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Dear Mary Jane

Dear Mary Jane,

Just writing to check in.
Hope you're doing well.

Just kidding, I'm writing to let you know that you're a liar, manipulative, deceiving, and a clingy parasite who drains me of self sufficiency and desires in life. Everything you gave me in the beginning you ended up taking: peace of mind, good times, understanding, and passion.

Because of that, I don't want to be with you anymore. In fact, I never really wanted to be with you in the first place. I just wanted to hangout a couple times a month but somehow we ended up spending almost every hour of every day together.

You would make me bring you to school and work and would wait for me in the car, so that we could be together on my breaks. You had to come to family birthdays, holidays, graduations, and you wouldn't let me hang out with friends unless you could tag along. You had me convinced that a day of sitting with you in my room was better than a day doing anything at all without you. You had me stuck in between a rock and a hard place.

I couldn't imagine living the rest of my life with you, and couldn't imagine living the rest of my life without you. And, there was absolutely no middle ground. I hated the way you treated me but would miss you after being away for just a few hours.

Every date we went on seemed to pick me up a little less than the time before, but somehow dropped me even further down. For most of our time together I believed that we needed to take a break from each other in order to restore our relationship. We have tried that though and you were still the pain in my neck and the nail in my shoe from the moment we started seeing each other again.

So it seems to me that a break isn't good enough. We need a break up.

We had fun together for about a year and a half but after that I no longer enjoyed your company and was truly afraid to leave you. I didn't know how to live without you but I'm now willing to learn. So now I'm shooting for the moon on this one, but please don't write back! If you call, I'll just decline it; if you email, I'll mark it as junk.

I hope I've made myself clear. I deserve better. I now know that if I let you give me just one peck on the cheek I might as well move in with you and put a ring on your finger. And I don't want that. I never wanted that. I can't grow as a person with you in my life, and if I would stop you from growing too if I could. Telling you to burn in Hell seems like the appropriate thing to say at this time but I don't want you to be burned at all.

Sincerely,

Just one of the many dudes
you messed around with, just
to end up messing with. ▲

-Justin B.

Life with Hope Book & Workbook Ordering... Update!

On September 21, 2019 Marijuana Anonymous World Services entered an agreement licensing Hazelden Publishing to publish and distribute current and future English-language editions of the *Life with Hope (LwH)* book and workbook. All books, workbooks, the *A New Leaf* newsletter and other service materials may still be ordered MA's A New Leaf Publications website, www.anewleafpublications.org, but orders for the *LwH* book and workbook (only) will be redirected to the Hazelden website for payment, fulfillment and shipping by Hazelden.

Pricing for the current 3rd edition of the *LwH* book and the current 1st edition of the workbook remains the same. Under the agreement, Hazelden has also been authorized to produce new re-designed editions of both the book and the workbook, anticipated for release in April 2020.

This is exciting news for our fellowship! And, it is a much anticipated aid in meeting our "primary purpose" under Tradition Five: "to carry its message to the marijuana addict who still suffers". It is envisioned that the agreement will not only provide both greater exposure of MA literature through Hazelden's extensive marketing network, but also provide greater income to MA from sales of *Life with Hope*.

ANL's Purpose

The purpose of **A New Leaf** is to carry the message of recovery from marijuana addiction. It is through the written experiences of recovering addicts and their stories that we may find experience, strength and hope.

Articles submitted should reflect recovery, unity, and service.

The articles contained in **A New Leaf** are the sole opinions of the authors and do not reflect the opinions of Marijuana Anonymous as a whole. MA is not affiliated with - and does not endorse or accept contributions from - any outside enterprise.

We are reaching out to districts to update the ANLP Liaisons and birthday lists. Additionally, district/group service representatives, including but not limited to those serving as ANLP Liaisons, are encouraged to stay in touch: chiefs@anewleafpublications.org

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MAWS Treasurer's Report

I am the current Treasurer for Marijuana Anonymous World Services (MAWS). I volunteer about 12 hours time per month performing the variety of services set out in the MA Service Manual (pp. 55-56). Below is the summary report I provided to MA Delegates for the 1st quarter of fiscal year 2019-2020.

Marijuana Anonymous World Services (MAWS) has a substantial financial reserve due to the fact that for a number of years we did not have any special workers. The lack of these workers resulted in major problems, especially in fulfillment of ANLP orders and maintaining our legal compliance with the responsibilities of an incorporated non-profit organization. Over the past few years, these problems have been fixed as the MAWS Board of Trustees and A New Leaf Publications (ANLP) have worked hard to bring our organization into compliance and have prompt and efficient fulfillment of ANLP orders.

Currently, our special workers consist of an accountant, assistant

accountant, a webmaster and an office administrator. As a result, we are now spending more money than we are bringing in, and our Treasurer has pointed out that this level of deficit spending cannot be sustained indefinitely. The MAWS Board of Trustees plans to initiate additional fundraising efforts throughout our Fellowship to increase our income.

Below is a general summary of MAWS' income and expenses for approximately the first quarter of fiscal year 2019-2020. As can be seen, we have a net deficit for this time period. MAWS still has some financial reserves, but this level of discrepancy cannot be maintained indefinitely. I am encouraging all MA members to consider making regular contributions to MAWS (Any amount helps!), which can be done through the PayPal link on the MAWS website. Many people and groups already do (as can be seen from the ~5k in 7th tradition, but it will take a bit more to keep us running smoothly).

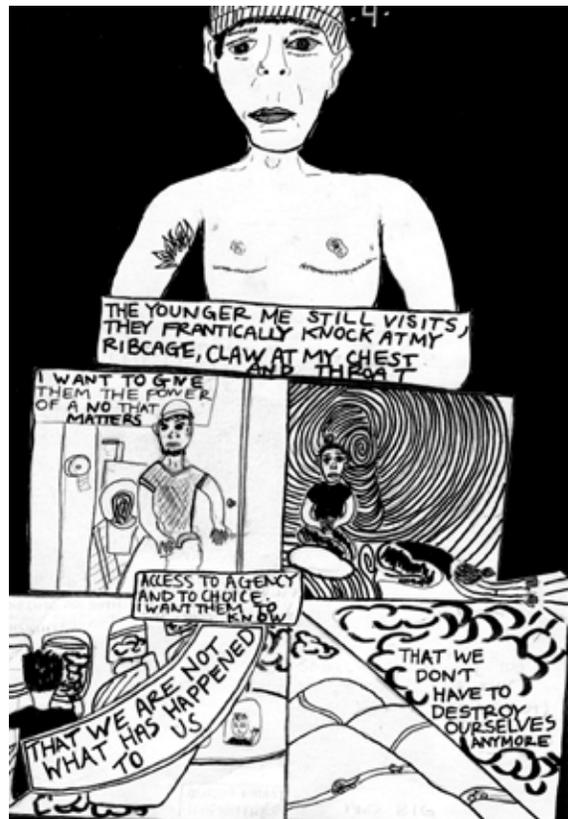
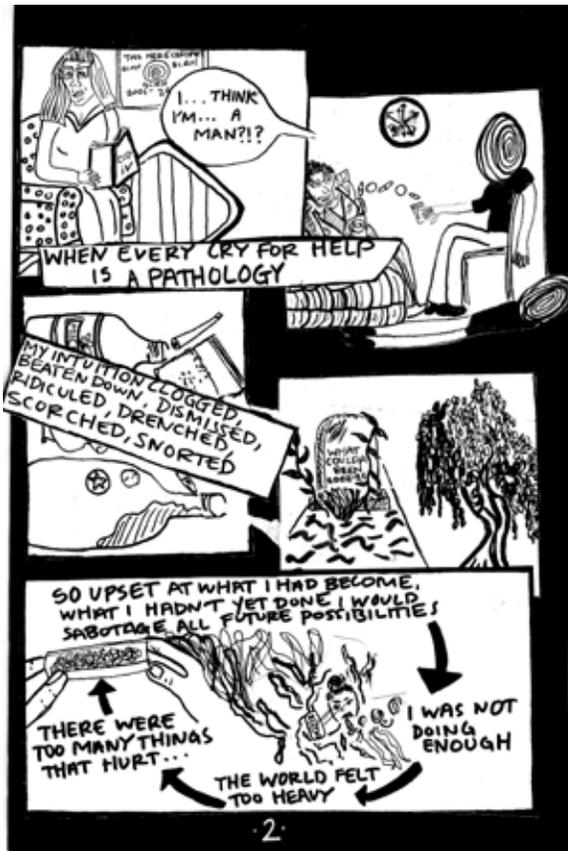
-Graham S., MAWS Treasurer

Seventh Tradition from Districts, Meetings, Individuals, and contributions from ANLP:	\$5,047
Literature Sales:	\$4,460
Total Expenses (including Special Workers and other office purchases):	\$13,883
Net Income:	\$ -4,376

Meditation: Higher Power

HP: I love, thank, praise and worship you with ALL OF MY HEART and I need You in my life. I will rejoice in You to gain my strength.
- Anna S

I Don't Live There Anymore



- Beck G.

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Step Ten

Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it.

Tradition Ten

Marijuana Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the M.A. name ought never be drawn into public controversy.

Celebrating 166 Years of Sobriety!

District 5

Alex B.	9/7/2018	1 yr.
Anthony	9/12/2017	2 yrs.
Brad M.	8/21/1997	22 yrs.
Cassie	8/13/2009	10 yrs.
Dave	8/28/2015	4 yrs.
David D.	8/22/2009	10 yrs.
James VM	8/29/2015	4 yrs.
Lisa T.	8/21/1990	29 yrs.
Peter S.	8/24/2016	3 yrs.
Rick D.	9/12/2008	11 yrs.
Scott	9/4/2014	5 yrs.
Terry H.	9/7/1996	23 yrs.

District 11

Bill C.	9/15/2012	7 yrs.
Stephen W.	9/5/2016	3 yrs.
Mariska P.	9/30/1987	32 yrs.



See your sobriety date here.



Allow us to publish your anniversary to celebrate!
Provide your sobriety date to your local GSR, ANLP Liaison, or e-mail to:
chiefs@anewleafpublications.org

Members / GSRs / ANLP Liaisons are encouraged to submit birthdays that...

- 1) **HAVE** occurred,
- 2) **HAVE NOT** been published recently,
- 3) and **ARE NOT OLDER THAN 45** days.

Please submit by the 15th of the month and use the format shown in the listing at left. *Thanks!*