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Book review blunder

I was shocked to see the recommendation for the book "Natural Cures 'They' Don't Want You To Know About" by Kevin Trudeau in your book review section in the issue dated January 20, 2006. The reviews in your magazine were compiled by Sanyat Sattar. In North America, Kevin Trudeau is widely known to be a cheat and a fraudster. He was reprimanded and fined by Federal Communications Commission (FCC) of United States for false advertising. In his younger days, Mr. Trudeau was also charged with credit card fraud. As far as this book is concerned, he does not actually discuss any "cures". He constantly complains against the food and drug industries and how "they" have barred him from divulging the real "natural cures". In the book he is also constantly asking subscription money to access his website. Apart from Mr. Trudeau's "good clean cut" looks and excellent selling skills, he is just another con artist trying to make money any way he can. I would urge potential readers of this book to Google his name (Kevin Trudeau) in the Internet to see the real story.

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On book reviews

I know that the SWM is an English magazine and as such has every right to publish reviews on English Language books. But how relevant are these books to the people of this country? I am sure that most of these books are not even available anywhere in Bangladesh. On the other hand, everyday many Bangla and English books are being published which are both relevant and available to us. It would be really helpful to avid readers like us if you could review these books. On the same note, you should also perhaps have a separate page for music album reviews.

Sifat Sultana, NSU

Ash and our culture

That day I was stuck in a traffic jam in front of Hotel Sonargaon when I noticed Aishwarya Rai as the model of Lux on a billboard just opposite the hotel. I was shocked to see such an advertisement and no one taking any steps to replace it.

People from various countries stay over at this hotel. If they see the photo of an Indian actress, they will form a wrong impression of Bangladeshi culture. So shouldn't this advertisement billboard be changed.

Jafrin Jahan Jiti
V.N.C.

