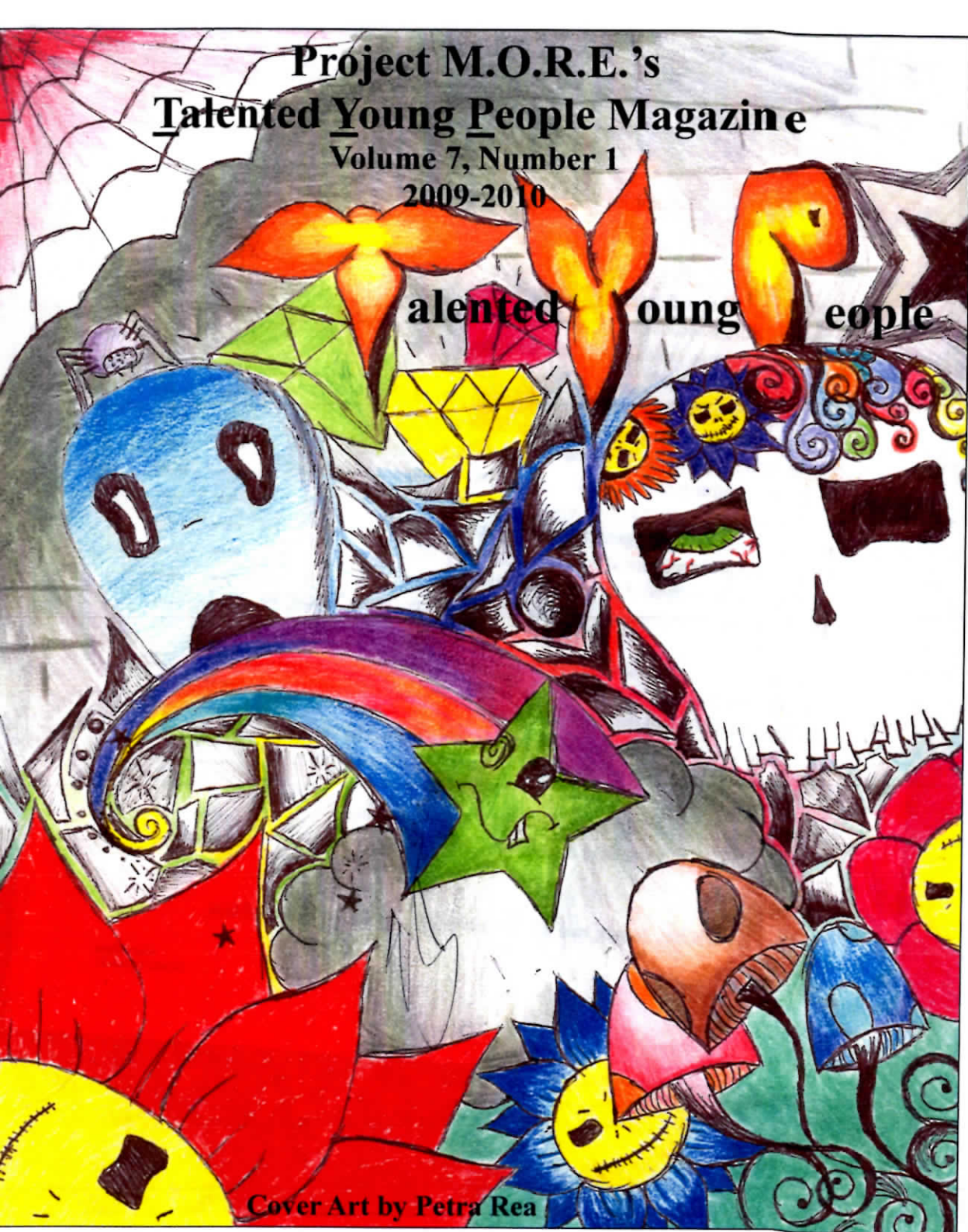


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## 20 Questions For Youth

	YES	NO
1. Do you lose time from school due to drinking?	—	—
2. Do you drink because you are shy with other people?	—	—
3. Do you drink to build up your self confidence?	—	—
4. Do you drink alone?	—	—
5. Is drinking affecting your reputation - or do you care?	—	—
6. Do you drink to escape from study or home worries?	—	—
7. Do you feel guilty or "bummed out" after drinking?	—	—
8. Does it bother you if someone says that maybe you drink too much?	—	—
9. Do you have to take a drink when you go out on a date?	—	—
10. Do you make-out (in general) better when you drink?	—	—
11. Do you get into financial troubles over buying liquor?	—	—
12. Do you feel a sense of power when you drink?	—	—
13. Have you started hanging out with a crowd where "booze" is easy to get?	—	—
14. Have you lost friends since you've started drinking?	—	—
15. Do your friends drink LESS than you do?	—	—
16. Do you drink until the bottle is empty?	—	—
17. Have you ever had a complete loss of memory from drinking?	—	—
18. Have you ever been to a hospital or been busted due to drunk driving?	—	—
19. Do you "turn off" any studies or lectures about drinking?	—	—
20. Do you THINK you have a problem with alcohol?	—	—

One YES indicates danger, two a high probability, and three a clear problem.

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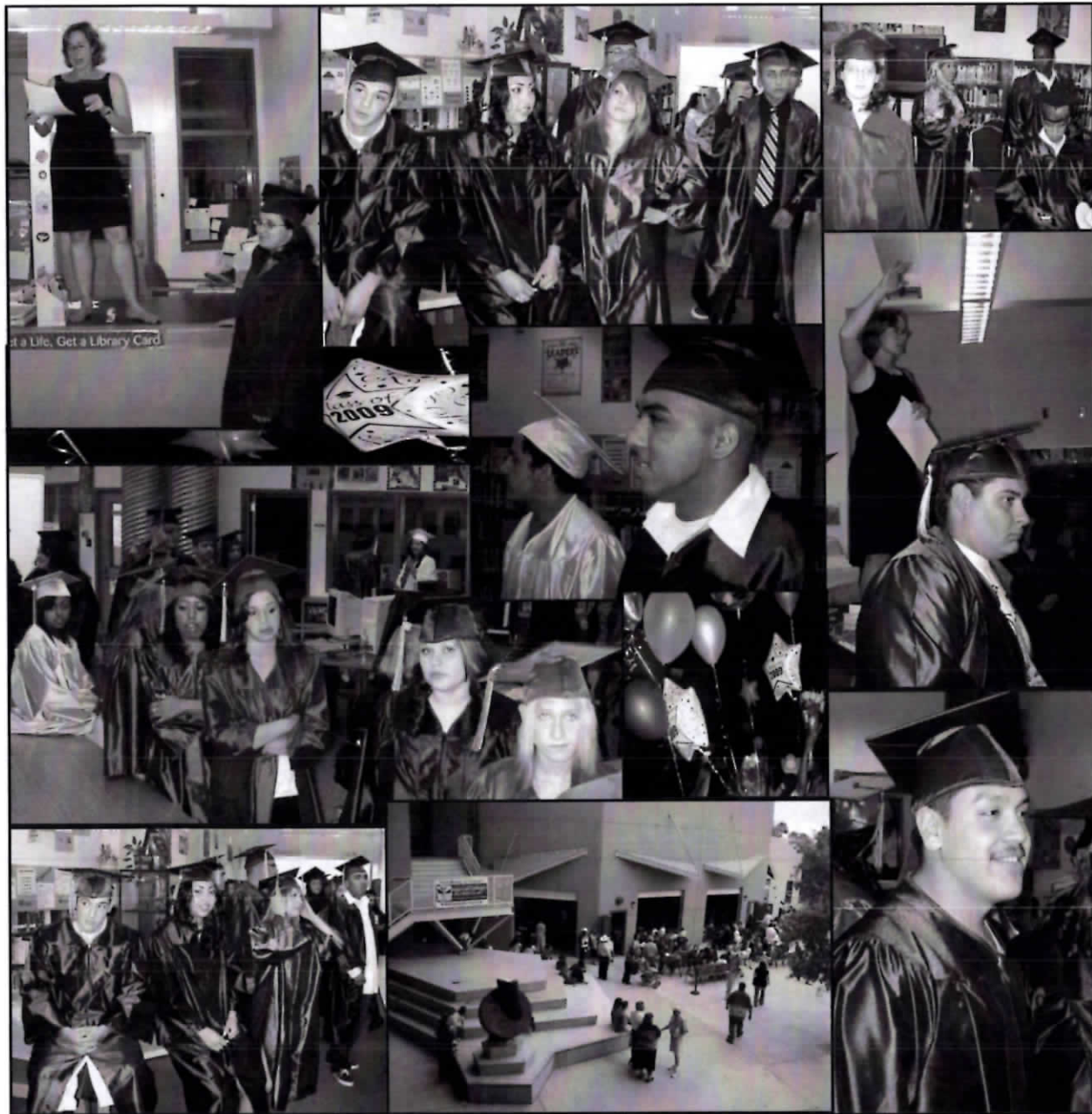
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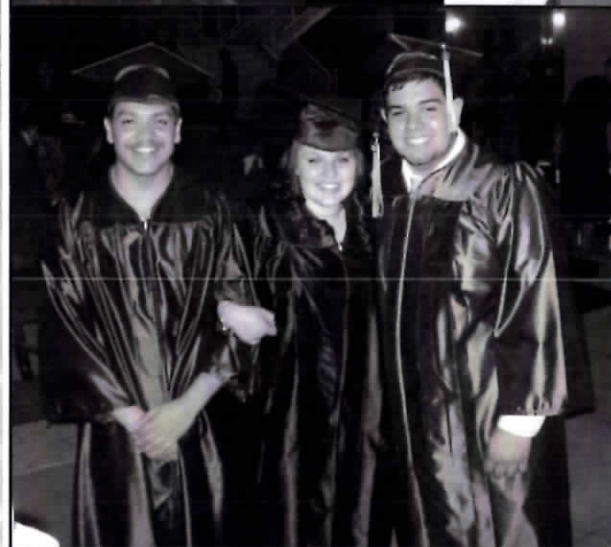


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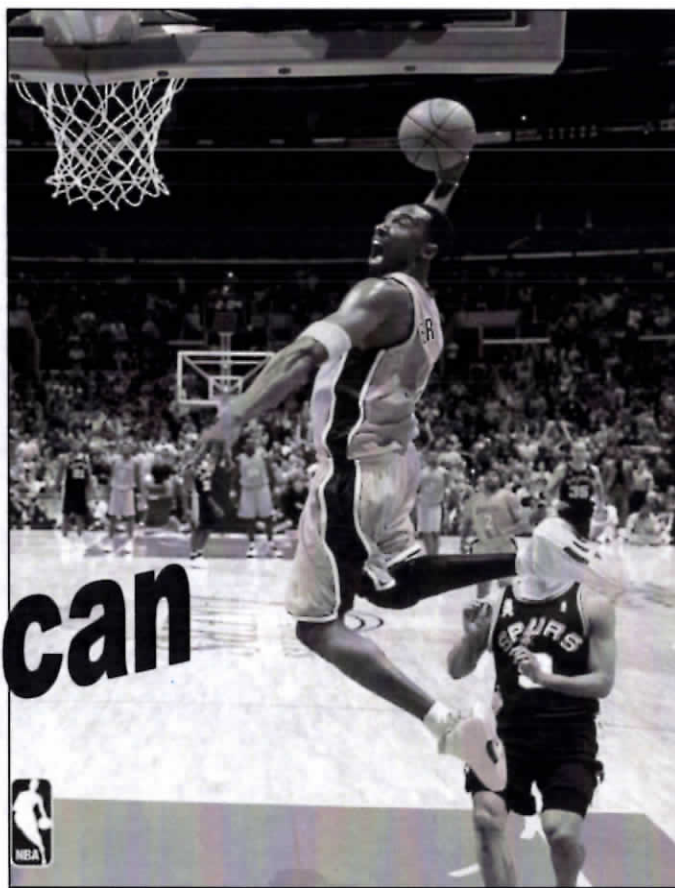
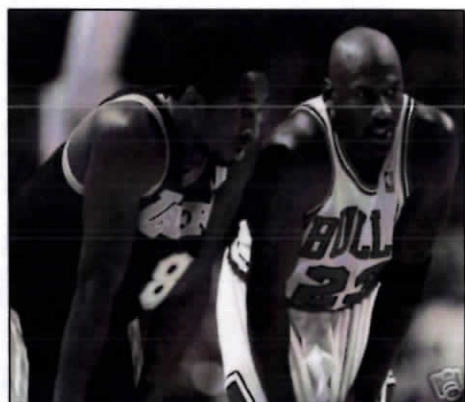
**Go For It!**

By Francisco Obregon-Diaz









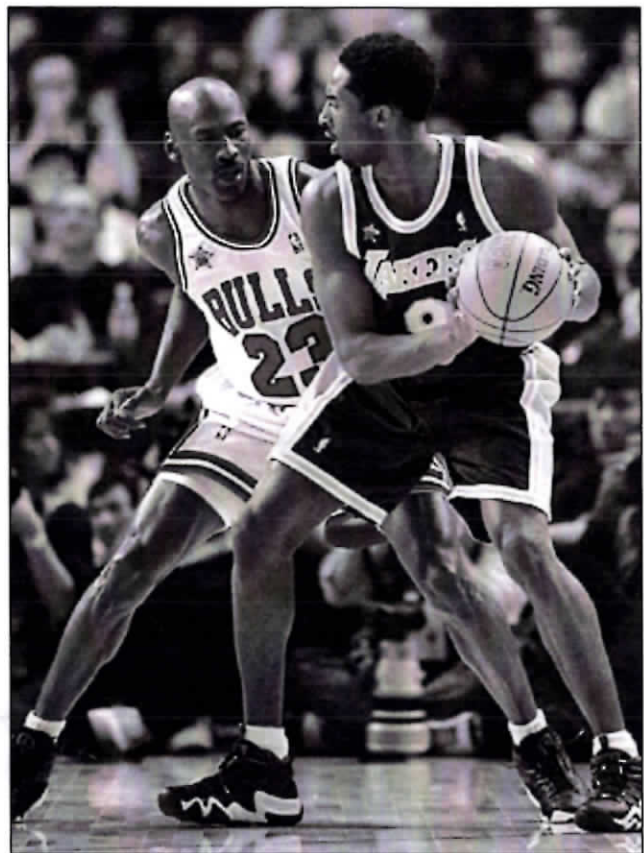
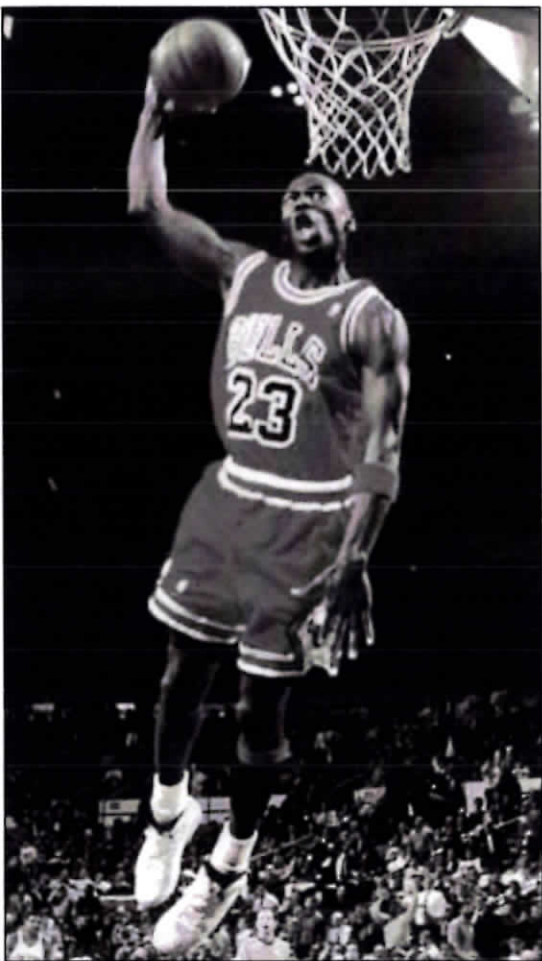
# Two American

## THE FIRST KOBE

"Cameras flash as he lifts off his feet  
 He uses the talent he earned on the street  
 At such a young age, he was only seventeen  
 He entered the league and soon became King  
 Now fans chant and scream "MVP"  
 An end to his abilities will never be seen  
 So many things he's already achieved  
 And he's capable of more it's so hard to believe  
 Some say he's the one, the next "23"  
 But he's more than that,  
 he's THE FIRST KOBE"

# Basketball





## **Michael Jordan**

**“There once was a ballplayer named Mike,  
who cared nothing for batting or spike  
He loved to dribble and pass  
He thought slam dunk was a gas  
His skill gave others a psyche!”**

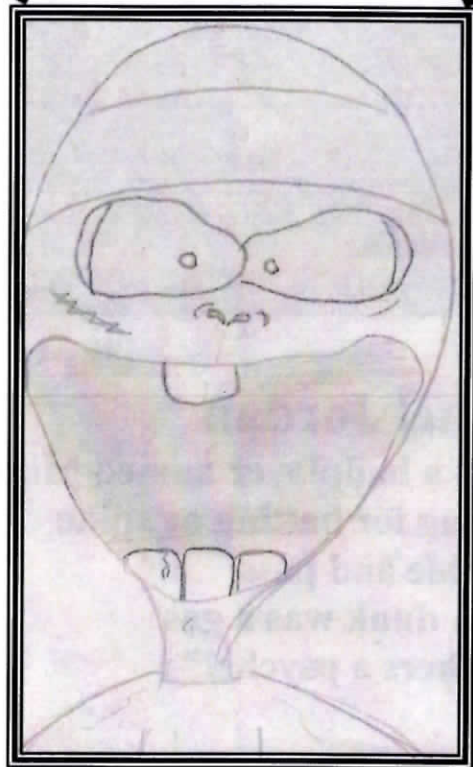
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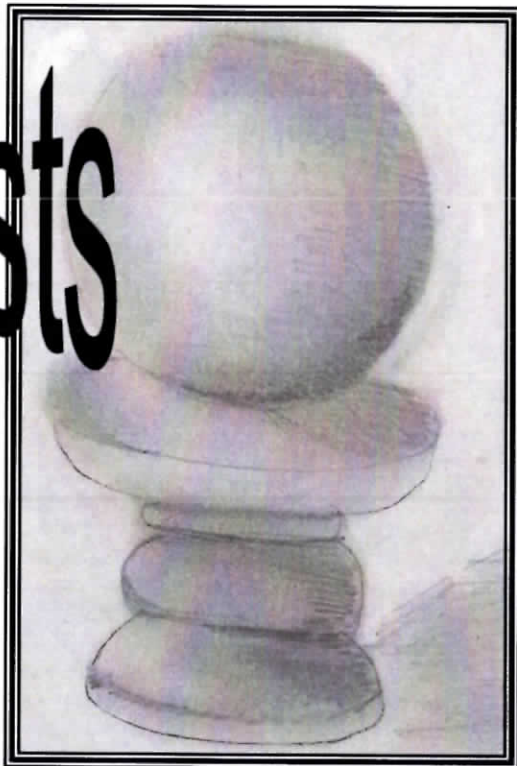


# featured artists

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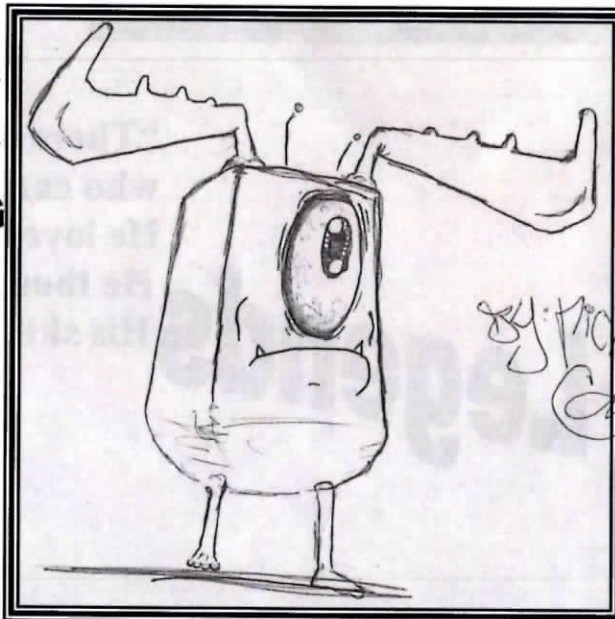


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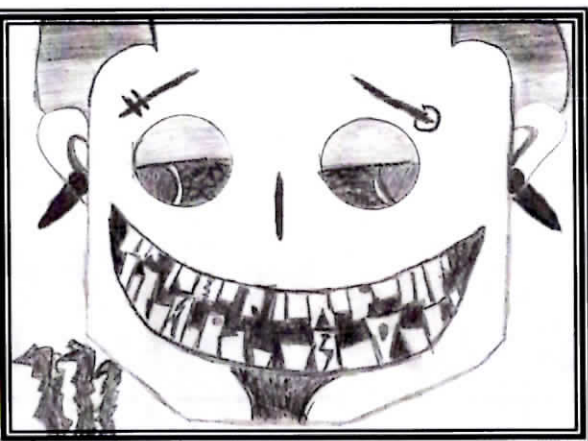


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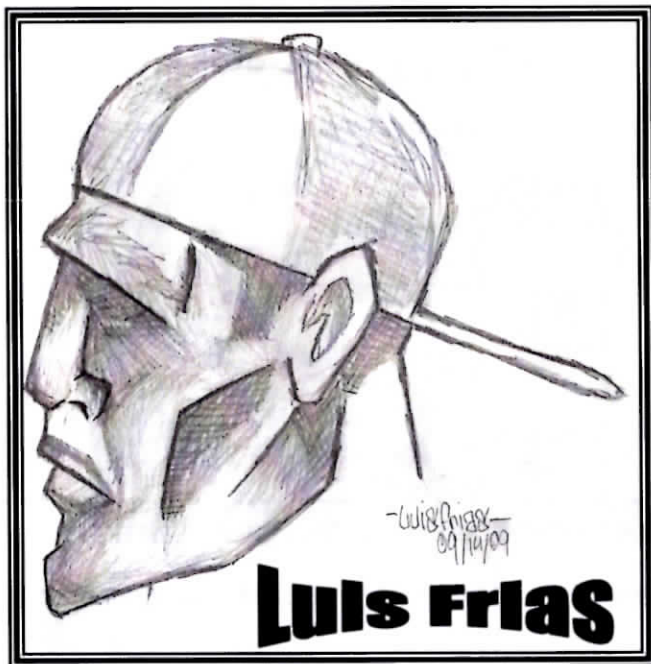
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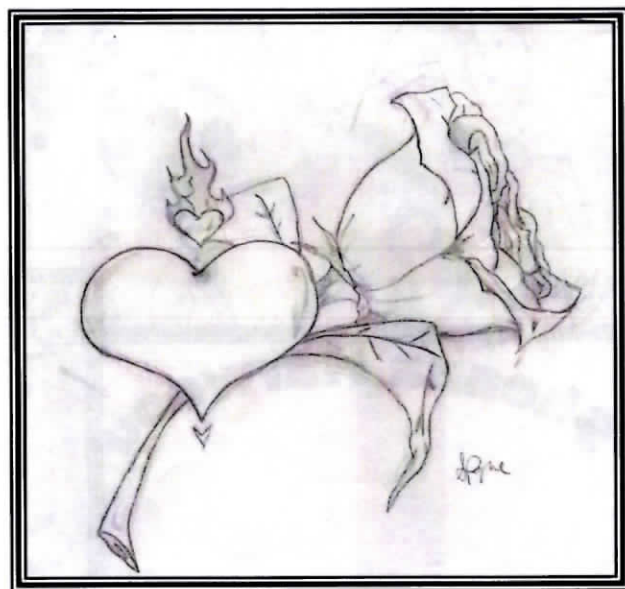


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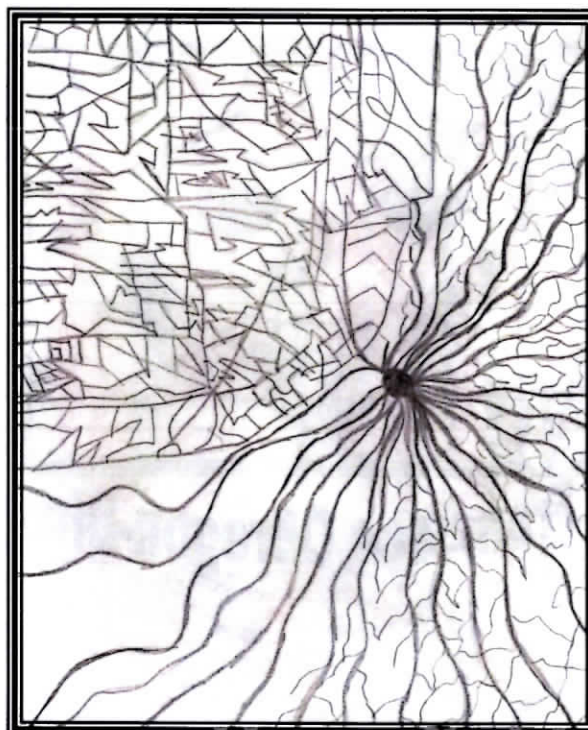
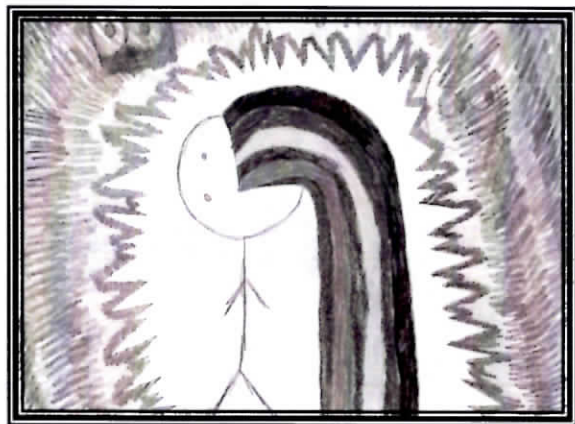
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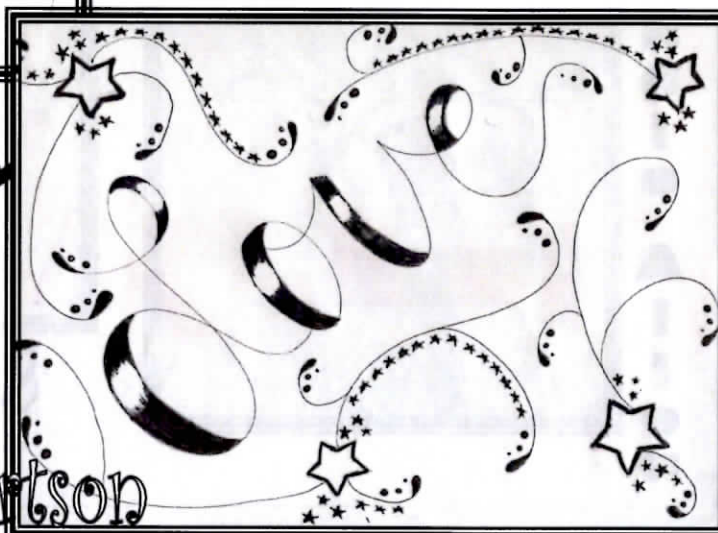
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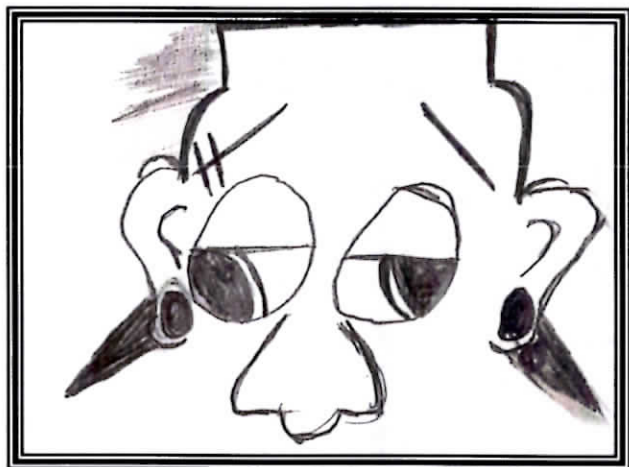
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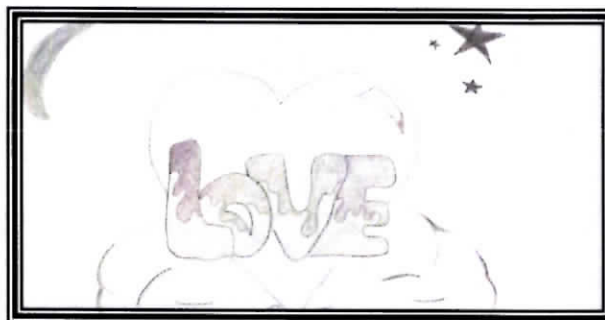
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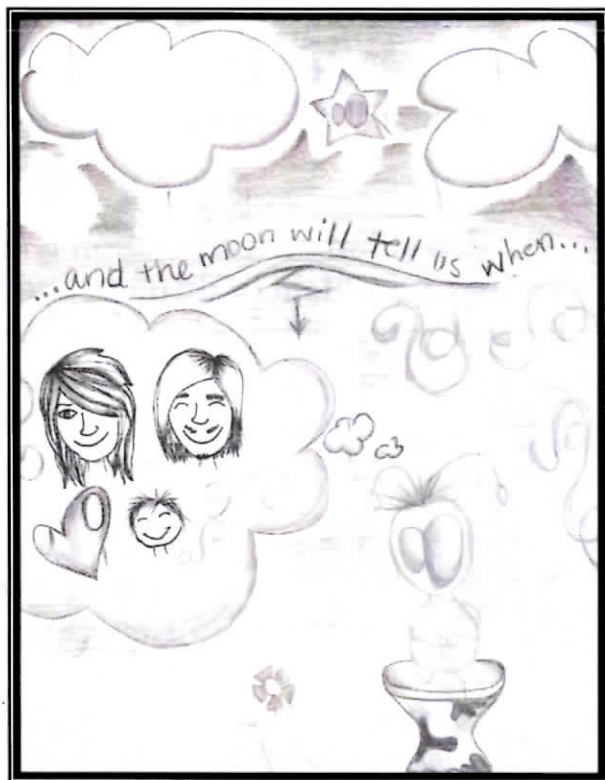
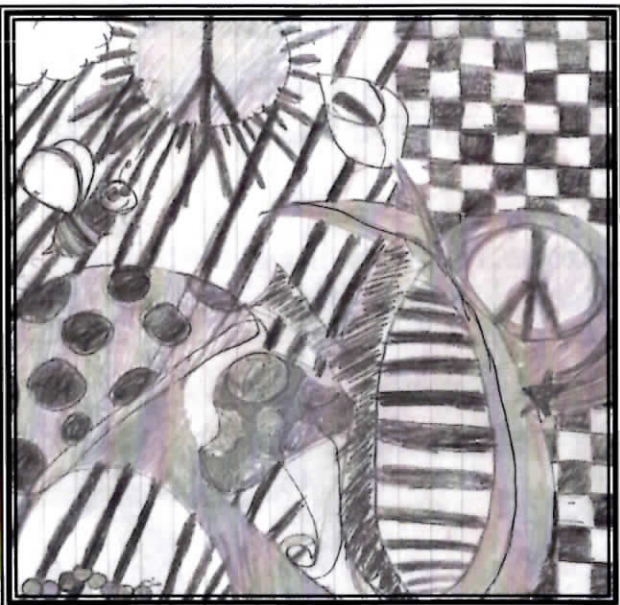
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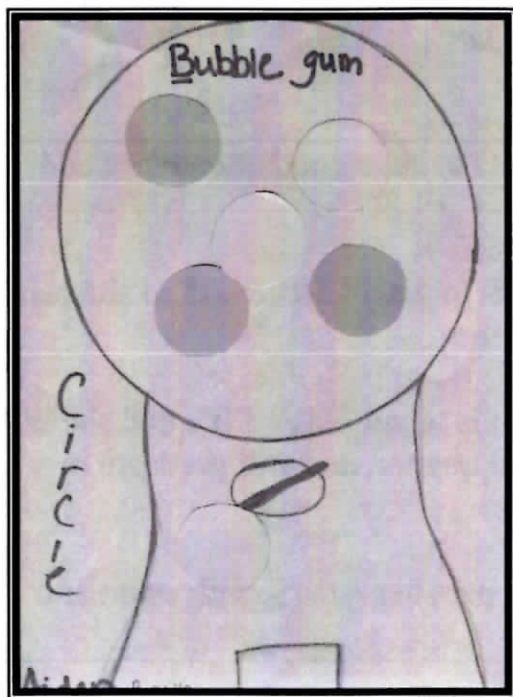




# Sara Contreras Sanchez



**Yvonne Montijo**



**Aiden  
ronquillo**  
(Danyelle hoy's  
2 yr. Old son)



## NEW SCHOOL YEAR RESOLUTIONS

T.alented Y.oung P.eople

By Pilaar Contreras

- Having a new school year resolution you basically are setting a new goal for yourself; the main point of it is to accomplish this new goal that has been set.
- The definition of a resolution is the process of resolving something such as a problem or dispute, and the solution is to find the answer to the problem.



### What are great new school year resolutions?

- Good attendance
- Getting good grades
- Graduating
- Getting along with peers
- Not getting into trouble
- Etc.

### Student Resolutions:



Pilaar Contreras— Her new school year resolution is to graduate in May, and to accomplish that, she wants to have good attendance and good grades.

Erika Gonzales— Her new school year resolution is to get 14.50 credits so she can graduate in May.

Cristal Contreras— Her new school year resolution is to get A's and B's and she is hoping to have to take less than six classes second quarter, and still graduate in December.

Sarina Bell— Her new school year resolution is to pass her AIMS math exam and to get good grades and graduate in May.



# Robert's Page!!

## **Project m.o.r.e., A 21st century school**

**One of the great things about Project M.O.R.E is that we are always changing & evolving. This allows us to provide students with the most innovative curriculum and instruction. Recently, Project M.O.R.E, along with all the other tusd alternative schools, developed a plan to move forward with greater use of technology and a focus on "Green Careers" which will dominate the next 20 years. This instruction will assure that our Graduates are prepared for the 21st century.**

**Project M.O.R.E teachers have been participating in trainings to provide them with the skill and knowledge necessary to stay current in an ever-changing world. Our teachers have developed a WIKI to share how best to instruct students. They have also developed a new technological tool to help communicate students progress with students and their homes. looking to make our world more Sustainable, our teachers have also developed classes on solar technology and Urban Gardening. next semester we'll be developing water harvesting, as well as offering several hybrid classes which will be partially on-line; this will give students greater flexibility in completing their high school diplomas.**

**It is great to be part of a group of teachers and students who are knowledgeable about our rapidly-changing world. This thanksgiving, as I reflected on all the things I'm thankful for, two things came right to the top. I'm thankful that all of my teachers and staff are working to keep learning and changing to better meet the needs of our students, and I'm thankful that my students take**



# TYP

Best thing is to look natural, but it takes Make-up to look natural.

*By- Mel Urias*



Love



Color



Shine



Smile



Dream

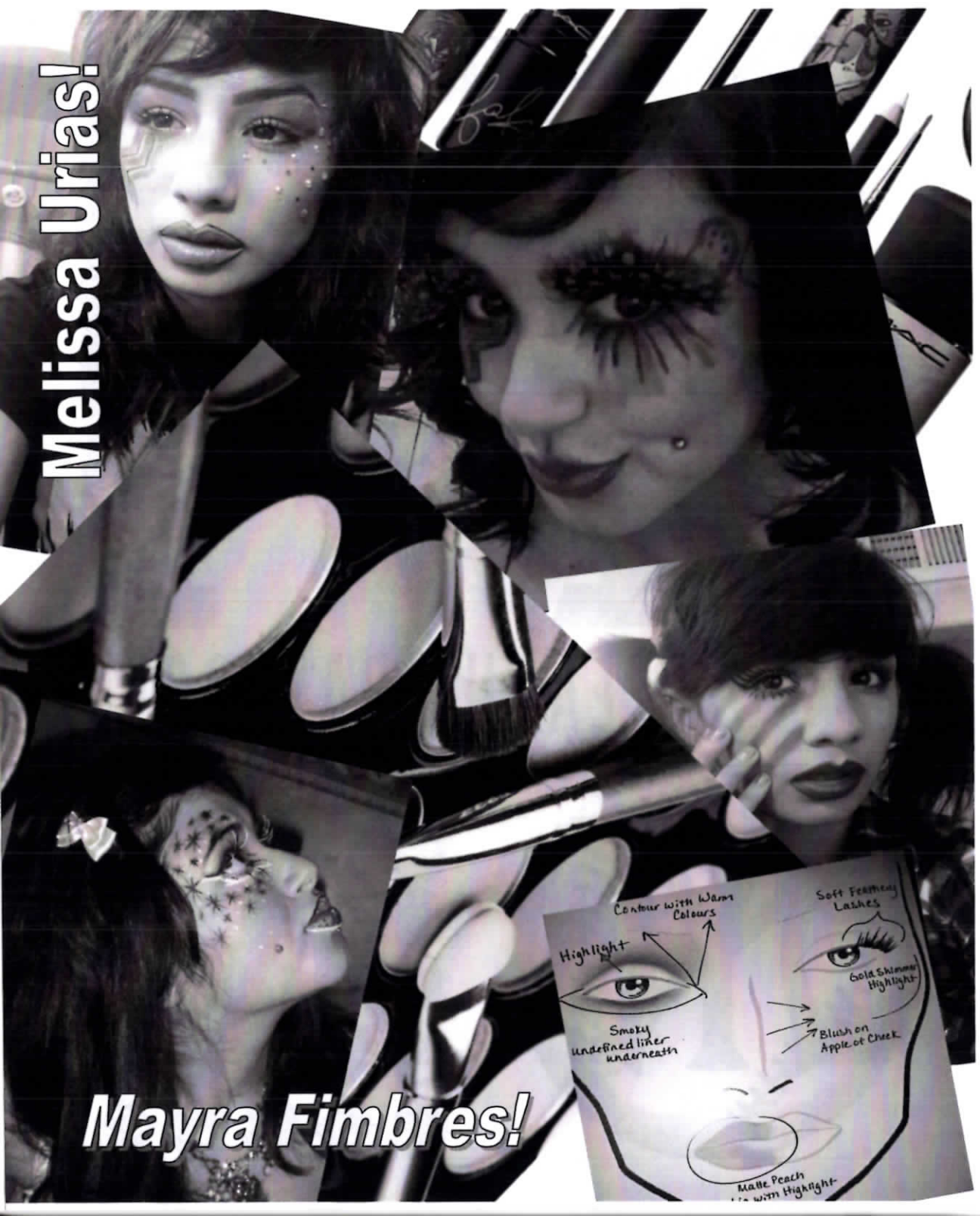
Make-up is simply an extension of the personality of colors & clothing .  
Make-up always expresses something!

Stars are addicts to their Make-up artist.

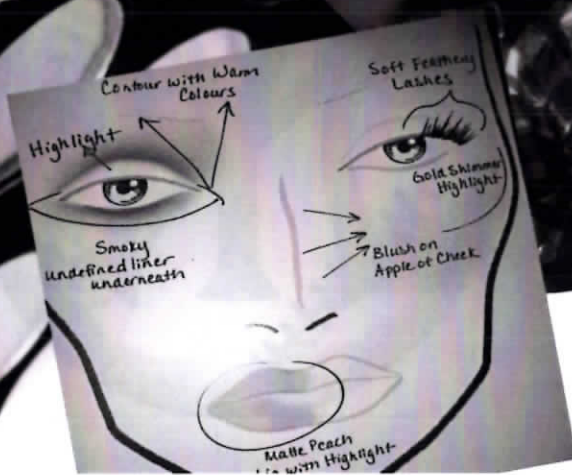
I love the confidence Make-up gives me!



**Melissa Urias!**



**Mayra Fimbres!**





Baseball for me is a way of life. It's America's favorite past time; it is my dream to make it in the MLB. And I will overcome any obstacle in my way to do so.

Whether or not you are playing or watching, Americans love the game of baseball. Like in every sport there are legends: Babe, "The Bambino" Ruth, Ty Cobb, and so on. Myths, greats, legends so much history to live up to...

As everyone in life, I have a passion, and baseball is my passion, I love, I want, I have to have it.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL™





# Baseball

by Joseph Fernandez

Baseball is a bat-and-ball sport played between two teams of nine players each. The main goal is to score runs by hitting a thrown ball with a bat and touching a series of four bases arranged at the corners of a ninety-foot square, or diamond. Players on one team (the hitting time) take turns hitting against the pitcher of the other team (the fielding-team), which tries to stop them from scoring runs by getting hitters out in any of several ways. A player on the batting team can stop at any of the bases and later advance via a teammate's hit or other means. The teams switch between batting and fielding whenever the fielding team records three outs. One turn at bat for each team constitutes an inning; nine innings make up a professional game. The team with the most runs at the end of the game wins.

Evolving from older bat-and-ball games, an early form of baseball was being played in England by the mid-eighteenth century. This game and the related rounders were brought by British and Irish immigrants to North America, where the modern version of baseball developed. By the late nineteenth century, baseball was widely recognized as the national sport of the United States. Baseball on the professional, amateur, and youth levels is now popular in North America, parts of Central and South America and the Caribbean, and parts of East Asia. The game is sometimes referred to as *hardball*, in contrast to the derivative game of softball.



# Horoscopes 2010

**ARIES** March 21 - April 20: This year will be the year of changing. You will be able to affirm yourself with people in order to your own personality more easily. This year will be good because frustrations you have been bearing for three years will go away. You will be able to make changes you have been thinking about for nearly five years.

**TAURUS** April 21 - May 21: This year 2010 is announced favorable, particularly to the continuation of plans you have already followed for three years. So, polish your strategies, pose the last stakes. You feel more the need for cooperating with your environment: you should follow your instincts which sticks to concrete realities.

**GEMINI** May 22 - June 21: This year 2010 comes to wake up in you an intense desire of affirmation near your entourage. You give your opinions with vehemence and ease, even if it means to shock your audience. This period dyed of unconcern is favorable, because you will see finally the resolution of some of your interior worries in all simplicity. Those who envy your ease won't dare to be pointed out; you take interior balance positively, your confidence in yourself reinforces your effectiveness.

**CANCER** June 22 - July 22: This year 2010 is heralding a fluidity renewal in your life on all planes. You will have art to simplify things all while affirming you more, which will surprise people around you. Contrary to your discretion practices, you will need to be heard... This will enable you to make essential developments in your entourage. This year is highly favorable to know yourself deeply.

**LEO** July 23 - August 22: This year 2010 will enable you to advance more quickly toward achievements which you hold in your heart. Your conscience, amplified, comes to reaffirm your values and your aspirations; you test the need to say them loud and strong so others will hear it well. You feel your major values more highly than usual; chance is at your side to clear up trailing situations. You take things in in your hands, in the good sense!

**VIRGO** August 23 - September 22: This year 2010 announces a revival, a realignment of your objectives in the broad sense, a general development which will enable you to be more precise in your actions. Indeed, you feel it necessary to re-examine your assets with clearness, in order to advance more effectively. You seek to eliminate all that is superfluous. You return to your personal objectives,



which enables you to show your true limits with your entourage.

**LIBRA** September 23 - October 22: 2010 announces a very good period with regard to your social life, like your relations with others in the broad sense. You feel an increasing desire for freedom, at the same time as a need to create or reinforce certain alliances. You have capacities to combine these two facets from your natural diplomacy, but the need to impose yourself will be stronger than usual. You tend to love harmony, but this time by asserting your desires firmly.

**SCORPIO** October 23 - November 22: This year, you start a new cycle of your life. It is in you that many changes will finally occur in a visible way. You are ready to realize aspirations you have contemplated for three years. Your external vitality is increased during this time; you feel strong impulses to live fully in harmony with your ideals.

**SAGGITARIUS** November 23 - December 21: This year 2010 will enable you to light your road with a new light, which had been lacking for two years. The period will be ideal to leave a situation which comprises too many constraints compared to your possibilities, whether it is in the professional or relationship plan. You need personal evolution, which has all the chances to be realized this year.

**CAPRICORN** December 22 - January 20: This year 2010 will be carrying results in the broad sense, and more particularly those which will allow your awakenings essential to your personal blooming. You feel a need for progress which rightly shows you the way to follow. You are during one ideal time to project you into the future because you dominate concrete events.

**AQUARIUS** January 21 - February 19: 2010 announces a period in which you will be more optimistic than usual, and also more argumentative at the same time. You matured through many events, through private individuals within the past three years. You now feel ready to rectify situations, to draw right conclusions, to set out again on a new foot. The friendly life is highlighted; you feel the need to bring yourself closer to those who share your ideals.

**PISCES** February 20 - March 20: Your imagination will be in more agreement to concrete realities of your life, enabling you to act according to your personal goals. You will feel that it is time to think of yourself, and you will manage to make the share of things between your true motivations and those of others. This year 2010 contains a potential for chance, it is only your due right to seize it. You finally will be able to buck a situation which has limited you.

By: Melissa Urias



# Poetry Slam!!



## *All for Her* by Pancho Diaz

*You're my world my universe and my sunshine  
I'll bet I can steal your heart with just this one rhyme  
this poem is for a special girl no ordinary girl  
I don't know her all that well  
but so far I really want to take her on a date  
she's sweet to me and everybody she meets  
she's gorgeous head to foot  
I still remember the day we finally got to meet  
I walked up to her hoping to sweep her off her feet  
but I introduced myself and she did the same  
but she made me weak to my knees  
I got speechless because she took my breath away  
I still thank god for making that day the best day for me  
I asked god for an angel but instead he sent me a goddess  
I gave him my word to treat her right  
never put up a fight  
I found out she was a thief once; she stole my heart  
but I ain't mad; she's the best girl anyone could ever have*





## CORRUPTION

PURE MINDED AND CORRUPTED IN SUCH A WAY.  
SHE WAS SO YOUNG.  
SHE WAS BLINDED AND DID NOT KNOW.  
RAISES BY THE RULES OF MEN.  
THAT'S WHAT THEY WANT  
YOU ARE DISGUSTING, THIS IS RIGHT.  
HE WILL NOT LOVE YOU FOR YOU  
THIS IS WHAT YOU MUST BE.  
LOWERED SELF-ESTEEM  
THIS IS WHO SHE IS NOW.  
SETTING HERSELF UP FOR BROKEN THOUGHTS,  
LEFT EVERYDAY AND LOVED EACH NIGHT.  
FROM TURNING TO HER BEAR FOR COMFORT,  
TO DRUGS AND LATE NIGHTS JUST  
TO HAVE THEM LOVE HER.  
HER MOTHER TAUGHT HER TO LOVE HERSELF,  
BUT THEY HAD OTHER PLANS.  
SHE WAS SUCH A SWEET GIRL  
SHE WAS AN ANGEL FROM THE HEAVENS.  
LONGING FOR THE COMFORT, ONLY TO  
BE STRICKEN IN THE PIT OF REMORSE.  
PALE AND COLD, SCREAMS ARE SILENCED.  
GO BACK TO THAT NIGHT BEFORE  
YOU LOST IT ALL.THEY DON'T LOVE YOU , I DO!  
SHE IS UGLY,  
YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL  
WHO GAVE THE FALSE HOPES?  
CORRUPTION ENGULFS THE BODY.

BY DANYELLE HOY



# Boxing

**I Love Boxing**

**The amazing feeling  
Of getting hit in the face  
With a 12 oz glove  
Blood spilling down  
Your face**

**The amazing adrenaline  
Like sky diving  
When you knock  
Someone Out  
The blood dripping out  
Of your nose  
the heavy breathing  
And MUSCLES ACHING  
IT'S A GREAT FEELING  
THAT'S A well-known FACT  
THAT BOXING IS GREAT**

**BY Jason Garrard Pressley**

**DICTIONARY DICTIONARY**

**I love the smell of coffee,  
creosote in the desert,  
and orange blossoms.**

**I love the smell of fresh  
baked bread,  
and sautéed garlic.**

**I love the smell  
of forest, of evergreen  
and pine cone,  
of ancient roots  
and rough bark.  
and of rain.**

**I love the smell of camp-  
fire,  
the crisp kindling  
aflake, undertone of  
dead ash.**

**I love the plumes  
of winter cold breath  
like fog rolling in**



# Where I'm From

**I am from playing kick ball and tag  
From hot cheetos and coca-cola  
I am from the perfume smell of eternity  
The smell of suavitel in the morning  
I am from the big orange trees fresh flowers  
blooming  
Playing in the dirt and making mud  
I'm from making tamales and addiction from  
hard workers and a person to look up to  
I'm from the carne asada cook outs and family  
From being told I'm going to grow up  
A successful and respectful young lady  
I'm from getting spanked and arguments  
punching and kicking  
I'm from a family of two different places  
Posole and frijoles  
From the singing and playing my papa  
does in the mariachi  
The D.J.ing my tio does at parties  
Looking at our walls seeing the family photos  
Remembering the most memorable  
memories ever!**

**By: Adriana Cedillo**



# *My Friends*

**I love my friends,  
Some of them say,  
They'll be there 'till the end.  
Most of them tell lies.  
But I love it,  
How they're here for me when I cry  
And I love it  
When I'm wearing a frown,  
And how they slowly  
Work their way to turning it upside down  
And when I'm feeling bad  
Like the nasty lunch they give at school  
Sad like if I feel I will never be happy again  
Or mad like an annoying song that never ends.  
And I love it  
When my friends  
Say they show no slack,  
That they always got my back,  
And for me to just  
Look at the fact and realize  
That a lot of people aren't nice.  
But when you've got friends,  
They multiply like mice.  
I love my friends  
They're here for me and not to be mean.**



# **TUG TOWN**

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**I love my Town  
All the cactus  
The weather  
Sweat coming down the face  
Because of the sun  
Mostly everybody goes swimming  
The sunburn  
They got for staying  
In the sun  
Seeing bums sleeping  
by the dumpsters  
Wearing the same  
clothes  
And smelling really  
bad**

**I love dancing  
To forget, to entertain.  
The sound of the music,  
While you're on stage,  
The feelings you get.  
Your knees start to  
shake,  
The butterflies in your  
stomach  
and the feeling of know-  
ing,  
You're about to show  
an audience.  
One of the things  
You love to do.  
The way it makes you**

**By: Jimmy Godoy**





**It's Isabella Swan's 18th birthday, and unlike the rest of her high school classmates, she's been dreading this milestone for months. Once Bella turns 18, she'll officially be older than her beloved Edward Cullen, who is 17 and will remain so until the end of time. Dazzlingly handsome Edward, like the rest of his family, is undead, a vampire destined to remain young and beautiful forever...while mortals like Bella age and perish all around them.**

**Following a frightening encounter with some of Edward's siblings after she cuts her finger on wrapping paper (the Cullen's pledge to hunt only wild animals, but the smell of human blood can send them into a frenzy), Edward grows increasingly distant with Bella. Finally, he drops a bombshell-- he is leaving Bella forever, finally embracing his vampire characteristics and no longer, as he tells her, "pretending to be something I'm not." Disappearing suddenly into a dark and moonless woods, Edward leaves Bella utterly alone and despondent. "I hoped that I was fainting, but, to my disappointment, I didn't lose consciousness. The waves of pain that had only lapped at me before now reared high up and washed over my head, pulling me under."**

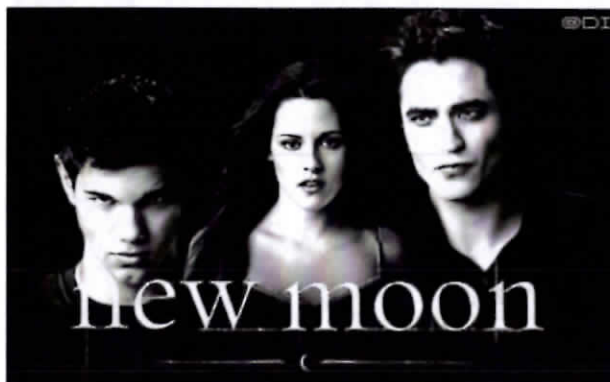
**Bella drowns in her pain for months, resurfacing only when her father threatens to send her to see a psychologist or to live with her mother. Desperate not to forget Edward, Bella rekindles a friendship with Jacob Black, a large, hard-edged boy with a tendency to live life recklessly.**



Jacob lives on the area's Indian reservation, whose inhabitants loathe the vampires for reasons that become increasingly clear as Bella's friendship with Jacob deepens. Bella's thrill-seeking adventures with Jake, though, attract attention, leading Bella back to Edward --- and to a new threat neither one of them ever anticipated.

Stephanie Meyer's first novel about Bella and Edward, *TWILIGHT*, offered readers an exciting new entry in the field of vampire fiction. With *NEW MOON*, the second part in a projected trilogy, Meyer deepens and enriches her mythology, introducing new families and races that complicate Bella and Edward's story. Bella reflects, "Could a world really exist where ancient legends went wandering around the borders of tiny, insignificant towns, facing down mythical monsters?...Was there anything sane or normal at all, or was everything just magic and ghost stories?"

If readers have any complaint about *NEW MOON*, it will be that the story, at least for the middle 400 pages, doesn't have enough magic. Edward vanishes in short order and only reappears shortly before the Gothic extravaganza near the book's end. In the middle, the story sometimes drags, and readers may long for the vampires' return. The events of *NEW MOON*, though, will leave Meyer's many fans breathless for the sequel, as Bella finally understands everything that will be at stake if she makes the ultimate choice to give up her humanity and live, like the vampires, forever.



By Jasmine Jasso

Now I can honestly say I can't wait until the third movie *Eclipse* comes out in the fall of 2010. The *Twilight* saga is the most popular series around, more popular than *Harry Potter* ever was. Nowadays you see young girls going for either "Team Jacob" or "Team Edward". Which team are you? If you didn't know, the *New Harry Potter* movie was supposed to be released this year in November, but since The *Twilight* saga, *New Moon* was going into theaters on November 20, 2009; they thought it was best for *Harry Potter* to be released in the summer of 2009, because The saga *New Moon* is so popular and nobody would want to go see the new *Harry Potter* movie. Because *New Moon* is way better.



# July Birthdays

**07-15-1995 Abraham Corella**  
**07-25-1992 Nicholas Duron**  
**07-26-1993 Pancho Diaz**  
**07-16-1991 Ruben Haro**  
**07-02-1991 Paloma Rojas**  
**07-08-1995 Keith Wright**  
**07-24-1989 Jeffery Washington**



# AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

08-27-1992 Luis Aguilar-Flores

08-08-1994 Aaron Esparza

08-21-1991 Daniel Elias

08-03-1993 Stephan Frank

08-09-1994 Zecharian Galvez

08-26-1991 Adrian Gomez

08-26-1991 Alex Gomez

08-30-1991 Jasmine Jasso

08-27-1991 Arnoldo Gallegos

08-05-1991 Diana Garcia

08-26-1994 Jimmy Godoy

08-04-1991 Dany Hernandez

08-14-1991 Sheana Harwood

08-20-1994 Robert Laguna

08-11-1992 Claudie Lovell

08-12-1991 Paloma Morales

08-30-1991 Elizabeth Moreno

08-07-1992 Richelle Pallanes

08-31-1992 Marcos Pena

08-23-1993 Ramiro Torres

08-09-1990 Ricardo Vrias

08-23-1991 Simon Wilkins





# September Birthdays

**09-05-1991 Stephanie Allen**

**09-05-1990 Monico Carrillo**

**09-01-1994 Sara Contreras-  
Sanchez**

**09-06-1993 Ty Delores**

**09-16-1992 Stella Elias**

**09-18-1989 Cyrus Felix**

**09-25-1992 Guillermina (Teresa)  
Garcia**

**09-17-1988 Steven Gonzales**

**09-15-1991 Bryant Granados**

**09-14-1991 Beatrice Hernandez**



# *October Birthdays*

**10-27-1990 Sarina Bell**

**10-30-1990 Revvay**

**Dittbenner**

**10-30-1992 Jessica Farrell**

**10-19-1990 Uriel Gonzalez**

**10-23-1992 Joe Molina**

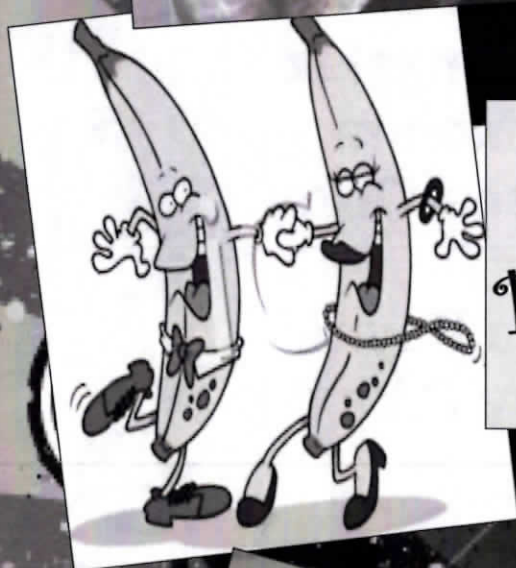
**10-14-1993 Francisco Obregon-Diaz**

**10-18-1993 Sateria Payne**

**10-18-1993 Gerry Pike**







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