“A GREAT DEAL OF VIRTUE AND PIETY,” wrote Thomas Merton in *Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander,* “is simply the easy price we pay in order to justify a life that is essentially trifling. Nothing is so cheap as the evasion purchased by just enough good conduct to make one pass as a ‘serious’ person.” (Continued on Page 50) BY ALEXANDER THEROUX
The Meaning of Giving
By Jimmie Carter

It is often said that for the poor and lonely, the holidays are the saddest time of the year. This time of giving, feasting, and being thankful for those we care for, can be heartwarming. At the Lush line of fashion for its fourth year of giving,San Francisco's women, men, and children from low-income families are given gifts to help break the cycle of poverty. This year, the Lush line has partnered with Children's Haven to provide gifts for 200 children. The gifts include clothing, toys, and other essentials to help the children feel loved and appreciated. This year, Lush line has also added a new addition to its gift giving campaign: a charity event. The event will take place on December 10th at the Lush line's flagship store in San Francisco. The event will feature live music, a silent auction, and other activities to raise money for Children's Haven. The Lush line is proud to support Children's Haven and to help break the cycle of poverty.
Holiday Charity

The story takes place in a small town where a charity event is being held. The event is to raise funds for a local school and the community is enthusiastic. There are various stalls set up, and people are coming together to support the cause.

At one of the stalls, a group of teenagers is selling hot dogs and drinks to raise money for the charity. They have set up a small stand with a grill and a refrigerator filled with drinks. The teenagers are working hard, grilling the hot dogs and making the drinks. They are friendly and engaging with the customers, making the event a success.

In another part of the town, a group of adults is playing a game of basketball to raise money for the charity. They are playing on a court set up in a park. The adults are having a great time, competing against each other, and raising money for a good cause.

The charitable event is a success, and the community comes together to support the local school and the community. The event helps to create a sense of unity and bring people together to work towards a common goal.
A Man of Letters
By Jeanneke DeWitt

Little packages of gravel used to arrive in special delivery mail at the Claremont home of Barry and Rene Fell. Accompanying the packages were long handwritten letters which the Fells were instructed to forward to the Claremont-Palos Verdes Library. It was a practice that continued through the years.

Fell's primary interests lay in the field of nature and the natural world. He was well known in the community for his dedication to environmental causes and his extensive knowledge of the flora and fauna of the region.

Rene Fell, a former member of the San Diego Audubon Society, had a deep appreciation for nature and the outdoors. She was also an active member of the local community, participating in various philanthropic endeavors.

The couple's home, located on the slopes of the Claremont Resort, was a hub of activity for the local community. It served as a gathering place for friends and family, and was often the site of readings and discussions on nature and conservation.

Fell's favorite pastime was to read outside and enjoy the natural beauty of the surrounding area. He would often spend hours studying the trees and plants, and would frequently share his knowledge with others.

The Fells' dedication to nature and the outdoors was reflected in their home, which was filled with plants and natural materials. They were both known for their love of gardening and their commitment to preserving the natural environment.

Eventually, as word of their dedication to the environment spread, the couple was invited to speak at various events. They were often asked to share their knowledge and passion for the natural world, and they were always eager to do so.

On a more personal level, Fell's love of nature and the outdoors was reflected in his writing. He was an accomplished poet, and his poems often celebrated the beauty and wonder of the natural world.

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However, Fischer-Dieskau's vocal techniques often go beyond the specific demands of the role. His singing is characterized by a remarkable command of breath control and phrasing, which allows him to convey the emotional nuances of a role with great precision. This is particularly evident in his interpretation of the role of Don Giovanni, where his singing is characterized by a powerful and emotive quality that can evoke a wide range of emotions in the listener.

Fischer-Dieskau is often praised for his ability to capture the essence of a role through his singing. His emotive quality is particularly evident in the role of Don Giovanni, where he manages to convey the complex emotions of the character with great skill.

In conclusion, Fischer-Dieskau's singing is characterized by a powerful and emotive quality that can evoke a wide range of emotions in the listener. His singing is a unique and emotive experience that is sure to inspire and move audiences.
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The most impeccableasaclation of my recent travels has been as a tourist in the Gaslamp. I was staying in the backcountry areas, exploring small towns and villages, and generally avoiding the tourist traps. But then I arrived in the Gaslamp, and everything changed. The restaurants were overcrowded, the prices were outrageous, and the service was terrible. It was like being in a time warp, where everything was on a grander scale than it needed to be.

The restaurants in the Gaslamp Quarter are all very nice, but none of them are particularly special. They all have the same menus, the same decor, and the same prices. It's like being in a theme park, where everything is designed to look and feel the same.

In conclusion, the Gaslamp Quarter is not worth catching. It is overpriced, overcrowded, and overrated. It is not a place to go if you want to experience the best of San Diego's dining scene. If you want to catch the golden ring, look elsewhere.
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