

DISCUSSION KEY for the January-February 2013 issue:

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	<p>Gun violence has to stop . 5 <i>The shooting in Connecticut made Susie realize that we need to change our gun laws.</i></p>		<p>What do you think can be done to reduce gun violence? How can schools be made safer?</p>
	<p>What does it mean to be poor? 6 <i>Six teens discuss how their families have struggled and how their views of poverty have changed.</i></p>		<p>Have your views of poverty changed as you've gotten older? Why do you think it's so hard for people to admit that they're poor?</p>
	<p>Celebrating L.A. Youth's 25th anniversary 9 <i>We look back at our most popular topics with excerpts from our best work.</i></p>		<p>Looking over these excerpts from our archives, how do you think teen life has changed and stayed the same? What stories do you most connect with?</p>
	<p>I don't need a boyfriend . . 21 <i>After seeing her friends' relationship drama, Sydney is happy to be single.</i></p>		<p>What are the benefits and drawbacks to dating in high school? Do you have more fun on a date or with a group of friends?</p>
	<p>Finding the confidence to speak up 22 <i>Kari is no longer the quiet kid in class thanks to her new school.</i></p>		<p>What fear have you tried to overcome? What helped you? What did you try that didn't work?</p>
	<p>Who are you jealous of? . 24 <i>Essay contest winners wrote about a wealthy girl, a friend with supportive parents and a classmate's freedom.</i></p>		<p>Who or what have you been jealous of? Why do you think people get jealous of others?</p>
	<p>Video game reviews 26 <i>Check out our reviews of League of Legends, Halo 4 and Shadow of the Colossus.</i></p>		<p>L.A. Youth has reviewed video games only four times in the past 10 years. Do you think video games are a form of art that deserve to be reviewed? Why or why not?</p>
	<p>CD reviews 27 <i>Our staff writers recommend Foster the People, Deadmau5 and Two Door Cinema Club</i></p>		<p>What are you listening to right now? What's your favorite CD and why?</p>

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L.A. YOUTH IS CLOSING

We are saddened to inform you that after 25 years of publishing the newspaper by and about Los Angeles teens, L.A. Youth will be closing at the end of February. That means that this January-February issue is the FINAL issue of L.A. Youth.

“Tough economic times, foundation cuts and moving our office by March 1, 2013, have overburdened our budget and placed an undue amount of financial strain on the L.A. Youth family,” our publisher Donna Myrow wrote in this issue. “While we celebrate our 25th anniversary this month we are regrettably closing the doors on this extraordinary organization at the end of February. This is our last edition of L.A. Youth.”

We want to thank you for sharing L.A. Youth with your students all these years, and encouraging them to participate by entering our contests, writing letters to the editor and joining our teen staff. Your support was an important part of L.A. Youth’s success.

“My dream was to publish an excellent teen-written newspaper. It was fulfilled,” Myrow wrote. “We leave confident that the legacy is strong and hopeful. Perhaps we moved the world a bit in the right direction. We are confident our struggle was successful.”

