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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Christians, Jews, Muslims and Bahá'ís — are looking for eternal bliss in heavenly realms at the expense of our planet.

The reality is that these people, and all other personal god adherents, are practicing a cruel, submissive, make-believe game. And of course, our corporate/military handlers wholeheartedly approve of this game.

Until we can all unite behind one another, leaving these incredibly insecure gods to rot alone by themselves, we are doomed.

George Carlin once said: "War, disease, death, destruction, hunger, filth, poverty, torture, crime, corruption and the Ice Capades. If this is the best God can do, I'm not impressed. Results like this do not belong in the resume of a Supreme Being. This is the kind of shit you'd expect from an office temp with a bad attitude."

Amen, George.

Robert Simms  
Eugene

community. It also needs volunteers to help provide the timely assistance to fire victims. Get involved if you can. Call 344-5244 and ask for Katey. You may also find Red Cross online at <http://oregonpacific.redcross.org>

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### WORD OF GOD?

According to Rich Peters in the Dec. 30 issue, Christians, a group I am not a part of, should not be participating in Christmas because it is a pagan holiday, and evil, as the Christian church branded all things pagan in origin and said that birthdays are to not be celebrated. He mentions that Christians should not heed the word of the men in charge of the church, because they are just men and don't know the true word of God. However, what about the fact that the Bible, which he claims to be the word of God, is actually the work of men? Since God needs to remain so secret and all, and cannot reveal himself, where do you think these men got the idea that they were writing God's law? Probably by drinking. Rich Peters, really, the hypocrisy kills me. It's so great to judge people for following the word of some man rather than the word of God, isn't it?

Tiemo Norman  
Eugene

### ANOTHER WORTHY CAUSE

I felt a little jealous as I read *EW's* Eugene B. Good section in the Dec. 23 issue. It identified the community's most deserving charities as chosen by *EW's* staff. My jealousy didn't last long, and it wasn't because they would benefit from the *Weekly's* recommendation but just that the Red Cross wasn't mentioned and wouldn't be on givers' minds.

I hope next year we will be included.

As I read, I recognized that all those agencies receiving an assist from *EW* provide desperately needed support to many desperately in need. Their efforts are 24/7 and are certainly bound to continue as long as the no-economy prevails and as long as innocent people and animals are made victims.

It is important for everyone to know that your local Red Cross provides shelter and emergency assistance on a local disaster event basis. It is there 24/7, but thank goodness the events are infrequent — there were 10 fires in the Eugene Springfield area during December in which individuals and families lost everything they owned. We helped them as best we could.

Red Cross sent a volunteer regardless of the time of day or night to assist the victims and provide them with emergency shelter and clothing. It incurred all the cost of the assistance without a penny of government support.

The cost of providing nights in a motel and replenishing supplies of blankets and sweat clothes is a major expense. Red Cross operates on a minimum overhead. It is a great steward of the donated dollar and stands ready to help anyone in need regardless of race, religion or political ideology.

Red Cross does need financial and material assistance from the local

### DINING DISASTER

Recently my husband and I were dining out in Eugene. A few tables over was a family of four. The younger of the two children began an intense wailing, which continued for a long time.

My husband and I were attempting to have a conversation but the wailing was loud and nonstop, and conversation was impossible. People all around were in obvious distress.

After 15 minutes, I went over to the table to inform the couple that our attempts at conversation were impossible because of the noise and asked if it would be possible for them to step outside with the child until he calmed down. I was told absolutely not as it was cold outside.

This type of behavior is a societal problem and it is becoming more prevalent with the rise of poor parenting, lack of manners and concern for others. Children who misbehave should be left at home. How can the parents enjoy themselves? Children need to be taught this type of disturbance is unacceptable. Why subject other people who work hard and attempt to have a rare evening out to your child's tantrums? Bundle the child up and step outside until it's over. Please have concern for your fellow diners.

Lori B. Havas  
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