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The Twelve Steps of Narcotics Anonymous

1. We admitted that we were powerless over our addiction, that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. We came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. We made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God *as we understood Him*.
4. We made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. We admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. We were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
7. We humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
8. We made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. We made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
10. We continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
11. We sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God *as we understood Him*, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as a result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to addicts, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

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Our message in pictures

What to omit from the following pages posed the greatest composition challenge. "Success" will be wordless communication. The anguish and desolation of active addiction (pages 2 through 9); the gaining of hope (pages 10 through 13); and the experience of the dynamics and promise of recovery (pages 14 through 35) are portrayed in this re-printing of *NA Way Magazine* artwork. Our universal experience of the problem and the solution, in graphics, is a variation on the "classics" theme customarily represented at this time each year. A complete index of the selected graphics appears on page 40.

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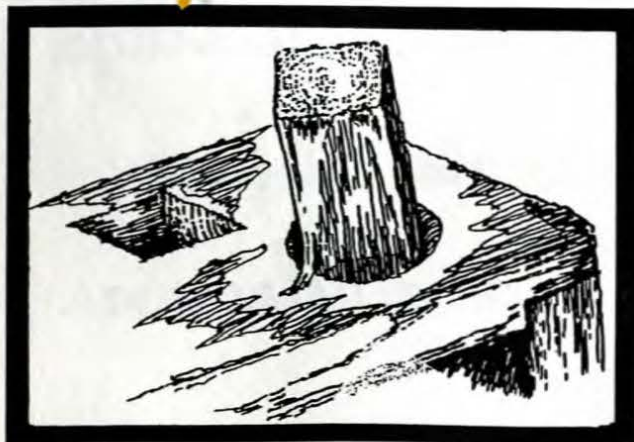
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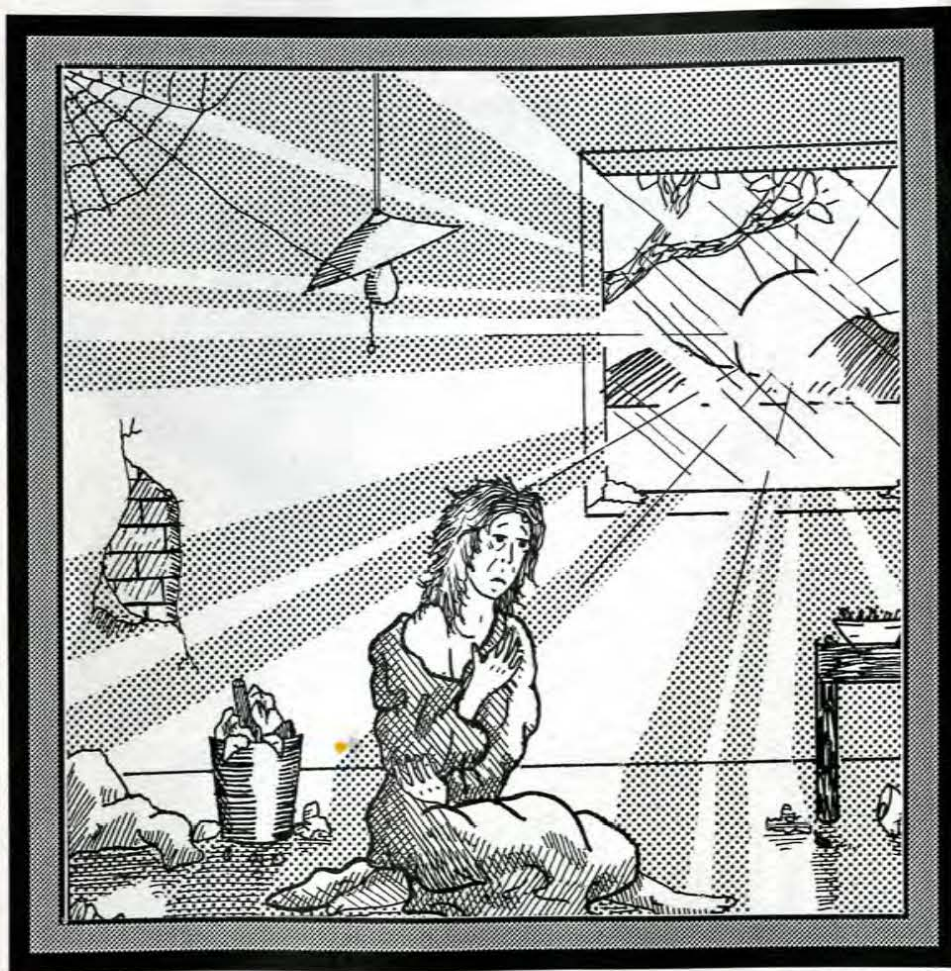
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When at the
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we find that we
can no longer function
as human beings,
either with
or without drugs,
we all face
the same dilemma . . .



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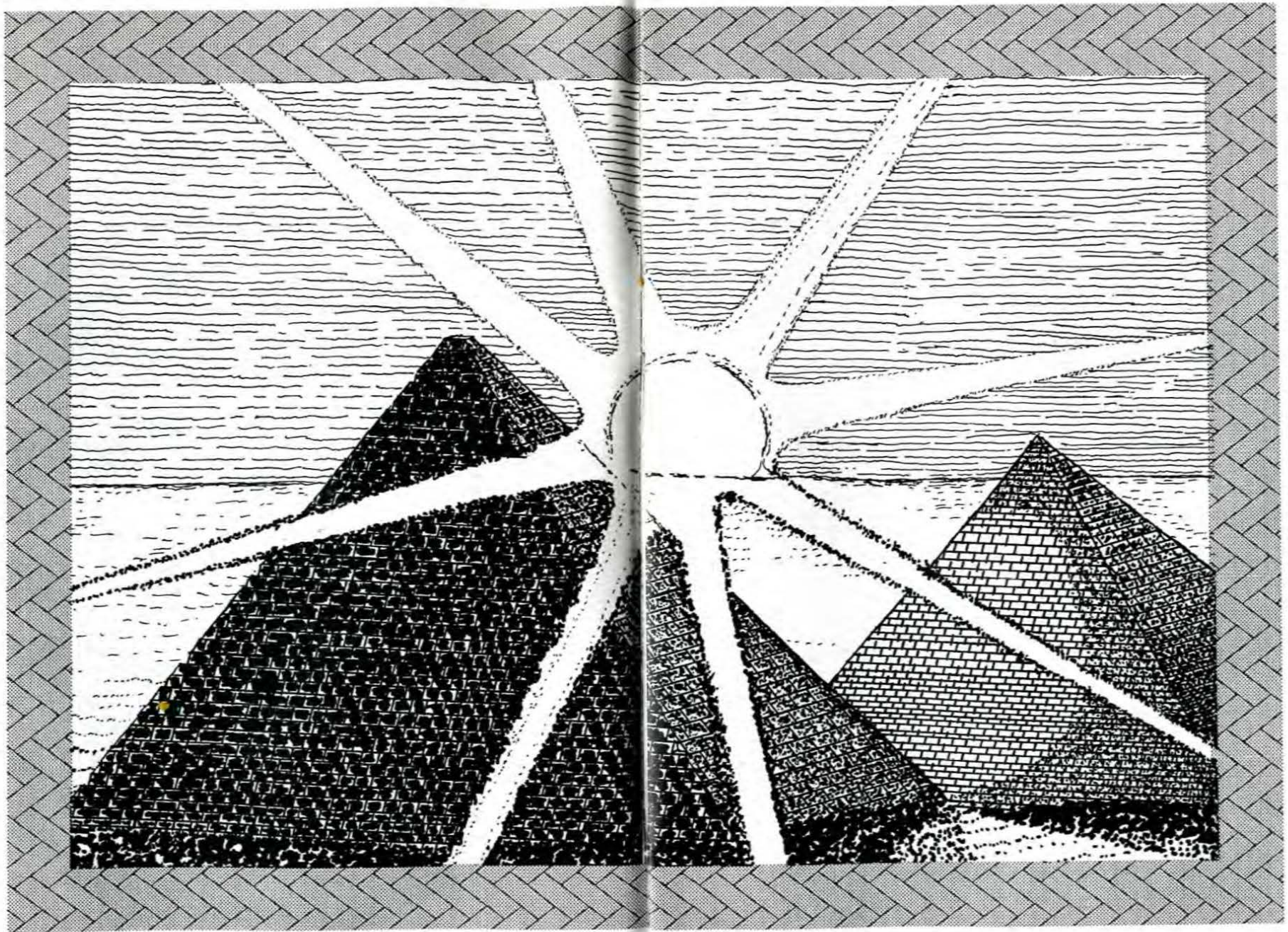


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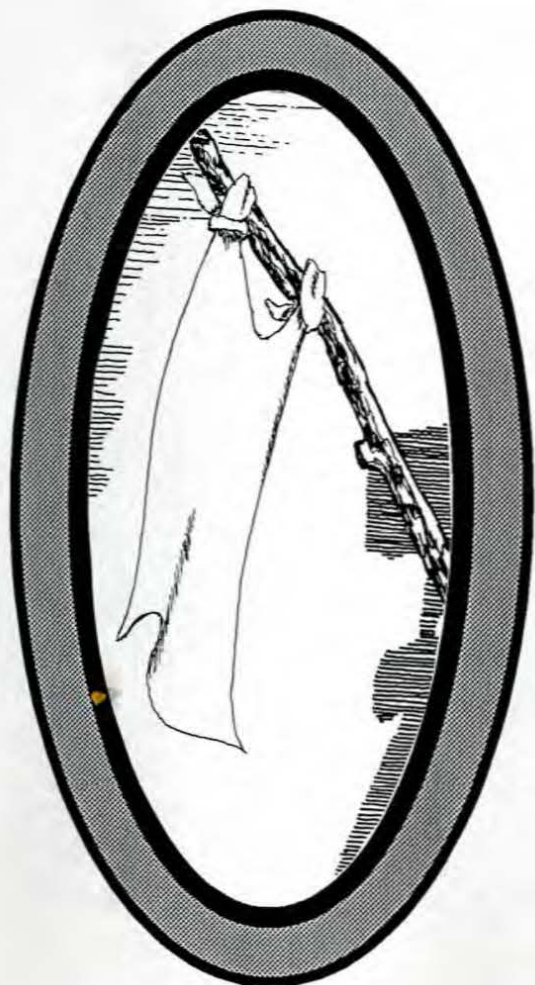


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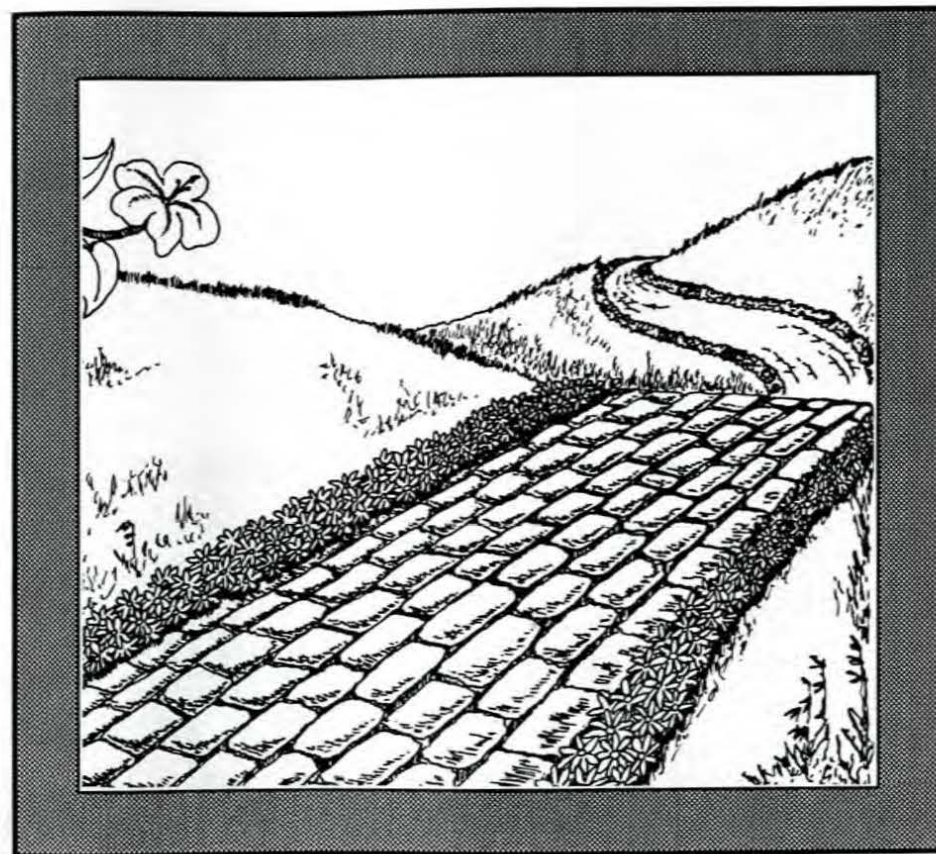


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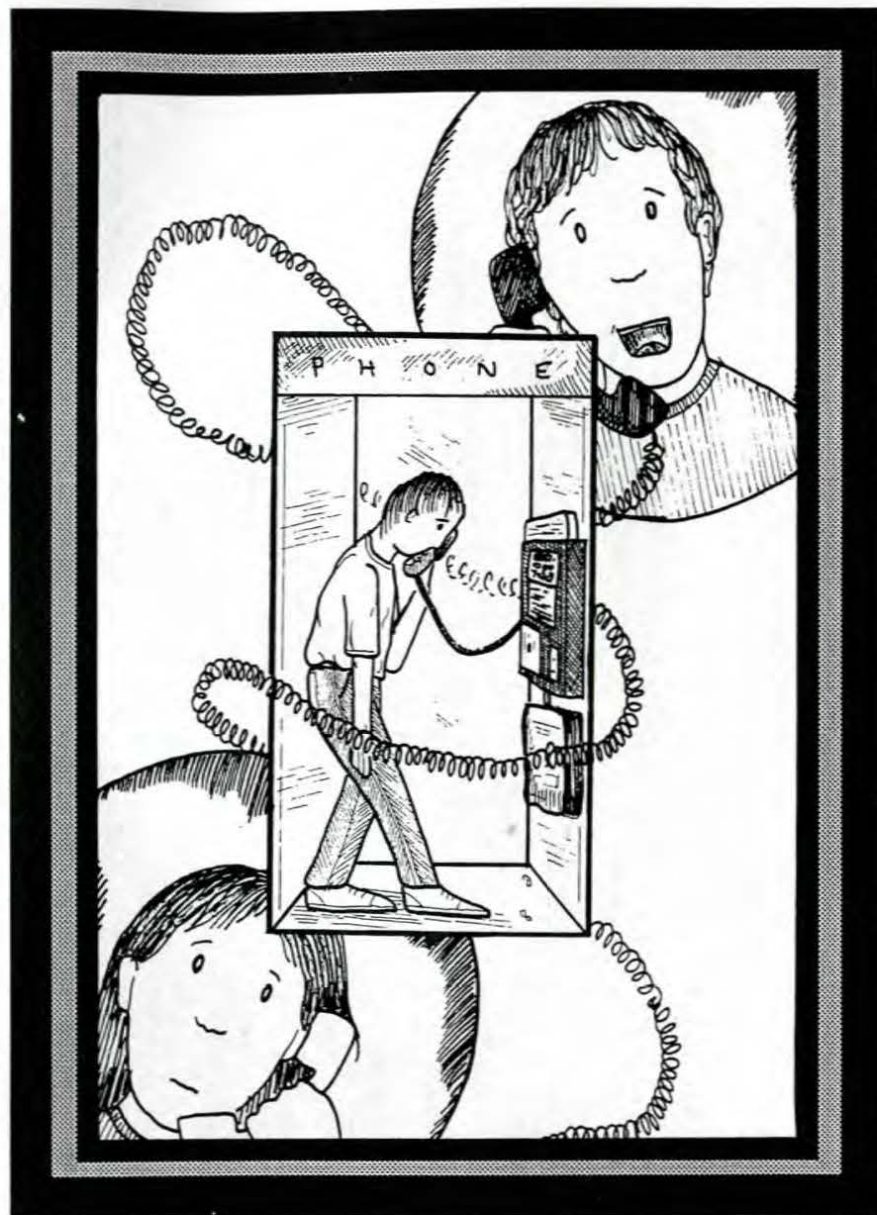
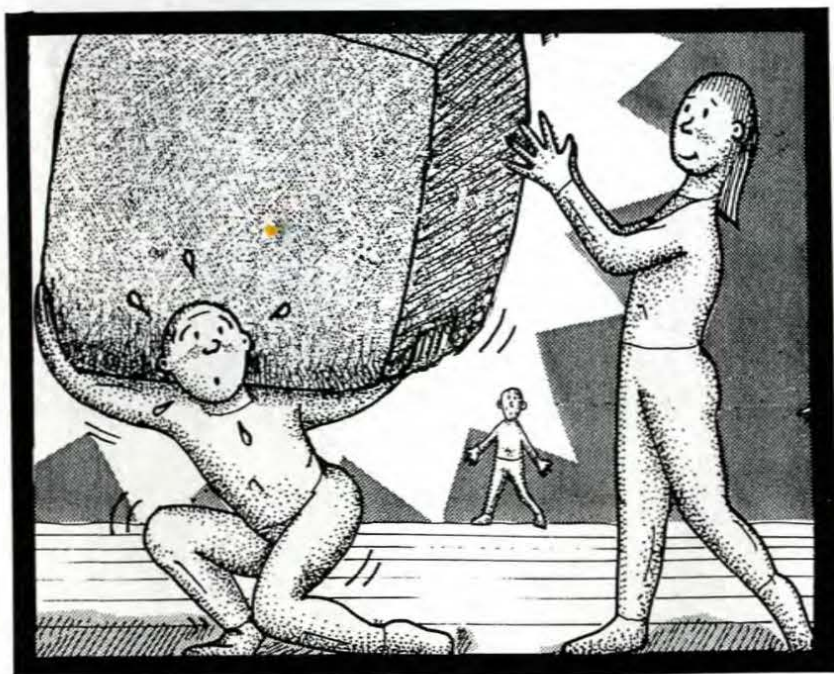
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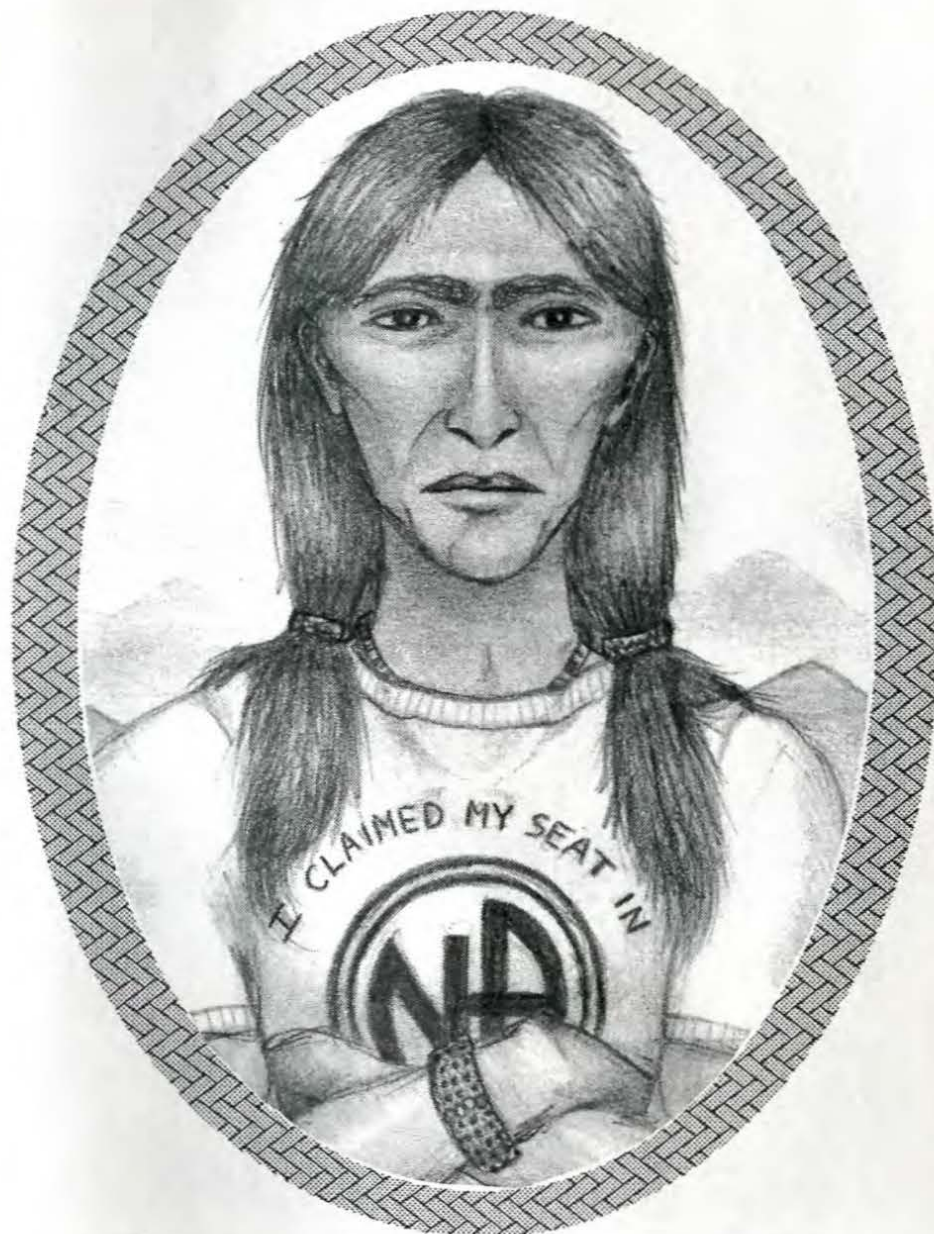
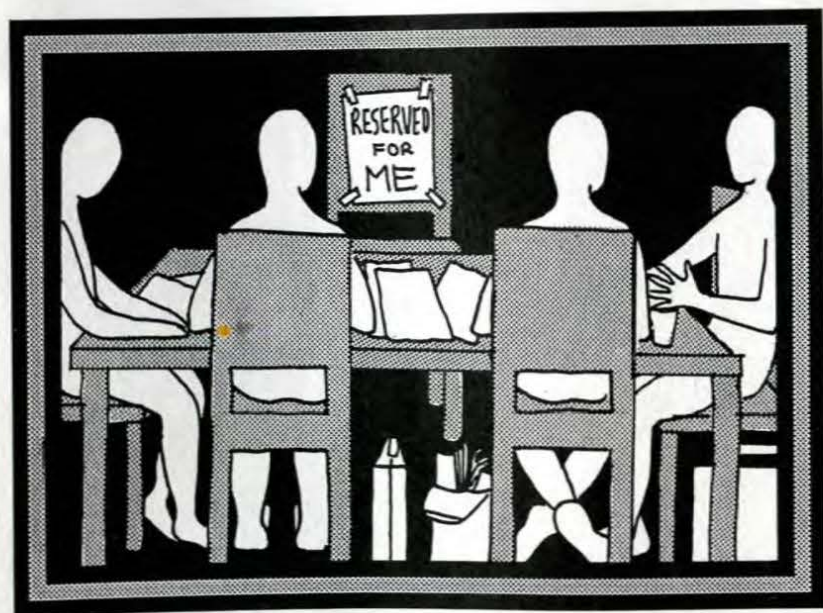


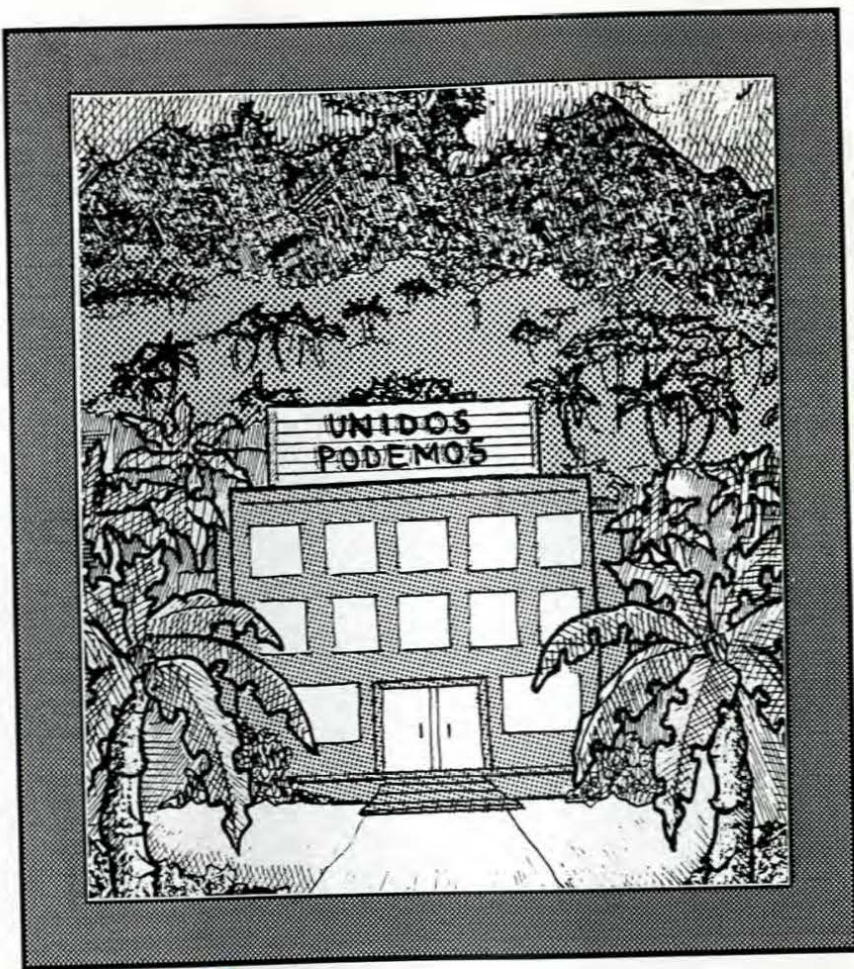
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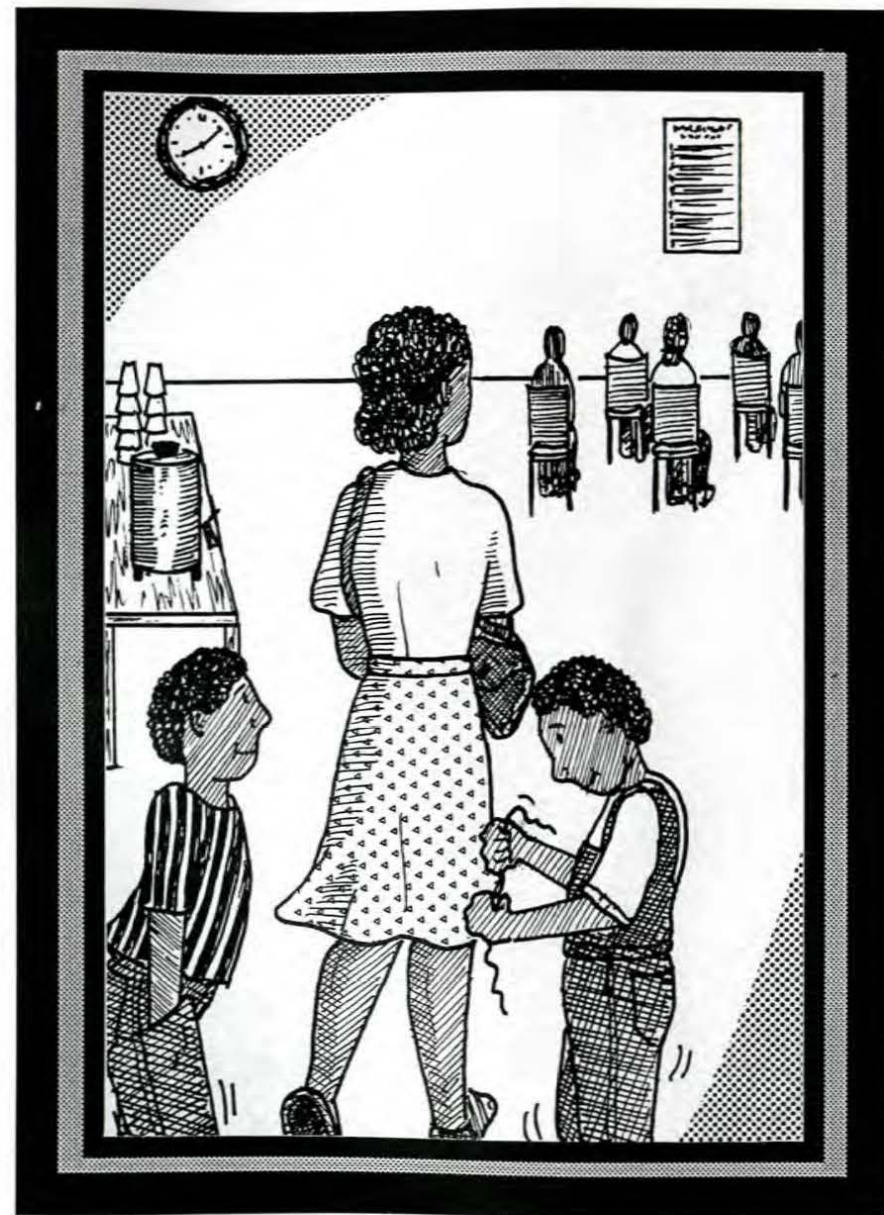
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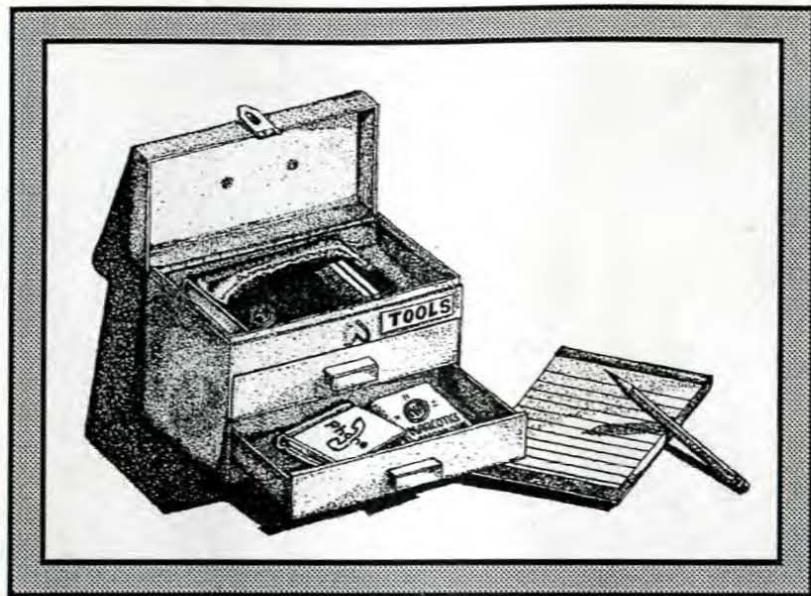
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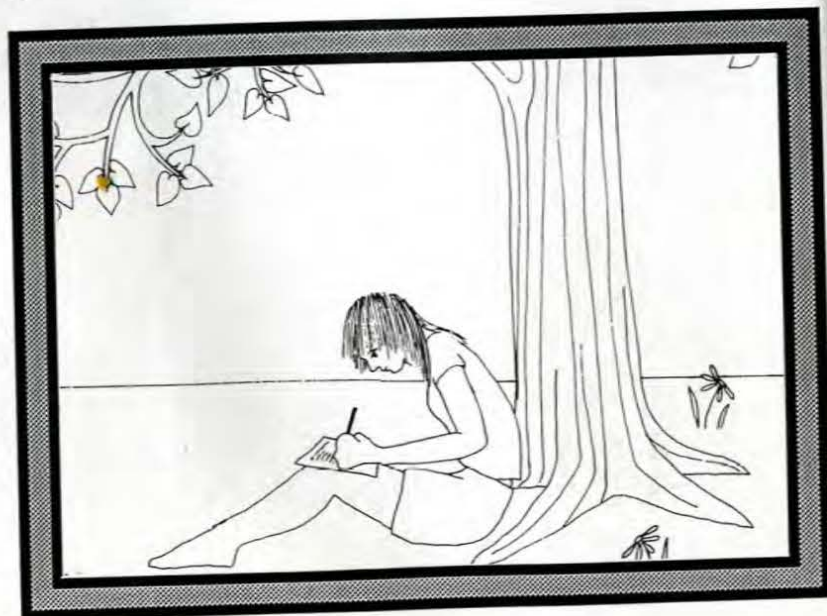
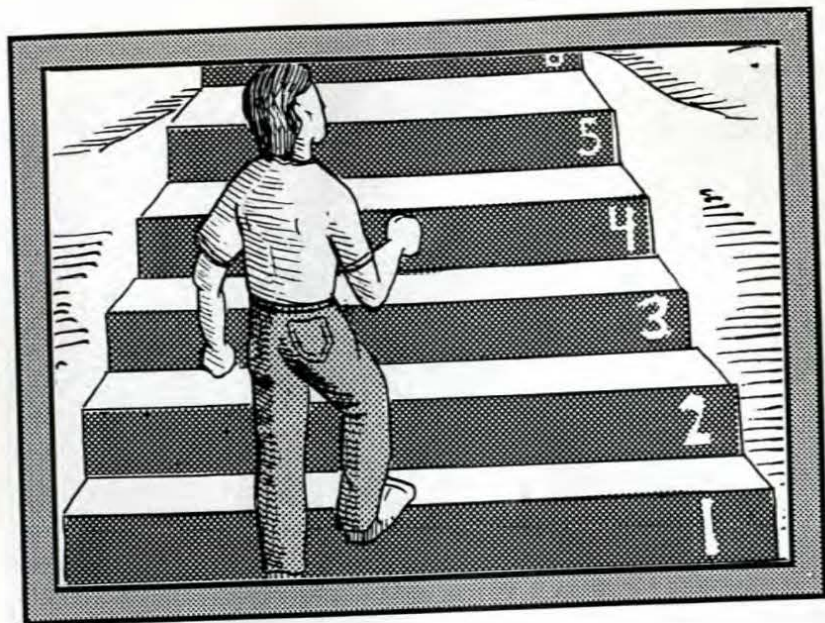


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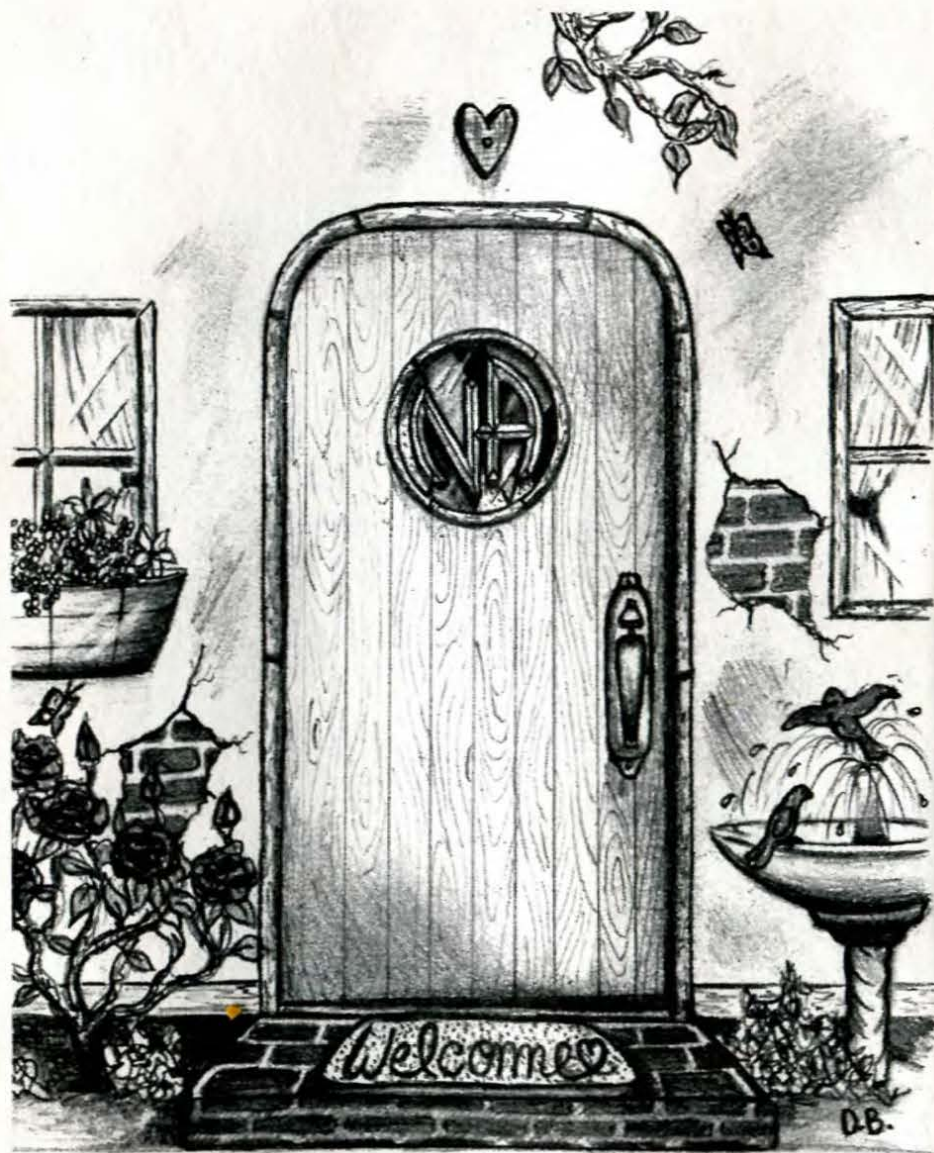
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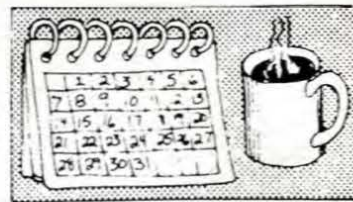


We change



Welcome home

Comin' up



ALABAMA: Apr. 24-26, 1992; East Alabama Area of NA Spring Fling 92; Wind Creek on Lake Martin; East Alabama NA, Rt 1, Box 180, Daviston, AL 36256

ARIZONA: Apr. 25, 1992; 5th Annual Arizona Regional Talent Show; Electrician's Hall, 5818 N 7th Street, Phoenix AZ; (602) 841-0987; info (602) 894-1099; RSC, PO Box 26404, Tempe, AZ 85282

2) May 22-24, 1992; 6th Annual Arizona Regional Convention; Scottsdale Plaza Resort, 7200 North Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85253; info (602) 973-1210; rsvns (800) 832-2025; ARCNA VI, PO Box 33125, Phoenix, AZ 85067-3125

CALIFORNIA: Apr. 11-12, 1992; First Annual Southern California Spring Convention; Holiday Inn/Huntington Beach, 7667 Center Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92647; info (213) 874-7127; S.C. Spring Convention, PO Box 2017, Huntington Beach, CA 92647

2) May 7-10, 1992; 14th Annual Northern California Convention; "Hope in Recovery"; Red Lion Inn, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, CA, 95815; rsvns (916) 929-8855; NCCNA XIV, PO Box 527, Soquel, CA 95073

CANADA: May 22-25, 1992; 5th Ontario Regional Convention (Bilingual); Carleton University Tour and Conference Centre (Commons Building); info (613) 739-7319 or (613) 721-8562; ORCNA V, PO Box 40067, Bank/Hunt Club PO., Ottawa, Ontario, K1V 8S8

CONNECTICUT: Apr. 10-12, 1992; "Became Willing V"; A Closed Retreat, for members only; Sponsored by Clean & Serene, Powerless and For Addicts Only Groups; Ivoryton, Connecticut; info (203) 347-3324; Retreat, PO Box 1056, Middletown, CT 06457-1056

2) May 16, 1992; 9th Annual Pigs in Space Pig Roast; Quassy Amusement Park, Group 64, Middlebury, CT; info (203) 758-2913; Reservations, PO Box 2534, Meriden, CT 06450

ENGLAND: Apr. 10-12, 1992; 3rd Annual London Regional Convention; Hammersmith Town Hall, King Street, London W6; info (071) 351 6794; Programming Committee, LRCNA III, PO BOX 417, London, SW10 ORS, ENGLAND

FLORIDA: Apr. 30-May 1-3, 1992; 16th Annual Fun In The Sun Weekend; Mark II Beach Resort, 15285 W Highway 98, Panama City Beach, FL, 32407; rsvns (800) 874-7101; info (404) 717-8875; PC Weekend, PO Box 47848, Doraville, GA 30362

2) May 22-25, 1992; 2nd Gold Coast Convention; "Solutions II"; Marriott Cypress Creek Hotel, 6650 N Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, 33069; info (305) 481-8914; Registration, PO Box 23325, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33307

GEORGIA: Apr. 16-19, 1992; 11th Georgia Regional Convention; Downtown Hilton Hotel, 255 Portland Street NE, Atlanta, GA; info (404) 232-3632; Convention, PO Box 1084, Covington, GA 30209

HAWAII: Mar. 26-29, 1992; 8th Annual Gathering of the Fellowship on Oahu; Camp Mokuleia, Oahu, HI; info (808) 945-2040; Subcommittee, PO Box 91003, Honolulu, HI 96835

2) May 22-25, 1992; 6th Annual Big Island Gathering; "Love in Action, Ohana O Aloha"; info (808) 322-4044 or (808) 966-4926; Big Island Gathering, PO Box 10842, Hilo, HI 96721

IDAHO: May 22-24, 1992; 3rd Annual Southern Idaho Regional Convention; Best Western Burley Inn, Burley, ID; SIRONACC, PO Box 427, Paul, ID 83347

ILLINOIS: May 22-25, 1992; 4th Illinois Basic Campout; Sullivan, IL; helpline (217) 373-2063; New Beginnings Area, PO Box 3214, Decatur, IL 62524

INDIANA: Apr. 4, 1992; Crossroads Area Service Learning day/Spring fundraiser; U.A.W. #292, 1201 Alto Road West, Kokomo, Indiana.

KENTUCKY: Apr. 17-19, 1992; KRCNA VI; "Welcome to the Miracle"; Hyatt Regency Lexington, 400 West Vine Street; rsvns (606) 253-1234 or (800) 233-1234; KRCNA VI, PO Box 279, Lexington, KY 40584-0279

LOUISIANA: May 22-24, 1992; 10th Annual Louisiana Regional Convention; Holiday Inn, South 9940 Airline, Baton Rouge, 70816; info (504) 362-9209; rsvns (504) 924-7021; LRCNA X, PO Box 82726, Baton Rouge, LA 70884-2726

MARYLAND: Apr. 10-12, 1992; CPRC VI; "A Gift Called Life"; Convention Center and Days Inn, 42nd Street, Ocean City; rsvns (800) 654-5440; CPRC VI Registration, PO Box 1004, College Park, MD 20741

MASSACHUSETTS: Apr. 3-5, 1992; First Nantucket Island Area Convention; "Step into the Light"; Harbor House Resort and Conference Center, South Beach Street; info (508) 257-4243; Convention Committee, PO Box 2963, Nantucket Island, MA 02584

MISSISSIPPI: Apr. 2-5, 1992; 11th Annual Mississippi Regional Convention; Lake Tiako O'Hata, Louisville, MS 39339; rsvns (601) 773-7853; info (601) 863-6285

MONTANA: June 26-28, 1992; Fourth Annual Montana NA Gathering, write Box 422, Great Falls, MT 59403-0422.

NEW JERSEY: May 22-24, 1992; 7th New Jersey Regional Convention; "The Dream is Real"; Cherry Hill Inn at junction of Route 38 and Haddonfield Road, Cherry Hill, NJ; info (908) 257-4534; NJRCNA 7, PO Box 43, Edison, NJ 08818

NEW YORK: May 22-25, 1992; "Recovery in the Woods VI"; Lakeland Conference Center, Franklinville, NY; info (716) 878-2316; B.A.S.C.N.A., PO Box 64, Buffalo, NY 14207

OHIO: Apr. 3-5, 1992; BMRLCII "Reaching Out Through Service"; sponsored by Lake Erie Area, Buckeye Region; Quality Hotel, Beachwood, Ohio; info (216) 476-1464 or (216) 854-4047; BMRLCII, PO Box 35292, Cleveland, OH 44135

OREGON: May 8-10, 1992; Pacific Cascade Regional Convention I; Portland, Oregon; Holiday Inn Airport, 8439 NE Columbia Blvd, Portland; rsvns (503) 256-5000; info (503) 255-8696

PENNSYLVANIA: Apr. 17-19, 1992; 10th Annual Greater Philadelphia Regional Convention; Wyndham Franklin Plaza, 17th and Race Streets, Philadelphia; rsvns (215) 448-2000; info (215) 222-0100; GPRCNA, PO Box 31686, Philadelphia, PA 19147

PORTUGAL: May 1-3, 1992; 2nd Portuguese Convention; South Pedro de Moel, Leiria; Complexo Das Piscinas Da Promoeil; II CPNA, C/O E.S.P., Apartado 21785, 1138 Lisboa Codex, PORTUGAL

SPAIN: May 16-17, 1992; Sixth Spanish Regional Convention; Hotel Es Pla, San Antonio, Islas Baleares. Info (Spanish) 010 3471 197157 (English) 010 3471 197197.

SCOTLAND: May 22-24, 1992; 1st Scotland Convention; The Central Hotel, Gordon Street, Glasgow, G1 3SF; rsvns 041-221 9680; Registration, Unit 1, Old Foundry, Chapel Street, Airdrie, Strathclyde, SCOTLAND

SOUTH CAROLINA: May 29-31, 1992; Woodstock VI Outdoor Convention; Pine Ridge Campground, Roebuck, SC; info (803) 596-5104; N.C.C.A.N.A., PO Box 1782, Spartanburg, SC 29304

TEXAS: Apr. 17-19, 1992; 7th Annual Lone Star Regional Convention; "The Promise is True in 92"; Wyndham Greenspoint Hotel, 12400 Greenspoint Drive, Houston, TX 77060; rsvns (713) 875-2222; info (214) 349-6655; LRSO INC., 10727 Plano Road #200, Dallas, TX 75238

2) May 23-25, 1992; "Play in the Bay II"; Lone Star Regional Fundraiser; Quintana County Park, Quintana Beach; info (409) 265-1050; Registrations, PO Box 2431, Freeport, TX 77541

WASHINGTON: Apr. 10-12, 1992; 7th Washington/Northern Idaho Regional Convention; Red Lion Inn, 300 112 Avenue S.E., Bellevue, WA 98004; info (206) 328-4351; WNRCNA 7, 1202 East Pike, 878, Seattle, WA 98122

WEST VIRGINIA: May 8-10, 1992; "Miracles in the Mountains"; Cedar Lakes, Ripley, WV 26502; rsvns (304) 372-7000; Mountaineer RSC, PO Box 2381, Morgantown, WV 26502-2381

WISCONSIN: Apr. 17-19, 1992; 4th Annual Milwaukee Area Easter Retreat; Kettle Moraine State Forest (North Unit); info (414) 476-4984; Unity Committee, 1534 South 65th St #2, Milwaukee, WI 53214

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The Twelve Traditions of Narcotics Anonymous

1. Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends on N.A. unity.
2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority—a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.
3. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop using.
4. Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or N.A. as a whole.
5. Each group has but one primary purpose—to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.
6. An N.A. group ought never endorse, finance, or lend the N.A. name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems of money, property or prestige divert us from our primary purpose.
7. Every N.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.
8. Narcotics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.
9. N.A., as such, ought never be organized, but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.
10. Narcotics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the N.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.
11. Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films.
12. Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, ever reminding us to place principles before personalities.

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What is Narcotics Anonymous?

NA is a non-profit fellowship or society of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. We are recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. This is a program of complete abstinence from all drugs. There is only one requirement for membership, the desire to stop using.

We suggest that you keep an open mind and give yourself a break. Our program is a set of principles written so simply that we can follow them in our daily lives. The most important thing about them is that they work.

*My gratitude speaks
when I care
and when I share with others
the NA way*