

“All Dried Out”



Harrison Trachman

Ten-years-old

Los Angeles, California

Ten-year-old Harrison Trachman listens to jazz, watches The Three Stooges, and loves living in Los Angeles. He can't imagine living anywhere else. He says he is not endangered like he would be in other places in the world. "In Israel you have to worry about bombs and barricades," he adds. "And in Kansas there are tornados." He is free to play outside—jump on his trampoline or climb the hill by his house. He lives with his mom, Susie; his dad, Andy; his older brother, Alex; and his dog, Molly. Throughout the week he takes on various household chores: making his bed, cleaning dishes, feeding Molly, and taking out the trash. At home, his parents are very much his role models, but when he goes to school, his teachers also take on that role. As a fourth grader at Crossroads Elementary, Harrison loves attending specialty classes like band, art, and drama, but says he is impartial to library time. More right-brained than left, his creative, hands-on aptitude is easily sensed. Throughout the week he participates in a number of activities—playing soccer or football, endeavoring in the 'jungle' behind his best friend Daniel's house, and helping out his gardener prune and plant. To accommodate for his active lifestyle, he gobbles plenty of Mac and Cheese and loves to eat junk food. "I don't think there is anything wrong with that," he says, adding that he likes artichokes that are kind of healthy. Though he doesn't know what career he wants to take on as an adult, he is excited to grow up because he will be able to do whatever he wants. He estimates to be grown up when he is a teenager. For this mature, quick-witted kid, that is very well a possibility.