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THE GOOD. THE BAD. AND THE

TWACKED

A ZINE FROM THE GUYS OF THE BOULEVARD



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THE 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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Friends Community Center
A DIVISION OF FRIENDS RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INC.

Friends Community Center is based on the philosophy of harm reduction.

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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**WRITINGS
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I'm
Only responsible
for what
I SAY
not for what
you
UNDERSTAND

MASTERPIECES OF
Dreams

Read Watch
the World of Art

CREATIVE
Awakenings artistic approaches

GREEN
GUIDE

Discover

Visibly_Smart



H O M E L E S S

THE GOOD

The friendships we make. Sometimes these friendships feel like a family. Friends in the worst situations become friends for life.

THE BAD

The times when you don't want to get up. When you don't want to be seen by people, or be bothered, but you have to!

THE UGLY

The fucked up shit you deal with everyday just because you're homeless. The attacks, the rapes, the fights, harassment, and the discrimination.

What's love got to do with it

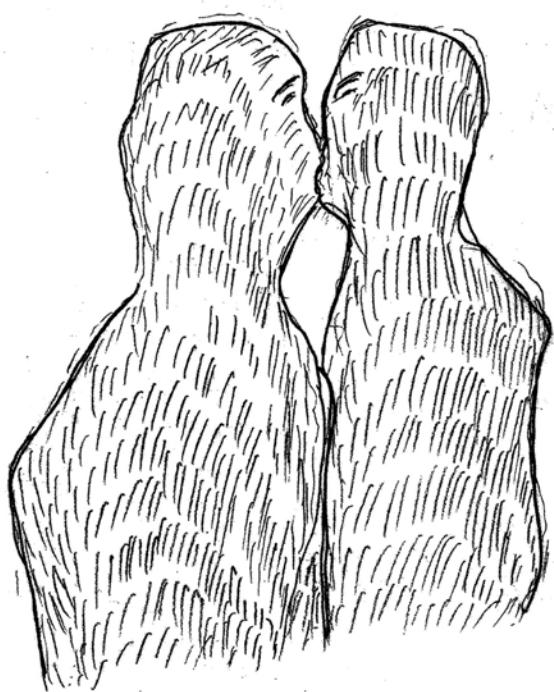
"Love is what you make it, but it won't happen until you start with loving yourself"
- Mike

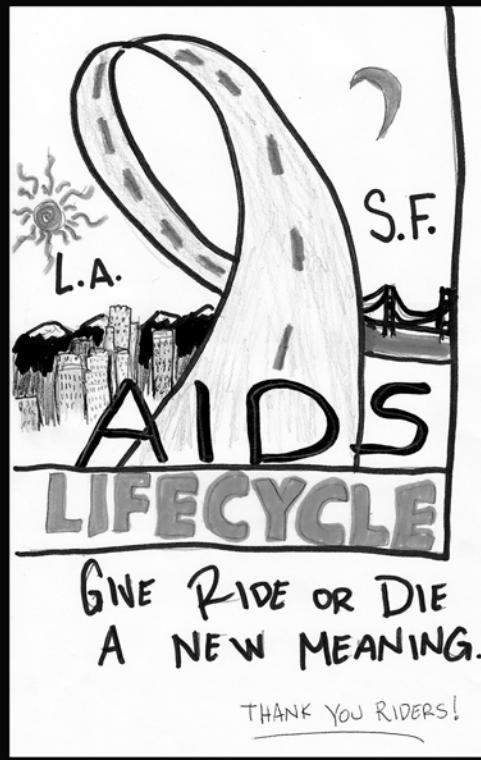
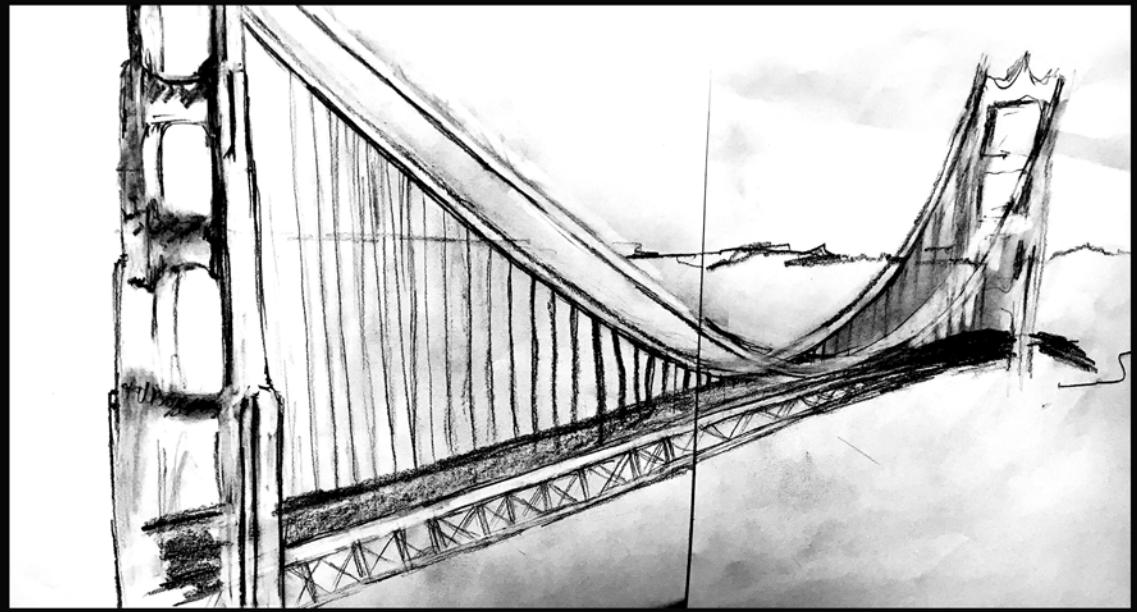
"Love is like groupings of wild flowers; found in the most unusual places"

- Anonymous

"Love is crystal clear, but crystal is not love! It kills everything you love" - Ralph

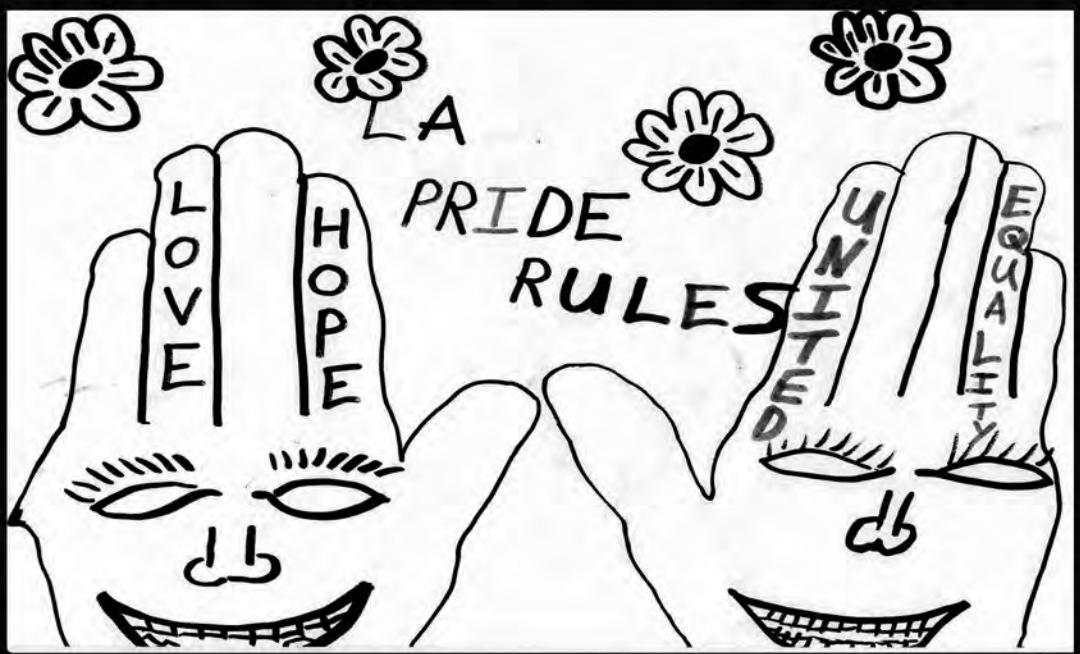
"Sex is spitting,
Love is swallowing"
- Randy

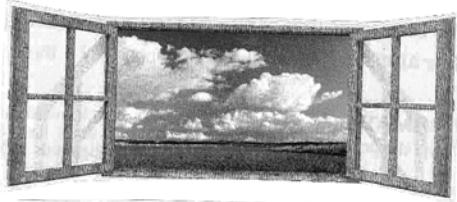




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ALL LOVE
TO
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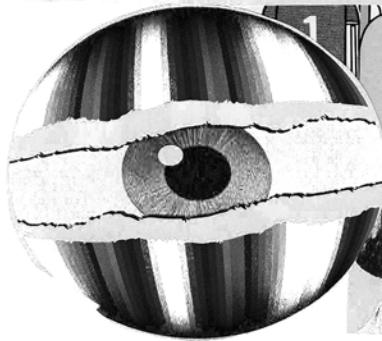




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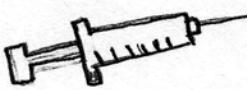


LOVE





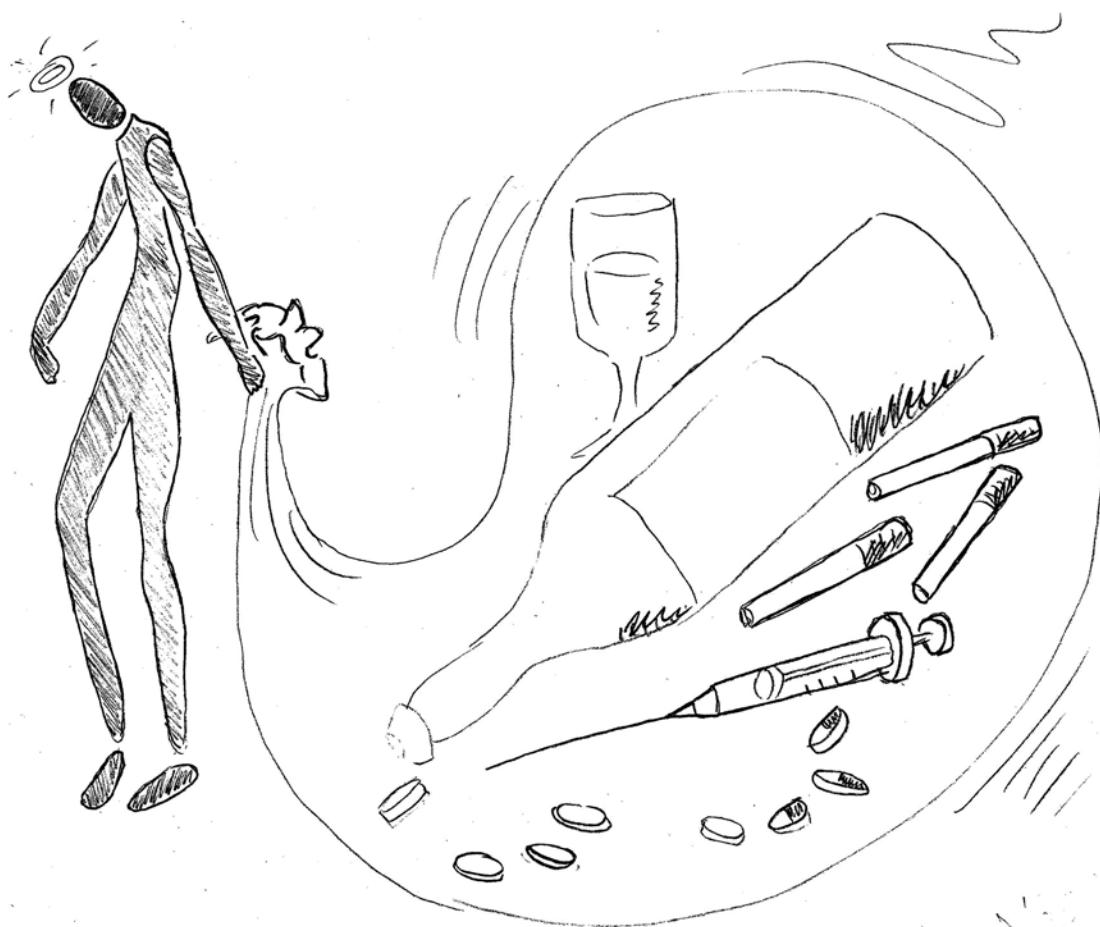
You chose drugs over anybody else
because who needs love? When you can have
something more addicting and less painful,
but it can still kill you like your love did to me.



GAME OVER



DRUGS



Dear Meth,

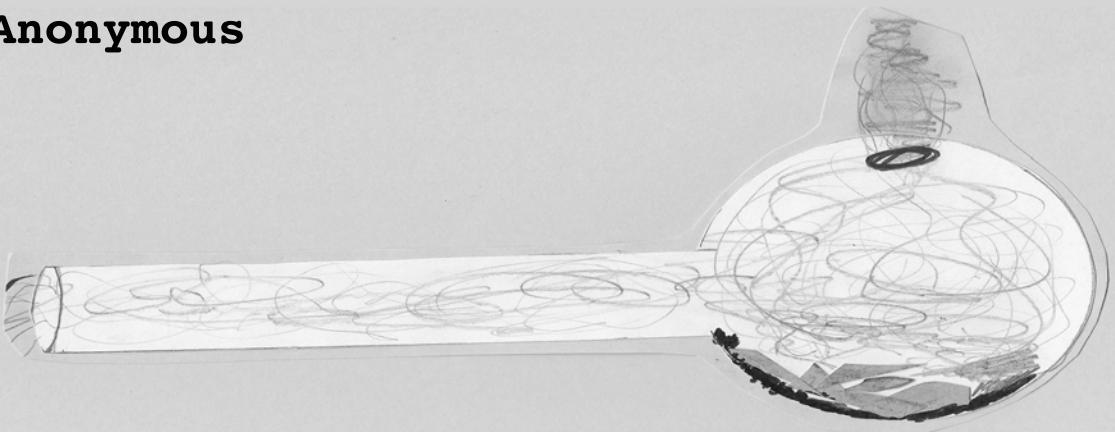
You suck, you don't understand the problem. Your euphoric high makes my dick touch the sky. My orgasms with you peek at a new high, but is it all worth the while, should I put you on speed dial? With one hit left I feel the denial. I can finally sleep because you are not here, so goodbye meth! You are not welcomed here.

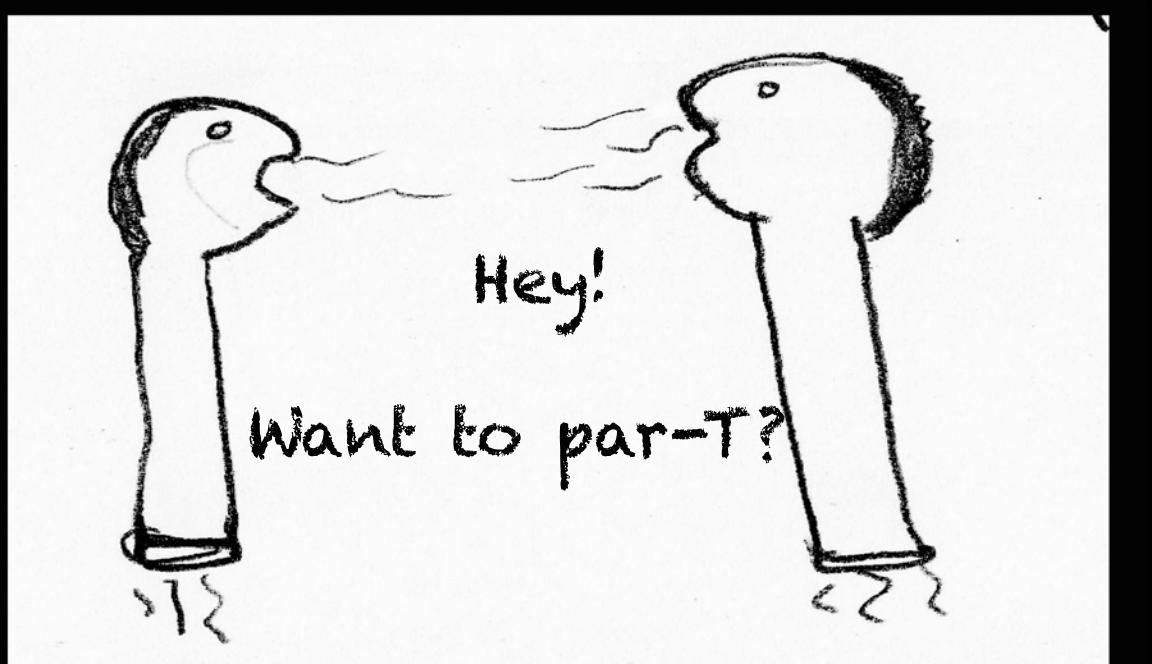
P.S.

Sexy time with you was always the best.

Thank you,

Anonymous





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SEX

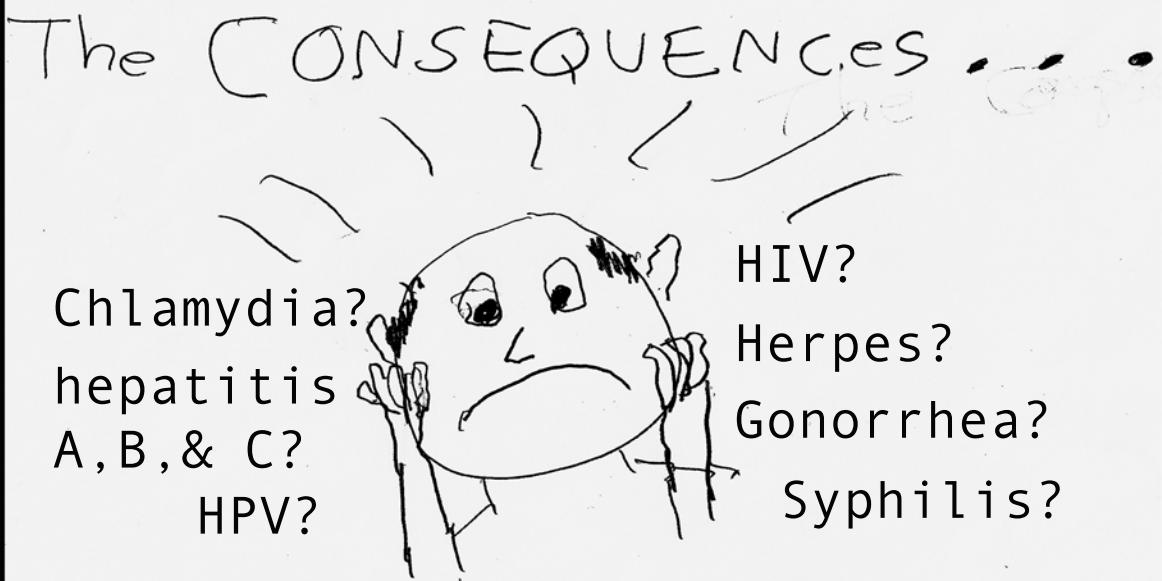


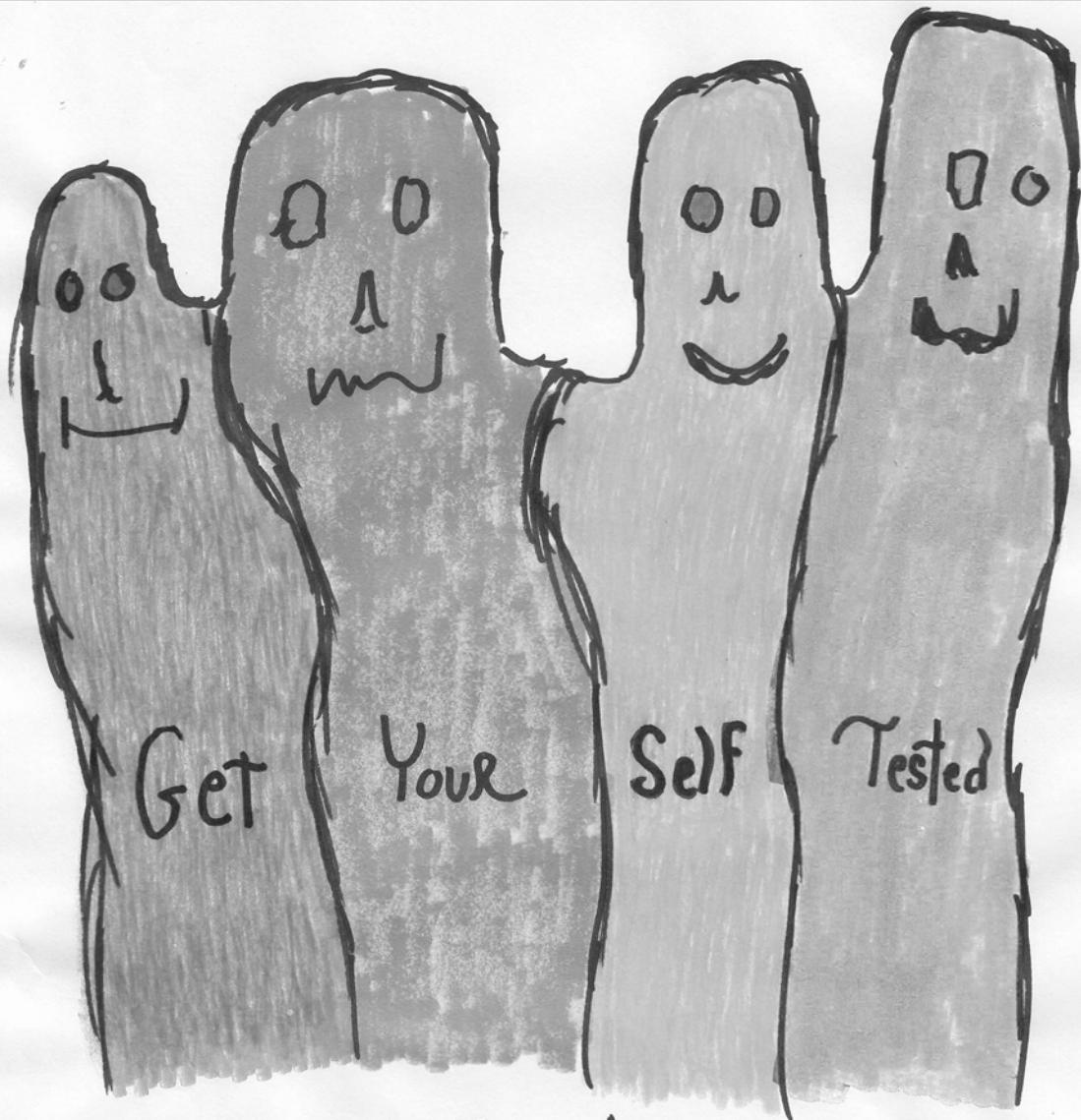
Blame it on the dealer

Blame it on the buyer

Blame it on the lighter

For catching the drugs on fire





Regardless of who you may
"BE"

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info you asked 4

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