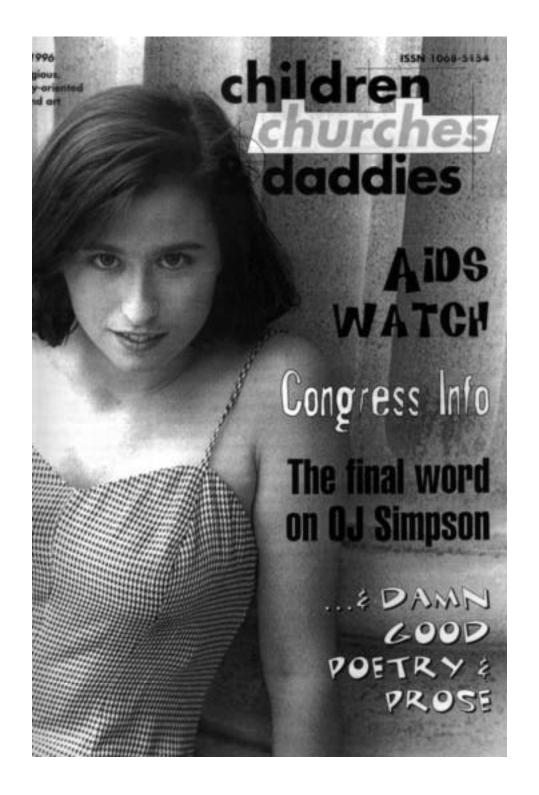
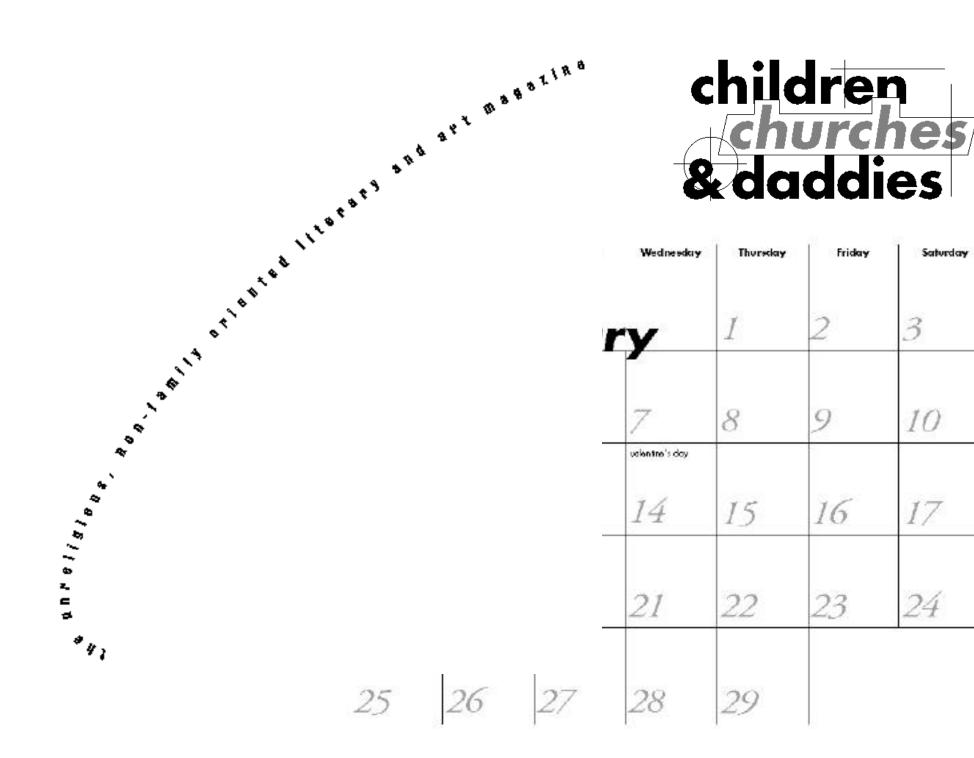
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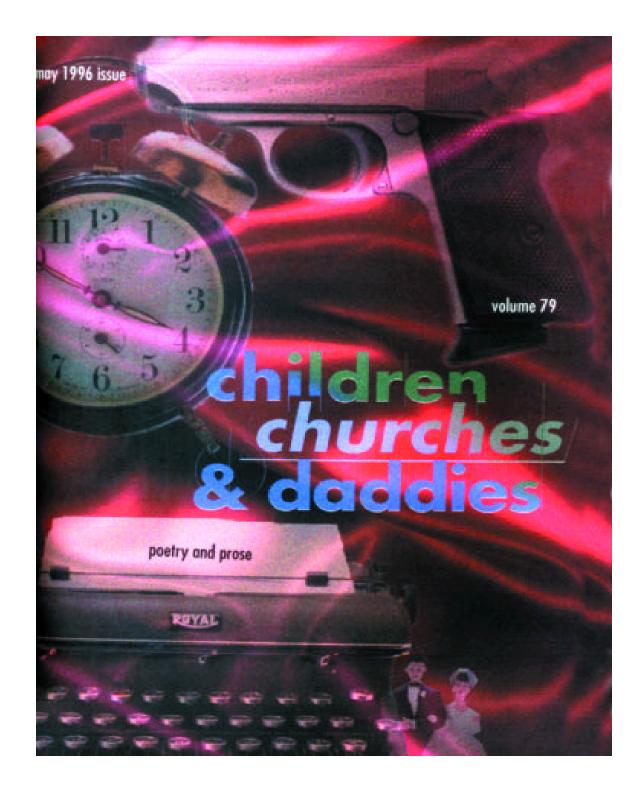




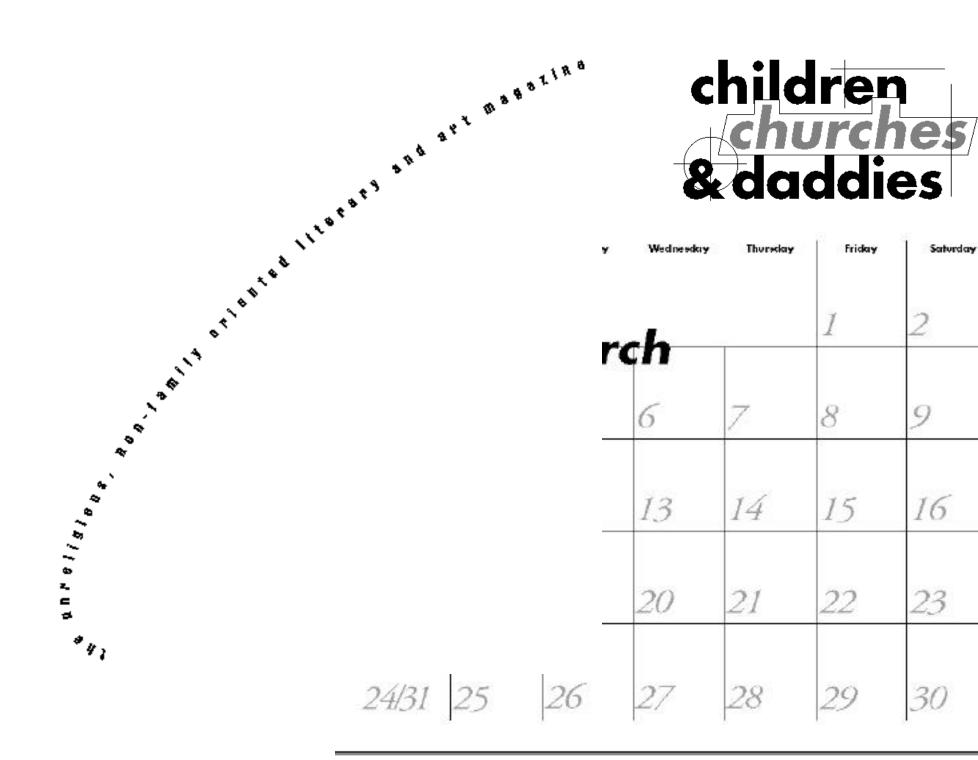


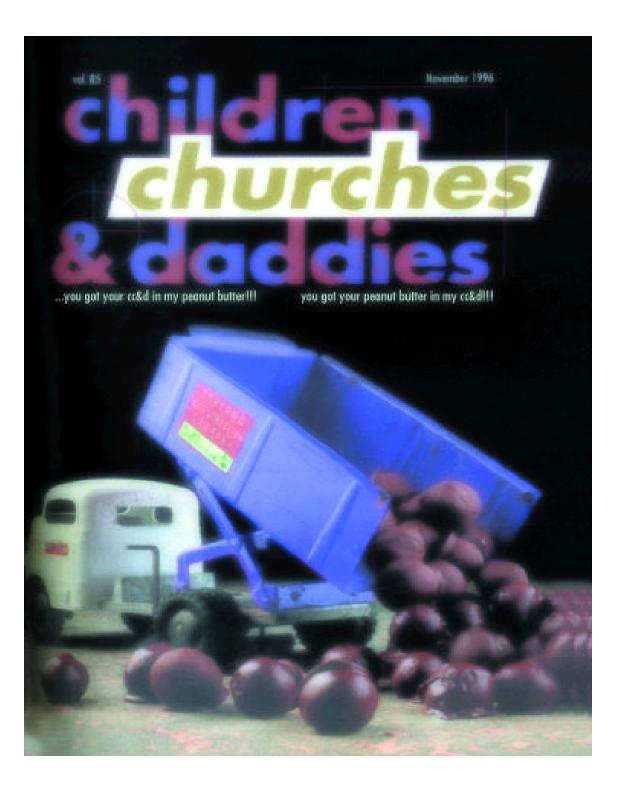
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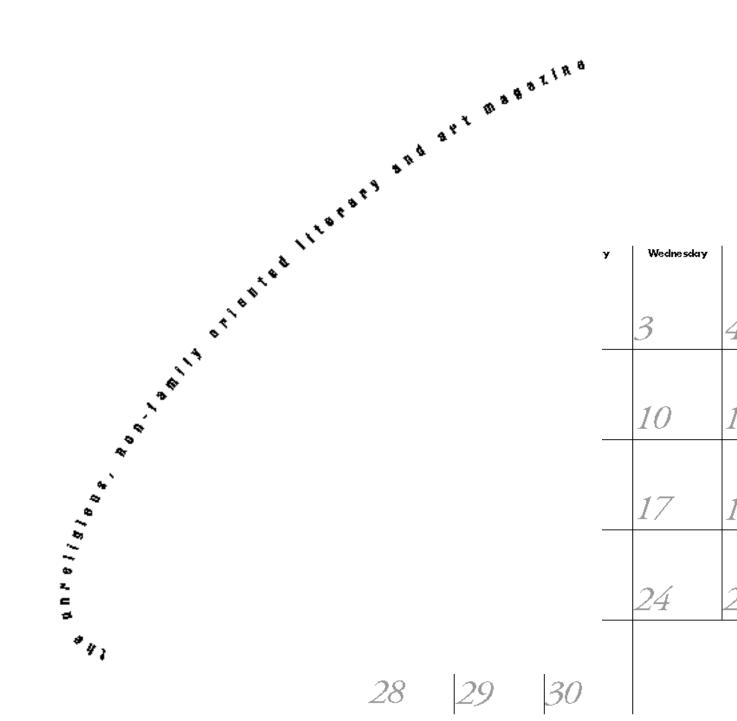


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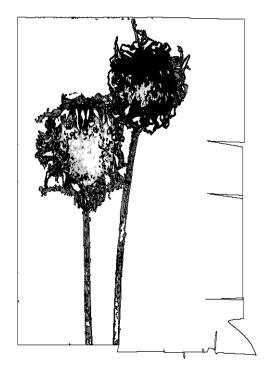


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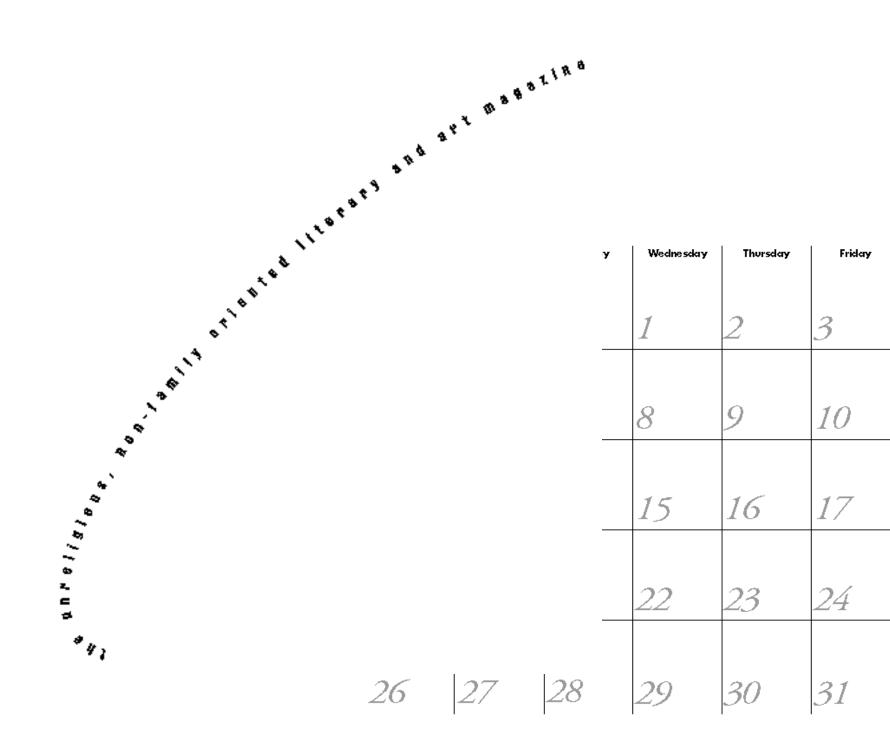
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### at the Sales Compensation Design Seminar michael estabrook



Hamlet, Othello, Macbeth, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Love's Labour's Lost, The Merchant of Venice, King Lear ... Dave, Senior Vice President of The Alexander Group Consulting Company, Inc. is telling us all about defining and developing appropriate models for optimal fixed commissions and salary plus bonus plan designs specifically for redirecting strategic business focus and resource deployment and how to efficiently formulate a plan that most effectively links performance-based compensation to overtarget incentive pay. But I'm drifting-off because it's pretty boring stuff, and I'm trying to recall as many of Shakespeare's plays as I can: The Tempest, Julius Caesar, Troilus and Cressida, The Taming of the Shrew, All's Well that Ends Well, King Henry the Fifth, Much Ado About Nothing ...

Romeo and Juliet,



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### Nothing To Brag About

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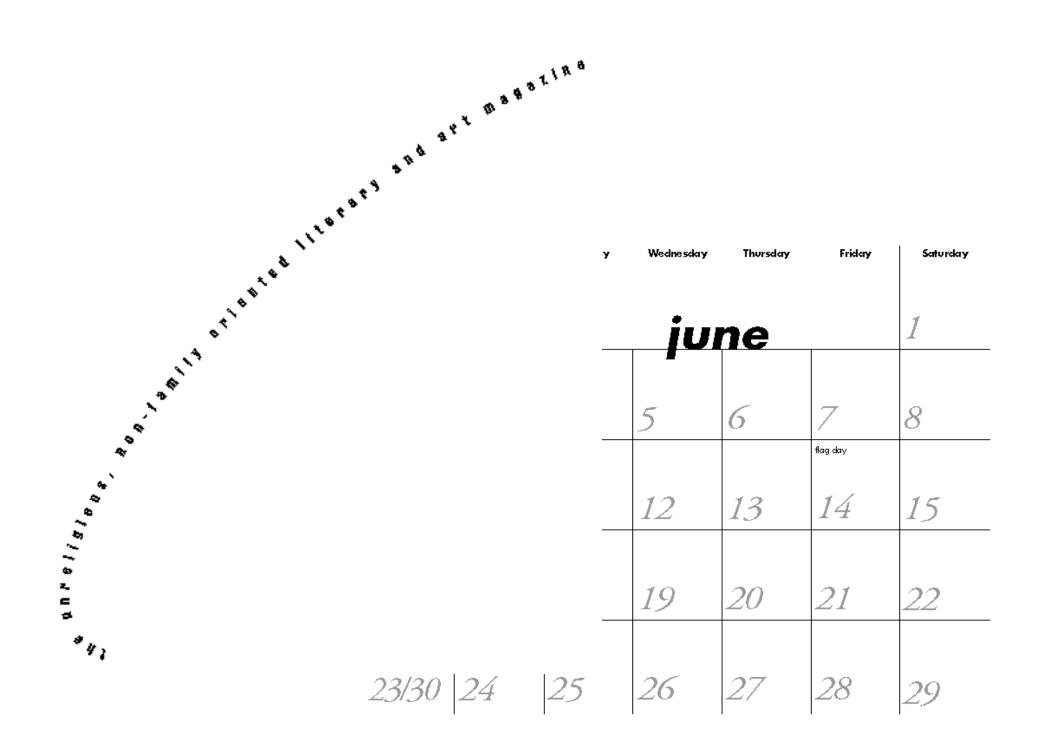
jail missed by .1%. war by accident & choice. college collapsed under laziness, & marriage.

marriage collapsed under sanity.

the hospital didn't miss: it sent a spider a woman, & a fall at reasonable intervals. the spider & the fall were superficial, & so was the woman, in the end.

death doesn't enter into this poem,

& so i've nothing to brag about.





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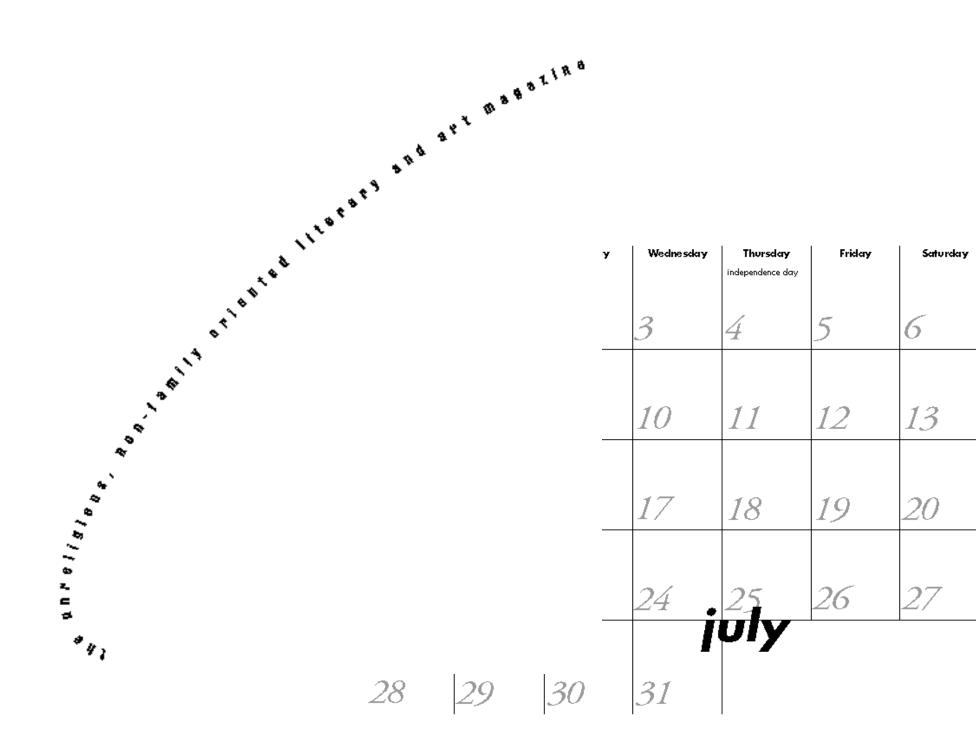
# dandelions for a passing stranger

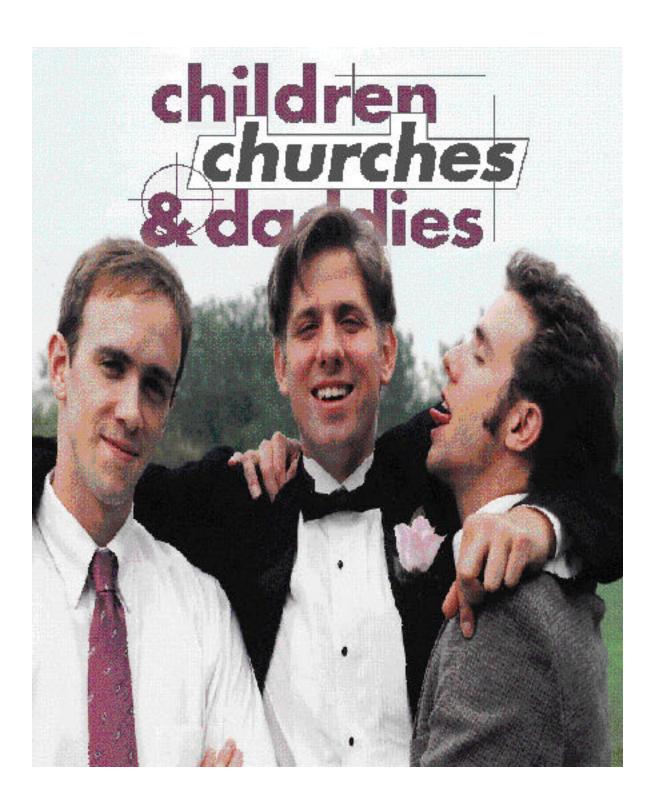
#### janet kuypers

I loved my silly red tricycle, the type that every suburban three year old probably had. I would play on my driveway, riding past the evergreens, past the white mailbox... But I'd usually turn around before I rode past the gravel and onto the neighbor's driveway and ride back toward the security of my own garage. I would sometomes play on the neighbor's driveway, since it was on a hill. I would scale to the top by their maroon colored garage, navigate my trusted tricycle around by its rusted handlebars, hop on the seat and zoom downhill. But those times were only for when I thought no one was home at their house, and for when I was feeling particularly adventurous.

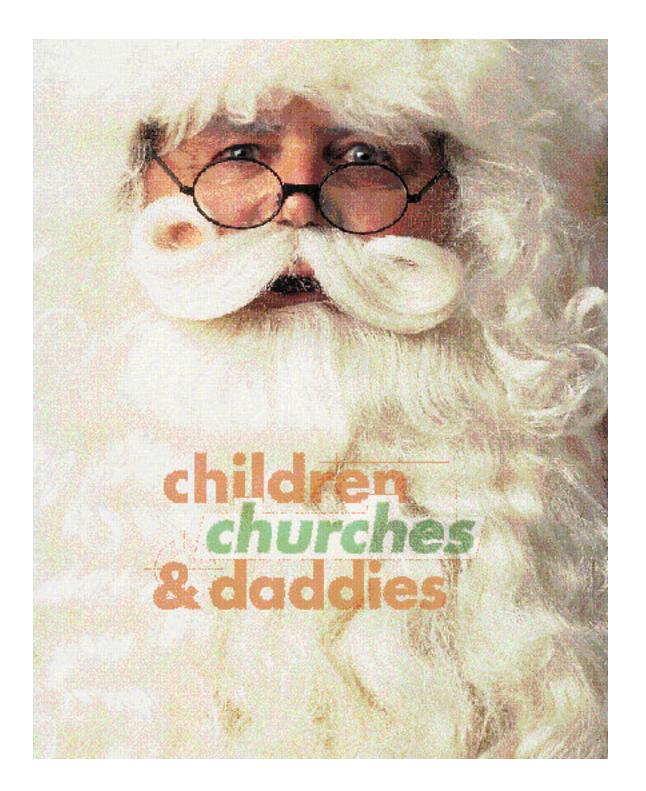
Once I was riding up and down my own driveway and I saw another little girl walking on the neighbor's yard. I watched her approach my driveway, walking on the edge of our lawn. I was fascinated by this girl. There was a new face to look at — a girl with long blonde hair, so different from my own. She came from the lawn behind my house and was walking along the side of my driveway, away from my home. I just watched her walk. When she passed me, I looked over to the neighbor's yard. Our lawn was full of green grass. Theirs was full of dandelions. I rode over to the side of my driveway, got off my tricycle, hopped over the ledge and ran onto the neighbor's lawn. I picked a dandelion.

I quickly ran back to my tricycle. It patiently waited there, just where I left it... I pedaled fiercely to the end of my driveway, and caught up with that little girl. Still sitting on my tricycle, I looked up at her until she stopped walking right in front of me. I held up the dandelion to her.









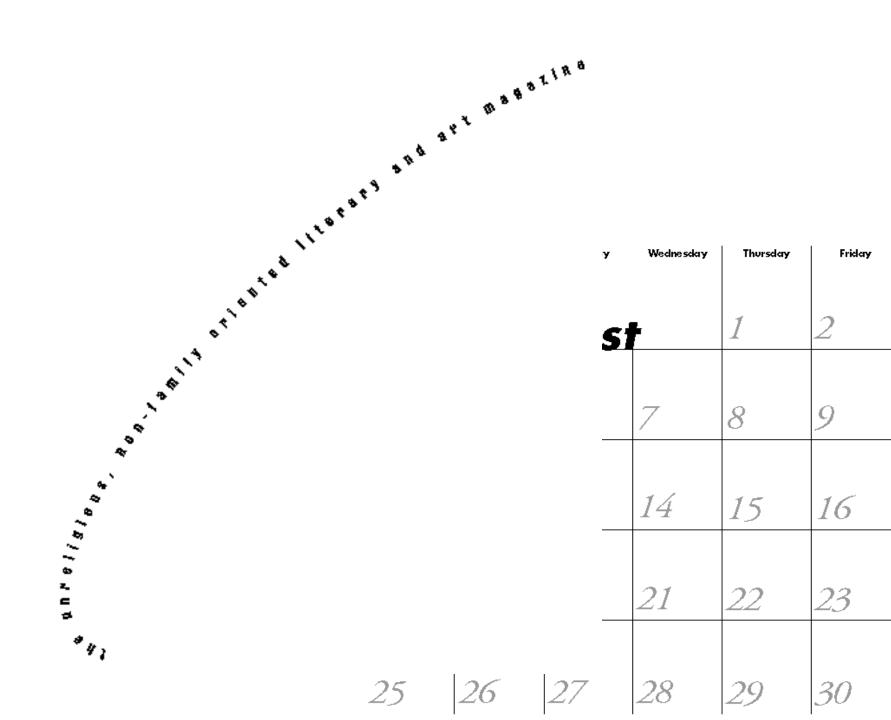




# Brunch

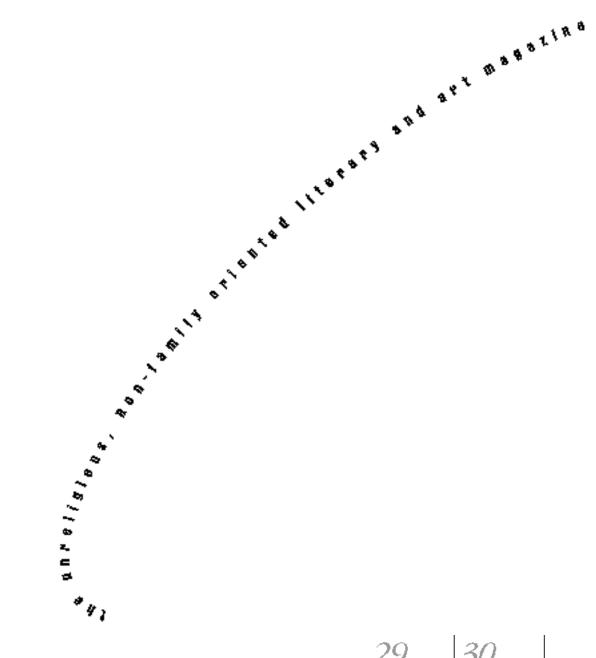
### paul weinman

"The season's getting shorter," she whispered at breakfast. "What are you talking about?" I said, seeing her smile too long. Mom said... "The berries... they're sweetest right now and it'll probably rain tomorrow." So we went down together, then mom left. And sis said she was going off to her sweet patch. Did I want to come with her. When mom came back we were late for lunch.



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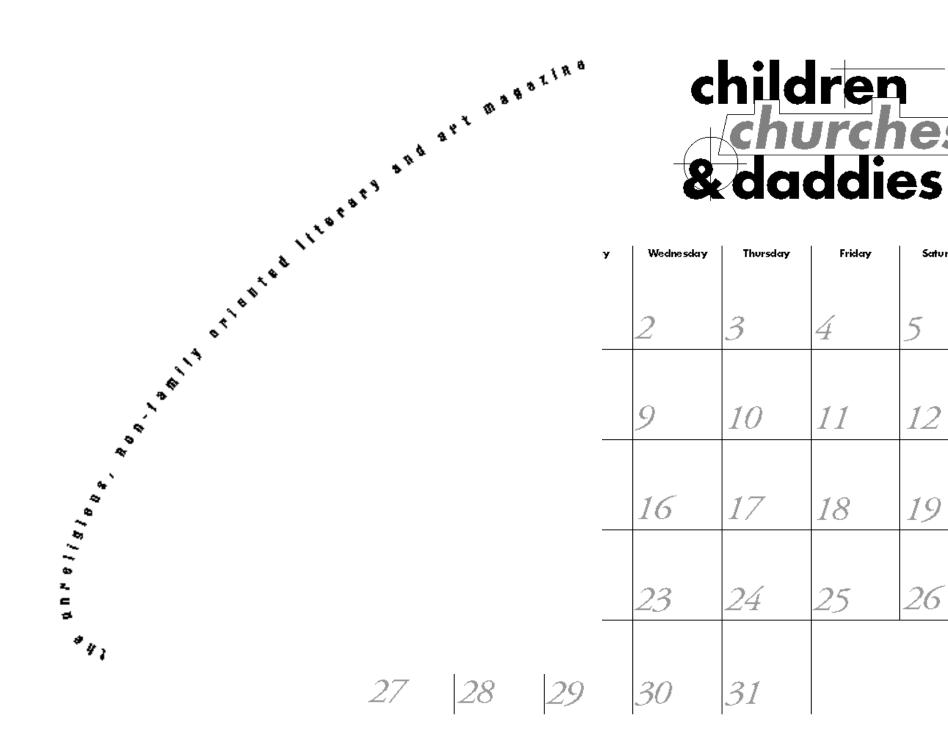


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### where to go By Alexandria Rand

It was almost sunset, and there was no one on the beach. She went there just to see the sunset, just to try to calm herself down. She had to get away, she thought. She couldn't take it anymore. His affair. Her job. The kid's problems. Her weight. The vacuuming and dusting. So she went to the beach. The waves gently lapped along the sandy shore, turning golden in color as the sun's rays darkened into a deeper and deeper red, into purple, into blue. A light breeze moved her hair like fingers running to the back of her head. An occasional sea gull flew along the shore. There was no one in sight. She sat there, momentarily in peace. The breeze started to feel stronger and stronger, and she had to close her eyes from the burn of the wind and the sand. The sand ripped into her arms like tiny needles, piercing her skin. The waves grew higher and higher until they sounded like they were about to land on top of her. She finally opened her eyes. Her burning eyes saw that the waves were still only lapping on the shore. The sand had not moved. There was no breeze. She stood up. She couldn't take it anymore. She took off her shoes and sprinted away





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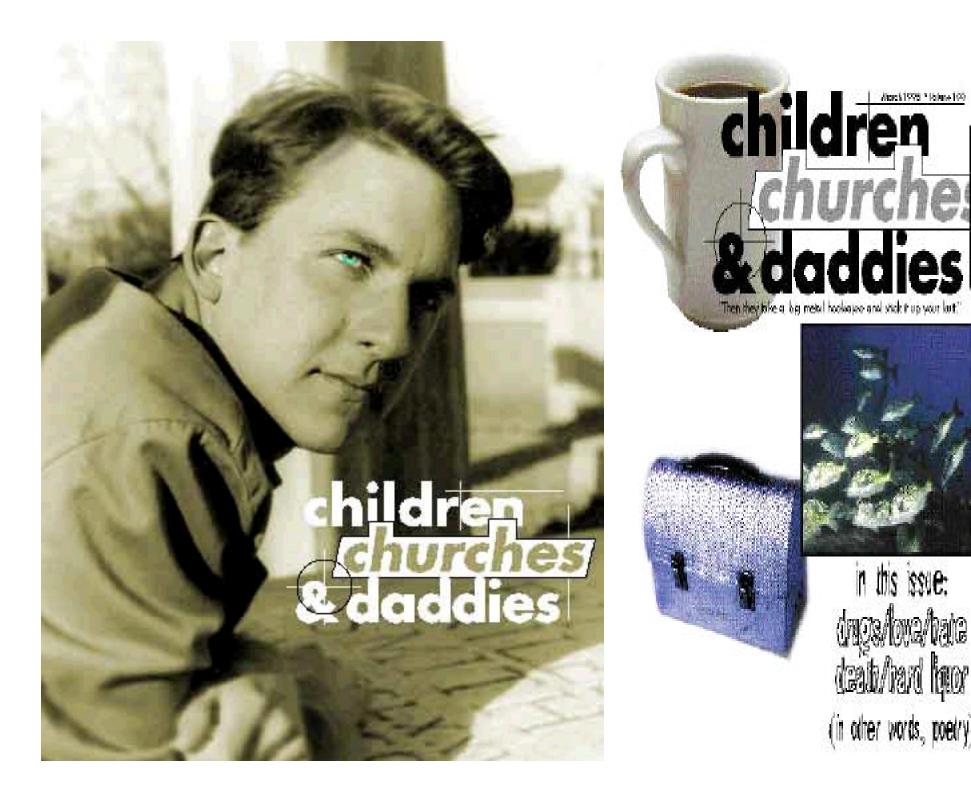
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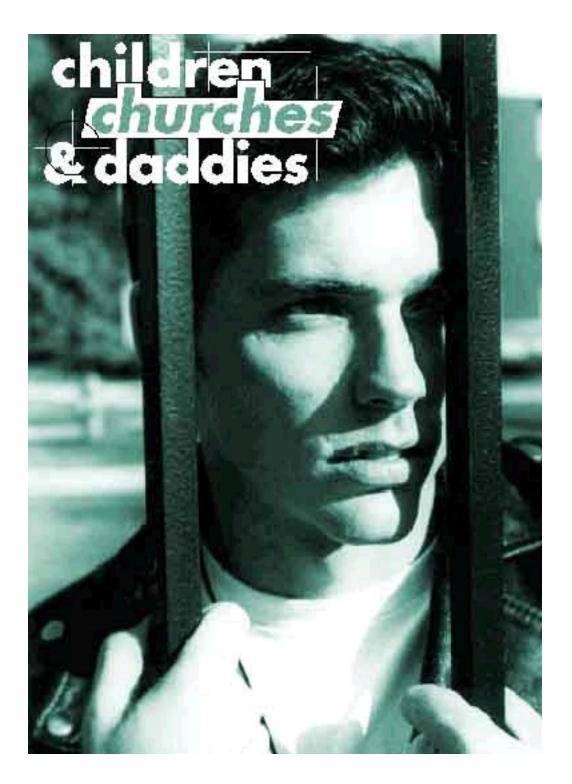
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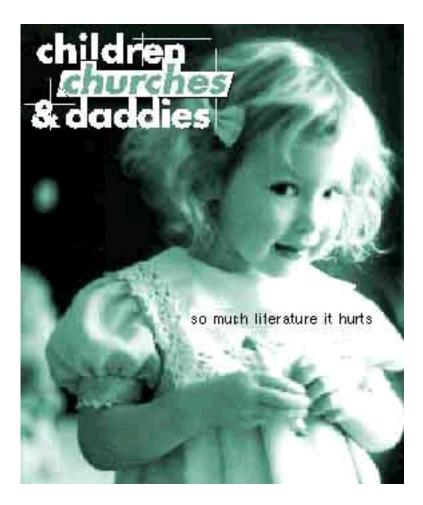




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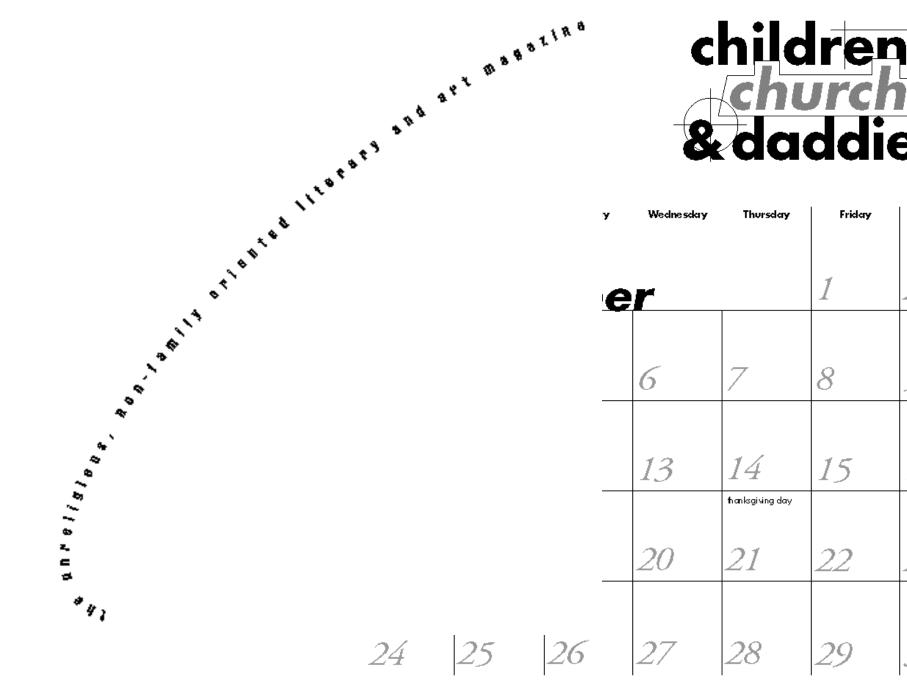




## A Long Winter After the Harvest

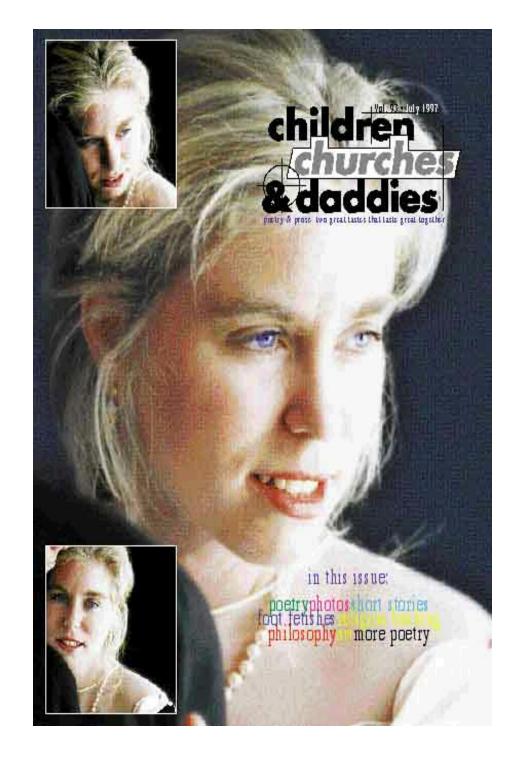
#### Peter Scott

They're controlled by their peers Who are controlled by rebellion pooling deep inside The rebellion formed when the parents trusted Friends immersed in culture Crafted culture written by the rebellious With real cause The proud armada of defiant rebels Began on a whim They heard a rumor Started by a man Leaning from a chair Crafting odd words in an assortment Just to pass the time.



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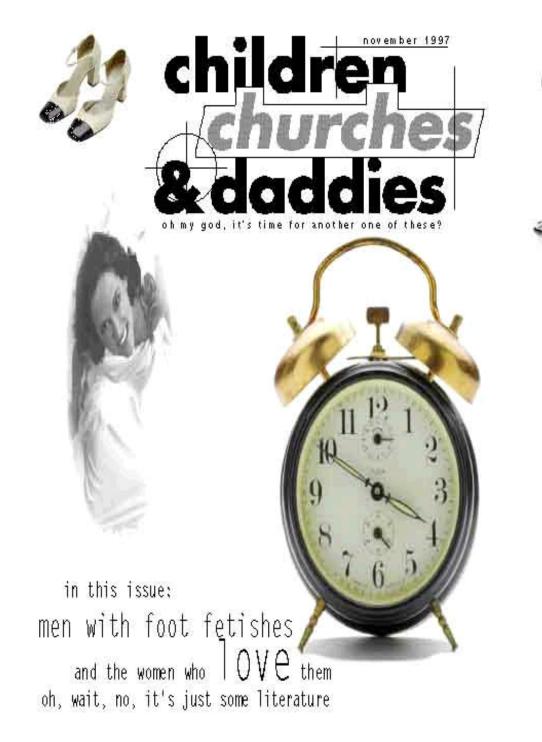


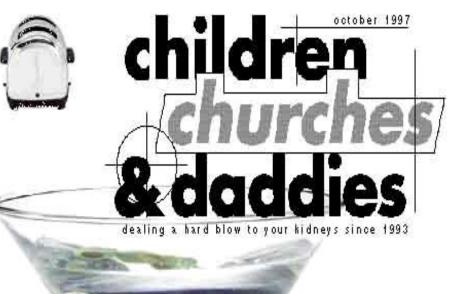




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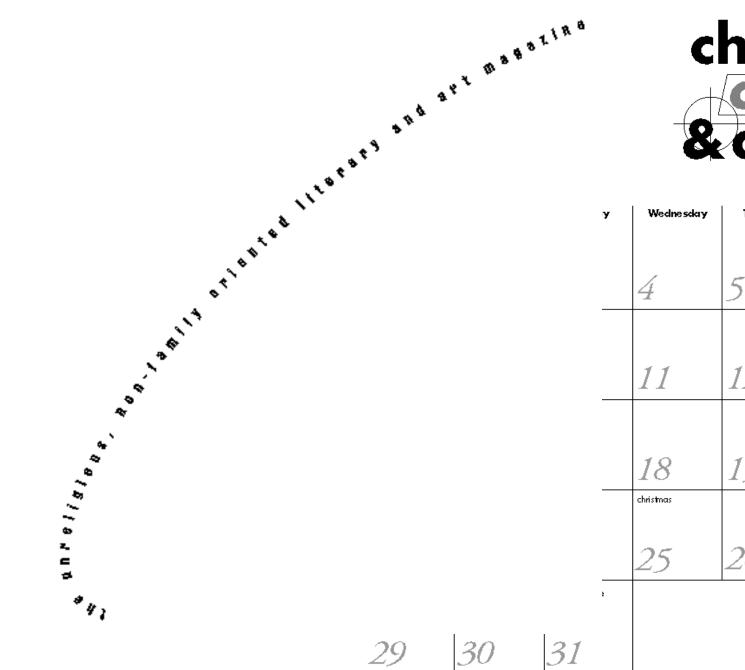


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### April 14, 1995 By Greg Kosmicki

In two days I'll be 45 and bees are returning to the little purple flowers on the weeds in the front lawn. there is a long slow unwinding of the day, a certain darkness in the coming of the setting sun Debbie in the lawn chair changed into after-work clothes it's Thursday, we're both beat, reeling from or jobs and age laying around on the front steps in the first sweet soft day of Spring this year. The elms across the way up the hill behind the row of houses are greening slightly last night's rain brought green to the lawns, Briana's playing in mud and water, Audrey's crashed out on the couch Mark away this evening at his job (already the long slow process begins with him) while less than a couple weeks ago it seems he started on that paper route and exactly two weeks before that he was born. Amazing how we've crammed so much into these few short weeks and still we find time for sitting outside in the fullness of the air. It's like we're the nougat in a candy bar.

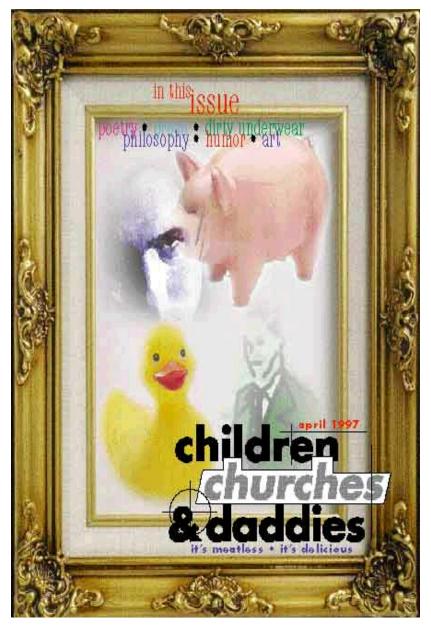
#### We talk of Tahiti where Debbie wants to visit then decide no let's go get a job there. I can't imagine Tahiti after the ten millionth tourist as being any different than an airport men's room with exotic plants. I'm thinking I'd rather stay here. I say let's buy this house. She says are you crazy? Think of all the things it needs done. But it would be ours I say. Besides I'll be 60 years old when Briana graduates high school. I'd like to teach the last 20 years. You can teach now. But I mean poetry. You can teach poetry in prison. She gets up, and dreamlike we begin to collect trash blown up or abandoned in our yard from Winter. I roll two tires someone threw in our grassed alleyway over to give to our neighbor who may be able to use them. We pick up stuff in the backyard. Briana almost dislodges the cement bird bath form its pedestal onto herself. We caution her on safety. I talk about chopping back these weedy bushes that line the fence and block the gate. We plot where we will put the garden like two pirates figuring where to bury treasure. I break off the several sticks from last Summer's giant sunflowers and by the mower shed discover on the pear tree one orange blossom.

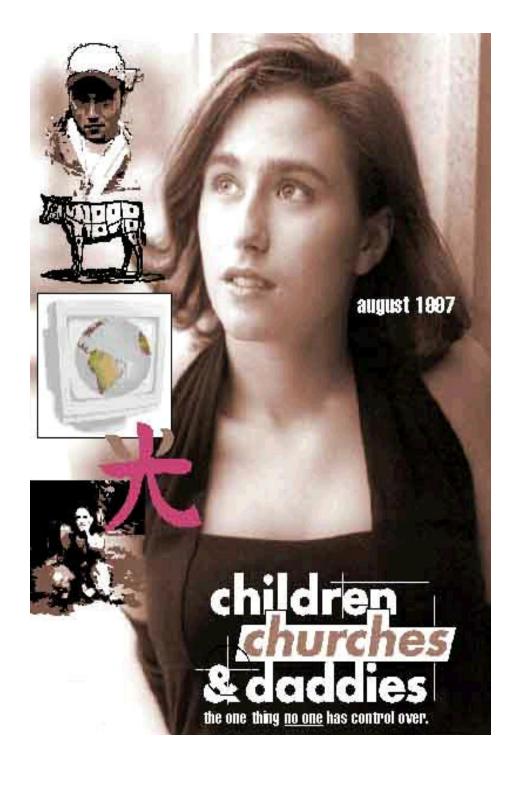




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