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THE CROSSING BORDERS ISSUE

## The gentrification of Venice

BY MELODY HANATANI  
Daily Press Staff Writer

VENICE Jennifer Horn could see it coming. First, a new housing complex popped up around Rose Avenue and Seventh Street, followed by the opening of a new wine specialty store on Lincoln Boulevard, then the biggest indicator of change — an advertisement that a Whole Foods would soon open at the site where a Big Lots once stood.

"It was so obvious there was revitalization going on," Horn, who moved to the area earlier this year, said on Wednesday at the grand opening of the natural foods store.

"You could tell this was going to happen." The once neglected area around Lincoln Boulevard and Rose Avenue has seen some love these days by the private sector as new, higher-end retail and service shops have opened up shop over the past year, a change that is welcomed by many, some who are cautiously optimistic.

The most recent addition is the 48,000-square-foot Whole Foods that opened its first Venice store earlier this week, its appearance somewhat cleaning up a shopping center that many described as previously being less than appealing.

"That shopping mall was very neglected,"

Sheelagh Cullen, a resident of the area since 1992, said.

The corner is home to many long-time businesses, including a hamburger joint and two iconic Mexican restaurants. The neighborhood in just the past year has seen the addition of Checa Boutique, a clothing store located just a few blocks north in Santa Monica, Lincoln Fine Wines and Floyd's 99 Barbershop.

While each is a small piece of the Venice business community, they have combined to make an impression on the residents of the area.

"We're encouraged that those kinds of

businesses are coming into Venice," David Moring, the vice president of the Venice Chamber of Commerce, said. "Unfortunately the look was not always kept up at that center."

Nazmul Helal, the owner of Lincoln Fine Wines, said he is surprised by the rapid rate in which the change is occurring, adding that the area looks different from when he began constructing the store in September 2007.

"When I chose this location, I thought it would maybe go slowly," Helal, a Santa

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### KING-SIZE ENDORSEMENT

Elvis impersonator Al'vis Munko from Memphis talks with Santa Monica College student Michelle Franco on the Third Street Promenade Friday afternoon. Munko, a Sarah Palin and John McCain supporter, is spending his weekend telling the public about how Palin and McCain have proven themselves worthy of being in the White House. 'It was either Third Street or Venice and I didn't want to get shot at,' Munko said.

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## Special ed has changes in its near future

BY MELODY HANATANI  
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS Following a tumultuous period for special education, the new academic year could bring a time of growth.

Moving past a damaging few years for its reputation, the school district is hoping to make good on its promise of improving a department plagued with controversies, planning a series of changes intended to turn around the way business is conducted.

In the latest of actions addressing parental concerns about the problems, which include an alleged culture of secrecy and intimidation, the Board of Education on Thursday hired a Northern California-based firm to devise a long-range strategic plan to drive the future.

The Claros Group will spend the next few months evaluating the department to determine which practices and policies are working well and which need to be dismissed. With the help of a group of parents, teachers and administrators, the consultant will eventually draft a set of recommendations, which is expected to happen sometime in January. The superintendent will review it once the document is completed.

The study is estimated to cost approximately \$13,000.

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See the Will Geer Theatricals production of William Shakespeare's masterpiece, "Macbeth." The 299-seat outdoor amphitheater carved into the Topanga Canyon Hillside will be filled with murder, treason, ambition and greed.

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1211 Fourth St., 12:30 p.m. & 3 p.m.  
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### Workouts for teens

3026 Nebraska Ave., 3:30 p.m. — 5 p.m.  
Max offers two daily classes teaching teens how to exercise and eat properly in a cool and fun environment. They get to hang out afterwards in the wi-fi lounge, play Nintendo Wii, or simply surf the Internet. For information, call (310) 867-1650.

## Sunday, Aug. 7 2008

### Get it while it's fresh

Downtown Mar Vista, 9 a.m. — 1 p.m.  
Head out to lovely Mar Vista for the weekly Farmers' Market. Located at the corner of Grandview and Venice boulevards, the market includes fresh fruits and vegetables as well as some prepared foods.

### The other Jerry's kids

1348 14th St., 7 p.m.  
Cubensis brings the sights and sounds of a live Grateful Dead concert to 14 Below every Sunday. Cubensis is known for whipping its faithful crowd into a swirling psychedelic mass for three hours straight.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.



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**GETTING IT STRAIGHT:** Santa Monica College's head football coach Robert Taylor (right) talks with a player during a recent practice.

# Off and running

## Corsairs hope to control the ground game in opener

**BY DANIEL ARCHULETA**

Managing Editor

**COSTA MESA** Santa Monica College's head coach Robert Taylor is approaching the season opener against Orange Coast College in pretty simple terms.

"Our game plan is to win the football game and be better than Orange Coast," Taylor said.

To accomplish this straight-forward goal, Taylor hopes to control the line of scrimmage against a Pirate team that effectively moves the ball on the ground.

"OCC is a balanced football team," Taylor

said, "but, they'll run it more than they throw it. They are not conservative, but we'll look for the run first."

With a first-year quarterback, Luqman Nasouf, lining up behind center, he intends to counter OCC's offense with his stable of capable running backs. Taylor said that his duo of talented runners, Deron Bartholomew and Cedric Hayes, looked strong during a practice scrimmage against Long Beach City College late last month and expects them to help take some of the pressure off of his young passer.

"We feel our running game is pretty good," Taylor said. "We have two of the best

running backs in the area. We're going to expose people to our running game."

Pirates head coach Mike Taylor is well aware of SMC's offensive capabilities and has tailored his defensive game plan to handle the onslaught. His team, which finished last season 5-5, plays a 4-3 base defense with four down lineman that is designed to put pressure on the pocket and snuff out the run.

"We're going to have to contain their skill people," Mike Taylor said. "Their receivers and running backs look good on film."

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# T-shirt irony gives way to love, peace, recycling

**BY KATHLEEN HENNESSEY**

Associated Press Writer

**LAS VEGAS** It wasn't so long ago that pop queens sparked the "message" T-shirt fad with tops telling no one in particular "Dump him" or "I stole your boyfriend."

We may all be pleased to learn we've evolved.

Or at least our T-shirts have.

The message these days is much more likely to be, in words of T-shirt designer Eunice Chang, "peace, love and recycling."

"It's because of the war. People need a message and they want a positive message," Chang said last week from the floor of the MAGIC fashion convention in Las Vegas, where calls for a higher purpose in cotton were regular sightings. "I'm just following the fashion."

The massive annual trade show aimed at fashion industry insiders and buyers is a preview of what the teens and 20-somethings will be wearing this fall and what many already are. This election year it signaled — along with the dogged persistence of the skinny jean — the serious side of the message T-shirt.

In muted colors, Los Angeles-based wholesaler C'est Toi's version declared "Love & Peace" in long sleeves.

Chang's T-shirts, for Los Angeles-based boutique Dorothy Blue, brought a sweet, vintage feel. A cartoon dove accompanied the words "Love, Peace." Another pleaded: "Give Earth a chance."

Some of the shirts were embellished with dreamy paisleys, others with iconic 1960s images, such as peace signs or rainbows. Some blended with another continuing T-shirt trend — the tattoo look. They were, unlike many past T-shirt fads, unironic.

Kathleen Gasperini of the market research firm Label Networks describes the trend as part of "a new hippiedom" making its way from urban street and summer music festival scenes.

She sees a resurgence of a do-it-yourself aesthetic in youth styles, a willingness to

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### Walt knows best

Editor:

What is the most expensive, silly way to get from one side of an earthquake zone to another? If you guessed underground railroad, aka a Subway, you are right. The most successful mass transit system in the Los Angeles area has always been found at Disneyland and it is called the Monorail. That's right, its fun, quiet, above ground, a joy to ride and 100 times cheaper to build. Walt Disney World, that's the resort with over 14 miles of monorail track that safely carries upwards of 100,000 – 200,000 passengers a day at above 99 percent reliability. The Seattle Center Monorail, the only rail system in the USA that turns a profit each year, is not stuck in traffic, never has accidents with pedestrians or vehicles on the streets below it. Short term building cost and long term costs of maintaining a tunnel in Los Angeles makes the subway too expensive.

Who in their right mind would want to be underground for the next earthquake? The Westside needs mass transit now, and its not called the bus or a noisy train. It should take people from where they are to where they want to go. Anyone want to guess which lobby is still preventing the Metrorail from going to the airport? To make this a success, we simply need to do what is smart, fun, fast, cheap and easy, right above Santa Monica Boulevard. You know, the route where the old Red Car Line used to run.

**David Alsabery**  
Santa Monica

### Tree timeout

Editor:

Enough already with the saga of the ficus trees and the grubby hippie brigade lead by Jerry Rubin. How many Santa Monica residents actually give a damn about the ficus trees? Cut them down, plant a new tree or bush or whatever, and get on with your little lives. We are tired of seeing your picture in the paper, and why does the SMDP insist on giving this "story" any further coverage? Instead of chaining himself to a tree, maybe Mr. Rubin should "take on" global warming and chain himself to a moving bus. That would be picture worthy! It's going to be great when this wing nut is elected to City Council. It will be fun to watch the city implode to a further state of decay.

**J.W. Petoria**  
Santa Monica

### Doubts about Palin

Editor:

I, for one, find unsettling the thought of a bulldog only a heartbeat away from having her finger on the nuclear arsenal.

**Mark Kaiserman**  
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# Que Sarah, Sarah

**QUE SARAH, SARAH, WHATEVER SHE'LL** be, she'll be.

At the beginning of the Republican convention week, a poll revealed that 41 percent of Americans surveyed said they weren't familiar with Sarah Palin. That means that 57 percent of those surveyed weren't telling the truth. Now we all know that Sarah Palin, the governor of Alaska, is John McCain's choice for his running mate as the vice presidential nominee. Not that McCain asked me, but there are some things about this pick that bother me.

Some Republicans are saying that with this choice, women who are disappointed that Barack Obama didn't pick Hillary Clinton as his running mate now have a woman to support and vote for. This seems so sexist, so condescending, that it's beyond belief. Do they actually think that many women will vote for a woman just because she's a woman, even if they disagree with her beliefs and positions?

That's crazy. Nobody's saying that men will vote for McCain or Obama just because McCain or Obama is a man.

And then there's this other thing. They're saying that she's not a "regular politician." Instead, "she's just like you and me." "Just like you and me?" Are you kidding? When they were trying to contact her father to tell him that she was going to get the nomination, he was busy caribou hunting and gold mining. I have to tell you, nobody in my family ever spent time caribou hunting and gold mining. If McCain had decided to choose me instead of Sarah Palin, it's possible that my mother would have been busy when they tried to call her, too. But she would've been busy doing something like reading — not panning for gold or pointing her rifle at an animal.

By the way, what's Sarah Palin's favorite food? Moose stew. "Just like you and me?"

Sarah's father isn't the only one in the family who is a hunter. Sarah likes to shoot animals, too. Rumor has it that she's a much better shot than the current vice president. Then again, Ray Charles was probably a better shot than Vice President Cheney.

Evangelical Christians and other Republicans on the right are embracing Gov. Palin's religious and social views. She believes that "abstinence only" should be taught in school, not sex education.

She believes that creationism should be taught alongside that other doctrine that's only been accepted by the scientific community around the world for 149 years — evolution. There is something I've never understood about "creationists." If they believe so strongly that God has created all the creatures in the world, why do they think that it's okay to shoot some of those creatures with a gun?

And then they think it's a nice touch to decorate their homes with the heads and skins of the animals they've killed?

So in Sarah Palin we have somebody who

doesn't think sex education should be taught in school, who doesn't believe in evolution, and whose favorite dish is moose stew. "Just like you and me?" I don't think so. But don't write her off. One of the most amazing things that I've ever seen is that the Republicans are turning all of her negatives into positives.

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Since they can't call her selection a strange choice, they're calling it a bold one. Instead of apologizing for her shortcomings, they celebrate them.

Her inexperience is supposedly an advantage because she's not a "traditional politician." Her family problems are a positive because they show that she has the same kind of problems as everybody else — except she has to worry about overcooking the moose stew.

And at the convention, she offered up her own blend of political stew. It had equal parts of "Aw, shucks" and venom.

Don't sell her short. She might be different from you and me — she was the 1984 runner up in the Miss Alaska contest, and I wasn't — but just because she is different, doesn't mean you should dismiss her. I don't think jokes about her being another Spiro Agnew or Dan Quayle are going to fly. As I recall, those two guys were on the tickets that won.

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# STRAY talk

A CENTER-CUT, NO-FAT REVIEW OF WHAT WAS SAID THIS PAST WEEK BY FOLKS WHO MAKE THE NEWS RIGHT HERE AT HOME

“I think it’s pretty shocking to me as a Democrat.”  
— City Councilman Bobby Shriver, who failed to garner an endorsement from the Santa Monica Democratic Club.

“I was trying to keep my eye on them at all times and one of the girls asked, ‘why are you looking at me.’ It was confrontational, it was a little scary and you knew they wanted to rob you.  
“But what could you do?”  
— Roxanna Cervantes, owner of clothing boutique Life/Style. Her store has recently been the victim of shoplifting.

“It has the greatest potential to eliminate traffic from the San Fernando Valley.”  
— Santa Monica resident Philip Schwartz regarding the proposed Subway to the Sea project.

“Off camera, top Republican strategist Mike Murphy called the Palin nomination ‘political b.s.’ McCain clearly played the chick card to get Hillary voters. In the VP debate, Joe Biden should say, ‘Governor, I served with Hillary Clinton and you’re no Hillary Clinton.’”  
— SMDP columnist Jack Neworth writing in “Laughing Matters.”

“It’s much more efficient. We don’t have to use personnel for chalking tire after tire and going back and finding all the work is for nothing.”  
— Santa Monica Police Department’s Lt. Kathy Keane regarding a proposal to purchase monitoring technology to keep tabs on parked vehicles.

“This is an enormous shot in the arm for an organization that has done so much for this community.”  
— Nat Trives, president of the Santa Monica Symphony’s Board of Directors, regarding a \$100,000 donation made by the estate of the late Mary Elizabeth Booth.

“No one likes the idea of their home dropping in value, but if you need or want to move you have to get past the ‘I could have made ‘X’ more’ mentality.”  
— SMDP business columnist writing in “Real Estate 101.”

“Let me tell you an old bartender secret that guarantees instant service: When you go to a crowded nightclub or hangout, go to the bar and place your order. Don’t run a tab. When you are presented with the first bill, drop a 40 percent tip. When you show up for a second round, that bartender (or waitress) will be on you like white on rice.”  
— SMDP columnist Steve Breen writing in “Going Postal.”

“When the world discovers this place it is going to be packed.”  
— SMDP food columnist Merv Hecht writing about Wokcano (a new Asian eatery) in “Restaurant Snap Shot.”

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This past week, Q-Line asked:  
**The Amethyst Initiative**, a group of college and university presidents from around the country, claim the current legal age to drink needs to be lowered. It has sparked a nationwide debate regarding the controversial subject.  
**How would lowering the legal drinking age play out? Do you think it would lead to more problems or make young adults more responsible when it comes to binge drinking?**  
Here are your responses:

**"DRINKING AT ALL AGES HAS** increased markedly over the years. Changing the law will mean nothing. Excess drinking has become a national problem, along with drug addiction. The children and young people copy what the adults do, and what they see as acceptable on TV and movies. Great role models."

**"THEY SHOULD NOT LOWER THE DRINKING** age – we got enough idiots getting drunk all the time without lowering it. Then they drive and stuff. There's no point to lowering the drinking age. In fact, drunk drivers should get taken out and shot."

**"THERE IS NO SHORTAGE OF BOOZE,** tobacco, and other forms of hallucinogens. Any age group can find a supplier who is often an older adult or from the family home supply, especially the booze. Reducing the legal drinking age will open a new vista for the 18 year olds who will now be able to cut out the older adult middle person and now be readily able to supply the 17, 16, and 15 year olds who in turn will supply the 15, 14 and 13 year olds as the beat goes on. Although binge drinking is a deadly game, those who use these products will continue to behave as they always have."

**"ALL THE OTHER DRUGS COMBINED PALE** in comparison to the problems created by alcohol. Alcohol is the only real drug problem in America. However, legislating morality creates an immoral police state. Thousands of people's lives have been ruined only because they ingested something someone else says is bad. This is a failed and narrow-minded mentality and is against our freedoms. Anyone who is of legal age to fight our wars should be free to enjoy alcohol, gambling, prostitution, and any and all drugs of their choice without fear of the prudes from the far right and far left making laws against anything enjoyable."

**"AS A MOTHER OF A TEENAGER, I THINK** it would work only if you were to raise the driving age. It would work on the East Coast, it would work in places where the driving age is higher. That would be the deterrent here. Unfortunately it would not work because of that and would probably cause too many accidents. But it's a good idea. Alcohol awareness at a young age is the way the Europeans do it. It works. I've seen it work. And it causes less binge drinking. As a mother of a teenager, that's how I feel."

**"WITH REGARDS TO THE LEGAL DRINKING** age, this is an old comment. If people 18 or older go to war and just get killed for killing people overseas and just die and they can't even drink a drink, I feel like there's some question in that. Whether it would lead to more problems or think adults would be more responsible, or whether it would like

binge drinking ... you know, I don't know. I think everyone's been drinking. People drink in high school. You go to college, they drink a crapload over in the fraternities and stuff like that, especially freshmen and sophomore year. So I don't think that's going to happen except people who are younger and probably more ignorant will drink. But I think they probably deserve to."

**"NOW YOU HAVE A BETTER IDEA WHY IT** costs the billions of dollars for the overpriced education in this country – with crackpot ideas such as this. Also, like voting, people should not drink until they are 21. What does an 18 year old know about anything, especially moderation? Why do you think the United States Marines are one of the finest fighting forces in the world? The acceptance of an 18-year-old college drunk has the intellectual aroma of closeted progressive elitists. Why not require university presidents to earn their high salaries educating and protecting students by expelling and thereby making an example of binge drinkers and binge drinking fraternities. Let non-moderate drinking 18 year olds go to Mexico for spring break. The federalies know how to handle stupidity. Maybe we could issue them work visas so they could inflict common sense on our progressive educational society."

**"THE SUCCESS OF MOTHERS AGAINST** Drunk Driving was an early example in recent times of a group of small-minded scared people willing to give up our constitutional liberties in hopes of allaying their fears, let alone undermining any philosophical logic. The curious thing is that we have recently lost almost 5,000 children in Iraq, as I am told, defending the very same freedom the mothers are busy trying to destroy."

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**MY MOM REMINDS ME THAT I USE TO EAT** half a cheese sandwich with mayo, bologna with ketchup or tuna salad. She finds this amusing because I eat so differently these days.

I don't remember lacking energy as a child, either. When report cards were given, I often got this remark: "Elizabeth is a pleasure to have in class, but she talks too much." I think by today's standards I'd be given a diagnosis and meds for being so verbose.

Some theories about hyperactivity in children relate to their diet of processed foods in conjunction with an over-stimulating environment. When you're young, everything is new to you. Children get excited about the simplest things, such as an unusual cloud formation.

Children are dealing with the "newness" of life and "information" coming at them through various formats. We have more TV channels than ever before with more commercial breaks squeezed into each show. We see pop-ups while surfing the net and billboards with barrages of messages. It's a wonder we aren't all being diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

But first things first, I'm here to help you make better food choices for you and your family.

When planning the perfect lunch for your little one, first find out what they like. Take them shopping and have them point out their favorite foods.

Focus on the perimeter of the grocery store where most of the "fresh" foods live. They will inherently be drawn to the bright colors of the produce world. Find fresh fruits and veggies that are portable such as grapes, clementines, carrots and celery. Cut up foods which do not already come in bite size portions.

Add lemon or orange juice to sliced apples. The citric acid (Vitamin C) prevents browning. Place dips and sauces in small containers to make foods more fun to eat. To keep foods cold, pack an ice pack or freeze a 100 percent juice box as an ice pack option. Wrap the ice pack in an unbleached paper towel and place in a plastic baggy. This will keep condensation from making the lunch bag soggy while also serving as a pre-lunch handy wipe. Of course proper hand washing is always prudent.

Show your children how to pack a healthy lunch or give them options to assemble one as they eat.

Lunch meats are typically filled with preservatives, but while visiting the beautiful new Whole Foods market at the corner of Lincoln Boulevard and Rose Avenue, I found some great lunch meats by Applegate Farms. Their organic chicken breasts boast no antibiotics, no nitrites and is gluten free — perfect for anyone with any form of food sensitivity.

For more lunch options, see these serving

## Wild salmon or tuna salad recipe:

1 (6 ounce can) salmon or tuna  
1 tbs. canola mayo  
1 tbs. nutritional yeast flakes  
Ground black pepper  
1 stalk celery, minced  
1/4 carrot, shredded  
1/8 red onion, minced  
Accompany with:  
Sliced apples dipped in orange juice or lemon juice to prevent browning.  
2 tbs. tahini honey dip or millet puff bar

## Tahini Honey Dip:

combine  
1/4 cup tahini  
2 tbs. honey  
1/8 tsp. cinnamon

## Veritable Veggies:

Organic carrots, celery, cucumbers and grape tomatoes (Children must choose the veggies they will eat)  
2 tbs. yogurt dressing

## Yogurt Dressing:

1 cup organic yogurt  
1/4 cup red pepper, minced  
1 scallion, minced (only if your children like onion)  
1 tbs. fresh dill, minced  
Juice of half a lemon (other half for the apple)

## Millet Puff Bar

2 cups millet puffs (found in the cereal aisle at Whole Foods or Co-op)  
2 tbs. walnuts, ground  
2 tbs. flax seeds, ground  
1/3 cup maple syrup  
2 tbs. honey  
1 tbs. butter or coconut oil  
2 tbs. almond butter  
1/2 tbs. vanilla extract  
2 tbs. sesame seeds  
1/2 cup unsulfured dried fruit

In a bowl, combine millet puffs, nuts and flax seeds. In a sauce pot, set on medium-low heat, combine butter, honey and syrup. Melt butter, stir and add vanilla. Remove from heat. Add almond butter and mix to combine liquid ingredients. Pour over millet mixture and add cranberries. Mix thoroughly with a rubber spatula. Place mixture in a 9-by-9 inch pan. Use a piece of wax paper or clean oiled hands to press mixture evenly into the pan. Sprinkle with sesame seeds and press again. Place in the fridge to cool until solid. Cut into two inch squares.

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# PTA plans to hold forum on special education

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The district has undertaken a number of similar studies in the past, including an independent report by Fred Weintraub in 2000 and most recently, the Lou Barber independent audit that was released last spring. A separate Special Education Strategic Plan was also adopted several years ago.

Tricia Crane, a special education activist, said while she appreciates the effort, there should be more focus on taking immediate action by elected leaders and staff.

Specifically, Crane said that the changes in the Lou Barber report, which cost nearly \$80,000 and came at the request of the City Council as a condition to release half a million dollars in school funding, should be acted upon.

"Our school district spent \$80,000 on that audit and I know of nothing in it that has been implemented," Crane said. "It appears that it has been shelved alongside many other 'studies' of special education in SMMUSD."

Interim Superintendent Tim Cuneo, who was hired in July, said the new long-range plan will not see a similar fate. Cuneo said he



**I HOPE PEOPLE KNOW WE ARE NOT LETTING THIS DRAG ON AND WE'RE ADDRESSING IT NOW."**

**Tim Cuneo**

Interim superintendent, Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District

understood that there might be skepticism by the public and added that the distrust is one of the things that must be corrected.

"I hope what we're doing right now shows the Lou Barber report generated this discussion around special ed," he said. "I hope people know we are not letting this drag on and we're addressing it now."

The district has taken some steps since the report was released, such as imposing an outright ban on confidentiality clauses in individualized education plans, which outline the services that special education students receive during the school year.

It was the clauses that first sparked outrage among parents and caused the council to step in during the summer of 2007, voting to withhold the approximately \$500,000 increase in funding until changes are made.

Several short-term measures are also being put into place, including educating staff on legal obligations regarding special education and training staff on conflict resolution.

The district also plans to evaluate IEP negotiation meetings for "customer satisfaction," both on part of the parents and staff, Cuneo said.

The council has yet to release the school funds. Cuneo said he doesn't plan to address the council until he is sure the district is moving in a positive way.

"I want to assure the council that as a school system, we are being responsive and taking charge here," he said.

Meanwhile parental complaints are still being reported to city officials.

"I think it's imperative the district comes

and tell us what they have done, but I want to hear from the public, too," Mayor Herb Katz said. "I'm at the point where if we can solve and move ahead, fine, then we should release [the money], but not if there are still things going on, which — what I heard — still does."

The Santa Monica-Malibu PTA Council is also planning ways in which it can help resolve some of the issues, forming a special education committee during the summer. The group has since split into two subcommittees, one that will host a forum in November which will provide information on special education, and a second that will establish a network of veteran parents that will provide expert opinion on how to navigate through the district.

The network will have at least one parent at each school to serve as the point person, according to Rebecca Kennerly, the PTA president.

"This was established to address some of the urgent needs that had been identified by parents and by other members of the community and focus on this from a parent point of view," she said.

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**FINE TIME:** Mamunur Rahman (right), an employee of Lincoln Fine Wines on Lincoln Boulevard, helps Nisha Toppin, a tourist from London, pick out two bottles of wine on Friday afternoon. LFW is an example of the changes happening around Rose Avenue and Lincoln. With the arrival of Whole Foods, a boutique and new barbershop, many residents feel the area is changing for the better.



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**CUTTING IN:** Steve Jordan, a local of the Venice area for over 14 years, gets his hair cut by stylist Beth Barritt at Floyd's 99 Barbershop's location on Lincoln Boulevard in Venice.



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**OPEN FOR BUSINESS:** People exit the new Whole Foods Market on Lincoln Boulevard Wednesday morning. The store's grand opening is a sign that the neighborhood is changing.

# Stores bring new hope for Venice

## FROM VENICE PAGE 1

Monica resident, said. "But when I moved in, I saw the neighborhood was totally different from what I was expecting."

For Patty Checa, the owner of Checa Boutique, Lincoln seemed to be a perfect fit for a new store after a salon where she sold her merchandise moved more than a year ago.

The street was nearly devoid of any boutiques, Checa, who grew up in Santa Monica, said.

"This wasn't always the cleanest or greatest area but now they're cleaning it up," she said. "I think it's going to start changing things."

But with gentrification comes fear that the low-income residents and small businesses of the area could soon be forced out.

Residents in Venice have long prided themselves on being a community known for its unique and somewhat bohemian culture.

Parts of the neighborhood, including the area around the Abbot Kinney shopping district, have long tried to resist the entrance of corporate chain stores.

"Everyone needs to keep in mind that we don't want to turn Lincoln into a super high-end shopping area that tends to eliminate or push out many businesses that have been there for a long time," Mike Newhouse, the president of the Venice Neighborhood Council, said.

The issues surrounding gentrification were a concern for the Venice Community Alliance when Whole Foods announced it was moving into the neighborhood.

The coalition, which represents community and faith-based organizations, reached an agreement with Whole Foods to ensure the grocery store would hire locally.

The agreement includes a living-wage salary for employees and a benefit for non-profits to pick up expired baked items that are just a few days old.

"What we're trying to do is make sure the

long-time low-income residents of Venice have an opportunity to benefit from the economic growth of the area," Michele Prichard, the president of the Venice Community Housing Corp., which is a member of the coalition, said.

The changes have also sparked concerns about added traffic congestion to an already impacted area.

"We have to consider a very fine line between building up what is already a busy traffic corridor and busying it up too much and causing traffic," Newhouse said.

L.A. Councilman Bill Rosendahl, whose district includes Venice, once lived just a few blocks north of Rose Avenue in a neighborhood called "NoRo" during the late 1980s. The shopping center at the corner of Rose and Lincoln at the time had a supermarket, which attracted foot and bicycle traffic to the area.

Once the market closed down and was later replaced with a Big Lots, it forced those pedestrians to get in their cars once again to

go grocery shopping at the nearest store — the Ralphs on the corner of San Miguel Avenue and Lincoln.

"The Whole Foods is tremendous because it allows you to walk to the store," Rosendahl said.

Since many of the employees and patrons come from the Venice area, the traffic to the store is lower than expected, Mike Bowen, the general manager of Whole Foods, said.

"My problem is I don't have enough bike racks right now," he said.

The change in the area is a welcoming one to at least one long-time business — La Cabaña, which opened on Rose Avenue in 1963.

Carlos Haro, whose mother, Nina, owns the restaurant, said the new stores have made an improvement.

"It's helping and improving it," he said. "It's pulling people from other places that might not have come to Venice before."

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## CREATIVE OUTLET

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Artist Josh Kaplan, 19, (left) discusses his painting 'Morning Cigarette' with Hamp Simmons, City Hall's Cultural Affairs supervisor, who purchased his artwork for \$150 during Step Up on Second's 5th Annual Art Heals fundraiser at Santa Monica Art Studios on Thursday. The art show featured more than 60 pieces of original artwork created by individuals living with mental illness. Art Heals is a celebration of the human spirit and a chance to highlight the creativity of those who are using art as a form of expression and positive force in their life. Art Heals allows Step Up to raise the much-needed funds for their free, life-changing services, and also presents an opportunity for their members to reinvent themselves as artists while simultaneously erasing the stigma surrounding mental illness. For 24 years, Step Up on Second has been providing assistance to individuals diagnosed with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, severe depression as well as individuals who are dually diagnosed with both a mental illness and substance dependency.

## SMC opens the season at OCC

FROM FOOTBALL PAGE 3

On the offensive side of the ball, OCC will man the QB position with a platoon that features two contrasting styles. Freshman Sean Rielly is a prototypical pocket passer who depends on a rocket arm to keep the chains moving. Sophomore Taylor Hughes is more of a scrambler that can gain tough yards on the ground.

"We'll have to move Hughes around in the pocket," Mike Taylor said. "Santa Monica, I'm sure, will have a pretty good push [at the line of scrimmage]."

OCC's coach isn't sure exactly how he'll use his pair of signal callers on the eve of the season opener. He'll start the game with Rielly, but expects to use the two interchangeably.

"I might have them play a quarter each," he said. "But, I won't hesitate to go with the hot hand."

Line play will be a major factor for the Pirates, a team that expects to play three or four freshman on the offensive line. Having lost a couple of last year's lineman to academic ineligibility, he's going to be careful and play the game close to the vest.

"Defensively, (SMC) runs around quite a bit," he said. "We're going to have to eliminate big plays. There will be jitters for both teams."

"We just have to stick to the game plan and not get into third and long very often."

Considering that this is the season opener, both coaches are careful not to put too much on the outcome of this non-conference game.

"I think a win alone would be a statement," Robert Taylor, whose team finished last season with a 2-8 record, said. "A win would be the best statement we can make at this point [of the season]."

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## T-shirt statements change with the times

FROM T-SHIRTS PAGE 3

make an earnest statement and little concern that the peace sign around their neck may have been done before.

Gasparini said most young people aren't deliberately referencing the Woodstock era or even directly mimicking it. A trademark of the look is a mix-and-match of styles — a T-shirt screaming "Love, love, love," with 80s-inspired hot-pink, skinny jeans and Day-Glo bracelets.

"They're making it their own," she said. "It's a brighter version. It's not as drug-enduced. And also sometimes brighter in terms of color, too."

The look is more likely to come from a contemporary source, she said, pointing to a

campaign against clinical depression called "To Write Love on Her Arms." The campaign was inspired by the story of a 19-year-old girl's struggle with cutting and, along with promoting suicide prevention and counseling, sells a popular line of street wear promoting "The Love Movement."

"The Love Movement" logo is bold and graphic, a reminder that the message T-shirt may be issue-oriented but hasn't necessarily gone warm and fuzzy.

Joe Cap, the marketing head of the hip-hop line Society of Boston, also at MAGIC, said his best-seller declares "Radio killed hip-hop" in a groovy disco font, proof that the messages vary along with the subculture they speak to. The best message T-shirt, Cap said, makes someone think.

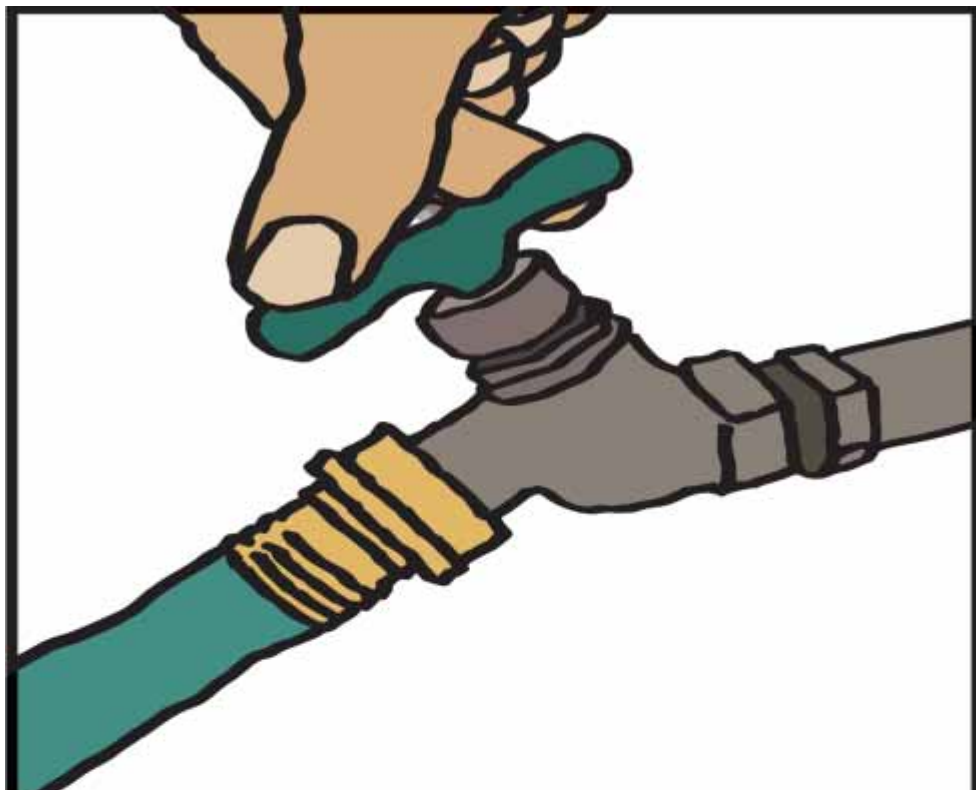


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# NEW DVD RELEASES

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## 'The Nightmare Before Christmas' 2-Disc Collector's Edition

With the digital enhancements Tim Burton's story that puts Santa in jeopardy goes even deeper and darker. Jack Skellington (Chris Sarandon's voice and Danny Elfman when he sings), the pumpkin king of Halloween Town, is bored with doing the same thing every year for Halloween. One day he stumbles into Christmas Town, and is so taken with the idea of Christmas that he tries to get the resident bats, ghouls, and goblins of Halloween town to help him put on Christmas instead of Halloween – but alas, they can't get it quite right. Nominated for a Visual Effects Oscar when it came out in 1993, the package includes a sleigh full of bonus features. Christopher Lee narrates Tim Burton's original poem. A storyboard-to-film comparison, deleted scenes, a short film, and all-new commentary from Burton, director Henry Selick and music designer Elfman are also included. (Disney)

## 'The Adventures of Robin Hood' (Blu-ray)

Nominated for four Academy Awards including Best Picture and based on the classic English legend of Sherwood Forest, the dashing Errol Flynn is at his athletic, romantic best in the title role as nobleman Robin, the Earl of Locksley. With his band of Merrie Men, Robin robs the rich to aid the poor, heavily taxed at the hands of the Sheriff of Nottingham (Melville Cooper). An introduction by film critic Leonard Maltin, numerous shorts, a radio show version, outtakes, and trailers are some of the components that make up the forest full of features that comprise the bonus material. (Warner Bros)

## 'Mulan' Ultimate 3-Disc Collector's Set

Celebrating honor, courage, and the importance of family shown through the prism of Asian culture comes this package from Disney, two full-length features, "Mulan" and "Mulan II." Disguising herself as a male warrior as they embark on a dangerous mission and with the help of dragons and even crickets to save her father from death in the army, a Chinese maiden secretly goes in his place and becomes one of China's greatest heroes in the process. Music videos, fun facts, and deleted scenes comprise some of the bonus features. (Disney)

## 'Point Break' Pure Adrenaline Edition (Blu-ray)

Here's a story of a rookie FBI agent (Keanu Reeves), who goes undercover to bust a gang of bank-robbing surfers, but he soon falls under the spell of their charismatic leader (Patrick Swayze), a mystical mastermind who'll do anything for a thrill – and expects his followers to do the same. On location and surfing features as well as a behind-the-scenes story, trailers, and photo gallery are among the special features offered here. (Fox)

## 'Grey's Anatomy' Complete Fourth Season-Expanded

Change is in the air for the doctors of Seattle's Grace Hospital. Love, lies and family ties are revealed in a 16 episode season full of challenges, celebrations and of course, complications. The Emmy-winning series that features Patrick Dempsey, Sandra Oh, and Katherine Heigl among others comes with such extra material as interviews with new actors talking about their characters, deleted scenes, bloopers and some of the long-time cast talking about their favorite scenes. (Disney)

## 'Battle 360' The Complete Season One

From the air, sea and ocean depths comes this riveting new series exploring, through cutting-edge technology, the legendary World War II aircraft carrier USS Enterprise which held a pivotal position on the turbulent seas of war, engaging in some of the most crucial battles ever. The four-disc set containing all 10 episodes and packaged in a collectible Steelbook unit, follows the history-making exploits from the most decorated ship in WWII from the unprecedented Doolittle Raid to Iwo Jima. (A&E)

## 'Ugly Betty' The Complete Second Season

The surprise hit series featuring the sunny, sweet-tempered and terminally style-challenged Betty Suarez (America Ferrera) is back for a sophomore season. The Emmy and Golden Globe winning star, who navigates the ego-infested, high fashion halls of Mode magazine, is joined by an ensemble cast on this five-disc, 18 episode presentation. Bonus features include "On Set with the Besties," "Wilhelmina Slater: Love to Hate Her," and "Betty Bloopers." (Disney)

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# A moment to shine

IN ONE OF MY HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK photos, I have no lips. The unctuous photographer had told me to "Smile, princess," and I smirked. I only exacerbated the problem by drawing a Muppet-worthy set of red lips on my photo in every yearbook I could get my hands on. Oh, adolescence.

At 9 years old, I wanted to be "Double Digits." From 10 to 12, I wanted to be a teenager. At 13, I wanted to be 14 so I could get a work permit. To be 15 to get a learner's permit. Sixteen to get a driver's license. Eighteen to be an adult. Twenty-one to drink. I could never enjoy the present.

"How old are you?"

Last week, I found myself amid a gaggle of girls ages 11 to 18 at the Santa Monica Boys & Girls Club.

"Fourteen," Jennifer Petrucci said.

"Well ... almost."

Petrucci was one of four winners in a national contest sponsored by Retin-A Micro Pump and ELLEGirl.com. Girls were asked: What does beauty mean to you? Entrants answered this question by creating collages, paintings, Power Point presentations, and writing essays.

The prize package included round-trip airfare, a week-long stay in a hotel with an ocean view, a bag filled with products from Neutrogena, and a week at My Beauty Camp.

## QUICK TIP

■ For a picture perfect smile, part your teeth ever so slightly.

Camp founder Gabrielle Thomas wants to get one thing straight. "It's not 'beauty camp.' It's 'My' Beauty."

The camp's goal is to empower girls to become successful women.

Winner Beatrice Ebijimi, 13, wants to be an OB/GYN.

In addition to learning how to give themselves facials and apply makeup ("not fake-up"), campers learn things like how to balance a checkbook and how credit cards really work.

Daily fitness classes help the girls learn how to work exercise into their everyday lives, and daily cooking classes help the girls learn how to prepare healthy meals. (On one of my visits to the camp, I walked in while the girls were cooking chicken breasts on a George Foreman Grill.) The teens participate in workshops about goal setting, etiquette, making smart financial choices, and what it takes to prepare for and succeed in college.

My Beauty's symbol is a butterfly.

When Thomas was 14 years old, in an attempt to make herself attractive to

boys, she plucked out all of her eyebrows.



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**BEAUTY IN THE MAKING:** Jennifer Petrucci, 14, (right) gets her hair styled at the Boys & Girls Club on Lincoln Boulevard last week. She was taking part in the 'My Beauty' camp.

This was not the look she was going for. Now, at 26 years old, Thomas shows campers a photograph of herself and says, "Look, everybody has to go through this phase. You're not the only caterpillar."

At the beginning of the week, Thomas says the girls walk in hunched, with their heads down. By the end of the week, the girls have metamorphosed. The last day of camp includes a photo shoot.

Thomas describes how the girls pose. "BAM! Shoulders back. Big smile. Chin up."

When I asked winner Tyler Williams, 14, for her definition of beauty, she said, "Everybody has their own opinion of it. You can't be beautiful on the outside if you aren't beautiful on the inside."

True. Simple.

Winner Mercedes Knibbs, 15, gives me

a similar answer. "You can be the most beautiful person, but you can have a bad attitude and that makes you ugly."

I would have totally lost this contest. I would have made a collage, pasting Manolo Blonks and Jessica Simpson-endorsed hair extensions to a skeleton.

According to the winners, the highlights of their week included visiting the Hollywood Walk of Fame, seeing the Hollywood sign, shopping on the Third Street Promenade, and having their pictures taken.

Shoulders back. Don't smirk.

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| <b>INCLUDES</b> 7-night cruise aboard the Royal Caribbean Vision Of The Seas in an interior stateroom. <b>FEATURES</b> Los Angeles, Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan, Puerto Vallarta, Los Angeles. <b>UPGRADE</b> Ocean view stateroom from \$599*.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |              |             |               |             |          |             |       |             |      |             |           |             |         |             |        |             |                  |             |    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| <b>INCLUDES</b> 15-day Globus tour with superior hotel accommodation, sightseeing & some meals. <b>HIGHLIGHT</b> Great Barrier Reef cruise from Cairns. <b>ITINERARY</b> Cairns, Melbourne, Sydney, Christchurch, Queenstown.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |              |             |               |             |          |             |       |             |      |             |           |             |         |             |        |             |                  |             |    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## All about vanities

**IN 1980 ONE OF THE LONGEST-RUNNING** Off-Broadway productions closed after charming New York audiences for more than four and a half years. The play was "Vainities," by Jack Heifner, and it followed the friendship of three young women from their high school years to middle age.

Now, some 28 years later, this comedy-drama has been restyled as a musical with music and lyrics by David Kirshenbaum, staging by Dan Knechtges, and direction by two-time Tony Award-winning actress Judith Ivey.

The three stars, seen first as giddy pompom girls, are Mary, played by Lauren Kennedy, Joanne, played by Elizabeth Brackenbury, and Kathy, Anneliese van der Pol. Kathy, the consummate organizer, takes charge of everything, scattering lists and to-do sheets everywhere she goes.

Joanne, even in high school, has her future set: she hopes to marry Ted, her steady boyfriend, and fill the house with their kids.

Mary is the wild one, the flirtatious glamor girl who is dating her way through all the sports studs in school.

The setting is a small Texas town in 1963 and the music that accompanies this introduction to the girls includes "Who Am I Today?" and "Hey There, Beautiful," both of which serve to clarify their tentative identities at this stage of their lives.

In the next scene they are getting ready to graduate from college in Dallas, and fretting about whether the new crop of pledges will maintain the high standards of their sorority, Kappa Kappa Gamma, or KKG, which Joanne insists on translating as Keys to the Kingdom of God. They are excited about stepping off into the future as they sing, "We're Gonna Be Okay."

Having drifted apart, they meet again after 10 years on the terrace of Kathy's elegant New York penthouse. She lives quietly, has given up her frenzied organizing, and seems to be depressed. "Once you lose your way," she muses, "does the sadness stay?"

Mary, on the other hand, is dressed in the latest fashion, owns an art gallery that specializes in porn and is dating a man who is "almost 20."

And Joanne has married Ted, filled her house with kids and has a drinking problem. She is wearing an outfit that could have come straight out of Dorothy's closet in Oz. For the first time, these "best friends forever" begin to wonder what

they ever saw in each other. Obviously, as they near 30 they apparently have little in common and their conversation is both hesitant and stiff.

Finally, they meet again in Texas in 1990 and, having mastered adulthood at long last, they sing a paean to the wisdom that comes with maturity. The song is called "Letting Go" and it's a rousing number to close the show. Happily, all three women have strong melodious voices.

**THE SETTING IS A SMALL TEXAS TOWN IN 1963 AND THE MUSIC THAT ACCOMPANIES THIS INTRODUCTION TO THE GIRLS INCLUDES 'WHO AM I TODAY?' AND 'HEY THERE, BEAUTIFUL,' BOTH OF WHICH SERVE TO CLARIFY THEIR TENTATIVE IDENTITIES AT THIS STAGE OF THEIR LIVES.**

es that actually do more for the songs than the music warrants.

Despite the accompaniment of a fine eight-piece band, the songs don't have the audience dancing in the aisles. What is it about modern musicals that leave you feeling that you wouldn't recognize the songs if you heard them again two minutes after you left the theater? Where are today's Rodgers and Hammerstein, the Gershwins, or even an Irving Berlin, for heaven's sake!

"Vainities - A New Musical" is scheduled to open in New York in late February 2009. But you can catch it here at the Pasadena Playhouse, 39 South El Molino Ave., in Pasadena Tuesdays through Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 4 and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 and 7 p.m. through Sept. 28. For tickets, call (626) 356-PLAY.

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## 'All Through the Night'

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A very easy group of Americans to scam are the elderly. A get rich quick program always sounds good. After all, you want to be able to provide for yourself now and be able to leave something for the children.

As our story opens a scam has been perpetrated on a community of senior citizens. They were promised an investment opportunity that would give them a great rate of return. Only there was no such investment opportunity. It seems their previous accountant was diverting money from their retirement fund into a real estate venture. It is tax time and the accountant has disappeared with the money.

Enter our hero, Wayne, who is not afraid to walk the line between lawful and expedient. He is a CPA. He has been hired to set the books right. "When I file this year's accounts, your community will officially be in receivership. I've applied for an extension, so you have another three and a half weeks to come up with another source of funds," he reports to the group after examining the books.

His first order of business is to get back the money taken from the elderly. By breaking and entering the house of the former accountant he is able to get their money back. At the same time he finds himself involved in something bigger than a small scam. It seems the former account ends up dead soon after Wayne acquires the cash.

But the adventure doesn't end there. Soon Wayne is contacted by a female lawyer to protect the life of her wealthy employer who is being visited by what he calls an angel.

This is the main theme: trust. Who can you trust? The elderly trusted the previous accountant who saw a good deal in this investment plan. Wayne must trust others. Up to this point he trusts only himself. He is living with a big secret. Who can he share it with?

There is a love interest. Wayne must work close to a female lawyer who has a secret she can't trust others with. The main character, Wayne Grusha, must reclaim his life. He must prove himself. He has a background. "Grusha was full-on Special Ops. Afghanistan, medals, then works." Wayne has anger problems. "Impulse control, Sergeant Grusha. It will kill you one of these days." He is the one that the community of senior citizens calls in to handle a problem they are having.

This book is put out by Bethany House. You can trust anything that comes from Bethany House for a good story. Author Davis Bunn is one of this publisher's prolific craftsmen.

This summer has brought us exciting books to add to our library. It was Henry Ward Beecher who said, "A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life." Keep those letters coming to [smdp\\_review@yahoo.com](mailto:smdp_review@yahoo.com) Let me know what you are reading.

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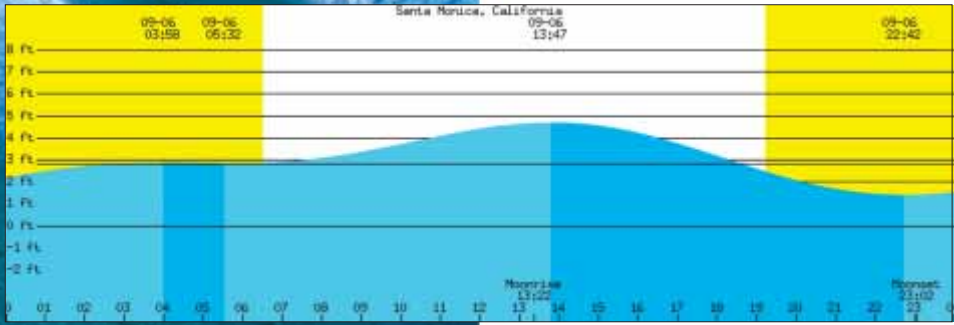


**SURF CONDITIONS**      **WATER TEMP: 68°**

**SWELL FORECAST ( 1-2 FT )**  
Saturday the 6th the southern hemi swell should decrease. Chest high seems like a reasonable call. Wind swell should be minor, leaving west facing breaks in knee to waist high waves. Monday the 8th is when our next southern hemi swell is due. This is from a storm that formed near New Zealand earlier this past week. This swell should fill in by midmorning on Monday, increasing Tuesday.

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**QUICK STATS**  
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Number of sewage spills -- 0

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Number of wet days -- 0

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Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 9 / 15

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| LOCATION                                                             | DRY | WET | LOCATION                                                          | DRY | WET |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Las Cienegas Beach, at Arroyo Sagitt Creek mouth                     | A+  | ns  | Will Rogers State Beach at Del Air Bay Club drain near fence      | A+  | ns  |
| Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth                    | A+  | ns  | Will Rogers State Beach at Palms Canyon storm drain               | A+  | ns  |
| El Pescador State Beach, between Luchessa and Las Alitas creeks      | A+  | ns  | Will Rogers State Beach at Tenacious Canyon drain                 | A+  | ns  |
| Escalante Canyon at El Matador State Beach                           | A+  | ns  | Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chantrelle) | A   | ns  |
| Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth                                   | A+  | ns  | Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain                          | D   | ns  |
| Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth                                       | A+  | ns  | Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain                        | F   | ns  |
| Walnut Creek, projection of Wilshire Rd. (private)                   | A+  | ns  | Santa Monica Municipal Pier                                       | C   | ns  |
| Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth                     | A+  | ns  | Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kanter storm drain                     | A   | ns  |
| Escalante Creek, just east of Escalante State Beach                  | A+  | ns  | Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)    | C   | ns  |
| Lariga Canyon Creek mouth                                            | A   | ns  | Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain                            | A   | ns  |
| Selkirk Canyon at San Blocker County Beach                           | F   | ns  | Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain                   | A+  | ns  |
| Pooro State Beach at creek mouth                                     | A+  | ns  | Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain                                 | A+  | ns  |
| Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.        | F   | ns  | Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain                               | A+  | ns  |
| Sunridge Beach at Malibu Calvary fence                               | A+  | ns  | Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south                              | A   | ns  |
| Sunridge Beach (beach location) - daily                              | B   | ns  | Venice Beach- projection of Topail St.                            | D   | ns  |
| Malibu Pier - 50 yards east                                          | C   | ns  | Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- flagpole tower                    | A+  | ns  |
| Carlin Beach at Sweetwater Canyon                                    | A+  | ns  | Deckweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth                     | C   | ns  |
| Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)              | A+  | ns  | Deckweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain                      | B   | ns  |
| Big Rock Beach at 10948 PCH stairs                                   | A+  | ns  | North Westchester Storm Drain at Deckweiler State Beach           | A+  | ns  |
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| Tuna Canyon                                                          | A+  | ns  | Deckweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain                      | A+  | ns  |
| Topanga State Beach at creek mouth                                   | A   | ns  | Deckweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant               | A+  | ns  |
| Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach                         | A   | ns  | Deckweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain                        | A+  | ns  |
| Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach                          | A+  | ns  |                                                                   |     |     |
| Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 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

ns -- no sample taken



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| <b>Iron Man (PG-13)</b><br>7:30                                                                    | <b>Death Race (R) 1hr 29min</b><br>11:30am, 2:00, 4:50, 7:30, 10:15                                   | <b>Tell No One (Ne le dis a personne) (NR) 2hrs 05min</b><br>1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:15 |
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| <b>College (R) 1hr 34min</b><br>5:45, 8:05, 10:25                                                  | <b>Tropic Thunder (R) 1hr 47min</b><br>11:05am, 2:20, 5:00, 7:00, 7:45, 9:40, 10:30                   | <b>MANN'S CRITERION THEATRE</b><br><b>1313 Third St.</b><br><b>(310) 395-1599</b>    |
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| <b>Vicky Cristina Barcelona (PG-13) 1hr 36min</b><br>11:35am, 2:00, 4:40, 7:10, 9:35               | <b>Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2, The (PG-13) 1hr 57min</b><br>11:00am, 1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10 | <b>Bangkok Dangerous (R) 1hr 40min</b><br>11:10am, 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40, 12:00am   |
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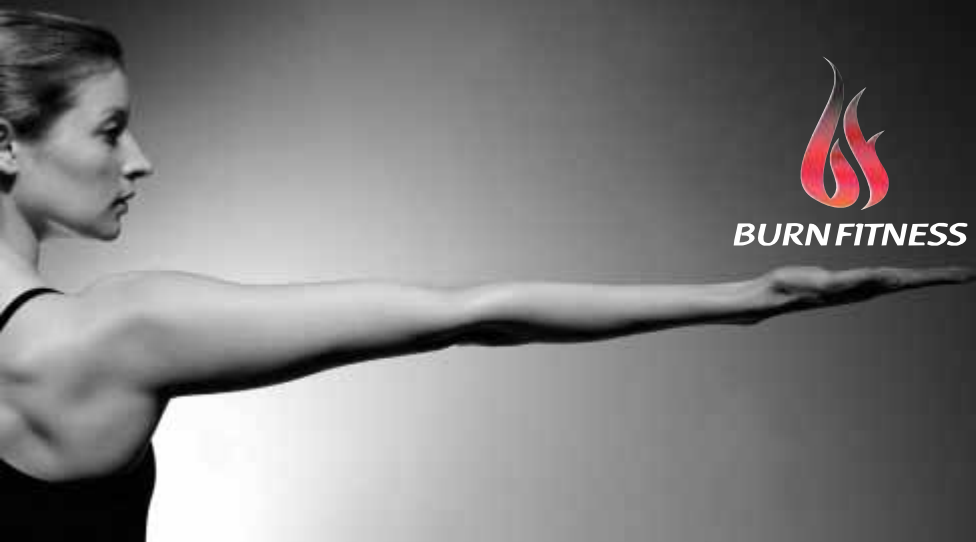
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| <b>ARIES (March 21-April 19)</b><br>★★★★★ You wake up feeling renewed and ask yourself if you are the same person as you were yesterday! This weekend, if you relax and let your imagination take over, you could see a friend and or family member far differently. Tonight: Reach for the stars.                                              | <b>LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)</b><br>★★★★★ Your sensitivity with a twist of naughtiness delights many in your daily life. You simply cannot help laughing and enjoying yourself. Indulgence seems to be the natural theme of the next few days. Tonight: Talk is cheap.                               |
| <b>TAURUS (April 20-May 20)</b><br>★★★★★ A key person in your life finally reaches out for you. After an unusually tense period, this variation is welcome. Do not withhold, lecture or try to go over what was. Enjoy what is, for goodness sake. Tonight: Enjoy the moment.                                                                   | <b>SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)</b><br>★★★★ You could be overly sensitive about an emotional matter. The problem lies in that you might not feel your fragility or upset. You could go off on a spending spree. Others will simply overindulge. Remember, there is a tomorrow. Tonight: Your treat.    |
| <b>GEMINI (May 21-June 20)</b><br>★★★★★ Let others do their thing, and you do what you want. That is not to say there will be a disagreement, quite the contrary. Giving space often comes with trusting. Tonight: A party could go on and on.                                                                                                  | <b>SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)</b><br>★★★★★ Take a hint from Aries. You seem simply to do the right thing. A friend demonstrates his or her loyalty. Enjoy those who are around you in your daily life. Relax and let others just be. You smile ear to ear. Tonight: Everything comes into place. |
| <b>CANCER (June 21-July 22)</b><br>★★★ Time works for you. If you feel a little lazy, take on a project that is not stressful and that perhaps you have been looking forward to. Someone lets you know just how much he or she enjoys your companionship. Tonight: Make it easy.                                                                | <b>CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)</b><br>★★★ Take a glimpse behind the motives and actions of others. You might be surprised by what emerges and the insights you gain from it. A parent, elder friend or boss thinks the world of you and lets you know. Tonight: A must appearance.                  |
| <b>LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)</b><br>★★★★★ Express your jovial and fun nature. Roar, purr and carry on. Others love it when you act spontaneously and do what you must. Express your depth and caring. Loosen up and deal with a difficult person. With your energy, this person, too, could become more sunny. Tonight: In the whirlwind of living. | <b>AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)</b><br>★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Look behind the scenes to gain understanding if someone starts acting very strange. Someone at a distance wants to share and be closer. Why not? You simply need to open the door. Tonight: Where your friends are.            |
| <b>VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)</b><br>★★★★ Look to greater flow. Some might be eyeing re-arranging a room or sprucing up their pad. Money spent on home and comfort is money well spent. You will like the end result. A partner also enjoys the process. Tonight: Happy at home.                                                                  | <b>PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)</b><br>★★★ Be aware of how many people count on you to bring the party together or organize an event. The reason they trust you is that you do such a good job. A partner pitches right in. Listen to his or her suggestions. Tonight: A must appearance.              |

Happy birthday

Look at ramifications more often, especially before taking action this year. You could feel overwhelmed often, but centering will help. A talent or a genuine way with others could evolve into a financial plus. You might not want to make this your business, but you will like the rewards and the fulfillment. If you are single, you will want to settle in – a home, a dog, the whole scenario. Is this sensible before you meet “the one”? Evaluate. Meeting new people occurs through travel, seminars and going to movies, art shows, etc. If you are attached, feed your bond by indulging this person more and planning to make one of his or her hopes real. SAGITTARIUS serves as an anchor.

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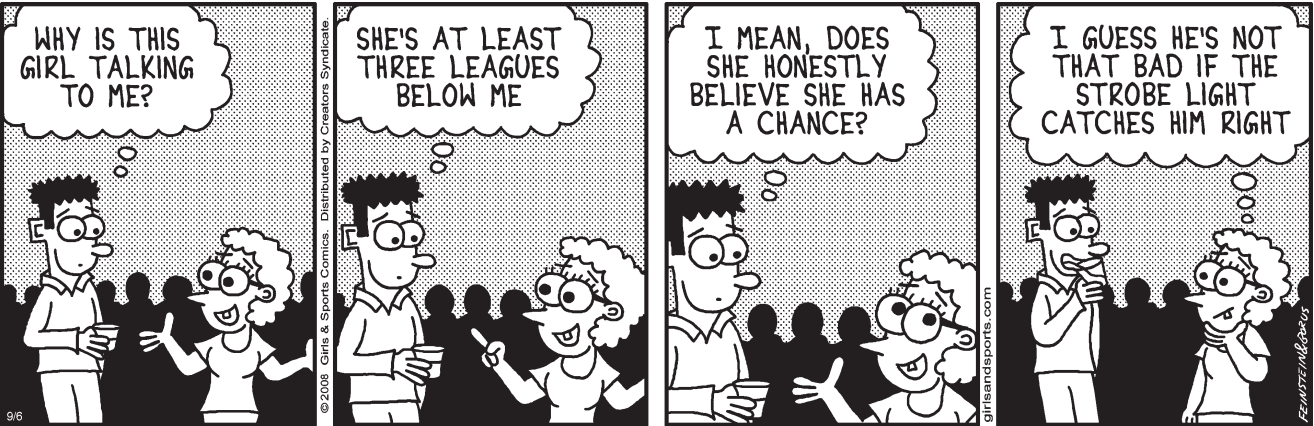
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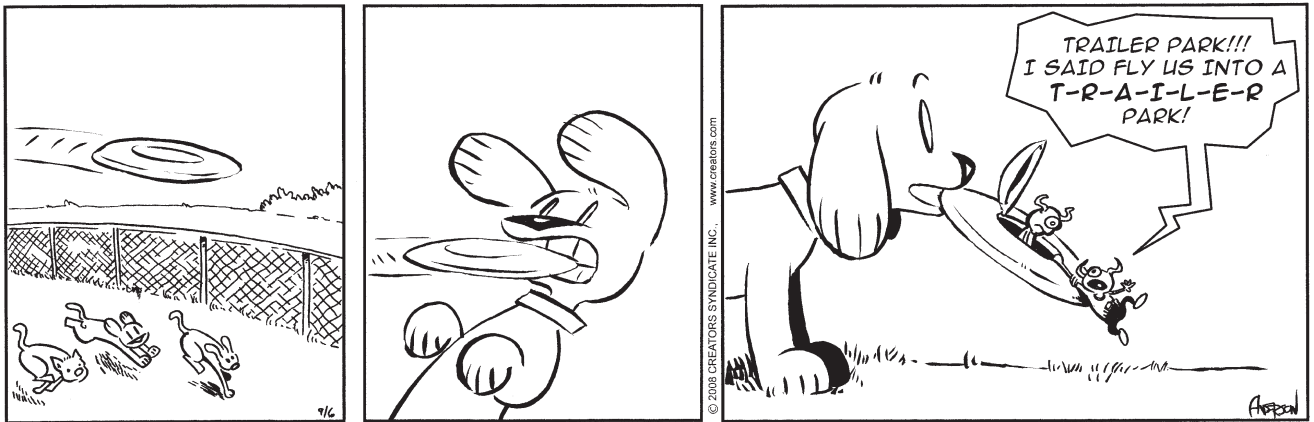
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 1 Night lights
  - 6 Agree-ments
  - 11 Crude home
  - 12 Be patient for
  - 13 Lower
  - 14 Highway sign
  - 15 Soda fountain order
  - 17 Get on
  - 18 Freud topic
  - 19 Looked over for errors
  - 22 Oxford bigwig
  - 23 Awe
  - 24 Swift
  - 25 God of light
  - 27 Wee bite
  - 30 Slurred, perhaps
  - 31 Man-mouse link
  - 32 Be decisive
  - 33 Claire of "Key Largo"
  - 35 Coffee bar buy
  - 38 Singer Cara
  - 39 Paragon
  - 40 Frisco footballer
- DOWN**
- 1 Disgraced
  - 2 Carib-bean island
  - 3 Arthurian island
  - 4 Balance
  - 5 Somnam-bulate
  - 6 Grier of "Jackie Brown"
  - 7 Reve-rence
  - 8 Wine holder
  - 9 Pooh's pal
  - 10 Horse
  - 16 Tear
  - 20 Edible circle
  - 21 Eccentric
  - 24 Harry's friend
  - 25 Gamer's place
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BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Latest Negative-Cash-Flow Robbery: The man (dressed as a woman) got away after the attempt at Joe's Cafe, in Metairie, La., in July, but he lost money in the deal. As a ruse to get a clerk to open the cash register, he handed over a \$5 bill to pay for two doughnuts, and, with the register then open for change, pulled a gun and demanded the contents. The clerk immediately became hysterical, screaming, and the robber, frightened, fled the restaurant without his \$5 or his doughnuts.

■ Stripper Susan Sykes, 47, known as "Busty Heart," was rejected in July as a contestant for the NBC show "America's Got Talent," as the judges were unappreciative of her ability to crush empty beer cans with her enormous breasts. As News of the Weird reported, Sykes was sued in 1997 by an Illinois strip-club patron who claimed a serious neck injury after Sykes, in a little audience-participation, playfully trapped his head between her breasts while she danced. Eventually, the lawsuit was dropped.

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**1757** the Marquis de Lafayette, the French hero of the American Revolution, was born in Auvergne, France.

**1837** the Oberlin Collegiate Institute of Ohio went co-educational.

**1909** American explorer Robert Peary sent word that he had reached the North Pole five months earlier.

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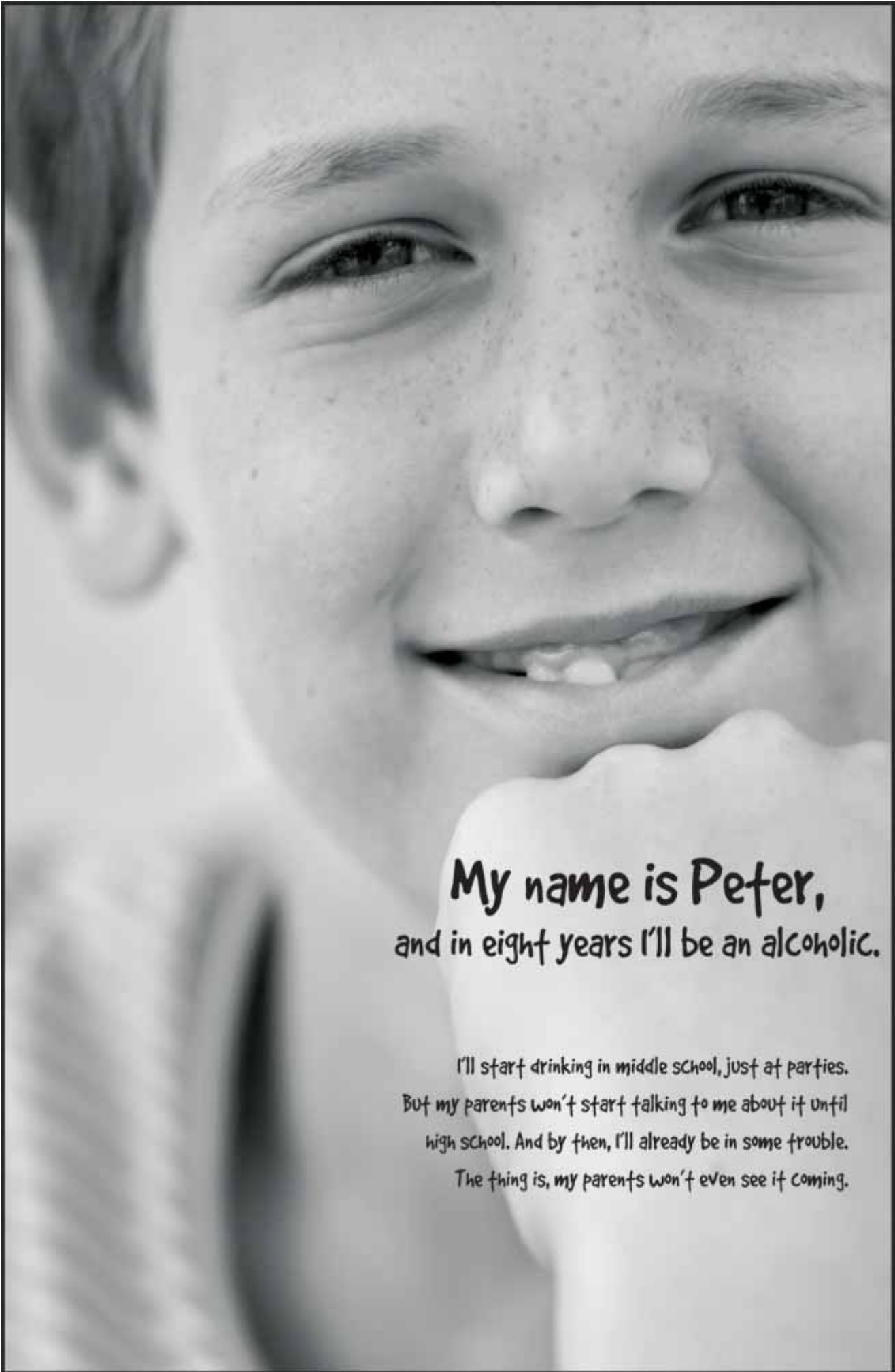
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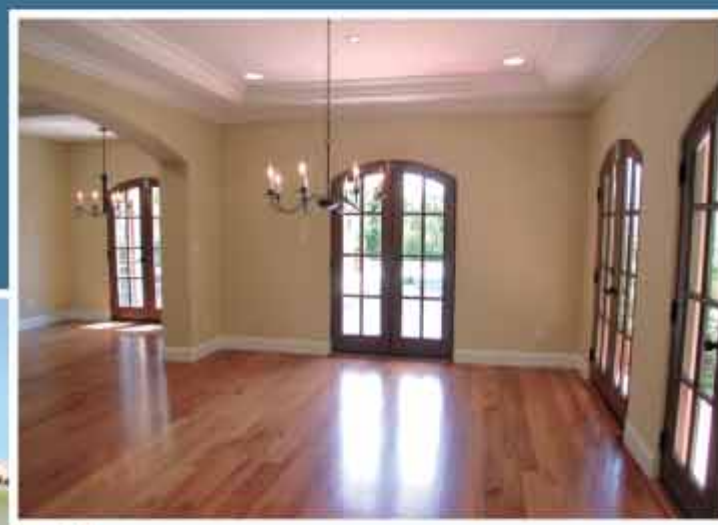
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