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American Support For Cannabis At All-Time High

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Over the past twenty years, the American perception of cannabis has undergone a rather drastic change. With the help of medicinal marijuana legalization, the plant is now better understood, and an ever-increasing majority of people in the United States believe that it should be legal.

According to a poll released

August 3, 2017, by Quinnipiac University, 94% of Americans support "allowing adults to legally use marijuana for medical purposes if their doctor prescribes it."

But in addition to medicinal cannabis, public endorsement of recreational marijuana is at a new all-time high in the dying era of prohibition.

When Quinnipiac conducted their poll in August, 61% of respondents indicated that they believed marijuana

should be legal for medicinal or recreational purposes.

Quinnipiac University released the results of a new poll today which was conducted April 20-24 and shows yet another increase in public support for marijuana legalization.

Of the 1,193 registered voters that Quinnipiac surveyed, 63% responded that they believed cannabis should be legal, a two-point increase from last summer.

"Voters are more favorable to legalizing marijuana than in any previous Quinnipiac University survey and do not see its use as a gateway to more serious drugs," said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the poll.

The survey also showed that 70% of the voters are opposed to the enforcement of federal marijuana laws in states where medicinal or adult-use cannabis is legal.

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A Gram a Day Keeps the Doctor Away.

By Emily Fisher

73.7% of people successfully replace or reduce intake of pharmaceuticals with medical marijuana

In a recent report by Doctor Francis D'Ambrosio, medical marijuana patients most successfully replaced medication with marijuana for a variety of different conditions, including cancer, epilepsy, depression, anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Medical marijuana is utilized by a wide variety of pa-

tients, and 40 different conditions were named. With prescription opioid abuse costing US citizens an estimated \$78.5 billion per year, could medical marijuana be the answer not only for patients' health but for the economy?

The report surveys patients from the Francis D'Ambrosio medical practice, where we find out more about what conditions patients use cannabis for, their preferred ingestion methods, the feeling they seek when using cannabis, and if they have used cannabis to replace or reduce their intake of any other prescription medications. In total 4,276 people were surveyed who live in and around California.

"Cannabis/marijuana is one of the most misunderstood and underutilized medications. Even though cannabis has been used for over 15,000 years by a wide variety of different cultures it's not been given its due in the world of medicine." - Dr. Frank D'Ambrosio

Key findings:

Cannabis is most often used to replace/act as an adjunct to opioids and antidepressants.

Men and women use cannabis in almost equal amounts - 53.7% vs. 46.3%

For those who answered the question, women tended to pre-

fer using CBD-heavy products & strains and edibles.

Most people get their cannabis from a dispensary

Delivery was the next most common access point for cannabis,

followed by "Friend". Home growing is not common.

Blue Dream and OG Kush were definitely the most popular strains.

Girl Scout Cookies, Grand Daddy Purple (GDP), Gorilla Glue #4, Jack Herer and Sour Diesel were also very popular.

Most medical marijuana users tend to be in their 30s. For CBD, however, the median and mean age is 41.8 and 44.0 years-old respectively.

Most patients use less than 3 grams a day.

Most patients use cannabis daily.

Smoking cannabis was by far the preferred method of ingestion - 41.7% chose this method. Edibles and vaping were the next most common, with 28.0% and 27.9% of users preferring this method

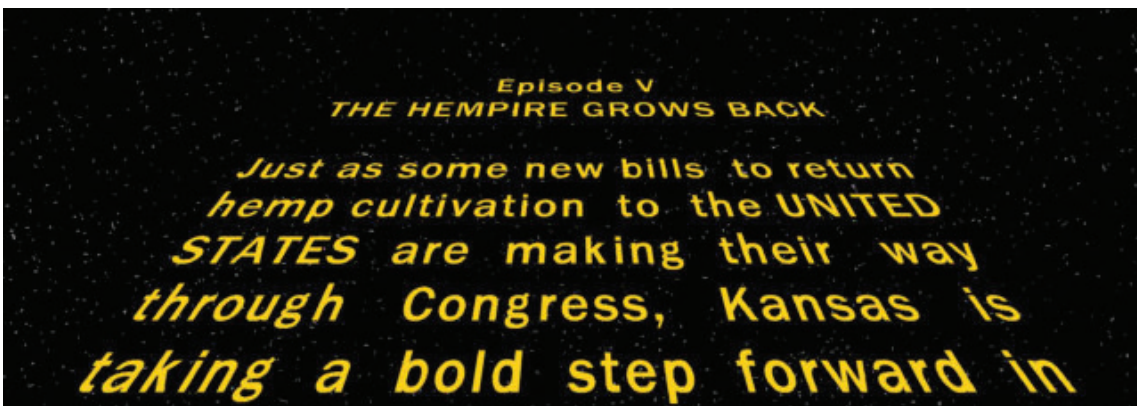
Many people appear to use cannabis in order to relieve pain and anxiety, as well as to relax and get to sleep.

Indicas are used more frequently across the board and are used to relieve pain, anxiety, depression, relax the muscles and so on.

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The Hempire Grows Back

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Just as some new bills to return hemp cultivation to the United States are making their way through Congress, Kansas is taking a bold step forward in the same direction by legalizing production in the state.

Senator Dan Kerschen [R] introduced Senate Bill 263 (SB263) in early January and the House

passed it in late March with a 123-1 vote. The Senate unanimously voted to pass the measure (40-0) earlier this month and Governor Jeff Colyer added his signature to the document yesterday, making it into law.

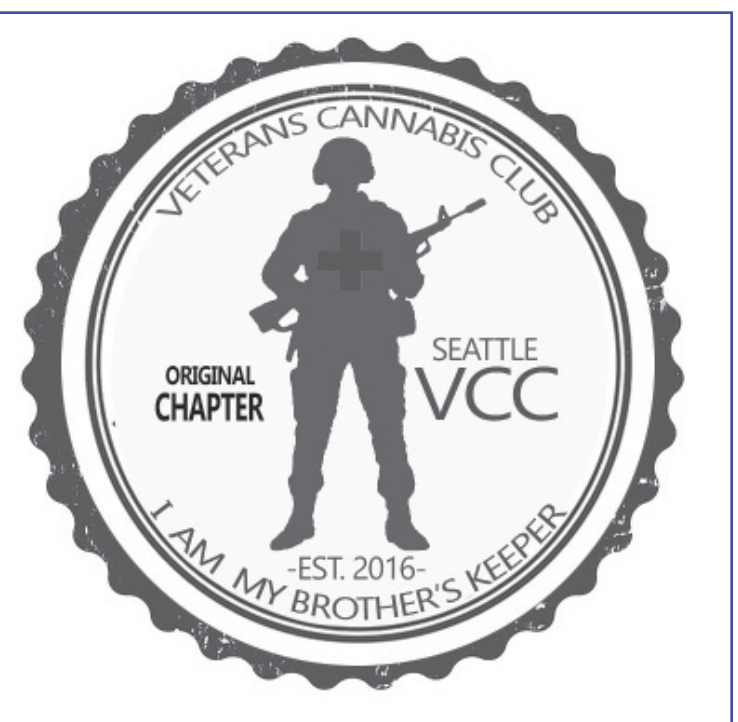
Also known as the Alternative Crop Research Act, SB263 redefines industrial hemp's legal status, distinguishing it from THC-rich cannabis varieties in the state's controlled substance laws.

Under the bill, the Kansas Department of Agriculture will be able to "cultivate industrial hemp grown from certified seed and promote the research and development of industrial hemp." The department is authorized to work on its own

or in conjunction with a state educational institution.

SB263 also commissions a pilot program for private cultivations that will be started in Russell County for the "purpose of economic development and market research of industrial hemp and industrial hemp products." Farmers who wish to participate will need to undergo fingerprinting, and submit to a state and national criminal history record check as well as pay any associated fees.

The Department of Agriculture will be working for the remainder of 2018 to have the new hemp industry's guidelines ready before the deadline hits on December 31.





High Times High Failed

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The City of San Bernadino is denying High Times a cannabis event permit for their annual 420-festival at the NOS Events Center. The event is typically attended by over 200,000 eager cannabis consumers easily spending

over a million dollars at the three day event.

The event itself is usually one of the main revenue streams for most canna-business' launching themselves into the new cannabis industry.

Who is to blame? Is it the voters who passed Proposition 64? Is it San Bernadino on an anti-cannabis tirade? The event Kushstock produced by "Dr. K." and "Vader" extracts seemed to flow seamlessly on March 31, 2018. Then why

the last minute cancellation?

The county law in place requires 60 days between the event. The High Times organizers applied just 72 hours before the event was denied on April 18. High Times announced Wednesday at midnight that the permits were not there, coincidentally the same time refunds were not permitted.

High Times Adam Levin according to "Cannabis Now" article by Greg Zeman, is taking the news in stride and still has not released a

public statement. The delay in releasing information will no doubt cost its vendors thousands in revenue and time. Vendors sit in the dark as well as attendees wondering why there is no official word from High Times staff.

Unfortunately mega-events like High Times, and the recent Las Vegas Hemp Fest run by Mike Houlihan rarely tend to claim responsibility for revenue and time lost by its participants. There is no legal recourse for cannabis community members in situations like this.

The most frustrating part for people is that the laws, agreeable or not, have placed parameters for us to follow to allow these events to take place like the successful Kushstock event. But when the rules are not adhered to the situation can become devastating for those that put their trust in events like these and depend on them for income and a good time.

We hope all of you find a great way to legally celebrate your 420 holiday.



Cattabis Heals

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Ginge, a cat from Burton, England is back to feeling more like himself lately after recovering

from a large cancerous tumor that developed on his paw.

After Ginge developed an enlarged liver, showed significant weight loss, and survived two strokes, the cat's owner, 35-year-old Jacek Matusiak, was faced with the difficult decision of putting him to sleep.

Matusiak's vet prescribed medications for the cat, including steroids

and antibiotics, though nothing was working. But after reading about a cancer patient who used cannabis to cure themselves, Jacek decided to start putting CBD oil drops from a local health food store in Ginge's food.

Government advisers in the U.K. made it legal to buy CBD in 2016 after admitting that it has a restoring, correcting, or modifying

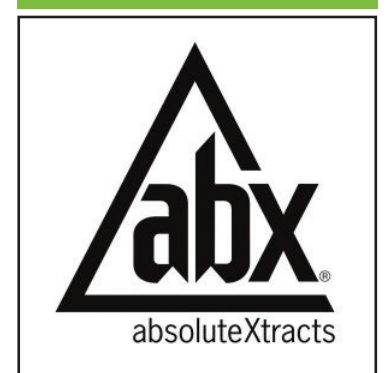
effect on humans.

Within the first two days of administering CBD oil to the cat, his tumor shrank significantly; he began regaining weight and started vocalizing again.

"Everything else didn't work, but we believe it was the oil we gave him that helped him out," said Matusiak in an interview with the Daily Mail. "Now he can walk around the garden, and he is back to his usual self again. He's put on weight too, as he was underweight and skeletal before."

"He's a really adorable, loving cat," says Matusiak about Ginge. "He comes to us a lot for cuddles, and he's just like a little baby."

After witnessing the dramatic healing effects of CBD on his cat, Matusiak says that he believes that it could be used to treat pain and arthritis in humans and wants to help spread the word about it.



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McConnell's Hemp Bill Fast-Track To Senate Floor

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Fulfilling an announcement made in late March, on April 12, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell [R-KY] introduced the Hemp Farming Act of 2018, or SB2667, alongside Senator Rand Paul [R-KY] and several other bipartisan sponsors. That same day, James

Comer [R-KY] and Jared Polis [R-CO] introduced an identical measure into the House as HB5485.

Under normal circumstances, when a Senator introduces a bill or joint resolution, the measure must first pass through a committee where multiple readings and a vote take place before proceeding to the Senate floor.

But McConnell was able to bypass the committee step by utilizing Senate Rule XIV which makes it "available for floor considerations and certain procedural steps, such as committee reporting or discharging a committee from a bill's consideration, and procedural requirements."

Following its introduction, SB2667 was given a second reading on Monday, April 16 before being placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar as a General Order.

"During the recent state work period, I talked to a number of farmers, manufacturers, and small business owners who expressed enthusiasm for hemp's potential, and I was proud to stand with Kentucky's Agricultural Commissioner Ryan Quarles to announce the impending introduction of this bill," said Senator McConnell in a press release. "Today, with my colleagues, I am proud to introduce the bipartisan Hemp Farming Act of 2018, which will build

upon the success of the hemp pilot programs and spur innovation and growth within the hemp industry."

"By legalizing hemp and empowering states to conduct their own oversight plans," continued McConnell. "We can give the hemp industry the tools necessary to create jobs and new opportunities for farmers and manufacturers around the country."

As written, the McConnell's measure would amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to allow for hemp production in all fifty states as well as on tribal land. If passed, states and tribes would be able to enact their own laws and regulations for the plant's cultivation, processing, distribution, and sales.

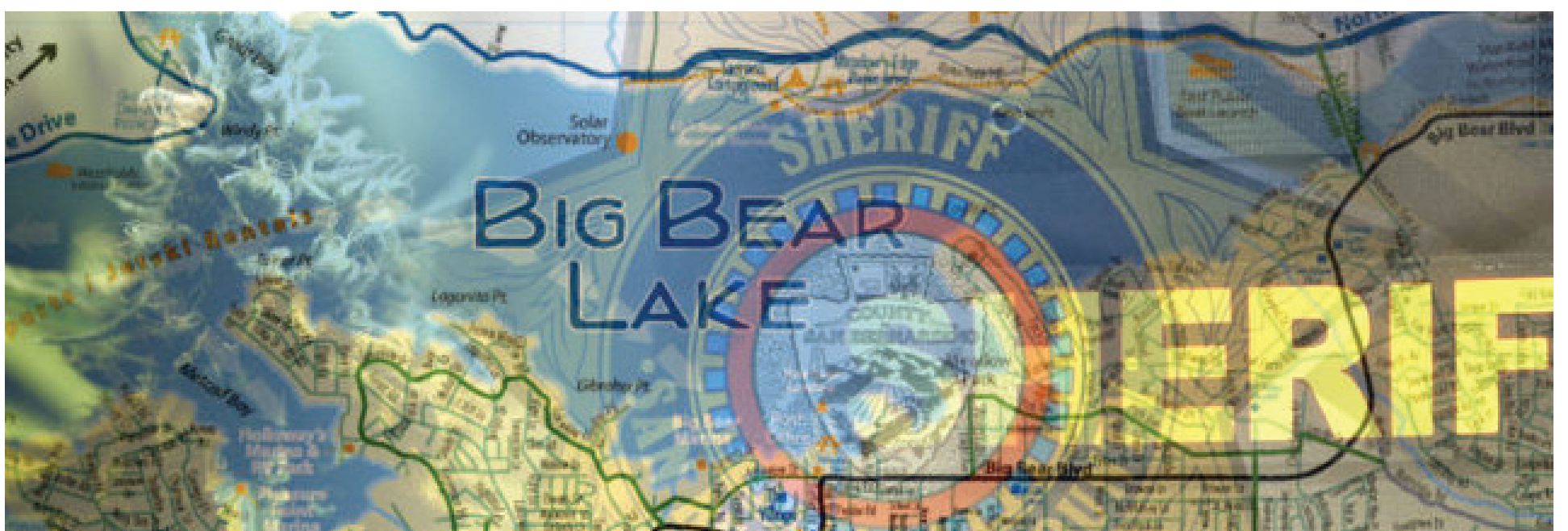
"It is far past time for Congress to pass this commonsense, bipartisan legislation to end the outrageous anti-hemp, anti-farmer and anti-jobs stigma that's been codified into law and is holding back growth in American agriculture jobs and our economy at large," said Senator Ron Wyden [D-OR] regarding the new bill. "Hemp products are made in this country, sold in this country and consumed in this country."

"Senator McConnell," added Wyden. "our colleagues and I are going to keep pushing to make sure that if Americans can buy hemp products at the local supermarket, American farmers can grow hemp in this country."

SB2667 would amend the Controlled Substances Act and distinguish THC-rich cannabis varieties from hemp. The measure includes language that calls for the removal of hemp from the list entirely.

"It's past time that we move beyond these outdated and frustrating restrictions on hemp farming in the United States," said Senator Jeff Merkley [D-OR] in the press release. "If we're selling hemp products in the United States, we should be growing hemp in the United States—it's good for jobs, good for our communities, and it's just common sense."

SB2667 would allow hemp researchers to seek out federal grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for their studies, and farmers would be eligible to apply for crop insurance. If the measure is eventually signed into law, hemp-derived CBD would also become federally legal.



Big Bear Dispensary Church Raided

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Thursday morning, San Bernardino Sheriffs conducted a raid of the Jah Healing Kemetic Temple

of the Divine Church in Big Bear, a church/dispensary that claims to use cannabis as part of their worship.

"We are an open faith ministry and wellness center the (sic) embraces cannabis as a sacrament," reads Jah Healing's profile on Weedmaps. "Our mission is to help those with an open mind find a higher level of spiritual consciousness. Our sacrament is always blessed by our congregations ministers and we pride the highest quality cannabis available

to our congregation."

Details of the raid have not been released by the Sheriff's Department though more information is expected to come out after they have finished with their investigation.

The San Bernadino location is one of multiple Jah Healing Temples in California, but not the only cannabis church in the state that is dealing with legal troubles.

The Church of Hundred Harmo-

nies in La Puente filed a lawsuit in March in response to Los Angeles County Sheriffs raiding their facility in November. The suit seeks monetary damages as well as an injunction against law enforcement to prevent future raids.

The church belongs to a larger group known as the Association of Sacramental Ministries that see cannabis as sacred. Marijuana sacraments could be purchased in one area of the church and then brought to the sanctuary to be consumed with the rest of the

congregation.

The Vault Church of Open Faith in Jurupa Valley is currently fighting to keep the city from closing them down. The church also uses cannabis for spiritual meditation and other religious practices.

In the claim filed by the Vault Church on Friday, April 13, leaders are seeking \$1.2 million in damages and are alleging harassment and discrimination by the city.



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Zimbabwe Legalizes Medicinal Cannabis

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In 2017, the tiny conservative nation of Lesotho, which located within the borders of South Africa, became the first country on the continent to issue a medical marijuana cultivation license. Cannabis use is not uncommon at all in African nations, but until

last year, it wasn't legal in any of them.

And even though the plant is illegal almost everywhere in Africa, according to the United Nations' 2017 World Drug Report, only the United States outranks the continent in the amount of marijuana that is produced and consumed domestically.

A South African court also ruled in 2017 that private cultivation and use of marijuana in a person's home was not a crime because there is no victim. It is still illegal to cultivate, use, or distribute cannabis, and the court ruling is somewhat unclear, but there is currently a movement in the country to fully legalize marijuana.

But now, Zimbabwe is the next African country choosing to move forward with medicinal cannabis. In a notice issued by the health minister, the government just announced that individuals and corporations might apply for cannabis cultivation licenses. Previously, growing and possession could result in a twelve-year prison sentence.

Cannabis grown in Zimbabwe will only be legal for medicinal and research purposes, recreational use remains illegal for now.

The nations of Malawi and Ghana are also reportedly looking into different ways that they might bring some form of marijuana legalization to their countries.



Cannabis Lattes Come to Seattle

Featured photo via seattlemag.com

By Brittany Morgan Williams

I have long dreamed of a day when I could be drinking my morning coffee, and it not only cures my sleepiness, but also my anxiety and, potentially, my hangover-induced headache. That day apparently has been here for quite some time. Cannabis coffee has been a delicious product for almost a decade now. But it's finally a legal product that has been growing in popularity throughout the legal states, like Washington and Oregon.

Back before cannabis was legal, other coffee shops would get around the cannabis restrictions by hosting a 'party' with a cover charge and serving complimentary cannabis-infused coffee. But

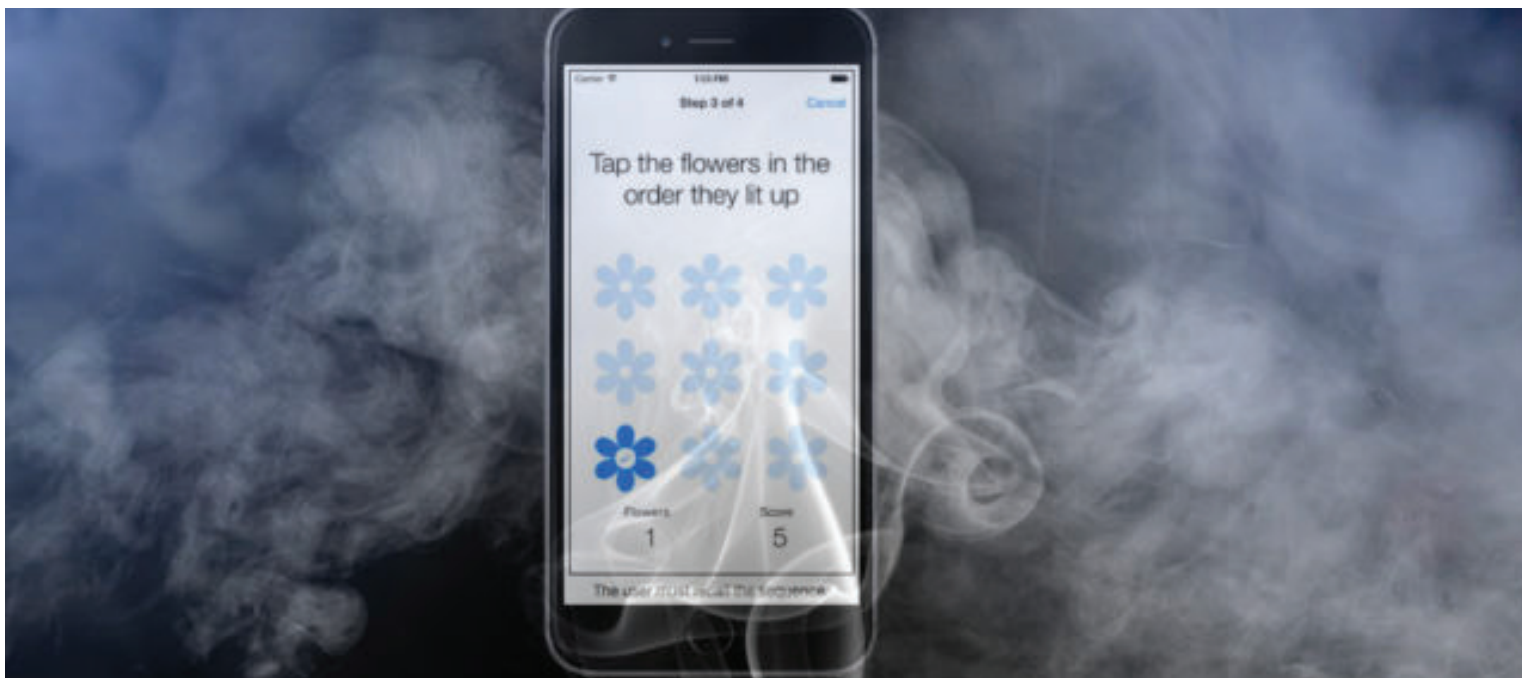
as of 2018, the pop-up Café Hitchcock Express in Seattle, Washington will be serving 'wellness lattes' that just so happen to be infused with CBD oil. CBD is the non-psychoactive element of cannabis that reduces stress, anxiety, and pain, while not giving you that stoney feeling. So it's basically like cuddling with cats (or puppies, or komodo dragons, depending on your preference), after downing some ibuprofen. The Express sells to-go coffee and other refreshing CBD-infused drinks along with hot and cold sandwiches and other quick food.

The owner of the Café Hitchcock restaurants is Chef Brendan McGill, and he's taken over the old downtown location of Tully's for both his summer pop-up restaurant and full-time restaurant. He's spruced up the location, making it have more of a modern look, and trying to lure in the millennial crowd with everything from wraps to rice bowls to Kombucha and CBD.



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tion time, cognitive speed, motor ability, and memory.

The team found that the computer tasks detected impairment in three out of the four computer tasks while the mobile app only caught it in one.

“The effects of THC on performance may be subtle, so we need highly sensitive tasks to detect impairments,” said doctoral candidate Elisa Pabon in a statement. “It is likely that the computer tasks, which took 15 to 20 minutes to complete, were more sensitive to THC impairment because they provided more opportunity to detect a drug effect.”

NIDA Funds App To Tell How High You Are

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As a result of the spread of cannabis legalization, the concern for developing a reliable system of judging one's impairment is something that is spawning a

number of ideas. Breathalyzers which can detect a person's blood-alcohol-content can be easily purchased by anyone and are a standard piece of equipment for law enforcement officers. But the same kind of reliable devices do not exist for marijuana at this time.

Quantifying how much of an effect cannabis is having on someone is a task that has proved to be monumental because THC doesn't necessarily affect everyone in the same way. THC levels in a person's system do not au-

tomatically indicate their level of impairment.

50mg might be a lot to ingest for someone who is new to marijuana or doesn't use it very often, but an experienced cannabis user may feel little to no psychoactive effects from the same amount.

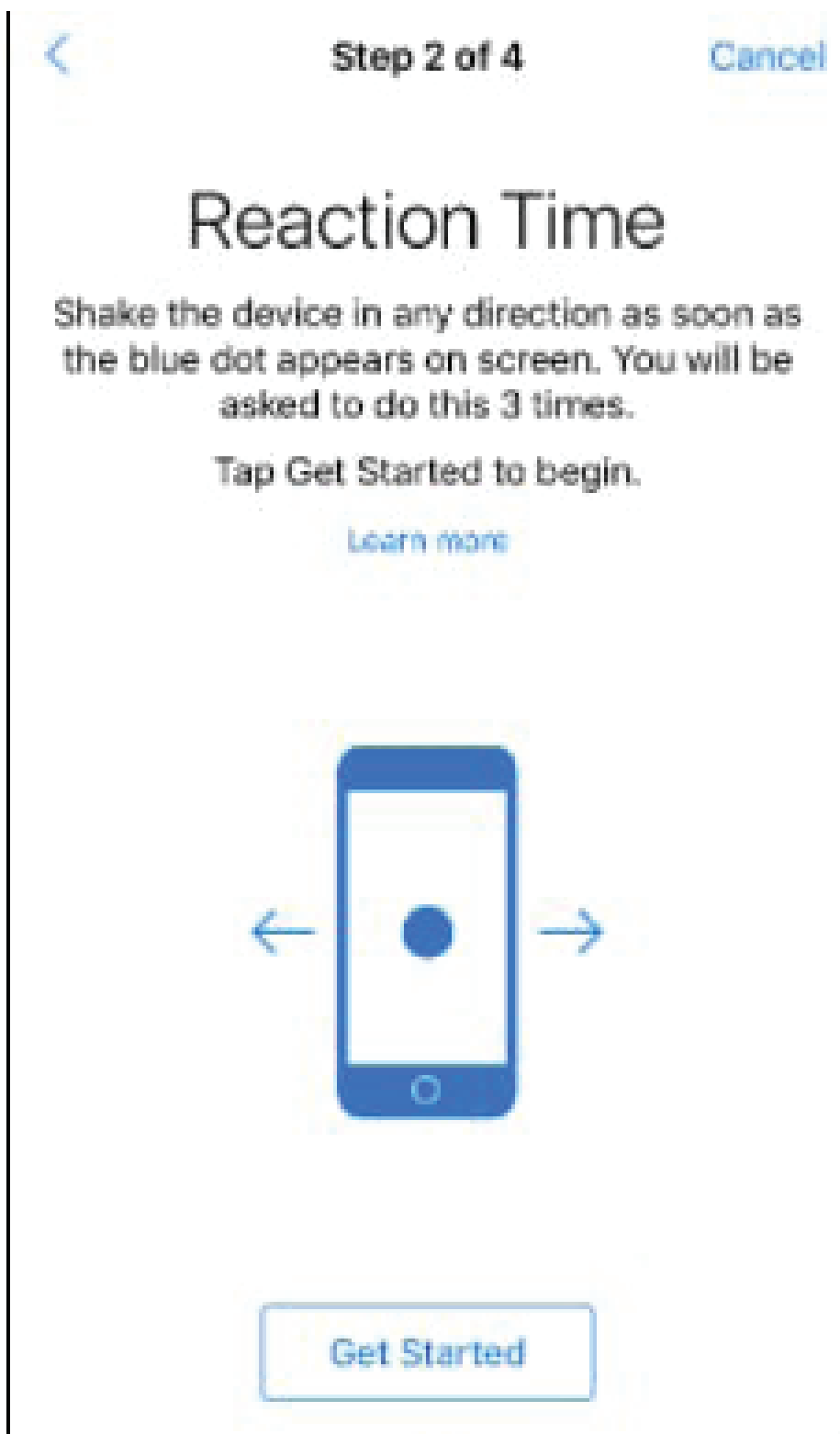
Marijuana breathalyzers are currently in development, but the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) is taking a different approach to the issue by creating an app called “Am I Stoned?”

A group at the University of Chicago developed the app and presented the results from the preliminary trials at an annual meeting of the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics held in San Diego on Tuesday.

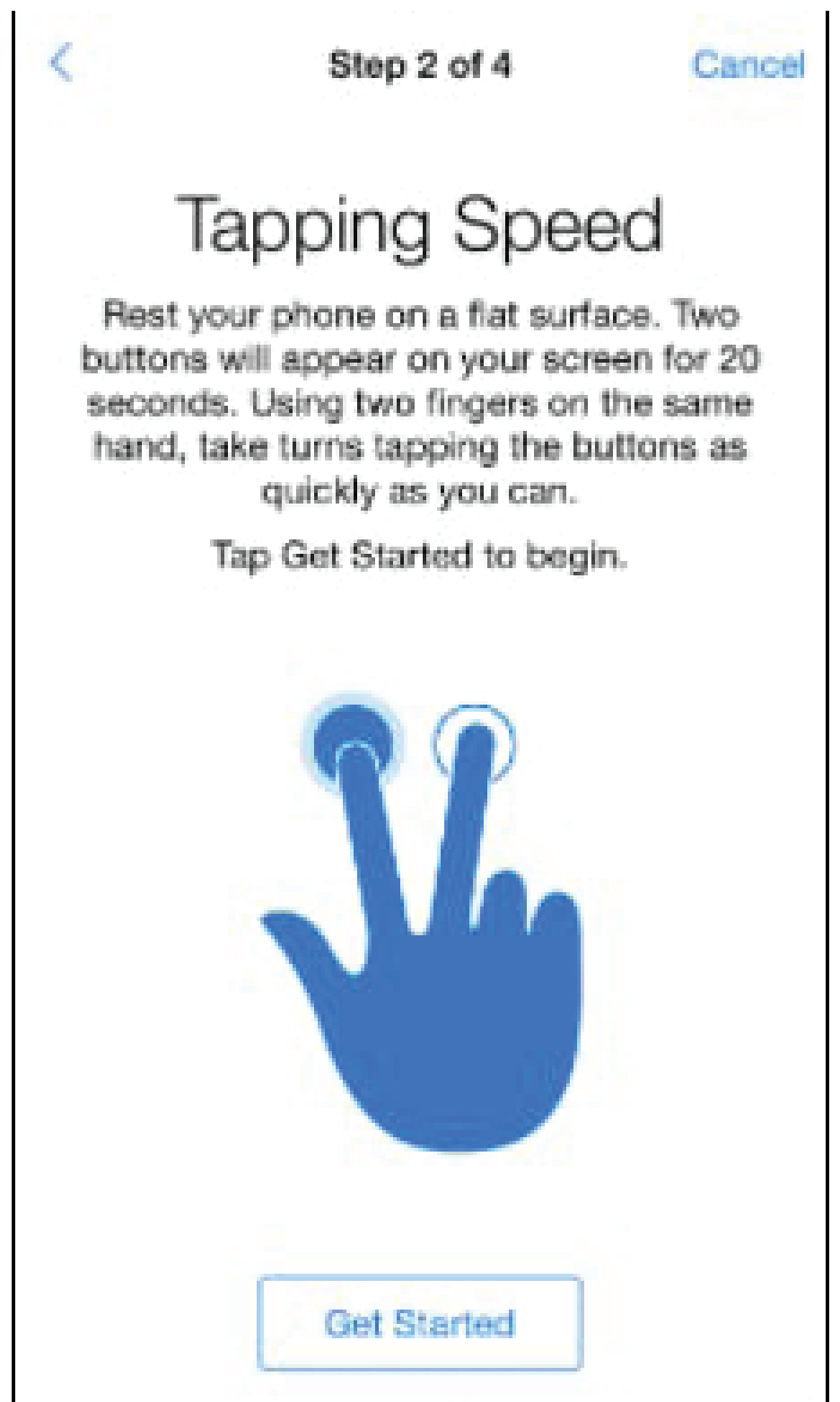
Researchers gave the study's 24 participants 7.5mg of THC, 15mg of THC, or a placebo before putting them through a more extended series of tasks on a computer and then a shorter set on a mobile phone. The tests measured reac-

Researchers found that determination of the level of impairment came most accurately from the participants themselves who were able to self-assess and demonstrate accurate awareness of their state.

At this time, the team says that the app is not intended to determine whether or not someone is able to drive or perform other tasks. Current study data will be used to help improve the app and its ability to help users assess their level of impairment.



Describes what the user must do.



Providing instruction for the task.



Cynthia Nixon Throws Down the Cannabis Gauntlet in NY Governor's Race

By Andy Wagner

Cynthia Nixon is not the first in the entertainment industry to transition to the world of politics. Entertainers like Ronald Reagan and Sonny Bono each had successful political careers that lasted well beyond their careers as entertainers. Nixon is looking to make that transition this year as she runs for Governor of New York.

As with any campaign, Ms. Nixon was asked her position on a number of topics, including recreational cannabis. She recorded her poignant response in a video she shared via Twitter. Although short in length, it spoke volumes to not only the issue of recreational cannabis, but who is being targeted for its use as well.

Nixon voiced her support for recreational cannabis, but she didn't stop there. She vowed to end the racial stigma surrounding the black and Latino communities and cannabis use. She all but accused the current New York State and federal government of unfairly targeting blacks and Latinos for "something white people do with immunity."

She's not wrong. Statistics wildly support her views. According to a BuzzFeed report:

"Even though research shows people of all races are about equally likely to have broken the law by growing, smoking, or selling marijuana, black people are much more likely to have been arrested for it. Black people are much more likely to have ended up with a criminal record because of it. And every state that has legalized medical or recreational marijuana bans people with drug felonies from working at, owning, investing in, or sitting on the board of a cannabis business. After having borne the brunt of the "war on drugs," black Americans are now largely missing out on the economic opportunities created

by legalization."

The ACLU also published a report in June 2013 that claims blacks are 3.73 times more likely to be arrested for a cannabis-related offense than whites, despite using cannabis at roughly the same rates. Although this report is nearly five years old now, these trends do not seem to be stopping anytime soon.

Ms. Nixon asserts that "for white people, the use of [cannabis] has effectively been legal for a long time." She promises to end the "racist war on drugs" and use the cannabis industry to put people to work in its farming, cultivation, extraction, and sales. She also sees the potential revenue generated from its regulation and taxation as a funding source for programs to help individuals convicted of cannabis-related crimes rebuild their lives.

Cynthia Nixon put her Sex and the City days of running around New York City with Carrie and Samantha behind her. With her gubernatorial campaign, she is proving to be a true heavyweight contender in the political ring. She is set to challenge New York's establishment all the way to the governor's mansion. We will find out on November 6 if her strong words and bold stance will win her the race.

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UCSD To Study CBD's Effects On Autism

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Not very much was known about cannabidiol (CBD), the non-psychoactive sibling of THC, until recent years when the cannabinoid's spectrum of medicinal properties

was discovered. After epileptic children began to show dramatic improvements with CBD, people soon found that it could be used to treat a myriad of conditions.

But now, the University of California San Diego is getting ready to conduct a study involving CBD and another condition that affects an estimated 1 in 64 children: autism.

"US San Diego is pleased to partner with the Noorda and Wholistic foundations to advance the understanding of when and how medicinal cannabis works, and to

use this information to transform the lives of the many people for whom medicinal cannabis may make a meaningful difference in their quality of life," said UC San Diego Health Sciences vice chancellor, David A. Brenner, MD in an April 25 press release. "We believe that by working together using evidence-based data, we can make the greatest impact on the field, our community, and policy decision-makers."

What causes autism is not fully understood, but lower serotonin levels, neurotransmitter imbal-

ances, and irregular brain network organization have been observed in autistic individuals. The team conducting the study believes that, due to CBD's positive effects on the central nervous system and enhancement of endocannabinoid activity, it may be a relevant treatment for autism.

"Given numerous anecdotal reports from parents suggesting CBD may be improving their child's functioning, we are thrilled to partner with UC San Diego to understand under what circumstances CBD may be effective for autism, and why it seems to help certain individuals and not others," said Wholistic Research and Education president and co-founder, Pelin Thorogood. "This is especially exciting since the multi-disciplinary approach employed by UC San Diego combining clinical, basic and translational data across the same group of children, has the best chance of helping us understand the role of the endocannabinoid system in treating autism."

Made possible by a \$4.7 million donation from the Ray and Tye Noorda Foundation, the study will involve 30 children and attempt to determine whether or not CBD oil can reduce their seizures, anxiety, self-harm, and improve their overall quality of life.

La Mesa Dispensary Permit Revoked

By Cara Anderson

This week, a dispensary permit for New Origins Management Inc. was revoked in La Mesa. The proprietor, Alex Scherer, is also the owner of South West Patient Group, a medical marijuana dispensary in San Ysidro, and the President/Co-Founder of the United Medical Marijuana Coalition.

The permit was revoked after an appeal request from the San Diego Center for Children. Moises Baron of the SDCC urged for the appeal, as the dispensary location shares a parking lot with the SDCC clinic.

With advice from La Mesa's city staff and city attorney, and after surveying the SDCC property, Scherer believed the building was not protected under Measure U and applied for the 7339 El Cajon Blvd. Suite C dispensary permit.

Apparently La Mesa's Planning Commission believed that as well, because Scherer was approved for a dispensary permit in March.

Representatives from SDCC as well as Cynara Velazquez of the Association of Cannabis Professionals spoke for the two appeals filed against the dispensary permit.

During the hearing, the definition of a "minor oriented facility" was parsed. Measure U states that minor oriented facilities are teen centers, after-school programs, girls/boys clubs, children's theatres, or children's museums which are primarily devoted to people under 18 years old. It was argued that the SDCC, a behavior therapy center, is not defined as a minor oriented facility.

One city staff member said, "When we look at that list, it's a specific list, and when we look at what the center does... staff didn't find that the center was consistent with any of those uses listed. Further that we did not believe they are consistent with an after school program."

He continued, "The recommendation from staff is to deny the appeal, uphold the planning commissions approval of conditional use permit CUP 17-31."

Despite city staff's recommendation, La Mesa council voted unanimously to uphold the appeal and revoke the dispensary permit.

Scherer's team was surprised by city councils move, "The La Mesa City Attorney and Development Staff reviewed the services provided by the Family Wellness Center and determined it didn't qualify as a minor-oriented facility. Throughout the 15-month long application process the issue was never raised. So I am extremely disappointed that the City Council failed to investi-



Alex Scherer spoke in defense of his dispensary to La Mesa City Council.

gate the matter further considering they were going against City Staff, the Planning Commission recommendation, and the voters

of La Mesa. Instead, they made a quick decision based on optics and public comment rather than a detailed review of the facts."



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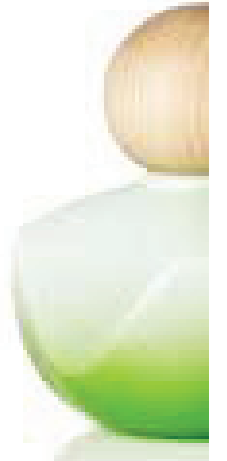
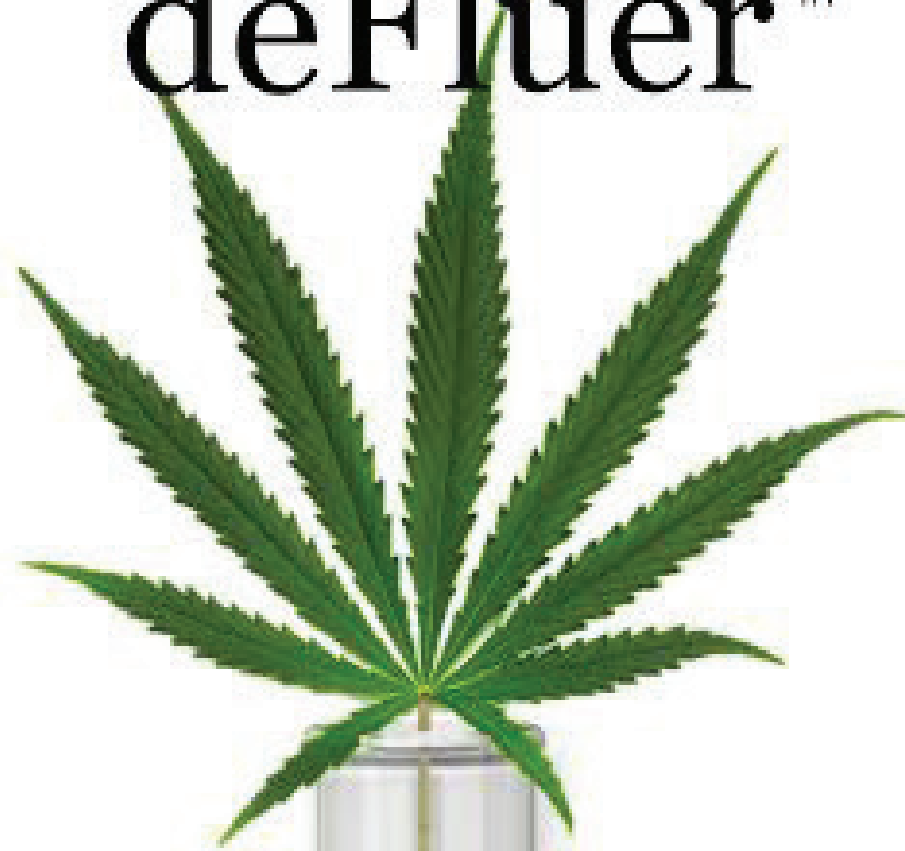
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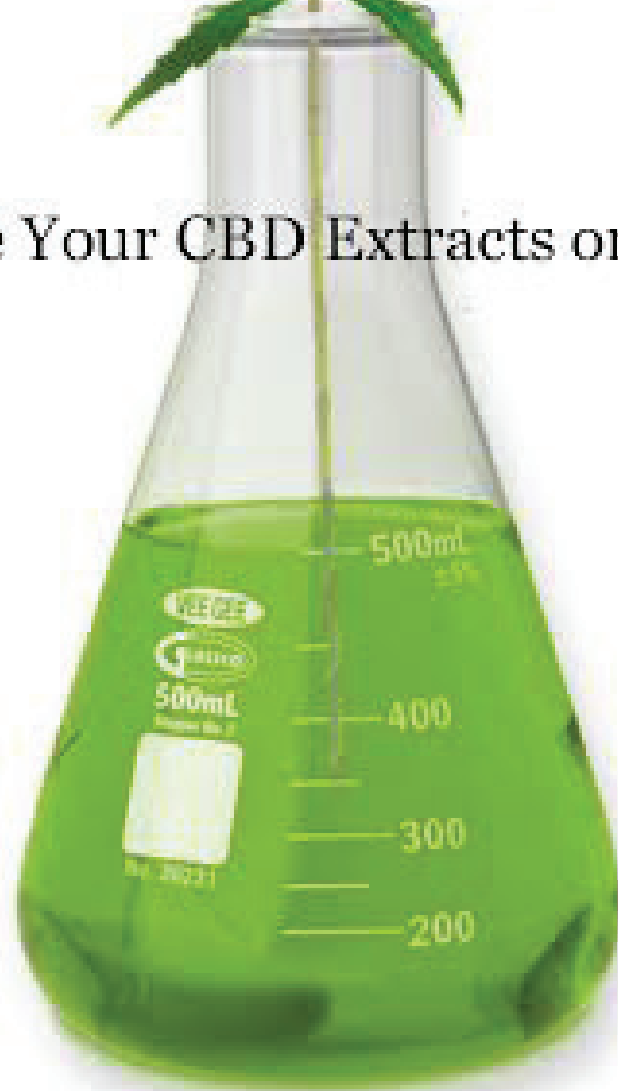
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