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District officials want council to release money

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL School district officials are hoping the City Council will finally release a half million dollars in funding currently withheld pending changes in a stricken special education department, the request coming after a ban on the much-maligned confidentiality clauses and resignation of a key figure in the controversy.

The council, which decided last summer to hold onto approximately \$530,000 from the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District after hearing concerning reports from parents, will receive a status report tonight from district leaders about the revamping efforts in special education.

Interim Superintendent Tim Cuneo recently sent a letter to City Manager Lamont Ewell formally requesting the money be released, citing a number of actions that have been taken to create a culture of inclusion and collaboration in a department once criticized for intimidating parents.

"My commitment is to make sure that our stakeholders are included in providing input and advice as it relates to special education," Cuneo said. "Hopefully we can build a model that can be used in the future in the district, a model of how our community participates in all aspects

of the district's programs."

The meeting tonight between the council and school officials will also be a formal introduction of Cuneo, who was appointed as the temporary district head just a few weeks ago, to City Hall.

Whether the money will be transferred to the district any time soon will be determined by the report, city officials said.

"It depends on what they present and show how much they've accomplished," Mayor Herb Katz said.

The department, its policies and practices, have evolved much since the previous council meeting with former Superintendent Dianne Talarico in April, according to school officials. Talarico, who now heads the Burlingame School District, requested during that meeting the money be held until all of the conditions previously imposed by the council were fulfilled.

Perhaps the most notable changes are in the shuffle in the district's central office following the resignation of former Deputy Superintendent Tim Walker, who oversaw special education. Those responsibilities now fall under Chief Academic Officer Sally Chou.

Oscar de la Torre, the president of the Board of Education, pointed out that officials took a significant step toward the healing process in May

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ART HEALS

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Joanie Merriman (bottom) works on 'Valiant Warrior' with other cancer patients at The Angeles Clinic and Research Institute in Santa Monica last week. The patients, who come from all over Los Angeles County, gather once a month to release their creative energy and take their minds off of their struggle with cancer, if only for a short while, as part of the Oncology on Canvas program.

Stolen treasures: Robber targets elderly woman

BY ALEXANDRA BISSONNETTE
Special to the Daily Press

22nd STREET As 86-year-old Marion Nelson stood on her hydrangea-lined porch Monday

morning recalling how she was tied up and robbed last week, it was clear that she was drained from her harrowing ordeal and the loss of her 50th anniversary diamond ring.

"It's been a horrible experience," said a

visibly shaken Nelson, who lives alone. "I just thank God I'm alive."

Police, who released information on the crime Monday, suspect that the intruder broke in early Friday through a window on

the side of Nelson's home.

Nelson said she woke up in the middle of the night to take her medications when she

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Blessing or blasphemy?

Santa Monica clergy weigh in on gay marriage

BY ALICE OLLSTEIN
Special to the Daily Press

CITYWIDE As lawyers and judges grapple with the legal implications of the November ballot's proposed gay marriage ban, religious leaders across Santa Monica have their own set of issues to work through.

From reinterpreting scripture to urging their congregations to vote a certain way, local clergy members have actively promoted their stance. While some see this as a question of

faith and tradition, others believe that basic, humans rights are at stake.

Many have taken the position of accepting the person but condemning the practice.

"While we believe that gays and lesbians are children of a loving God and are entitled to as much love and respect as anyone else, we are definitely opposed to gay marriage," said Mark Paredes, the High Councilor of the Santa Monica branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He referred to a letter written by Mormon

leaders on June 29, which said, "The Church's teachings and position on this moral issue are unequivocal. Marriage between a man and a woman is ordained of God, and the formation of families is central to the Creator's plan for His children."

Paredes says that his church will work to support the passing of the gay marriage ban.

Saint Monica's Catholic Church takes a similar approach. Though they are one of only six churches in the Los Angeles Archdiocese to extend a "special welcome" to gays and les-

bians, they follow the Catholic Church's position in not supporting same-gender weddings.

"Our position is the same as the diocese of LA. We must respect people's rights, because all people are called to holiness, but the Church does not sanction the redefinition of marriage, and we're not in the business of performing 'commitment' or other ceremonies," said Delis Alejandro, a pastoral associate at Saint Monica's. "As we get closer to the election, we'll

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City Hall honors environmentalist with ficus

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

STEWART STREET PARK It was a ceremony befitting a little-known local environmental pioneer who never made a big to do about her work in the community, a commemoration that was low-key and no frills.

In one row — smiles across faces and shovels in hand — stood the five Girion boys, preparing to toss a piece of dirt into the earth in symbolic tree-planting fashion, a homage to their late beloved mother and Santa Monica resident, Jacqueline Girion.

Her name was one that remained somewhat unknown until nearly a decade after her death, uncovered during a Landmarks Commission meeting last December by a group of activists called the Santa Monica Treesavers, arguing that a series of ficus trees in the downtown area deserved to be pardoned, worthy of historic designation.

Most notable in their reasons as to why the shady specimens — which had caused a firestorm over their slated removal — deserved landmark status was their association to the elder Girion, who four decades earlier had spawned them in a tree-planting campaign.

While the commission would ultimately deny the 'Treesavers' request, Girion's new-found legacy lingered.

On Monday, a 15-foot variegated ficus tree found a new home at Stewart Street Park in



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DIGGIN' IT: The sons of famous Santa Monica activist Jacqueline Girion — (right to left) Gilbert, Shephard, Roger, Allen, and Woody — help with the planting of a new ficus tree at Stewart Street Park on Monday afternoon in her honor. Girion was credited with planting ficus trees in Downtown. She helped raise money for the March of Dimes Foundation and was a volunteer at local schools.

Girion's honor, a ceremony held by the Public Landscaping Division at City Hall in conjunction with the Rosie's Girls program, which caps the end of each session with a planting. The day camp program is designed to instill leadership skills and build self-esteem in ado-

lescent girls entering the middle-school years, teaching them trades such as carpentry and welding.

Walt Warriner, the community forester who helped organize the dedication, said it only made sense that the program be involved

in recognizing Girion, who embodied the teachings of Rosie's Girls.

"Before Rosie's Girls, there was a concept that women like Jackie were just doing it," Warriner said.

A life-long environmentalist, Girion was raised in Oklahoma and attended the University of California, Santa Barbara where she had a life-affirming experience while standing ashore, her feet covered in oil, watching in horror at animals who were equally drenched, the victims of an oil spill.

She moved to Santa Monica in 1948, raising five sons — Woody, Roger, Gilbert, Shephard and Allen — with husband Lewis, who was an electrical engineer for Hughes Aircraft.

The Ocean Park resident seemingly had her hand in all aspects of the community, serving on city committees, raising money for the March of Dimes Foundation, and volunteering with the Santa Monica school district, driving students with disabilities to class. In her years of community service, Girion never ran for public office, simply rejecting offers because she had five sons to worry about at home.

Instead she worked on friends' campaigns, including Clo Hoover's run for the City Council in the early 1960s. Hoover would become the first woman mayor of Santa Monica.

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First responders have hands full

Editor:

In response to Mr. Carlos Pineiro[’s] letter (“Where are the cops?” page 4, July 21), Carlos needs to read the Santa Monica Municipal Code There are thousands of codes that could be enforced if we had enough police officers, but is that what you really want? I don’t drink, smoke, have any great love for the homeless or for the bicyclist who ignore the codes, but short of having a police state, there is no way to enforce all of these codes. The police have to set priorities and emergencies take first, then responding to calls from residents with other complaints and/or problems come next. Then between training, appearing in court and doing paperwork they my find some time to look for petty violators. I haven’t seen police do a lot of things but it doesn’t mean they aren’t doing them. I am thankful that we have the great overworked police and fire departments that we do.

Kent Cullom
Santa Monica

Frightened of the future

Editor:

I went on a trip into the future last week and it was truly frightening. The City Council controlled by Santa Monicans for Renters’ Rights (SMRR) through the Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) is proposing to increase the density on the commercial streets in Santa Monica. The proposal would allow commercial on the first floor and between three and four floors of high density low income housing above the commercial. The City of Los Angeles has already passed the type of zoning changes SMRR is proposing. To see what Montana Avenue and Ocean Park Boulevard might look like when SMRR’s proposals are implemented, I took a trip to Sixth Street and Alvarado in Los Angeles. I was shocked. That intersection is clogged with people and traffic. The Los Angeles Police Department also reports this is a high crime neighborhood.

My suggestion is for everyone to travel to Sixth and Alvarado and see for yourself what the future holds if the SMRR proposal is approved by the council. If you don’t agree with that type of development let your council members know.

Mathew Millen
Santa Monica

Glow no-show

Editor:

I attended Glow last Saturday night, but I’m trying hard to think of anything that was really worth my time. Where was the “all-night” element of the event? I walked all around the pier, beach, and surrounding streets, and I saw exactly two art installations (out of the 15 or so on the map) that were still lit after 2 a.m. The only glowing thing on the pier was the new Ferris wheel.

Where were the DJs? The only music I could hear at that time was from the clapping and drumming of the thousands of bored people who apparently had nothing else to do. I walked within 200 feet of the carousel and couldn’t hear any music. Did you turn the volume way down, or were your DJs no-shows? The one stage that had been really active and fun at around midnight was being torn down by 2:30 a.m.

I really wanted an art event that lasted all night, with the advertised activity and music and entertainment. I wasn’t expecting a rave, I really wasn’t. But maybe next time Glow should emphasize that everything will get really quiet after 2 a.m., or it should just not bother with DJs at all, or it should merely bill itself as just an art show without much else, because that way people like me will have much lower expectations and won’t think that the event was a complete waste of time.

Bryan Theis
Los Angeles



What’s the Point?

David Pizarra

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Shoppers are dropping

Editor’s note: This is the first part of a two part series on the economy and consumerism.

I LOVE TO SHOP. I DON’T NEED TO BUY because I’m a guy who’ll wander around a mall, a store, or a district, and just look. Partly it’s because I love to imagine how things are made, and sometimes, why. The type of store isn’t all that important, whether it’s a fishing tackle shop, Home Depot, Sur La Table or Macy’s.

There’s a lot of stuff in this world to look at, and think “Do I really need that? Does ANYBODY?” Some of the things that are manufactured, distributed and sold are just absurd.

Sunday I was killing an hour so I wandered through the Linens N Things (LNT) over on Sawtelle. Among the shelves of towels and sheets, there are also electric hot chocolate dispensers, electric home scent warmers, and plastic holders for the plastic French Fry slicer. There are specialized peelers for fruits and ones for vegetables. Special knives for cutting lettuce, and the ever popular S’More’s home grill kit.

The range of goods and the lack of practical use for most of them explained to me why this entire chain of stores, which specializes in homewares, is in a corporate reorganization, commonly called Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

As a consequence of their bankruptcy, many of their 500 stores are being closed. While I was wandering the aisles of various questionably useful goods, it really is no wonder why some companies are doing well in this current economic downturn, and others are in death throes.

As I finished my tour of the LNT, and having absolutely no need for a home cotton candy spinner, even with the 30 percent discount, I decided to wander to the new Sport Chalet, which took over the space that was Bed, Bath and Beyond, after they moved across the street to their new purpose built store. Cruising through a sports store to see the wide selection of toys that I didn’t have as a child, was another exercise in “what were they thinking?”

When I was a lad, my brother used to take me water-skiing. There was always an inner-tube from some truck that was pulled behind the boat, and you rode the inner-tube. Great fun, for not much money. Today you can buy specially designed surf-riders, that come in cool colors, have handles and are made in third world countries. The selection of water toys is immense, skim-boards, surfboards, and boogie boards are all huge industries, catering to the fickle youth market.

This variety of accessories is on the one hand a wonderful thing, and on the other, it is precisely this type of variety and blind consumer spending that has partially led to the slow down in our economy. We just have too much stuff. From our bloated real estate market to our gadget happy consumerism, we have overbuilt.

Do we really need to have two home-ware stores, a Bed, Bath and Beyond, and a Linens and Things, that are barely a dozen blocks

apart? They sell the same products, have almost the identical pricing and their clientele is the same. No wonder that one of them suffered so miserably that it needs to be closed.

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These are interesting times that we live in, essentially they are analogous to the early ‘30s when Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected, it’s good news for the Democrats, and for those who are in industries that are able to reconfigure themselves and weather this financial storm. This is good news for entertainment companies, repo companies and those few individuals who hoarded their cash for this rainy day. They will all have opportunities.

It’s a scary time for a great many people, the employees who lost their jobs when the LNT finally closes are not likely to replace that income easily. We have a growing class of unemployed people, and an infrastructure that is in dire need of attention. Which is why we should be on the lookout for a series of public works that resembles the New Deal projects of FDR.

As a diehard capitalist, I know it sounds very socialist of me, but I have solid reasons why this is a good use of our capital and a few ideas on what to do with it all. I’ll be fleshing them out more in next week’s column.

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Banning jets is about politics, not public safety

IN THE JUNE 21-22 WEEKEND EDITION, Brian Bland, supposedly writing as a concerned neighbor, responded to a letter by Michael Tennenbaum regarding the Santa Monica City Council's attempt to ban Class C and D jets [at the Santa Monica Airport]. Mr. Bland attempted to refute the claim that the ban had more to do with politics than safety.

In fact, Mr. Bland is a member of the board of directors of the neighborhood political group Friends of Sunset Park (FOSP) and knows all too well that the entire attempt to ban Class C and D jets is primarily politically motivated. We have regularly seen letters from other FOSP members (Zina Josephs, president; Lorraine Sanchez, vice president; Ping Ho, Airport Committee; Susan Hartley, member of the board and formerly head of the FOSP Airport Committee) harping on the dangers of various aspects of the operation of the airport. For the most part, these letters have failed to identify the writer as a member of a group that has as one of its primary purposes the closing of a valuable and historic Santa Monica facility.

Before we ever heard a word about runway overruns or exploding planes falling on houses, FOSP tried first to use noise and then to use pollution as reasons to ban jets from using Santa Monica Airport. Their Airport Committee has always been clear that its primary purpose is to find a way to ban jets and then to completely shut down the airport. When studies showed that airport noise (including that of jets) has actually declined over the last 15 years and that pollution from takeoffs and landings is less a factor in the surrounding neighborhoods than the daily pollution by cars and trucks in the area streets, FOSP turned to the supposed "safety" issue of larger jets dropping out of the sky on surrounding homes.

FOSP's Chicken Little-like cries of "The jets are falling, the jets are falling" has been repeated so many times that people are actually accepting as fact what is a totally undocumented exaggeration. After millions of takeoffs and landings of Class C and D jets around the world, there are almost no instances of jets landing short or overshooting a runway and even fewer instances of fires, injuries, or deaths.

Motor vehicles routinely jump sidewalks or crash through barriers and run into residences, businesses and/or crowds of people, yet there is no talk of banning vehicles of any size from our streets. Many of these streets were designed and

built when vehicles were smaller, less numerous and traveled slower, yet our council members don't ever discuss restricting vehicle access based on size, frequency of travel or speed as they have airplanes. Not political? Hardly.

Smaller planes don't necessarily carry less fuel than larger ones and aren't inherently safer or liable to cause measurably less damage if they fall on your house. Banning Class C and D jets is just a first step in banning all jets and then all planes. It's a political move, not a safety move. If the council members really wanted to promote airport safety, they would opt for the proposed crushable runway safety zones and cooperate with the FAA in buying houses to establish runway protection areas at both ends of the airport. They won't, because it would be political suicide for any council member who backed such a proposal. That houses were built in these supposed "danger zones" in the first place was only done with the direct complicity of previous council members and developers. This is a political fact of life that is never discussed.

One of FOSP's primary criteria for backing any council candidate is that candidate's stand against the continued operation of the airport. No candidate who advocated working with airport neighbors and users to find ways to allow everyone to coexist in harmony has received anything other than scorn and ridicule from FOSP.

City Council members appointed Susan Hartley to the Santa Monica Airport Commission. Being both the former head of FOSP's Airport Committee and a current FOSP board member and having openly stated that her single purpose as committee head was to find a way to close the airport, this appointment was nothing if not a political reward for FOSP's support for certain council members. Her pronouncements as vice chair of the Airport Commission have been consistently and often stridently anti-jet and anti-airport.

In short, as Mr. Bland well knows, the whole move to ban Class C and D jets is less about safety than it is about one neighborhood group's desire to close an airport and their use of political clout to aid them in reaching their goal. Runway safety is really only the latest guise under which FOSP is trying once again to gain sympathy for their campaign to close a vital asset to Santa Monica and to all her residents.

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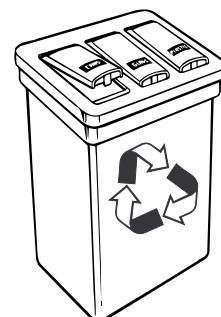
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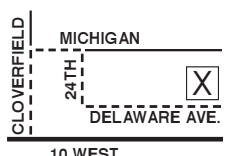
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And we'll even give you the direct Hotline to call so you can be among the first to get yours free right now.

Almost immediately after this bill became law, coins with "In God We Trust" began being snatched up by those in the know. Now these golden Presidential Dollars are harder to find than ever.

"It's a miracle we even have these coins," said Robert Castaldo, Executive Director of the World Reserve Monetary Exchange, "it took the full power and resources of this privately held organization to secure this hoard, and now we're handing them over to all who cover the cost of the valuable crystal-clear Vault Tubes."

People everywhere will be trying to get their hands on the last of these magnificent stacks of coins that still have "In God We Trust" on the edge. But only those who get in before the 2-day deadline are being handed one of the remaining brand new never-circulated Presidential Dollar Coins



■ GOING, GOING, GONE: You are looking at the last of the edge engraved "In God We Trust" Golden Presidential dollar coins ever minted because the new federal law prohibits them from ever being minted again. But now all those who beat the 48 hour deadline and claim the set of six Presidential Vault Tubes will get the first six Presidential Dollar coins and the silver vault box free. Beat the Order Deadline by calling the Claim Line at 1-800-503-8147.

free with every single \$32 sealed vault tube.

The World Reserve is coping with the explosion of calls. So, don't give up calling if you don't get through the first time. Keep trying.

"We really jumped through hoops to set up special Hotlines in three Regional Distribution Zones in an

effort to maintain order across the country. We feared the flood of calls could bring us to our knees but we are now equipped to handle everyone who is trying to get through to get the last of our vault tubes," said Castaldo.

All this is happening because the World Reserve has revealed it will release the last of its secretly located

hoard of \$20 million worth of never-circulated Presidential Coins in sealed vault tubes in an effort to prevent them from ever being introduced into commerce. It's the best way to preserve their collector value as never-circulated coins.

"This is what everyone wants but so few will actually have. So many

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will be left out in the cold or with ordinary circulated coins if they can even find them in their bank change. That's why we are so widely advertising our plans to give away some of the soon to be eliminated never-circulated Presidential Coins with "In God We Trust" on the edge free," said Castaldo.

Those who do beat the order deadline will get one of the last Presidential Dollar Coins that still have "In God We Trust" on the edge free so they can handle it, show it off and still keep the valuable vault tube sealed and perfectly intact.

The U.S. Government is required to mint each President with a single Presidential \$1 Coin, with a different President appearing about every ninety days. That's why everyone is still trying to get the last of these Presidential dollar coins now that minting has been shut off.

Although Federal law requires "In God We Trust" to be removed from the edge of the coin, there will still be a Golden Presidential Dollar minted for every U.S. President.

"To honor each President there will also be forty sealed vault tubes in all, each containing twelve never-circulated Presidential Coins. That's 480 coins. But with the forty free coins everybody is getting, it becomes a spectacular collection of 520 never-circulated coins in all, loaded into two separate heavy vault boxes. Only those lucky enough to get in on this now can be among the first to be automatically taken care of with all of the new Presidential Program Dollars to ever be minted over the ten years," explained Castaldo.

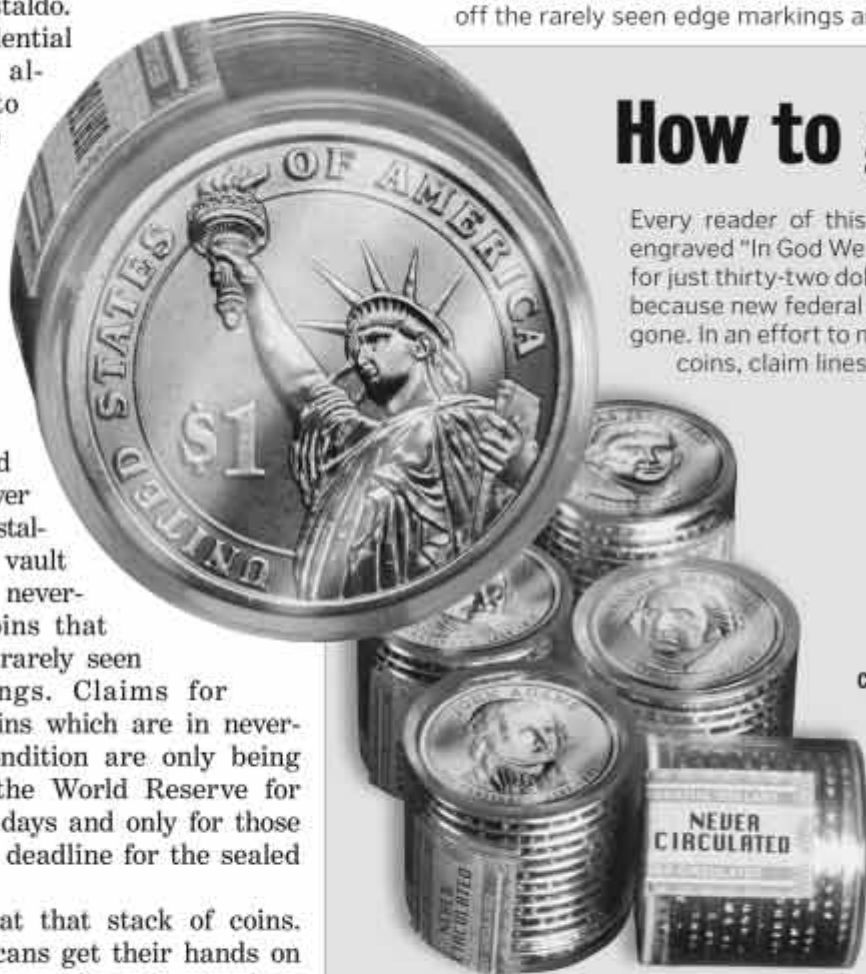
The Presidential Dollars are already hard to find because local banks don't have them all and collectors are snatching them up. Banks will not honor requests for the free coins. And banks will never have these crystal-clear sealed vault tubes of the never-circulated coins that show off the rarely seen edge markings. Claims for these free coins which are in never-circulated condition are only being honored by the World Reserve for the next two days and only for those who beat the deadline for the sealed vault tubes.

"Just look at that stack of coins. When Americans get their hands on those, they are really going to do a double take," Castaldo said.

So find your zone on the map below and make your claim for these special historic "In God We Trust" engraved edge Presidential Dollars before they're gone forever. ■



■ **JACKPOT:** These two massive vault boxes contain the sealed vault tubes for the complete collection of forty Presidential Dollars, 480 coins in all. Values fluctuate, but just think if you had saved 2 silver vault boxes like the ones shown above of uncirculated Eisenhower Dollars from 1974. They would now have an astonishing increase in value of 500% according to the 62nd edition of *The Official Red Book*. It's a real steal at just \$32 each for these crystal-clear sealed vault tubes that show off the rarely seen edge markings and protect the coin's never-circulated value.



How to get free Presidential Coins

Every reader of this newspaper who beats the 48 hour deadline will get one of the last edge engraved "In God We Trust" never-circulated Presidential Dollar Coins free with each sealed vault tube for just thirty-two dollars and shipping. Supply of the last "In God We Trust" edged coins are uncertain because new federal law prohibits them from ever being minted again. So, once they're gone, they're gone. In an effort to maintain an orderly distribution of the World Reserve's remaining private hoard of coins, claim lines have been established in three Regional Distribution Zones.

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Police on the hunt for suspect in robbery

FROM ROBBERY PAGE 1

came upon the intruder. He rummaged through her things, taking cash and valuable jewelry, police said.

Nelson was left unharmed, but the intruder made off with many of her valuable possessions.

The senior is the latest victim in a string of home-invasion robberies on the Westside in recent weeks, the suspect targeting elderly women living alone, entering through unlocked windows or doors. SMPD detectives could not say whether or not Nelson's case is connected, however, they are investigating the possibility.

The suspect in the previous crimes is described as a black male, 6 feet tall, 200 pounds and 25 to 35 years old, who wore dark clothing and gloves. Nelson could not give a full description of her assailant.

"He had a hood covering his face, so there was no way I could ID him," Nelson said. "He said if you cooperate with me I won't kill you."

Although the robber had no visible weapon, Nelson was frightened and cooperated with the man.

"What choice did I have?" she said.

According to Nelson, the intruder tied her up with her own blouse and told her not to move until he had finished robbing her home. The suspect took all of the money in the house and Nelson's gold and diamond jewelry including the diamond ring that she and her husband designed for her.

"I've been here since 1940, and I had so much old jewelry," Nelson said. "They were things I wanted to give my grandchildren."

Police suspect that the intruder broke in through a window on the side of the house. What is suspicious, Nelson said, is that several screens — including one that covered Nelson's back door — had been ripped or cut during the days prior to the robbery. Nelson didn't know what caused the damage.

Nelson's son, Bob Nelson, is now staying with her to help her through the investiga-

tion and to help her improve security on the house.

To ensure that she is never the victim of another robbery, Nelson plans to install a security system that will sound alarms when screens are ripped or moved in any way.

"I have security bolts everywhere in the house, but because I want to adjust those windows, I didn't have any," Nelson said of the window where the intruder is thought to have entered.

Bob Nelson was pleased and impressed by how the neighbors supported his mother following the break-in.

"Everybody in the neighborhood rallied around my mother," he said. "But I'm sick at the thought that a simple motion light might have stopped it."

He was referring to the fact that the window through which the intruder is believed to have come through is on the side of the house with no motion lights.

Nelson's neighbors are being more cautious and police are warning residents to make sure they secure all doors and windows, especially during the night and when they are not at home.

"Naturally I am concerned," said Kaz Yamamoto, who lives across the street from Nelson. "But, you can never tell, crime happens wherever you are."

Nelson has several suspicions about who may have broken into her home. Her house was being painted earlier on Thursday, and she wonders whether someone from the painting company decided to come back and rob her.

Regardless of who the intruder was, Nelson is happy to be alive.

"My daughter told me I did the only thing I could have done," Nelson said. "She told me 'we'd rather have you than any jewelry.'"

Nelson and her son are currently working on increasing her safety and talking to police to follow up on the investigation.

"I just have to tell myself to keep going," Nelson said. "So that's what I do."

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Girion considered an environmental pioneer, planted ficus in Downtown

FROM TRIBUTE PAGE 3

"As kids, we were always involved in her projects," Roger Girion, the second eldest son and doctor, said. "My mom was the mom of the neighborhood."

Aside from the stints as the PTA president of John Muir Elementary and her fight against off-shore oil drilling at Santa Monica beaches, Girion will perhaps be most known for her work in planting roughly 60 ficus trees in Downtown. Girion has been called a pioneer of the local environmental and women's rights movements.

Girion in 1961 was appointed to the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce's beautification committee, which recommended a plan that included new trees for Second and Fourth streets. One year later, she received the Golden Shovel Award by the council and chamber, a small plaque that her sons brought with them to the dedication on Monday.

"This is great because mom did so much for the community," Gilbert Girion, now a playwright, said of the ceremony. "It's surpris-

ing to see all this resurface after 46 years."

Jacqueline Girion died in 1998 at the age of 72.

Her sons have since spread out across the state and country. Two of them — Shephard and Woody — spoke in favor of preserving the trees at previous City Council and Landmarks Commission meetings. All sons said they opposed the removal but understood the circumstances that led to the plan.

The removal of the ficus trees, part of a Downtown beautification project, caused an uproar among many Santa Monica residents. The issue was even challenged by the Treesavers in court, though their bid was rejected earlier this year. About 23 trees deemed as structurally unsound were removed in May and another seven are slated for relocation.

"I feel very sympathetic to those people who protested it," Allen Girion said. "But simultaneously, it's nice to be able to honor our mother."

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OPEN FOR BUSINESS: St. Monica's Catholic Church welcomes gay congregants, but will be educating parishioners in the coming months on the church's position against gay marriage.

Religion and politics just don't mix

FROM GAY MARRIAGE PAGE 3

be referring our parishioners to materials about social teachings of the Church, both scripture and statements by bishops and cardinals."

In May, the California Catholic Conference of Bishops released a statement to "express its disappointment" in the Supreme Court's ruling. They wrote that everyone in a homosexual relationship "is a child of God and deserves respect in the eyes of the law and their community," but held that "those partnerships are not marriage and can never be marriage."

Alejandro said that Saint Monica's will engage in voter education in the upcoming months.

"Our role is to disseminate and distribute information about the social and moral teachings of the Church," she said. "We'll answer questions like, 'What does our faith tell us? What do the Scriptures say?' We invite people to take an active role in learning about their faith, but in the end, we don't really tell people how to vote."

She feels that a religious institution doing voter education does not violate the separation of church and state.

"Anything that's important to you will influence how you vote, whether it's your job, your community or your church. If you're part of a faith tradition, understanding that tradition makes you a better voter."

The polarizing power of this issue has caused splits within some religions. Patricia Farris, the Senior Minister of the First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica, explained that the California branch of her church has broken with the international organization's official stance.

The United Methodist Church itself, while affirming all people as persons "of sacred worth," considers the practice of homosexuality "incompatible with Christian teaching." Its policy book, called the Book of Discipline, prohibits its pastors and churches from conducting ceremonies celebrating homosexual unions. However, at its recent gathering, the California-Pacific Conference of the United Methodist Church passed a resolution opposing the California Marriage Protection Amendment and calling upon United Methodists to work for its defeat.

"We seek to witness against any discrimination based on sexual orientation and will work to protect the civil rights of all Californians as they pertain to the right of civil marriage," Farris said. "We also acted to encourage both congregations and pastors to welcome, embrace and provide spiritual nurture and pastoral care for these families. Knowing people as people, and not as labels or stereotypes is at the heart of Jesus' message."

"We seek a more inclusive church, loving and just, in which all God's children are welcomed, loved, accepted and respected."

Farris explained that she and her California colleagues have been actively working for changes in the Book of Discipline that reconsider the accepted interpretations of the Bible.

"The ethic of loving one's neighbor becomes the lens through which all scripture is interpreted," Farris said. "Specifically, passages that are negative about homosexuality are ana-

lyzed within the limitations of their historical context, and not deemed to be authoritative in this, our very different time, with much more nuanced scientific, psychological information and insight."

Rabbi Neil Comess-Daniels of the Santa Monica Reform synagogue Beth Shir Sholom also believes in reexamining Biblical law.

"The Reform Movement always takes into consideration what humans have learned about ourselves and our society since our laws were first created," Comess-Daniels said. "It's been proven that being gay or lesbian is a naturally occurring gender reality, not a disease or malformation, so we are not only allowed, but mandated to respect their unions. I hate the term 'sexual orientation,' because they're not 'oriented' that way; that's their sexual reality. If as Jews we believe that God created or continually creates, we must accept homosexuality as a kind of love that exists in this world."

Beth Shir Sholom recently had a presentation by California Faiths for Marriage Equality encouraging people to vote against the proposition to ban gay marriage. Comess-Daniels feels that the Marriage Protection Act is "a deceptive title."

"It says the opposite of what it is, because it is designed to destroy their marriages," he said.

For Comess-Daniels, the real issue is marriage, not sex.

"We're talking about the creation of a household, which is something Judaism builds our civilization on," he said.

The Central Conference of American Rabbis voted almost unanimously in 2000 that "the relationship of a Jewish, same gender couple is worthy of affirmation through appropriate Jewish ritual." Since then, Reform rabbis have been free to choose whether or not to perform same gender weddings. Comess-Daniel performed his first in June.

"It was the first time I could say, 'By the power invested in me by the state of California,' and I was thrilled," he said. "I've been waiting since 2000 to get asked."

Not all Jewish sects are united on this issue. Assistant rabbi Sholom Heidingsfeld of Santa Monica Chabad, an Orthodox congregation, described his synagogue's position.

"The Torah truly forbids it," he said. "Look in Leviticus, Chapter 18."

He says that though he and his congregation "obviously are against it," they don't plan on getting involved politically.

The Muslim Public Affairs Council of Los Angeles does not take a stance on the issue at all, and the Islamic Center of Southern California did not respond to requests for an interview.

Whether they choose to abstain from the debate or enter the fray, Santa Monica's religious leaders find themselves at the crossroads of religion, politics and civil rights.

"It's a moral, ethical and religious issue for me," said United Methodist reverend Janet Gollery McKeithen, who might face disciplinary measures for officiating same-gender weddings. "We shouldn't be treating people differently."

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District officials say changes have been made in special ed

FROM MONEY PAGE 1

when it imposed a full moratorium on confidentiality clauses.

The clauses were the source of much grief among parents in the program. Dubbed as “secret deals,” the clauses were written into settlement agreements, which were signed by parents after an impasse was reached in the negotiations for the Individualized Education Plan, which outlined services that special education students received during the year.

In an effort to instill lost confidence in the program, the board last year placed a moratorium on confidentiality clauses unless they were requested by the parent. District negotiators were directed to notify all parties during the IEP process of the moratorium and all new confidentiality clauses must’ve been asked for by the parent.

A total of 37 settlement agreements had been entered into from the moratorium’s enactment in July 2007 until April of this year. Approximately 28 had a confidentiality clause and nine settlements were written without one.

Talarico said in April that she was assured by her staff that parents were all notified up front about the moratorium. Several parents with a confidentiality clause have since argued otherwise.

The council requested a few months ago information as to whether there was any wrongdoing by district staff in the IEP process following the moratorium.

Mike Matthews, the assistant superintendent for human resources, has since reported that there is no evidence that the moratorium was violated.

Lee Jones, the co-chair of the Special Education District Advisory Committee (SEDAC), said the council’s questions have yet to be answered.

“I very much want us to get this money ... but there is still no transparency and accountability in this district regarding spe-

cial education,” she said.

One of the most important steps that have been taken is the formation of the PTA Council’s Special Education Committee, following the model of the San Ramon Valley Unified School District which underwent its own departmental challenges,” Jones said.

“The committee will have a very positive effect for parents and students at the school site,” she said.

The PTA’s committee is just one of several actions that have taken place, including the formation of a Special Education Design Team, which will assist the district in reviewing practices and developing new policies.

The district is also in the process of contracting a mediator for resolving disagreements over services.

“The district is working with parents and staff to make effective, long-term changes in special ed and I’m excited to be working in that,” Rebecca Kennerly, the PTA Council president, said. “I think those changes will improve the overall quality of the feeling that parents have in our school district.”

Perhaps most important for the council to determine whether there’s any real difference in the department is to gauge parent confidence in the district, Ken Haker, the co-chair of SEDAC, said.

“Do they feel that things have changed?” Haker said. “In that respect, has the IEP process been fortified?”

The half million dollars has been lingering in the minds of school officials for more than year, haunting them during budget preparation seasons when cuts are being made at both the state and local level.

“That money right there pretty much pays for all of the outreach workers at Santa Monica High School,” de la Torre said. “It can pay for a variety of intervention programs we have for at-risk youth.”

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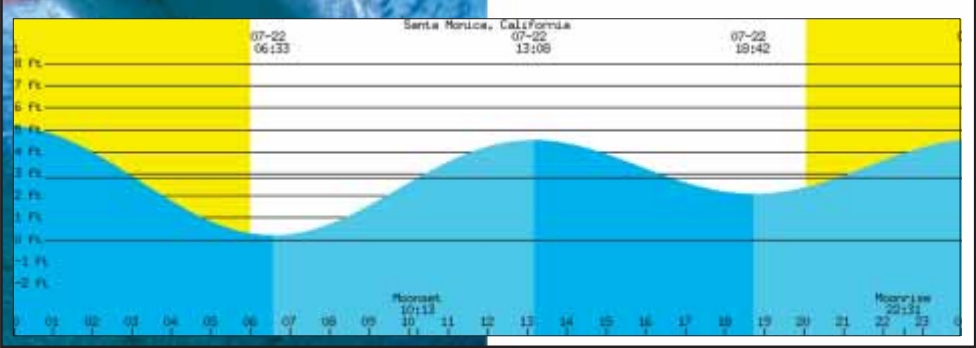
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Canillo Beach, at Arroyo Soguit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachasa and Las Alitas creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Morador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	F	ns
Escamido Creek, just east of Escamido State Beach	A+	ns
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Selkirk Beach at Don Blocker County Beach	A	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	D	ns
Surfside Beach at Malibu Colony fences	A	ns
Surfside Beach (beach location)- daily	B	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A+	ns
Pine Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17260 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A -- F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Del Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chantrelle)	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	F	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kanter storm drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	F	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	B	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Tappan St.	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	B	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Calver Blvd. drain	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	ns

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Sweat it out, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You might not want to toss yourself into an unpredictable situation. Your creativity starts emerging, adding to your self-confidence. Understand that you still might need to lie low to get the information you need. Tonight: Know and trust that you can deal with anything.	LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Emphasize what you can get done as opposed to what you cannot. A light and easy approach leaves you smiling. Think positively, and openly accept a new idea or technology. Tonight: Off to the gym – get some exercise.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ People surround you and are willing to take a stand. They let you know that they support you, no matter what. Emphasize security, and don't allow a family member to be forgotten in the enormous amount of communication and activity. Tonight: Where people are.	SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You might want to rethink a problem or approach a situation from a different perspective. The more creative your thinking, the better the end results can be. Tonight: A must appearance.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You might want to reach out to someone at a distance who you really care about. He or she might not be as clear as you might like. Tonight: A must show.	SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Pressure builds, but you'll see ways through a problem once you detach. The unexpected occurs on the home front. You might not be comfortable with everything that occurs, but you can handle whatever comes down the path. Tonight: Do some solid thinking.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Step back and refuse to get caught up in someone else's drama, even if you feel it might be yours too! Investigate possibilities. If you suddenly see the humor in what was previously a difficult situation, you finally have detached. Tonight: Take a walk and listen to favorite music.	CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Communication could carry an exciting twist. Relax with a situation rather than trigger. You might need another approach or a different idea. A partnership proves to be far more important than you realize. Tonight: Catch up on news.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Dealing with others takes talent and direction. Knowing what you want helps you make fast, clear choices. You cannot underestimate what is happening. The unexpected could stop you dead in your tracks. Tonight: Dinner for two.	AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Expenses could mount, making you more than uncomfortable. Don't attempt to gain control of a situation; instead, roll with it. Observe what others suggest. They might not be right, but their ideas are interesting. Tonight: Stick to your budget.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Let others express themselves. (You won't be able to stop them in any case.) You could opt for another approach or a different focus for you personally. In the next few weeks, you will be prone to more soul-searching. Tonight: Sort through invitations.	PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You have lots of energy, but don't let your nerves get frayed. An element of the unexpected runs through your day. Stay even. Focus on your must-do's. You will accomplish a lot more if you stay even and focused. Tonight: What would put a smile on your face?

Happy birthday

Work on taking an overview instead of getting into details. Make this type of approach your hallmark this year. If need be, don't hesitate to find an expert or two. Your willingness to state that you don't know enough is a strength, not a weakness. You gain new insights with ease, as you are open. Emphasize the quality of your daily life. If you are single, romance could be waving at you before your next birthday. This relationship could be most important. If you are attached, take up a sport or hobby with your sweetie. You will create greater closeness. PISCES understands you and your issues much more than you realize.

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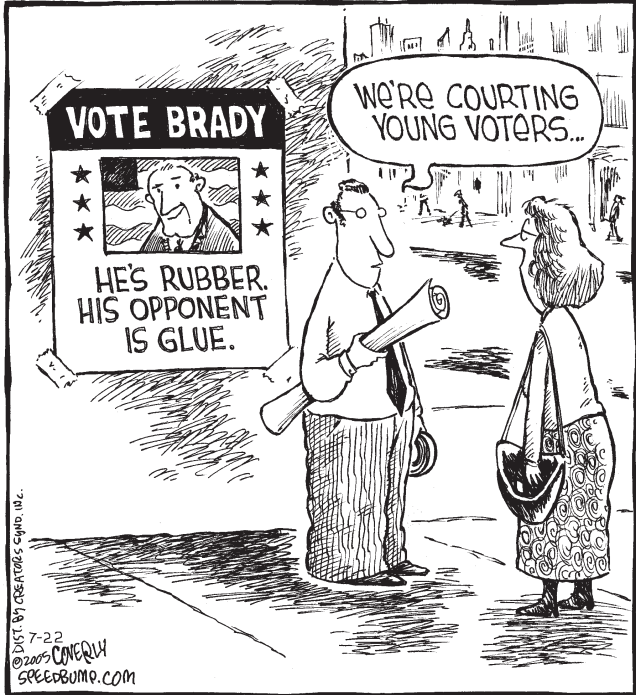
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- 6 Espies
- 11 Visitor from space
- 12 Western resort lake
- 13 Name
- 15 Firefighting tool
- 16 Race part
- 17 Antique
- 18 Taxi feature
- 20 Strata-gems
- 23 Rescues
- 27 Ethanol source
- 28 Crowd into
- 29 Avow
- 31 Tuscany setting
- 32 Impairs
- 34 In the style of
- 37 Siesta
- 38 Paid player
- 41 Reluctant acceptance
- 44 Augusta's state
- 45 River vessel
- 46 Bridges
- 47 Hard journeys

DOWN

- 1 Arp's art
- 2 Baseball's Rodriguez
- 3 Get up
- 4 Floral ring
- 5 What protractors measure
- 6 Play places
- 7 Butter square
- 8 Canton's state
- 9 Hammer or sickle
- 10 Dispatch
- 14 Volleyball need
- 18 Chatty bird
- 19 River vessels

- 20 CPU containers
- 21 De-pressed
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BY CHUCK SHEPARD

- Police quickly made an arrest in Hughes, Ark. (pop. 1,800) in May after a Pepsi machine was stolen from a liquor store; the distinct dolly tracks led from the store to the man's home, and besides, he had left the machine in his front yard.
- The armed robber of a Fifth Third Bank in Orlando, Fla., is still at large, but based on the surveillance video, a sheriff's detective said the man was "probably not familiar with handguns" because he appeared to be pointing his at himself during the robbery.
- Dentist Who Hates It When That Happens: Anne Greer filed a lawsuit in June against Winter Park, Fla., dentist Wesley Meyers over the death of her father last year during procedures to secure his dentures with implants. During the October 2006 visit, Meyers had accidentally dropped a screwdriver down the patient's throat, which required a colonoscopy to remove. The man returned the following year to give Meyers another chance (against his daughter's wishes), and during that procedure, Meyers accidentally dropped a torque wrench down his throat, creating problems that ultimately proved fatal.

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- 1796 Cleveland was founded by Gen. Moses Cleaveland.
- 1908 American etiquette expert Amy Vanderbilt was born in New York City.
- 1934 a man identified as bank robber John Dillinger was shot to death by federal agents outside Chicago's Biograph Theater.
- 1937 the Senate rejected President Roosevelt's proposal to add more justices to the Supreme Court.
- 1942 the Nazis began transporting Jews from the Warsaw Ghetto to the Treblinka concentration camp.

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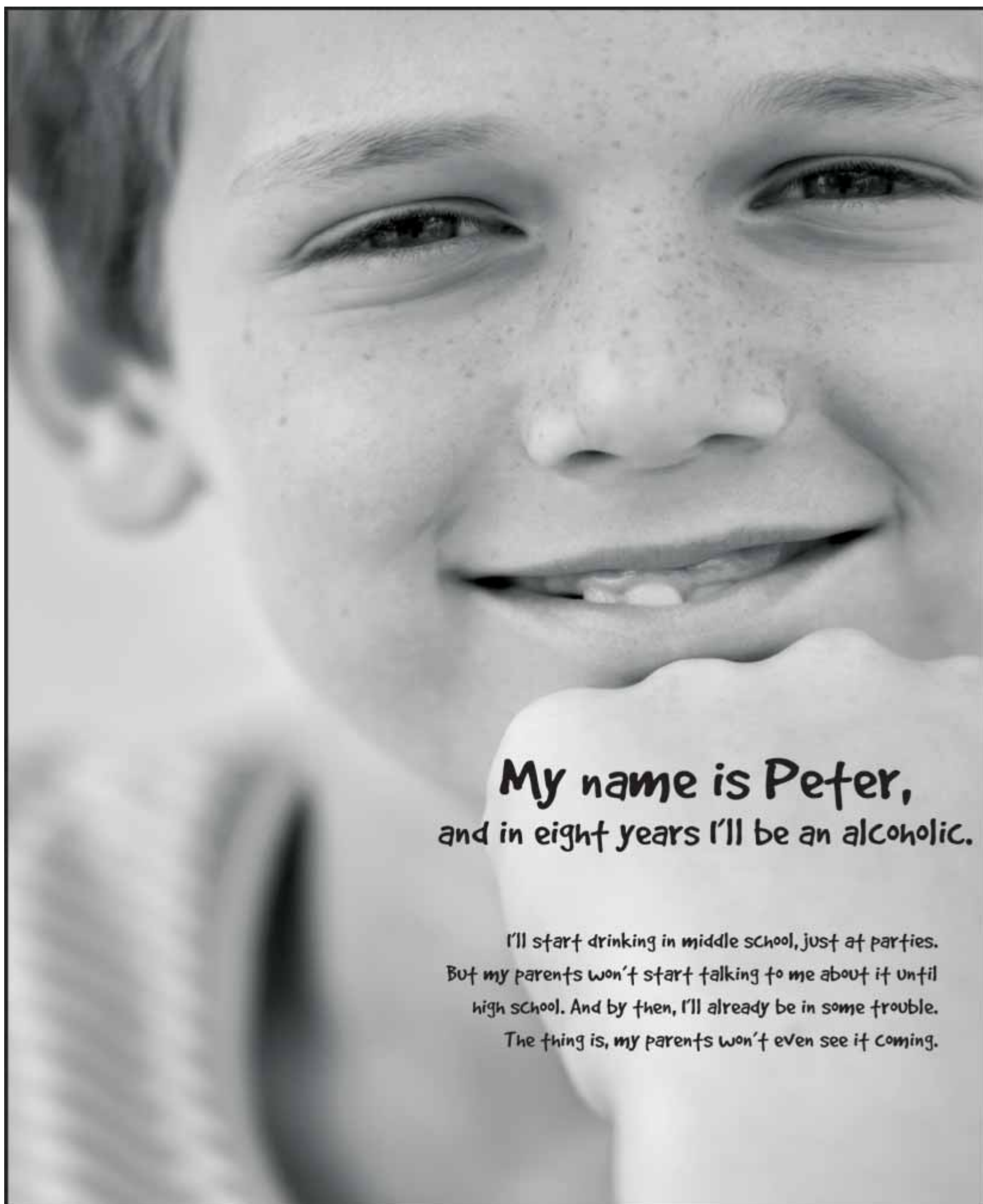
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