

*Publishing Schedule*

**L.A. Youth will arrive the week of Jan. 23, 2012**

## Key to using the January-February 2012 issue:

ARTICLE and PAGE NUMBER	KEY TEACHING POINTS
<p><b>New year, new me?</b> p. 5 Every year Merryck makes a resolution even though she's always failed.</p>	<p>Did you make a New Year's resolution this year? Why do you think so many people fail to keep their resolutions?</p>
<p><b>Creating my own comics</b> pp. 6-7 Making comics started as a way to fight boredom in math class, but it's become something Austin loves.</p>	<p>What's your creative outlet? Where do you find your inspiration?</p>
<p><b>COVER STORY: Getting real about graduating</b> pp. 10-11 These former dropouts talk about their second chance at a diploma.</p>	<p>How much responsibility do students have for dropping out? What can schools do better to keep students from dropping out?</p>
<p><b>Front-row seats</b> pp. 14-15 Edda says it was tiring but fun camping out for the Rose Parade.</p>	<p>What's something you have always wanted to do? How can you accomplish it while you're in high school?</p>
<p><b>Give P.E. a chance</b> p. 16 Sarah says it's not a waste of time if you try to get a good workout.</p>	<p>What do you think of P.E.? How can P.E. be made interesting? How do you get exercise?</p>
<p><b>Stressing for success</b> p. 17 Getting sick so much made Julia realize she couldn't work so hard in school.</p>	<p>How do you make sure you don't get run down? What type of college would be best for you?</p>
<p><b>I'm better off without my dad</b> pp. 18-19 After years of hoping her dad would be more caring, a girl finally has a father figure who is.</p>	<p>How are you affected by the way your parents treat you? What makes a good parent?</p>
<p><b>How we've made money</b> pp. 20-21 These teens found ways to earn cash without a regular job.</p>	<p>What have you done to earn some extra cash? What do you spend your money on? Why is it hard for teens to get a "regular" job?</p>
<p><b>The recession hits home</b> pp. 22-23 It was scary when Jennifer's mom lost her job.</p>	<p>How has your family been affected by the recession? What have you learned about money and the job market because of the recession?</p>
<p><b>Is it OK to lie?</b> pp. 24-25 Our essay contest winners say it depends on the situation.</p>	<p>Do you think it's ever OK to lie? Under what circumstances would you consider it acceptable?</p>

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