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Greenkind SERVES AS THE MEDICAL CANNABIS COMMUNITY INFORMATIONAL CON-NECTION. We provide objective information about the goods, services, and issues relevant to medical cannabis its production, dispensation, use, effects, and political status. Each month we feature informative articles from all aspects of the medical cannabis community from seed to consumption. Our goal is to be the public forum that connects the community giving it a voice and a means for growers, doctors, lawyers, political activist, patients, and dispensaries a place to share their story.

Greenkind is distributed through medical cannabis dispensaries throughout California and in states where medical cannabis is dispensed in the hope that patients and workers in the field, feel connected not only to each other, but to their providers as well. It is understood that true identities may not be revealed, but the information brings medical cannabis into the public forum in clear, forthright, manner. We believe that by providing a public forum in the written, printed word as well as on the world wide web, we are acting as a unifying force that sets differences aside and underscores the public's need for medical cannabis availability and for clean, regulated, comfortable and safe dispensation of the product.

As *Greenkind* makes its way from patient to the public at large, information will disseminate to educate and to dispel the stigma associated and propagated by organizations threatened by the use of medical cannabis.

We are dependent upon the community for support. Advertising in *Greenkind* is also a source of information that has been historically limited. Purveyors of goods also have an opportunity to discuss their products, their uses and how it can help patients secure the best possible methods to grow, store, and consume medication. A community bulletin board is provided for notices, events, and relevant information for our readers.

Our intent is heart-felt and founded in compassion and care. By being a mirror of the medical cannabis community, it is our desire to bring understanding, dignity, and opportunity to all aspects of medical cannabis, and its benefits not only to patients and providers, but to the public at large. Greenkind special thanks to: Jason U. for inspiration; Yoshi S. for loyalty; Little-One for love; RG for blind faith; DG for nourishment; Maggie-Girl for excellent cheerleading and to all who helped along the way.

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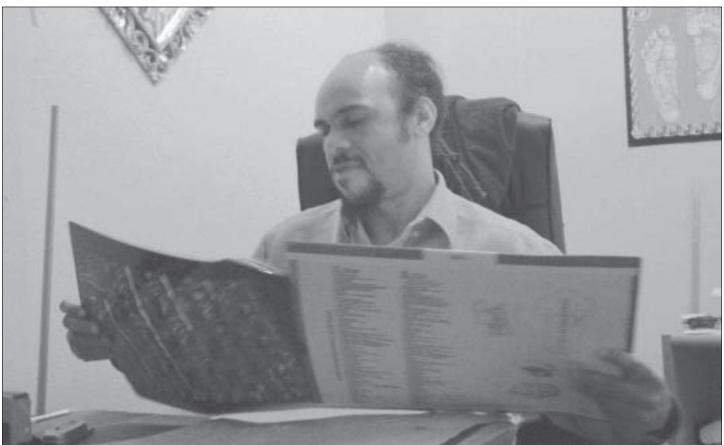
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MEDI-CANN Beyond Evaluations

by Melrose Sanchez



Dr. Jean Talleyrand

r. Jean Talleyrand, a third-generation medical doctor, founded MediCann after completing his residency in San Francisco. His penchant within the medical field is that of family doctor in an era where the concept of family medicine is shadowy at best. It is in the neighborhood clinics of San Francisco, treating those in the most need that he asked himself several questions about his core beliefs. He questioned himself as to how he could best perform as a physician and serve fully in his capacity as a medical doctor. In this self-examination, he also had to consider his familial responsibility to forefathers who also have concepts and ideals. Talleyrand had to interpret long-term personal values in light of today's medical environment. The result of that self-examination is MediCann.

Three times I have visited the offices of MediCann, once as a patient, and twice as an observer. The first visit was to obtain my medical cannabis recommendation. When

the doctor called me into his office, and closed the door, his total focus was on me and my physical condition. He asked me questions and listened patiently as I explained the impact of frequent and severe headaches, resulting from an auto accident over 15 years ago. The headaches have a large impact upon my life as a writer and editor. Of course prescription and over-the-counter drugs work and take the pain away for 4-5 hours at a time. I can work pain free using those drugs. The drawback is the long-term side effects. I have had a single headache last for 3-weeks and required medicating every 4 hours around the clock. The doctor asked me if cannabis helped. Of course it does, which is why I wanted the recommendation. I currently use ointment applied directly to the base of the neck and I find that cannabis tea can soothe and clam a headache in the earliest stages and prevent it from developing.

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Each of the 3 encounters I have had at MediCann left me with the impression that these doctors do care about a patient's total well-being. I was asked about my diet and exercise program, water consumption, if I smoked tobacco and my personal overall feeling about my health and my responsibility in maintaining it.

From what I experienced and witnessed, this organization is founded in a genuine caring for the patient population it serves. MediCann doctors, along with many others, have a firm foundation in the care and nurturing of the human being as a total unit. Physical issues can lead to emotional and psychological issues. Living with a debilitating illness, and/or living through a health crisis, takes its toll many differing ways. Dr. Talleyrand and his group are dedicated to the "old-style" of doctoring — considering the patient as a whole being rather than a loosely connected series of body parts and most importantly, how a patient's life is impacted while coping with their condition(s).

As I observed the doctors interacting with other patients, the primary care physician's treatment and prescriptions were not only supported by the MediCann doctors, but the details were discussed as to how the prescribed treatment actually works. For example, one patient is suffering from scare tissue related to a back injury. Dr. Talleyrand went into detail explaining how the primary care physician's desire for the patient to exercise the injured area and to stretch regularly helps to break down scare tissue. He explained how the timely use of hot and cold pacts helps to prevent pain before it occurs.

MediCann's primary focus is to bring the idea of health to their patients and they are open to consider and discuss healthful alternatives to achieving the goal of living pain free or with managed pain. It is the goal of the MediCann group to augment and support the primary care physician and to support the patient by considering the overall well being of the patient and his/her quality of life.

Dr. Talleyrand advertises his fee for a medical cannabis recommendation as the lowest fee available. He feels medication should be available to all regardless of economic or social standing. Everyone has the right to feel as healthy and pain-free as possible. He views medical cannabis as a bridge from prescription drugs to living a drug-free and pain-free life. Of course, the goal is not always possible. Many patients have lifelong conditions and it is a case of management more than becoming "cured", however, most patients' shared-goal is to have the lowest dosage of medications that is effective.

The process of obtaining a recommendation at MediCann requires patients to bring medical records stating their condition and supportive documentation like MRIs, x-rays, test results and/or a statement from the primary care





Doctor/patient consultation.

physician. One of the patient's I observed showed Dr. Talleyrand a medical file containing documentation of their condition and the patient mentioned being recommended to MediCann by an emergency room physician. This was a college-aged patient suffering from severe back injuries incurred while doing athletic pursuits. The patient is not terminal or critically ill as many are, but like myself, locked into a pain management program. The patient's treatment involved traction and powerful pain killers that prohibited proper study, rest and normal activities required of an ambitious college student. The patient's main concern was the ability to study and to maintain the grade-point-average necessary to obtain slated goals.

The MediCann professionalism combined with the compassionate willingness to listen to patients and to discuss at length the options and considerations facing intense and/or long-term medical situations is what sets MediCann apart. I witnessed the real need for patients to have someone to discuss alternative medications that may ease the condition that daily affects their quality of life. The willingness and genuine care I witnessed in the offices of MediCann may not be unique to the MadiCann group since doctors that understand the value of medical cannabis as a support to other medications, tend to be more compassionate and more willing to listen with sense of genuine humanity. Yet, it is worthy of mention that the MediCann offices located in various neighborhoods statewide tend to blend with the Marcella Sanchez

Photo:

neighborhoods they serve, and have gentleness to them that is welcoming and supportive.

To contact MediCann or to get more detailed information about obtaining a medical cannabis recommendation visit www.MediCann.com or call 1-866-632-6627 the staff is more than willing to answer questions, make appointments and to inform as to the medical documentation necessary. ₩



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Medical Marijuana Progress Continues Despite Federal Hostility

by Bruce Mirken

ast June, when the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Gonzales v. Raich* allowed continued federal attacks on patients in states with medical marijuana laws, White House drug czar John Walters proclaimed the ruling, "the end of medical marijuana as a political issue." He could not have been more wrong. If anything, the movement to protect patients is gaining strength.

That summer the Rhode Island legislature passed medical marijuana legislation, over the objections of the White House and Gov. Donald Carcieri (R), who vetoed the bill. But legislators had the last word, overriding Carcieri's veto on January 3, 2006, making Rhode Island the 11th medical marijuana state.

Rhode Island's medical marijuana law is the third to be enacted by a state legislature, and the first passed by overriding a governor's veto. (The other eight states' medical marijuana laws were enacted via ballot initiatives.)

Rob Kampia, executive director of the Washington, D.C.-based Marijuana Policy Project (MPP), which spearheaded the effort to pass the bill, put it this way: "Today's vote proves yet again that the movement to protect medical marijuana patients from arrest is unstoppable. The public, the medical community, and Rhode Island legislators agree that patients with cancer, AIDS or multiple sclerosis should not be arrested for using medical marijuana on the advice of their physicians. We will continue to roll back the government's war on the sick and dying, and the White House drug czar can't stop us any more than he can make water flow uphill."

MPP worked closely with a coalition of Rhode Island patients, medical experts and health advocates to build support for the bill, and that effort is now being replicated in other states. In Illinois, for example, medical marijuana legislation is moving forward after being killed in committee the previous two years. The bill was endorsed by the Illinois Nurses Association, the AIDS Foundation of Chicago and 1,000 Illinois physicians — including Christopher Fichtner, M.D., former director of mental health for the Illinois Department of Human Services.

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> On February 15, after the Illinois Medical Cannabis Act passed the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, Dr. Fichtner said, "This is a major step forward. The evidence that marijuana is a safe, effective medicine for some very ill patients has been repeatedly verified by government commissions in the U.S., Canada, Britain and elsewhere. This is a sensible, well-crafted bill that deserves quick passage."

> The effort in Illinois was bolstered by a new statewide poll of likely general election voters, conducted by Anzalone-Liszt Research, Inc. and released by MPP Feb. 15. The survey found 62 percent support for legislation "that would allow people with cancer, multiple sclerosis, AIDS and other serious illnesses to use and grow their own marijuana for medical purposes, as long as their physician approves." Only 28 percent were opposed, with 10 percent undecided.

> As of this writing, at least 10 state legislatures are considering medical marijuana bills, including Michigan and Wisconsin. Bills are expected to be introduced this spring in several other states, including Minnesota and New York.

> Of course, this does not mean the legislative process will be easy. Despite poll after poll showing public support for medical marijuana, a surprising number of politicians remain skittish. But MPP has retained lobbyists in several of these states, including New York and Illinois, to push our legislation forward. Victory may not come easily or quickly, but we are convinced it will come.

Bruce Mirken is director of communications for the Marijuana Policy Project, <u>www.mpp.org</u>.

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The Incredible, Edible Pipe

Text and photos by Marcella Sanchez

Need a pipe? Grab a carrot. They are a healthy option as a smoking implement, very inexpensive and readily available. Carrots are also very durable and can be frozen for a nice cool smoke. Carrot pipes are fun and easy to make and use.

Tools:

- 1 large carrot; about an inch in diameter 1 heavy knife to cut the carrot
- 1 or more drill bits of various sizes
- 1 paper clip

First, wash carrot and cut both sides until the carrot is about 4–5 inches long.

Second, pick a drill bit that will make an air flow chamber — about the diameter of a pencil. Using a steady hand, drill through the center. Retract the bit taking off the veggie guts and drive it back until you've gone completely through.

This is what your carrot should look like. \succ









Next, it's time for the bowl. Use the same bit or step it up for a larger bowl and carefully hand drill the bowl. BE VERY CAREFUL NOT TO GO ALL THE WAY THROUGH TO THE AIR SPACE.

Finally, use the paperclip to poke a few air holes in the bottom of the bowl, and you're ready to go.

Your finger works as the carb at the end of the carrot, and of course your new pipe is edible . . . though I don't recommend it. \checkmark





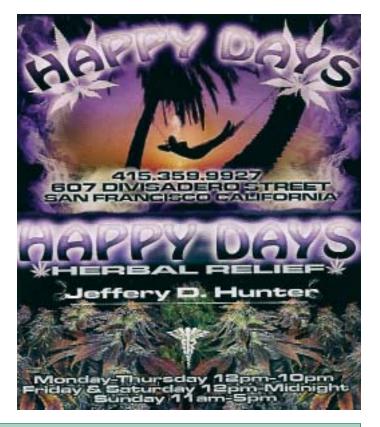
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Did you Know?

by Steven Davenport

It is said that Queen Victoria's private physician, Sir John Russell Reynolds, prescribed cannabis as a muscle-relaxant to suppress the Queen's menstrual cramps. Most likely the queen ingested the herb as a tea.





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Aerial approach to Las Vegas

he weekday Las Vegas Strip is very different from the week-end getaway reality. The sidewalks are filled with folks in business garb, carrying a briefcase and wearing a colorful ribbon attached to a dangling plastic ID card. The ribbons vary in color, each depicting the on-going convention the wearer is attending.

Each convention is like a private club with the attendees like members. Like colors belong to like colors, so a blue ribbon in a green and pink convention is identifiable as an intruder, or no ribbon at all, screams "non-member".

Las Vegas has as many or more convention halls as casinos it seems. Most of the larger hotels have a convention venue. Friday is transition day for the Strip. The conventions draw to a close Friday afternoon. The tired convention attendees pack rollingsuitcases, strap on laptops and head for the security checkpoint at the airport as the workweek draws to a close.

Just across the airport street, dividing arrivals from departures, the weekend guests begin to arrive with less-efficient looking baggage, flip-flops, an air of expectancy and seeming carefree.

Little known to the casual observer, is that contained within the carry-ons of both groups are prescription medications to include the much needed cannabis in varying forms. This is unofficial, however, there are polices in place on most of the airlines arriving from California to Las Vegas about transporting prescription drugs, including medical cannabis and over the counter drugs.

The rule loosely runs along these lines: Medications should be stored in carry-on luggage. Over the counter drugs should be in the correct container for the product. Prescription drugs should be labeled with the patient, drug and prescribing doctor's names clearly visible. The prescription should be in the container as it comes from the pharmacy. Medical cannabis patients need to carry their prescription on their person at all times and store medication the packaging as it comes from the dispensary. No prescription should be in plain view as is usual with toiletries, and personal items. Usually highly personal items are stored in containers separately from clothing. Responsible, reasonable use is of course the unwritten rule. If there is no reason to notice – no one will notice.

It is common knowledge that the TSA, those responsible for airport and airline passenger security, are not searching for cannabis. They are looking for explosives. Naturally, a low profile and responsible behavior is expected of medical cannabis patients. The TSA does have the right to search and by entering the security zone of the airport you have consented to a complete search. Unlike other prescription medicine patients, cannabis patients are expected to set an example of the highest standard. There seems to be a quiet acceptance and support for those needing medical cannabis, however as the laws are being defined and refined, it is important that we as patients understand the need to function completely within the legal limits. To underscore the acceptance policy in Las Vegas, several hotels are on record as allowing the safe and secure consumption of medication within rooms. If in doubt as to what hotels have an accepting policy, call and ask.

Like most convention attendees, taxi caps and hotel shuttles became the mode of transportation. There were ample opportuni-

his scene is familiar for many patients. After purchasing a few grams of medication, it is common to head to the lounge and roll a king-sized joint. To the right or left, patients may be doing the same kind of burn or bubbling from a water pipe, but why is that group of patients on the couch, medicating with a bag usually used for baking turkeys?

Many vaporizers function from the same basic idea. A heating element is warmed to between 365-380 degrees — the temperature necessary to extract the THC* from the plant material. The heat creates a vapor that includes the most useful element of the medicine and leaves behind the dry, crisp plant matter with no medicinal value. This method of heating the herb is beneficial for patients with emphysema, asthma, or those concerned with the long-term effects of smoking.

by Marcella Sanchez

When using a lighter, the bud is being burnt to extract the THC* resulting in burning more herb to medicate. There is also the side-effect of inhaling a small amount of toxins from the lighter fuel. When rolling a joint, no matter how natural the paper or wrap may be, harmful chemicals are inhaled from the flame used to ignite the bud.

There are a variety of vaporizers from the German-made high-end style to the more humble, yet functional styles. The most well know is German-made and runs about \$500. Using an internal fan this unit extracts the THC*



into a bag such as a turkey bag. The vapor contains only pure THC* and the vapor inside the bag will remain fresh for hours if its contents are not completely inhaled.

An alternative method to vaporizing with a bag is using food grade tubing and a glass mouth piece. A water pipe can also be connected through tubing to a heating element creating the familiar bubble.

A vaporizer is an excellent investment, the way to a healthier life-style, and it is cost effective. Vaporizers use about half the amount of medication compared with burning bowls or joints to get the same result. The vapor tastes better then smoke and medicates more completely.

One aspect of a vaporizer and probably the most well known is the price. Some MacGyver inspired patients may be able to make their own but the rest of us are looking at a pretty hefty price tag. That's what I thought until I met the *Vapolution***. \$125 w/shipping included. *www.vapolution.com*

I was first introduced to the **Vapolution**** at last years "Wonders of Cannabis" festival in Golden Gate Park. A friendly, knowledgeable team was on hand to introduce lucky patrons to their revolutionary glass-on-glass vaporizer. The compact green heater is portable, durable, and very safe to use.

Vapolution** is my recommendation for patients who want the benefits of a superior quality vaporizer at a water pipe price. Using a glass mouth piece is oh-so-sweet and adds a bit of familiarity to the practice of vaporizing which in my opinion is the medicating way of the future.

***THC.** *n.* Tetrahydrocannabinol; a compound that is obtained from cannabis or is made synthetically; it is the primary active ingredient in marijuana and hashish. *Source*: The American Heritage[®] Stedman's Medical Dictionary Copyright[©] 2002, 2001, 1995 by Houghton Mifflin Company. Published by Houghton Mifflin Company.

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Ed Rosenthal's 420 Report airs on KPFA —



Ed Rosenthal's 420 Report airs on KPFA — 94.1 FM noon – 1:00 p.m. the last Friday of the month. The show features cannabis news, interviews with activists and policy makers, and musical insights from Ed Rosenthal. Call in comments are welcomed. Ed will also be speaking at the 2006 National NORML conference being held in San Francisco April 20-22. Ed will be participating on a panel "Reefer and Rhetoric" on April 20th at noon-1:30 p.m.

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9021GKC

A Book Review

by Melrose Sanchez

Reality TV pales in light of this fasted-paced, sliceof-pop-culture-life read. It hails from the streets of Beverly Hills far beyond most of our common daily experiences. 9021GROW, by CraigX, is very entertaining at its worst. At its best, the book is an educational, insightful and enlightening window into the social influences of the high-rolling Hollywood crowd. Neighborhood-life in the 90210-zip code as told by CraigX, springs forth with a practical and useful approach to cannabis in our American society.

CraigX's story describes an affluent environment filled with people and places that strongly shaped his emerging social consciousness. Craig, a registered Republican, says, "How do I fight our government when I am impoverished by comparison to their colossal budgets? A book is a great medium for expression. My only weapon is my story and my personal computer."

The story is a mix of Hollywood gossip, social attitudes and values that play themselves out daily in the homes of the Beverly Hills' elite. Beverly Hills High is the meeting place of the priviledged offspring of the highly paid, highly indulged, overworked and frequently stressed-out families filling the oversized mansions of the Beverly Hills' pop-culture. Craig says, "My tale is a rock-and-roll story with a "save the world" ending.

The very tone, rhythm and pace of the writing moves the reader along always eager to dip into a life most of us only learn about through the tabloids. More than a trip through a unique social environment, CraigX brings to his text a sense of life-mission and purpose. Behind the one-liners and humorous approach, is a genuine caring while delivering an expansive view of life, its experiences and purpose.

Craig creates an intimate relationship with his reader. He assumes closeness and a sense of understanding that gives power to his delivery. He is *that* funny guy, who is willing to put his ideas on the line via a joke or a quip. He is the one that catches the attention and leaves a lingering smile of recognition or agreement and a bit of personal awe at his willingness to write his truth.

Big ideas and big goals characterizes Craig's approach to life. Yet, he does develop a practical application and an attitudinal expansiveness that addresses several social issues. He sheds light on the reality of cannabis consumption not only in Hollywood but in the towns, villages and neighborhoods throughout our nation and beyond. It is the very tone of the writing that creates a sense of normalization and well-being. Craig is also delivering the message that *we are not alone*. Somehow, out of the quick-paced language and familiar approach comes the notion of an every-growing culture emerging from the silent neighborhoods that however quietly, firmly insists upon the right to "feel better" in a healthful and natural way.

by CraigX

Humor is the bridge to make a genuine connection from writer to reader in this contemporary story that brings reality, political injustice and the infinite possibilities of what can *be* to the forefront. Craig explores what freedom truly means in a nation that is struggling to find a balance between real-life situations and practical political correctness.

It is Craig's natural approach to a previously taboo topic that spurs the reader on to a more creative way of thinking about cannabis. Even for the most informed, the political war against cannabis has had its long-term social effects. The stigma rages as the public grapples to discover if the beneficial uses of cannabis outweigh the social implications put forth by the government to poison the practical application of a historically American product.

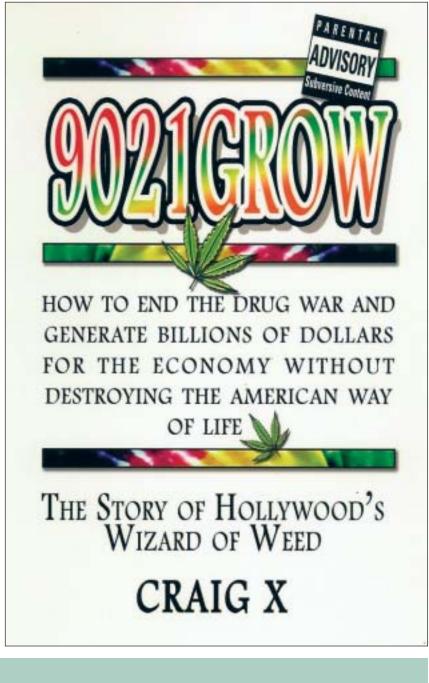
This entertaining read combines the practical, historical, and the hysterical to enlighten the reader to share an expanded vision that Craig puts forth with aplomb.





Want to know how marijuana can save the world?

Want to know why \$75 for an eighth of an ounce of marijuana is the real crime! Want to see a Ford car made out of weed that runs on hemp fuel? Want to know which celebrities smoke pot? Then you want to read **9021GROW**!



CraigX is a stand-up comedian, a pro-marijuana activist, and a Republican with a good sense of humor who is based in Hollywood, California. CraigX became famous selling marijuana legally at Super Bowl XXX and standing up for free speech in America. He had America's first bong commercial with the tag line, "Racial tension, can't we all just get a bong?" **CraigX.com** is your source for on-line information for all things green.

CraigX has worked with Star Magazine and written for High Times. In **9021 GROW** *CraigX combines his knowledge of marijuana and his unique take on the "Hollywood Life-style" in this true tale of economic proportions. The reader experiences an insider's view into the Hollywood pot scene, and in a surprising twist, CraigX explains how marijuana is the prophetic Native American "Herb of Understanding."*

9021 GROW is a journey that is adventurous and insightful and shows the reader how marijuana is a plant for the healing of all nations.



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he easiest way to remember the difference between the two primary varieties of cannabis is to relate the type of high experienced from the plant to the name. Cannabis Sativa and Indica are the two types of cannabis most useful as medicine. When these two plants are combined into one plant it is called a hybrid. It is like a donkey and a horse producing a mule. The horse is like one plant

and the donkey another. The offspring, the mule, is a hybrid.

Sativa gives a head-high. There is a feeling of being uplifted and energized. The brain can become more stimulated and active. Sativa is a taller, lighter green plant with less chlorophyll and more THC than CBC. It is slower growing and takes longer to mature. The entire plant is *continued next page*



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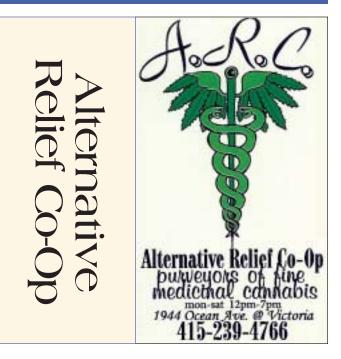
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usable from bud to stock; however, it is the top of the plant that is most valued. Sativa sires from Mexico, Colombia, Southeast Asia and Thailand. Sativa can be recognized by the smell that is sweet and fruity while the smoke is mild tasting.

Indica gives a body-high. There is a feeling of relaxation and the high feels heavier and more sleepy-like. It is a shorter, darker-green plant that has its origins in the hashish-producing countries like Afghanistan, Pakistan and Tibet. Indica matures more quickly and produces dense, broad, short leaves that may turn purplish as they reach maturity. The buds are also heavy and dense. The smell of Indica is stronger and more stinky or skunk-like. Because of the relaxing effect upon the body, Indica contains more CBC a natural pigment protection from the sun for the leaves of the plant and less THC. The CBC when combined with THC takes longer to come-on as a high, but it also lasts up to

twice as long. The smoke when inhaled is more prone to cause coughing. Indica is traditionally used to make hashish.

It is some combination of Sativa and Indica that have created strains like Diamond Cutter which is 50% Indica and 50% Sativa. Super Silver Haze is also a 50/50 combination. Usually, the pain consultant at the local dispensary is well versed in the Indica and Sativa ratio content of the strains available. It is the consultant's job to show you compassion and answer any questions you may have while choosing the medication that will best suit your needs.

Another way to blend the two strains is too simply blend the more pure Sativa bud with the Indica prior to consumption. For Example, Romulan is Indica and Trainwreck is Sativa. Combining these in differing amounts (less of one and more of the other) prior to consumption can give a high that is more body than head or vice-versa.

Welcome to Greenkind

Figure 1 Figure 1 Community Connection is the medical cannabis community's forum. This is **YOUR magazine**. We are eager to publish your articles, photographs, art, and poetry along with educational material, events, gatherings, classified ads and everything relevant to our community's well being.

Please share your story with the community. It is helpful and frequently, inspirational to learn how others are facing life's challenges. There are many great ideas yet to be shared and fun facts to learn from recipes to growing tips. Everyone's input is relevant and important and it is welcomed at *Greenkind*.

We hope for businesses of all types who are supportive of our community will think of *Greenkind* first for their advertising and marketing needs. Since we are a free publication, we need the support of the businesses serving our community to print and distribute *Greenkind* statewide.

Our goal is to erase the social stigma surrounding medical cannabis and to elevate this most helpful of medicines to its rightful social position as a legitimate, effective and safe medication accepted by all factions of society. We are almost to that point and it is our goal that *Greenkind* carries our message far beyond our community and normalizes our community within the public at large.

Please contact our offices at anytime for publishing information, or help in organizing material for publishing. We are here to provide a monthly statewide meeting through the pages of *Greenkind* for all patients and interested readers. We are you, so join us in connecting our community in a relevant, interesting and meaningful way.

Feel free to contact the editor at **510 728 4779** for guidelines and with any questions about advertising, articles or to just share ideas. We welcome you.

Melrose Sanchez, editor

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A Tale of Two Cities . . . SAN FRANCISCO

by Rev. Randelyn C. Webster, DSM

eems I've heard the word "sanctuary" bandied about a few times 'round here through the years. Wait! I know! Wasn't it back in 2001 that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors stomped their feet and drew a line in the sand, declaring San Francisco a Sanctuary for Medical Cannabis?

Yep! That's it! I remember!

And I've got only one thing to ask — What happened?

The San Francisco that I remember was a very different place, and it wasn't that very long ago. So again I ask, What happened?

These days it's all about the permits. (Have you got yours? How'm I gonna get mine?) Everybody's trying to figure it all out and when the reality finally sinks in, the results are staggering! Contrary to popular belief, many of the older, patient owned and operated facilities may not survive.

Permit fees are supposed to be structured reasonably, as in affordable. It's not fair to make the cost of opening a facility so high that the only ones able to do so are the guys backed by big bucks.

But that's what's happening.

Between the two professional full size architectural drawings (at several thousands of dollars), the permit fees and any upgrades required, a facility could likely spend upwards of between \$20,000 and \$50,000.

That kind of money just isn't possible for many of the smaller, long-established places-most of which are patient owned and operated.

Contrary to popular belief, running a medical cannabis service organization or agency is not a hand-over-fist money making proposition. Most are non profit or not-for-profit, with massive overhead due to inflated rents, insurance needs and legal retainers. It's hard enough keeping costs down as it is!

The majority of patients who frequent these establishments are low income. Many are SSI recipients, but some have no visible means of support. Some live at home with their families, but most live in small Tenderloin SROs, or in doorways, boxes and parks.

Where does the city and county think this money is going to come from?

Certainly not off the patients' backs! That's just not right!

It's also not right to force all facilities to be reported and permitted as retail models. In the first place, it is federally illegal to "sell" cannabis (read "marijuana") in the United States. Calling what happens in these places "sales" is incriminating!

Heck, even offering cannabis for free is a federal crime! But the bottom line is simple; patients need their medicine. The federal government doesn't accept compassionate medical use of cannabis.

Forcing facility operators and staff (some of these places are owned, managed and staffed by volunteers) to report their activities as "sales" is forcing them into self-incrimination. The fifth amendment says we have the right not to incriminate ourselves.

These facilities are providing the service of safe access to qualified medical cannabis patients. There are many variations of access available to patients.

There are counter services, visitation/delivery services, grow-ops, collectives, cooperatives and even community centers. Services such as these are not retail.

These places and the people who operate them are doing what the city, county and state cannot do. That's understandable. Federal funding is important to many of the programs and projects Californians depend upon. Loosing these programs would be devastating.

But still, there should be some consideration, some break for the folks in the trenches. After all, there is a Drug War going on! San Francisco used to understand this fact, and sought ways to minimize the danger to patient care providers.

What's wrong with grandfathering the pre-moratorium existing facilities right where they stand, as they stand? Most of them have been around for a while and have established fairly good relationships within their neighborhoods. Some even belong to neighborhood and merchants' associations and take part in programs such as the city's Disaster Preparedness workgroups and NERT trainings.

These places existed peacefully with their neighbors for a very long time...nobody heard complaints about odors or parking. By the way - parking. Come on now! We've always had parking problems!

These establishments have proven themselves vital to the city's infrastructure and shining examples of its progressive nature. They have done nothing wrong. Why punish them with fees that feel more like fines?

It was hoped the permit legislation would be a step forward in the legitimization process. Instead it may cause many of the smaller, but longer-established facilities to crumble under the unbearable weight of permit fees, expensive add-ons like ventilation systems, elevators, sprinklers and 1000 foot rule regulations.

Why?

Why force a long-established facility to go through the expense of installing an elevator when they have a perfectly elegant method of compliance with ADA and their wheel chair patients needs? This method has been working since the late '90s, why take umbrage now?

Why force a place to install huge ventilation systems when there really didn't seem to be a major problem with odors? For the sake of freshness, a couple of air filters from Sharper Image would do just fine.

It's bad enough that many facilities are in danger of being closed; the real shame is the harm being caused to the patients and to their own Medical Cannabis Community.

Patients depend upon these places for more than their medicine. Medicinal cannabis use is holistic, involving more than ingesting the herb (or its by-products). Many patients come to view the places as an extension of their home, the staff members as part of their family. Patient-to patient care produces holistic empowerment. Medicinal cannabis use promotes creativity and socialization.

These are very important, healing components.

Medical cannabis lifts patients out of their depressive isolation, and opens them up to the possibility of feeling better. Some of these facilities offer activities, crafts, support groups, educational/social events and even NA/AA and peer counseling.

Where will patients go for these services? Will "Big Pot" provide hugs, a bit of compassion, support groups or a shoulder to cry on? Will "Big Pot" send anybody to the hospital to visit patients, be on hand to help as a patient breathes their last, hold memorial services and make a Healing Quilt to honor their memory?

The permit legislation was pushed through too fast, without proper consideration of all the facts — in a spirit of getting it done right now rather than getting it done right.

Something different has to happen because as things stand presently, San Francisco's Sanctuary will only be for Big Pot, and too darned bad about anybody else!

The sad part is, the patients will suffer most. Ψ

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ties to talk with drivers and riders as to what the general attitude about medical cannabis seems to be. One cabbie said, "You mean marijuana? Oh we don't care about that. This is Las Vegas, we live and let live." However, it is worthy of note that the same cabbie went on to warn me that what happens in Las Vegas is on the web the next morning. He told me contrary to the current pop-phrase declaring that what happens in said city STAYS in said city.

Generally speaking, medical cannabis is welcomed in Las Vegas. Guests, hotel employees, visitors from Europe and New York alike each supported the right to use medical cannabis. There were no official polls taken and no city or hotel officials interviewed. This is one patient's experience while attending a convention.

Unfortunately, while at the convention my bag, as I spoke on a cell phone was taken for lost, and turned into the Security Office of the convention hall. After a frantic search, and a call to my cell phone, my bag was located at the security office. As I entered the office, the officers on duty were smiling as they informed me that my bag had been thoroughly searched. I was not thinking about the bit of prescribed cannabis tea and bud in the small-zippered-pouch within my bag. Also in my wallet was my cannabis card, identification and my prescription, so I had nothing to fear. Reclaiming my bag and identification that would allow me to board the plane for home is what I was thinking about.

It wasn't until my bag was in my possession, and I was in a cab heading for the airport that it occurred that the security office had come across my cannabis and most likely my cannabis card and prescription. Perhaps that is why they were smiling and joking with me as I claimed my bag. The incident underscores the general attitude encountered in Las Vegas.

Off the record, and unofficially, it seems that Las Vegas is accepting of cannabis patients. Responsible use with proper documentation is necessary. For specific laws and regulations contact airline and hotel administrative offices also check out <u>www.lasvegas.com</u> and <u>www.marijuana.org/nevadamedical-marijuanapage</u> for more information.





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THE GREEN CROSS

February 24, 2006

Dear Green Cross patients, allies, friends and extended family:

I have avoided writing this letter as long as I possibly could. I dread saying what I know must be said. However, time has come so close to running out, that I need to say what I never dreamed I would have to say: It looks like The Green Cross has been unable to secure a new home within the time period established by the Board of Appeals on September 22, 2005. Unless a miracle happens in the next couple of days, it looks like we may have to close our doors in mid-March.

We never imagined it would be so hard to find a new location for The Green Cross! In fact, when we started the search last September we fully expected to have options from which to choose. For three months Rachel Sierra and I pursued leads from a number of sources: ads, craigslist, patient/friends referrals, property managers and by driving around. We worked tirelessly hoping to find the perfect spot. In December we realized the task was a lot harder than we'd expected. By then, Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi had shepherded a comprehensive piece of legislation through the Board of Supervisors, legislation that established the regulatory framework for medical cannabis dispensaries (MCDS) in San Francisco while severely limiting where new MCDS can open.

We met with Supervisor Bevan Dufty who graciously helped us secure the assistance of a well-respected realty firm in the community. After a month of working hard to match available commercial spaces, with those located in acceptable areas, with willing landlords, the realtor and her staff team didn't have any success finding us a new location either.

In late January, Sammy Hastings, a loyal patient of The Green Cross that had just received a realtor's license, added his energy and enthusiasm to our team by volunteering his services. Quickly he began identifying potential locations, contacting owners and other realtors he thought could be helpful. Through his persuasive efforts, we secured a meeting last week with the Senior Vice-President and the Vice-President of the Retail Group of Grubb-Ellis. And, it was tremendously helpful to have Supervisor Dufty's staff person join us in the meeting. Grubb-Ellis had a property on Battery Street that seemed like the perfect location, and the landlord agreed to rent to an MCD! For a moment, it felt like our problems were solved: The Green Cross had a new home. Or, so we thought.

It broke our hearts to learn, upon closer inspection, that part of the building was in a "green area", but the part of the building where The Green Cross would have been located was less than 1,000ft from an elementary school. That meant we could not move forward. We had to keep looking.

Over the weekend, several staff members, Sammy, Rachel and I combed the "green areas" of the city to identify <u>all</u> of the commercial spaces available for rent/lease. We made a couple of rounds of calls, having identified more than 40 possibilities. Three felt like strong possibilities on Wednesday, but by the end of the day we had heard the landlords were not interested in renting to an MCD. In short, we have been unable to come up with another real and viable option.

Please allow me a bit of a rant: I honestly think the members of the SF Board of Supervisors believed the legislation they adopted would be a good thing for the community—patients, MCDS and the community atlarge. But, having spent hundreds of hours trying to find new space for The Green Cross, I now believe the legislation makes it virtually impossible to open a new MCD in San Francisco. During the last six months, we have had brilliant realtors and property mangers trying to help us; more than a dozen individuals have worked with us. Rachel and Sammy have poured their hearts and guts and time into the search. And, despite all of our efforts, we have been unsuccessful.

So, I worry about the next year I worry about the extraordinary, sensitive and competent staff which has been with me through thick and thin, and who will lose their jobs and community. I worry that all of the MCDS that need to relocate will be forced to close. I worry that some of the MCDS will close rather than apply for a permit. I worry that some of those MCDS that move through the application/permit process will give up before they get their permit. I worry that by the end of next year SF will be left with only a handful of clubs. Fewer clubs will surely mean higher prices. Most of all, I worry that without The Green Cross, patients will have less access to high quality, affordable medicine. It's a step back for the movement. At the risk of sounding arrogant, I truly believe that with the closing of The Green Cross, San Francisco loses one of its model MCDS.

It is from the bottom of my heart that I offer my sincere appreciation for all of your support—letters, testimony, phone calls and petitions. We need to feel proud that we fought the good fight. I know in my heart that we have survived this long because our loyal patients spoke out on our behalf at hearing after hearing. After hearing. It's so hard to accept the fact that in the end, the efforts of a small group of wellresourced neighbors, their corporate lawyers and their publicity firm prevailed. This is San Francisco. It never should have happened.

Please trust that we plan to continue to offer the best and most affordable cannabis products until the day we close. And, to make sure we capture some of the thoughts and feelings of our patients, we'd like to invite you to help create "The Green Cross Memoirs Book". Go to The Green Cross website (<u>www.thegreencross.org</u>) and click on the link on the contact page named: **online feedback form**. In there we hope to compile your responses under the following categories: The first time I came to The Green Cross I remember... What I will miss most about The Green...Wishes for the future. We will let you know how to get your copy once we have produced it.

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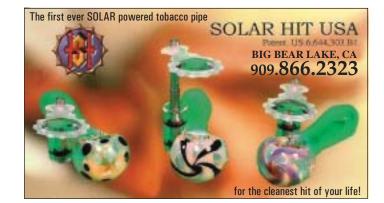
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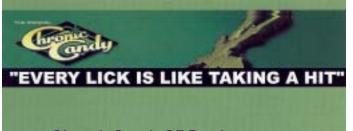
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Looking Forward Ed Rosenthal's Wonders of Cannabis Next Year – Bigger, Better and More

he success of the Wonders of Cannabis celebration in San Francisco last October, the first event of its kind, welcomed all to join the fun associated with cannabis. With Golden Gate Park as the backdrop, the first Wonders of Cannabis celebration marked a distinct change in attitude the medical cannabis community held about itself. Previously, the cloud of court trials and legal actions dimmed the joy and sense of wellbeing associated with cannabis.

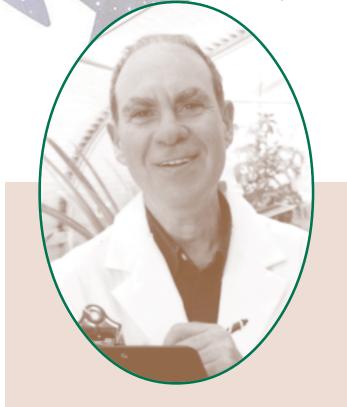
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Thousands from the medical cannabis community attended from as far as Canada, England and several sister-states including Washington DC. The success of the event has spurred Ed on to host the celebration in not only San Francisco, but San Diego, and Portland as well. Other locations may enlist as host cities. Next year's events are still in the early planning stages.

The celebrations promise to be bigger, better and more, even as the plans solidify. The joy of the first celebration still lingers for many attendees. Perhaps the 2day-event signaled a promise of a time when medical cannabis can be used in total legal security and safety. There is positive expression now growing within the medical cannabis community. The event was like a communal-sign of relief. A welcomed signal that it is time to relax and celebrate the joy, pleasure and peace many find as the welcomed side-effects of medical cannabis.

Artists, doctors, lawyers, vendors, musicians, authors, guest speakers and celebrities joined together, under-one-roof in the name of medical cannabis. There were many friends and families coming together to celebrate in a public-way the healing nature of cannabis. Folks browsed through the hall and learning of the latest wears as if it were a home and garden show. It was written of the faces of the attendees, almost a visible relief from the political and legal pressure of being a medical cannabis patient. The ebb and flow of the legal system is a form of stress cannabis patients are accustomed to balancing as they continue to follow the law, yet read disturbing legal incidents in the newspaper and hear of them in broadcast news. Historically, there was a notion that cannabis patients are best kept out of the public view. Previously, an out-of-sight, out-of-mind policy was the norm.



Ed Rosenthal — The Impressario of Indica, the sage of Sinsemilla, the Baron of Bud and the world's leading advocate of medical marijuana rights.

The Wonders of Cannabis celebration shined-a-light on the fun and joy associated with cannabis. It was a breath of fresh air for the entire medical cannabis community and the good news is — the joy will continue to be celebrated, in a larger and even more meaningful way. We can look forward to the celebration growing annually.

Greenkind Magazine thanks Ed Rosenthal and his staff for the dedication and hard work necessary to bring this glorious celebration to patients throughout California and beyond. See future issues of *Greenkind* for updates, as the plans develop for our next celebrations.

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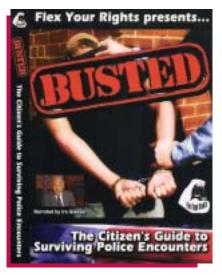
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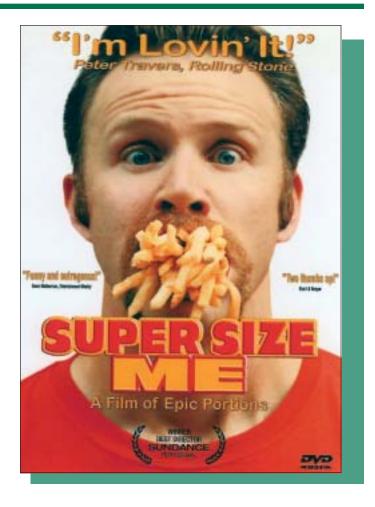


by Marcella Sanchez

ow often to you eat fast food? What would happen if you ate only fast food 3 times a day for 30 days? Don't try this at home; director Morgan Spurlock did it for you.

In his film, Super Size Me, Spurlock's food experiment takes him on a health roller coaster from "vegan man" to "burger boy." Spurlock's mental and physical being is challenged daily as he trys to keep up with the eating and exercize habits of over half of the American population.

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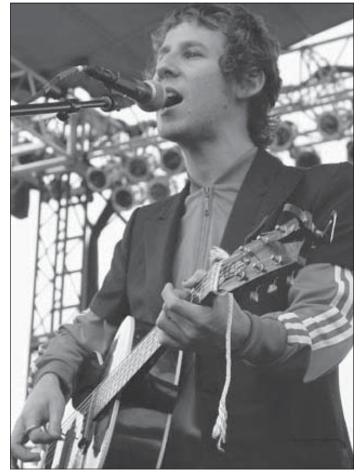
The Boy from Sydney loves the lights of San Francisco

by Marcella Sanchez

orldly singer/song-writer, Ben Lee has been making beautiful, acoustic power-pop-music since he was a little boy in Australia. The first time I saw Ben was an in a magazine. I was 14-years-old. Ben, also 14, was releasing his first solo album, *Grandpaw Would* on the Beastie Boy's, Grand Royal, record label. During the next twelve years, Ben released four more albums, toured the world, developed his own record label, Ten Fingers, and began seeking divine inner peace.

In April 1999, I attended a show where Ben opened for Rufus Wainwright at the Fillmore in San Francisco. After his set, Ben hung-out in the lobby happily talking to a huge group of new and old fans. I was in the group and he took the time to talk a bit. It seemed that everyone in the group was eager to spend a few moments with the superstar they had just seen on-stage.

I go to see Ben every time he comes to the Bay Area. The sets and venues keep evolving, but he always stays around after his show to



Ben Lee

talk, sign cds and to take photos with his fans. Ben usually brings frequent musical partners, Lara Meyerratken and McGowan Southworth to back him up while on tour. Treating each audience to a show worthy of an arena, Ben is a live act not to be missed.

Last year at Bottom of the Hill, he called actor/musician, Jason Schwartzman out of the crowd to play drums for a song they wrote together. For the last show at the Independent, he played a half-hour of encores while sitting on the bar, no mike, just his guitar and pure talent.

Ben Lee has an excellent web page at <u>www.ben-lee.com</u> that connects him with his fans all over the world. He has released five solo-records, and his catalog is available on itunes. Ben is always on the road, so check out his web page to see when he's coming to your town. Trust me, you've never heard something this good on the radio, but that's the way he likes it.

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On Seeking Physician Approvals

Prop. 215 patients should begin by consulting with their own physicians about medical use of cannabis. If you don't have a medical record of treatment for serious illness, you may not be eliigible for marijuana under Prop. 215.

Many physicians wrongly fear that they can be prosecuted under federal law for recommending marijuana medically. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals has upheld a permanent injunction by the U.S. District Court in Northern California forbidding the government from punishing California doctors for recommending marijuana under Prop. 215. The US Supreme Court has upheld the Ninth Circuit's ruling (*Conant v. Walters*: Oct. 15, 2003). Physicians are accordingly free to recommend marijuana for their patients, so long as they don't actually assist them in obtaining it (see California NORML's Medical Marijuana Guidlines for Physicians). Over 1500 California physicians have recommended medical marijuana under Prop. 215. None have been federally prosecuted for doing so.

Medicinal Cannabis Specialists

The following licensed California physicians are available for consultation as medical cannabis specialists. **Patients should have a documented medical record of diagnosis and treatment or a physician referral.**

CAUTION: Some commercial clinics have been issuing recommendations through physician's assistants rather than directly through M.D.s. The legality of this procedure has been challenged by law enforcement. If your recommendation has not been issued by a licensed M.D. in person, it may not hold up in court. Patients are advised to check and make sure they are seeing a real M.D., not just an assistant.

Patients should be aware that the state medical board has investigated a number of Prop. 215 physicians on account of complaints by law enforcement that they are overly lax in issuing recommendations. Patients should not assume that a single casual recommendation will automatically guarantee them immunity from potential criminal charges. It is important that you establish a record of regular professional care for your illness.

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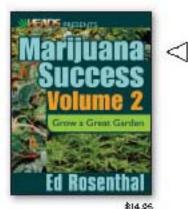
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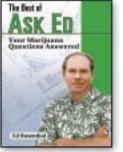
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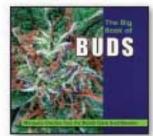
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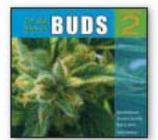
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