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## Star Wars

With Carrie Fisher's beautiful face and smile (PEOPLE, Aug. 14), even Darth Vader doesn't look so bad!

Chris Self  
Bellflower, Calif.

What possessed you to keep making out as if Carrie Fisher is the only one who matters in the movie? Hamill and Ford are by far the more appealing of the trio.

Melissa Liu  
Mission Viejo, Calif.

I've got to get this thing off my chest. The entire human race was ridiculously faked-out by *Star Wars*. The acting was average and the plot rather boring. You should be proud to print this rare opinion which has surfaced for a brief moment in history before being plunged into total obscurity by the royalties and gross earnings from *Star Wars 2*. I do not sign my name for fear of being lynched.

Detroit, Mich.

## Scientology

As a former member of this specious cult myself, I can well appreciate the laughable attempts of Henning Heldt to affect the role of persecuted martyr as he posed wistfully in his clerical collar and ersatz crucifix. (It's not a symbol of Christianity, folks, but an eight-pointed cross that Scientologists use in hopes of appearing legitimate.)

Robert S. Napier  
Bremerton, Wash.

I have been a Scientologist for five years now. I'm not a crook, I'm not crazy, and I'm not rich. What I am is much happier than I ever was before. Scientology got me off drugs that were killing me and gave me back a direction in life and a reach for the stars when I was lost in the gutters and mud of insanity. I want others—lots of others—to share what I now have. And the government wants to destroy my church. They're going to lose this one!

Name Withheld  
Batavia, N.Y.

On August 15 members of the Church of Scientology—including its top U.S.



official, Henning Heldt, and the wife of the founder, Mary Sue Hubbard (above, leaving U.S. District Court in Washington)—were indicted as part of an alleged conspiracy to burglarize and plant spies in government agencies, steal official documents and bug government meetings.—ED.

## Gary Busey

Growing up in Texas, you hear a lot about the "Holly legend." But what has drawn me back 15 times to *The Buddy Holly Story* is Gary Busey's galvanizing performance.

Sue Dockery  
New York City

Gary Busey certainly deserves an Oscar for his performance. Buddy would have been proud.

Marianne Curson  
Phoenix

I thoroughly enjoyed your article and seeing the picture of Buddy Holly's widow, Maria. I've heard some parts of

the movie aren't true to life. Wasn't Maria pregnant? If so, what happened to the baby?

Betty Latvala  
Roseville, Calif.

"Of course, there was some re-arranging of details and a little fantasizing," comments Holly's widow. "But it was factual in all important ways." She was pregnant at the time of Holly's death, but later suffered a miscarriage.—ED.

## John Crosby

This summer I had the ecstatic pleasure of going to the Santa Fe Opera to see *Tosca*. It was a fantastic combination of culture and nature. I bet that Puccini never dreamed of having his arias belted out in the high New Mexico wilderness.

Margaret Fox  
Albuquerque

## Test-Tube Bables

For several years I too was an infertility patient. (If one more person with child said "relax" to me I was going to punch them in the nose!) So I can empathize with the desperation and sense of loss and failure that these women feel. I cried as I read your article because I could feel my first child move within me and I so desperately wanted them all to have the same experience.

Jenny Moilanen  
Fort Hood, Texas

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## NEXT WEEK

### Michael Landon makes his 'Little House' a home

With affection and bathroom jokes, TV's prairie father figure turns adopted and troubled children into NBC stars

### The hunk who made 'Eyes' at Dunaway

Tommy Lee Jones played ball at Harvard, Howard Hughes on TV, and, after *Laura Mars*, is unstoppable

### Notre Dame's favorite Devine: coach Dan

A pro football pariah at Green Bay, he's joined the pantheon of St. Knute, St. Frank and St. Ara