

TOP 10 *albums of the week*

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1. The White Octave - "Menergy"
2. Jimmy Eat World - "Bleed American"
3. Trembling Blue Stars - "Alive to Every Smile"
4. Land of the El Caminos - "Subourban"
5. Garbage - "Beautiful"
6. Ben Folds - "Roclin' the Suburbs"
7. Hey Mercedes - "Everynight Fireworks"
8. Starsailor - "Love is Here"
9. The Dismemberment Plan - "Change"
10. Tori Amos - "Strange Little Girls"

Industry NEWS

Universal's "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas" pulled in more than \$145 million in DVD and VHS sales, putting it in place to become the top-grossing home video of the year, according to studio estimates.

"Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" took in a Thanksgiving holiday-best \$82.4 million over the five-day weekend, according to final studio figures Monday, to easily remain the nation's number-one movie. The boy sorcerer flick has earned \$187 million.

Disney is joining 20th Century Fox in sending first-run films and several of its classics to U.S. military installations overseas to entertain front-line troops.

"X-Files" star Gillian Anderson is making her directorial debut with "Speed of Light," a film based on the Elizabeth Rosner novel about a man who has become a recluse after being raised by a father who

A survival guide for the Harry Potter hater: if any could exist

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We know you're out there. You're so sick of Harry Potter you want to puke. You think the Harry hype is nothing more than a merchandise-heavy marketing ploy to promote a gazillion-dollar Hollywood flick and a children's book series that doesn't interest you in the least.

You don't want to hear the name Harry Potter. You don't want to have any part in the Potter pandemonium.

Well, you have a challenge ahead of you. The book series' author, J.K. Rowling, has planned at least three more volumes in the Potter series. The film version, which was released in the United States last week (as if you didn't know), is bound to fuel magic-maniac people through the holiday season. A second movie, based on Book Two, is already in production.

You need a plan to survive in the weeks, months and, conceivably, years ahead, if you're not wild about Harry.

1. Find yourself a Potter-free zone.

Surround yourself with like-minded folk. This will mean restricting your movements about



Peter Mountain/Warner Bros.

Emma Watson, Rupert Grint and Daniel Radcliffe portray students at wizard school in "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone."

town and your tendency to do things like shop, eat out, attend sporting events, pick up your dry cleaning and generally live a happy, fulfilling life. But you can't have everything.

Specifically, STAY AWAY FROM:

Schools (too many enthusiastic children), playgrounds (ditto), parks (again), toy stores (do you get the picture?), your own home (if you have children), bookstores, malls, Target, libraries (especially "restricted sections"), movie theaters, magazines, television, newspapers, radio, the Internet, office

water coolers and England.

Instead, HEAD FOR:

Men's rooms in truck stops, the customer service department of your local cable company, and the mountains of Afghanistan. These, unofficially, are your best bets.

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Above far left: Nor Pine Nor Weep Nor Grieve, 1999 by Georgia Springer. Above left: Spirit Doll by Peg Gignoux. Top: Melt the Frozen, 1999 by Joan Walecka. Above right: Warm, 1999 by Joan Walecka.