassy of the People's Republic of China; Office of the Cultural Counsellor of Iranian Embassy; Children Publication from Karachi, Pakistan; Save the Children; World Bank Office, Dhaka; Shishu Shahitya Samsad Pvt. Ltd. and Dey's Publishing -- both from India -- took part in the fair alongside numerous well known local houses including Shahitya Prakash; Mawla Brothers; Shomoy Prakashan; Annyo Prakash; Muktoha; Pathak Shamabesh; Anannya; Aitijhya and Sandesh.

Several government organisations and research institutes including Bangla Academy, Nazrul Institute, Islamic Foundation Bangladesh and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy also had stalls at the exposition.

A closing ceremony was held at the book

fair on the last day, Professor S.M.A Fayez, vice-chancellor, DU was the chief guest and Mohammad Nasiruddin Khan, joint secretary, Ministry of Cultural Affairs presided over the programme. Professor A.E.M Yousuf Haider, pro-vice chancellor, DU was the special guest.

Among others, educationist Professor Syed Anwar Hossain; Md. Mahmudur Rahman, director, National Book Centre and Mafidul Haque, trustee of the Liberation War Museum spoke at the programme.

In his speech, Professor Fayez said, "This kind of book fair creates an opportunity to bring together writers, readers and publishers."

Professor Yousuf Haider hoped that from now on the fair would be held on DU campus regularly.

Dhaka International Book Fair was initiated in 1995. This is the first time that the fair was held on DU campus.

An award-giving programme was also part of the closing ceremony. Eminent artistes Quayyum Chowdhury, Rafiqun Nabi, Hashem Khan along with others received prizes for their contribution to the field of cover designs. The organisers also honoured owners of publication houses at the programme.



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Scene from the just-concluded book fair.

John Lennon speaks from the grave for charity

With permission from his widow, Yoko Ono, a digital John Lennon stars in a new commercial for One Laptop Per Child (OLPC), a charity attempting to grant Internet access to children in developing countries.

The clip features Lennon's voice seemingly digitally sewn together. "Imagine if every child, no matter where in the world they were, could access a universe of knowledge," the virtual Lennon says. "They would have a chance to learn, to dream, to achieve anything they want. I tried to do it through my music, but now you can do it in a very different way."

Multi-coloured pixels bombard the screen until they form an image of Lennon, who speaks into the camera: "You can give a child a laptop and more than imagine, you can change the world." Even 28 years after his death, the ad is still pretty haunting.

This is not the first time a celebrity has been integrated digitally for commercial means: Fred Astaire danced with a vacuum cleaner during a Super Bowl ad, and Elvis Presley and Muppets mastermind Jim Henson have also posthumously appeared in commercials. OLPC was founded in 2005 by Nicholas Negroponte and hopes to provide children in poor countries with durable, solar-powered laptops that cost around \$200. The programme is one Ono obviously believes in, as she has been very hesitant to lend Lennon's image to ads in the past.

Source: Rolling Stone

At 78, politically incorrect Eastwood still finds edgy roles

Clint Eastwood doesn't know if he's a legend.

"Maybe, what is it?" he asks, before making a reference to a line from director John Ford's "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance." "When the legend becomes fact, print the legend."

But for more than 50 years, Eastwood has appeared on the screen and behind the camera. His film credits include "Dirty Harry," "Every Which Way But Loose" and the three "Man With No Name" Westerns. He owns four Oscars -- two for direction of "Unforgiven" and "Million Dollar Baby" and best picture wins for those two films -- and he has been nominated for six others.

His most recent contribution to the film world is "Gran Torino." In the film, which Eastwood also directed, he stars as Walter Kowalski, a Korean War veteran who is forced by immigrant neighbours to challenge his prejudices.

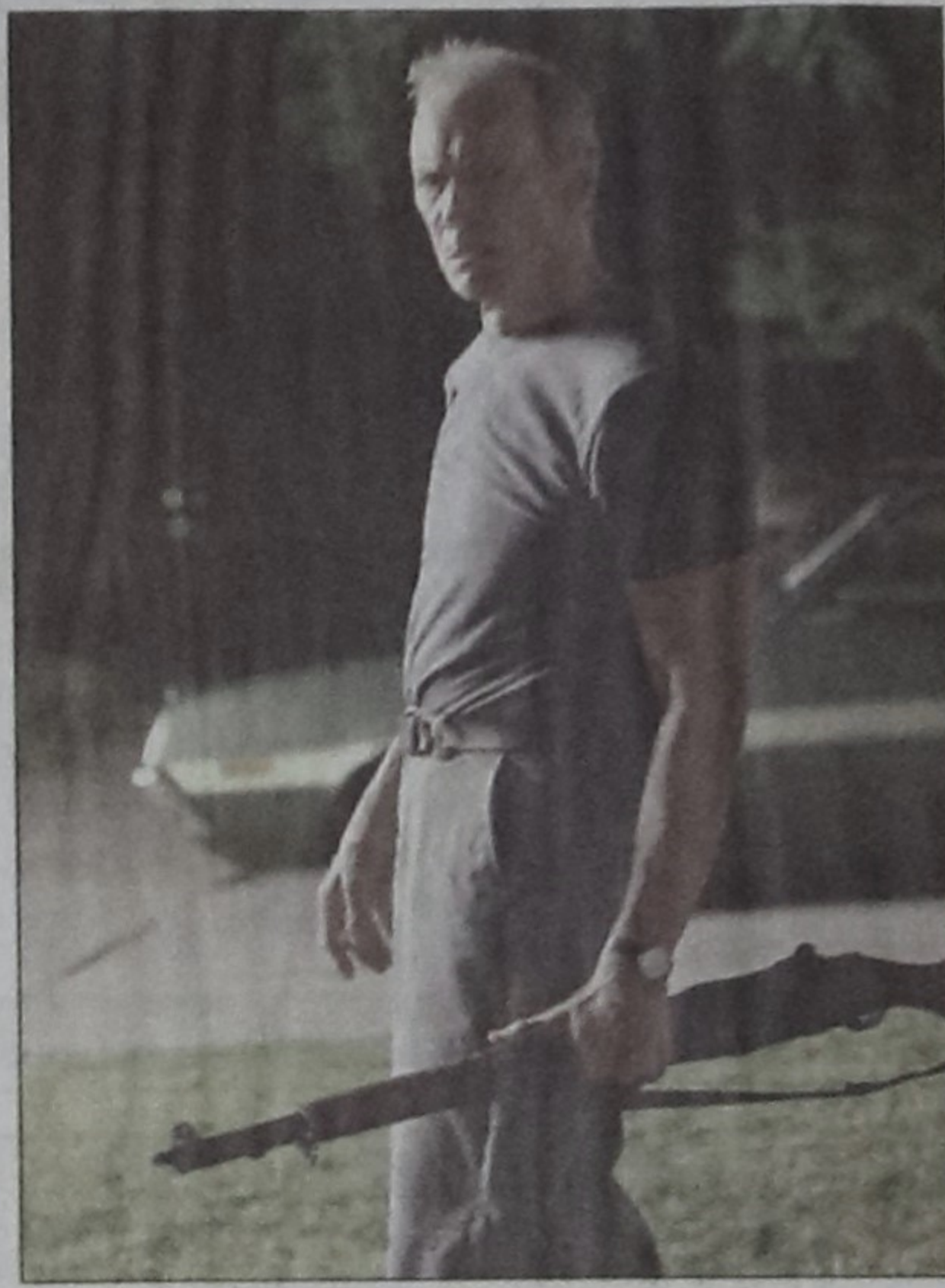
Kowalski is a recognisable type, the gruff, sometimes bigoted old man who may be hiding more heart than he lets on. Even though he is not too caring at the start, "he ends up expressing love to a family he has never known before," Eastwood said.

In a recent interview with CNN, Eastwood, 78, talked about the movie, his future as an actor and what he expects in terms of awards. The following is an edited version of that interview:

When you read the script, were you at all concerned about the nature of the language?

Clint Eastwood: No, I wasn't. If you're going to learn something and progress in the movie as a character, you have to start as something else in order to learn tolerance. And your character obviously is never too old to learn that, so he has to be a certain way.

But I -- being politically incorrect -- find it fascinating because I hate the so-called politically correct thing. I think that's one of the things that are damaging our generation at the present time. Everybody is taking themselves and everything so seriously. If they just relax a little more and take themselves



Clint Eastwood in "Gran Torino".

and everything else a little less seriously, they'd have a lot more fun.

It's great that after doing so many films in your long career, you're still looking for that edgy material. Will you be doing a lot of acting?

Eastwood: I don't think so. I just don't think there's going to be that many good roles, or as you say, edgy material.

Maybe not edgy material for the typical senior that's an actor, but you're a legend. Presumably people are still writing stuff for you.

Eastwood: I do enjoy being behind the camera. I started directing 38 years ago in order to be involved in the whole project and not just the one component of acting. And so it became interesting to me to look at the whole picture.

And so I'm enjoying it back there. And next picture I do, Morgan Freeman's going to be upfront and I'm going to be behind the camera. And that's where, I think, I belong.

You are shooting that film about Nelson Mandela in

South Africa?

Eastwood: Yes.

You've got "Changeling" and then you've got "Gran Torino." Both of them are getting a lot of buzz. What's your reaction to the fact that you'll probably be getting a lot of award nominations?

Eastwood: I don't know about that. I don't think about that. I just make the pictures and where they fall is where they fall. If somebody likes them, that's always nice. And if they don't like them, then too bad.

Actually, I kind of make a film for myself to sort of express myself. Or it's a story I might want to follow. I never think too much about anybody seeing it. And then when you're done with it, you go, "Oh my God. Now we got to see if anybody wants to see this thing."

So we're at that period right now, at least on "Gran Torino."

Source: CNN



All programmes are as listed time. This Daily Star will not be responsible for any

On Air

ATN BANGLA

- 08:15 Ajker Shokhaal
- 08:30 Drama Serial: Jyotsna Kaal
- 09:15 Asian City Top Spin
- 10:30 Talk Show: Onyodrishti
- 11:05 Selected Programme
- 12:15 Musical Programme: Shurer Madhuri Shodaipati
- 12:50 Cinema Cinema
- 01:30 Talk Chart
- 02:30 Islamic Programme: Shundor Jibon-er Jonyo Debate Programme: BSB Cambrian Jukti Torko
- 04:10 Islamic Programme
- 06:20 Talk Show: Priyojon Shobaar Jonyo
- 06:45 Drama Serial: Mouchakey Dhi
- 08:00 Drama Serial: Nupur
- 09:20 Drama Serial: Tomaar Doyaye Bhalo Achhi Ma
- 11:30 Daily Soap: Doll's House
- 12:00 Grameenphone Lead News

CHANNEL 1

- 08:05 Tagore Song
- 08:30 Shokhaal-er Gaan
- 09:30 Shangbadpotrey Bangladesh
- 09:45 Public Reaction
- 09:50 Talk Show: Grameenphone Titomatra
- 11:05 Talk Show: Baithak
- 02:30 Musical Programme: Hridoyer Gaan
- 03:05 Hridoye Mati O Manush-er Daak
- 04:30 Ship O Sangskriti
- 05:30 Muktiudhyo Protidin
- 06:00 Aamar Chhobi
- 06:20 Special Programme
- 07:50 Lux-Channel i Superstar

09:35 Drama Serial: Doink Tolpaar

- 10:00 Travel Show: RC Travel On
- 11:30 Special Programme
- 12:00 Grameenphone Ajker Shangbadpotro

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- 08:30 Ajker Shokhaal
- 08:55 Drama Serial: Eit Kather Khancha
- 09:30 Bako Ebong Bajao
- 10:05 Cookery Show: Siddiqua Kabir's Recipe
- 10:30 Drama
- 12:10 Talk Show: Ei Shomoy
- 01:05 Cartoon: Meena
- 02:35 Drama Serial: Ondhokaar-er Phul
- 03:20 Drama Serial: Jhul Jhamela
- 04:10 Live Quiz Show
- 05:25 lthasher Ei Din-ey



Tomar Doaye Bhalo Achhey Ma On ATN Bangla at 9:20pm
Drama Serial
Cast: Richi, Mosharrar Karim

- 05:35 Chetonaye Islam
- 06:15 Shubho Shondha
- 06:45 Amaro Gaithya Ichchhey Halo
- 08:15 Drama Serial: House Full
- 09:45 Drama Serial: Brishtir Jonyo
- 11:35 Musical Programme:

Music Jam

- 08:30 Ekusher Shokhaal
- 09:30 Deho Ghon
- 10:30 Ekush-er Business
- 11:30 Ekush-er Business
- 02:30 Drama Serial: Akey Shunya Dash
- 03:15 Golpo Sholpo Gaan
- 04:02 Drama Serial: Tomtom
- 04:30 Deshjurey
- 05:30 Sports Plus
- 05:45 Ekush-er Shondha
- 07:45 Dhum Ta Na
- 09:30 Aromatic Gold Dhaka Fashion
- 10:50 Financial Bulletin
- 11:45 Ta Na Na Na

BANGLAVISION

- 08:00 Shubho Shokhaal
- 08:30 Cinebit Shadakalo
- 09:00 Gaanalap

03:03 Drama Serial: Swapnochura

- 04:20 Top Story
- 05:15 Drama Serial: Gulshan Avenue
- 05:45 Citycell Din-er Sheshey
- 06:20 Special Programme: Abhibashir Ghamer Taka
- 06:50 Selected Programme
- 08:15 Drama Serial: Shomudro Jol
- 09:05 X-Crime
- 09:45 Daily Soap: Gulshan Avenue
- 11:25 Selected Programme
- 12:10 Shangbad Protidin

CHANNEL 1

- 08:40 Shuprobhaal Bangladesh
- 10:40 Bangla Feature Film
- 02:00 Shoplago Sheshey
- 03:30 Drama
- 04:00 Show Case
- 04:30 Music One

Programme 1

- 2008/09 Ford Ranger Cup (Hls) 11
- Match: Queensland vs. South Australia
- 11:30 KIA X Games 2007 Shows
- 12:30 Barclays Premier League 2008/9 Match: Hull City vs. Aston Villa
- 02:30 NBA Classic Match: Boston Celtics vs. Los Angeles Lakers
- 04:30 India Down Under Programme 1
- 05:00 Planet Speed 2008/09
- 05:30 Great Wales Run - Cardiff
- 06:00 Hitz 0809 35
- 06:30 2007 Dubai X Games Goals!
- 07:30 Premier League World
- 08:30 Sportscenter India: Year In Review
- 09:30 Goals!

Open

- 08:30 Anacondas With Nigel Marven
- 11:30 Extreme Machines
- 03:30 Life Or Death
- 07:30 Hunters
- 08:30 Dead Tenants
- 10:30 CALL 911
- 11:00 Everything You Need To Know (30m)
- 11:30 Fearless Planet
- 12:30 Anacondas: The Hunt For The Bull Killer

STAR SPORTS

- 10:00 TNA Xplosion 08/09 18
- 11:00 Soccer Fans UK
- 11:30 Hyundai Hopman Cup Xx 7 Match: USA vs. Serbia
- 02:30 Barclays Premier League 2008/9 Match: Aston Villa vs. Arsenal

11:15 End Of Days

- 01:15 Picture Perfect
- 03:00 The Death And Life Of Bobby Z
- 04:40 True Lies
- 07:00 Rocky Balboa
- 08:45 Underdog
- 10:10 Deja Vu
- 12:15 Yeh

STAR WORLD

- 09:30 Friends
- 02:00 Friends
- 02:30 The Ellen Degeneres
- 03:30 Murder She Wrote
- 04:30 Cold Case
- 05:30 La Femme Nikita
- 06:30 Whistler
- 08:00 Friends
- 08:30 Seinfeld
- 09:00 Whose Line Is It Anyway?
- 09:30 30 Rock
- 10:00 Scrubs
- 10:30 Brother & Sisters
- 11:30 Jimmy Kimmel Live

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

- 08:30 Colour of War V
- 12:15 Creative Vision
- 12:30 When Billie beat Bobby
- 02:30 Mahabharata
- 03:30 The Fight
- 04:30 Michael Schumacher The Red Baron
- 05:30 Century of Flight
- 06:30 Around The World In 80 Treasur
- 08:30 The Fight
- 09:30 Indian Journeys
- 10:30 Mahesh Bhatt
- 11:00 The Future

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL

- 11:00 Super Pride
- 09:30 Creative Vision- NGC
- 11:30 Animals Behaving Badly
- 12:30 Air Crash Investigation
- 01:30 On Thin Ice
- 02:30 Fight Science
- 03:30 Planet Carnivore
- 04:30 The Dark Side of Hippos
- 06:00 Big Bang
- 06:30 Super Factories
- 07:30 Hunter Hunted
- 08:30 World's Deadliest Animals
- 09:30 Inside: Rolling Stones in Rio
- 10:30 Inside: Rio Carnival
- 11:30 Hong Kong's Big Bang



- 07:30am Hello Dhaka
- 10:00am Music Junction
- 01:00pm No Tension
- 04:00pm Dhaka Calling
- 08:00pm Full Volume
- 11:00pm Somoy Asomoy (SOS)
- 01:00am Back to Back music
- Radio Today 89.6 FM
- 07:15am Good Morning Dhaka
- 11:00am Mass Unlimited
- 01:00pm Today's Adda
- 04:00pm U-turn
- 08:00pm Tobe Tai Hoka
- 12:00am Today's Happy Moments
- 12:10am Today's Dances Grooves



30 Rock
On Star Bangla at 9:30 pm
TV Series
Cast: Alec Baldwin, Tina Fey

- 05:15 Shomoyer Swad
- 06:00 Saajbela
- 07:00 Cine Tune
- 08:15 Drama: Daash Hazar Eak Taka
- 09:00 Selected Programme
- 11:30 Goals!
- 12:00 Hitz 0809 35
- 12:30 Bwf Super Series - Danish

ESPN

- 10:00 India Down Under
- 10:00 NBA Fastbreak 2008/09
- 10:30 Sportscenter India: Year In Review
- 11:00 Sportscenter Asia: Year In Review
- 11:30 Goals!
- 12:00 Hitz 0809 35
- 12:30 Bwf Super Series - Danish

TNA Xplosion 08/09 18

- 05:30 Volvo Ocean Race Weekly
- 06:00 Ryan Capes - Going The Distance
- 06:30 Sports Max
- 07:30 TNA Impact 08/09 17
- 09:25 Game Plan, The