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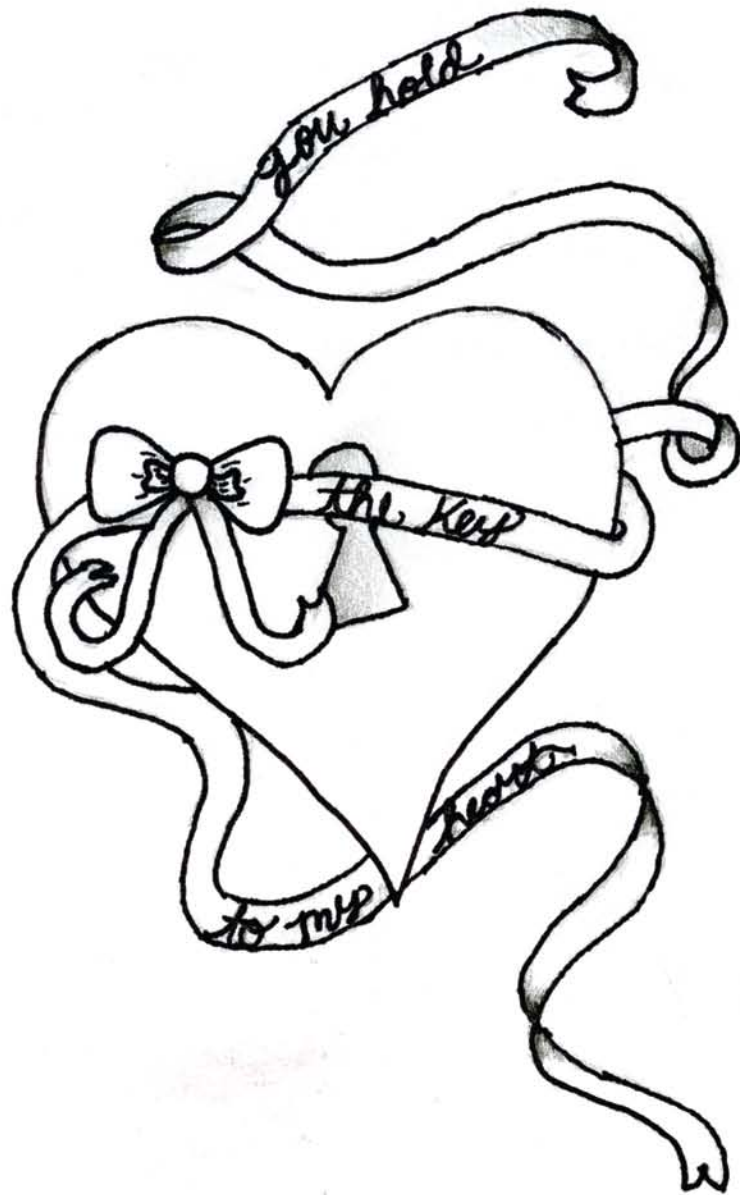


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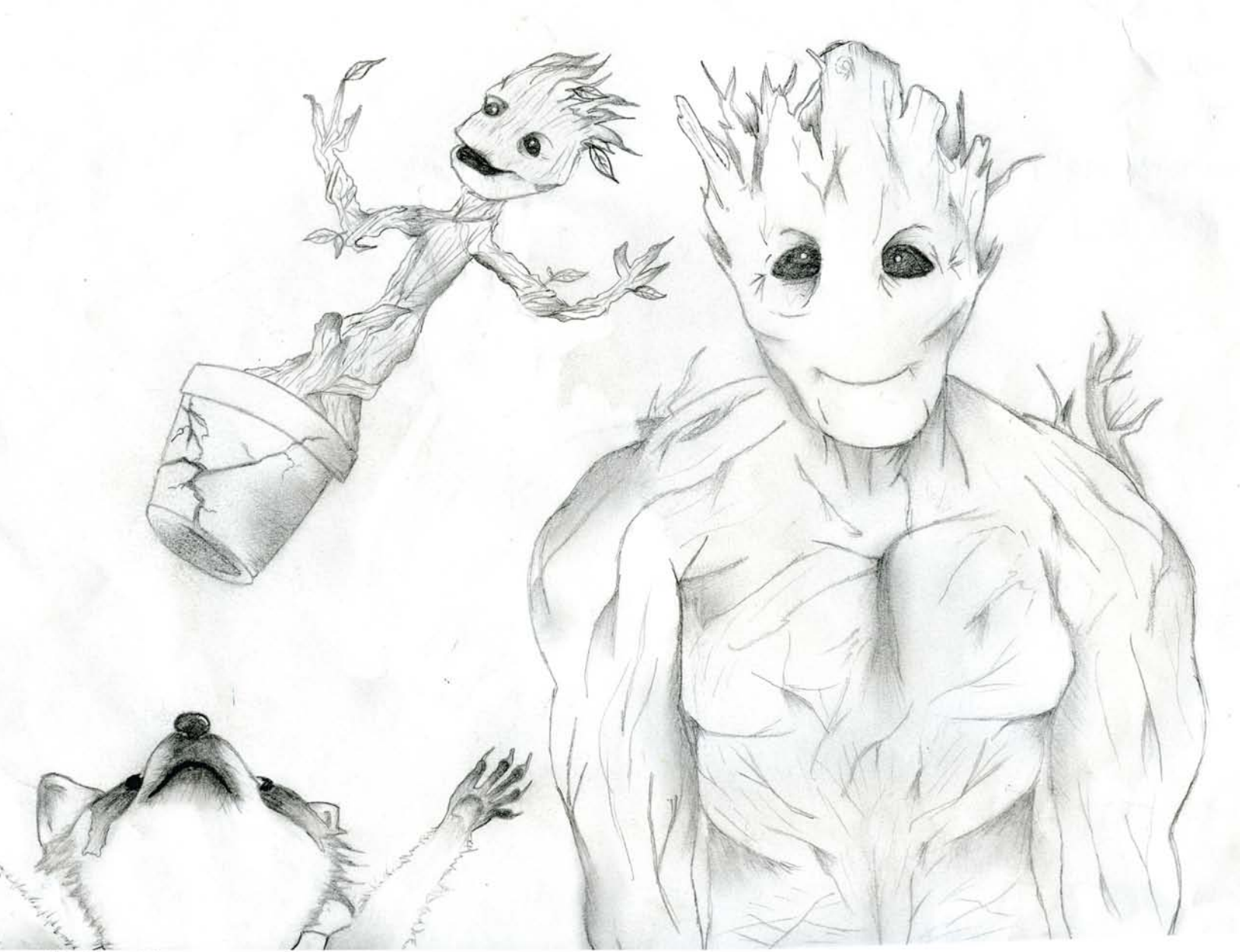


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Rocket and Groot

The Flowers Sepal

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Poetry

Given a job to protect the people
The community a flower
And we their sepal
As evil begins to threaten that precious plant
We are there to defend the weak
And a safe haven we grant
But like anything human, we make mistakes
We stumble, we break, we fumble and we ache
And when we fail in any way
The people are always there with something to say
Some of it good, most of it bad
Many with a physical word to be had
Angry mobs standing on the blacktop
Loudly chanting, *I can't breath*
Holding signs that leave an eerie backdrop
If only they knew the whole truth
Only then would they put their hands down
Stop burning buildings
And prepare a better place for the youth
Those men in blue mean well
Following orders and placing themselves in harms way
To protect the flower and give it another day
If these men and women were to disappear
Who is going to be there to protect us throughout the year
A flower without its sepal is prone to ruin
Our safety is all due to what they are doin'
So to these men and women working throughout the night
I want to let you know that what you're doing is right

Simple Love

The marshmallow loved
The hot cocoa so much he
Melted in her blood

Holly Woodside
Farmington High School
Poetry

All She Sees

Abrielle Hutson
Piedra Vista High School
Poetry

She looks at the flowers
And all she sees is flowers
She looks at the clouds
All she sees is clouds
She looks at art
All she sees is art
She looks at herself
All she sees is a worthless girl who
Messes up every time she takes a step
She can't takes a step
She can't take it anymore



Pink Rose

Ruby Avina Ortiz
Farmington High School
Acrylic

The Judge

Christoffer Blomquist
Farmington High School
Poetry

Here I sit full of zeal
And use my gavel to
Say how I feel
Two fools are
Dueling for my attention
One attempting to get
A man out of detention

The other is putting
Him in the slammer
For the victim survived his hammer

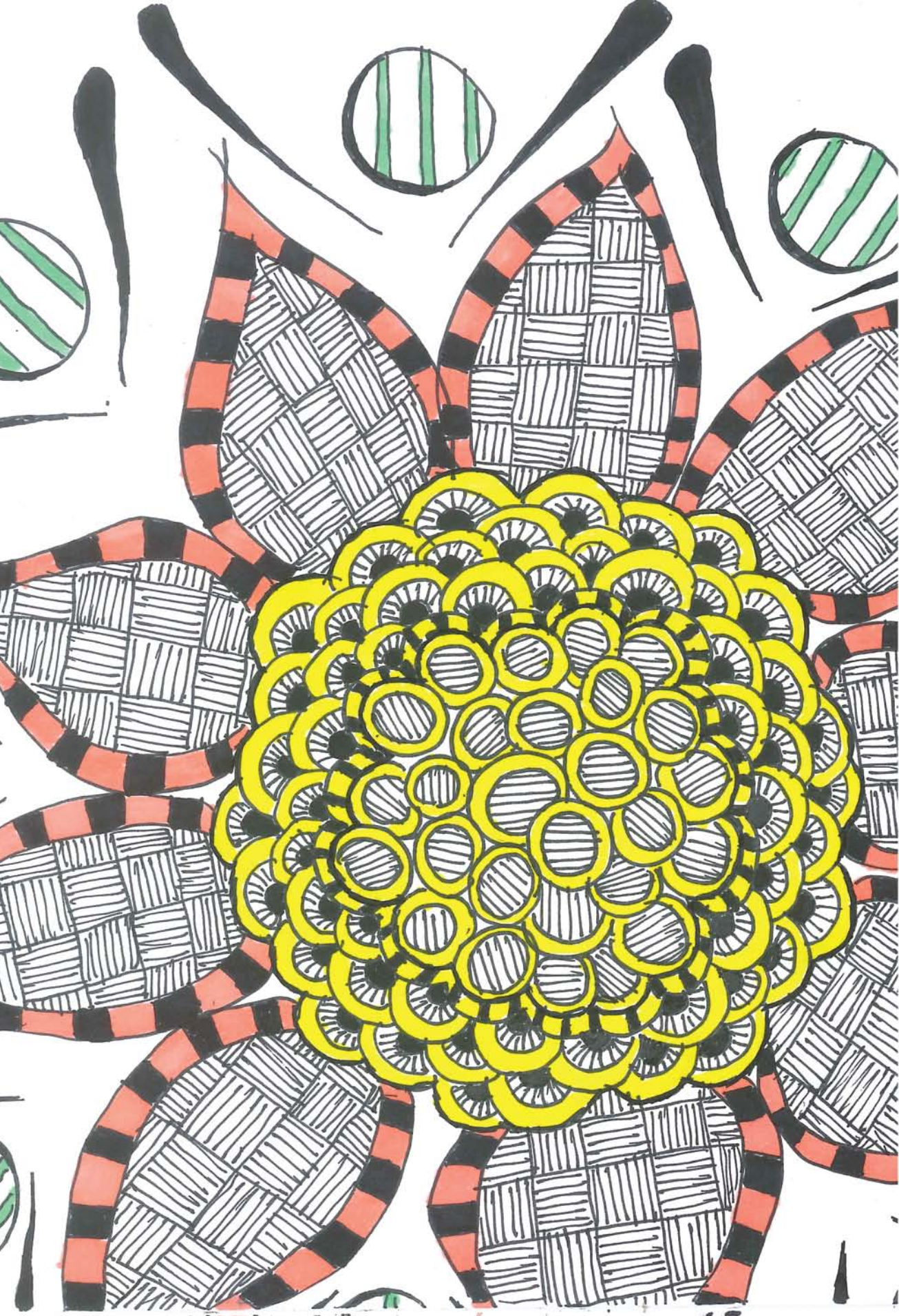
The lunatic is looking at me
Like a peasant to his lord
Trying to make me save him from the cord.

Here is the Family of the mad man
Watching in disgust as I
Do what I must

Sydney Amormino
Farmington High School
Graphite & Colored Pencil

Timid Beast





Burst

Ashley Parker
Homeschool
Sharpie

Once

More

Ieesha Draper
Farmington High School
Poetry

Guilty.

Their decree is
Beyond my comprehension.

Their empty glares are
Devoid of all but hate.

My heart feels the cold,

I must close my eyes

To hide my fear,

Words fall from the reader's lips.

What they repeat, is true.

They say that

I am innocent.

(To be read top to bottom, then bottom to top)

We see the facts,
In their distorted state

We hear the same facts over and over,
Changed to help the speak

We taste the lies,
We are being fed

We smell the stench
Of two dirty liars,

We grasp how this smiley must feel,
For they knew both victim and accused

We decide the fate of a man,
That before this morning, we had never met.

We the
Jury

Serena McKibben
Farmington High School
Poetry



The Glories of Beowulf

Only They Know

Kevyn Hickman
Farmington High School
Poetry

White Man, Black Man, Brown Man
Are they treated differently?
How would you know?
Have you done time?
Only they know

White Man, Black Man, Brown Man
Do they fight?
Why do they fight?
Who do they fight?
Only they know

White Man, Black Man, Brown Man
Is there passion?
Are there friends?
Do they care?
Only they know

White Man, Black Man, Brown Man
Is there equality?
Are there favorites?
Only they know

Ben McCune
Farmington High School
Pencil



Kenedy Stahl
Farmington High School
Pencil

Daisies and Coca-Cola

Grace Lee
Koogler Middle School
Pencil



Running Wild

Believe



Allegra Roddy
Farmington High School
Pencil

Believe



Dancing in the Night

Caleb Lybrook
Farmington High School
Photography

I am a Thoughtful Guy

Kameron Kennedy
Farmington High School
Poetry

I am a Thoughtful Guy
I am a thoughtful guy
I think about a lot of things
I am a thoughtful guy
I think a lot of stuff, about a lot of things

I think about the craziness of the world
I think of all the crazies living in this world
I think about all of the old people living along
About how their kids left them at a retirement home

I think about what's living deep in the ocean
I think of what it took to discover lotion
I think about the first man to discover milk
Or the guy who killed a spider and took its silk

Right now I'm thinking about global warming
But then I changed my mind 'cuz its kind of boring
Some things I think of hurt my brain
And I need to take a break because it give me a drain

I think about the guy who wore the first hat
I think about who might have domesticated cats
I think about who's considered the greatest scholar
I think about the craziness of perceiving color

Is my red green for you
Or my blue your blue too?
Could it be true we see different hues?
It can't be described no matter what words we choose

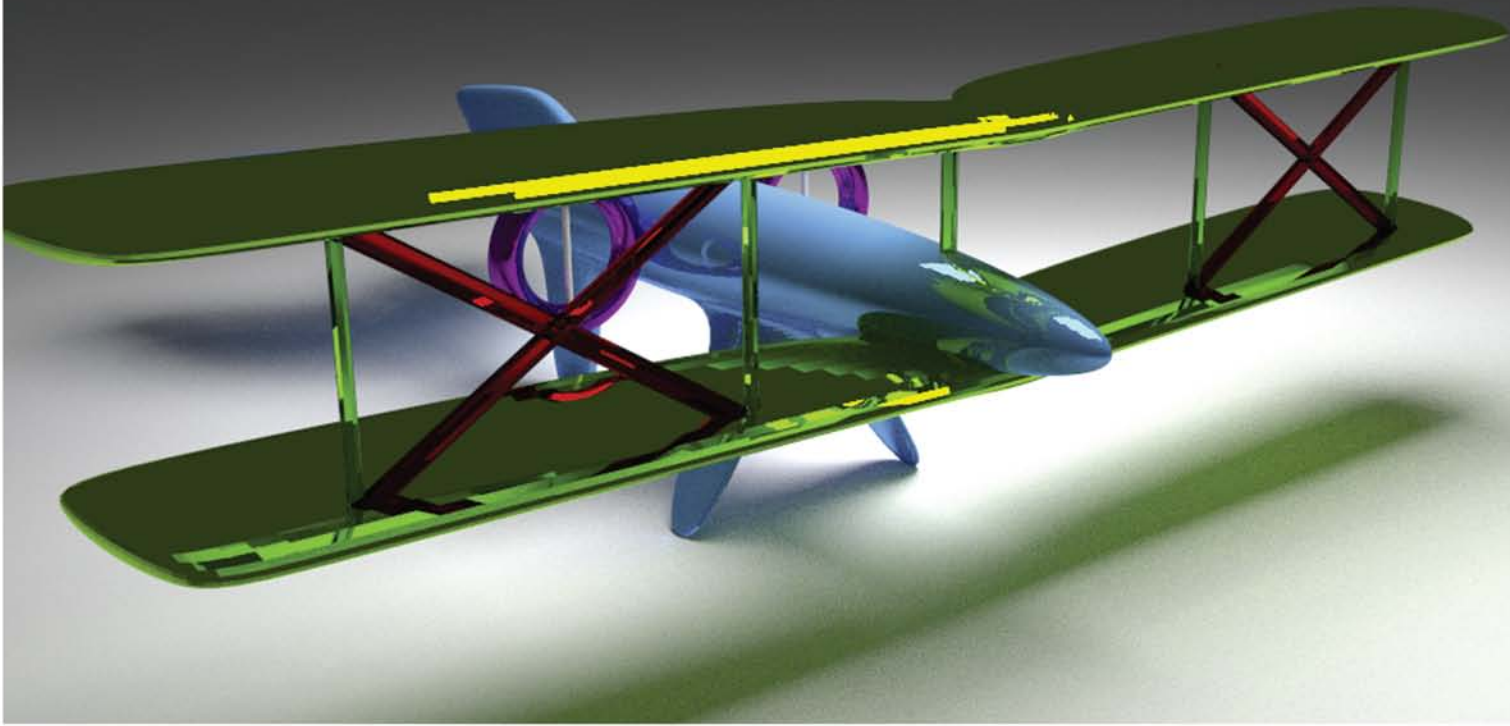
I am a thoughtful guy
I think about a lot of things
I am a thoughtful guy
I think about basically everything



Cutlass

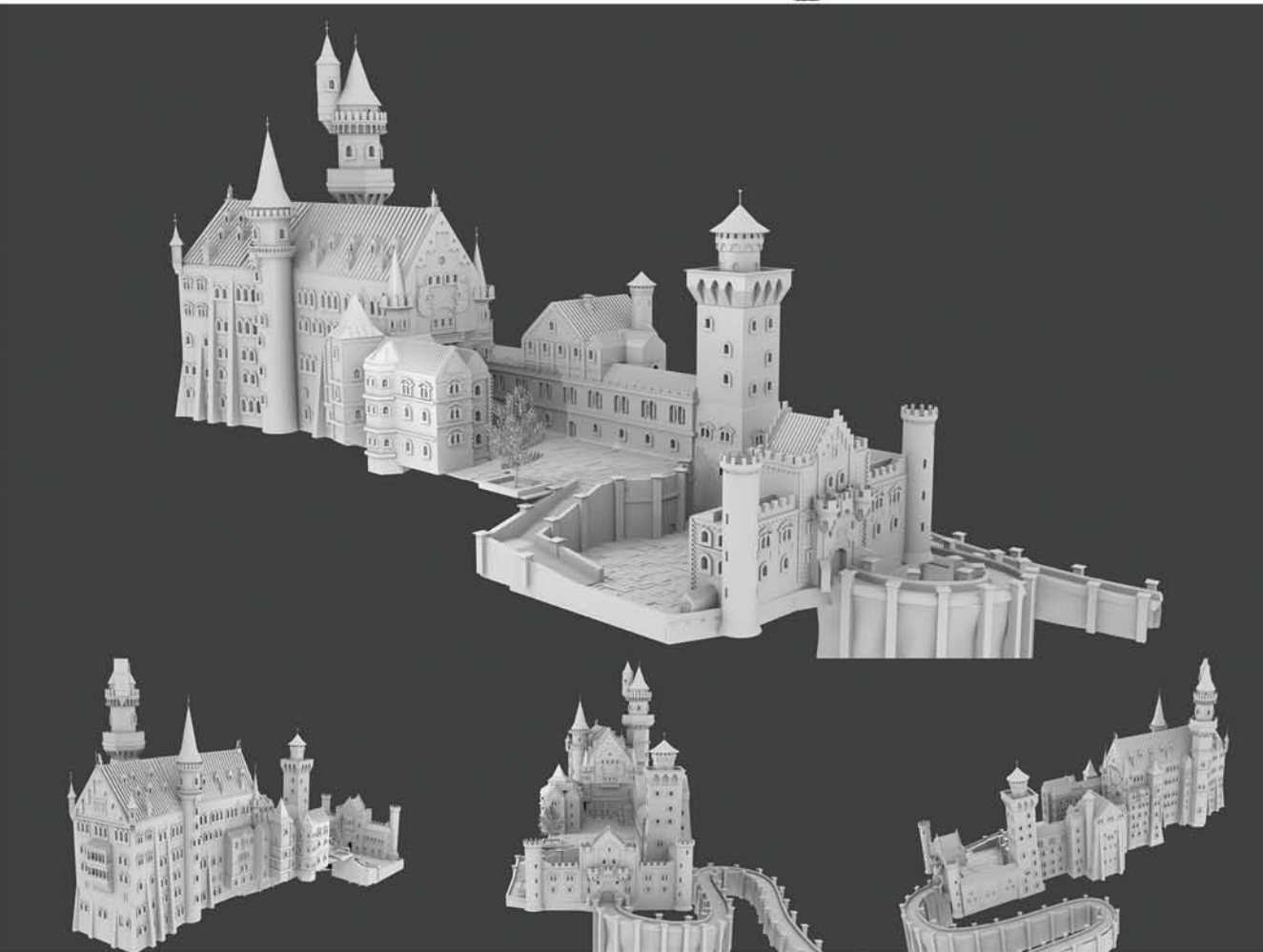
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3D

Schloss
Neuschwanstein



Airplane

Noah Maestas
Farmington High School
3D



Noah Manz
Farmington High School
3D

The Hero I See

I see a man
Not any man
A hero

He protects and serves
He keeps us all safe,
While we sit at home

He takes risks for you
You do not care
You have these protests anyway

Maybe another has done wrong
But this man I see standing alone
Puts his life on the line day and night

Why would he do this?
For you and me
He does this for our safety

Yet you call him names and spit in his face
because there are a few bad cops
But he did nothing wrong

His wife sits at home everyday
Saying "I hope he lives another day"
Praying to God he comes home

She couldn't live without him,
Neither can you
Why don't you take a walk in his shoes?

One day he saves your life
Will you still curse him?
Will you hit him with signs?

I see a man
Not any man
A hero.

Kazhia Small
Farmington High School
Poetry



Mad Decent Giraffe

Spencer Sandoval
Farmington High School
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Peace Elephant

Kayhla Lovato
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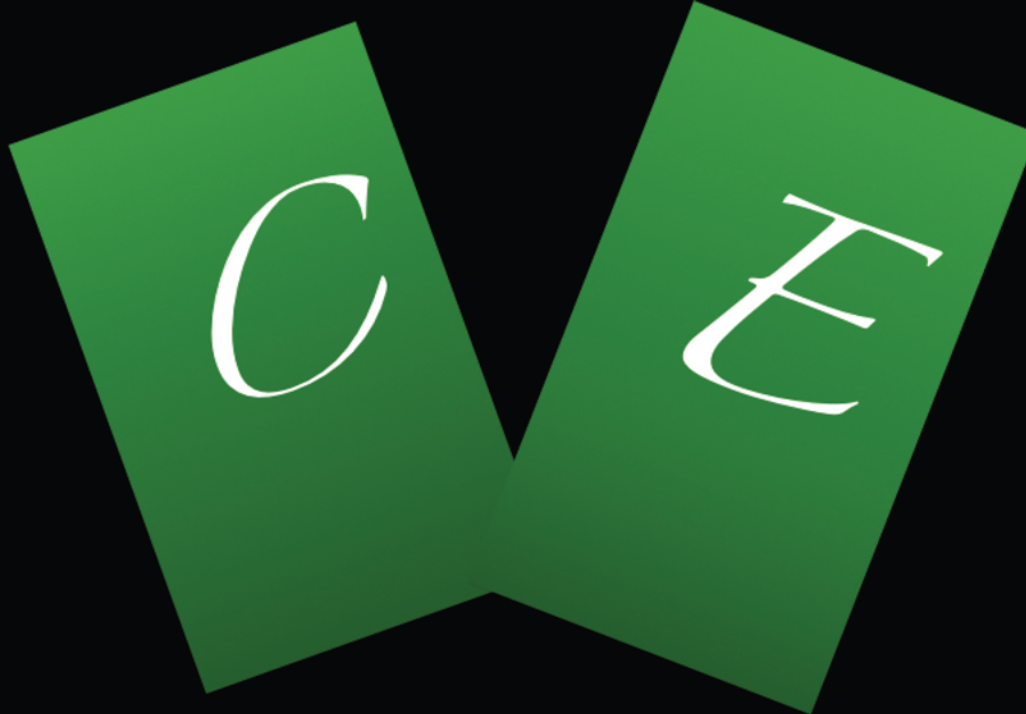
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Skateboarding

It's amazing and truly remarkable what skating has done for me. I was never the best and never will be, but that's not what matters. What matters is what it provides to you. It has helped me befriend many people that I cannot imagine not having. It also takes away all the stress and worries in life, whether it pertains to school, family, friends, etc. The feeling of your body breaking through the air, all those problems just suddenly fade away. It alleviates stress and eliminates negativity.

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Entertainment

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Digital Art

Just keep walking
They won't see you

But where to go? In the bathroom again I suppose,
My parents can't give me everything that's new.
Those hostile children have no restrictions, anything
goes.

When will it end? Hopefully today.
Being alone and feeling crummy.

My mother asks "How was your day"
Can't run to mom, she'll just think I'm a dummy.

That will only make me weak.
It all just doesn't seem fair.
But will this all just lead to my peak?

I won't let it consume me, I swear
The torment will not last
This will just be my past.

It Won't Last

Naomi Burbank
Farmington High School
Poetry

Pitcher

Coach says "you got the start son."

Determined I am, to prove to everyone what I can do.
Its all focus from there.

I am what I am and I know what I can do.

Confidence

Game day, totally ready to dominate.

Fresh new clean pearl, right out of the plastic.

Cleats on, jersey tucked, ready to go.

I step on the round, mound, staring down.

Here we go!

Not a sound

Don't blink because you know it...

Three up and three down.

Luke Duggan
Bloomfield High School
Poetry

My Weird Thought

As I am sitting in my room 'thinking' about my life, I begin to wonder if there is more to life.

More than going to college, more than an ok paying job, more than being a low level citizen.

I want to be remembered. Not for my grades, my athleticism, or my character, but in a way that everyone shall know. Maybe not by taking orders from no-one, but create a new philosophy. Maybe by being a leader in my class or family. Through darkness and light. Now back to where we were.

Sitting in my room...

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Free Writing



Unite with Love

Sonali Patel
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Sugar Mask

Megan Tucson
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The Unknown



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Alexander Day
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Mask

Chief Lost



Joshua Nez
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Mask

Dia de Muertos

Grace Lee
Koogler Middle School
Marker



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Submission Guidelines

- **NEW Deadline!** Submissions due by March 1, 2016.
- All submitted pieces must be original.
- Entries from all mediums/categories are welcome.
- Artists must be between the ages of 13 and 19.
- Include signed release form with submission. If artist is under 10, their parent/legal guardian must also sign. Only one release form is necessary for each artist.
- Submissions should be appropriate for publication; please keep violence and profanity to a minimum. The Blended staff has the right to deny publication of any submission.
- Submissions must be picked up at the release party or no later than two weeks after in the Teen Zone. SUBMISSIONS NOT PICKED UP WILL BE DESTROYED.
- The Blended staff reserves the right to edit any submission, including, but not limited to, grammatical errors and excessive profanity.
- Please keep writing entries fewer than 2000 words.
- You may submit multiple pieces (only one release form is needed, per artist).
- Please label all submissions with:
 - Artist name
 - Complete address
 - Telephone number
 - Age
 - School
 - Title of piece
 - Medium/Category
- Work may be submitted in the following formats:
 - Original piece
 - High-quality digital reproduction, 300 dpi or higher
 - High-quality email attachment (signed release form still required)
 - In-text email (signed release form still required)
 - On a disk or flash drive
 - Text submissions should Word documents or PDF files in Times New Roman
 - Images should be in .jpg, .tiff, or .psd formats.

Submit your work and completed release form to the Farmington Public Library or mail to:

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Farmington, NM 87401

Email:
blendedzine@gmail.com

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All submissions received after submission deadline will be considered for publication in the next issue.

Release Form

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A Release Form must be included with your submission for publication in **Blended**. Be sure to read and follow the submission guidelines before filling out.

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Last First

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Street Apt. #

City State Zip

Phone # () _____ Date of Birth _____

Texting? Yes No

Email Address _____

School _____

Teacher who encouraged you to participate in this issue _____

Title and Medium of Submitted Piece(s) _____

Library Card Number: _____

I hereby certify that the work submitted to **Blended** was created by me and is original. I have read and agreed to the submission guidelines.

Signature of Teen Date

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I hereby grant the right to use the participant's name, creative works, and visual images in **Blended**, on blendedzine.com, on the Farmington Public Library web site, for documentary or media coverage, and for promotion of other Farmington Public Library programs without recourse.

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"Given a job to protect the people
The community a flower
And we their sepal"

"The feeling of your body
breaking through the air, all
these problems just suddenly
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