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Cannabis business owner and "former member" of Women Grow calls cops on 8 year old

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Allison Ettel, a "former member" of Women Grow, was captured calling the cops on an 8-year-old black girl for "illegally selling water without a permit" in San Francisco. The child was selling cold water bottles for \$2 outside of her SoMa home, a true entrepreneur.

The child's mother captured Ettel calling the cops and posted the video to her Instagram. The clip has gone viral, accounts like @bbqnwhileblack and @theshadroom have reposted the video, with The Shade Room's post garnering nearly 3 million views in a matter of hours.

After the video went viral, the woman was identified as Allison Ettel. Ettel is the Founder of Treatwell, a cannabis tincture company that specializes in products for humans and animals.

Then came the discovery of Allison Ettel's bio on Women Grow's site, which led to backlash against Women Grow, an organization with the mission of connecting,

empowering, and supporting diverse leaders in the cannabis industry.

As a response to criticism, Women Grow posted a statement on their Instagram.

"There have been requests made of Women Grow regarding Allison Ettel and an incident being circulated on social media. To clarify, Ms. Ettel has never been employed by Women Grow, and while Ms. Ettel is a former member and has spoken at past Women Grow events, she is not a representative of Women Grow. Please direct your concerns and comments to Ms. Ettel's spokespeople."

Some Instagram users are not at all satisfied with the women-led organization's statement and request that Women Grow take a stance.

Instagrammer @biteme_1313 commented, "I thought I wanted to be a part of @womengrow but how can you condone this behav-

ior? Ok so she wasn't employed by you she's spoken in the past got it but what's the future look like? Are you still going to have her in your panels? Promote her line? Have you dissociated with her? Cannabis has no place for racism, cannabis is meant to bring people together and heal and clearly #PermitPatty is not about that. @womengrow if your not standing against this behavior you're for it."

People are yearning for diversity within the cannabis industry. It's an industry with massive potential for aiding social equity, an industry that is currently dominated by white people. An industry that (in some locations) is barring entry to people of color who have been disproportionately targeted for cannabis crimes.

So, while having a mission to promote diversity within the cannabis industry is great, enabling racist behavior is not promoting diversity. In the least.

In great taste, Magnolia Oakland Wellness has decided to stop selling Ettel's products, despite them being one of the dispensary's

top-selling items.

Magnolia Oakland Wellness issued their own statement to their Instagram:

"As of today, Magnolia will no longer be carrying Treatwell Tinctures. After seeing this video of their CEO, calling the police on an 8 year old entrepreneur selling water on a hot day, we decided without hesitation that we could no longer patronize her company. To our amazing patients who use the Treatwell products, please know we are working to ensure we can bring on some new amazing and ethical brands. Treatwell was one of our best selling products but to us, Integrity is always before profits. For our remaining inventory, we are doing blow out deals and donating all proceeds to a local non profit. We would love to donate to an organization that provides opportunities to Young women of color interested in becoming entrepreneurs. If you have any suggestions on non profits for us to donate to or licensed and complaint tincture companies, please tag them below. #cannabiscommunity#integrityovereverything#magnoliaoakland"



Pie Thief Caught With Meth And Marijuana

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Officers with the Police Department in Minden, Louisiana arrested 48-year-old Tina Adams Thursday morning after finding her at a convenience store in possession of methamphetamines and marijuana.

When police arrived at the Sibley Road Dixie Mart, they found Adams unconscious in her vehicle. After officers were unable to rouse the woman verbally, they performed a sternum rub which woke her up.

When the officers asked Adams if

she had anything illegal with her, she replied that she didn't. But when they conducted a search, the cops found a container of marijuana on the seat and what looked like crystal meth in a plastic bag wrapped in a rag inside of a makeup bag.

Police also found a needle, an alcohol swab, and rolling papers bundled up in a cloth on the seat.

Cops arrested Adams and transported her to the Minden Police Department where a female officer conducted a more thorough search of the woman and discovered a \$2.49 pecan pie that she had shoplifted from the Dixie Mart and stuffed in her bra.

Adams, who was previously arrested for shoplifting in 2016, was booked on charges of possession of Schedule II narcotic, a Schedule I narcotic, drug paraphernalia, and theft by shoplifting.

Cannabis Surpasses Paint Thinner As Most Abused Substance In Japan

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According to estimates in a new survey conducted at the National Center of Neurology and Psychiatry (NCNP) in Tokyo's Kodaira, over 1.3 million Japanese people

between the ages of 15 and 64 have used cannabis, surpassing the number who have used substances like paint thinner to get high.

The organization has conducted the survey biennially since 1995 and the latest one, which they did between September and October 2017, calculated an estimated figure of 1,331,765 regular and infrequent users in the country. The number demonstrated an increase of about 380,000 users from the previous survey while also showing a decrease in the use of what the government has tightened regulations on and deemed dangerous drugs.

Since the crackdown, authorities have suspected that marijuana

use had increased; the new survey appears to agree with that notion.

In 2017, there were more than 3,000 police arrests made on charges related to the possession and use of cannabis, up nearly twenty-percent from 2016.

According to those surveyed, 3.3 to 5.0 percent of teens, and people in their twenties and thirties believe that an individual's marijuana use is a personal freedom issue and that small amounts are fine.

"The scope of exposure to marijuana among young people was bigger than I imagined," said National Institute of Mental Health section chief Takuya Shimane in an interview with Kyodo News. "I'm worried about the expansion of abuse among them."

While numerous countries around the world are legalizing cannabis for medicinal and recreational use, Japan shows no signs that they intend to change their Cannabis Control Law as marijuana is still widely-regarded as a harmful substance.

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Canada Set For Legal Cannabis

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Canada is ready to become the next country in the world to legalize cannabis nationwide, and is the first one in the G7 to proceed with such a bold move. In December 2013, Uruguay became the first country to enact full marijuana legalization in recent times though retail sales did not begin until July 2017.

Bill C-45, or the Cannabis Act, was approved by the Senate with a 52 to 29 vote on Tuesday. The final step, formal approval from the Governor General called Royal Assent is expected to take place as early as Wednesday.

"I'm feeling just great," Ontario Senator Tony Dean told CBS. "We've just witnessed a historic vote for Canada. The end of ninety years of prohibition, transformative social policy. I think, a brave move on the part of the gov-

ernment."

Under the new law, anyone 18 years and older will be able to grow, keep, buy, and consume cannabis though some provinces are expected to raise the legal age for recreational marijuana to 19 as some do with alcohol.

"We have witnessed today a very historic vote that ends ninety years of prohibition," said Senator Tony Dean. "It ends ninety years of needless criminalization, it ends a prohibition model that inhibited and discouraged public health, and community health approaches in favor of just say no approaches that simply failed our young people miserably."

According to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, the date when legal sales can commence is set for October 17 as provinces and territories will need time to write their own rules for recreational marijuana.

The Canadian government had originally intended to implement adult-use cannabis in the country by July, but the Senate requested more time to review the bill and the rollout was pushed back.



What Does Legalized Cannabis Mean for Canada's Military?

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When thinking of a progressive North American nation, we like to think the United States is pretty progressive. However, our sibling to the north has, on several issues, beaten us to the punch when it comes to responding to its citizens' concerns. Canada is currently poised to become the first nation in North America to legalize the use of recreational cannabis. A bill, Bill C-45, has been bouncing back and forth between the Senate and House of Commons (Canada's Congress) for several months that will, if passed, legalize the recreational use of cannabis in Canada. While the average Canadian citizen won't see too much of a

change, but cannabis's legalization poses a significant challenge to one specific community: the military.

Canada's military, like ours, has a zero-tolerance policy on illicit drug use. In other words, if you're caught using an illegal substance while actively serving in the military, you are discharged in the least honorable way possible. With the legalization of cannabis, Canada's top military bosses have been studying just how to deal with cannabis in the military. The CBC recently interviewed Lt.-Gen Chuck Lamarre, Canada's chief of military personnel, who outlined just how Canada's military is preparing for handling cannabis-consuming servicemembers while maintaining operational readiness.

According to Lamarre, the military will not impose an outright ban on cannabis, should legalization pass. In a refreshing wave of common sense, Lamarre told the CBC, "There's no total ban at this point. We can't do that. If the law says it's no longer criminal to have it in your possession, it's not a criminal act. You just

can't ban it outright."

A draft policy to address cannabis use is currently sitting in Lamarre's back pocket in the event Bill C-45 is passed, which looks very likely to happen within the next 8-12 weeks, according to the CBC. This policy will not only affect uniformed servicemembers but also the thousands of civilian employees who support military readiness. This policy will expand upon the Canadian military's policy on alcohol, which is still subject to restriction and outright ban in some instances. Each branch has been asked to recommend which jobs will be subject to banning/restriction. For example, no one feels safe with a pilot who is drunk/stoned.

Canada's military has been dealing with cannabis use among its servicemembers for quite some time. According to the CBC, cannabis was the most common substance detected among urine samples. They do not expect a significant increase in cannabis use once legalization takes effect. As Lamarre told the CBC, "I don't anticipate a whole whack of sparking up."

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Hollywood could not write a more interesting script.

Cannabis Newspaper Founder Sues City and Councilman

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Chris Williams is a well-recognized face in the SoCal cannabis movement. As one of only a handful of black cannabis applicants in San Diego, he is a vocal advocate of equality, social equity, diversity, inclusion, and safe access. Williams is also the founder of Candid Chronicle, the only cannabis-focused news publication in the country.

Last summer, Chris says he was invited to the home of Lemon Grove Councilman David Arambula (D) to discuss his cannabis dispensary applications. All was well before the night took a strange turn, landing Williams in the Emergency Room.

Williams has filed a lawsuit against the city of Lemon Grove

and Councilman Arambula which includes claims that the councilman attacked Williams with a champagne bottle, then punched, kicked, and bit Williams.

"We are now in an active lawsuit, I'm confident in the facts and legal system. I sleep like a baby. At the appropriate time, the truth will come out- who was there, what was said, who knew what and when," says Chris Williams.

Eerily, the meeting took place just a few days after a court ruled on a restraining order request against Arambula, by local San Diego attorney Dorinna Hirsch. Hirsch was seeking a permanent restraining order against Councilman Arambula. In her request, Hirsch claimed that Arambula tampered with legal documents, threatened her, and stole \$8,500; she wrote, "He [Arambula] screamed that he would destroy my business and 'mess me up' if I crossed him." A judge denied Hirsch's request on July 6, 2017.

On July 15, 2017, Williams was treated at Alvarado Hospital

Emergency Room for a broken rib, concussion, stitches for lacerations, and bites to his forearms after his visit to Arambula's home. Days later, July 18, 2017, Williams was on the public agenda for a Lemon Grove City Council Meeting. Undeterred by a concussion, stitches, and broken rib, he was prepared to appeal for the zoning clearance of his 8260 Broadway medical marijuana dispensary application. The appeal hearing was pushed back, then ultimately denied.

Arambula has expressed different versions of the events. As reported by East County Magazine, the Councilman claimed "he did not call the Sheriff's department, hoping Williams would "sleep it off, apologize." According to the San Diego Union-Tribune, Arambula did not notify authorities because he was "trying to protect the mayor and the city's best interests."

Williams is represented by well-known litigator Cory Briggs and is seeking unspecified damages for assault and battery, intentional infliction of emotional distress, negligence, plus court and legal expenses.

"At this point, to me, it is much bigger than the Arambula incident, there is a culture of deceit, abuse of power, and discrimination and it starts from the top in Lemon Grove. I can no longer sit back and shut up to protect the one dispensary we were approved for, there is a much bigger responsibility. If I can empower just one person out there to stand up for themselves and their dreams, then it will all be worth it" - Chris Williams

Williams is continuing his pursuit to establish medical marijuana dispensaries at two of his previously denied locations, in addition to the one he was approved for. Williams stated, "The locations meet the zoning requirements set by the voters. I'm not going anywhere. Just because you deserve something, doesn't mean they'll give it to you. Sometimes you have to stand up for what's yours."



Local Sesh's 1st Adult Use Event

Local Sesh heads to the Sonoma County Fairgrounds for its first ever recreational cannabis event! The July 8th, 21+ event is state-sanctioned and will entertain event-goers with live entertainment, educational speakers, and cannabis industry exhibitors.

"Local Sesh Sonoma County is partnering with Rebuild Wine Country, a charitable effort managed by volunteer wine industry professionals from both Napa and Sonoma counties. The team has

raised \$1 million dollars thus far, with a goal of raising \$5 million for the Sonoma Wildfire Cottage Initiative and additional rebuild efforts by Habitat for Humanity's other North Bay affiliates in Napa, Solano, Lake and Mendocino Counties."

Check it out!

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Oklahoma Sheriff Pushes Cannabis Activist's Head Into Door At Forum

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A cannabis activist in Oklahoma was attending a forum Monday evening regarding Question 788, a proposed medical cannabis bill, when a local sheriff forced him out of the room, shoving his head into a door along the way.

Chip Paul, co-founder of Oklahomans for Health, and his wife arrived at the meeting after it had already begun and sat in chairs near the back.

"Immediately when we sat in the back of the room, we had two sheriff's deputies behind us," Paul told NonDoc in a phone in-

terview. "I did shake one of the young sheriff's deputies hands. I thanked him for being there."

According to the Claremore Daily Progress, Walton claims he was standing in the back of the room because of people were talking, raising their hands, and being disruptive.

Frustrated by statements made by Dr. Mark Paul Bishop during a presentation, Paul raised his hand to offer input on the topic as it's one that he's invested much time into researching. He commented to Deputy Helton how frustrating the discussion was.

"We announced more than once that there would be time for discussion at the end of it, but that had to be re-announced a couple of times," said Rogers County Sheriff Scott Walton. "They would raise their hands, try to interrupt, try to turn it into a debate.

Walton approached, and according to Paul, told him that if he had something to say, he could get out.

"Okay, I'll be quiet," Paul responded.

Walton says that when he asked Paul to wait for the discussion period, he was ignored.

The Sheriff told Paul that he wanted to talk to him out in the hallway, but Paul folded his hands in his lap and was silent.

It was then that Walton grabbed Paul by the throat, stood him up, and kicked his chair out. Pushing through double-doors at the back of the forum, the officer forced Paul's head into the door before escorting him outside the building.

"Oh man, you banged my head," exclaimed Paul upon impacting the door.

In a statement released by the ACLU, the organization says that "with the unwarranted, violent removal of Mr. Paul from a public forum, the Sheriff's actions have become criminal."

Videos of the Monday evening forum posted online do not show Chip Paul being vocally disruptive or the interactions immediately before the incident with Sheriff Walton.



Denver Police Cite 31 People In Canna-Bus Tour Stings

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Sting operations led by officers from the Denver Police Department resulted in public consumption citations for thirty-one passengers and employees of Colorado Cannabis Tours and My 420 Tours excursions on Friday. A bus driver was also arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence.

Dispensary visits are part of the trips and riders are generally allowed to consume their purchases between stops.

Friday, two undercover officers signed papers to enroll in the Colorado Cannabis Tours private membership club and joined a limousine-bus trip with the company. At some point during the tour, the vehicle was pulled over by police for allegedly failing to signal.

"The vehicle was turned over for a turn-signal violation, the driver's telling me he obviously used the turn signal," Colorado Cannabis Tours CEO and founder Michael Eymer told The Denverite. "They were forcible with the guides, forcibly removed them from the bus. Two young girls—held their hands behind their backs like criminals."

"Honestly," he said. "it was very heavy-handed, and it was meant to send a message."

Apart from private residences, there are few places where people can consume cannabis legally; only one business in Colorado has obtained an on-site consumption license.

But Eymer maintains that what his company does is legal and says he plans to pay for all of the citations issued to his passengers and employees which amount to around \$6,000.

Eymer says that because the company vehicles fall into the limousine classification, and a state website states that cannabis may be consumed in the passenger area of for-hire limousines, that no jury would find them guilty of public consumption.



No Cannabis Cafes for Colorado

By Marieval Yebra

With the number of bars and pubs around us at all times, you would think that by now with the legalization of marijuana there would be a place to consume marijuana and its products in the public. Alas, there is not a place in the U.S. where you can legally smoke weed in public. Insane right, even in Colorado where marijuana is completely legal to smoke recreationally you cannot smoke in public. So any fantasies anyone had about having a mocha alongside a bowl of cherry pie kush ... Yeah that bubble has been popped.

In fact, just this last week Governor John Hickenlooper vetoed a bill that could have allowed the licensing of public cannabis cafes where one could use small amounts of marijuana, yeah this is reality, not a Cheech and Chong movie where one is allowed to down pounds of weed in one sitting. If this bill had been passed it would be the only state in the nation to have passed such a law. Crazy right, not even in California where we are known to be a bunch of relaxed, marijuana induced miscreants ... No offense to anyone as I myself am a native of California and have been labeled under such stereotypes. Back to topic .. So why is it so difficult to get this bill passed? Well one of the contributing factors is how does one establish laws for those not only buying marijuana but those buying marijuana for public use.

Now you would think that this literally would be treated the same way as alcohol especially when you read the many bi laws that came into play when recreational marijuana actually became a "thing". The only thing I still find odd is that even though it is legal-

ly recreational now and you can still get fined or cited for it. There is still no place where people can congregate over a hookah that is not flavored tobacco. Colorado's governor says because there is no way to actually test the way marijuana effects the brain there is no way to properly monitor and moderate what a safe dosage would be for public consumption.

Not only that but they can't measure intoxication you know like a breathalyzer does for alcohol. Yup, all the hype that was surrounding these supposed "weed breathalyzers" that were going to be dispensed to states where weed had become legal doesn't exist.

Anyways it doesn't seem there is going to be any place that anyone can smoke freely and publicly anytime soon whether it's in Colorado ... Or pretty much anywhere else. Maybe one day laws will be a little more relaxed and we can have place to smoke, read some Hemingway and eat a cannoli .. And hopefully that place would be located here in the U.S. and not across the ocean thousands of miles away.





Growing Up With An American Gangster: The Story of Frank Lucas II

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Growing up as the son of one of the most feared and respected drug kingpins the country has ever seen can seem like a dream come true from an outside perspective. But for 42-year-old Frank Lucas II, son of the iconic gangster Frank Lucas Sr., depicted in the Denzel Washington movie "American Gangster," it was just as much a curse as it was a blessing and he wouldn't give it up for the world.

When Frank II was a young boy, he was kept hidden from the "gangster" lifestyle until around second grade when he realized that the life he was living was much different from the other children around him. Little Frank wore the finest clothing with a style way ahead of others his age.

Frank instantly became aware of the negative connotations, and the reactions to his image created by his father Frank Lucas Sr. From a very young age, Frank II was be-

ing groomed to become someone that would reflect his father's commanding presence and possibly take over the family lifestyle.

But Frank II lost his father to prison around eight years old. The extreme trauma of child losing his father without understanding why definitely impacted his life.

"I was fading out the lifestyle, Dad was locked up," Frank said. "I was challenged more from other kids. Kids would steal my coat; I learned how to get punched in the face and to punch back."

Federal agents seized a reported 250 million, as claimed at the end of the film "American Gangster," but Frank II laughed about the number.

"The lowest paid employee of my father made 150k almost daily. The amount they stated was incredibly downsized," he said.

The loss of financial freedom to an 8-year-old who just lost his father was extremely hard to overcome. Every young thug that wanted to create a name for himself would challenge Frank daily, much like having a famous wild west gun-fighter for a father.

"I wouldn't change it for the world," said Frank. "I learned how to become the man I am because of the trials of my youth."

When asked if Frank ever wanted

to become like his father, he said that he didn't.

"No, I saw what the lifestyle did to my dad," he explained. "He had his youngest son at the age of 66. I was a smart-ass growing up, and I knew that my dad was a different kind of man."

"When I was a kid, my father left examples for me and would explain the very serious consequences of my behavior with people on his level," Frank said with pride. "I learned to back up what I say, be aware of my actions. I learned respect."

"I have a lot of my father's traits," he said. "He is a force of nature. Him just having the moxie to attempt to become the best at what he did definitely brings pride to our family. But—and Denzel Washington will back me up on this, I got a lot of his tough-guy traits, but nobody is like my father; he is truly one of a kind."

Frank has to work extra hard to reinvent his perceived image. Everyone that learns of his family immediately succumbs to predisposed judgments about his own level of gangster; most wondering why he wouldn't just pick up where his dad left off.

"It's a due process we are proud to accomplish something that seemed impossible," Frank explained. "To become a kingpin in New York as a black man in the

times of the Italian mafia was unheard of. But to destroy families as you go along is not the way you want to do that. At that time the black culture only had access to limited revenue streams, and if you couldn't play basketball and back up Jackie Robinson, then it was a life of drugs to make ends meet."

"I'm not proud of it or making excuses for him, I have family that was hurt by the drug epidemic as well, so I can't make excuses for him," said Frank. "He didn't get away scot-free, he got caught up as well. But at the end of the day, you got to respect his balls and moxie to do what he did."

"I don't respect the drugs, he continued. "People talk about alcohol like its respectable but people who are alcoholics damage their bodies and will be dead in just years. But they don't like medicinal marijuana when it heals the body. Weed is the only substance I respect on that level. I'm not proud of the job he did, but I'm proud of what he achieved."

"My father sincerely renounces that crap all day, and he means it, he really regrets it," said Frank. "I don't crucify my father at the end of the day. Anyone would like to have the balls to take a chance to be great. Not the drugs, but daring to be great."

"Frank is still alive, and well, he's too spiteful to pass," he laughed. "He will curse me out and, I'll curse him out and, we walk away. I'm the only one who can do that."

When it comes to Frank's children, he does everything a good father should like instilling in them the value of hard work.

"There are times when my children, especially after the movie released, would proclaim their desire to become just like their grandfather," he said. "That's when grandfather Frank Lucas Sr. sits them down to explain the consequences of his life and missing out on his children growing

up."

Frank commented that his dad would tell his grandchildren that, "Nothing in life is worth missing out on family."

"Some of them were aware of the American Gangster film," said Frank II. "But Dad is very involved with the grand-kids. Frank had to re-educate them when they say, 'I want to be like grandpa,' about the consequences of their actions, and his experience of going to jail while his kids are 5 or 6, then released when they are 25 and 26."

"He broke it down," said Frank. "Told them he has nightmares about all the things he has done and the regret he carries."

"When you live a life like that, at some point you have to face your actions and contemplate how you affect the world around yourself," he said. "Especially when you're older, you reflect on what you achieved. And life is like this for all of us; nobody escapes this burden."

"As a father, my goal is to help my children achieve amazing personal goals but not to be a copy of their grandfather or anybody else," said Frank II when talking of his own children. "None of my kids are named Frank Lucas III; I wanted to allow each of them to develop their own identity not be boxed in by their name."

Frank has developed a strong music career thru Lucas Legacy, writing and producing other artists and has finally taken the initiative to work on his incredible sound. Frank also has his own television production under wraps, a clothing line, and a brand which he is currently developing named "Blue Magic, emphasizing the healing of the community rather than hurting it.

Follow Frank on Instagram: @franklucasg

Billy Caldwell Recovering After Cannabis Oil Returned

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After enduring what Charlotte Caldwell described as six days of torture, her twelve-year-old son Billy has some of his cannabis oil once again and is recovering. Officials confiscated the boy's medicine at Heathrow Airport on Monday and had been holding it since.



Without the oil, Billy's condition got progressively worse as the week went on and he suffered back-to-back seizures on Friday. As word of the boy's life-threatening situation spread, it prompted Home Secretary Sajid Javid to grant a license for Billy to receive treatment and officials immedi-

ately drafted emergency legislation overnight to allow cannabis oil to be administered to him.

"Billy actually received his first dose of oil," said Charlotte in a video posted online. "He got his medicinal cannabis, his anti-epileptic medication back today and

received his first dose at 2:30 (pm) and already we're delighted to report that he's brightened up a bit."

"He obviously is still not out of the woods yet," she continued, holding and comforting her son in his hospital bed. "As we all know, a seizure can strike at any time, but we're just hoping, I am praying that with his anti-epileptic medication returned that we can start to get the seizures under control."

With just one out of the seven bottles returned, Billy has enough cannabis oil, which must be administered by a specialist for the moment, to last for only twenty days. Charlotte is asking Secretary Javid to have the remaining six bottles returned and put an end to the ordeal.

Charlotte spoke at London's Chel-

sea and Westminster Hospital where her son is currently receiving treatment and said that, while she is relieved that the right thing is finally being done for Billy, she is devastated that he had to nearly die for drops of natural medicine to be returned to him.

"Putting him through six says of torture has been cruel to the extreme," she said. "My experience throughout this leaves me in no doubt the Home Office can no longer play a role, in fact, play any role in the administration of medication for sick children in our country."

Charlotte will continue her efforts, fighting for medicinal cannabis to be available to other children who need it across the United Kingdom.

Weed, Wine, and Food Pairing, Yes Please!

By Kathleen McLean

Last Saturday evening I was invited to a dinner held by The Culinary Cannaseur Club. I didn't know what to expect. I had received an email from the event planner letting me know the time, place and dress code. I will give you, the reader, fair warning. I do not claim to have a refined interest in food. I'm an ordinary mom that likes to eat when I'm hungry. I don't attend pairings as an interest or hobby. And when I go wine tasting I drink the wine, as opposed to spitting it out and using coffee beans to clear my palate.

The dinner was a formal event that started with cocktails from 6-7:30 pm. Living in San Diego, I find "formal" functions can be challenging to navigate. The word formal at a beach city is confusing to me. I've attended formal events in the past and very rarely is everyone on the same page unless it's a gala, then it's fairly cut and dry.

I decided on a cute skirt, top, and heels and my husband wore a blazer with collared shirt. When we entered, I was happy to see we



large windows were open, and there was a nice breeze coming through the venue.

Everyone was mingling and friendly. The waitstaff made sure all attendees had either red or white wine in their glass at all times. There was jazz music playing in the background, and everyone was sparking up.

Stoneroad Farms provided, what seemed like, unlimited prerolls. They were being served high on a silver platter. My favorite was the Cherry Pie Hybrid. While we all enjoyed smoking and sipping on wine, there was a magician working his way around the room for added entertainment. He was very entertaining. Everyone was enjoying themselves, and the vibe was super chill.



were in the middle. There were some people in full suits, and a few people came dressed casually... they stuck out.

Upon entering, we were greeted by a super hot waitress that guided us to our seats. I quickly set down my water as she handed me a glass of Merlot.

The room was beautiful. The tables were elegant; the centerpieces were flowers perfectly placed on a stand in the middle of the table so everyone could see across the table. The whole room was white with white bulbs for romantic lighting. It was held on the third floor of a modern loft on the edge of the Gas Lamp district. The

Around 7:30 pm we were instructed to take our seats to enjoy the 7-course wine, weed, and plate pairings. The wait staff continued to walk around, filling wine and offering teaspoon-sized servings of THC infused oil to be added upon request to any of the food.

The first course was a shooter of spicy gazpacho. It was the best gazpacho I have ever had. I had wished it was served as a more substantial portion in a bowl with a spoon because a shot was not enough.

The next course was an arugula salad sprinkled with feta cheese, candied walnuts, pomegranate seeds, and a vinaigrette dressing.

This particular plate is supposed to cleanse your palate for the upcoming courses. There wasn't enough dressing. I understand foodies will think I'm crazy but, I think arugula salad can be bitter, and there was at most one teaspoon of dressing served if there was even that much.

At this point, I'm hungry. It's about 8:30 pm, I had been drinking for 2 hours and had smoked at least three joints and a blunt. To say I was looking forward to the main course is an understatement.

The following course was a seasonal tuna crudo. I can't say much about it because I don't eat seafood, but this course was also minuscule. It consisted of three quarter sized shavings of raw tuna on top of three pieces of spring salad and one slice of cucumber. People said it was good.

The course that came next was what I had been waiting for... or so I thought. It was handmade tortellini stuffed with tender braised beef and toasted corn. The plate was yummy! The braised beef was tender, and the tortellini was fantastic. It came with five tiny tortellini, the size of medium jelly beans. I realized this could not be considered a main course.

At this point, I have continued to smoke more of the complimentary Stoneroad Farms joints and have had a steady flow of different wines with each course. I'm still hungry. I was thrilled to see

pork saltimbocca coming up next. Pork tenderloin medallions layered with prosciutto, smoked gouda, and a brown butter sauce. This plate was my favorite! It was hands down the best pork plate I have ever eaten in my life. Perfectly prepared with an amazing sauce. I loved it. The pork medallions were small- like Chips A'hoj cookie small. There were two.

Now comes dessert. I'm a fan of dessert so this was the part of the meal I was looking forward to the most. The first dessert was a plate consisting of cheese shavings, a single large strawberry, three figs, three walnuts, and a small piece of chocolate. I enjoy everything on the plate apart or together, but this is not what I had in mind for dessert. It was thrown together on a plate with a small purple flower next to the walnuts. I was least impressed with this dish.

The finale was vanilla pannacotta with fresh seasonal berries. It consisted of three squares of soft cheese with berries, mango purée, and mint crystals. It was a pleasant surprise. It tasted like cheesecake.

The meal was good; small in size but exceptionally well cooked and served.

I'm not 100% sure how this club works. I was never told the price for future dinners or even if the upcoming events are exclusive to club members. I would consider paying \$250 per couple to participate in the next event. It was a tasting, so, although tasty, there weren't enough carbs and everyone at our table was hungry. All of us were chatting about where we were going to dinner when this event ended.

The vibe, people, unlimited weed, and wine made it all worth it. The atmosphere was so laid back! They played the best 90's music in the background as we ate and the magician came out for a final act. We left with classy gift bags filled with more Stoneroad Farms prerolls and Calivolve Matcha Truffles containing 10mg of THC. The whole night was fun and completely unexpected.



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