

## PICK OF THE WEEK



### Our Choice

**Superman II** (IMDb rating 6.5)  
 On HBO, November 23 at 09:30 pm  
 Directed by Richard Lester  
 Genre: Adventure/Fantasy/Sci-Fi/Action  
 Gene Hackman, Christopher Reeve, Ned Beatty  
 This time, the Man of Steel has his hands full with a trio of super-powered villains who escape from their Phantom Zone prison (remember the weird flying triangle that scooped them up from the planet Krypton?) and land on earth, where all three have powers to rival Superman's own. How does it all come out?



### The Sport

Tennis Masters Series

Tennis Masters Cup Houston 2004

Final

Live from Houston, Texas

On Star Sports, November 22 at 03:30 am



### The Movie

**Holes** (IMDb rating 7.3)  
 On Star Movies, November 21 at 07:00 pm  
 Directed by Andrew Davis  
 Genre: Drama/Family/Comedy/Adventure  
 Sigourney Weaver, Jon Voight, Tim Blake Nelson  
 Stanley Yelnats IV is falsely accused of stealing Clyde 'Sweet Feet' Livingston's shoe donation to a local orphanage and will either go to jail or 'Camp Green Lake.' Stanley chooses Green Lake, where he is forced to dig large holes in the desert each day, by order of the mysterious Warden and her assistants Mr. Sir and Mr. Pendanski.

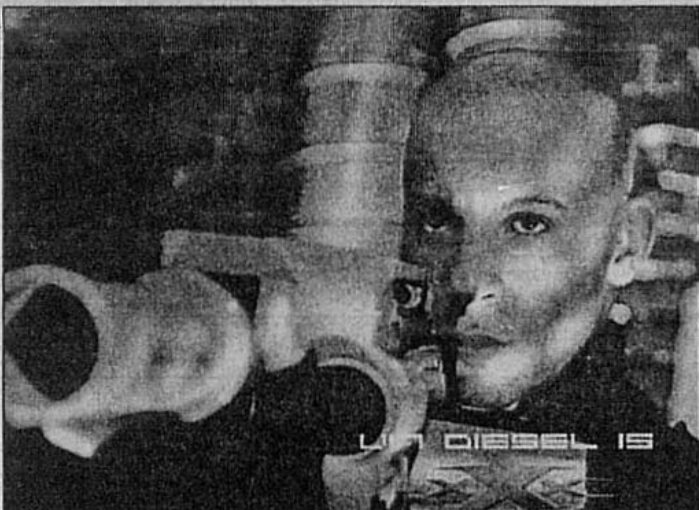
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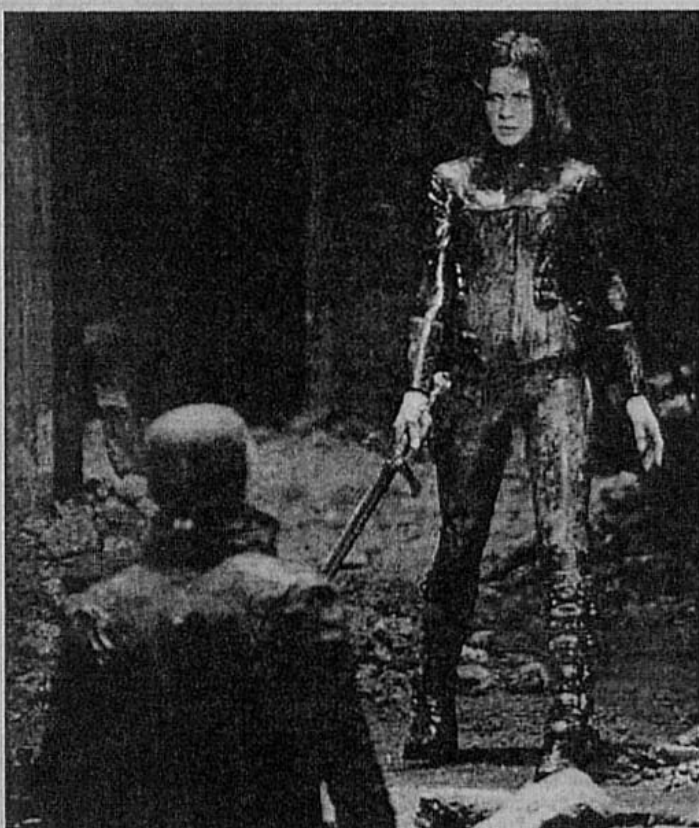
### American Pie 2

On HBO, November 20 at 11:30 pm  
 Directed by James B. Rogers  
 Genre: Comedy  
 Jason Biggs, Shannon Elizabeth, Alyson Hannigan, Chris Klein, Thomas Ian Nicholas  
 After their first year at college, the guys reunite for another summer of fun. Jim continues his quest for sexual independence by seeking the help of his old prom date, Michele, after an unexpected call from Nadia who plans to visit Jim. Meanwhile, Kev and Vicky find themselves in an awkward situation after having broken up for a year. Oz must deal with a long distance relationship when Heather heads off to France to study abroad. Old feuds die hard as the ever-so-horny Stuffer harbors his hatred toward Finch, who is practicing the Hindu practice of Tantra.

### XXX



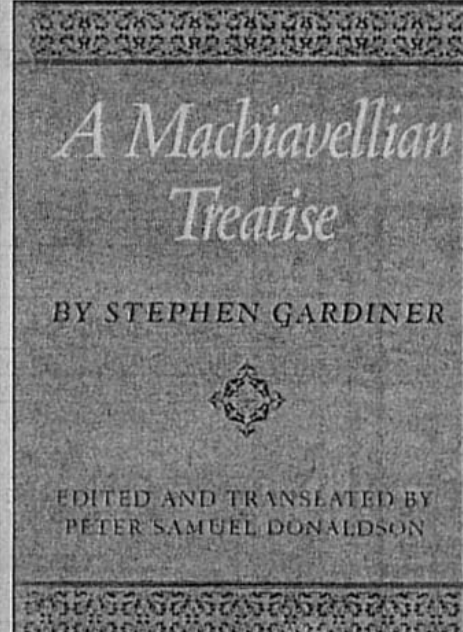
On HBO, November 25 at 09:30 pm  
 Directed by Rob Cohen  
 Genre: Adventure/Action/Thriller  
 Vin Diesel, Asia Argento, Marton Csokas, Samuel L. Jackson  
 Vin Diesel reunites with the director and the producer of the blockbuster The Fast and the Furious. Diesel stars as Xander 'XXX' Cage, the notorious underground thrill seeker who until now has been deemed unlovable by the law. NSA Agent Gibbons forces XXX to cooperate with the government to infiltrate an underground Russian crime ring and avoid going to prison. Betting XXX can succeed where other conventional spies have failed, Gibbons sends XXX to enter this world of crime undetected, using his natural athletic prowess and a whole lot of attitude. Enlisted for a dangerous covert mission, he must combat a clever, organized, and ruthless enemy far beyond the scope of his experience.



### Underworld

On Star Movies, November 20 at 07:00 pm  
 Directed by Len Wiseman  
 Genre: Action/Fantasy/Horror/Thriller/Drama  
 Kate Beckinsale, Scott Speedman, Michael Sheen  
 A war going on for centuries between vampires and Lycans/werewolves, never seen by humans eyes, until one of the werewolves by the name of Lucian finds out about one human that can bond with vampire blood and Lycans blood, Michael. Selene is the vampire Death dealer that finds out why the Lycans are following Michael and falls in love with him. Kraven is the leader of the vampire house after Viktor dies and wants Selene by his side, but she is a wild cat to break.

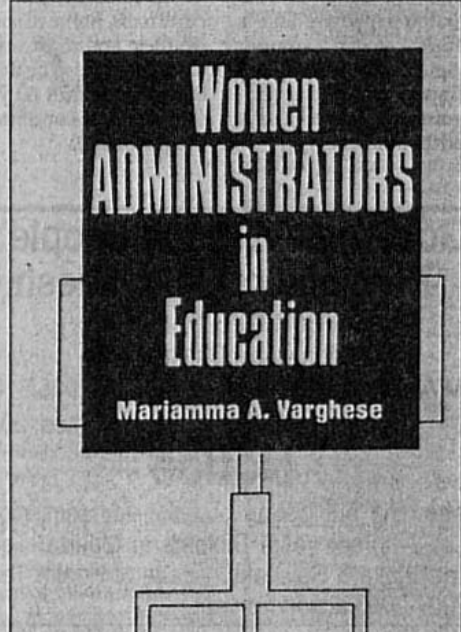
### Books



**A Machiavellian Treatise**  
 Stephen Gardiner  
 Edited & Translated by Peter Samuel Donaldson  
 Price: Tk. 1200.00  
 This is the first printed edition of the last treatise of Stephen Gardiner, Lord Chancellor under Mary Tudor. In this work, which has survived only in manuscript form and in Italian, Gardiner analyses the great dynastic changes in England's past in order to provide Philip II with a guide to ruling England and establishing a Catholic dynasty. He adapts historical example to practical political purposes with great subtlety, quoting at length (but without saying so) from Machiavelli to show that a new prince can rule England—if he eliminates those of royal blood and respects the laws and customs of his new possessions.

**Jibananda Das**  
*Selected Poems with an Introduction, Chronology, and Glossary*  
 Translated by Fakrul Alam, Price: Tk. 290.00  
 Jibananda Das (1899-1954) is one of the most important poets of Bengal. Nevertheless, he remains a poet little known outside West Bengal and Bangladesh. Perhaps due to the absence of competent translations into English and other languages, Das's achievement as a poet remains unrepresented in world literature. This selection of poems is designed to emphasize how Das's poems are great treasures of our literature through the medium of translation. Fakrul Alam's uniquely competent English translations were done originally mark the birth centenary celebrations of Jibananda Das this year (1999).

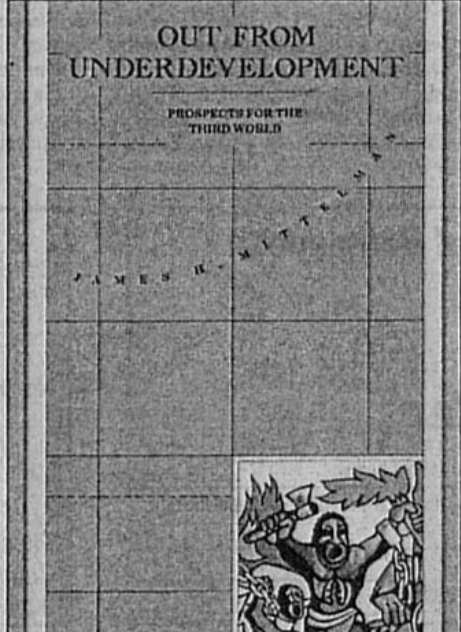
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**Women Administrators in Education**  
 Mariamma A. Varghese  
 Price: Tk. 300.00  
 Higher education and research play an important role in the development of the nation when both men and women are equally trained for the management of education. If the system of management of higher education and research is weak, it adversely affects the role performance of higher education as well as the system of management in schools and colleges. Consequently, other sectors of economic and social life also suffer. Persons educated in institutions of higher education occupy key positions in education and other important sectors. It is, therefore, imperative that the system of higher education and research is planned and managed in the best possible manner.

**The 1998 Floods and Beyond**  
 Towards Comprehensive Food Security in Bangladesh  
 Edited by Paul Dorosh, Carlo del Ninno, Quazi Shahabuddin  
 Price: Tk. 460.00  
 Research on and analysis of food and agricultural issues has made important contributions to the assessment and formulation of public policies. This book, The 1998 Floods and Beyond: Towards Comprehensive Food Security in Bangladesh, represents the latest research on selected aspects of food policy. It constitutes an important landmark in the history of food policy research in Bangladesh, and is an appropriate and timely sequel to the earlier IFPRI book, Out of the Shadow of Famine....

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**Out from Underdevelopment**  
 Prospects for the Third World  
 James H. Mittelman  
 Price: Tk. 1000.00  
 Claiming that Third World countries are not caught in a hopeless situation, James H. Mittelman analyses alternative strategies for overcoming underdevelopment. His thesis is that, unlike policies that fully embrace or repudiate global capitalism, a strategy of balancing the ties of dependency offers a clear chance for productive economic growth on terms consistent with the needs and aspirations of ordinary people. The key elements of this strategy are reducing reliance on global capitalism, setting limits to exploitation, and seizing the contradictions driving the world system. To work, restructuring requires a global political will and mass support.

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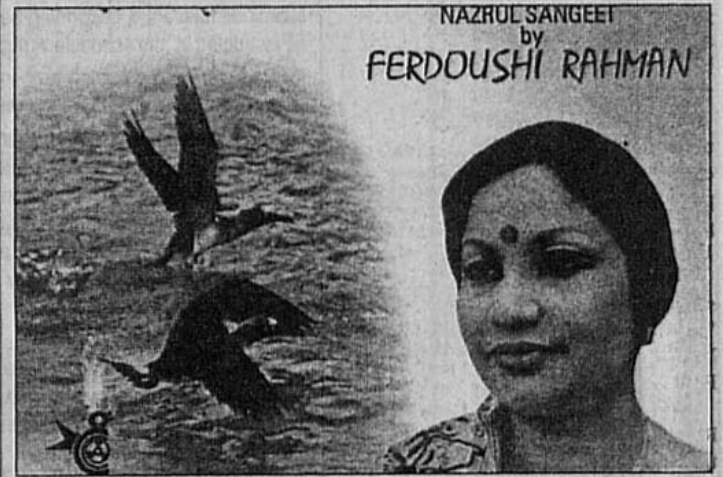
**Hridoya Mujib**  
 Recitation Collection  
 The album contains some very popular poems recited by famous names in the field like Golam Mustafa, Syed Hassan Imam, Tariq Anam Khan, Asaduzzaman Noor, Aly Zaker, Nima Rahman, Humayun Faridee, Subarna Mustafa, Khaled Khan, Shomil Kaiser, Prognia Laboni and Kazi Arif. Poems are also by renowned poets of the country including Annada Shankar Ray, Shawkat Osman, Sufia Kamal, Nirmalendu Goon, Syed Shamsul Haque, Mohabeb Saha, Rafique Azad, Belal Chowdhury and Mohammad Rafique. Besides poems of rhymerster Lutfar Rahman Rilom and lyricist Gazi Mazharul Anwar also feature in the album.



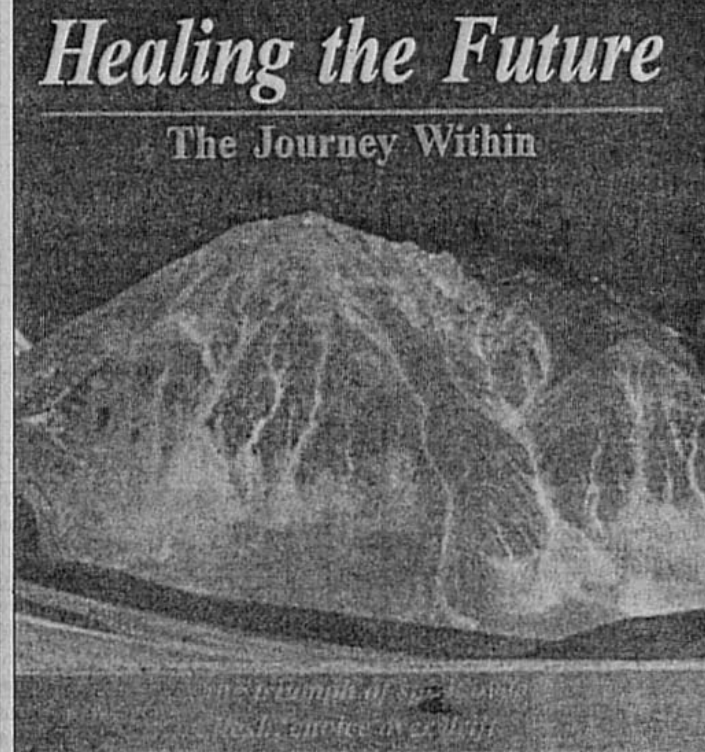
**El Kothali Mon-e Rekho**  
 Rabindra Sangeet by Kalim Sharafi  
 The album contains 15 Rabindra songs including a few very popular ones like Je tomay chharey chharuk, Amar raat pahalo, Je chhilo amar shaponocharini, Hey khoniker othi, Shaghano gahono ratri and El kothali money rekho. Other tracks include Tomar naam bolbo, Ke eshey jaay phiray phiray, Achhey dukkho achhey mittu, Ami jekhona tar duarey, Tor apor joney chharbey lorey and Baro asha korey eshechhigo—the last one a duet with Amina Ahmed.



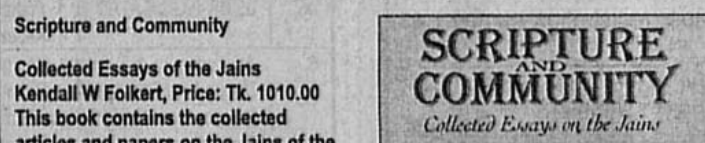
**Shai Champa Nodir Tirey**  
 Modern Bangla Songs by Khalid Husain  
 The renowned Nazrul Sangeet artist presents a different taste of his music in this album. He recreates 12 popular songs of the yesteryears. The songs include Kotodin porey eley, Bhalobasha morey bhikhar korechhey, Tumi ki ekhon dekhichho shapon, Ei ki go shesh daan, Shedin tomay ami and Shai champa nodir tirey.



**Padmar Dheu Re**  
 Nazrul Sangeet by Ferdoushi Rahman  
 The evergreen singer presents some beautiful Nazrul songs in this album. Tracks include Arun ranga golap koloi, Tomar akashey uthechhinu chand, Nodir naam shoi Anjana, Ashay bashant phul boney, Morna mitlay asha, Lalit tomar eshechhey phirya and the famous Padmar dheu re.

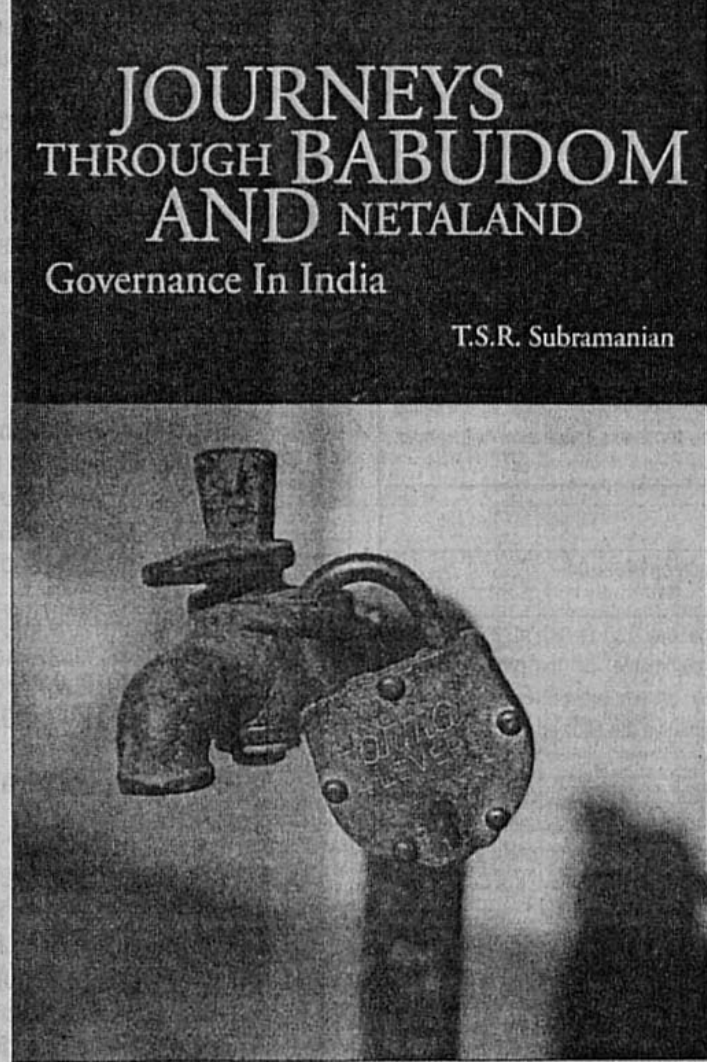


**Healing the Future, The Journey Within**  
 Deepak Kashyap, Price: Tk. 385.00  
 It sounds crazy in these 'physical' times, yet is a fact that the greatest possibilities of body-cure lie in our ability to 'forget' the body. As we gradually lose body-consciousness—identifying more and more with the spirit—physical disability and mental trauma wear off on their own. To practise yoga is to climb from body to mind, and from mind to spirit. Healing (literally, to make whole), is then much more than riddance from physical imperfections. It is the process that signifies our graduation from body to spirit via the mind, and catapults us to a state of existence that is proactive and literally, creative of our own healthy future. In other words, each time we experience healing, we effectively order for ourselves a fresh destiny.



**Scripture and Community**  
 Collected Essays of the Jains  
 Kendall W. Folkert, Price: Tk. 1010.00  
 This book contains the collected articles and papers on the Jains of the late Kendall W. Folkert. At the time of his death Folkert was one of the leading scholars on Jainism in the West. The chapters treat various aspects of the Jain tradition: scriptures, monastic praxis, lay-monastic relations, rituals, community, and philosophy. Folkert also dealt extensively with the inherited academic models for the study of the Jains, and the problems posed by those models.

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**JOURNEYS THROUGH BABUDOM AND NETALAND**  
 Governance In India  
 T.S.R. Subramanian  
 In India, the land of netas and babus, reality seems almost surreal, like the dream that took Alice through Wonderland. TSR Subramanian's book is anecdotal, combining wit with irony. It incisively pieces together the gradual decay in public administration in post-British India. The growing subservience of the bureaucracy to the political system unravels step by step. A self-serving elite is formed that is preoccupied with its vested interests. The entire administration, its infrastructure and its development programmes become the terrain for serving the personal and political interests of the neta and babu. The voice of the common man in India goes unheard. The poor continue to remain in poverty. The humour and crispness of the narrative barely conceal this underlying theme which is the central focus of the book: it is not a memoir, nor gossip chatter.

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