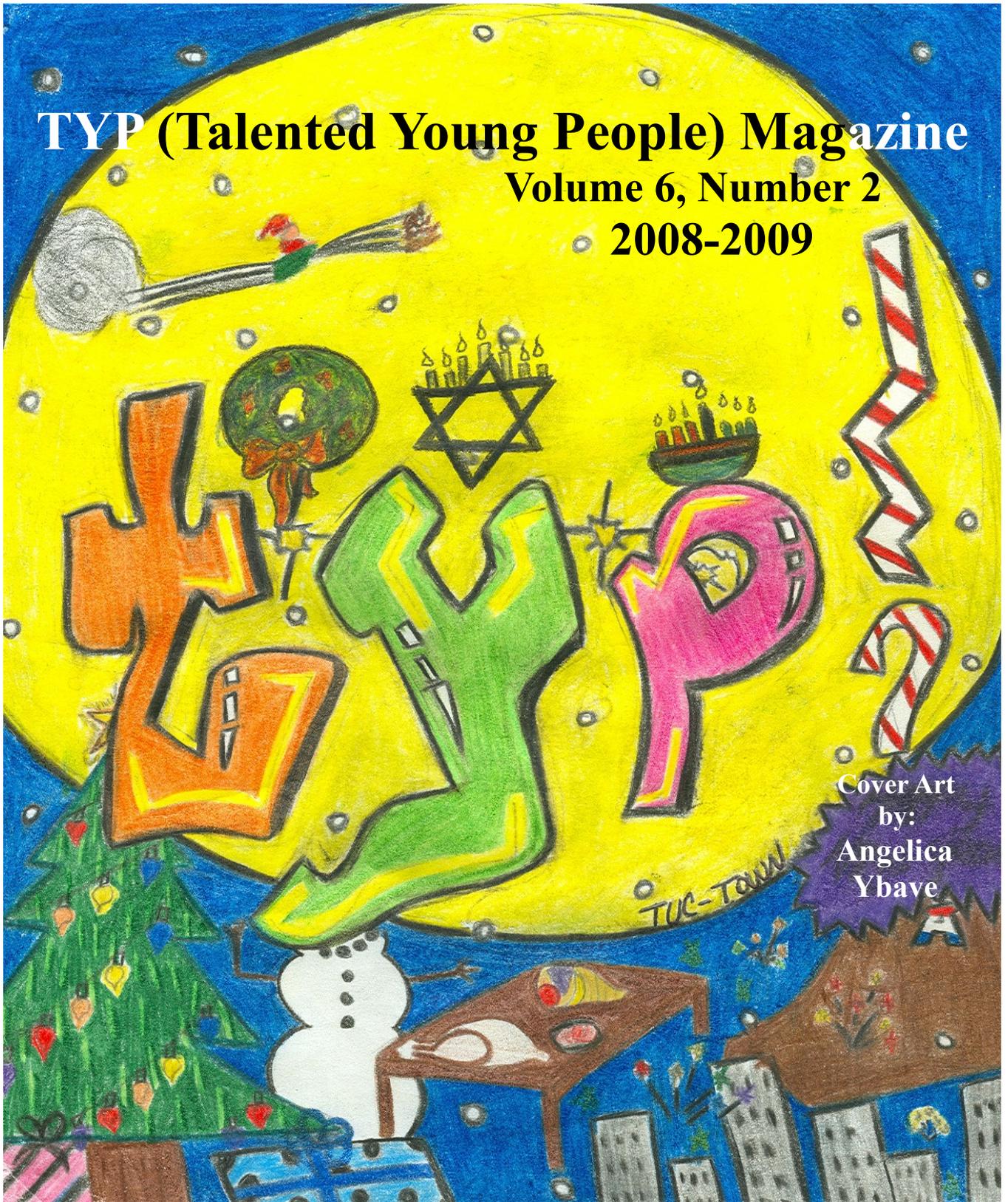
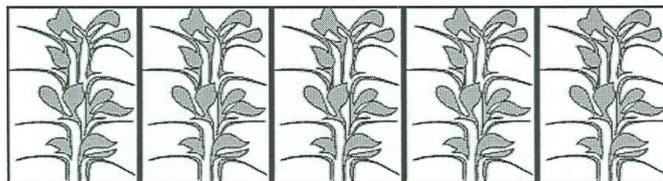


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Announcing Tucson Poetry Festival's 14th annual
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Submission Guidelines

- Send one original poem (your name should not appear anywhere on the poem);
- More than 1 language may appear in the poem;
- Include four copies of poem;
- Submission must be typed in black ink on regular white paper in easy to read font;
- Full contact information must be included in separate cover sheet:
 1. Full Name/Age/Grade/ Phone of entrant
 2. Name of Teacher/School/ Phone/E-mail
 3. Poem Title
- Mail submission to:

Tucson Poetry Festival
Bilingual High School Contest
P.O. Box 44000
Tucson, AZ 85733
- Submission must be postmarked or received or by Tuesday, March 10, 2009

[SEE KATHRYN!]

This year's winning poems will be selected by poet

Gina Franco

Ms. Franco is an assistant professor of English
and Creative Writing at Knox College, Illinois.

Her work is published in numerous journals and anthologies.
She grew up in our Arizona desert and the University of Arizona Press
published her 2004 book of poetry "*The Keepsake Storm*".

\$1,000 will be awarded this year.

Winner to receive \$400 (\$200 cash),

\$200 for 2nd, \$100 for 3rd, and \$30 each for the next 10 winners
in the form of gift certificates from local bookstores.

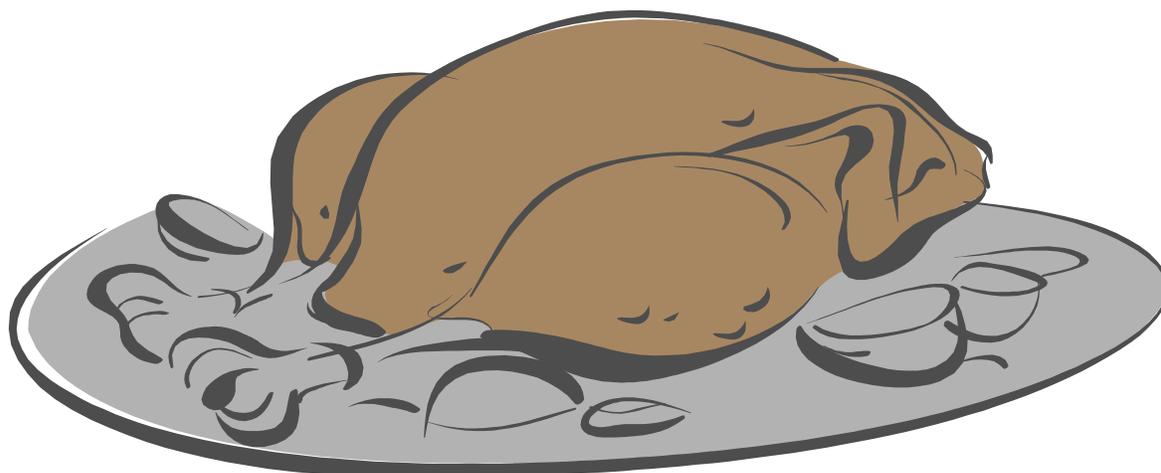
Winners will be notified by 27 March, 2009, receive one free copy of the book, and
the opportunity to read their poem at the Tucson Poetry Festival in April.
For further information contact Richard Tavenner at 520-349-4340 or email
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Briana Bloodworth	11/10/1991
Katelyn Fessler	11/30/1992
Desiree Ford	11/08/1990
Steven Fraijo	11/19/1992
Bryan Lee	11/29/1991
Steven Molina	11/04/1992
Michael Nunez	11/14/1990
Ashley Peterson	11/26/1991
Anthony Ramirez	11/23/1992
Desiree Ramirez	11/02/1989
Khrysteena Rodriguez	11/30/1991
Jose Torres	11/19/1991



December Birthdays

<i>Austin Anderson</i>	<i>12-03-1990</i>
<i>Samantha Benedetto</i>	<i>12-31-1991</i>
<i>Christopher Corella</i>	<i>12-07-1992</i>
<i>Cassandra Fimbres Leon</i>	<i>12-20-1992</i>
<i>Vanessa Lara</i>	<i>12-28-1990</i>
<i>Brenden Longway</i>	<i>12-04-198</i>
<i>Michael Martinez</i>	<i>12-09-1992</i>
<i>Ramona Moreno</i>	<i>12-03-1991</i>
<i>Luis Ramirez</i>	<i>12-17-1989</i>
<i>Vanessa Vizarro</i>	<i>12-28-1990</i>

January Birthdays

Abdi Ayan	Jan. 1, 1990
Hashim Ahmed	Jan. 1, 1989
Seinab Ali	Jan. 20, 1988
Robert Cordova	Jan. 4, 1990
Bryana Coronado	Jan. 21, 1992
Manuel Esquer	Jan. 15, 1991
Saul Garate	Jan. 12, 1991
Danica Green	Jan. 3, 1992
Abdiwahab Imann	Jan. 1, 1988
Favian Marquez	Jan. 21, 1991
Valene Mason	Jan. 4, 1002
Sadiya Mohamed	Jan. 1, 1990
Fathiya Mohammed	Jan. 01, 1988
Cervando Nonega	Jan. 23, 1990
Cheyenne Rios	Jan. 30, 1994
Jared Sambrano	Jan. 27, 1989
Jerohn Turner	Jan. 19, 1992
Angel Valencia	Jan. 9, 1991

February Birthdays

Yadrina Chavez	Feb. 25,1991
Jade Davis	Feb. 15,1992
Luisa Diaz	Feb. 06,1990
Robert Duchene	Feb. 09,1993
Angel Esquievel	Feb. 02,1992
Joel Galvez	Feb, 05,1992
Manny Ky	Feb. 02,1991
Gabriela Marezlara	Feb. 27,1991
Francisco Marquez	Feb. 06,1991
Angelica Morillo	Feb. 22,1990
Gina Murrieta	Feb. 22,1991
Ashley Paredez	Feb. 03,1990
Jhorana Peraita	Feb. 27,1993
Briana Perez	Feb. 19,1987
Andrez Rhodes	Feb. 05,1993
Courtney Sears	Feb. 27,1992
Shane Valdez	Feb. 13,1992
JuanValencia	Feb. 20,1990

INTERVIEWS ABOUT PEOPLE'S GOALS

COURTNEY: What are your goals after Project M.O.R.E.?

DESIREE: I want to travel to Europe. Also start my modeling career.

COURTNEY: How long have you been modeling?

DESIREE: about a year with Artoro Vanzuela and French photographer Jean Luc.

COURTNEY: What is your advice for people who are thinking about modeling?

DESIREE: Well you have to be confident and get over your shyness and trust the people you are working with and try not to pay for anything.

**INTERVIEWS BY:
COURTNEY SEARS**



COURTNEY: When will you graduate?

PRISCLLA: This coming May, in 2009.

COURTNEY: What would you like to do after high school?

PRISCLLA: Attend beauty college.



COURTNEY: So you like doing hair and makeup?

PRISCLLA: Yes. I like it'. I am going to become a makeup artist; I want to make people beautiful.

COURTNEY: What are your plans after you graduate from Project M.O.R.E.?

ALVA: I'm planning to go to Pima Medical Institute.

COURTNEY: What are you going to major in at pima?

ALVA: I want to major in radiology technology.

COURTNEY: Any plans on getting married or having children?

ALVA: Yes on the marriage, no/unsure on the children.

Monthly Horoscopes

By: Priscilla Ramos



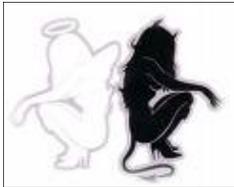
ARIES:

Generosity is one of your many positive personality traits and at this time of year you love nothing more than indulging everyone with wonderful gifts. The good news is that you have plenty of spare cash right now so you can really go for it, but don't forget to treat yourself too!



TAURUS:

Before you can start enjoying the festive season it's important that you clear up a number of loose ends. You will be tempted to put them to one side, but you will only properly relax when you know that you have fulfilled all your responsibilities. The end of the month brings a major surprise!



GEMINI:

The idea of spending Christmas at home is not your idea of fun right now. If at all possible you should plan to celebrate the festive season in a new environment. Financially, you need to be careful towards the end of the month, but the first two weeks of December are extremely lucky!



CANCER:

The importance of the Moon to your personality can never be over estimated and right now it is boosting your natural intuition. Someone close to you will benefit if you share your instinctive insights with them regarding a relationship. Trust your inner voice when it comes to a money making opportunity.



LEO:

It's a case of typically perfect timing for Leo this month as the close of the year sees you finally completing an important personal project. Romance is very important right now and there is the chance of a blissful final week to the month where nothing exists except you and that special someone!



VIRGO:

You can be very territorial at times and sometimes this can work against you. If you are struggling let someone else help you out. Relatives will be important this month and you may need to act a mediator. Financially, you need to look more closely as your plans for next year.



SCORPIO:

Anxiety about your career progress or your ambitions may be paralyzing early in the month. Don't hold onto those fears but share them with an older relative who will be able to offer some sage advice. Finances need reorganizing if you are going to be able to afford a major purchase that you have been planning.



SAGITTARIUS:

The influence of the planets may be confusing as on the one hand you feel full of confidence, but on the other you are unusually lacking in confidence about all kinds of financial matters. In fact you have good reason to feel confident about your relationships and you should trust your instincts in relation to money.



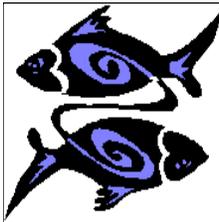
CAPRICORN:

This is your big money month as a number of projects begin to pay off. You will be tempted to stow it all away for a rainy day. This would be a mistake as someone close to you deserves a treat for being so patient. A relative may also need some financial support at the end of the month.



AQUARIUS:

Although you can seem to be on a different planet at times you will surprise everyone this month with your ability to see right to the heart of a difficult emotional issue. While you are advising others on their relationships you will also be having a very positive impact on someone special in your own life.



PISCES:

The festive season will be getting under your skin and you will find yourself drawn to some kind of volunteering activity. This will lead to some exciting social invitations. Your emotional life is approaching a new period of stability and contentment. Single Pisceans will find romance while shopping.



LIBRA:

People will be looking to you for advice throughout this month. Initially, you may be flattered, but as the month wears on you may find yourself tiring of the lack of personal space. A weekend away with a loved one after the 20th is exactly what you need to boost your mood.

SEPTEMBER 5TH 2007, THE BEST DAY EVER!!!

By:Mirna Cabrera

The best day of the year or just the best day ever is September 5th 2007! That is the day I met Amaya Renee Preciado for the first time ever! When I saw her I was speechless. There aren't enough or any words to explain the way I felt looking at her beautiful tiny face. She was so tiny and fragile.

I had never seen a more beautiful face ever in my life! When she looked at me I wanted to cry and laugh and just so many emotions came over me. Then I finally told her "Hi, baby girl!" She looked up at me with that Vaseline medication in her eye and smiled. I caressed her face for a long time just going up and down and all around her little face. It was magical to see her face for the first time and to be able to touch her...

The second time I saw Amaya I was actually allowed to hold her. I held her in my arms and rocked her. The whole time I held her she just stared at me with those big beautiful brown eyes, and smiled. This time I very gently touched Amaya's hair. Her hair was very soft and very short. She barely even had any hair but the little bit of hair she had was beautiful.

For the third time I saw Amaya she was going home with us! Knowing that she was going home with us gave me the greatest feeling ever! Sadly she didn't ride home with us, she rode home with her Nana Lola. Her dad was very excited to have her at our house with us. We all gathered in my room to see Amaya. Everyone in the room was sitting there just staring at Amaya in silence. It was the quietest we had all ever been. Amaya was just looking around to try and find her dad.

Now it has been a little over a year since Amaya was born. Every morning when I see Amaya I am still speechless! I feel as if it were only yesterday that I got to see baby Amaya for the first time. Now she's a big girl! She even learned how to say my name when she needs something!! September 5th 2007 will always be the best day ever!!

Best Day Ever!

By: Kendall Mutton

There are 365 days in a year. That means there are 365 days I can choose from to be my favorite day of the year. I could pick my birthday when my friends get together and celebrate the day I was born. I could also pick Christmas when I get presents for absolutely no reason, or even Thanksgiving when I get to pig out on delicious food. But I'm not going to pick any of these days. Of course they are all wonderful days but they don't hit me as much as my favorite day does. My favorite day is awesome and scary at the same time. If that doesn't just scream out my favorite day then I don't know what will, because my favorite day is Halloween.

Why, out of the 365 day did I pick Halloween? Well, there are many reasons why I picked Halloween. But the one reason out of all of them is I get to be myself. Halloween is a time when I get to dress up and have fun without everyone staring at me like I'm crazy or something. It's amazing how people get into the spirit of Halloween. You get to design a costume that fits you and have fun wearing it on the big day. I have put so much time and effort into my costumes. If I could I would dress up in a different costume every day. On Halloween you get to express yourself without getting ridiculed about it.

Another good reason to love Halloween is the sweets, of course. It's a good excuse for your parents to have a bunch of candy in the house. And when you're finished trick-or-treating, you have another month's worth of candy to indulge in. You can have so much candy that you get yourself into a little candy coma. I guarantee that you won't want any more candy for awhile after you're done with the load you get. Whether it be Snickers or Starburst, almost everyone loves candy and sweets.

Another excuse for loving Halloween is the hunted houses. People put a lot of time and effort into building the ultimate haunted house, just to scare the socks off of you. I love seeing horror movies but to actually go into a house and see what you see in movies, in person, rocks my socks. Like I said it's amazing how many people get into the mood of Halloween. It's so inspiring to me. If only everyone put as much effort into everything else like they do on Halloween, it would be an exciting day, every day.

I think that what it all comes down to is the spirit of Halloween. I love seeing kid's faces when you show them your hard work in making your costumes and decorations. The joy on almost everyone's face when they go though your haunted house, or to see the wonderful costumes people have made, is amazing. To see everyone having a good time warms my heart. If you can't find any joy in Halloween, then I don't know when you will. That is why Halloween is my favorite day of the year.

My Favorite Day

By: Priscilla Ramos

My Favorite day of the year is Christmas day! I think that's a lot of people's favorite day as well. But to me it seems that people forget what Christmas is all about. I think most people get caught up in all the lights and presents. They forget to wish Jesus a Happy Birthday.

I think Christmas is a magical holiday. I kind of think Jesus' birthday wish is for all of us on this one day to all get along. That's what we do right? Well at least that's how it is in my family. And that's a big part of why I like Christmas so much.

On Christmas Eve my family and I spend the day with my dad's side of the family. In the morning my mother is up early cooking. We all bring a dish or two for dinner later on that night.

Around six we all meet up at one of my family member's house. Each of the families brings all their gifts for everybody. I'm not lying there's about 100 presents under the tree. We all count down till 12:00 and then we go crazy. For about 5 minutes, wrapping paper is flying every where. We all enjoy this, except for the cleaning up afterwards.

We finally go home to rest like around 3:00 am. The next morning my brother and my little sister get up at about 6:00. We open our presents and then head off to my Grandma's (my mom side). We open our presents there and spend the morning there as well.

Later on, after we get dressed, we all reunite at someone's house to eat dinner again and just spend the day together. During this time there's laughter in the air, and smiles on everybody's faces. This is why I love this day and this is why Christmas is my favorite holiday of the year.

Disappearing Furs

Mother, daughter, and son lying bedside next to a tall standing tree. The mother watches her young, a frightened antelope tramples by the heads of the tiger's cubs and the family peeks up. A shotgun is pulled back. A figure pops out from behind a distant tree. The mother is shot dead, and the cubs left helpless as the repulsive, gruesome-minded poacher hog-ties the mother, her tongue ticks out as they drag the lifeless body in back of a filthy truck. A cage where they wrap the mother inside with her orphaned babies. They whimper and sniff their dead mother as the dingy blanket is overflowing with blood.

A bumpy ride and scared little kitties come to a halt in an Underground, dim-lit limbo where the almost non-existent animals are kept in small cages, deprived from crumbs of food or water. Some of the cages are overfilled with dead exotic birds. Screeching monkeys and elephants horn their last cries. The snakes rattled, the baby tigers roared to be saved not sacrificed. The paws of the mother are placed in bags to be shipped to China. The organs that once kept the mother alive will be eaten by the sacrilegious. The fur that once kept her cubs warm will be sold to those wealthy fools! Animals we now see on television, in magazines, or in the wild will one day vanish. What other living beauties will we humans destroy next?

THE END?

By: Desiree Ramirez

FOREVER AND EVER A Short Story by Michael Nunez

It's just a normal day for Michael. He has already been through this hundreds of times already but this time was different. It's the first day of school and there are so many new faces just as there always is but this year there is a particular face that catches his eye. It's a very amazingly beautiful girl. But Mike does not know her name yet and he is too shy to ask her, so he doesn't; he just sees her during second and fifth period.

Like about a week goes by and Michael finds out her name from one of his friends—it's Juanita. Even though he knows her name now he is still too shy to talk to her, until one day they have an ice cream party at school and Michael finally gets up enough courage to talk to her. She has the loveliest, breath-taking voice ever. Although he only talked to her a little bit he didn't want to stop.

He spent the whole weekend just thinking about her, her beautiful smile that will light up a room, her lovely breath-taking voice and her just her how beautiful and amazing she was... He ran that moment over and over again in his head all weekend anxiously waiting for Monday to come.

When Monday finally came, Michael spoke to Juanita. It wasn't a long talk. It was just a Hi. That's it. But Juanita also told Michael that he might get sick because he ate some of her ice cream on Friday and she was sick. So the day went on and fifth period. Instead of going to his fifth period, Michael ditched Kris's class and hung out with Juanita. He just sat by her and watched her do her work and listened to music. The day came to an end and Michael just left and said bye to her but he didn't get a bye back.

A couple of days went by and Michael had class with Juanita again but this time she was wearing glasses. She looked so cute and adorable in them. Michael actually sat by her this time. He was a little nervous, but he did it. He asked her if he could see her glasses and she said, "Yeah, sure."

So Michael wore them the whole class time. After class Juanita asked Michael if they could trade her glasses and his hat 'til lunch, and Michael replied with a "Yes, that's fine with me as long as I get to wear your glasses."

She said, "Yes, that's fine with me, BUT YOU HAVE TO WEAR MY GLASSES THE WHOLE TIME!!!!"

So, they both went to their next class, Michael with the glasses and Juanita wearing the hat. Michael went to class where one of his friends asked whose glasses he was wearing.

He said, "Oh they are Juanita's. We traded. She has my hat."

His friend then quickly replied, "Do you like her, dude?"

Michael nervously and super shyly said, "No," even though that he really did like her a lot. So class went by and on came lunch.

Michael was sitting at the table with his friends. They were all teasing him about the glasses, saying, "You like her, don't you?"

You don't have to lie. . . we can all tell."

Then Michael saw Juanita walk by and she asked for her glasses back so they traded back. Then all of his friends said, "You do like her, huh, huh, huh?" just waiting to see if he would give in and say yes. But Michael never did. He just ignored them as always by day-dreaming about Juanita. The day ended and Michael again tried saying bye to Juanita. This time he was shocked and amazed that she actually told him bye this time. He was so happy an excited that she did it that he was in a good mood for the rest of the day.

The next day came and Michael started talking to Juanita more, and he enjoyed that very much. He started to like her a lot, not just because of how beautiful she was. It was more of the little stuff like, when she smiled, it just melted his heart, or when she laughed so cute it made him feel really good inside. hear her laugh. Michael was starting to really fall for this girl and fall really hard for her.

Michael really likes Juanita, but is way too terrified to tell her because he thinks that she probably doesn't like him at all. So he doesn't tell her. He keeps it to himself. When people ask if he does like her, he bites his tongue and tells them, "no."

Michael continues to talk to Juanita every day. He starts to think that maybe she is starting to like him but is still unsure because there are times when she calls him rude and stuff. He just goes on thinking that she doesn't like him. But later on that day in fifth period, Michael goes and hangs out with her, well, he is ditching Kris's class. She is always listening to music so Michael always asks her to put on a song that he likes and she always does. There is sometimes, even before Michael goes to hang out with her, she already has the video up waiting for him. He likes when she does that; he thinks it's super cute because it makes him feel like she is thinking about him and is waiting for him to go over there with her.

This goes on for about two or three weeks; Michael really enjoys it. But still Michael only talks to her at school. He is still wondering if she likes him or not. Michael is also starting to think that maybe she has a boyfriend because she is always on her phone texting somebody. Michael really wouldn't be surprised if she did have a boyfriend because girls as pretty and beautiful as her usually do. He would be very sad if she did actually have a boyfriend.

Every day Michael goes home thinking about Juanita, wishing that he had her number and that he could talk to her.

Michael is sitting with Juanita one day and she was putting on a song for him. Michael asked Juanita if he could see her phone and she said

"Yeah, go ahead."

Michael told her, "I'm just going to call my phone so that you can hear the song on it."

So Michael called his phone and let Juanita hear the song on his phone. After it was over she said, "Awww you're such a dork' I'm just kidding."

Michael just sat there and smiled and again Michael picked another Friday to be brave and ask Juanita something. But this time Michael had her number on his phone, but Michael didn't text Juanita right away he was too afraid. So Saturday came and Michael thought about texting her but didn't. Later on at night time like around twelve or one in the morning Michael couldn't sleep so Michael gets this bright idea that he'll text Juanita knowing that she is asleep and won't text him back so he wouldn't have to talk to her because he is way too scared.

So Michael texted her but it was something dumb but also something that she would definitely know that it was Michael texting her.

Michael woke up the next morning early because he had to work. Well Michael was on his way to work he got a text from Juanita asking who this was texting her. Michael texted her back saying that she should know whom it is. Juanita texted him and said,

"Ugh is this stupid Mike?"

Michael said, "Yes but why do I have to be stupid for? I'm not stupid."

So Michael texted Juanita the whole time he was at work. Then she asked him if he would get in trouble for texting her because he was at work.

Michael replied with a

"Me no I run this store and they can't fire me because they need me here."

Juanita said, "Oh well that's good I guess."

Michael said, "Yeah they do because yesterday I worked from eleven in the morning to eleven at night and today I have to work from ten in the morning to eleven at night again."

Juanita said, "WOW!! That really sucks I'm sorry."

"Don't even worry about it I really don't mind at all because I agreed to work," responded Michael.

"Oh well I'm still sorry."

“Well you should give me a really big hug tomorrow at school.”
“Okay I will do that tomorrow for sure promise.”
“Okay but are you going to hug me back because last time I tried to hug you didn’t hug me back.”
“Uh should I hug you back?”
“Well yeah I think you should.”
“Okay I will.”
“You know what else you should do too?”
“What should I do?” Juanita asked.
“You should give me a hug and a KISS.”
“Umm I don’t know about that.”
“Come on please...”
“Okay I will.”
“Awesome I so can’t wait till tomorrow.”
“Okay me either.”
So Michael got off of work that night and went home and he asked Juanita if he could call her and she said
“YES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!”

So Michael called her.

Juanita answered the phone with the most beautiful and spectacular soft voice ever. As soon as she answered Michael got this image of her. This image that he got was of her as beautiful, lovely as an angel. Michael and Juanita talked for hours. But while they were talking Juanita got in trouble by her mom because she was suppose to be asleep. But Juanita didn’t listen to her mom so they continued to talk they talk to at least twelve thirty. Then Juanita told Michael that she was going to go to bed now. So Michael said

“Okay well good night sweet dreams and don’t let the bed bugs bite.”
“Okay good night and sweet dreams too.”

“Alright but don’t worry about the bed bugs because there not around at this time they went on vacation.”

“Okay thank you I’m glad.”

So the next day at school Michael saw Juanita and she looked so beautiful. Michael saw her and gave her a hug and they sat together in class. Class came and went but still no kiss.

During third period Michael texted Juanita to tell her to meet him outside. She said

“Okay I’ll go but why?”

“So that I can give you a kiss.”

“Okay.”

So Michael met Juanita outside. Michael went to give Juanita a kiss but Juanita said

“NO YOU’RE A LIAR.”

“What did I lye about?” Michael said

“YOU KNOW WHAT YOU LIED ABOUT.”

“Oh okay well.”

“Yeah”

“Well I’m sorry for lying to you.”

So Michael and Juanita walked upstairs and the stop where they stopped to give each other a kiss. They moved in close to each other there lips touched all that was running through Michael’s head was that Juanita’s lips were so soft. Then Michael and Juanita’s lips separated very slowly. After they separated, they looked into each other’s eyes. Juanita’s eyes were so soft, warm and welcoming.

School ended and Michael told Juanita bye and left they text all day until the night time came when Michael called Juanita.

“Hi” said Michael

“Hi”

“Whatcha doin?”

“Nothing just here at home talking to my sister.”

“Oh that sounds like fun do you want me to let you go?”

“No it’s okay I don’t mind.”

“Oh okay well there is something that I want to ask you.”

“ASK ME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!”

“Awww I’m too afraid to ask you can I just text it to you?”

“Yeah sure.”

So Michael texted Juanita and so said

“Why don’t you just ask me?”

“Okay I will here it goes... Will you go out with me?”

“Umm umm umm yes I will....”

So after that was over Michael told Juanita that he was so afraid that she was sat NO because of the way she answered him. Juanita just said

“Oh I’m sorry.”

So the next day came they were at school Michael gave Juanita a kiss Hi and they both walked to class...

Wow let’s speed up time here to the now. Michael and Juanita have been dating for two months now. But Michael and Juanita are still has happy as they were when they first started dating. Michael still and always remember the first time they kissed, went to her house, there first hug and there first everything.

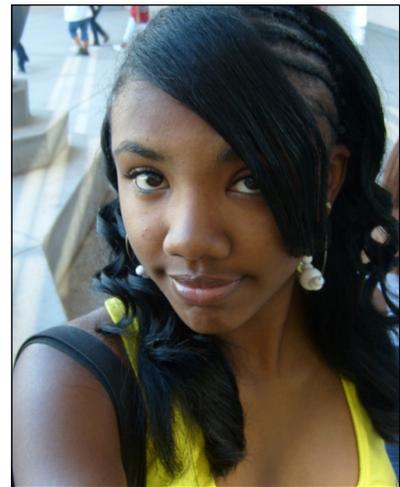
But the one thing that Michael will never ever forget is when he had to ask Juanita’s mom if he could date her they had already been dating for about two weeks already though but her mom didn’t know or Juanita says that her mom didn’t know. So Michael was so so so so nervous he could barely even talk but he did it and when he asked her she said

“NO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!”

Michael’s heart stopped for at least a couple seconds he didn’t know what to say or do he just stood there with a dumbfounded look on his face but then Juanita’s mom spoke she said

“I’m just kidding you can go out with her...”

Michael was so relieved.



Glamour and Beauty ISN'T Everything in Modeling

A lot of people think that modeling is all about looking cute and just being pretty! Well, it's not! Don't get me wrong, there are many good things about modeling. You get to wear an abundance of cute clothes and sometimes you even get to keep them. You also get to meet new people in almost every show. Much attention is on you for all kinds of big agents. And many people look up to you, especially young girls who want to be models. When our peers see us modeling, they think well, if they can do it so can we. There is a huge responsibility to modeling and that's what most people don't know. They think it's all easy and it's not. You have to wake up early when you have to do a show, sometime you have to travel, you have to eat differently, (certain foods in your diet, maintaining posture at all times, real strict manners), and you have to learn how to walk in high heels. The thing that's difficult about walking in heels is you have to learn how to hold five minute poses, stand at "clock" angles, maintain your posture, and you always have to maintain your engaging eye contact and smile. You also need to know how to express yourself and talk in front of people because sometimes people want to interview you. The whole thing about modeling is, knowing how to persuade people to buy your product, how to project a positive attitude, and be photogenic, because if you can't do that, then it's going to be hard to be a model. In the modeling industry it is sometimes challenging to be confident, because you may come across mean and jealous people that try to "break" you down and make you want to quit, but you just have to be strong and keep going.

Tiagua Murphy- I'm Tiagua and I have been modeling for about two years now. It's the best thing that ever happened to me and I love doing what I do. When I first started modeling I was so scared because I thought I was going to fall when I was walking. But later on I got over being scared. Out of all the bad and good I can say I love modeling and if you ever want to try modeling, you should try it.

Gabriella Grijalva- Hi! I'm Gabriella and I've been a modeling for four years. It's been a very hard job, but at the same time it's been an experience never to forget. The commitment and passion it takes to be a model comes from the inside and not the outside. Anybody can be a model if they really put their mind to it. So don't think about it, just do it and never give up on your dream.

Kris's Debate Class

Debate #1. Lowering the Drinking Age

(Con) (Pro)

Daniel vs. Steven, Luisa

Con– Lowering the drinking age is dumb. Not only that, irresponsible; teenagers can't handle the responsibility of drinking at the age of 18. There will be more drunk drivers on the streets. Aren't we trying to get them off?

Pro– If you lower the drinking age not that many teens will want to drink. They do it because it is against the law and it's more fun for them. If you lower it they won't want to drink any more because it is legal. You start getting charged as an adult at the age of 18, you can get your driver's permit at 15 1/2 and license at the age of 16. When you turn 18 you have a lot of responsibilities. You can vote, and even buy a gun. A gun is more dangerous than a beer, so why can't we drink at the age of 18?

Debate #2 Burning the Flag

(Con) (Pro)

Abel vs. Cervando

Con– You don't have the right to burn the flag. If you don't like your country then vote, let your voice be heard. Burning the flag is a disgrace; it's your freedom that you are burning. It is despicable, not honorable.

Pro– It's just a piece of cloth. If you ban burning the flag, it's like banning the freedom of speech. We will always have one. If you burn the flag, your voice will be heard loud and clear and farther. There have already been two attempts on banning it; it hasn't happened yet.

Debate #3 Condoms at School

(Con) (Pro)

Jose vs. George

Con– Passing out condoms at school might offend one's religion. Giving condoms to a 14 year old is against the law. So why do they do it?

Pro– Pregnancy alone is up 3% between the ages of 14 and higher. Arizona has the highest rate for teenage pregnancy. Is the person who is giving them out forcing them to take the condoms? No, they are not; it's their choice of taking it.

December Holidays



December 25 is celebrated by many people. The traditional ways of celebrating Christmas is keeping a Christmas tree in the home, a couple of gifts under the tree, and food, as well as hanging colorful or white lights. There is also a mysterious man who we call Santa Claus, who brings presents to homes and puts them under the tree during the night of Christmas Eve.



Hanukkah (Chanukah) also known as the Festival of Lights, is an eight-day Jewish holiday. Starting from the 25th day of Kislev until late November. Turkey and latkes are the favorite food and they light a candle each night of Hanukkah on their Menorah.



Kwanzaa consists of seven days of celebration, featuring activities such as candle-lighting and pouring of libations, and culminating in a feast and gift giving. It's celebrated from December 26 to January 1.



Las Posadas is celebrated by Mexican families. It is celebrated on December 16 to the 24th. Every home has a Nativity scene and the hosts of the Posada act as the innkeepers. After all the praying the children have their party which of course includes a piñata.



Ramadan is celebrated in Muslim religions. It begins September 12. Traditional foods are *sufaar* and *iftar*, and light, nutritious meals containing fresh fruits, vegetables, and halal meats. It is the Islamic month of fasting, in which participating Muslims do not eat or drink anything from true dawn until sunset.

What Do You Want for Christmas?

All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth.... Michael Nunez

All I want for Christmas is an Apple laptop...Mirna Cabrera

All I want for Christmas is to dominate the world...and to see my sister along with all the Halloween movies!!! Estefani Alvarez

All I want for Christmas is... Umm let me see, a new phone!... Priscilla Ramos

I want a flippin Xbox 360 with Rock Band... Courtney Sears

I want a baby panda with a blue bow on it...Desiree Ramirez

I want world peace and a McDonald 's meal...Basillio Martinez



I want CAI8DET motor...Austin McCallister

I want money, clothes and shoes... Clarissa Frayo

All I want for Christmas is the whole world...Juanita Cabrer

For Christmas I want A Chihuahua puppy.... Desiree Ford

All I want for Christmas are my school credits...Joseph

For Christmas I want a healthy, happy, comfortable lifestyle for me, and for all my family and friends, and for EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE!...Kathryn

All I want for Christmas is a million dollars...me

For Christmas I want a brain lol...Francisco Marquez



What are You Thankful for on Thanksgiving?

**On thanksgiving I'm thankful for my family and for my boyfriend
Mike...**

–Juanita Cabrera

**On Thanksgiving I'm thankful for my girlfriend Juanita and her
family for inviting me over for dinner.**

-Mike Nunez

**This Thanksgiving I'm thankful for my mom being so generous and
allowing me to get my snakebites.**

–Mirna Cabrera

I'm thankful for my family and my good health. – Priscilla Ramos

I'm thankful for everything, I love living life!!! - Angelica Ybave

I'm thankful for still having my family friends. –Sebastian Noriega

I'm thankful for my family...- Juan Lopez

**I'm thankful for my family and friends, and everything in my life! –
Jasmine Jasso**

I'm thankful for another year to live and love life!-kw

I am thankful for myself- me



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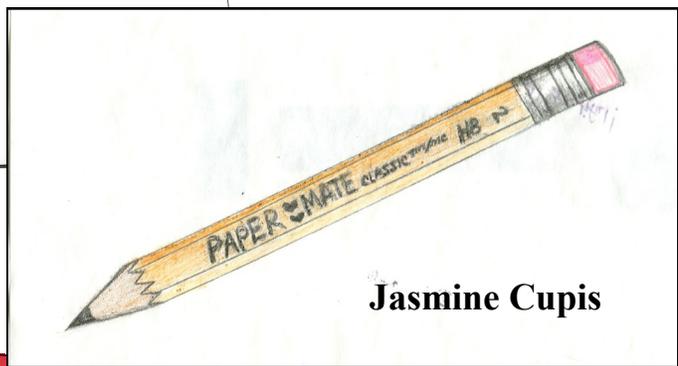


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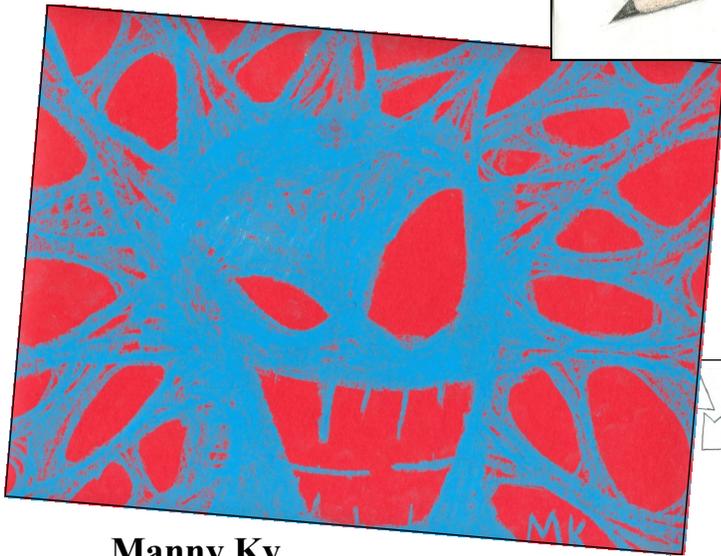




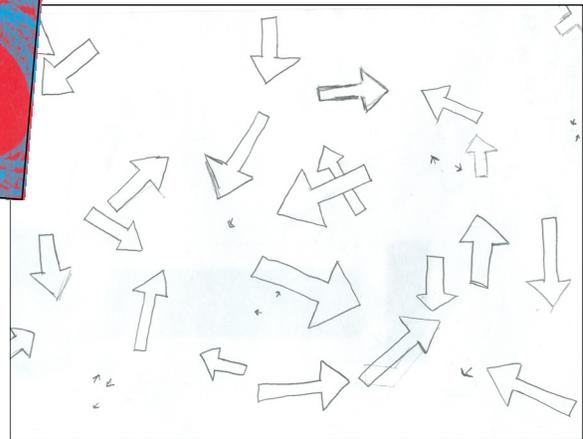
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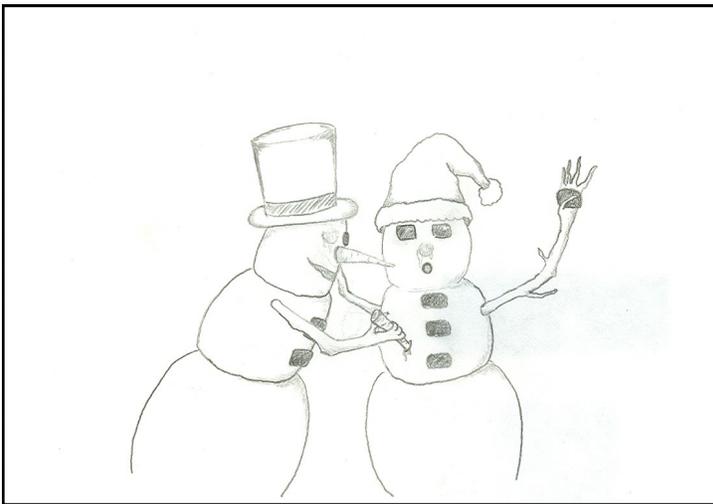
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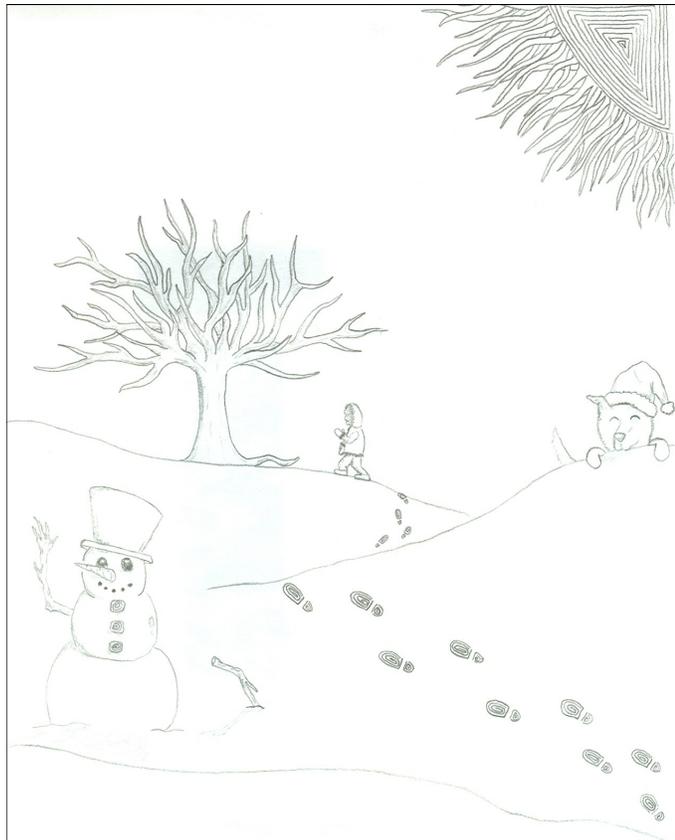
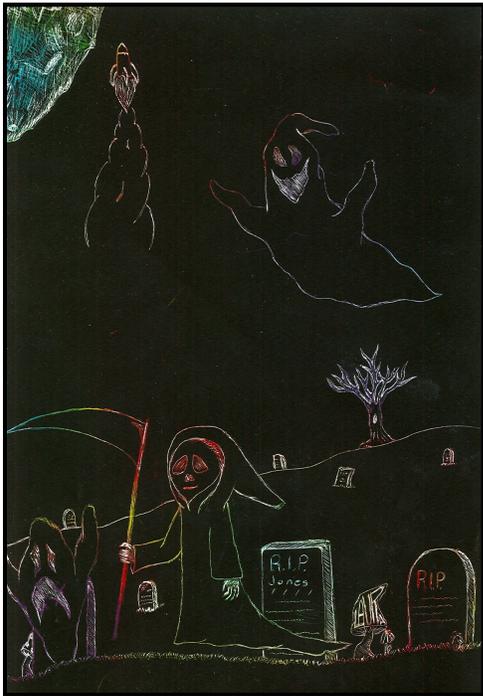
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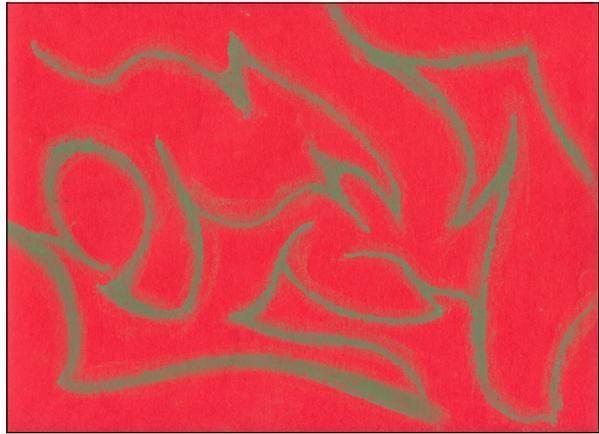
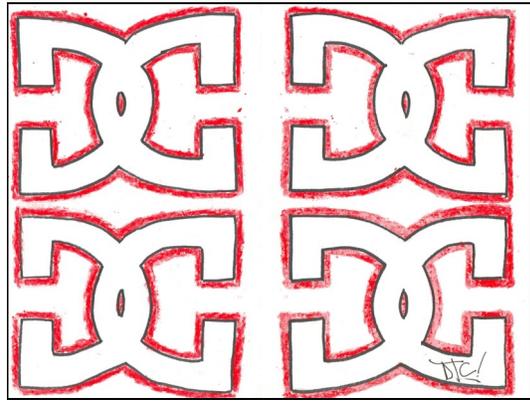
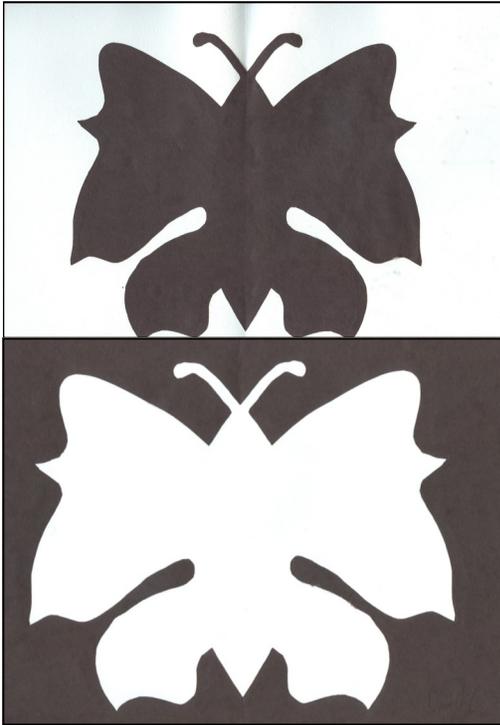


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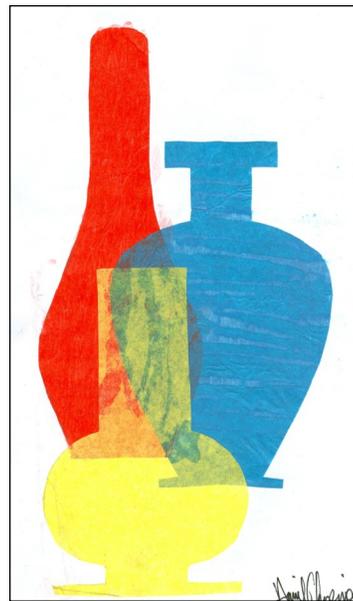
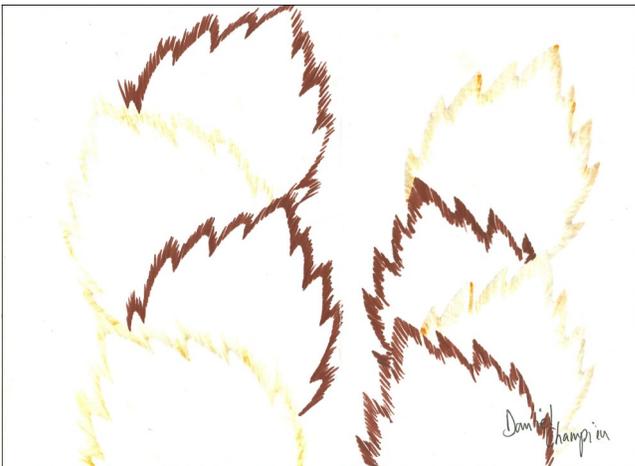


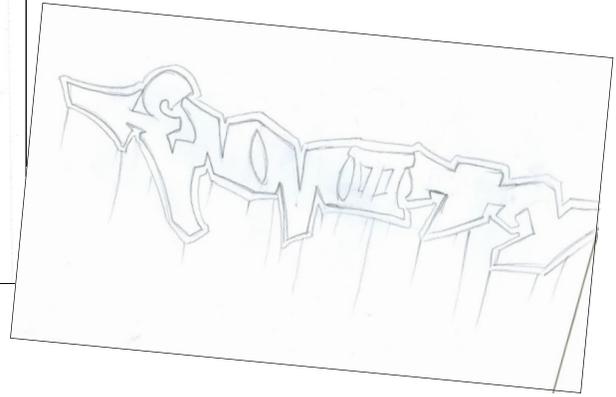
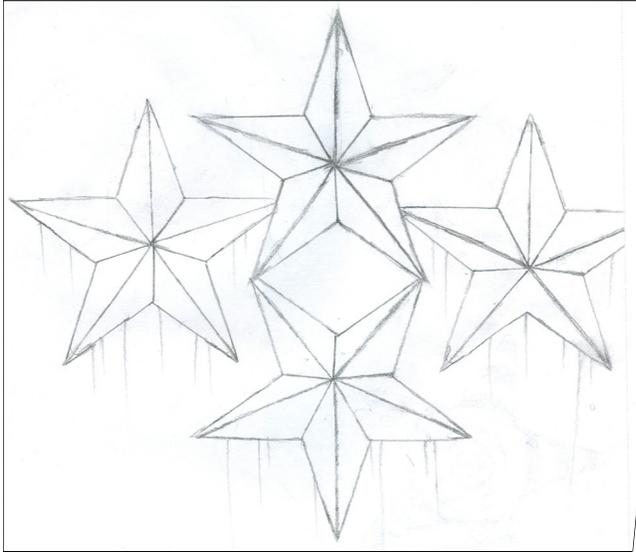
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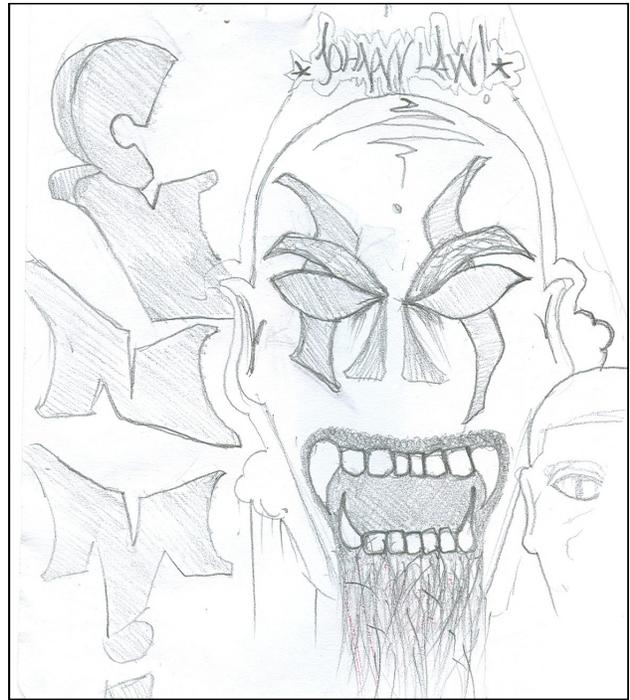


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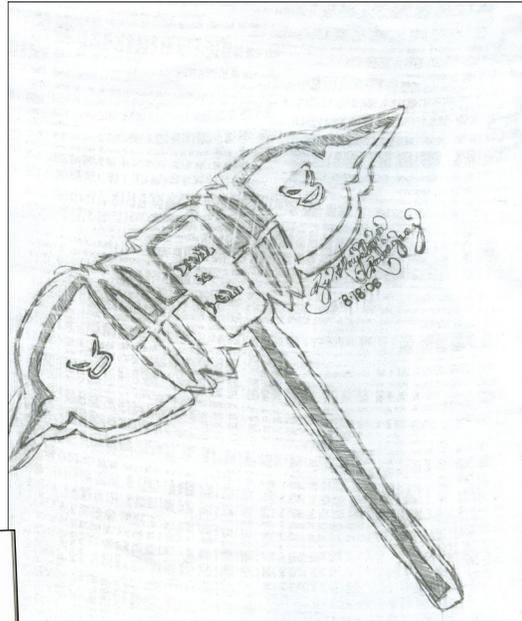


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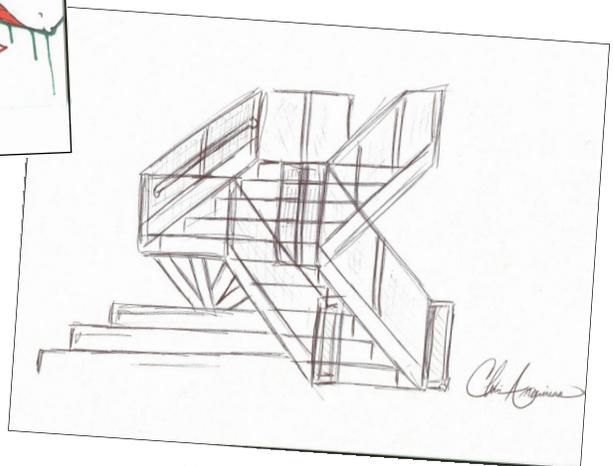
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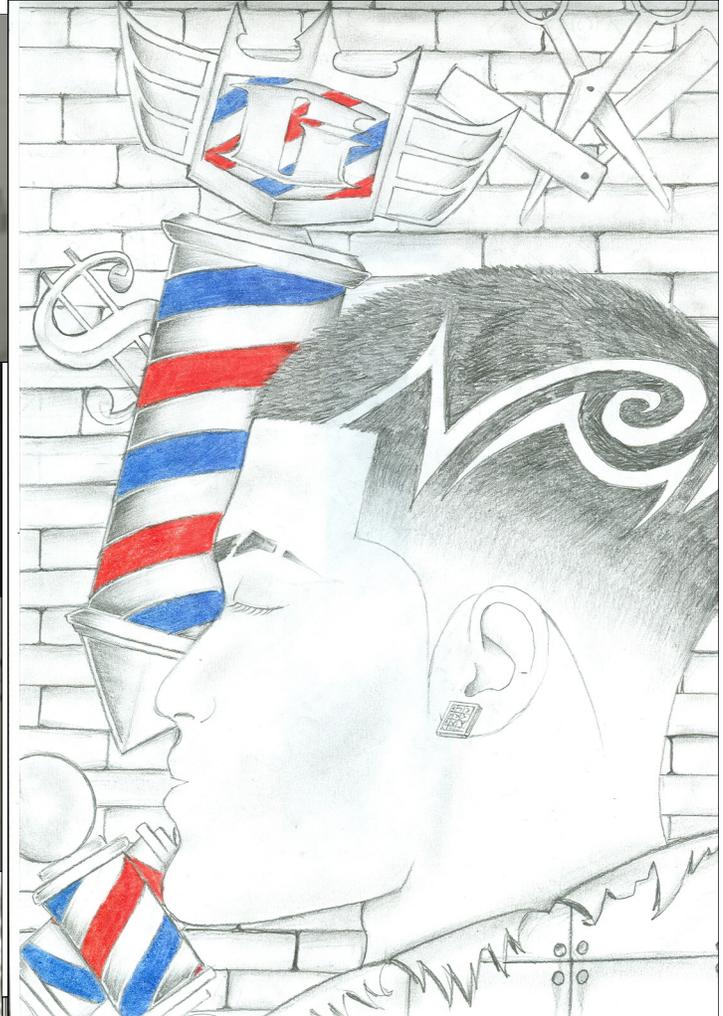
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**MEXICAN
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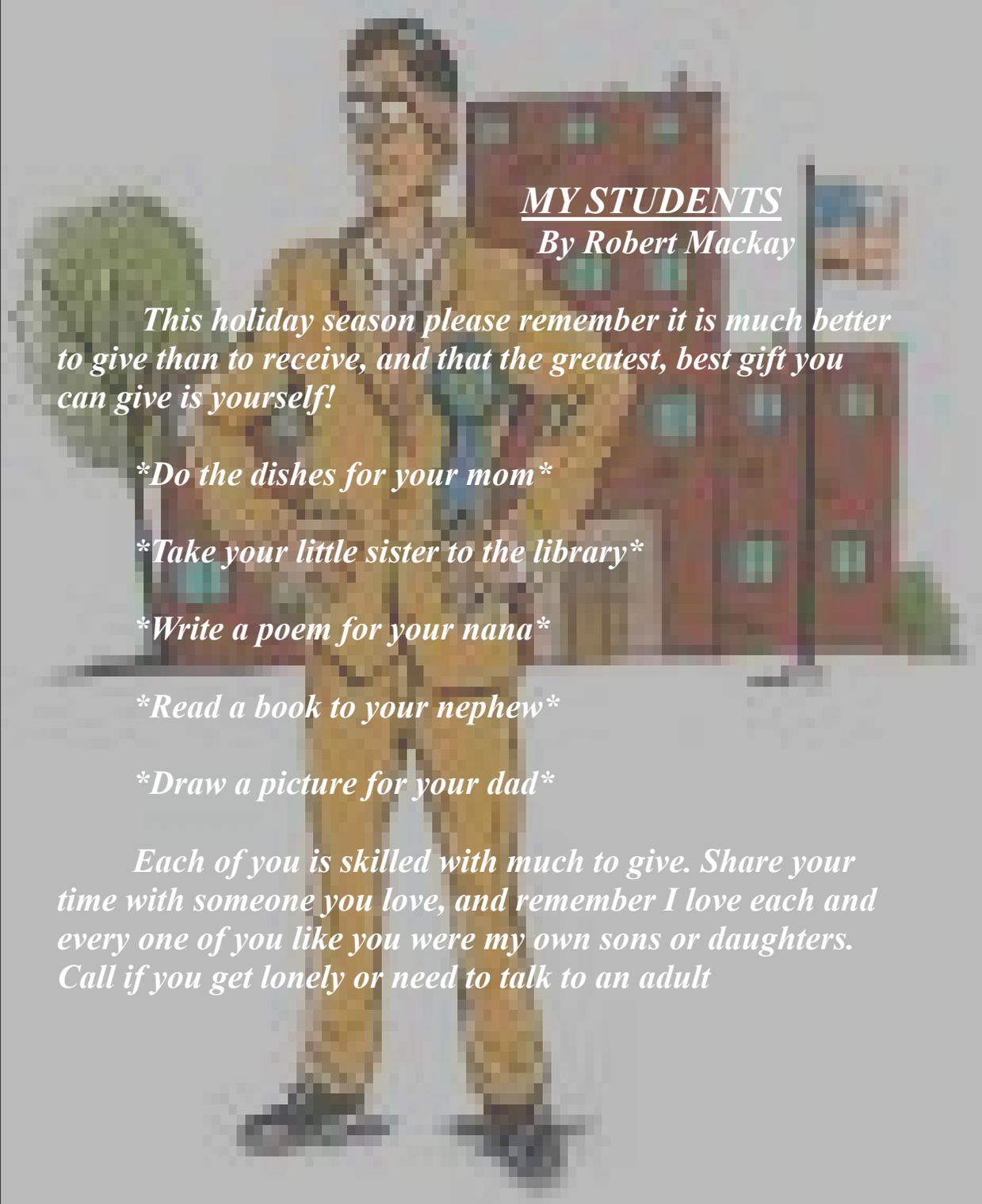
Cesar's drawings and air-brushings...





My name is Cesar Gabriel Navarro but everyone who knows me calls me Gobby. I cut hair for fun. I guess u can call it a passion...





MY STUDENTS
By Robert Mackay

This holiday season please remember it is much better to give than to receive, and that the greatest, best gift you can give is yourself!

Do the dishes for your mom

Take your little sister to the library

Write a poem for your nana

Read a book to your nephew

Draw a picture for your dad

Each of you is skilled with much to give. Share your time with someone you love, and remember I love each and every one of you like you were my own sons or daughters. Call if you get lonely or need to talk to an adult

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