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A ZINE FROM THE GUYS OF THE BOULEVARD



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T H E G . U . Y . S . P R O G R A M  
(Guys Understanding Your Situation)  
A HARM REDUCTION ART PROGRAM  
FOR THE GUYS OF THE BOULEVARD

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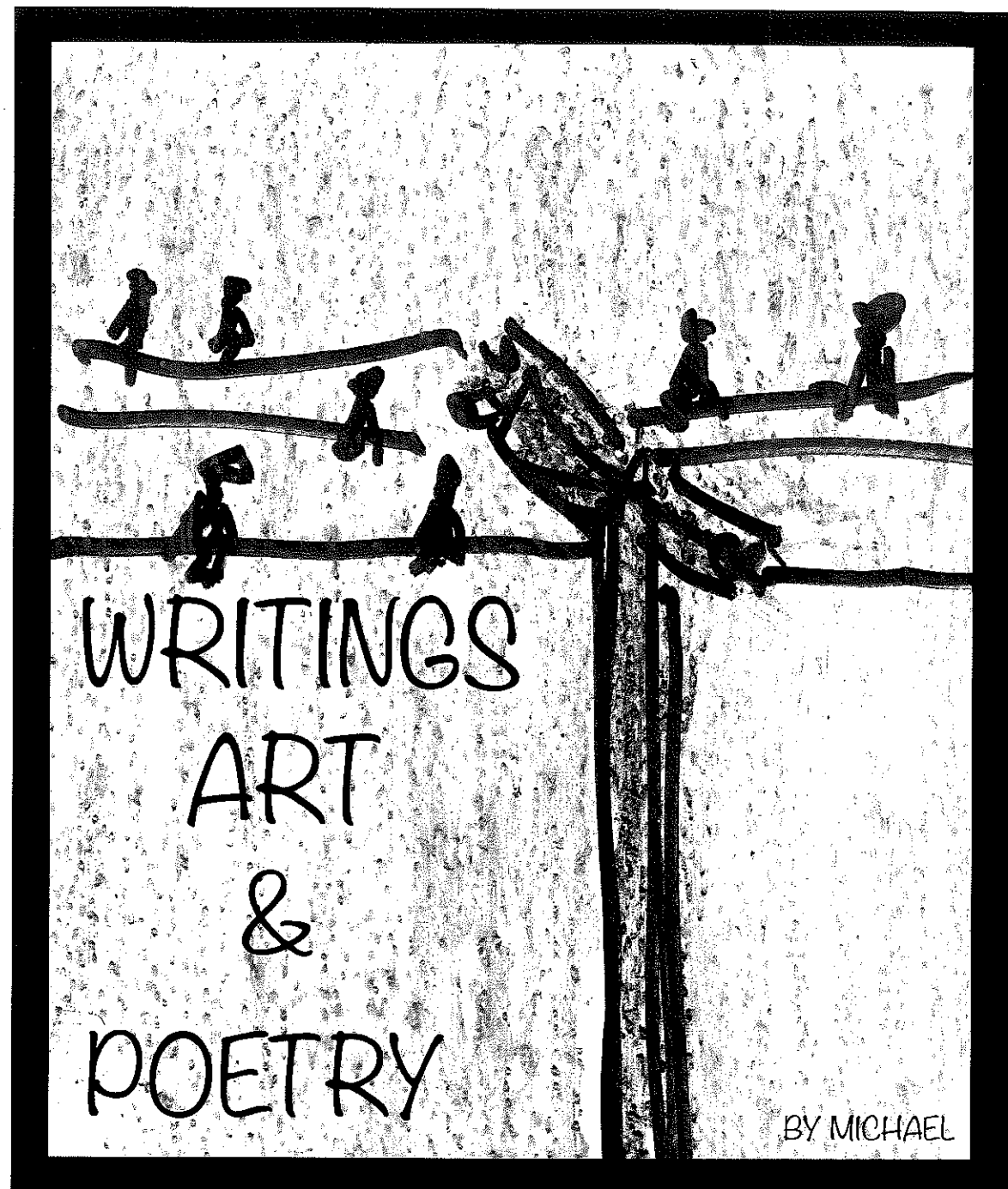
The overall objective of our prevention programs is to reduce the harm that can result from drug use by preventing HIV infection and managing the physical, psychological and psychosocial manifestations of drug use without the requirement of abstinence or recovery. Success is evaluated by any change in behavior that reduces physical, psychological or psychosocial harm to our participants, their loved ones and/or their community.

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FRIENDS COMMUNITY CENTER WISHES TO THANK, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, DIVISION OF HIV AND STD PROGRAMS, FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE GUYS UNDERSTANDING YOUR SITUATION (G.U.Y.S.) PROGRAM.





## The G.U.Y.S. Group

We are guys, outcasts, liberal, well aware, strong.

We come from poverty, struggle, diversity, love.

We love life, sex, candy, traveling, ourselves.

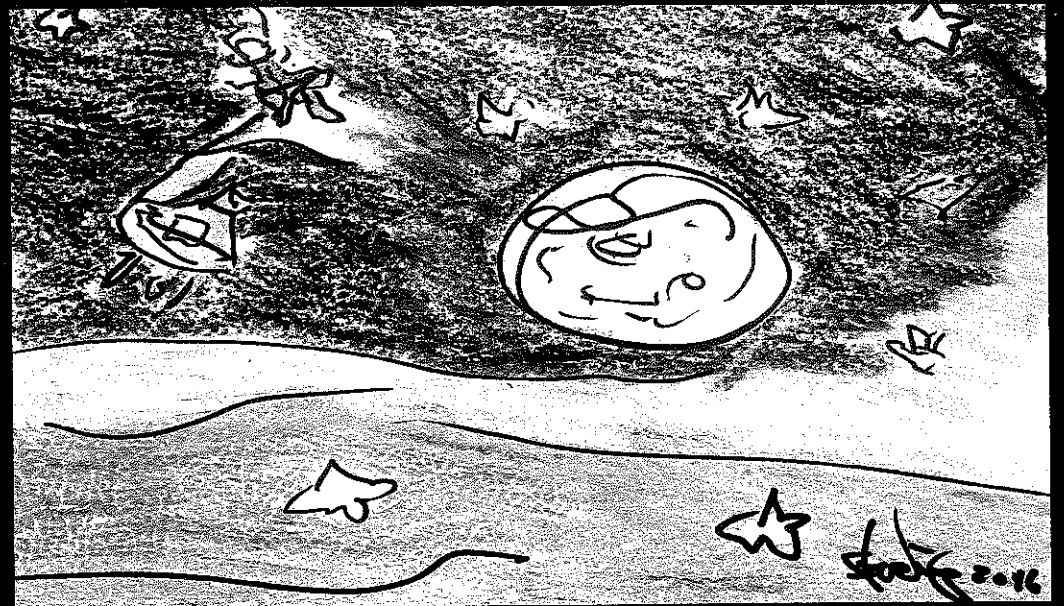
We come to group for a safe place, life skills, gift cards.

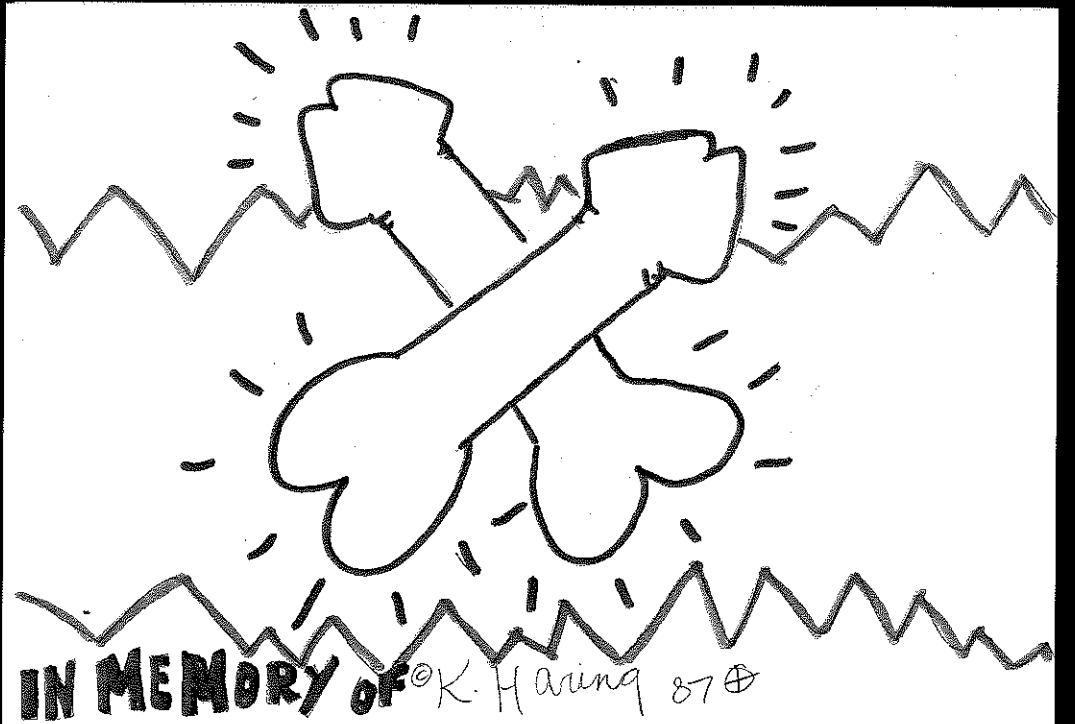
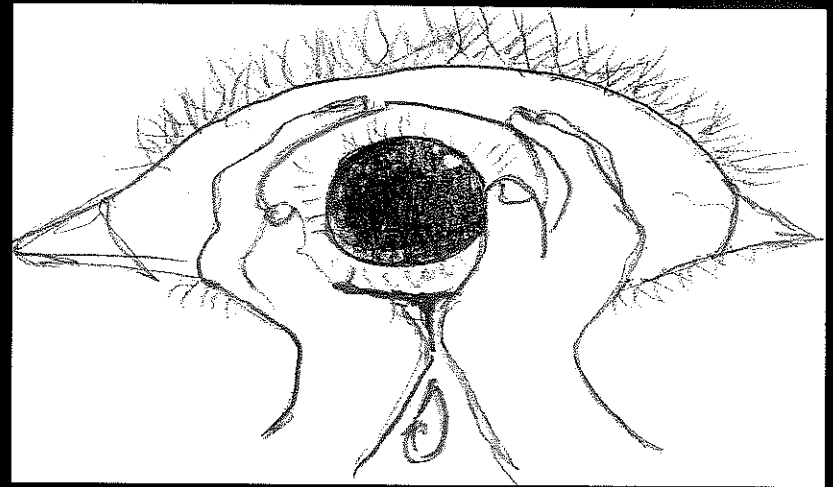
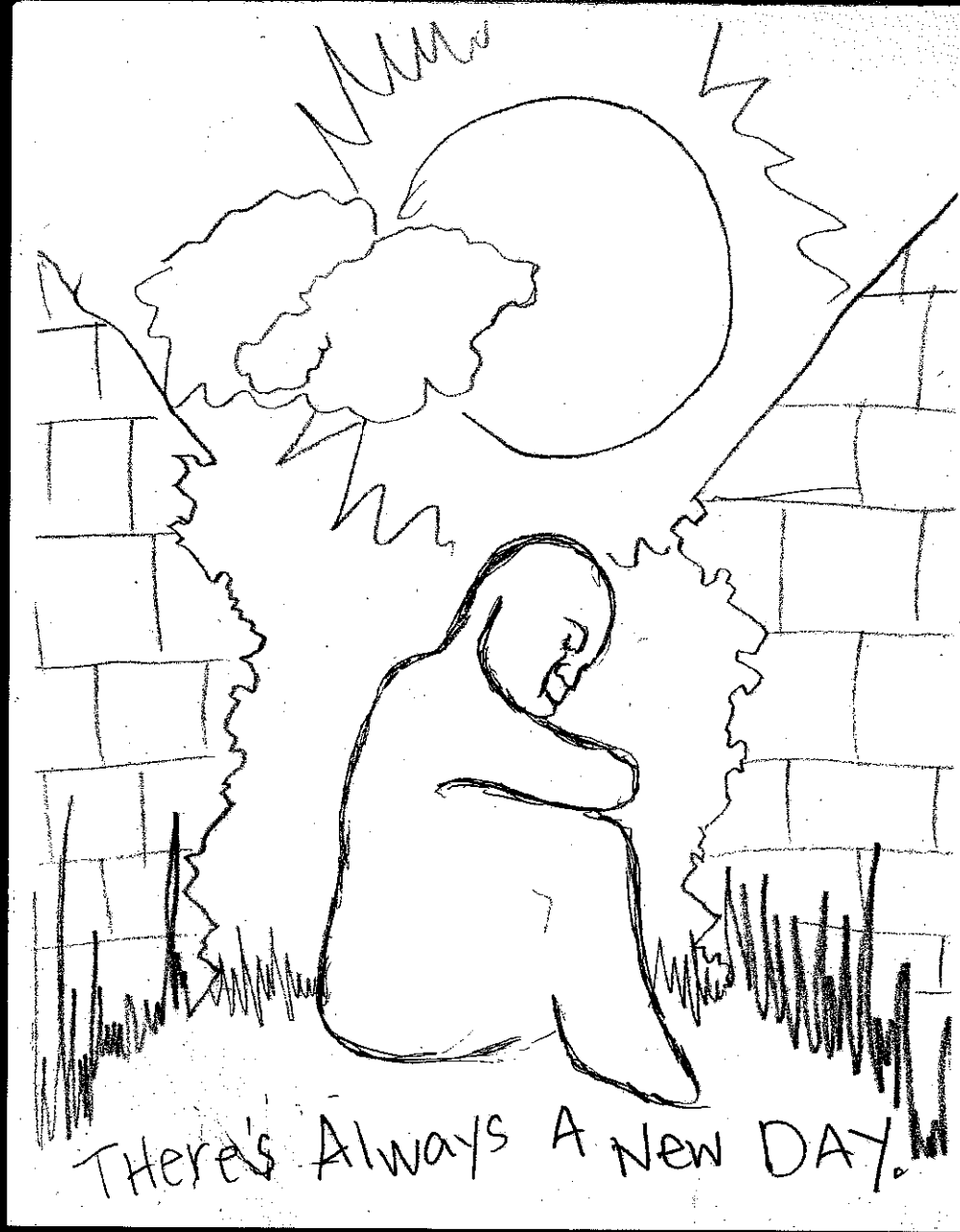
In group we've learned awareness & harm reduction.

Group has helped us party wisely, practice safer sex.

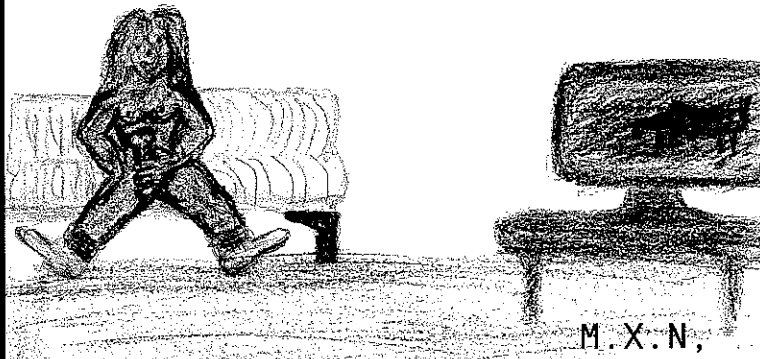
Together we can take a chance, reduce harm, learn from each other, and learn to overcome anything...

STOP TRYING 2 DISCOVER  
YOURSELF...  
⌘  
START REINVENTING  
YOURSELF!!!





## Masturbation



### NO RISK

No exchange of semen, vaginal secretions or blood.

### LOW RISK

Exchange of semen through oral sex.



## H I G H R I S K

Definitely exchange of semen, vaginal secretions or blood.

High risk is losing yourself.

High risk is not asking the questions.

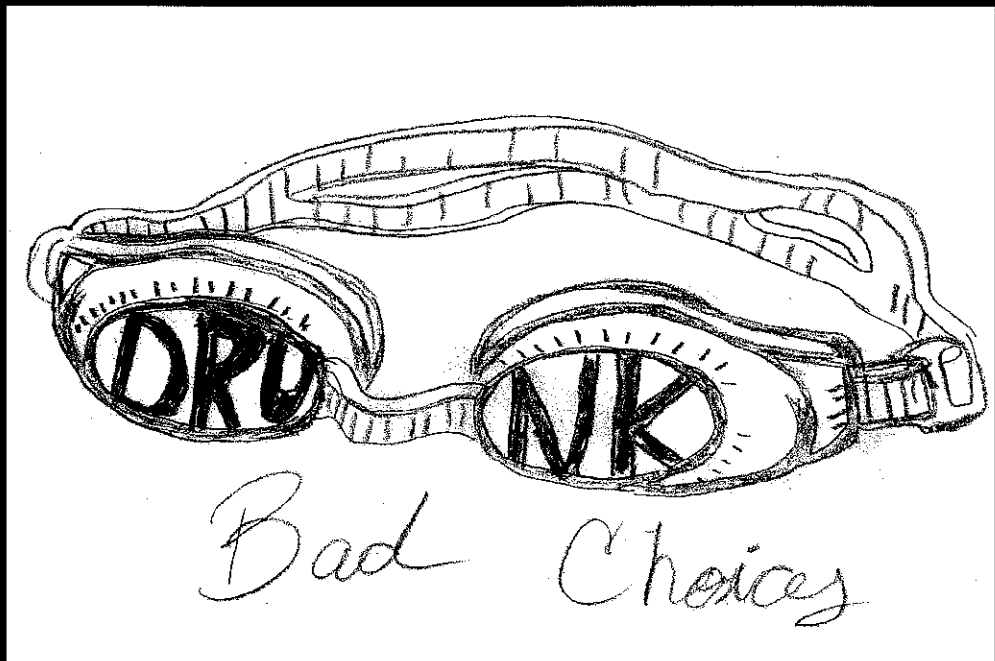
High risk is thinking, "it could never happen to me." After the third time, what was I thinking? I was honest when I said,

"I love you." But it was high risk to think you were honest too.

By Shante

In 2001, I had bottomed, I used a condom, but it broke because we got into it a little too much. He told me he was HIV positive, so I was nervous for the next six months. I didn't have any new sexual partners, and I tested every three months after to make sure I knew my status. 16 years later, and I'm still HIV negative. There's more options and information today: condoms, testing, PrEP, and PEP are just a few. Learn more on how to protect yourself, and your partner(s).

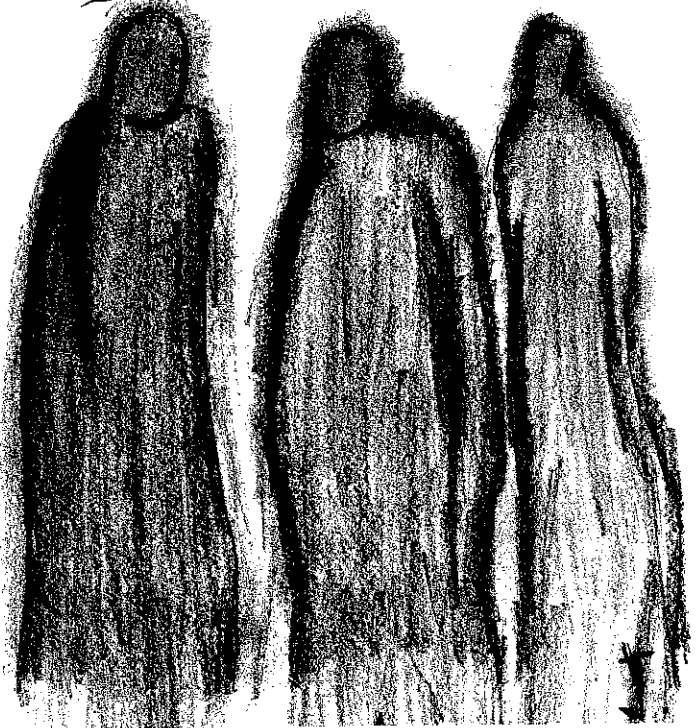
By M.I.S.





Paranoia

METH



Shadow

People

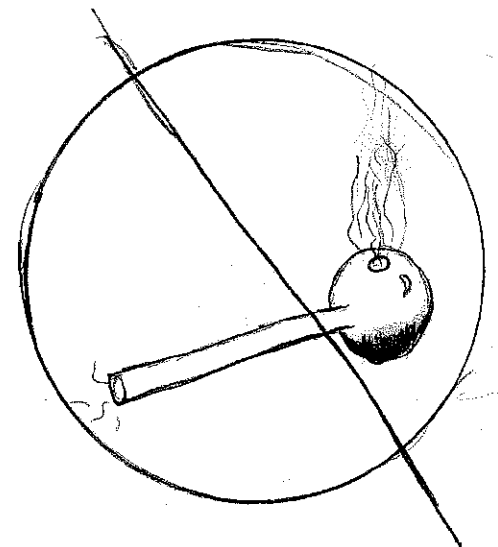
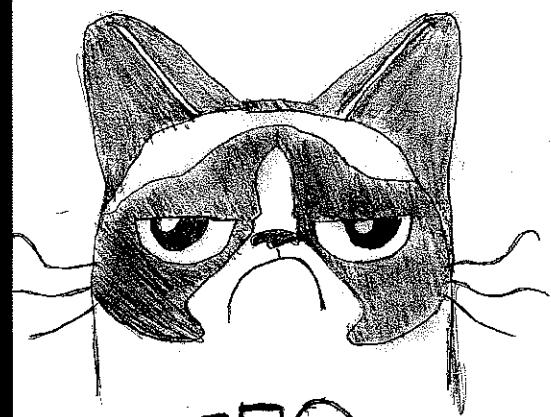
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I fear running out of dope.  
But,  
when I'm on dope, I fear I'll run out of time.

M.X.M.

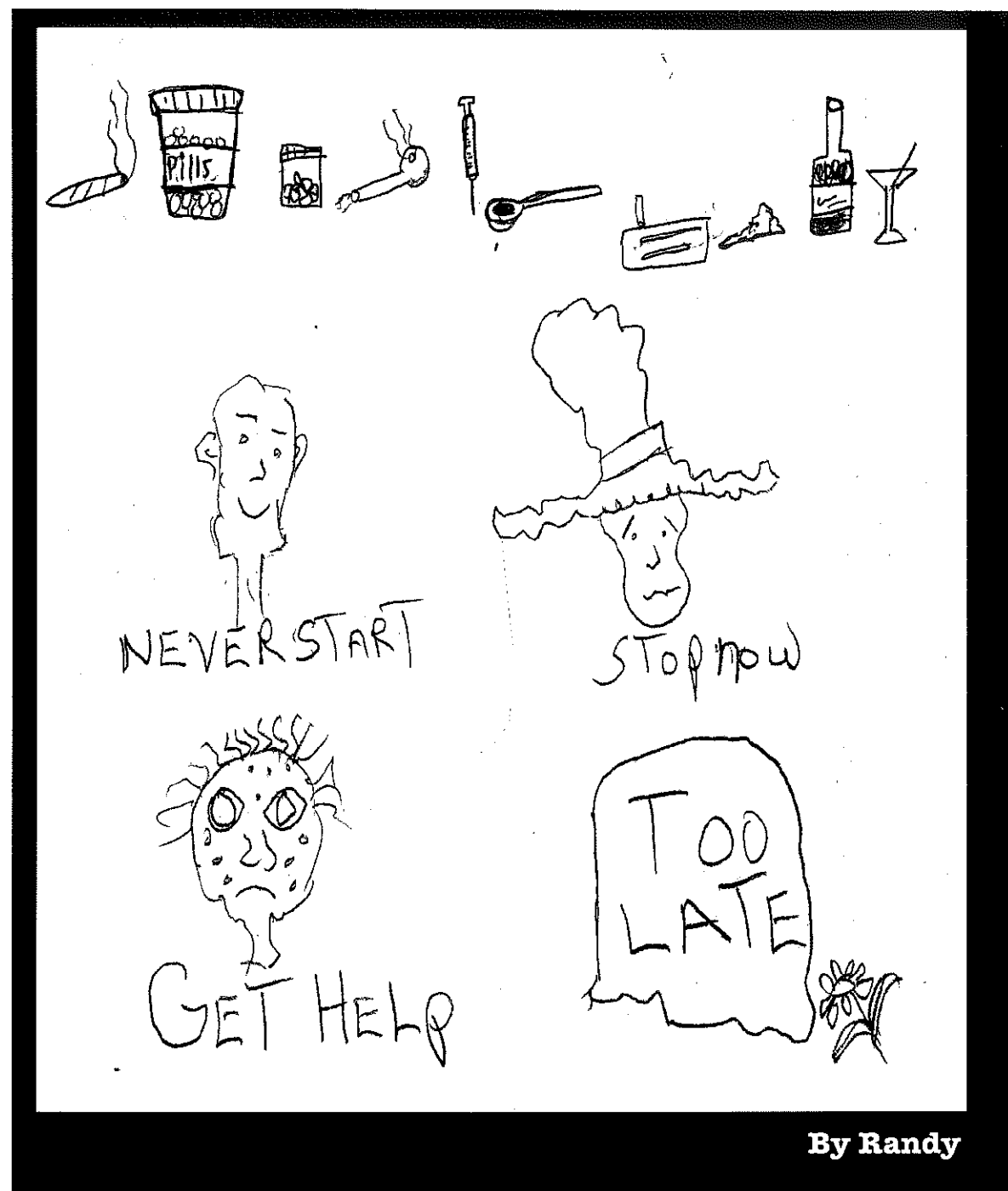
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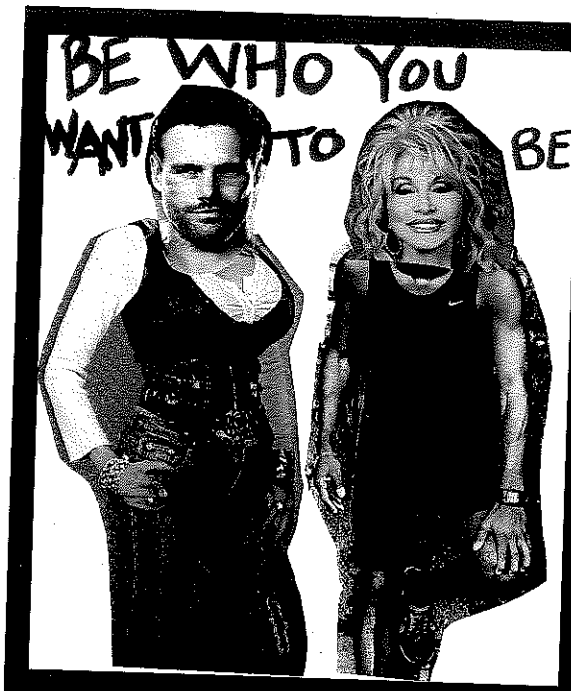




# RESPECT:

The ability to:  
UNDERSTAND ANOTHER  
PERSON, CONDITION, POSITION,  
LIMITATIONS, AMBITIONS -  
WITHOUT JUDGMENT...  
... WITHOUT HATE, ENVY  
OR BEING JEALOUS ???  
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info you  
asked 4

LA LGBT CENTER  
HEALTH & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES  
323.993.7500  
323.860.5855

SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE  
877.727.4747

FRIENDS COMMUNITY CENTER  
323.463.1601  
risk reduction education & support groups for  
gay/bi men, MSM & transgender women

FRIENDS GETTING OFF  
323.463.7001  
free treatment for gay/bi crystal meth users

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HIV/AIDS HOTLINE  
800.367.2437

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855.METH.FREE

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS  
323.936.4343  
310.474.7339

TARZANA TREATMENT CENTER  
818.996.1051

VAN NESS RECOVERY HOUSE  
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MINORITY AIDS PROJECT  
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HIV testing free & confidential

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