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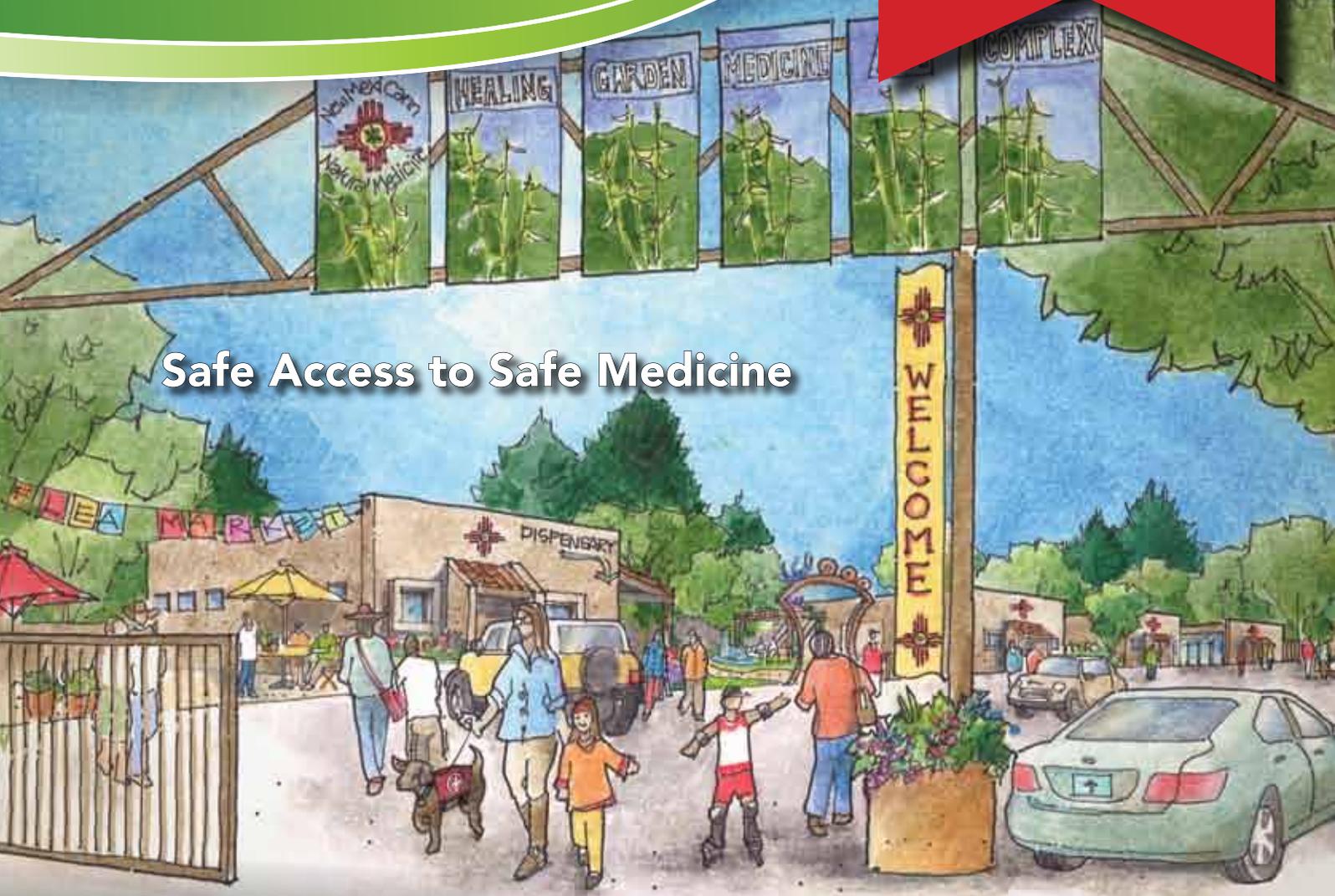
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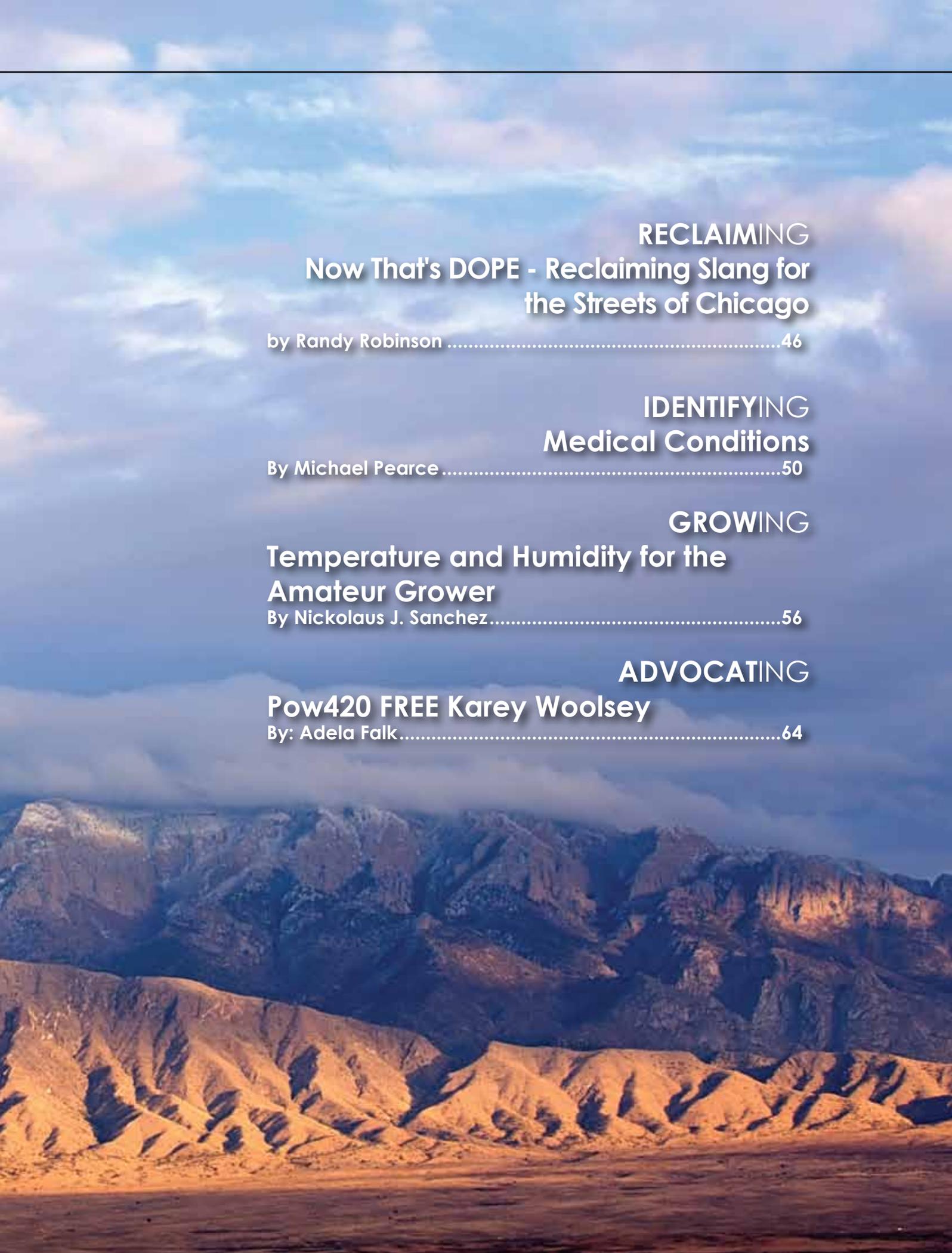
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Bugger Off: Colorado's Pesticide Controversy

by Randy Robinson

Last March, the Colorado Department of Environmental Health (DEH) ordered quarantines on several thousand cannabis plants due to the presence of unapproved pesticides. DEH targeted some of the largest grow operations in the state, blocking the distribution and sale of millions of dollars worth of product. Industry pointed its finger at the state, while the state laid blame on the industry.

Who's to blame? First, some facts.

The pesticide getting the most attention is *myclobutanil*, sold under the brand name Eagle 20 by Dow Chemical. It can be found on a number of fruits and vegetables we eat everyday: strawberries, eggplants, and hops, to name a few.

Myclobutanil is a fungicide that prevents the spread of powdery mildew (PM) and aspergillus. Both molds can produce highly toxic compounds, triggering allergies or cancer in otherwise healthy people. For medical patients with compromised immune systems, moldy weed can mean a trip to the emergency room – or the morgue.

Currently, *myclobutanil* isn't approved for use on cannabis in Colorado. But here's the kicker: when DEH ordered its holds, *myclobutanil* wasn't specifically banned, either. It gets more complicated. Technically, no pesticide is approved for use on cannabis according to the U.S. EPA, the final arbiter on all things related to pesticide. That's because marijuana is still a Schedule I substance.

Organic Greens v. DEH: In May, Organic Greens, the

parent company of Natural Remedies, filed a preliminary injunction against DEH. They claimed the city of Denver overstepped its authority by ordering the holds on several pounds of Organic Greens's product. The DEH maintained it could order such a hold, just as they could shut down a restaurant for selling spoiled food.

The hearing took a total of three days. Organic Greens had two toxicologists testify on its behalf. Both toxicologists stated they believed the amounts of Eagle 20 found on Organic Greens's flowers were well below acceptable amounts for most crops, and therefore were safe for consumption.

The city and state attorneys disagreed. They argued that there's no science determining whether Eagle 20 is safe to use on marijuana. Additionally, there's virtually no studies on whether Eagle 20 can be safely inhaled through smoking or vaporization.

But most surprising was how the state picked its approved pesticides. The ultimate authority on this issue is the Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA).

Despite the complete lack of any scientific basis for banning Eagle 20 (or approving the list of allowed pesticides), the court ruled on the side of DEH. Judge

"They admitted they didn't rely on any tested science regarding the risks for pesticides on marijuana. Rather, they approved pesticides by reading the chemicals' labels, which were written by the EPA."

John Madden III concluded that the DEH has the right to halt the sale or production of any cannabis it believes is unsafe for consumption.

What the Science Says: Before delving into what's known about myclobutanil, it's probably a good idea to start with what we don't know.

First, we don't know how myclobutanil interacts with cannabis. It's never been formally studied, and all preliminary data hasn't been peer-reviewed. We don't know what's an acceptable amount of residue for consumption, especially when burning the stuff in a pipe or a joint.

Furthermore, we don't know how safe it is to smoke or if it's even safe to smoke at all. In the U.S., myclobutanil isn't approved for use on tobacco. As to why it's not approved for tobacco isn't clear; the EPA didn't respond to comment to Kurple Magazine regarding why.

Additionally, the EPA never performed risk assessments for pesticides on marijuana. No one has ever requested such studies, a protocol usually initiated by members of industry.

However, some independent analysis for myclobutanil is underway. Colin Gordon of Ethos Collective, a consulting firm, is investigating how cannabis metabolizes myclobutanil. Although some of Ethos's early data hasn't been peer reviewed, he claims myclobutanil, if used correctly, disappears by the time the treated marijuana is cured and packaged for sale. "Eagle 20 has been mistreated, abused, and really misunderstood," Gordon said. "It should be regulated thoroughly. On its own, it's very toxic, but it's approved for consumables." He suggested strict protocols for its use in order to protect not only patients and consumers, but also dispensary growers and other employees, too.

Holds Released: As of this writing, at least three dispensaries – The Green Solution, Sweet Leaf, and LivWell – have had partial or complete releases on their quarantined product. After testing samples, the DEH found negligible or nonexistent residues of Eagle 20 on all released flower.



Despite these releases, some Coloradans remain concerned about the off-label use of pesticides. On May 30, the Cannabis Consumers Coalition, a watchdog group, staged a protest at one of LivWell's locations. Loudspeakers claimed LivWell did not care about its consumers' safety. The protesters received a mixed response from the public: some cars honked their horns in support, while some customers confronted the protesters to defend the dispensary.

Larisa Bolivar, the CEO of the Coalition, said she chose to protest LivWell first because it was the largest dispensary to be placed into holds. She also claims the Coalition has been left out of meetings between industry and the state regulators regarding the pesticide issue.

"I want to ensure that there's transparency in the process for placing pesticides on the approved list," she said. "The industry has hundreds of thousands of dollars for lobbyists. The consumers don't have as much of a voice as the industry does. I want to ensure consumers are included in this process."

Bolivar took the side of caution when discussing pesticides on marijuana. Although most consumers may not suffer from adverse effects of Eagle 20, she noted some patients don't have that luxury. She said she knew of one patient who "has a neurological disease. He can't have petrochemicals – these cause neurological problems. He has to be 100 percent that everything he consumes is organic. It's a life or death thing for him."

Dean Heizer, an attorney for LivWell, countered the Coalition's claim that LivWell did not care about the health of its customers. "That is a misinformed and completely inappropriate position," he said. He added that John Lord, the owner of LivWell, used to design child safety seats before entering the cannabis business. "The first thing John thinks about

when he wakes up each morning is the safety of his customers."

Heizer also said LivWell stopped applying Eagle 20 back in January, and they haven't used it on their crops since then. Instead, they've relied on approved, non-synthetic methods to control molds on their products.

In addition to discontinuing the use of Eagle 20, LivWell plans to transition over to entirely organic methods of growing marijuana in the near future.

"We care about public health and safety just as much as Denver does," Heizer said. "We just think that there ought to be a scientific basis for their enforcement, and there isn't one." Although he wouldn't cite a specific number, he claimed the city's holds cost LivWell millions of dollars in damages.

Put This in Your Pipe and Smoke It: Right now, Colorado is still undergoing growing pains. The recreational cannabis industry will face further obstacles as the state, its regulatory agencies, industries, and consumers all work together to streamline safety protocols.

So, what have we learned? We've learned that federal prohibition of cannabis continues to haunt consumers and patients, even in a state with legal marijuana. Because the federal government con-

siders cannabis to be Schedule I, getting federal approval for anything regarding marijuana will be difficult. Furthermore, states are entirely on their own when determining which pesticides to use on cannabis.

We've learned that the cannabis industry, if given a gray area, will take advantage of that gray area if it benefits them and their bottom line, whether that be profits or public safety. In this regard, the weed business is no different than any other business.

We've also learned Colorado and city of Denver doesn't mind contradicting itself. During Organic Greens's injunction hearing, the city's attorneys claimed approved pesticides were allowed because of the science behind the pesticides' labels. Then they turned around and said there's no science for pesticides on cannabis. They demanded scientific data to prove Eagle 20 was safe for cannabis, yet they admitted there's no science that shows any pesticides are safe on cannabis.

At this rate, the pesticide controversy may not go away any time soon, especially without federal oversight. The EPA has emergency powers to temporarily approve pesticides, on a local level, if there's a need. The EPA hasn't granted this to any state with legal cannabis, but they may have to if states can't get a hold on their own regulations. **K**



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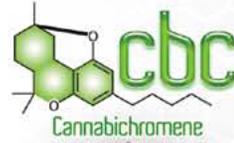
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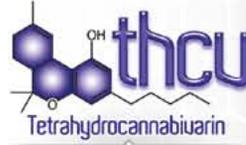
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Setting the Record Straight on CBD?

By Lyra Barron

CBD, or Cannabidiol, is a substance found in cannabis and hemp, with powerful preventive and curative properties for some of our most serious diseases.

CBD is CBD regardless of its source, and has a specific molecular structure that looks like this: It doesn't matter whether it is derived from cannabis or hemp, they both come from the same plant genus - Cannabis Sativa L. The term 'Hemp' commonly refers to the commercial use of the cannabis stalk and seed for textiles, foods, papers, etc. Hemp was also banned in the US with the Marijuana Tax Reform Act of 1937. The USFDA currently considers the hemp plant, with less than .03% THC, including its CBD, to be "food based" and therefore saleable, and no medical card is needed. Initial research does suggest it is most effective when taken with THC, but has proved plenty effective used on its own.

Clinical studies conducted outside the United States have shown that CBD is an effective painkiller – particularly for peripheral neuropathy associated with cancer, multiple sclerosis, diabetes, arthritis, and other neurodegenerative conditions.

Extensive preclinical research – much by the U.S. government – indicates that CBD has potent anti-tumoral, antioxidant, anti-spasmodic, anti-psychotic, anti-convulsive, and neuroprotective properties, and directly activates serotonin receptors, causing an anti-depressant effect as well. The US Government quietly holds a patent on the therapeutic use, US Patent # 6,630,507, which involves research performed by the

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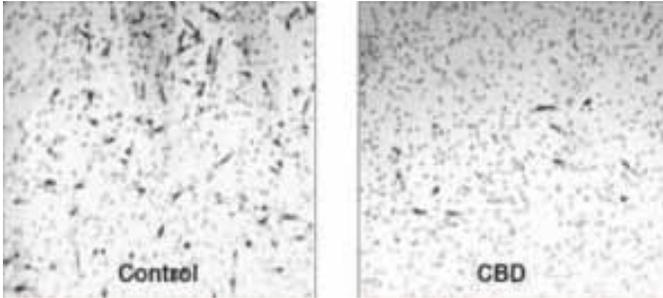
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National Institutes of Health. How does it work? CBD directly activates the 5-HT1A, serotonin receptor, thereby giving an anti-depressant effect. The 5-HT1A receptor is implicated in a range of biological and neurological processes, including, anxiety, addiction, appetite, sleep, pain perception, nausea and vomiting. CBD also binds to the TRPV-1 receptor, which is known to mediate pain perception, inflammation and body temperature. CBD is a TRPV-1 stimulant. This is likely one of the reasons why CBDs may be a particularly effective treatment for neuropathic pain. Studies indicate that CBDs may also block another receptor known as GPR55, which might act to decrease cancer cell proliferation.

With more antioxidant potency than either vitamins C or E, CBD has consistently demonstrated neuroprotective effects, and its anti-cancer potential is enormous. CBD has been shown to sup-

press colon cancer tumors in mice and to **kill breast cancer cells** in lab studies. Sean McAllister, PhD at California Pacific Medical Center said "CBD could spell the end of breast cancer," and claims it could render chemotherapy and radiation a distant 2nd and 3rd option **for cancer patients**. "Cannabidiol offers hope of a non-toxic therapy that could treat aggressive forms of cancer without any of the painful side effects of chemotherapy," says McAllister. Dr. Don Abrams M.D. at UCSF says the studies point to "a remarkable ability of CBD to arrest cancer cell division, cell migration, metastasis, and invasiveness."

The images (see next page) are from an experiment by McAllister testing how CBD can stop the invasion of cancer cells in human cell lines. Compare the untreated breast cancer cells on the left to the breast cancer cells destroyed by CBD on the right.



The previous Kurple article was correct in stating that there are certain companies offering CBD products that truly may be snake oil. *Medical Marijuana Inc, an umbrella corporation, created a network of subsidiaries which include HempMeds, Dixie Botanicals, Kannaway, and Kannalife Sciences.

Dixie Botanical's chief scientist quit and blew the whistle. And after leaving, posted this message on Facebook (since removed): "These formulations start with a crude and dirty hemp paste... and perhaps even contain residual solvent and other toxins as the extraction [is] made in a process that actually renders it unfit for human consumption...Since I formulated most of these products as head of Dixie science, I feel responsible for spreading the truth.... "

There are numerous documented cases of people getting sick from RSHO, products of Kannaway and HempMeds. Laboratory testing ensued as a result of the reported illnesses, where Dr. Noel Palmer found significant levels of hexane, a highly toxic industrial solvent, in both RSHO Gold vials. Symptoms of hexane poisoning include nausea, vomiting, headaches, dizziness, and mental confusion.

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Testing Data from New Mexico

By Melissa Salazar

On February 27, 2015 the New Mexico Department of Health officially adopted regulations requiring the testing of each batch of medical cannabis before being sold to patients.

So is testing mandatory?

The simple answer is: **Not yet.**

Although the rules have been implemented, very few producers are testing and the DOH has not provided specific information as to when the rules will be enforced.

The new rules require that potencies (THC & CBD) be measured for each batch of cannabis and cannabis-derived product. In addition, each batch must meet standards with regard to contamination from Microbes (Aerobic Bacteria, E. coli, Salmonella, Enterobacter, Yeasts & Mold), Mycotoxins, and Solvents. Even though the DOH is not enforcing testing at this time, a few producers are testing and some are even testing each batch, but the

percentage is small. Our laboratory "Scepter Lab" is the only licensed lab in New Mexico that is currently offering testing. Out of 23 licensed producers we have tested for 9 since the rules have been adopted. Of the 9 producers who regularly test their products, only 4 are located in Albuquerque. In addition to the 9 producers, we regularly test for 3 manufacturers.

Does this mean that tested medicine is always safe or untested medicine is always unsafe? Not necessarily, but it is always better to know what you are buying. Bacteria and mold are regularly found as contaminants in cannabis materials and some can be dangerous to those who are immune-compromised. Active ingredients vary widely in tinctures and concentrates, as the chart on (page 27) will

show, and only testing will provide information so that proper dosage can be determined. Many producers continue to publish test results generated from batches grown years ago. Potencies vary widely from plant-to-plant and from batch-to-batch so current batch tests are desirable. The sale of untested medicine leaves patients in the dark and subject to misrepresentation and health risks and producers subject to liability.

What are the results?

Scepter has been testing since early December and has conducted approximately 1000 potency tests, nearly 2000 separate microbial

panels and 100 mycotoxin screenings. Potency testing has been conducted on flowers, BHO waxes, shatters, Rick Simpson Oil, alcohol tinctures, glycerin tinctures, soda pop, cotton candy, gummy bears, brownies, lemon squares, butter, cooking oil, suppositories, salves, ointments and lotions. Potency data varies widely, even among the same strain grown by the same producer at a different time. BHO concentrates vary depending upon the quality of the starting material. Microbial testing often reveals significant contamination even though the number of microbes does not exceed the standard for failure. Mycotoxin screening has disclosed a small but significant number of failures but, to date, only one pro-

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<i>Arthritis</i>	Diabetes	Migraines
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(This article was prepared for Kurple by Kathleen O'Dea of Scepter Lab. Kathleen holds a M.S. in Microbiology/Biochemistry from the University of Arizona and has conducted research in the area of bacterial toxins, immunology, wound-healing and plant nutrition. Kathleen is also an experienced regulatory attorney, having worked as an Assistant Attorney General, lead legal counsel at the Public Regulatory Commission and Director of Boards & Commissions at the Regulation & Licensing Department. Scepter Lab is the only operating laboratory approved by the New Mexico Department of Health to conduct cannabis testing.

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PRODUCTS		THC AVERAGE	THC RANGE	CBD AVERAGE	CBD RANGE	
FLOWER	# STRAINS TESTED					
	THC STRAINS	210	18.22	9.23 - 26.74	0.29	0.08 - 2.72
	CBD STRAINS	10	6.49	4.13 - 10.13	10.05	7.74 - 14.41
CONCENTRATES						
	LIVE RESIN	59.22	54.01 - 64.44	0.88	0.75 - 1.02	
	SHATTER	72.32	57.37 - 87.09	0.82	0.75 - 0.92	
	RSD THC	65.23	44.06 - 92.02	1.93	0.16 - 6.61	
	RSD CBD	39.31	25.22 - 63.93	37.29	22.32 - 60.93	
	BHO	69.13	40.33 - 92.33	2.84	0.23 - 3.04	
	KIEF	25.23	19.36 - 27.22	0.36	0.12 - 0.82	
TINCTURES						
	ALCOHOL	5mg/ml	2.3 - 8.0			
	GLYCERIN	3mg/ml	1.2 - 4.0			
OTHER						
	EDIBLES	50mg/item				
	EDIBLE OIL	10.3mg/g	7.2 - 14.4			
	EDIBLE BUTTER	5.2mg/g	4.2 - 8.8			
	SUPPOSITORIES	6.8mg/g	4.5 - 10.2			

MICROBIAL TESTING				
	# NUMBER OF TESTS PERFORMED	DOH STANDARD (PER GRAM)	% CONTAMINATED BUT NOT FAILING	% FAILED
Aerobic	445	100,000	53%	<1%
E.Coli	445	0	0%	0
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Natural Medicine with New Mexicann

Written by Joseph Jaramillo

Photography by Marcos Lovato

Let's go inside and take a glimpse at northern New Mexico's newest premier cannabis dispensary, the esteemed family of entrepreneurs that put it in to motion, and the highly regarded flowers, concentrates, tinctures, edibles, and pristine patient care provided by **New MexiCann**.

The dispensary is located in the heart of the desert in Santa Fe, NM, with an expansion site taking place in Taos, which recently opened its doors, and two new sites arriving shortly in Espanola and Las Vegas, respectively.

As you drive through the gates of the dispensary's two acre lot, you can feel the positive energy, and sense of peace, surround you. The building has the traditional Santa Fe architecture and design, from the scenery to the furniture, we've grown to adore. Once you reach the entrance of the shop, you're greeted by multiple bud-tenders, with bright smiles, behind the countertops, eager to assist with intriguing

strains, championed for their various uses against day-to-day to severe ailments. Browsing through their plentiful and vast selection, you may run across White Widow (an extreme sativa strain, genetically originating from Brazil and India seeds, it's use is great for stress reduction and depression), Granny Derkle (An Indica strain, born from the NYC Diesel), Grand Daddy Purple and Purple Urkle (similar strains that help with





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insomnia and pain relief). They also carry Blue Dream, Train Wreck, Critical Plus, Kush Bomb, AK-47, The Northern Lights and plus a plethora more, all proudly grown, right here in New Mexico.

As you go further around the counter, we find some delectable edibles in chocolate raspberry bites, caramel corn, chocolate fudge, brownies, oatmeal raisin cookies, as well as an assortment of hard candies and lollipops.

Finally, we arrive at the counter space containing the wildly popular concentrates. In tow are the RSO Hash Oil, Pressed Kief Hash, Black Temple Hash, and of course the coveted, caviar, a flower wrapped in hash oil and kief.

To get all this medicine on the shelves, it takes a lot of dedication, innumerable sleepless nights, hard work, knowledge and persistence. New Mexico became a medical marijuana state in 2007, under Governor Bill Richardson, when he signed

the Lynn and Erin Compassionate Use Act. At the time it was a rare move, because only ten other states prior to 2007, made medicinal cannabis legal. New MexiCann opened its doors in 2010 with a partnership of five family members. Furthermore, I'd like to highlight their roles and how it shaped the development of the dispensary.

Eli Goodman, Director of Manufacturing and Distribution, is highly educated, son of Len Goodman, his insatiable quest for knowledge, mirrors his father's ambitions. Mr. Goodman, always keeping his patients' best interests at heart, travels to several locations to attend conventions and seminars, to further explore the "ever-growing" and innovative cannabis culture. Acquiring this bountiful knowledge, he returns to New MexiCann, ready to apply what he's picked up on his travels, to push this dispensary to New Mexico's forefront, boasting advanced techniques and maintaining a strict set of testing for flower and concentrate products, ensur-

ing his patients receive nothing but the absolute best. The ever-so-changing regulations create challenges, but Mr. Goodman makes sure everything is consistent; we use an independent lab for testing that ensures everything is safe and effective for the patients. He takes pride from seed to flower to concentrate to beyond, everything is regulated and kept recorded. Mr. Goodman, along with his father, is thinking about the future with new innovations for the environment and their patients.

Len Goodman, Executive Director, Owner of New MexiCann, is a very peaceful soul, very concerned about our environment. Currently, his vision of building two state of

the art green houses to cut down on energy costs, is coming to life. I had a conversation with him and he asked; "Do you know what bottom line is?" I replied, "No I don't, sir." He then explained to me that everyone thinks, because you're in the cannabis business they think it's all profit, but you spend a considerable amount on energy. Whether it's on efficient green houses and indoor grow areas, you spend money to save the planet and keep it clean and ecofriendly. In the long run, this costly process is for our future, our children, their medical needs, and that's where I saw where his main equity was, very humble, thinking of his patients and what's best for them. He went on to tell me when he

"...everyone thinks, because you're in the cannabis business they think it's all profit, but you spend a considerable amount on energy. Whether it's on efficient green houses and indoor grow areas, you spend money to save the planet and keep it clean and ecofriendly."



first started, he personally contacted the DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) to tell them what was going on, they replied they knew everything that was happening. He then told the DEA that he had nothing to hide, everything is done right by state law, and if they ever wanted to take a look at anything, they were welcome with open arms. They could have keys, pass codes, full security access, he just plead they don't arrive with a swat team and assault rifles, he simply wanted peace and safety, for his patients and his employees. I was so intrigued by this man that he said to me; "I like the way you take notes." I replied, "I have it all in my head, sir." Extremely intelligent, he went on to talk about the 60's and how things were more liberated before the Nixon administration, and the pitfalls of the Reagan era, but that's a whole different story altogether. Ultimately, Mr. Goodman, Sr. cares about his patients and bringing facilities to different locations to facilitate their needs. Many patients, who can barely afford their medicine,

won't have to spend additional funds on gas or spend time traveling many hours to acquire what they need. From streamlining the purchasing process to going green, it's all a part of the plan at New Mexicann for a better tomorrow.

Susan Goodman, Administrative and Accounting Director, is Len's beloved wife and mother of Jennifer. I didn't get the pleasure of interviewing her for this piece, but rest assured she plays a very important and integral role in the company.

Jennifer Gonzales, Master Gardener, the Garden Goddess. What can I say? The term "garden goddess" says it all. Jennifer is the premier grower in New Mexico. When you walk through her rows of plants, you walk out with the "sticky icky" feel all over your fingertips, indicating the maturity and potential potency of the plant. She has an intimate connection with her special "ladies" as they are commonly referred to, building an unshakable bond

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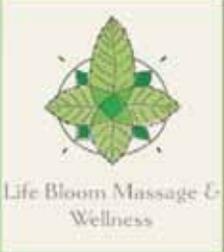
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her school. Apparently the topic of drugs came to a stir, then talk of cannabis filled the air, the officers, of course enforced their beliefs that marijuana is bad for you. Hannah stood right up and corrected the officers that cannabis is medicine for sick people. The officers, dumfounded, didn't have a clue how to respond, so they quickly brushed it off to "that's a topic for another day." As the day progressed, it became time for Jennifer to pick up Hannah. The principal approached Jennifer and told her what had happened and expressed how proud she was of Hannah for sticking up for herself and what she believes in. The principal thought it was crucial that children know the whole truth about the topic and Hannah displayed just that. In a world where a dispensary gets frowned upon for supplementing genuine sick people with medicine, and cannabis users become typecast as just another hazard is intolerable. We live in a place where cigarettes and alcohol are legal and kill more people than most fast food industries and stray bullets combined. The statistics are startling. All this madness, while Jennifer's green thumb is a touch of heaven, educating her patients and making sure her family is on the right path.

with what she's cultivated. She pointed out that her white widow plants, her blue dream, and northern lights were all having a conversation. In the seedling room, she snapped a thick branch on this beautiful plant. We all paused in slight terror, she broke it, and you could hear it through the entire room. She giggled, and assured us she was their "chiropractor," and they get stiff like we do, when our backs get stiff, they need to be re-aligned, same principle goes for the rows of "ladies" lined up. These plants love her and you can feel the motion, when they know she's around. She takes a lot of pride in her work, and knowing that she's in a male dominated industry, she's undaunted by any challenge or task. Maintaining a marriage and children, while balancing a full fledging career is a difficulty to anyone, regardless of gender, but she does it seamlessly and encourages educating her children in her craft. Her along with her husband Carlos, shared a story about their daughter Hannah and an incident involving some police officers at

Carlos Gonzales, Director of Cultivation and Facilities, he specializes in the upkeep of the rooms that hold the plants. His duties vary from late night trips regarding proper ventilation, regulating temperatures, extracting bugs, electrical work and fixing anything else that can tamper with the precious ecosystems which they've created. Carlos is also concerned dearly about the environment. He chooses not to use any city water, he opts to recycle and filters from different sources, such as the air conditioners. His mind is set on running at ultimate efficiency, from utilizing the newest innovative lighting systems to energy saving techniques implemented to practicing proper harvest procedures. Anything can go wrong from the starting stages, to the flower stages, to the harvest stages and Carlos has dealt with it all. Plus how

can you really try to imitate Mother Nature and continuously nurture flawless crops? It's quite the feat. He also provides security, when we had our conversation, we were in a very safe, undisclosed area. He informed me of complaints they received because of the smell, random police visits, and just regulating the grounds. Looks like his job working with mother nature will never end, especially with those 2 new greenhouses on the way.

In closing, it's sad what patients have to go through to get genuine medicine. When all along, our own government has a patent for cannabis under cannabinoids as neuroprotectants, antioxidants for diabetes, heart disease, Alzheimer and Huntington disease. They say it has no medicinal value, but how is that possible? They deny a person a treatment that takes away their pain, all the time, and that's immoral. When there's pharmacies everywhere, even our grocery stores have them, potentially providing medicine for billions worldwide. However our laws and

our lawmakers have other plans. The days that cannabis was depicted as a monster lurking under your bed are fading and people are becoming more familiar with the truth. This family to me should be considered pioneers and not criminals, because they chose this path and believed that it was the right thing to do, to help those that needed a special kind of treatment. Orthodox medicine can't cover every field and the minds of today are beginning to grasp that. They don't only grow cannabis at New MexiCann, they're also building a garden with tomatoes, zucchini, many fruits and different vegetables to give to their patients and the people of the community. When is the last time your pharmacy cared about your health and wellbeing and not just, how much money you have? They're here for me and they'll be here for you, when any one you may know comes down with an illness that cannabis will help, think New MexiCann, not New MexiCann't. This is just the beginning, the rest of the story is still growing. **k**

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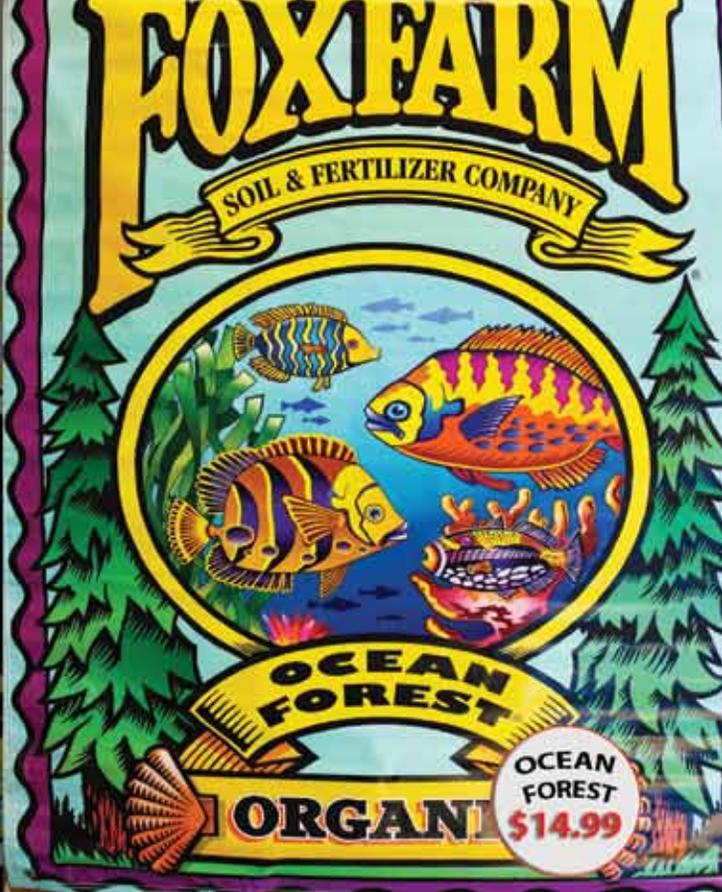
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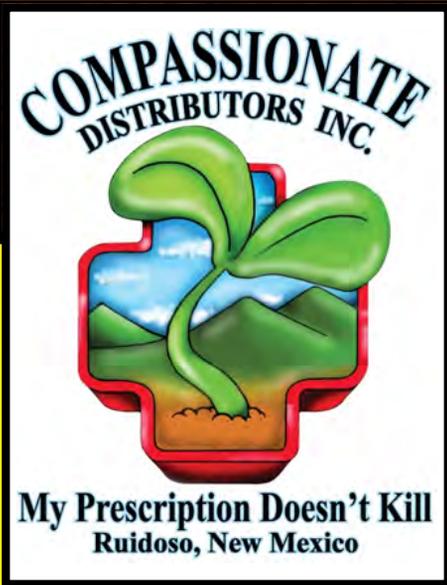
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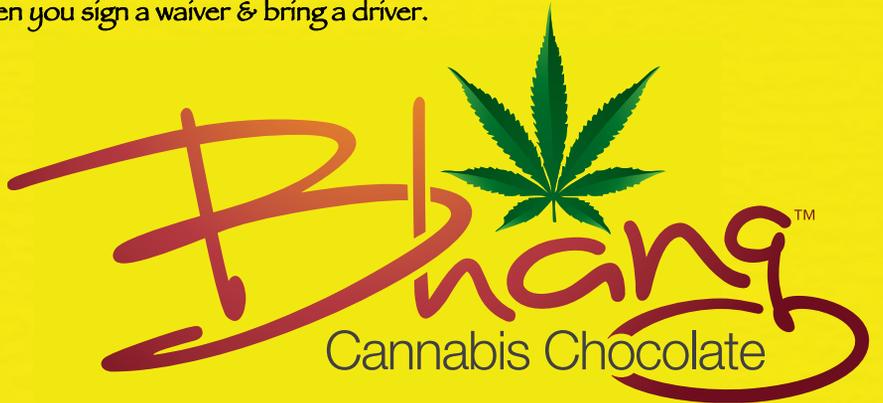
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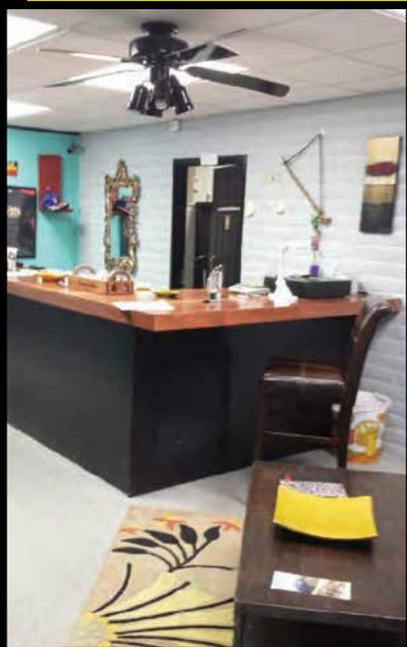
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Now That's DOPE

Reclaiming Slang for the Streets of Chicago

by Randy Robinson

Last year, Illinois launched a strictly controlled medical cannabis program. However, the group 'burned worst' from prohibition's warpath – African-Americans – remain horribly underrepresented in Chicago's fledgling industry. But one man wants to change that.

Cerrone Crowder founded, "Delivering Opportunities to People Everywhere", otherwise known as DOPE House, to educate his community about the benefits of medical marijuana. His ultimate aim: to move inner-city youth away from a life of crime by encouraging them to join a legit, regulated, cannabis market.

"All they know is blunts and joints," Crowder told Kurple. "They have no idea about vaporization, edibles, or safer ways to consume. It's not real to them. They don't watch CNN, so they don't know about Dr. Sanjay Gupta. Most people here don't even know it's legal." Out of all of America's cities, Chicago has the fifth highest rate of incarceration for marijuana offenses. And most of those arrested, not surprisingly, are African-Americans.

Even though a quarter of the city's popu-

lation is black, blacks make up 75% of all marijuana-related arrests in Chicago. Additionally, according to FBI data, in 2014, there were 25% more murders in Chicago than in New York City. Factor in that just over one million of Chicago's residents live below the poverty line, and the picture looks pretty grim.

"Crime is so rampant in Chicago because there's no jobs out there," he said. "The same thing young people are getting incarcerated for is the same thing a select few are making millions of dollars off of." According to a recent ArcView Study, the legal cannabis industry will net \$11 billion per year.

The slang origin of DOPE House's name isn't lost on Crowder either. A dope house is a place where people can obtain or use illegal street drugs. Crowder wants to reclaim

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the phrase to give the word "dope" a positive spin in an era of sweeping marijuana law reforms. "If I had named it anything else – like the 'Chicago Cannabis Club' – it wouldn't have gotten the same attention," he said.

Despite his community's struggles, Crowder has hope. He works as an EMT in one of Chicago's busiest and poorest neighborhoods. He says many of his patients, who lack health insurance, would benefit from medical cannabis.

"We want to educate the Low-income minority community on the positive aspects of medical marijuana."

African-Americans risk suffering from diabetes, stroke, cancer, HIV/AIDS, and heart disease at a far higher rate than Caucasians. African-Americans also die from these diseases at higher rates than Caucasians. Hundreds of peer-reviewed scientific studies have shown that cannabis can treat or prevent many of these ailments – and often at a fraction of the cost, compared to conventional medicine.

But Crowder's time as a paramedic didn't lead him into the life of a cannabis crusader. It was his grandmother's Alzheimer's that did. "The doctor told us there was nothing they could do for it," he said. "Basically, she would digress, digress and digress."

The pharmaceuticals his grandmother took sunk her into a near catatonic state. While searching for alternative treatments,

Crowder stumbled on research showing low doses of THC could treat Alzheimer's. His family then approached their doctor about getting medical marijuana for his grandmother. "The doctor looked at my grandfather, who's 88, and my uncle, who's 66, and he laughed. Then he said, 'The only thing you want to do with it is get high.'" Crowder said. "I took it personal." Crowder then set out to learn more about medical cannabis. He attended NORML meetings in Illinois, where he was often the only African-American present. The lack of minority representation in marijuana law reform shocked him. "I'm hearing so much about cannabis extracts and dabs truly healing people," he said. "And I'm wondering why nobody in my community ever heard about this. I realized then that there was no education about this being pushed our way."

Crowder's DOPE House intends to correct this knowledge gap. For now, he's spreading the word by speaking at nursing homes and churches, places that act as hubs of social networking in the African-American community. In the future, he also sees DOPE House helping young blacks get their foot into the doors of Chicago's cannabis industry. He wants to work with the community to come up with ideas to take full advantage of satellite services surrounding medical marijuana, such as transporting inner-city patients to and from dispensaries. "There's no dispensaries on the south or west side of Chicago," which Crowder noted were the poorest sections of Chi-Town. Currently, all dispensaries in Chicago are on the outer edges of the city, way beyond walking distance from the lower-income communities.

Recent developments in Illinois's govern-

" Cerrone Crowder: "Why don't you take this opportunity to finally do something positive and heal your community. The community can heal itself through a product we've been incarcerated for – for years."

ment may change minority access for the better. In April, the Cook County state attorney's office, located in Chicago, announced they would no longer prosecute misdemeanor marijuana offenses. State-wide, a bill to decriminalize possession of 30 grams and five plants awaits the governor's signature. "All this crime that's going on? If nothing else is working, why not try this?" Crowder asked. "Give [residents of the inner-city] something they're good at. They're entrepreneurs already. They take a product, they distribute it, they package it, they sell it, they do customer service and customer retention, and they have to find new clients. And they do all of this off the record."

"It's sad to see that these people can't make money because they don't have half a million dollars to put up a dispensary," he noted. "If you can't do it that way, let's research and let's make history!" **k**





Identifying Medical Conditions

By Michael Pearce

AIDS / HIV

Human Immunodeficiency Virus, or HIV, is the virus that causes Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). The virus weakens a person's immune system so they are not able to fight infections or cancers as effectively. Having HIV does not always mean you have AIDS, as it can take many years for people with HIV to develop AIDS. Along with the diagnosis are many secondary infections from pneumonia, to Kaposi Sarcoma, to open sores that will not heal. Cannabis oil applied directly on the wound sees the pink hue of new cells growing to the anesthetic properties of Cannabis oil.

Cannabis was the first organic medicine to be recommended for HIV/AIDS, and is used to treat secondary infections and to deal with the side-effects of the vast array of pharmaceutical-based "Toxic Cocktails" given to patients. Cannabis was the first medicine to stop Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) as cannabinoids cause patients to

develop a healthy desire to eat, put on and maintain weight. Giving an HIV/AIDS patient cannabinoid containing foods, results in a smile that translates to up to 10 hours of relief depending on the patient. No pharmaceuticals have been found to give patients similar results, none.

CANCER

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) estimates that the medical expenditures for cancer could reach as high as \$207 billion in 2013, said researchers from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) -- \$226.8 billion for direct medical costs (total of all health expenditures) and \$123 billion for indirect mortality costs (cost of lost productivity due to premature death). Cancer costs are projected to reach at least \$258 billion in 2020.

Cannabis starves cancer cells of the energy they need to replicate themselves. The anti-tumor action of cannabinoids is well known and clinical trials have shown that cannabinoids have the ability to "turn off" the cancer gene that causes breast, lung, prostate and other types of cancers to metastasize. Cancer symptoms also vary widely based on the type of cancer. Current cancer treatment includes chemotherapy, radiation, and surgery, but cannabis is increasingly becoming a valid treatment option for those who suffer from this disease. Cannabis has proven to be the one medicine that we can ingest, smoke, or vaporize to combat cancer within our bodies and to alleviate many of the horrendous side effects of "modern" cancer treatments.

CHRONIC PAIN and PEAK PAIN

Cannabis preparations have been used as a remedy for thousands of years in traditional medicine. Clinical use of cannabinoid substances is restricted, due to legal, political and ethical reasons. The pain-reducing effects of cannabis have been well documented, but are limited by their psychoactive side effects. Endocannabinoids within our bodies have an analgesic effect and evidence shows that "chronic states of pain" can alter the endocannabinoid receptor system at the key sites involved in pain processing. Within our bodies we have a newly discovered endonomic system which is run exclusively by

cannabinoids which regulates pain messages in our bodies. Peak pain is the pain level above and beyond the patient's regular pain threshold, leaving many sufferers to develop a dependency on habit-forming pharmaceuticals such as vicodin, percocet or morphine.

EPILEPSY and SEIZURES

2.3 million Americans live with epilepsy, a neurological condition that includes recurring seizures. More than 1 million of them live with uncontrolled seizures. Some patients may be helped by surgery or other non-drug treatments, but for many, no answers have been found. People with uncontrolled seizures live with the continual risk of serious to catastrophic injuries. From extreme bruising from blunt trauma, to broken bones & teeth, to bitten tongues & lips, to extreme total body fatigue -- as all of the body's muscles go into spasm. Due to a lack of education cannabis is not used widely enough to treat epilepsy or the various ailments that can also cause seizures, such as multiple sclerosis or diabetes. The overwhelming evidence shows when epileptics and other seizure sufferers are treated with medical marijuana on a daily basis, it can reduce their attacks from hundreds a day to just a handful of times a year. Usage again eliminates many of the tragic side effects associated with current pharmaceutical treatments.

GLAUCOMA

Glaucomas' exact causes are still unknown, yet it is one of the leading causes of blindness in the world. Raised intraocular pressure is a significant risk factor for developing glaucoma. Damage to the optic nerve from glaucoma can result in differing degrees of vision loss to total blindness. Cannabinoids also have a neuro-protective action, which aids in the preservation of neuronal function. Smoked or vaporized cannabis from the very first inhale, effectively and significantly lowers intraocular pressure. However, cannabis' effect on

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In the US, more than 5 million suffer from symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder annually, with 22 PTSD suffering war-vet patients committing suicide every hour. PTSD is a severe, debilitating anxiety disorder, in which the individual's psychological defenses are overwhelmed. It has been recognized in the past as; stress syndrome, shell shock, battle fatigue, traumatic war neurosis, and post-traumatic stress syndrome. Sufferers often continue to re-experience original traumas by means of flashbacks or nightmares, as well as experiencing increased arousal, which can manifest in having difficulty falling or staying asleep, anger, hyper-vigilance, night-sweats and night-terrors.

Research suggests that cannabis helps individuals find relief and cannabinoids offer far better results than the current class of drugs commonly used to treat the disorder. Cannabis helps PTSD suffering patients reduce their association between stimuli and the traumatic situations in their past by aiding in memory extinction. Smoking or vaporizing therapeutic cannabis is a reliable and effective means to treat anxiety and the aversive memories formed in PTSD sufferers, while eating cannabinoid-containing foods offers far longer relief. **k**

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Temperature and Humidity for the Amateur Grower

By Nickolaus J. Sanchez

Maintaining your temperature and humidity is a very important factor when creating a total environment. It will either positively or negatively affect your plants' growth by boosting or stunting their photosynthesis rate. Even if it's your first time growing, it only takes a few simple steps to keep your gardens' climate up to par.

Cannabis grows best with a consistent temperature range of 75-85 degrees Fahrenheit. This will encourage your plants to grow to their full potential with big sticky buds. Your girls will still grow in temperatures of 60's and 90's but will most likely result in poor or moderate medicine. With the summer rolling around and temps averaging in the 90's in New Mexico, keeping your room cooled is a must.

The first step in maintaining temperature in your garden is to purchase a thermo-hygrometer. This device will not only read the temperature but also the humidity in your room. Most thermo-hygrometer can be purchased for around \$20. If you have

a larger space, it is recommended that you purchase two or more. When setting the meter up in your garden, be sure the probe is near the plants canopy to give you an accurate reading of what the plants are feeling.

If you are using low output lights like a fluorescent T5 or an LED you should have no problem with them producing too much heat in your garden. However, if you are using a high intensity discharge (HID) light, additional steps will be required. As mentioned in articles 102 and 105 air-cooled HID's will work best during the summer. This will allow for the heat produced by the light to be pulled outside. If you are using



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an open hood HID, extra ventilation and air flow near the lights may be needed. Also, some growers will run the plants' day cycle during the night to help the temperatures stay a little lower when the lights are on; this is especially true with HID's.

If you have tried ventilating your lights' heat and running them at night but your gardens' temperature is still too high, you will want to purchase an A/C unit. These can be purchased anywhere from \$200-\$700. Although it may seem a little pricy, you will see better results in production. When purchasing an A/C unit, keep in mind that window mounted A/C is a thief's best friend, so a split unit A/C would be the best choice. Be aware that when bringing A/C into the garden it will raise the humidity level so maintaining the humidity will be your next step.

With cannabis the optimal humidity changes throughout the plant's life. During the vegetative or growth stage optimal humidity levels are 40%-60%. When flowers start to produce or during the flowering stage those humidity levels should drop to 30%-50%. Letting humidity rise higher than 50% will increase the chance of fungus and mold and letting the humidity get too low in the room, will slow down its growth. However, for a beginner, keeping your humidity level between 30%-40% throughout the whole growth will be acceptable.

In New Mexico, humidity levels are usually around 30%-50% depending on the time of day, which is perfect for cannabis

growth. However, if you are using an A/C unit and/or its monsoon season, humidity can easily jump higher than 50%. In order to lower the risk of disease, a dehumidifier is imperative. Dehumidifiers will filter the moisture from the air to help maintain optimal levels. You can purchase a dehumidifier for approximately \$200-\$500. Again this may seem a little pricy but it will save your garden from nasty mold infections that could take out your whole crop overnight so the investment in the right equipment is imperative. While this may seem like simple factor of your total environment, it's incredibly important to the success of your harvest. **k**



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POW420 FREE Karey Woolsey

By: Adela Falk

Karey Lee Woolsey is currently serving a 151 month sentence (almost 13 years) for marijuana distribution conspiracy and possession with the intent to distribute more than 1,000 kilograms of marijuana charges. Karey was facing minimum mandatory of **10 years to LIFE.**

Karey states: "I knew it was illegal but at the same time I didn't realize how severe the penalties were for marijuana offenses." A big part of the problem and what most people don't know is that marijuana is classified as a schedule 1 narcotic, a classification that says marijuana is more dangerous than cocaine and oxycontin, to name a few. Federal statutes recommend harsh sentences for marijuana even though some states have decriminalized or even completely legalized it.

Despite Karey's strong standing in his community, no prior history, and the non-violent nature of his offense, the judge was forced to follow minimum mandatory guidelines and sentenced Karey Lee to 13 years in a Federal Prison.

Karey is a First-time, non-violent marijuana offender who has paid the price for such a victimless crime. Karey's incarceration will

cost the taxpayers close to a half a million dollars over the next 13 years.

Karey released a CD of his original music titled "A Million Miles Away" that he has written (prior to incarceration) and landed on the Billboard charts while he has been in prison. You can learn more about Karey Lee visit www.Kareylee.com and www.POW420.com

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