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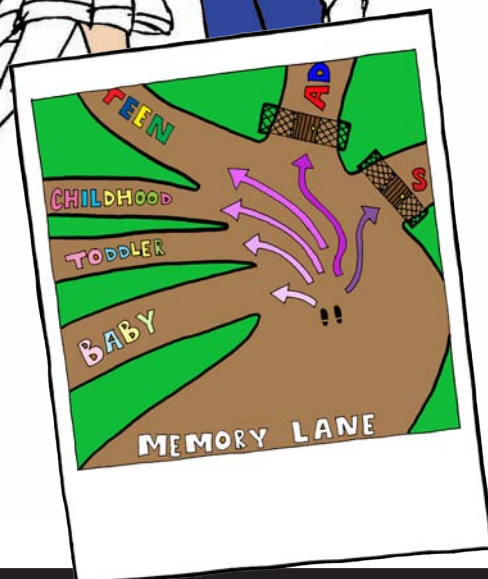


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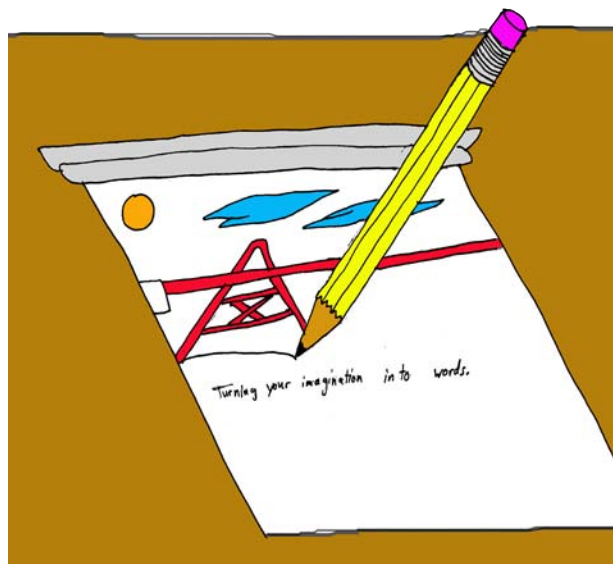
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We have packed this issue with wonderful writing samples, terrific artwork, a small retrospect to our earliest days as well as an inside look at what “Teens” find important. Above is an illustration submitted by our own Zayd S. depicting a very elaborate “bug” illustration for our story that is based on Kafka’s *Metamorphosis*. As always, contact our editor, Jimmy Giap, at [giap@bhsva.net](mailto:giap@bhsva.net) for subscriptions, submissions or anything else.

# BLOG!



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When I was 13, I had my favorite pair of shoes. They were black with red and white all over. I think that they were Nike. These were the shoes I wore every day. Like all shoes, they got old really old. We threw them away.... never to see my favorite shoes again.....

Currently, I have 8 pairs of shoes: DC, World Industry, Etnies, Zoo York... etc. These are all skate shoes. I got Nikes again. They are over rated. But i still remember those shoes from long ago.....

-Robert Aguayo



# “MY OLD

Two years ago my mother and I went sneaker shopping in Manhattan. She bought me a pair of Converse. I loved those sneakers. I still do actually. I just don't wear them anymore because I got a new pair. Converse are my favorite sneakers. I have 5 pairs of shoes in my closet.

-Valerie Sanchez

## Many More Shoes



The pair of shoes/ sneakers I remember best is the Air Jordan 9s in cool grey and white. The first time I put those sneakers on, I fell in love with them. Those sneakers felt so comfortable when I walked; I felt like never taking them off.

Out of all the pairs of sneakers I own, I have more Jordans than any other brand of sneakers. I LOVE JORDANS!!!!!!

Ok here comes the wow part...

I have more than 10 pairs of sneakers and 1 pair of dress shoes. I have approximately 20 or so pairs of sneakers and I only wear 5 of them. Yeah I know, ridiculous. Hehe.

But hey, what can I do? I like sneakers! - Norman Abrahante

## MY ADIDAS

I previously owned a pair of black adidas that I wore during my summer job. After my summer job was over, I put them in a charity clothing bin not far from my house. I own seven or eight pairs of sneakers.

-Keithley Adams



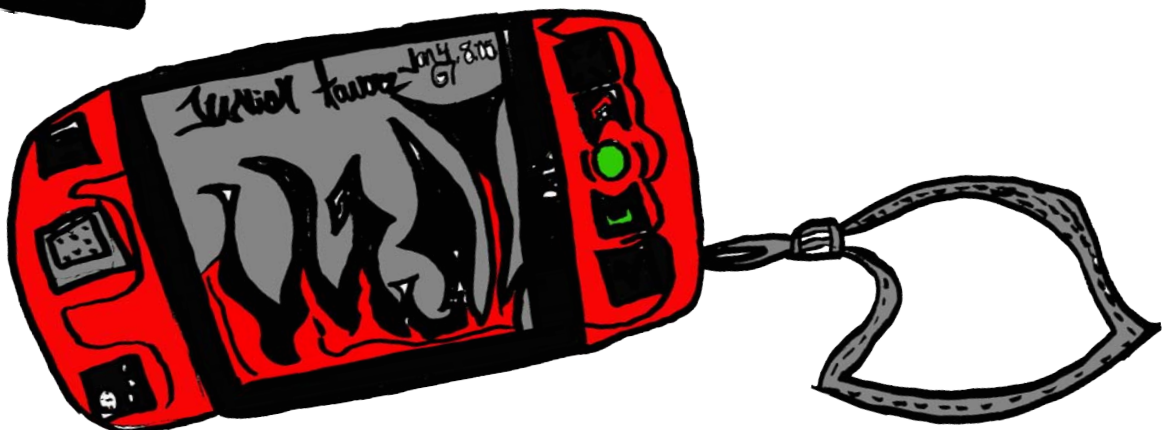
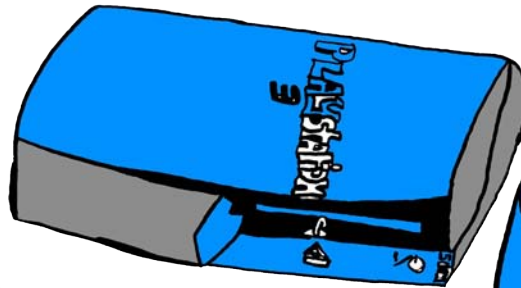
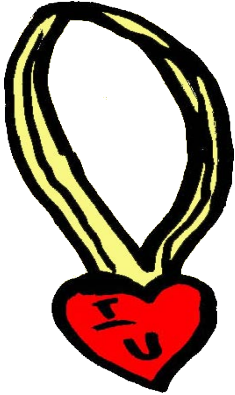
# SHOES"

Story Editor: Junior Tavares

# "TEEN LIFE"



Story Editor: Norman Abrahante



Teenagers from the Bronx usually like to read about anything interesting from professional sports to stories about their favorite celebrities. Bronx teens don't like to read about anything boring.

-Jimmy Giap

Bronx teens are the type of kids who want to know the new scoop in the world or around their environment. They want to be introduced to new ideas such as things they can do to help themselves and their city. They want to know the new gossip on rappers, on fights and etc. Also, they would like to get the opportunity to join groups and most of all become someone in life !

-Teresa Merolla

I think that teens these days read comments on Facebook and Twitter. Teenagers won't read anything else because nothing else concerns us in general.

-Keithley Adams

Bronx teens want to read about their favorite rapper or the news from their countries. We like *People Magazine*. My personal favorites are sports magazines. Teenagers from the Bronx don't really want to read about college and other school-related things.

-Junior Tavares

Bronx teens like to read many things. They mostly read about superstars in such magazines as *People Magazine*, *The Source*, and *xxl* magazines, clothing magazines, etc.

I think Bronx teens don't want to read about school-related things. They are not interested in genres that they can't relate to.

-Norman Abrahante

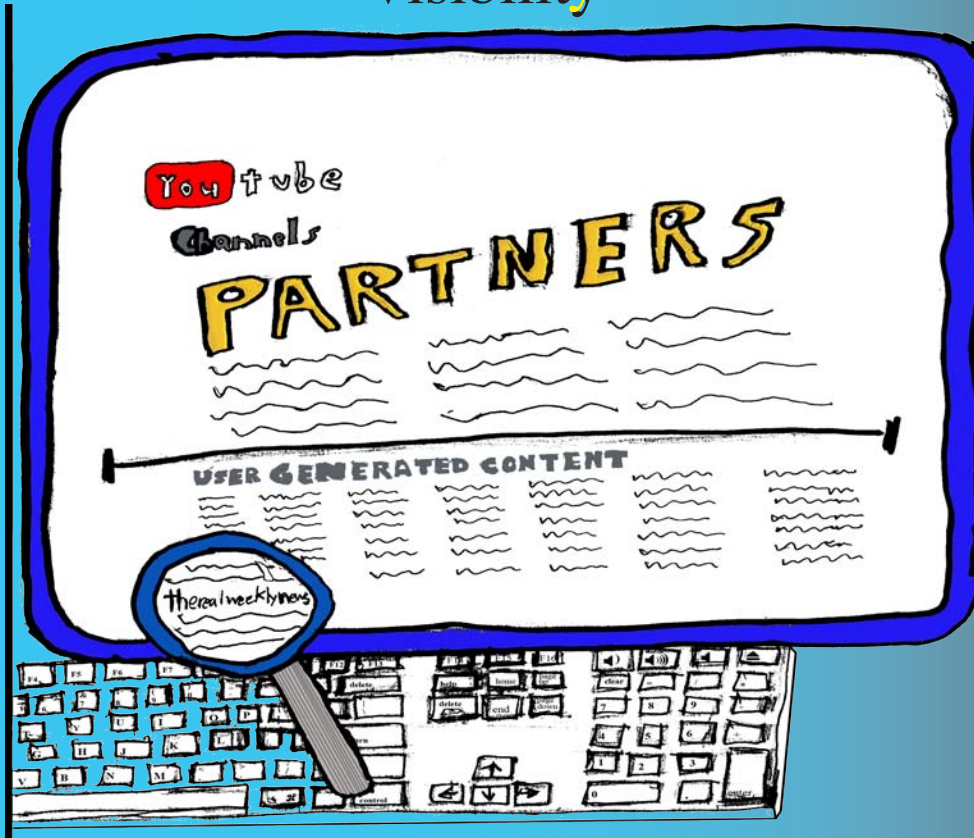
I think that Bronx teens want to read about music. Instead of RAP, Bronx teens should be checking out Rock [ \m/ (-\_-) \m/ ]. Rap sucks and it is a bad influence.

I believe that teens enjoy reading about the best movies, the newest and best video games and music because most teenagers do talk about these topics.

-Zayd Sanders



# Youtube site has hope for better Visibility



For those of you who don't know, I have a YouTube channel called BionTimeWorks. I make good videos and work hard at making them. I am having some difficulty with YouTube, however. Every time I post a new video, I get fewer and fewer views. This is because of the gap between the media generated content, partner created content and user created content. The more they promote partner channels and media partner channels and "favorites" (especially on the homepage), the more we lose our chances to being seen. A guy on Youtube whose channel name is *therealweeklynews* said that everyone's videos should get the chance to succeed or fail. He notified his supporters about the recent changes in YouTube's promotion of professional and commercial content; he has been trying to get this situation fixed. It has been a month since that video. This week he published an update. He said that he will be posting another video in the next week about the solution to this and other Youtube



issues. *Therealweeklynews* is my favorite YouTube channel because no one has tried as hard as he has to fix things and get them back to the way they were. I can't wait to see what he has been working on for the past 2 months. I think it might be a website to filter out the promoted videos. I just hope that all that work we have done to help his videos stand out have finally yielded results. I highly recommend that you go watch one of his videos right now! Get involved in making YouTube for the users again, instead of the corporate giants!-Johnathan Michelstein

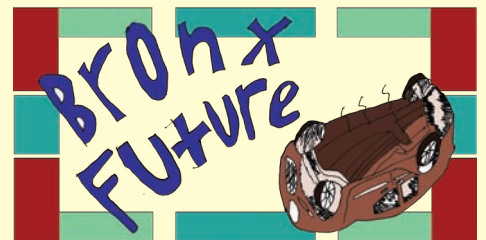


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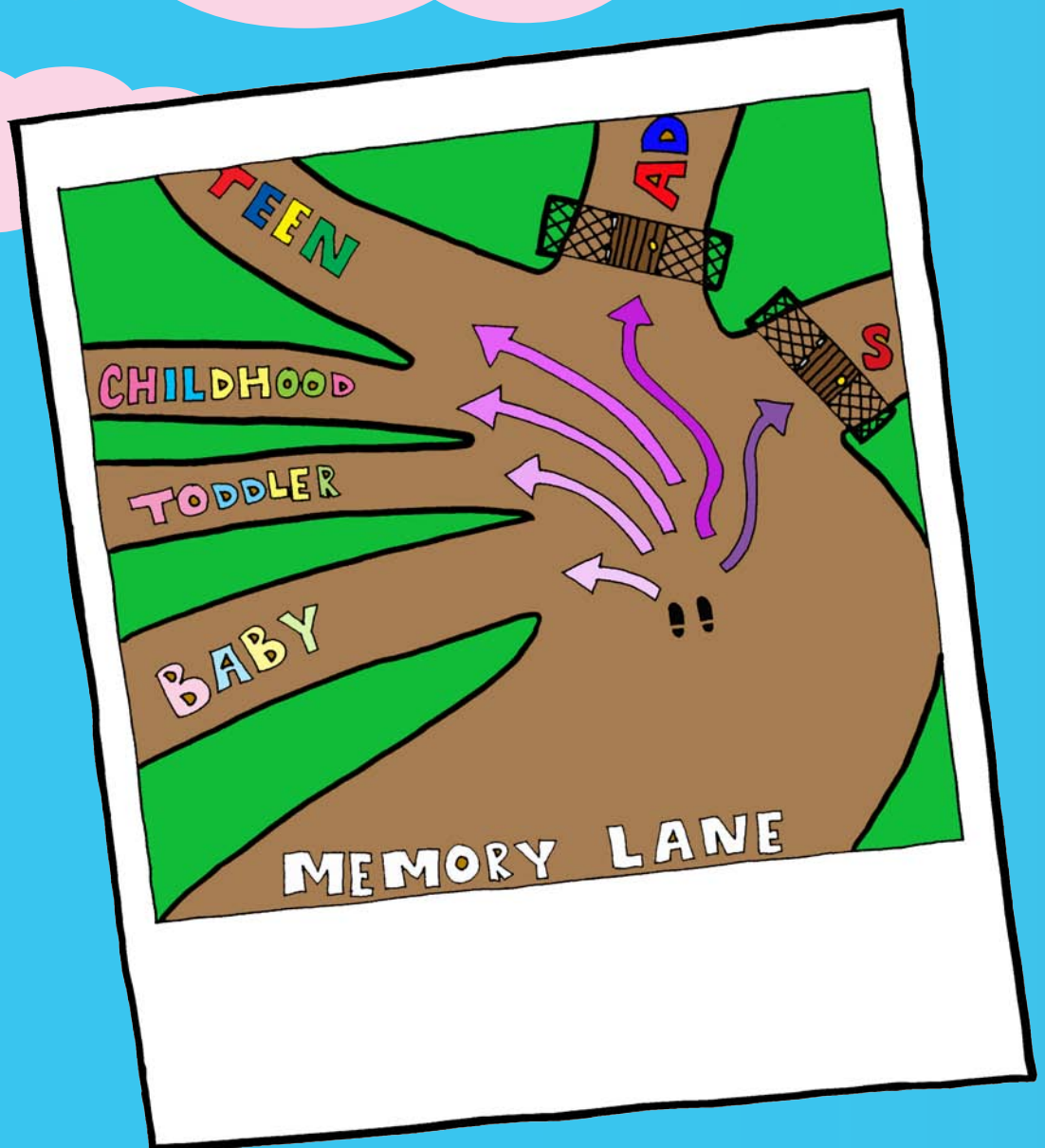


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# My Earliest Memory...



Story Editor: Christina Ngin

### **Norman Abrahante**

One of my earliest memories is from when I was in 5th grade. I was one of the few students to get 2nd honors in school. I was in Catholic school. Catholic School wasn't all that great. There are too many rules and the school is so strict. It's not good. Besides being in Catholic school, 5th grade was my best year ever. My teacher was the best. She treated me with respect and I returned the favor. Every other teacher I have had hated me. The crazy thing was that I was just being myself. I was never disrespectful to any one. In 7th grade I got fed up and disrespected the teacher. I disrespected the teacher, because she disrespected me and she hated me very, very, very much.

### **Christina Ngin**

My earliest memory would be...I guess my father. I will always remember him because he's been the best father to me. He was everything to people around him. He was a doctor, a Thailand boxer, a pastor, a garbage man, a carpenter, and most of all a father of 5 girls. He will be only a memory I'll have until I am gone.

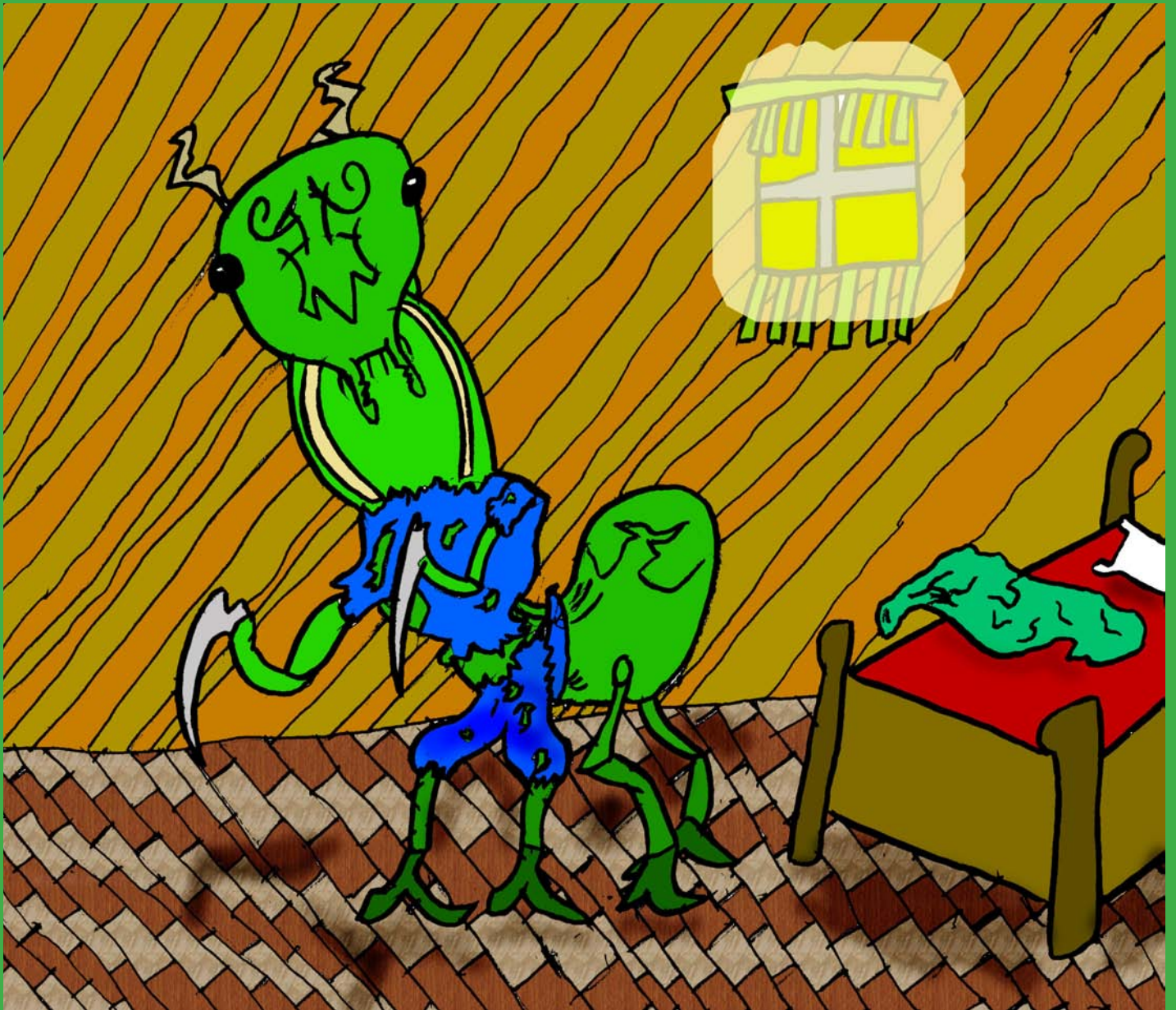
### **Edgar Lucero**

My earliest memory is when I woke up to see my mom and told her that I was six years old when I was still five. I didn't know how birthdays worked. I thought everyday was a person's next birthday but my mom told me I was still five.

### **Zayd Sanders**

My earliest memory was when I climbed out of my crib. Then the next day my mother was watching me climb out.





KAFKA

Story Editor: Matthew Michelstein



# Metamorphosis

After a few minutes of mentally taking this in, he tried out his new wings and flew around in circles a few times. He did a dive or two. He kept flying until he was stuck all of a sudden. Gregor for some reason couldn't move. It was because he was in a GIANT SPIDER WEB. Gregor then saw a giant spider just crawling closer and closer to him, getting ready to do what spiders do best in these situations. He screamed and said, "Help me, Help me" with his squeaky voice. Then he tried to fly away, but even with all his might, he couldn't break free. In the end Gregor woke up and it turned out to be another dream.

-Johnathan Michelstein

As the bed transformed into a giant insect, it was alive. It looked like it was going to attack him but instead it ran outside. Gregor didn't know what to do. All he could think about was chasing it to see what it was up to but all it did was go to a junkyard to get something to eat!!

-Junior Tavares

He woke one morning from uneasy dreams. He found himself transformed in his bed into a giant insect .. a thing called a GLYNBERT. A Glynbert is a power that gives you a unique, funny, handsome, one of a kind power that is very easy to deal with. This power gives you a way with the ladies. Gregor Samsa was amazed by his transformation in looks and the way he acted and thought. He was happier this way, because he was having a lot of trouble with the ladies at school. He wanted to ask the prettiest girl in the school to the upcoming dance. Her name was Rihanna Fenty and she just broken up with her boyfriend, Chris Brown. But now that Gregor was transformed into a HANDSOME YOUNG MAN, WITH WONDERFUL FEATURES. As soon as he stepped foot into the school, all eyes were on him. He saw Rihanna looking at him. He played it cool. Gregor walked in Rihanna's direction and she looked at him from head to toe and said."Gregor is that you?" For the first time he noticed and as he turned around to reply, he saw her checking him out. ALL EYES WHERE ON HIM.

-Glyn Brown



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# Do You Believe in

# GHOSTS?

At some point I do and at some point I don't. Many people show it on TV & on the Internet. Some people believe it because they actually show the footage of an actual ghost doing crazy things. I saw the *Paranormal Activities* movie i couldnt sleep for 2 weeks i was so scared so i do believe in ghost.

-Junior Tavares



Yes, I do believe in ghosts. I have seen many videos about ghosts and have heard many stories from my family and many different people that I know and trust. There are other people who have told me their stories. Odds are that they all can't be lying. There are also many documented sightings and stories with encounters from ghosts since the 5th century and even before that.

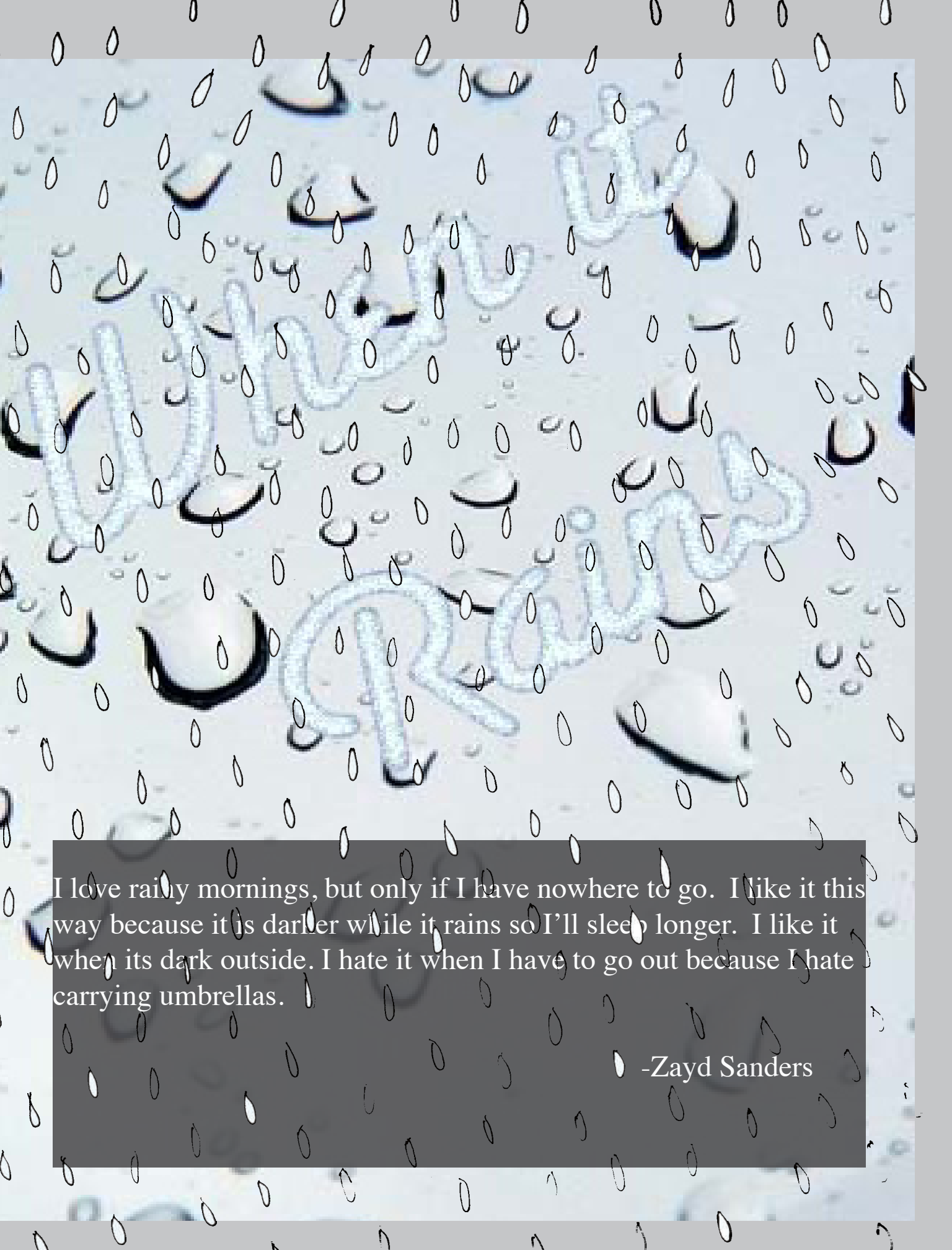
-Edgar Lucero

I really don't believe in ghosts. I think people overdo it about these things. To some people they may be real, but to me, they're kind of an old thing people would get you to believe in.

-Bilal Davis

Yes, I do believe in ghosts. Just because a person's body is gone, doesn't mean that their spirit is dead. Way back to God knows when, I was in my kitchen having dinner and I saw a shadow walk across the hallway. I thought it was mom, but she was in the living room. Another time was when my mom saw a shadow walking across the hallway, then she called thinking that I was in the hallway when I was really in my bedroom playing GTA 4.

-Keithley Adams



I love rainy mornings, but only if I have nowhere to go. I like it this way because it is darker while it rains so I'll sleep longer. I like it when it's dark outside. I hate it when I have to go out because I hate carrying umbrellas.

-Zayd Sanders



Rainy days are okay. It depends on whether its windy and rainy, then there's a problem. The winds make the rain storm get crazy. It makes you an easy target to get soaked real quick which can get you sick and also brake your umbrella!

-Norman Abrahante

I'm fine with rainy mornings. They don't bother me.

-Joseph McLendon

I like rainy mornings especially when I don't have anywhere to go so that I can relax and sleep.

-Jeron St. Fleur

How do I feel about rainy days?...well I don't like them, that's one thing for sure.

-Valerie Sanchez

A rainy day is not a problem unless it occurs in the morning. When ir rains in the mornings, I feel tired because of the bleak sky. Rain becomes a nuisance because of my wet clothes. It doesn't bring up my mood when I'm in school either.

-Matthew Michelstein

Rainy days make me fell lousy. I have that condition in which weather affects how I feel. I don't know what its called, but I know I have it. Rain sometimes make me feel sad, depending on how bad the weather and/or day is.

-Johnathan Michelstein

I hate rainy mornings. Whenever it's a rainy morning, it seems so depressing. I manage to just roll with the punches and go on with my day.

-Keithley Adams

I hate rainy mornings because they make getting to school a lot tougher. The rain also irritates me. I hate getting my clothes wet, and the books in my book bag usually get wet.

-Diego Rivera

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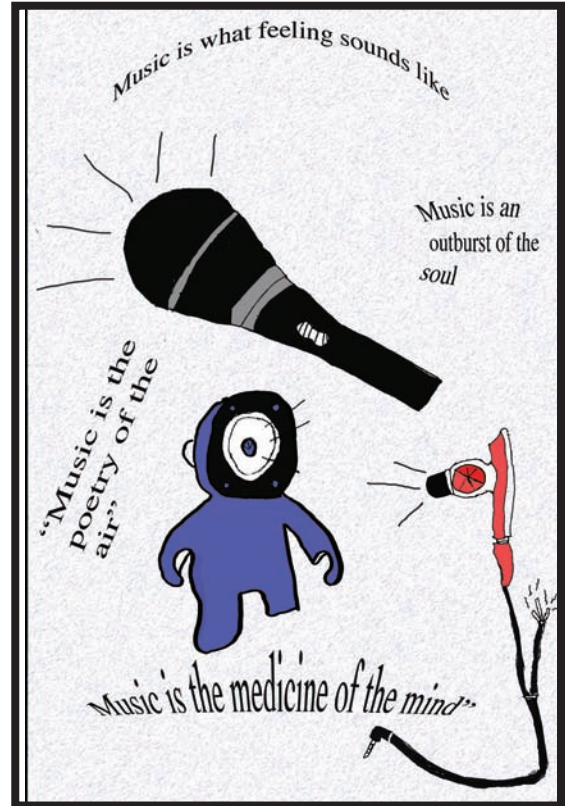
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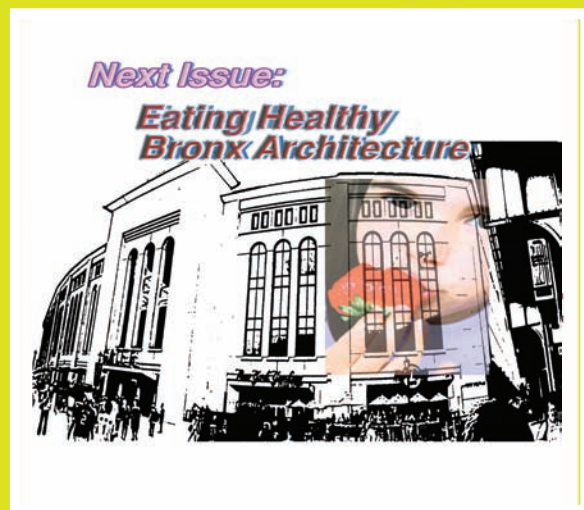
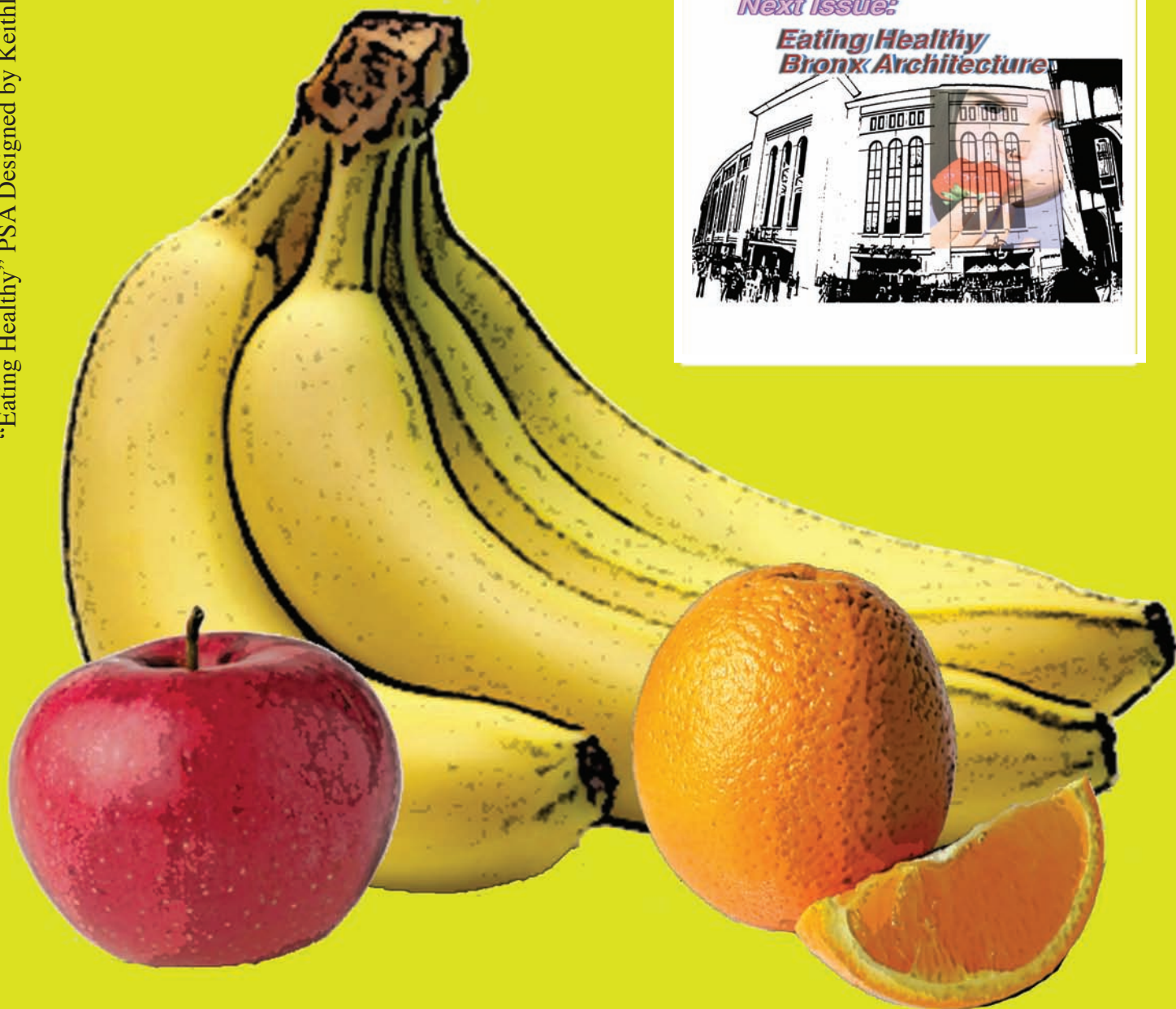
# SUBM SS ONs



"Hip-Hop" by Glynbert Brown, "Musical is.." by Kaleil Washington, "Anime Guitarist" by Jesse Beniquez, "PaRaNoRMAL", by Cristian Flores, "Hardcore", by Dennys Kolvechic



# Eating Healthy



# /s Eating Smart