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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 H A R M R E D U C T I O N A R T P R O G R A M
F O R T H E G U Y S O F T H E B O U L E V A R D

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The G.U.Y.S. Program is based on the philosophy of harm reduction.

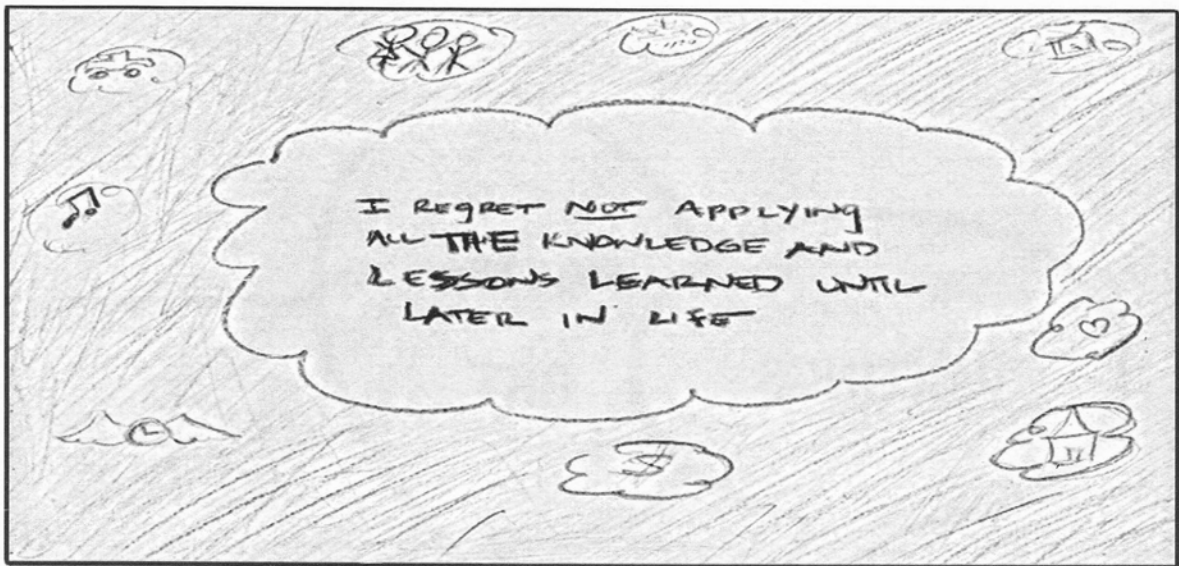
The overall objective of the program is to reduce the harm that can result from drug use by preventing HIV infection and managing the physical, psychological and psychosocial manifestations of drug use without the requirement of abstinence or recovery. Success is evaluated by any change in behavior that 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 DIVISION
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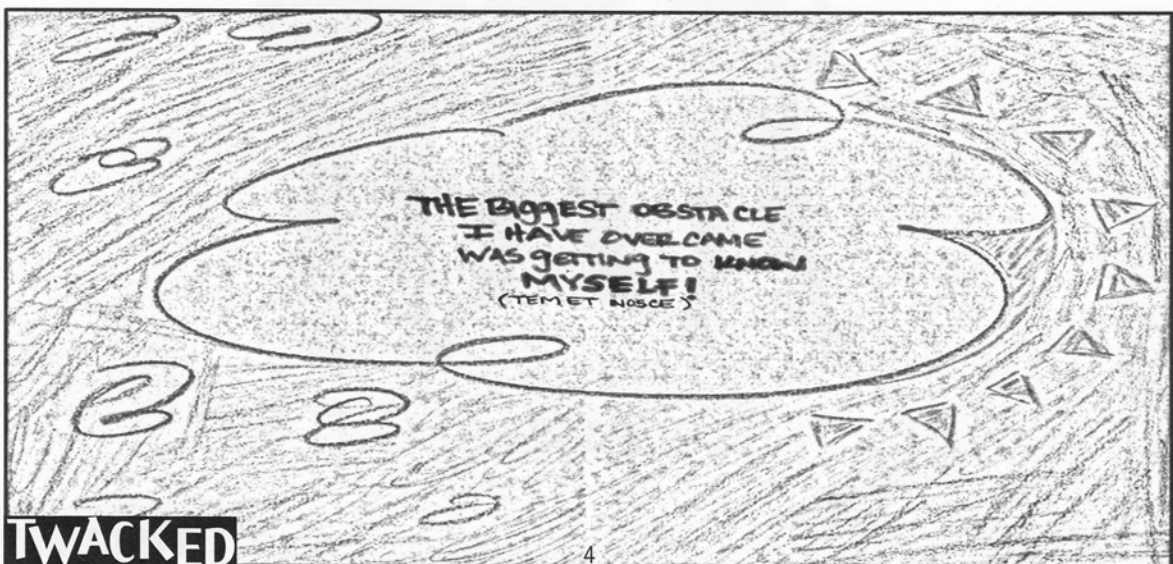


From the guys of G.U.Y.S.



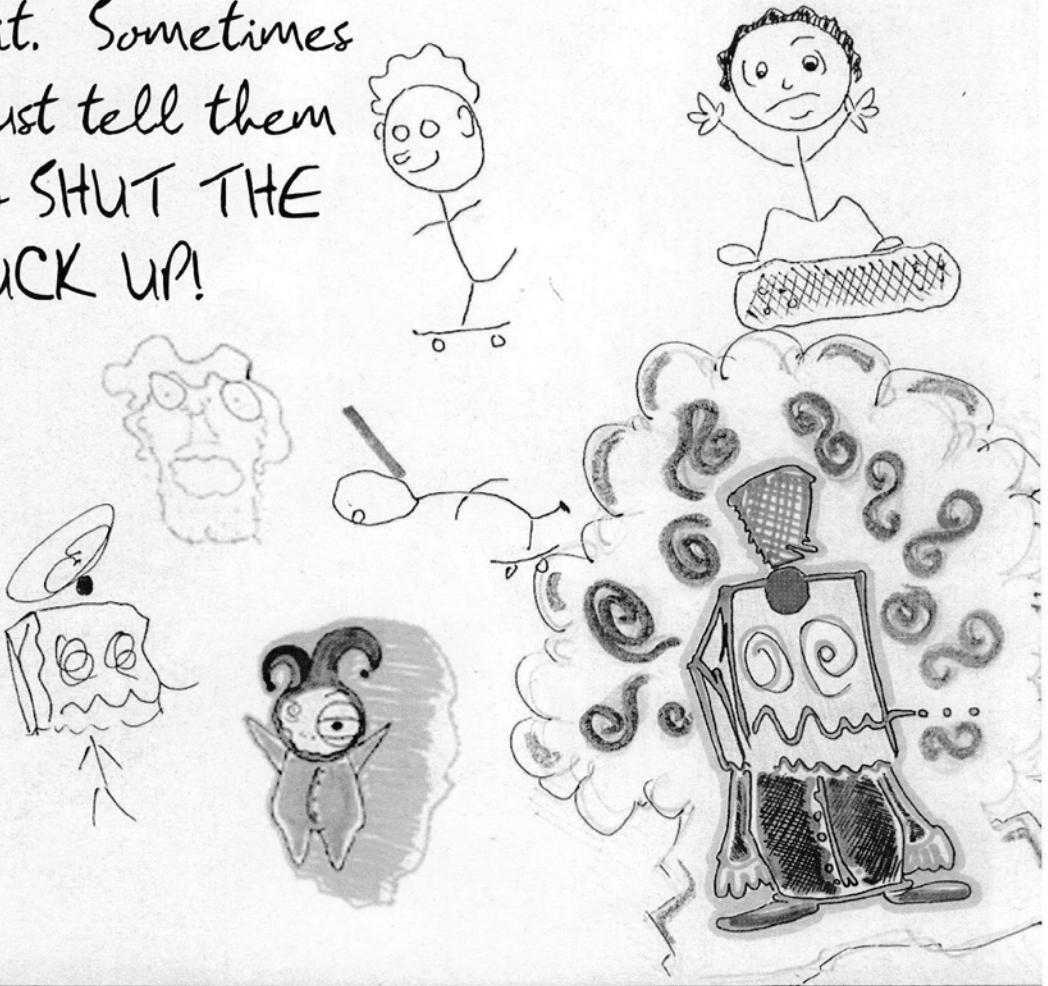
When I think about the twists and turns that my life has taken, sometimes I sit back and wonder what I would have done differently. Would I have gone to college? Would I have used condoms more? Would I have done that first line of crystal? Who knows? All I know now is that I am homeless, HIV positive and really pissed off about it. I know that being angry isn't gonna change my situation. I just hope that it fuels a long lost fire in me. I hope that it gets me moving. I don't know how much more of this I can take.

Kenny





These are the thoughts that go through my head. Crazy, sexy, cool. I can't control them. Sometimes they drive me to do some fucked up crazy shit. Sometimes I just tell them to SHUT THE FUCK UP!



Rough Road

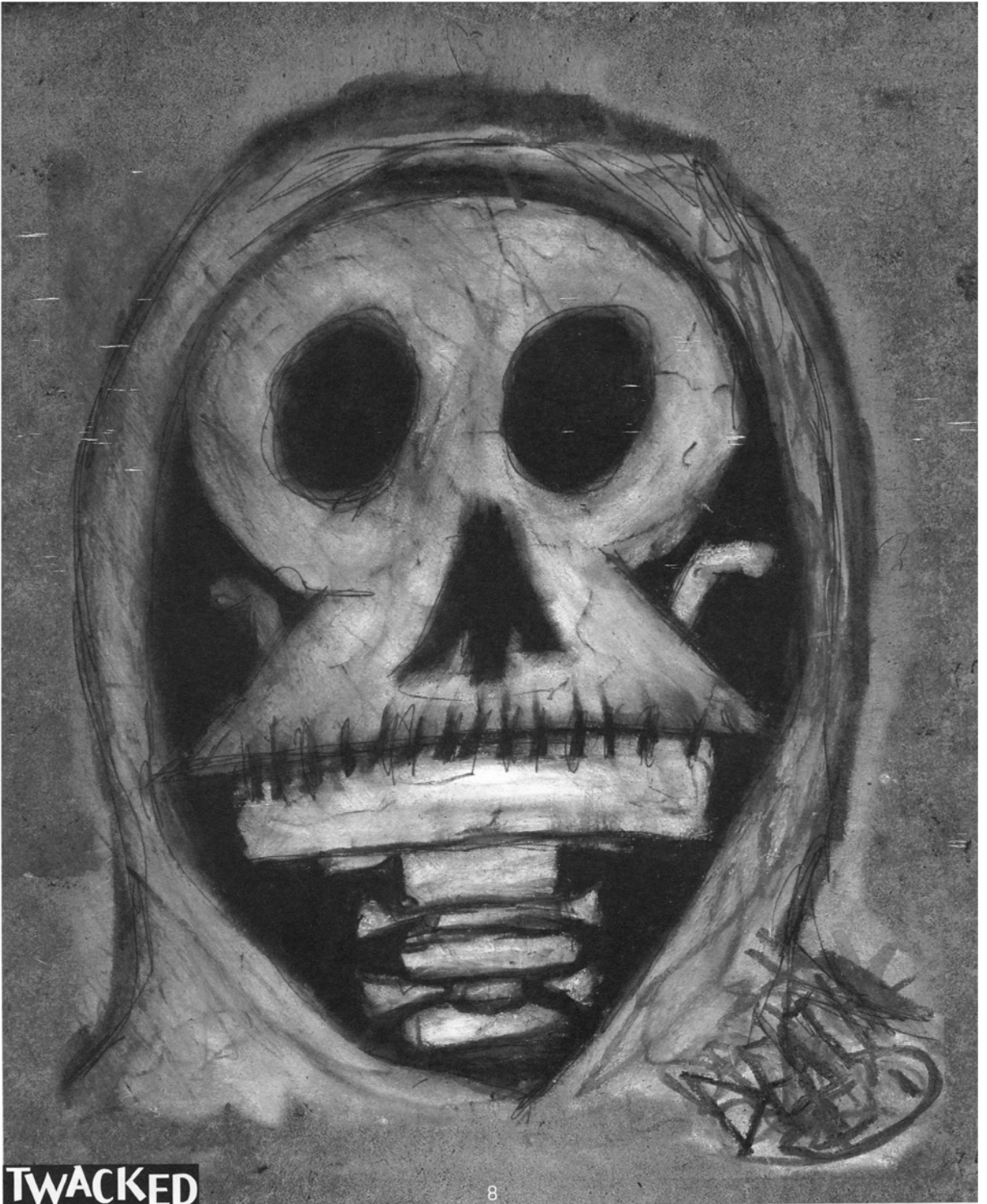
Tony C. 😊

- Sobriety -- In easily to convinced to go have a drink.
- Hang out with people that drink.
 - I will go out of my way sometimes to go steal a bottle.

- MONEY --
- Hard to save.
 - Spend it on alcohol
 - Lose my wallet easy.
 - Buy stupid things I dont need.

- School --
- Cant follow through.
 - End up going to school wasted.
 - Dont find time to do my homework.

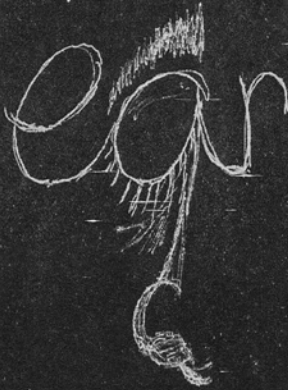
- Relationships --
- Keeping good friends.
 - staying truthful to friends
 - staying faithful to my boyfriend.



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I once had
A Fear
OF
Death



UNTIL

I Notice
That when
I Am sleep
How close
I am to
Death

Because when
I wake up

NOT By My Power
But through Him

My mission is
NOT complete What
is my mission?

P.S,
Dont
Rush
IT

Life
is
still

God's
Gift

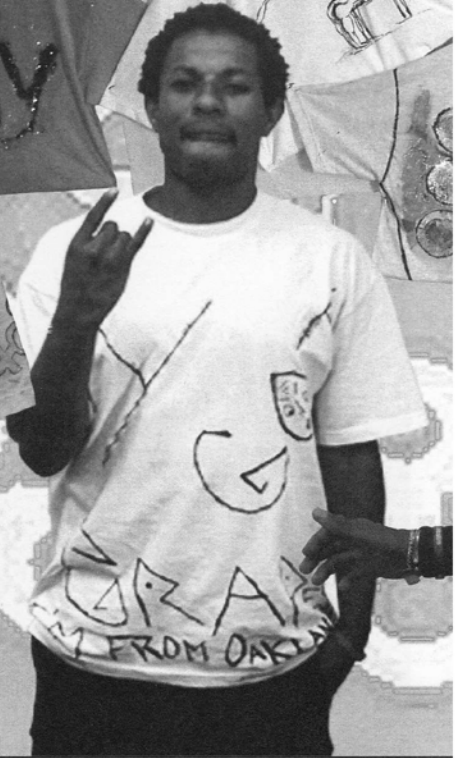
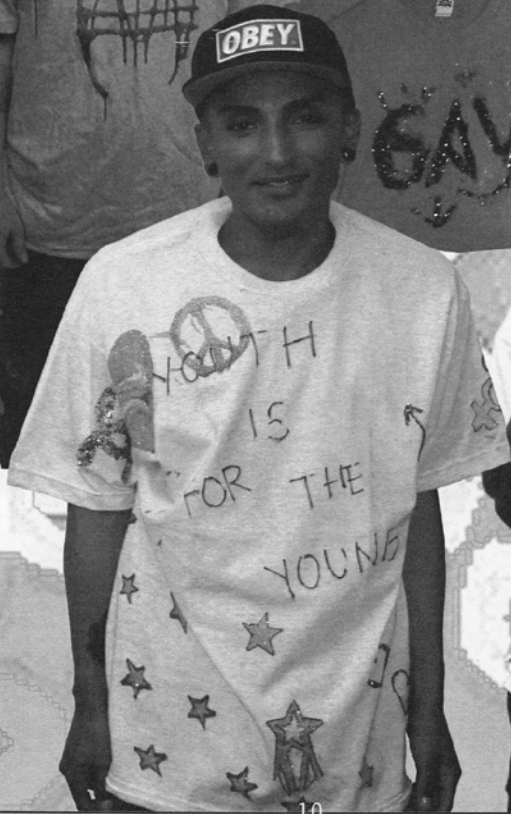
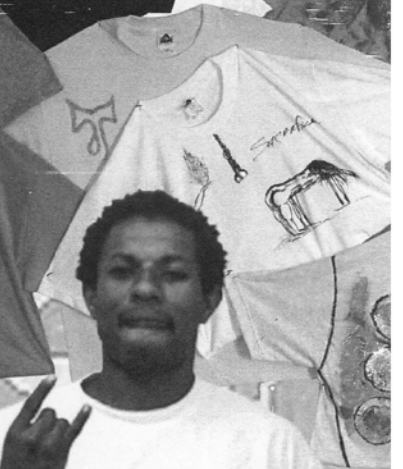
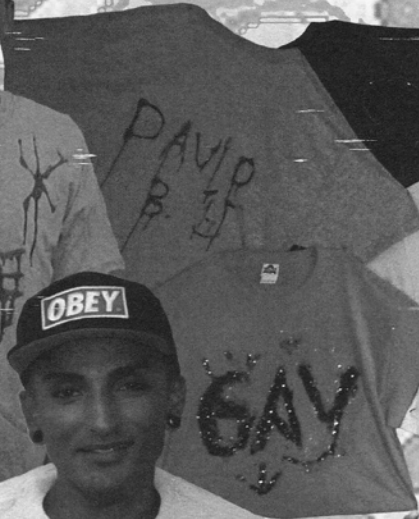
To me
& you

I Doht Know
BUT IF I can
Make you smile Today
I know "God" will
Do The Rest.

So HAVE a "Nice Day"
NOT REST IN Peace
"Yet" Till He
call's
you Home

By Michael
Baby Blues

WHO



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I am!!!



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Gay

**Pain, struggle, sorrow, strife
Tell me who would choose this life?**

**If I lay with other men
Is Hell my journey's end?**

**No, my God makes no mistakes
So send your hate, I got what it takes.**

**To live and love whoever I choose
I'm gay and proud
I win, you lose.**

Bi

**You got a man, you got a girl
To me you got the best of both worlds**

**Ass, dick, pussy, tits
All the zones you love to hit**

**Some folks say you're just confused
Ignorant fools should change their views**

**Love who you want, as time does fly
Ain't mad at you
My friend who's bi.**

Straight

**Boy meets girl, did God intend
If not this world would surely end**

**Ovaries and sperm
Make creation turn**

**Babies are born
And must learn hate**

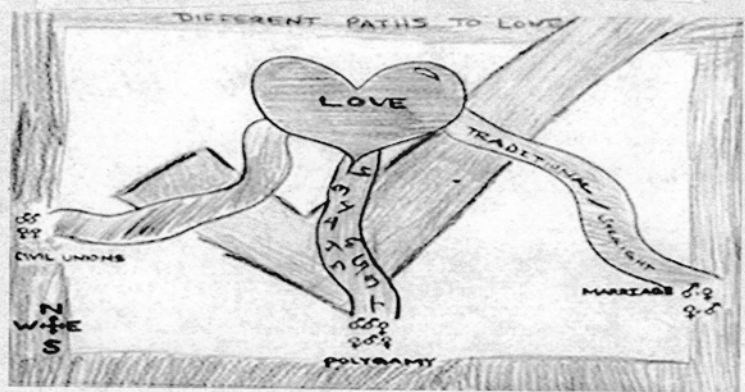
**Please teach them
Life's not always "straight."**

There was a time when I thought
I was less than. Now I have
a chance to be more than I
imagined. We found Love in a
Hopeless place...

EQUALITY

I
Support Me
Join Me

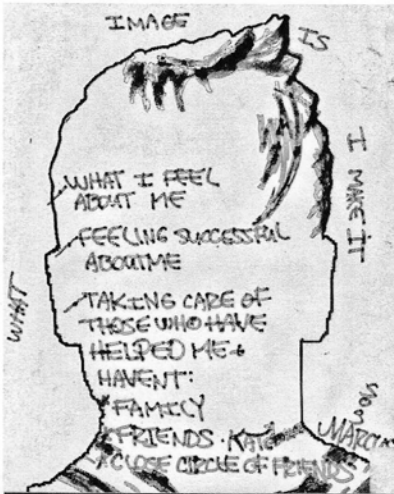
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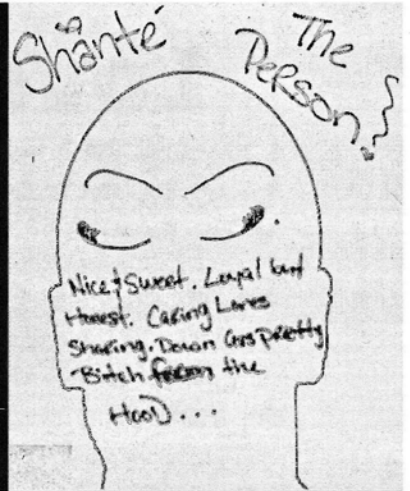
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UNDERSTANDING YOUR OWN

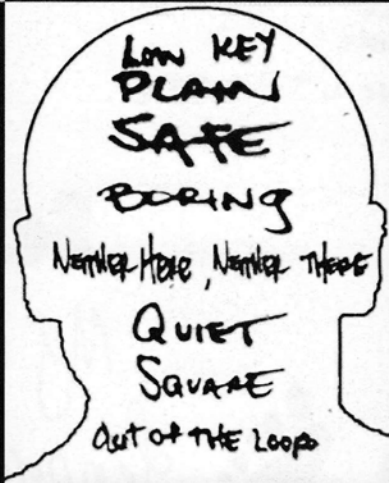
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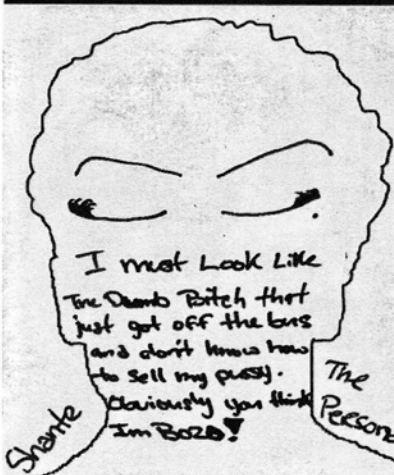
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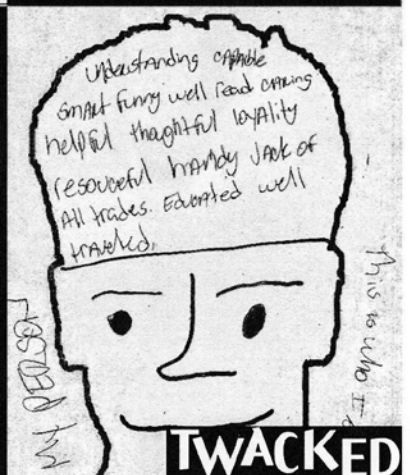
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REALLY?



Love Is...

Loving you is special
Love is GREAT Loving
u is AWESOME.

Loving you is special
Loving u is great
I LOVE u with all
My HEART

Loving u is special
Loving u is great
Loving u is AWESOME

I'm going 2 Love u till I DIE.



Sex Is...



My Life

Temporary & Sh***
Relationships

For my gay life no Marriage.
Love does not live here
Anymore
A vacancy.

"God" MY Kid's MY
LIFE Has Left Me What
DO I DO? MY DRUGS
MY Final High Was NOT
Supposed to Be This Way
Why did I Do This
TO

Help

My
DONE



myself
Me "God"
Will Will be
"Come Home"

Michael A.
R.I.P.

My Mom

Love

Always

I understand

When I Was 6:

I was a bad-ass kid living in the ghetto of Newark with my brother, mom, dad & three sisters.

David

My aunt had gotten custody of me & we lived in New York. I was going to P.S.22.

Germany

We moved to Inglewood and we were the first blacks on our block.

James

When I Was 16:

I was popular in high school. I had 2 loves (Beyonce & my 1st boyfriend). I found that I could sell my pussy.

Shante

I was graduating from high school & NOTHING could bring me down.

Scorpio

I was doing drugs and was in a gang. I ended up being locked-up in a boys' home.

Anonymous

When I Was 21:

I was in my 3rd year in the army. The world was my oyster & I went to places that I had only seen on TV.

James

I was in L.A. and I discovered Santa Monica Boulevard & Hollywood.

Shante

I had a good job, but I lost it when I broke my knees and ended up in a wheelchair.

Scorpio

Now:

-I am in recovery, I go to meetings and I take it one day at a time.

Drew

-I feel like I have one foot in the grave.

Robert

-I am 23 and homeless.

Dimitri

HIV & Me

(How HIV has affected my life.)

When I was young, I used to hear that it was something that gay people get. It's what you get for living your life full of sin. Then people close to me got it and they weren't gay. It changed my knowledge.

Shante

I remember when I was just 13 years old. I was young, full of cum and always horny, but not sexually active. I remember the media and TV broadcasting that since I was a homosexual, I was going to catch AIDS and die! How sad. I'll still live my homosexual life.

Marcus

When I was in high school there was no HIV. Sex Ed was just about not catching the "clap" & not getting a girl pregnant. Then when I was 25 this "gay disease" came and changed everything. Now everytime I have sex, HIV crosses my mind. Who I fuck. Who I don't fuck. Is this just the flu or something else? These are always the thoughts I have since HIV came around. I miss when sex was just animalistic and fun.

Robert

I AM		I AM NOT	
COCKY	HIV POSITIVE	STUPID	FAKE
LOVEABLE	HIV NEGATIVE	PETTY	A BACK STABBER
ME	A METH HEAD	A CRIMINAL	A LIAR
OPEN	RESPECTFUL	WHAT YOU ARE	A COWARD
BRAVE	PASSIONATE	SMALL	PERFECT
STRONG	ARTISTIC	A HATER	WORTHLESS
A CRACK HEAD	BISEXUAL	DUMB	ANGRY
TRASHY	GAY	TRASHY	YOUR TRASH
INDEPENDENT	A TOP	WEAK	LAZY
LOVE	A BOTTOM	MATERIALISTIC	A PUNK
THE ONE	HOMELESS	A GAME PLAYER	SELFISH
POWERFUL	SOLID	BAD	HOPELESS

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info you
asked 4

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

FRIENDS GETTING OFF
323.463.7001
free treatment for crystal meth users

SAFE HOUSE
818.763.7940
high tolerance housing for HIV+ mentally ill
and/or chemically dependent

CNN
323.857.5366
needle exchange program
Sun. 6:30-10:30pm Thur. 6-10pm
1625 N. Schrader Blvd(In the parking lot)

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HIV & STI testing Mon.-Fri. 11:30am-2:30pm
HIV (testing only) Mon.-Fri. 5:30-7:30pm

THE S.P.O.T.
323.993.7440
STI testing Tue.-Fri. 3-8pm (last test @
7:30pm)
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@ 7:30pm)

MINORITY AIDS PROJECT
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HIV testing free & anonymous

SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE
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