



## Degrassi Junior High

Where going to school means a lot more than showing up for class.

24th: THE COVER-UP  
A friend's secret shocks and confuses Joey.

31st: THE GREAT RACE  
When will our bodies catch up?

5:30 PM  
Saturdays

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## Trick or Treat Vancouver Mall

Saturday, October 31st

From 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Pre-stuffed bags filled with a large variety of candies will be handed out to trick-or-treaters up to age 12 in the east court area near Mervyn's.

**Have a safe Halloween at Vancouver Mall!**



## Vancouver Mall

Find us on State Route 500 between I-205 and Andresen in Vancouver, Washington.

## MONEY, MONEY

# Plan reshapes dollar bill

By Jim Forney

Oh no! They're at it again. The "they" in this case is the U.S. Congress. The "it" is getting rid of dollars.

They are not trying to get rid of dollars by spending them. They are trying to replace all the dollar bills that have served our country well for over 125 years.

Representative James Kolbe of Arizona plans to introduce a new bill soon which will replace the paper dollars with cold, hard coins. Anyone who remembers the Susan B. Anthony silver dollars knows just how popular those were (not very).

This time around, though, Representative Kolbe plans a radical improvement. The new dollars would be about the same size as a quarter, just like the Susan B. Anthony, but they'd have a thin layer of copper over them. The copper would make them look like a super-sized penny.

I bet Representative Kolbe never reached into his pocket (or the pocket of a voter) in the dark to get a coin for a pay phone.

Why go through all this hassle?

People who make vending machines love the idea. They think customers would put coin dollars in their machines instead of quarters. I suppose the people who make pockets for pants would like to see us all carrying more jingling weight there, too.

The new improved dollars would last a lot longer than paper money. Paper bills last only about 18 months — less once they

reach your pocket, of course. The coins would last about 20 years. This means that the government would save a bundle on reprinting dollar bills.

There may be another reason the dollar coins might work out. With all of the scandals in Washington, D.C. — and all of the paper-shredding that seems to go along with them — the coins would eliminate the possibility of accidentally shredding your money with any incriminating papers.



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