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Dear Mr. Lamb:

I watched "Booknotes" with amazement because of John Hockenberry. What he has faced and how he has handled it are outstanding. What he is able to do in his work commends.

This has long been one of the mysteries of life to me. Why do some people fall to pieces over trifles while others are able to overcome seemingly devastating experiences?

Here in Claremont, a seventeen-year old named [redacted] broke his neck surfing at Newport Beach. He could never walk again and sits in a wheelchair.

[redacted] is a graduate of Pomona College. He became an activist at college always seeking ways to improve the lot of the handicapped. He was at the White House the day President Bush signed the Disabled Act. [redacted] believes he has a mission. He does not want anyone to tell him how brave he is, or to feel sorry for him. He owns the Haven in Pomona. He provides a wholesome place for teenagers. He tries to get as many artists as possible in vacant buildings in Pomona to promote art. Sincerely,



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Claude Monet, French, 1840-1926

Oil on canvas

THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART

Bequest of Mrs. H. O. Havemeyer, 1929

H. O. Havemeyer Collection 29.100.112

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