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A ZINE FROM THE GUYS OF THE BOULEVARD

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THE G.U.Y.S. PROGRAM
(Guys Understanding Your Situation)
A HARM REDUCTION ART PROGRAM
FOR THE GUYS OF THE BOULEVARD

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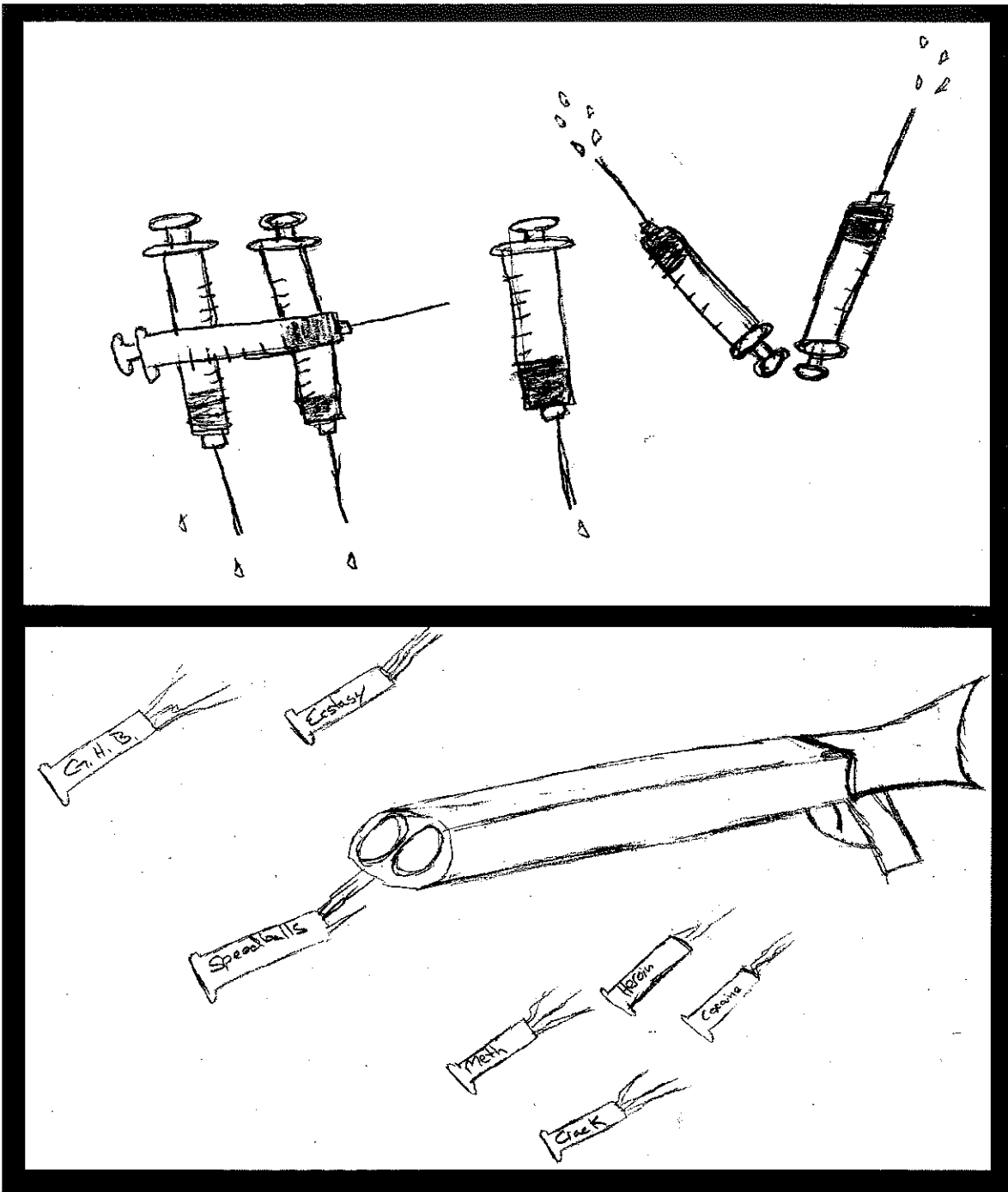
The overall objective of our prevention programs is to reduce the harm that can result from drug use by preventing HIV infection and managing the physical, psychological and psychosocial manifestations of drug use without the requirement of abstinence or recovery. Success is evaluated by any change in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

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ART WRITINGS &
POETRY



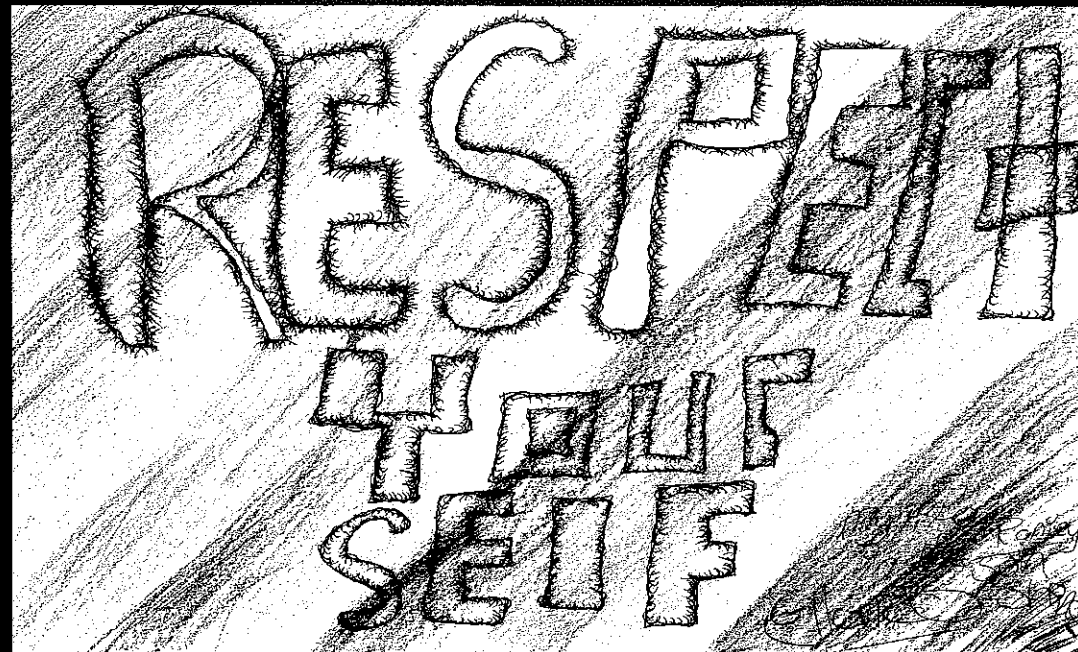
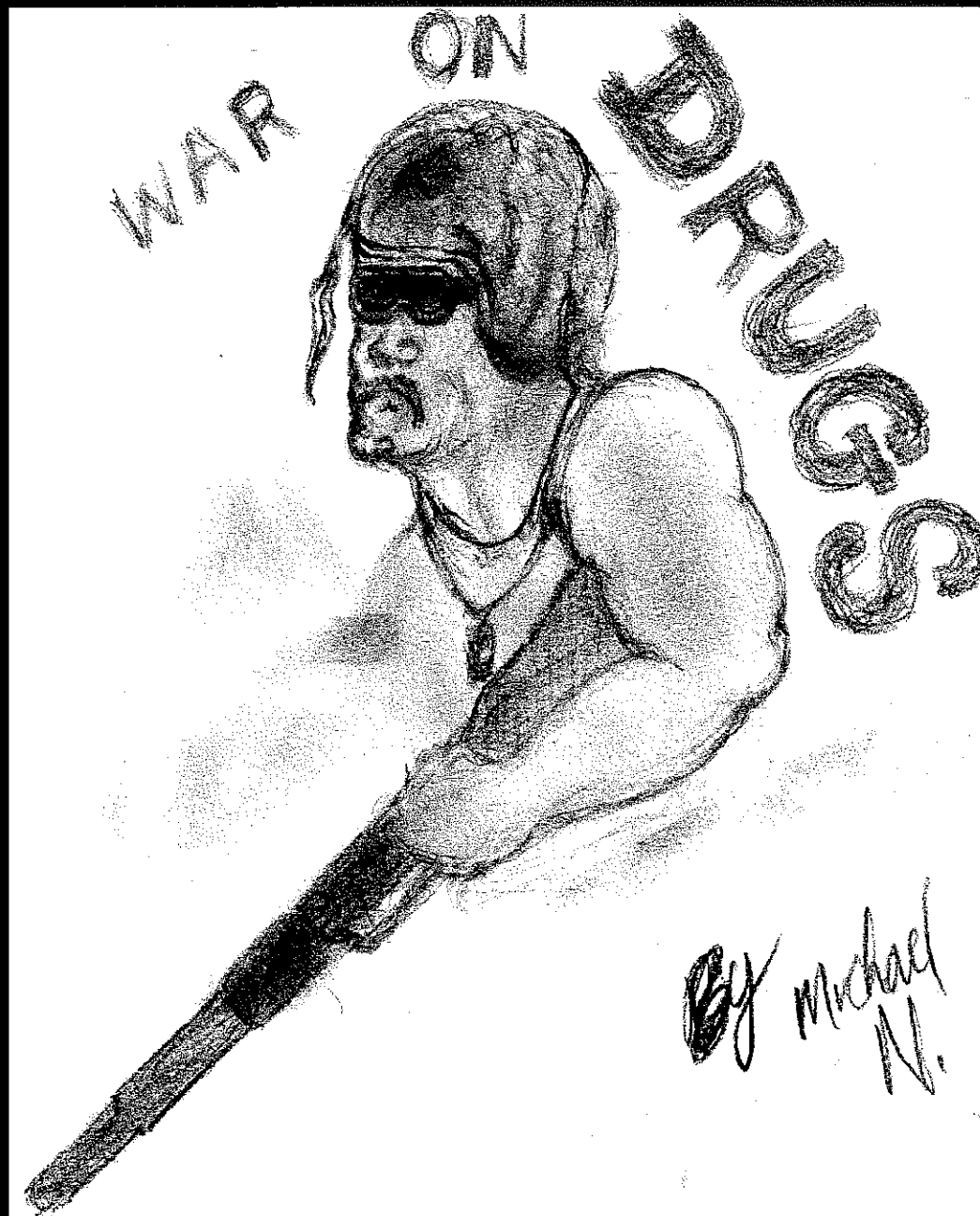


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Piercing
With more grace and
brutality than a needle
piercing your thoughts,
living on the streets defies
your morality, and ultimately
leaves you contemplating your
existence.

Proper needle
cleaning

J.X.G.



Believe in Myself

I'm working on reducing my substance abuse. I started using condoms to have safer sex with my partners. I'm loving myself more. I'm staying away from people using drugs. I keep working on myself, keeping myself safe by staying out of harm's way, and not having anonymous sex.

Loving and always caring for myself.

Don.



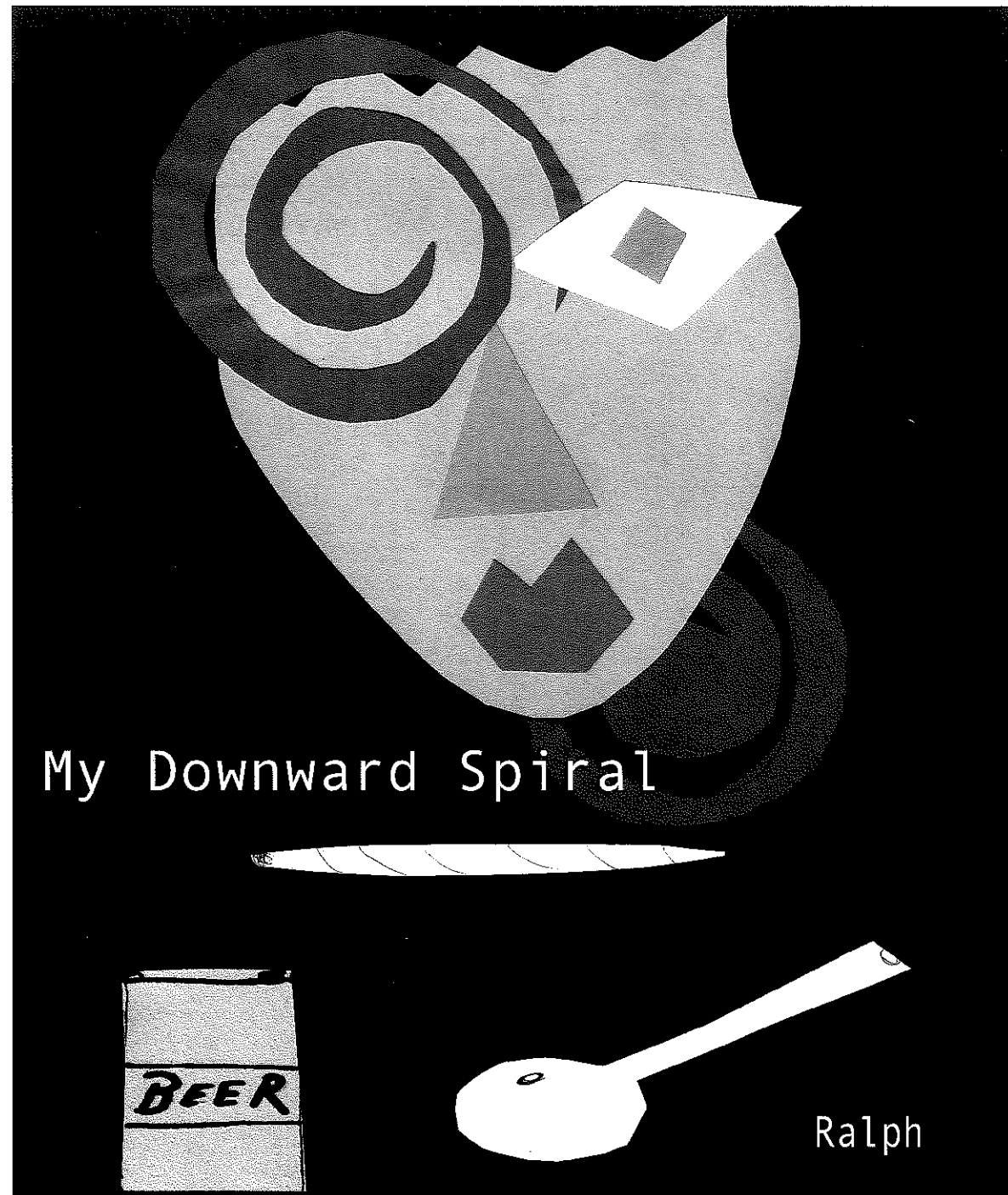
METH

It starts out being a weekend thing, and it becomes an every day thing. At some point you must decide when to draw the line instead of doing the lines...



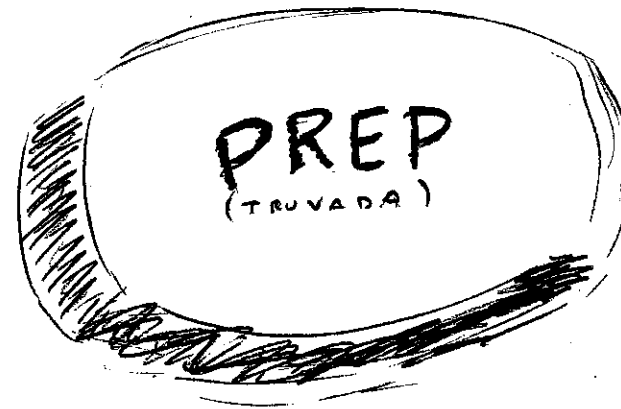
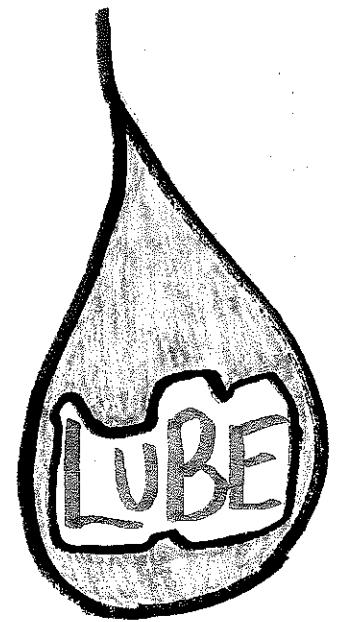
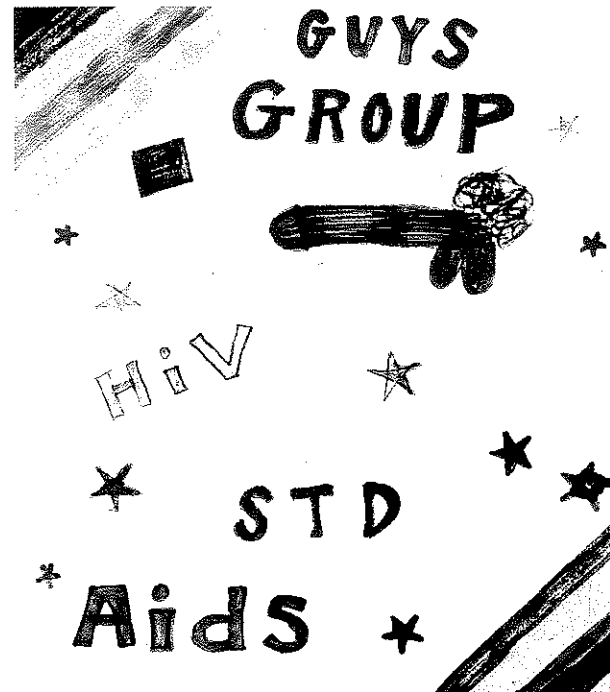
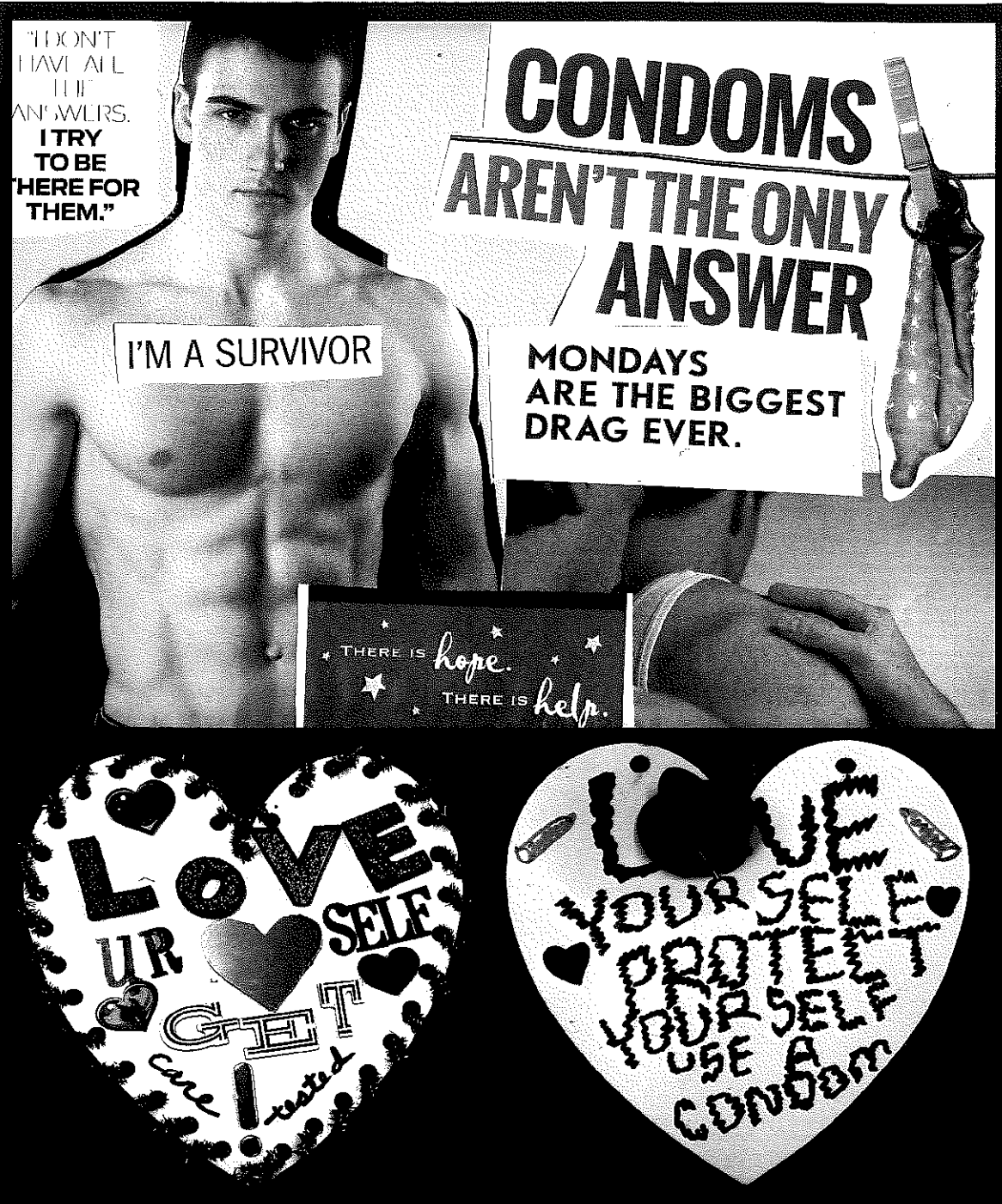
The choice is yours.
Choose wisely.

D.M.D.



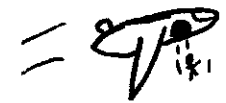
My Downward Spiral

Ralph



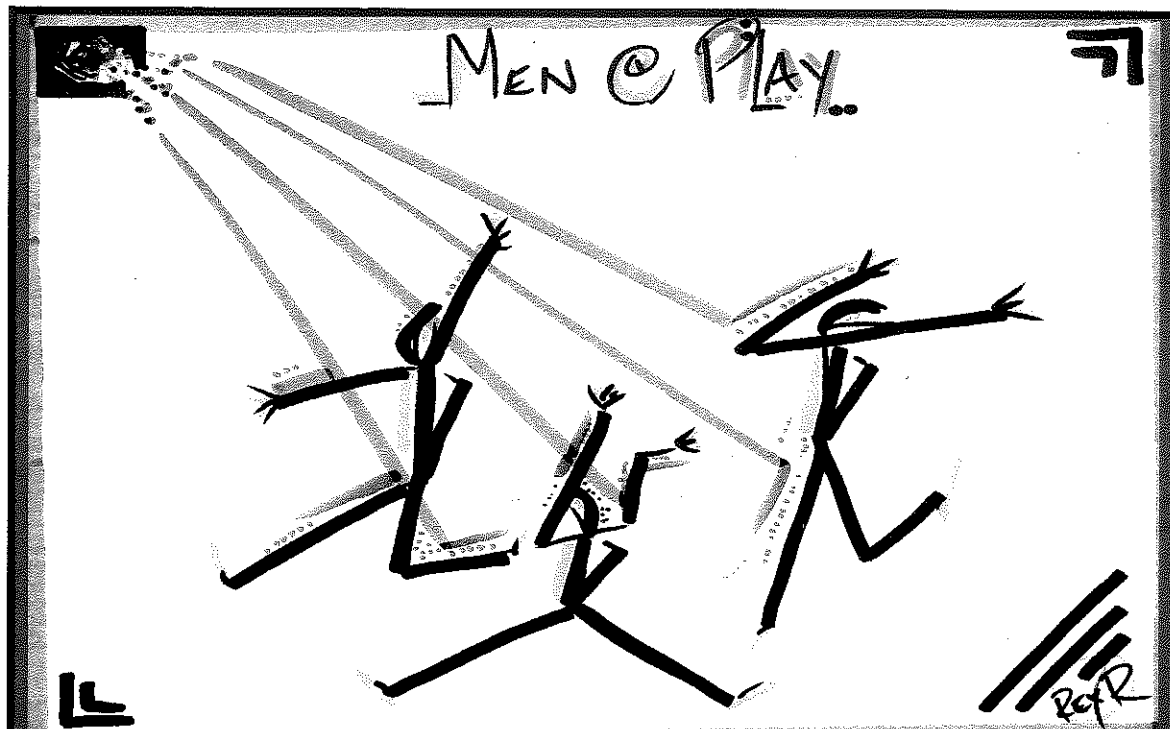
R.E.S.

You Won't Jump
out of a plane
With out a parachute



Why have Sex
With No Condom?





Today I looked into the mirror
and saw a monster looking
back at me...



C.P.A.

MARRIED TO THE STRUGGLE

In the beginning of my time, me and Crystal exchanged vows.

Our life would be a struggle, but we were convinced we'd make it somehow.

Thought I'd get depressed because at times it felt unfair.

But you proved you weren't even a friend because all you did was stab me in the end.

Now we are separated and I have no trouble, but I will forever be married to the struggle.

T.S.R.

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THE S.P.O.T.
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MINORITY AIDS PROJECT
323.936.4949
HIV testing free & confidential

SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE
877.727.4747

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

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HIV/AIDS HOTLINE
800.367.2437

General STI Prevention

Use condoms

Get tested

Know your status

Don't share needles

Use water based lube

Don't have sex when "high"

Be honest about your status

Use good judgement

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