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THC-O is a brand new compound in products, and is in fact a precursor to Delta 8 THC. It also

has a potency 3x that of Delta 9 THC (which you'll learn about a little further down). It's reported that THC-O gives users a more psychedelic high than that of other compounds like THC.

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PREMIUM CANNABIS PUSHES CALIFORNIA'S GREEN RUSH FORWARD



Premium cannabis products haven't always been so easy to find. But thanks to recent legislation and local company Left Coast Extracts, high-quality cannabis in the form of cartridges and pods are readily available to all those who need it.

Billions of dollars have been added to the California economy since the passage of Proposition 64 in 2016, legalizing marijuana for adult use. As promised, legalizing cannabis has injected much-needed funds into the California economy. It has also provided jobs, safety regulations, much-needed alternative wellness, and of course, fun.

According to a release issued by the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, since January 2018, total program revenue to date is \$1.81 billion, which includes \$906.4 million in cannabis excise tax, \$223.3 million in cultivation tax, and \$682.9 million in sales tax. 3rd Quarter 2020 returns alone

generated \$159.8 million in excise tax revenue and \$41.0 million in cultivation tax revenue.

Due to the risk of investing capital in the still federally illegal California marijuana game, most investors balked at answering the growing need for legit, high-quality cannabis. Thankfully, there were local manufacturers and distributors like San Diego's Left Coast Extracts ready to step up, take the risk, and serve the medical and recreational cannabis community. The ability to purchase cannabis legally has improved the millions of lives that call the Golden State home.

"We know that the majority of our customers used to get their product illegally. They are happy to finally be above-board," says Coltin Barody of Left Coast Extracts, a company who has been fully legal since its inception.

With the consistent demand, the marijuana industry is booming. Like the gold rush that established the state, the so-called "green rush" is opening up all new possibilities for

growers and distributors alike.

"Knowing that we hold multiple licenses in a multi-billion dollar market experiencing 20% annual growth feels a bit like a dream," shares the spokesperson for Left Coast Extracts. The company's biggest challenge? "Keeping up with demand and growth," Barody answers.

In order to stay on top of the industry, Left Coast Extracts keeps up stock of all the most popular forms of cannabis products: vapes, cartridges, pods, syringes and extracts. And while they have it all, it's their cartridges and pods that fly off the shelves.

Left Coast Extracts makes premium vape cartridges in sativa, indica and hybrid strains. Their classic Maui Waui (aka Maui Wowie) sativa cartridge features tropical flavors and stress-relieving qualities which will float you straight to the shores of Hawaii wherever this strain originally comes from. It'll make you feel happy, uplifted, euphoric, and energized.

Left Coast Extracts' Superman OG indica



cartridge gives a solid overwhelming body sensation and will put you to rest in a rush. Whereas incredible for pain management, muscle fits, and sleep deprivation, Superman OG's strength makes it an entirely nighttime strain. A hit of this vape cart will have you feeling relaxed, sleepy, euphoric and calm.

The Do-Si-Dos hybrid Cartridge from Left Coast Extracts is an indica-dominant hybrid marijuana strain with qualities the same as its parent, OGKB, a GSC-phenotype. Its aroma is pungent, sweet, and earthy with slight floral funkiness. These classic OG aromas mix nicely with medical-grade body effects that lean toward the sedative aspect with the addition of Face Off OG genetics. It has users feeling happy, relaxed, euphoric and calm.

These are just a few examples of their full range of premium cannabis vape cartridges available. Rest assured, if there is a strain you want, Left Coast Extracts surely has it.

Left Coast Extracts pods also come in an unbelievable amount of strains, from Northern Lights and Skywalker, to Lemon Haze and Jack Herer, and hybrids Cherry Pie and Gelato.

"There's a little bit of Left Coast for everybody," explains co-owner Alexandria. "People from all walks of life can enjoy and share our products."

Alexandria and her partner Coltin founded the company out of a desire to share the positive health and wellness experience of cannabis with others. Self-funding their enterprise, they have been able to keep Left Coast Extracts independent, allowing them the freedom and opportunity to keep their business client-based, instead of investor-ruled.

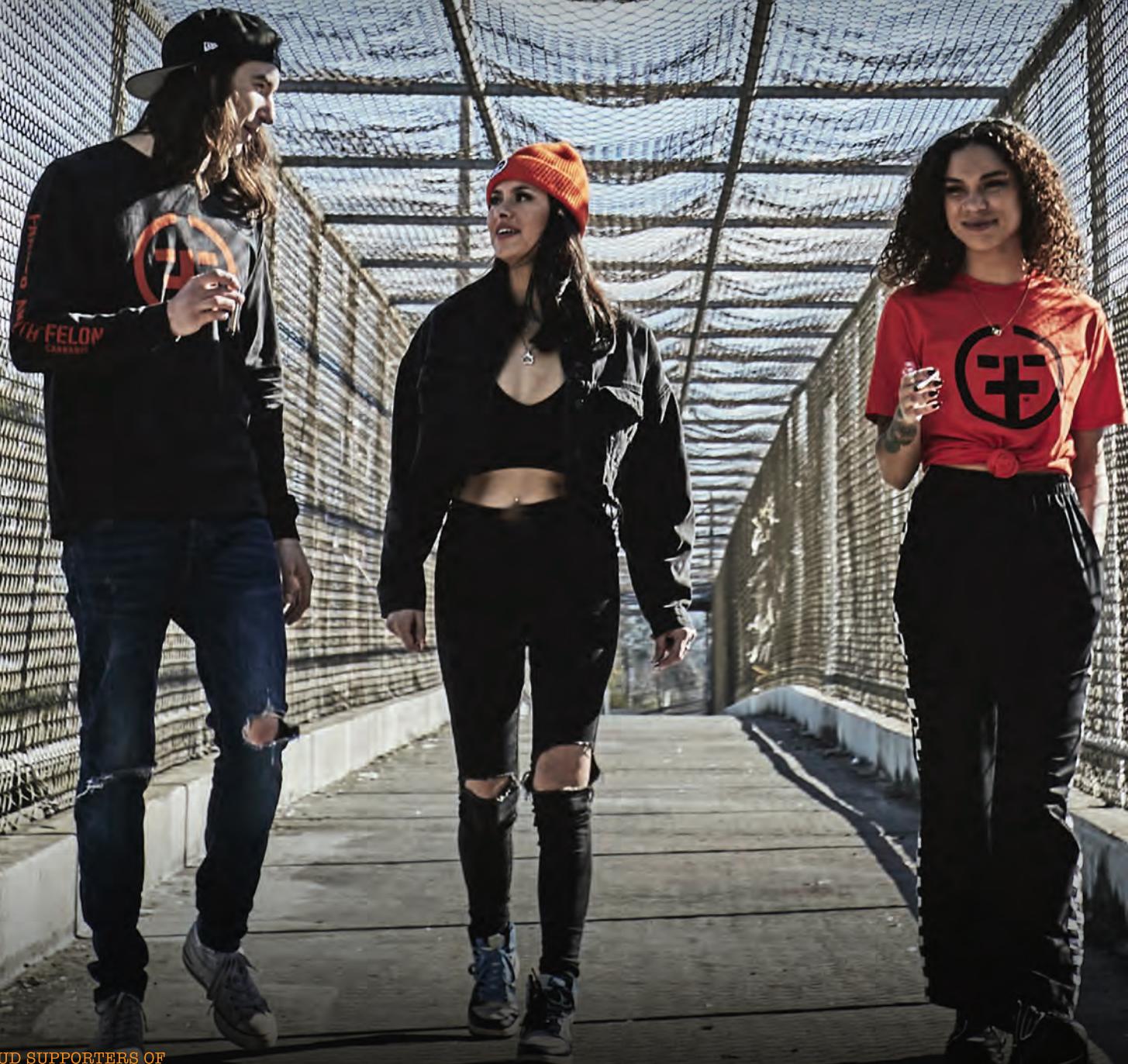
Left Coast Extracts isn't about producing high-quality cannabis products for the money, they are about producing high-quality cannabis for the people. By doing it legally within the ramifications of Prop 64, they are a vital addition to the state economy and cannabis community alike.

"We want to show that cannabis businesses can bring a lot of good to the community at large," says Alexandria. And they are well on the way to proving just that.

To learn more about Left Coast Extracts, including their most popular premium cannabis products, visit <https://leftcoastextracts.info/>

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THE ESSENTIAL 7/10

We traveled to California's hash labs in search of the heat so you didn't have to.

BY JIMI DEVINE

In honor of 7/10, we've got a rundown of hash companies that are sure to help you reach altitude elevation this holiday season.

Hash is a finicky world. For all the elite material out there coveted by the world's best extractors, there is even more boof being processed every year by the rapidly expanding

cannabis industry. Much of that lowest tier of extract will find its way to vape pens and other low-tier products.

But now, more than at any point in the modern cannabis era, some of that inferior product will attempt to be passed off as something just below the big dogs. And while there is plenty of decent well-intended deals and steals

hash out there, there are also those products always intended to be sold above their true market value.

Nevertheless, have no worries with this group of killers:

Hash and Flower

Hash and Flowers have exploded onto the

scene in recent months with similar levels of excitement to the George Foreman Grill in 1994. It's warranted. All the hash we've seen from them so far has been well above average across the board. The Poochie's Papaya really caught our attention in the early drops, and we've already been quoted as saying the Honey Banana is the greatest banana terpene profile of all time. For their newest runs, the Garlic Cake is a must.

The Original Z

Home to generation-defining terpenes, there is zero mistaking the Original Z team's work regardless of the recent rebrand. We plan on diving into the whole tale with them later in the summer, but make no mistake about it, the terps that conquered the second half of the 2010s are as elite as ever. While the Z terps steal the show for many, new varia-

Kalya
(Sanskrit)
starts with the farmer
hash and remember to always

Emerald Cup Supply Co.



tions worked over the last few years at the farm continue to spice things up. Keep an eye for their new flavors all over SoCal.

Kalya

The back-to-back world champs and star of the show more often than not when it comes to solventless hash, after you're done hunting down their latest collab with some famous farm, be sure to read our full chat with them about crushing through the pandemic.

Rosin Tech x Vital Collab

We are wildly excited for the Rosin Tech x Vital Grown collaboration hitting shelves all over California this week. The collab sees the well-known extractors at Rosin Tech team up with one of the absolute thought leaders in the state on organic cannabis in Vital Grown's Brian Malin. He literally helped the state of California write its OCal organic weed regulations. As L.A. Kush Cake drops this week thanks to 800Lbs. Mantra linking the two, it will be clearly evident how accomplished everyone involved is.

HolyWater

Back in the peak of the medical sesh era –

Rosin Tech xVital



Hash and Flower



a dash of one of the best hash companies in California to that recipe and you are really cooking. Frosty's rosin is absolutely delicious in its own right and would have been some of the most coveted hash of summer. With the Powerzzup terps in the mix, we don't want to presume how high consumer energy levels can get around this hash.

HTC

The Lords of Live Resin and Solventless Sensations, nobody preserves terpenes like the way The Humboldt Terp Council does in the heart of the Emerald Triangle, where they have access to some of the best terpenes in the world. We sat down with the world champs for this issue to hear how things went. Go read their take on navigating the pandemic.

Emerald Cup Supply Co.

The Emerald Cup Supply Co. is not messing around with its lineup of fantastic top-

tier live rosin baddies. The most impressive runs we've seen from them so far included Forbidden Grapefruit and arguably the best MAC rosin anyone has ever seen. While it was always safe to bet the Emerald Cup wouldn't risk blemishing its name with anything midsy, it's safe to say the end results were far beyond expectations. Sadly, they can't enter it in their own cup.

Delta Diamonds - Cookies

You don't have a dag rig on any electronic devices to help you consume hash this 710? No problem, just go roll yourself a cannon of Delta Diamonds. The Delta Boyz essentially shake up their awesome weed and cold water hash in a bag, but the resulting high was far beyond anything that sounds so simple. Keep an eye on the Cookies menu because these don't last long once they make it down from the Sacramento River Delta.

boy what a time – HolyWater was considered one of the more exotic offerings on the market in the pre-diamonds and sauce era as wet terps were just taking off. Now after a brief hiatus to get the ball rolling in the legal market, they are back with an out-of-this-world two-pack featuring solventless and BHO versions of their exquisite products.

True Hash Company

The rosin lineup being offered by True Hash Company may be some of the most underrated extracts in California at the moment. While we're positive anything you get your hands on washed in their hash lab will be on point, the Wilson crosses were really different. But the Star Cookies was probably the one that hit us the hardest though in terms of flavor and impact.

Frosty's x Powerzzup

As you may remember from the cover of our 4/20 issue, there aren't many things in cannabis at the moment more exciting than the work coming out of the Powerzzup grow as people wait less than patiently for an announcement of whatever the next hype new strain will be at any given moment. You add

TALKING WITH THE CHAMPS

PART 1: HUMBOLDT TERP COUNCIL

The three-time world champions discuss maintaining their position at the top as the cannabis world rapidly evolves around their Arcata terp dynasty.

BY JIMI DEVINE



In honor of the globbiest day of the year, we sat down with the world champions of dabs, Humboldt Terp Council and Kalya Extracts.

Few have ever reached the peaks these companies have achieved, and it was never accomplished in the legal marketplace. The pair have simply dominated in recent history with HTC finding its way to the top of the Emerald Cup's coveted BHO podium the last three years. Kalya has ranked top dog in the solventless hash division's rosin category the past two.

So as the accolades clearly show, when talking elite hash of the moment, they undoubtedly have some of the best insight to offer.

We split our time between the respective worlds of solventless and BHO to not show any favoritism, and we'll do the same in these

features on the pair to carry over the ethos! But in the end, extractors face many similar challenges getting to shelves regardless of whether they're making bubble hash or have the newest tech.

Humboldt Terp Council

When we last spoke with Robert Gale, he was a back-to-back world champ who just signed a deal to take HTC to the next level with Cannacraft's Kind House distribution arm. In the time since, HTC achieved the threepeat and the sky is the limit. But before HTC could take home its third cup, the team had to weather the pandemic in the hills of Humboldt County.

"It's funny, the biggest challenge in the pandemic for us was probably ironically unrelated to the pandemic," Gale told L.A. Weekly.

In their attempt to get to as many shelves as possible, HTC switched distributors early in the pandemic. It would prove their biggest hiccup, but on a positive note, the isolation of Humboldt allowed them to keep up with their craft as the world outside pushed the pause button.

"We pretty much worked the whole time," Gale said. "It seems like sales kind of went up and down based on stimulus checks that got sent out, and we spent a lot of time going out just doing a lot of stuff ourselves. We did try and tighten our belts a little bit by doing jobs that we didn't normally always do."

Many brands struggled to keep in touch with the consumer base during the pandemic because they sell mids – HTC had the opposite experience. People stuck in the house, on a quest to get as high as possible, demanded

their products. This NorCal demand has also made wider entry into the L.A. market a bit trickier. At this point, jars of HTC that do make it to SoCal's most boutique shops evaporate on arrival. But you can expect more in the future.

"You know we're not very strong yet in Los Angeles and the reason is that after we made our switch from Herbl to Kind House, the sales really increased," Gale said. "They were servicing the existing accounts with a little bit more flexibly and they were getting us into some new accounts, and to the point, we haven't given them the inventory yet to expand to L.A., but we're working on it."

One thing that didn't help last year was a shortage in the quality of the material. Many farms that have helped people find their way to cup podiums over the years were severely impacted by fire and smoke. And even if the farm was not directly at ground zero of the infernos, weeks of blackened skies made it hard for many gardens to reach their full potential.

When it comes to making hash, the maximum potential is the baseline. And from there you cross your fingers and hope it yields. And since everything that HTC runs tends to be from the mountaintop, every farm that was hit by smoke meant fewer potential options.

"We had to kind of tiptoe through the winter months, trying to cherry-pick the best of the material that was left out there," Gale said. "The sales have really increased with Kind House, so our focus now is getting more product out, but also maintaining the same quality."

Gale argued they've done that with some really selective equipment upgrades to keep reinvesting in processes, allowing them to maintain a quality still second to none as they scale up.

"But it was wild, we went from criminal to essential and one pandemic," Gale said.

Gale's partner Marcus Ziehm founded HTC before the pair linked up during the implementation of Prop. 64. He offered his take on helping operate HTC through the pandemic.

"When you win a world championship, other champions take notice. It opened a lot of doors and gained us respect," Ziehm told L.A. Weekly. "Also, in a virtual setting and during a pandemic, the only option the customer has is to seek the winner out at the dispensary. So the cup was instrumental in cutting through the crap and letting the consumer know what is what and who is growing quality peer-accepted cannabis and hash. I had an uncountable number of messages asking where to find the Gelonade that won the cup. It also shined a light on amazing farms and people that play in the background most of the time."

Now deep into the first wave of light deprivation grown harvests for 2021, where growers use tarps or advanced greenhouses to regulate natural sunlight to finish flowers faster, Gale and his competitors are hot on the trail of the new material that they haven't already claimed first dibs on. And more fre-



quently than not, they're keeping their cards as close to their chest as possible after they identify a new farmer who meets the high bar of the best hash.

We asked Gale for the Humboldt County Dep Report.

"You know it's poppin," Gale excitedly replied. "It's getting hot now. But I think we had a nice cool and unfortunately dry spring which gets people out to a really good start. I mean, not great for the earth not to have that much rain, but it's good for the deps. Then the other thing that is catching up here in Humboldt is more people are getting the latest systems in controlled greenhouses."

The combination of weather, tech and the skillsets of the Emerald Triangle's locals means great things for hash enthusiasts across California this summer.

"We are seeing some extreme quality out of the first season dep. We got some people's winter runs, sometimes the flowers are a little smaller. Yields can be a little lower, but the Terps are still there because of the cooler weather," Gale said. "But man, Humboldt is definitely on it with these spring deps. The stuff we're seeing is top-notch."

We asked Gale if more people are going harder early in the year in an attempt to beat the fires that have devastated the region annually over the last five years.

"That's on everyone's mind," Gale replied. "You have to be in there early. The fires unequivocally damage the flowers – at least the smell and flavor. It's almost worse for the extracts than the dry flower, especially butane extract. The smoke is kind of an oily terpene and we've also learned from the wine industry that plants can actually take the smoke into their stemmata and be exuding it from the inside out. So it's a real thing. It's the fires.



There's already one out by Mount Shasta right now. The wind is blowing north so we're not getting the smoke, but it's sobering."

But with the scale-up in early production, does that mean HTC has access to more material up to their standard than the early runs of years past? Gale would say yes. A big part of it is more and more people that have been growing cannabis for a while getting more and more comfortable with the idea of freezing their crop immediately at harvest for extractors to work with.

"I would say that it's always competitive for the top-notch stuff, but more farms are freezing than ever. So that's kind of balancing in that way. A lot of people are going solventless too, which, you know, that's kind of like the 1%," Gale said. "The solventless thing is getting more competitive. More brands are switching to solventless, more

people are coming into the game doing solventless. We're fortunate we have a network of loyal farms and longtime friends being here on the ground and it looks good for the council. The material is fantastic."

Since Gale is one of the folks operating in both sides of the extract market, we asked whether BHO or solventless is a more competitive space.

"The solventless is tougher as far as there are more high-end products out there. BHO is tough to offer a high-end product. The profit margins are really small if you're not single source," Gale replied.

Single source means you're producing the flower you use to make the hash yourself. Gale admits that even being the three-time world champs doesn't matter when you're not single-sourced because the margins are a lot lower, the material isn't going to pay for itself in honor of your noteworthy trophy shelf.

"We kind of found a unique niche," Gale said of HTC's price point floating above the other BHO options but still a bit cheaper than solventless. "It's not super profitable but we're staying on shelves and people are really happy. That's what means the most to us. It would be an understatement to say it's tough to make money in this business at our size, but we do make people happy and it does feel good."

Gale went on to dive into some of the farms the HTC crew loves working with based on the results of the finished product. He said they really love working with Emerald Queen Farms, but it's getting more and more difficult because they're getting so popular with his

competition. But he has a few tricks up his sleeve yet.

"We're really excited. We have a new female-owned farm. I'm afraid to give you the name if you publish it because then other people hit her up," Gale said. "We're running a bunch of her material. She's someone I've known for decades, but just recently tapped in on this angle."

Now that things are looking good at the moment, is there any focus for them on stocking up on material in the event of a worst-case scenario returning to Northern California later this fall?

"It's a moving target," Gale told us. "We've been kind of a small, funded by the shoestrings, operation and you know we're hoping that working with Cannacraft and Kind House will give us a little more buying power upfront with some of the farms and we have some freezers here on the coast we can store their material, safely, securely and frozen solid."

More often than not, the average consumer can't comprehend how essential a quick quality freeze is to get the best hash possible.

"A lot of farmers want to go to fresh frozen. But now you got to freeze it and you know it's a lot of infrastructure," Gale said. "One of the things we're trying to add for the HTC team is a freezer truck. That's high on our list."

But Gale admits freezer trucks drop like flies in the hills and extreme heat of Humboldt. So with new tools come new challenges. But regardless, many of the farms they work with are off the grid or have limited power options. The truck is going to help a lot.

We asked Gale what kind of material gets him the most excited to work with these days?

"I kind of grew up in the OG, and then the Cookie era. I'm a big fan of really gassy OG stuff," Gale replied. "We just released a La Mamba that crushes on that. Also, that Gelonade jumped out at me. I love that. That lemon rinds smell from Lemon Tree. That's why I love this Lemon Royale. It's a Lemon Tree cross just like the Gelonade and we've been able to really capture that one. I'm getting on over to the orange side again. I got a little burnt out I think on the whole Tangie world but this Mimosa world that Symbiotic Genetics has brought out is kind of weening me back over to the orange. Stuff like the Strawberry Jelly the M3. I love Skittles. We haven't come across a good washer but we're really good with that one with butane. We're pretty well known for that."

Gale closed by giving kudos to fellow small business owners in the cannabis industry who have survived its hurdles up to this point.

"Hats off and much love to all the small businesses that are still here and really trying to do things for the plants," Gale said. "Pour one out for the folks that weren't able to make the transition. It's really changed a lot of lives and it's really changed Humboldt County. I hope we see a future that's a little less taxed, making cannabis and medicine a little more accessible."

TALKING WITH THE CHAMPS PART 2: KALYA

Many consider solventless rosin the finest hash in the world, and most of that crowd would put Kalya as the best legal hash producer ever. They talked with L.A. Weekly about riding the hype wave through the pandemic.

BY JIMI DEVINE



The back-to-back rosin world champs at Kalya Extracts continued to crush through the pandemic. They shared their adventures with us for the second part of our 710 Talking with the Champs series.

In the uppermost echelons of heady hash culture, solventless aficionados hold court over tables full of the world's best hash. The team at Kalya often produces the first jar those heads reach for on the table.

For co-founder Marc Hammond, this cer-

tainly made the last 15 months a lot more bearable.

"Honestly, it's been exhilarating," Hammond told L.A. Weekly. "It's been a lot of work, but a lot of fun at the same time. After we won the cup, people were coming up to us and talking about how winning the Emerald Cup is the dream – and it is to an extent. But I think it also opens up the door for a lot of these opportunities to actually realize a lot of the goals that we've been chasing after."

Hammond said this includes starting to

work with a laboratory a bit more and doing a bunch of collaborations, including their first-ever disposable with Alien Labs they've been dialing in for a minute.

One element of the disposable is it adds a third-party delivery system to the mix. Kalya's product traditionally comes chilled in glass packaging if the dispensary has a clue. We asked Hammond if it was a struggle to have faith in the tech for the first time knowing the work that was coming out of Kalya's washroom and presses was world-class without new accessories.

"It's been a little bit of a challenge," Hammond replied.

Kalya is traditionally something you need to take a couple of minimal steps to not mess up. Close it and leave it in the fridge or freeze it for long-term storage. We asked Hammond what the shelf stability was like compared to Kalya's standard extracts? Hammond said if you're not in the desert you're good, but like most technology, over 100-degree temps can compromise it.

But just getting dispensaries to preserve their product properly at first seemed trickier at times than any new vape pen collab. "I think

to-back run at the Emerald Cup.

"I think it's just about all the outreach and support from people in the community," Hammond said. "Whether it's operators of different brands or it's just consumers coming up to us and sharing their stories with our product. It's been awesome to see how the word spread in such a short time, and it makes us hungry to keep on pushing the limit and improving."

As with Humboldt Terp Council, we asked Hammond how he thought the first light deprivation harvests of the summer are looking for Kalya to put in work.

"Oh man, the fields are full this year. I am so excited," Hammond replied. "There are so many new flavors. I think a lot of growers are in tune with the market and are going to start pushing towards fresh frozen and fresh frozen genetics. So this year I am stoked to say that I'm seeing a bunch of awesome Papaya and gassy crosses."

Hammond went on to describe one of the most notable phenotypes he's seen yet. An Animal Cookies x Chem 91 cross he called absolutely nasty. He's also seen a lot of Zkittlez – which is particularly close to his heart – and some great Rainbow Belts.

"It's gonna be a great summer and even a better fall I think," Hammond said.

As for actually getting his hands on the material, are farms just lining up to work with the champs these days?

"I mean, we were really lucky to develop relationships with farmers. When we go out to these guys, we tell them we're not corporate suits, we're not looking for a sellout, we're looking for a long-term relationship with them. I think they gravitate towards that," Hammond said, "So we're able to establish ourselves with a few long-term farms and hopefully ride off those genetics."

A big part of the battle solventless companies face is that even the nicest looking pot may not necessarily produce a lot of hash. This means that Kalya have to sift through waves of material if they don't want to end up with another Papaya or GMO. The pair currently dominate the solventless space due to the commercial viability of the amount of hash they actually produce.

With a company like Kalya, how much time can they spend hunting for the next gem as opposed to pumping out as much of their in-demand hash as possible? Hammond said it's been a delicate balance but having an awesome partner in Joe Ryan and a few awesome cultivation partners makes everything feasible.

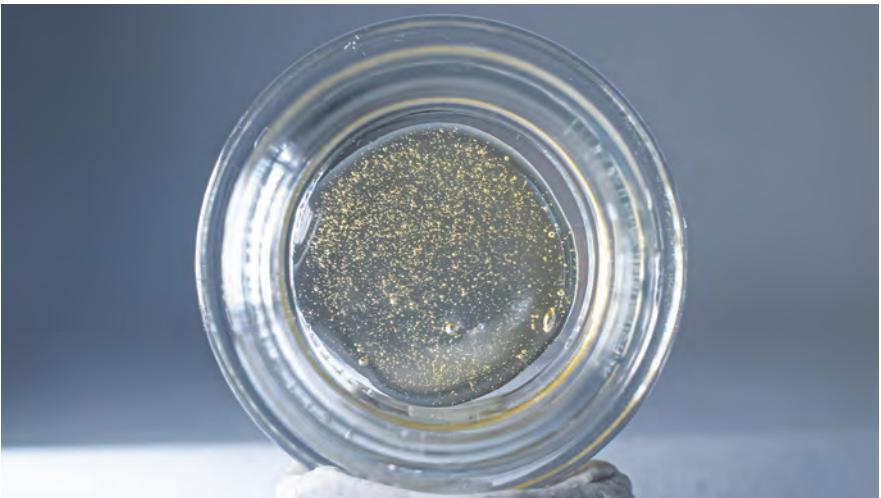
"Including mainly Dancing Dog up there in Mendocino, we are able to do some pheno hunts with them on genetics that we would find over the years," Hammond said. "Stuff that they've had as well, and to try to bring those new flavors to the market."

As for any details on genetics Kalya has been sitting on, waiting for the right opportunity to bring them to market?

"We have this one called Secret Sauce com-

education is one of the biggest challenges that any concentrate producer faces. There's not a lot of knowledge out there about stuff. So being able to educate different people around proper storage and preserve the integrity on it was a little bit of a challenge. But we've been able to overcome it and teaming up with people like Lemonade and Connected, it kind of helps us be able to have a platform to educate people."

Hammond went on to cover what has been the most surprising thing during Kalya's back-



ing out, and I've been trying to keep the lineage a little tight so it doesn't get recreated too fast, but I can tell you that it is along the lines of Zkittlez and gas, and I'm trying to create a depth between fruit and fuel," Hammond said. "So that's coming out in the works. We just did our first female runs on a microscale, and we're going to have our batches of it being pulled down at Dancing Dog late July."

As we continued our conversation on the state of the marketplace around late spring and early summer harvests, the talk moved to how much impact fire season had on people trying to go as big as possible early in the year.

"An incredible amount. I link the fire season to how the prices spiked up last year across both markets," Hammond said, referencing both the legal market and the not. "It created an almost gold rush scenario where so many people have run into gaps that there is a ton of availability this year."

Hammond went on to note the dry spring has also raised concerns about where things may be heading in the fall.

"One thing that we're keeping in mind too when acquiring fresh frozen, we understand how dry the year is this year and that we're a little intimidated by it and so we're trying to get as much fresh frozen as possible right now," Hammond said. "Because who knows what this October could look like. I'm not trying to be too much of a Negative Nancy but I just go up into the hills and seeing how



dry it is – it's intimidating."

Hammond has essentially been washing hash since he was a teenager. We asked what it's been like watching the whole thing become a lot more normalized.

"It's hard to comprehend coming from the Prop. 215 days. I mean, just the advent of the techniques now, the quality across the board, I mean you're seeing quality being produced out of just regular home users or recreational users that are phenomenal," Hammond said. "And then, like you said, the normalcy. I mean, just seeing how much public consumption there is today as you go out through the



cities. I feel like it's so much more relaxed and accepting. It's awesome in a lot of ways."

One of the recent challenges in the solventless space has been larger entities entering the space. These blank-check entities can essentially pay top dollar for material and wash it until they figure it out in hopes of long-term commercial viability for their tech. That's if they didn't just pay off some random hill kids to set up their room.

How hard is it for a bootstrapped effort like Kalya to fight off those blank checks coming to the marketplace?

"We've definitely seen that on a few occasions and there's something to be said, but I also think that what sets us apart is not only having that long-term knowledge but it's also the long-term relationship with the farmer,"

Hammond said. "You're only as good as the resin you come from and no matter how much fancy equipment you have, if you don't understand the resin, have the proper harvest dates, proper genetics, you're only going to be as good as that."

And even with those relationships, it's hard. Hammond admits getting enough material has been one of the bigger challenges of maintaining quality across the board as they're looking to expand.

"It was tough for us, but something we weren't willing to sacrifice quality for any type of scale. So we've been taking our time with it and I feel like we've done it the right way," Hammond said. "Hopefully in the next year or two, you'll be able to see some Kalya flower on the shelf as well as we look to kind of go to single-source cultivation in the near future."

Kalya will also be offering a direct-to-consumer option in the near future where Hammond hopes to get grams of rosin out the door to the masses for \$60.

Hammond closed by thanking everyone that's helped them on the journey so far.

"Honestly, I just have gratitude towards the people," Hammond said. "I mean, the only reason we have any type of traction is the community is from the growers to the people picking it up. It has just been so awesome to see the love come our way. I'm so appreciative and cheerful. We're living the dream."



CANNABIS AND PARENTHOOD

How Parents Can Use Cannabis To Enrich Their Lives

BY TARA FINLEY

Being a parent is a wild, magical, exhausting and fulfilling journey. Speaking from personal experience, it's easy to get swept up in the label of parenthood and forget oneself. And while tending to your tiny flock is a responsibility that should be taken seriously, so is your responsibility to take care of yourself.

Personal wellness matters. And the desire to maintain yours is nothing to be ashamed of. Being named "mom" or "dad" doesn't exclude you from enjoying the vast and various benefits of cannabis, especially if it can enhance your life. From enjoying cannabis for health benefits, mental wellness and just plain fun, many parents are a part of the cannabis community.

Being a parent who enjoys cannabis is unfairly taboo in some circles, which is frustrating, given how broadly accepted and celebrated drinking culture is. However, unlike alcohol, cannabis is a lot easier on the liver, doesn't give you a hangover, and can be tailored to your specific needs. For me, a smooth Indica strain helps wonderfully with after-work stress and insomnia. For my husband, a light Sativa makes our weekend chore list a lot more manageable. For both of us, hybrids are a great way to amplify date night.

Receiving the benefits of the cannabis plant isn't always easy to do as a parent. The cannabis of our youth wasn't exactly discreet in smell or method, but thankfully, time and technology have changed. From cannabis drinks to CBD mixes and discreet vaping gear, there are a whole lot of ways to reap the wellness rewards of this natural plant that are discreet, scent-free and safely out of reach for little hands.

As a parent, you may not ever get time to be fully "off the clock," which is why 7/10 is a great holiday for you. Celebrating cannabis-based oils, this day brings about tons of deals that are friendly to a budget, as well as a lot of education on how you can make cannabis work for you. This education involves teach-

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ing people about ways you can imbibe lightly, minimize psychoactive effects, and ensure you are your best self while also taking care of yourself. There is a lot of space between cannabis-free and high, and it's within that space that I explored to come up with my list of the best cannabis products for parents this 7/10. Even better? A lot of these brands are headed up and represented by parents themselves.

*As you may have noticed, I am a writer, not a doctor. Please consult with your MD about cannabis use before adding it to your wellness routine.

Mad Lilly

When it comes to a cannabis brand supportive of parents, Mad Lilly tops the chart. They've created support network Moms For Mary with a Dads For Mary campaign as well. #MomsForMary is a community of moms who share their positive experiences with cannabis and inspire those that are cannacurious to discover how the plant can improve their overall well-being. They also seek to end the unfair stigma surrounding parents and responsible cannabis use.

"In the same way airlines tell you to secure your oxygen mask before helping children and those around you, I believe that responsible cannabis use is a form of self-care which leads to being a better partner and parent," explains Judy Yee, CEO and co-founder of the company that makes Mad Lilly.



The company recently commissioned a nationwide Harris Poll survey to learn more about parents and their cannabis use. They found that two-thirds of parents of kids under 18 who have used cannabis (67%) say that

using cannabis makes them a better parent. They also found that 64% of parents of kids under 18 who have used cannabis said that they use cannabis to help them deal with the stress of parenting.

Furthering my point above, the poll data showed that over three-quarters of parents (aged 21+) with kids under the age of 18 who drink wine/alcohol (78%) would try replacing it with cannabis.

Mad Lilly has made it their mission to make this switch easier, crafting unique and tasty (if I do say so myself) alcohol-free THC spritzers and cannabis-infused tonics. It's a relaxing way to refresh yourself, and it's easy to tailor to your own preferred dosage based on how much of it you drink.

Moxie

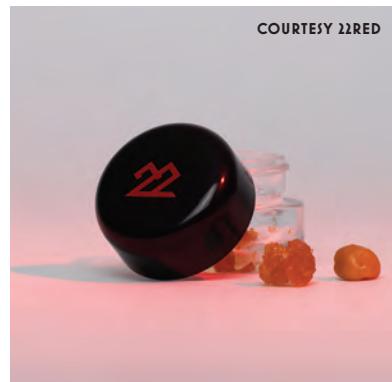
Moxie creates some of my most favorite vape carts. Discreet and portable, it's a tidy way to find your vibe. With several strains available, Moxie has made their award-winning Sauce concentrates with individual needs in mind. From strains that give you energy, to those that help with depression and anxiety, it's a natural wellness alternative that parents may find very helpful.

MX

MX is still technically Moxie – a product line that partners with greenhouses and outdoor growers. Their live resin carts are essentially to-go dabs with a friendly price point.

Green Roads Rise N' Shine Immune Support Gummies

For those looking to bypass THC in favor of a cannabinoid that has no psychoactive



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effects, Green Roads' Rise N' Shine gummies are a great mix of health and happiness. They mix a healthy dose of vitamin B12, vitamin C and CBD, as well as elderberry extract to aid your immune system and help you overcome the everyday stress of parenting and adult life.

Lifted Made Nano CBD Water Enhancers

Drinking water is something I have the hardest time remembering to do, either because I'm too busy or my toddler is always knocking over my cup. Lifted Made has created Nano CBD Water Enhancers to help thirsty parents stay hydrated, as well as stimulated.

"The combined stress caused by the pandemic, climate change, food and housing cost inflation, societal unrest, political polarization of our society, and online work intrusions into our evenings and weekends, has caused many parents, like me, to try to find a way to unwind without getting our brains scrambled by alcohol or delta-9-THC," explains Gerard M. Jacobs, CEO of Acquired Sales Corp., the corporate parent of Lifted Made. "Lifted Made's delicious CBD water enhancers help everybody to find a clear-headed equilibrium – and chill out."

Just be sure to keep well out of the reach of tiny hands!

Platinum

New to cannabis? Platinum is geared toward consumer-friendly products, with their more "entry-level" edibles, along with some tasty live resin vapes. Edibles allow you to be very specific with your intended dosage, making them a great parent-friendly product. I love their chocolates, a discreet way to

ingest cannabis that's very, very yummy. Personally, I think they are the perfect addition to any evening self-care routine.

"I am a firm believer of family first," says George Sadler, Platinum president. "We are a family company and the company is literally my family. My two sons, Cody and Nathan, are a huge part of our success. We have many long-term employees that are part of the extended family. As a team we work hard, have celebrations and support each other in and out of work. The result is quality, consistency and a healthy competitiveness to be the best at what we do."

22Red

22Red's sauce is made for parents who are well-acquainted with cannabis. 22Red's products are badder and sauce, and made for the more experienced cannabis user. They're launching live resin badder and sauce concentrates in Nevada just in time for 7/10, with a planned expansion into the California market soon.

Not down with THC? Their Watermelon CBD tincture is one of my favorites (so much so that I give it as gifts to my cousins to help them get through stressful workdays!). They even sell it in vape form, which takes the relaxation experience to another delightful level.

Hii Stick

Delta 8 THC has hit the market in a big

way, and you may have heard about it. A cannabinoid, Delta 8 is a 100% natural derivative that has been studied for over 60 years and has boomed in popularity recently. Delta 8 amplifies the individual personalities of strains, with a lot

less of the heavy psychoactive effects. As with any cannabis product, you want to make sure that what you are ingesting is safe. Always make sure to purchase Delta 8 THC from a company with lab-certified authenticity. Hii is a trustworthy brand to enjoy, as they use lab-certified ingredients to make their products.

HVGC Live Resin Vape

HVGC's Liquid Live Resin vape cartridge is an amazing way to feel good while doing good. Founded and operated by a team of dedicated Marine veterans, 100% of the profits go toward the Battle Brothers Foundation, a nonprofit that funds research on how cannabis can help treat post-traumatic stress and pain in veterans.

"What I find most interesting in this community is when people ask me, 'What do you tell your kids?' They are young right now, but I will have no problem telling them what I do when they are able to understand. To me, we are just working to help our fellow vets. I use cannabis to help me with my ailments, just like others use medication to help them. I believe being honest with them is the best, most sincere way to parent while having the

privilege of working in the cannabis industry," shares Bryan Buckley, veteran and president/CEO of HVGC.

HVGC's cannabis is made to meet the needs of adults seeking to add whole body wellness to their daily life. HVGC's Live Resin vape cartridges give you a potent, flavorful high that delivers the full spectrum of cannabinoid compounds and terpenes straight from the highest tier of cannabis flower. Packaged in .5g cartridges, HVGC's cartridges are crafted to provide minimal loss of terpenes and ensure consistency you can feel with each hit. HVGC's 100% Liquid Live Resin strain is available at participating California dispensaries.

"Being a father and brand owner in the cannabis industry, I strive to approach them with the same level of education, awareness, and responsibility I do with everyone I come in contact with," explains Matt Curran, co-founder and chief operating officer of HVGC. "I've worked hard to demystify the plant and remove all the 'cool factors' of getting high. My kids love science, so I ran with that. One of our co-founders is a close friend and we all sat down together and went through the cannabinoid and medicinal properties of cannabis and then we covered the agricultural aspects of the plant. I want them to have as much fun with the endless possibilities of cultivation and all the amazing things you can do as a grower and take every opportunity I can to reinforce the science, what the plant can do medicinally, what our mission is and who we're helping and why."

To learn more about HVGC's mission, visit hvgcompany.com



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Wellfounded

On the subject of ratio blends, Wellfounded makes smoke-free tinctures that help to relieve, restore and relax. Extracted from pesticide-free sun-grown flower from CEO and founder Sara Rotman's 63-acre organic farm, each all-natural blend magnifies the powerful healing benefits of cannabis.

"Cannabis allowed me to find wellness in my body, skin and soul," explains Rotman of her journey in creating the Wellfounded brand.

Each CBD:THC tincture is customizable, providing flexible dosing options for everyone from novice consumers to connoisseurs. It's a great choice for a parent new to canna wellness, and for those that need to destress and center themselves.

Dripp Extracts

For a traditional 710, Dripp Extracts makes a badder that is out of this world. What is Dripp badder? A homogenous blend of cannabinoids and naturally derived, live resin terpenes, whipped to a texture somewhat resembling cake batter. Like cake batter, it tastes delicious. Dripp makes five flavors/strains of badder: Cherry Bomb, Papaya Delight, Kush Mints, Grape Soda and Sour Berry.

Get those kids in bed, pull one of these bad boys out, and you'll feel like you're on vacation.

TribeTokes

TribeTokes is another cannabis company dedicated to giving back. A luxury CBD vape oil, skincare and wellness product line, founders Degelis & KymB strongly believe in the healing power of cannabinoids for their ability to improve people's quality of life. However, not everyone has access to cannabis, let alone quality cannabis extracts. To address this gap in care, TribeTokes partnered with a leading medical marijuana practitioner, Dr. Lynn Parodneck, to provide patients in need with free CBD products. Called the Pot Luck Program, TribeTokes CBD aims to serve those with chronic pain and other ailments.

I'm a fan of their 1:1 Ratio – CBD:Delta 8 THC Oil Disposable Vape Pens, as it's the best of both worlds. 1:1 ratios take the best part of each cannabinoid to create one powerful substance. In this case, the combination of CBD and Delta 8 hits a home run calming high, perfect for when you need a

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BERNER AND THE TEAMS AT COOKIES AND LEMONNADE ARE DISHING UP THE SUMMER'S HOTTEST 7/10 CELEBRATION

If you're a cannabis consumer in Los Angeles, or anywhere in California, or, frankly, the rest of the country for that matter, you've probably heard the name Cookies and its sister brand, Lemonnade. The Bay Area-bred house of genetics has specialized in bringing new and exciting genetics to the industry since the traditional market was the only game in town. Now, with a reputation for producing a steadily growing rotation of the most sought-after flower on dispensary shelves, the Cookies family of brands is directing a renewed focus towards all things extracts.

Led by Founder and CEO Berner and the company's team of industry-leading breeders and extractors, Cookies and Lemonnade are dedicated to concentrating the brands'

signature genetics into clean, potent, and flavorful dabs and cartridges. Cookies has always pushed the culture when it comes to flower and are now looking to do the same thing with concentrates. As the cannabis industry continues to evolve, that thirst for innovation and product evolution has only gotten stronger.

Whether it's Lemonnade's sativa-centered menu or Cookies' roster of one-of-a-kind genetics, the team behind strains like Berry Pie, Pink Rozay, Grenadine, and Sweet Tea are bringing those same terpene and cannabinoid profiles to life in badders, sugars, diamonds n sauce, and full-spectrum cartridges. No matter what the day throws at you, Cookies has you covered, with top-shelf flower for hanging with

friends, carts for hectic days on the go, and a huge selection of concentrates for those dab sessions at home.

More than just exclusive flavors, Cookies and Lemonnade are constantly tweaking and improving their extraction processes to offer the best consumption experience possible. That means producing only unadulterated, strain-specific, single-source, true-to-plant extracts and vapes. Cookies never uses distillate in their vapes, and never utilizes CRC for their concentrates.

This 7/10, Cookies is celebrating cannabis oil in all of its forms across California, with a 25% discount off all extracts - including vape cartridges.



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SUMMER 2021 BEST CBD GUMMY & TINCTURE BRANDS

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Quality CBD is a lot easier to come by in 2021, and at a much more reasonable price compared to the last few years. Gummies and tinctures have become the most popular way to consume CBD, so we took a wide selection of these from a variety of companies and put them to the test. Flavor, mg per dose, quality of the product, and value were all part of our research. When analyzing each company, ensuring the products were lab tested and authentic was of the upmost importance. With the CBD “gold rush” over the past couple years, companies have been caught with their pants down selling “CBD products” with little to no CBD. All the following companies are offering CBD items with complete, verifiable lab tests from 3rd parties, indicating they are producing real CBD creations containing the specified amounts of CBD listed, if not more. Here are our top choices of the most superb companies and their best products for Summer of 2021!

1. Green Roads



Best CBD Product – 25mg/gummy Extra Strength Relax Bears

Gummy Price Range – \$6.50-\$50

Tincture Price Range – \$3-\$150

Highlight – Sitting on top as the biggest and best.

Details – No matter where you go, Green Roads is at the register. Convenient stores, gas stations, liquor stores, grocery stores; everyone has a Green Roads display on their counter. Green Roads has grown to

be one of the biggest main-stream CBD companies in the nation. You can walk into a brick-and-mortar store in nearly every major city in the US and find their gummies. Head to their website and the selection grows exponentially. Green Roads offers gummies and oils in “sample” sizes so you can “try before you buy”. There are six different options for CBD oil in single-serve packs with a variety of flavors. Very few companies offer smaller trial sized options like this. Our best product choice is their 25mg extra strength relax bears. The 5 flavors in the mixed pack are absolutely delicious. Each pack contains a collection of blue raspberry, lemon, cherry, green apple, and orange flavored gummies. Taking one is nice and relaxing, taking two really helps you chill and even nod off on the couch.

2. Charlotte's Web



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Details – The Godfather of the CBD industry, Charlotte's Web is the true “founder” of the industry. Established in 2014, CW is one of the most experienced and well-known brands. With all the understanding and knowledge of hemp and the power of CBD, paired with the story of Charlotte Figi, this brand has touched hundreds of thousands if not millions of lives. Their business goals are more of a compassionate mission than a thriving business. Charlotte's story started when she was having seizures at 3 years old. Parallel to the benefits of FDA approved EPIDIOLEX®, CBD has been researched in association with alleviating seizures in children and Charlotte's Web has been promoting this

benefit since its induction. The Charlotte's Web Original Formula is our top choice. With 50mg of CBD per 1ml, the tasty Mint Chocolate flavored tincture is also certified by the US Hemp Association.

3. Boston Hempire

Best CBD Product – 33mg/ml Strawberry Tincture w/ 2.5mg Melatonin

Gummy Price Range – \$7-\$50

Tincture Price Range – \$35-\$50

Highlight – The biggest selection of hemp products, by far.

Details – Boston Hempire is by far the least known company of our top brands. The Massachusetts based brand has an edgier lineup with a large selection of hemp derived products to accompany their CBD selection.

The combination of CBD and a massive hemp flower selection puts the available products on their website to over 175 items. Their line of CBD gummies “pays tribute” to their hometown with a flavored gummy line that matches the colors of the Boston subway system, including a grape nighttime gummy containing 1.5mg of melatonin. Similar to Green Roads, Boston Hempire also offers small “sample” size packs of gummies for customers to try out the product before spending money on large bags. We love the Melatonin CBD Gummies, but our top-rated product is the Melatonin Tincture (we enjoyed the Strawberry flavor more) containing 1000mg of CBD per 1oz bottle and 2.5mg of Melatonin per serving. The bigger dose of Melatonin knocked us out 45 minutes after taking a 1ml dropper and there was no grogginess feeling in the morning.

4. CBDMD



the medical field, especially after WebMD became famous. Make Pro Golfer, Bubba Watson, your sports spokesperson, and your reputation skyrockets. Leagues like the NFL currently do not support CBD product endorsements by players, but the PGA

has been more open to athletes taking and promoting CBD. Regardless of the advertising, the products also speak for themselves. CBDMD offers a more powerful 1500mg line of tinctures available in 4 flavors, which include additional cannabinoids and beneficial terpenes. The orange flavored 1500mg version was our #1 choice, especially if you are looking for a higher dose of CBD per serving. The orange flavor did not taste artificial, and the relaxing effects were present within the hour.

5. Purekana

Best CBD Product – 25mg/gummy CBD Immune Citrus Gummies

Gummy Price Range – \$40-\$90

Tincture Price Range – \$54-\$184

Highlight – The largest selection of Wellness products

Details – Purekana boasts

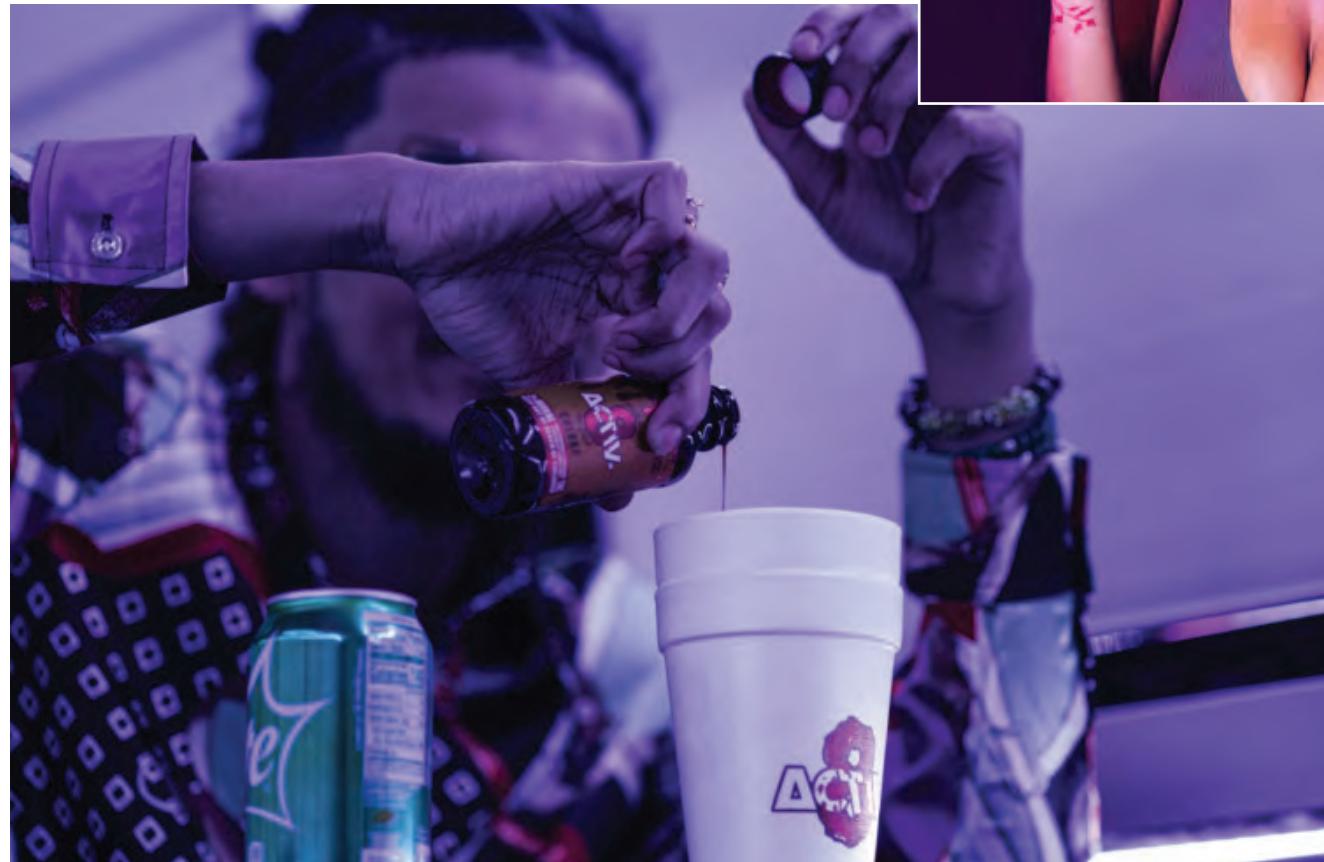
high quality and the biggest selection when it comes to wellness. They offer a wide selection of different potencies in their tincture line. The tinctures are available with CBD levels from 300mg-5000mg per bottle. 5000mg indicates a very high dose of CBD, but for those in need, Purekana is one of a few that offer concentrations this high. The gummies extend the line beyond flavors and include characteristics to help with immunity, calmness, and sleep. The immunity gummies are what caught our eye, and they delivered. The 25mg citrus gummies have a natural orange flavor and incorporate elderberry and zinc as immune boosters. The combination of CBD and immune support makes these gummies one of the best as an everyday supplement. With 60 gummies per bottle, a container will last 1-2 months, depending on your daily dose.

Honorable Mention – Sunday Scaries & Joy Organics

The runners up of our top 5 brands include the millennial and social media dominators, Sunday Scaries, and the all-organic flower child brand, Joy Organics. Sunday Scaries has locked into the millennial market using product names like “Vegan AF” “Bra Bearies” and “Unicorn Jerky”. The Vegan AF gumdrops were our best runner up with a flavorful and slightly sour coating on the outside. The Joy Organics line was also chosen as a runner up for their sustainability practices and certified organic tinctures. The frontrunner for Joy Organics was the certified organic broad spectrum Orange Bliss Tincture with a delightful, clean flavor.

THE “CALI SOBER” SCENE HAS FOUND A NEW LOVE

BRAND PARTNER CONTENT - BY ED KOURY



Over the course of time, Cannabis has gone through many transformations, especially in the past 20 years. The days of finding dirt weed on the side of the road is long gone and the nights of Pineapple Express have just begun.

With evolution, new trends and terms arise. A new term has been trending for people who just like to indulge cannabis. “Cali Sober” is a new lifestyle that solely revolves around cannabis. Urban Dictionary

says “it means people who drink and smoke weed but don’t do other drugs.”

The key here is to remember moderation in a safe manner. While everyone is different, it’s important to remember that only an individual will know their own limits. Demi Lovato has stated “I really don’t feel comfortable explaining the parameters of my recovery to people, because I don’t want anyone to look at my parameters of safety and think that’s what works for them, because it might not.”

The Cali Sober crowd still enjoys socializing and going out and partying just as they would of prior to this lifestyle shift. Hard drugs and substances are not healthy for anyone, which is why it’s important to know what you are taking or doing, especially if it has effects on your ability to function. That’s the beauty of lab tested products

In recent years, botanist started messing around with new ways of extracting THC,

Everyone knows how to consume THC through pipes, wraps, bongs, and other accessories. While traditional THC is the main focus for most, a new wave of innovation has been introduced. Insert, Activ-8 Delta-8 THC Syrup. This new and exciting way to consume Delta-8 THC has taken the market by storm, allowing people to not only mix up their own dosage, but partake in a way that is more acceptable to some. “I can show up to



a party, mix up my own Delta-8 cocktail or mix and enjoy the night like everyone else, but in my own way,” Danny from Detroit, MI said.

Activ-8 continues to innovate and grow as a brand. Future plans involve expanding on flavors and different consumable options, such as shots! As the culture grows, its Activ-8s goal to evolve with customer needs. Keep an eye out on your local smoke shop shelves for Activ-8, and if they don’t carry it, ask them why not?

Activ-8s parent group, the Madewell Collective, is proud to release this new product to the market. While the Madewell Collective continues to release new and exciting brands, Activ-8 has taken on a life of its own and has become a staple in the Delta-8 community. Along with Activ-8, the Madewell Collective has other brands focusing on both Delta-8 and CBD. “TRU” Delta-8 is a brand for the canna-enthusiast, offering vapes, tinctures, gummies, and other consumables. Hempcy, which is a full-force CBD brand, has several subsidiaries associated with it. Hempcy, Happy Paws, Hempcy Active, and Nightly all fall under the Madewell Collective banner.

For more information about Activ-8, please visit <https://activ8d8.com/>. Visit <https://hempcy.com/> for all of its brands, and <https://trudelta8.com/> for TRU Delta-8 products.

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THE 710 ISSUE / CBD

CBD OILS OF 2021: TYPES OF OIL, STRENGTH AND THE BEST BRANDS

BRAND PARTNER CONTENT

Best CBD Oils

If you're here seeking out the best CBD oils, you've come to the right place. But, as you may have learned, based on the massive amounts of CBD brands out there, they're not all created equal. The best CBD oil requires a mindful practice that starts with the soil and ends with the oil. So we're here to dispel any confusion about what makes a really good, top-quality CBD oil, and share 7 of the best CBD oils that money

can buy.

If you're one of those people who likes to know what's coming, here is a glimpse of the best CBD oils we'll be discussing a little later, but be sure to read on to get all the deets on this powerful oil so you can make your own informed choices.

1. HempFusion Broad-Spectrum CBD Oil Tincture
2. Absolute Nature Full-Spectrum

CBD Oil

3. Tonic Chill CBD
4. NuLeaf Naturals Full-Spectrum CBD Oil
5. BeSpoke Recovery CBD + CBG Tincture
6. Joy Organics Fresh Lime Organic CBD Tincture
7. Seabedee CBD Calming Blend

To identify a quality CBD oil, you need to

know what makes CBD oils the best. CBD oil reviews are always a good place to start, but you need to understand the basics first.

3 Things the Best CBD Brands Do

What makes the best CBD oils? That's a good question.

1. Use premium hemp strains.

The best CBD oil is created with premium hemp strains. Like number one on our list



of the best CBD oils below, HempFusion uses only organically grown, DNA-verified hemp to create its oils. The soil is tested. The products are tested. Everything that goes into the process matters with a high-quality CBD brand.

2. Have their products third-party tested.

Can we just shout this from the rooftops? Third-party, independent lab testing is essential for determining the worth and quality of CBD oils. But, unfortunately, third-party testing isn't a requirement in the CBD industry... yet. So you know a team cares when they're willing to go the extra mile to bring you consistent, safe, and powerful CBD oil every single time.

3. Adhere to (and go above) good manufacturing practices.

This seems like a given, but it's not always the case. The best CBD oils will be formulated using good manufacturing practices. You'll know the company has good practices because they will be transparent about them. Transparency builds trust. There are enough CBD brands out there building trust that you don't need to give a second glance to those who aren't forthcoming with information.

Where To Buy CBD Oil (We Know it Can Be Overwhelming!)

If you're curious where to buy CBD oil, look no further. We've done the extensive research, so that you don't have to. And trust us when we say that the research is necessary. Now that it's federally legal to purchase high-quality CBD oils and CBD capsules online and have it shipped to you, it's important to know and trust the brands you're buying from.

We've linked to each of the rockstar brands below so you can purchase your favorites directly from their websites.

It's 2021: Here are the 7 Best CBD Oils

Money Can Buy

Now let's jump into the seven best CBD oils money can buy. No, really. We've done the research, and every one of these brands has gone above and beyond to bring you the best CBD oil.

HempFusion CBD Oil Tincture

Type: Broad-Spectrum CBD
Strengths Available: 300 mg; 600 mg; 900 mg; 1,500 mg

One of our absolute favorite CBD oils is from HempFusion. The level of care this team has taken to bring a compliant, powerful, and beautiful product to your doorstep is inspiring. You can read all about it on their website (hello, transparency!). You can purchase HempFusion's Broad-Spectrum CBD Oil Tincture in a few different strengths, which makes it really convenient for anyone.

There's a little something for everyone. Purchase your HempFusion CBD Oil Tinctures here and use code FUSION25 for 25% off your entire purchase!

Absolute Nature CBD Oil

Type: Full-Spectrum CBD
Strengths Available: 500 mg; 1,000 mg

If you're looking for a full-spectrum CBD oil that offers a variety of other front-and-center minor cannabinoids like CBG and CBN, you may want to try Absolute Nature Full-Spectrum CBD Oil. This high-quality, third-party lab-tested CBD oil was founded on the bedrock of trust. As with all of the brands on this list, Absolute Nature understood how harmful misinformation and mislabeling were to the people consuming the product and to the industry as a whole. So they created a product you can count on.

Purchase your Absolute Nature Full-Spectrum CBD Oil here.

Tonic Chill CBD

Type: Full-Spectrum CBD

Strengths Available: 400 mg; 800 mg

Are you looking for a zen blend of CBD that incorporates the powerful ingredients of Ashwagandha, lemon balm, and passionflower into a formulation that encourages calm? Tonic Chill CBD is designed to relax your mind and restore balance to your regulatory system. This thoughtfully designed brand brings you ethically crafted CBD products you can stand behind.

You can buy your Tonic Chill CBD here.

NuLeaf Naturals Full-Spectrum CBD Oil

Type: Full-Spectrum CBD
Strengths Available: 300 mg; 900 mg; 1,800 mg; 3,000 mg; 6,000 mg

NuLeaf Naturals Full-Spectrum CBD Oil is an affordable CBD oil that doesn't skimp on quality. Many CBD oils on this list contain full-spectrum hemp extract. With Tonic, you can specify that you want broad-spectrum or hit up HempFusion for an intentional broad-spectrum CBD oil. You can't go wrong with any of them. It all depends on what you're seeking.

You can get your hands on a bottle of NuLeaf Naturals Full-Spectrum CBD oil at this link.

BeSpoke Recovery CBD + CBG Tincture

Type: Full-Spectrum CBD
Strengths Available: 300 mg; 900 mg; 1,800 mg; 3,000 mg; 6,000 mg

BeSpoke Recovery CBD + CBG Tincture is as fancy as it sounds. This full-spectrum CBD oil offers a hefty amount of CBD and CBG, both offering their own unique benefits into a powerful blend. Like many of these brands, BeSpoke uses CO₂ extraction, which can help minimize or eliminate harmful residual solvents often found in other extraction methods. Third-party testing is a must for the best CBD oils to ensure there are no pesticides, herbicides, heavy metals, or residual solvents in your products.

Test out BeSpoke Recovery CBD + CBG Tincture today.

Joy Organics Fresh Lime Organic CBD Tincture

Type: Full-Spectrum CBD
Strengths Available: 450 mg; 900 mg; 1,350 mg; 2,250 mg

The taste of fresh lime can be invigorating and uplifting, which is why we chose Joy Organics Fresh Lime Organic CBD Tincture for our list of the best CBD oils. Joy Organics has put a lot of thought and intention into its products with offerings like carbon-neutral shipping and a cruelty-free, vegan CBD oil. And with this CBD Tincture, you can bring some of that intention into the way you care for your body.

Get your hands on a bottle of this delicious Joy Organics Fresh Lime Organic CBD Tincture ASAP.

Seabedee CBD Calming Blend

Type: Full-Spectrum CBD
Strengths Available: 1,500 mg; 3,000 mg
Seabedee calls this CBD Calming Blend "Buddha in a bottle." This full-spectrum CBD oil contains calming and restorative terpenes like Linalool and Limonene. Seabedee is committed to transparency, third-party lab testing, and offering lifetime support and discounts to veterans and active-duty soldiers.

You can find your very own Seabedee CBD Calming Blend right here.

The Takeaway

So many brands to choose from! We know it can be challenging to decide which of the best CBD oils you want to try. Each of these has been researched and vouched for through CBD oil reviews and careful consideration to make sure that, no matter which product you choose, you're getting the best CBD oil money can buy. Because you're worth it!

LAPD INVESTIGATES BOTCHED FIREWORK DETONATION BY BOMB SQUAD

After confiscating 5,000 pounds of illegal fireworks and planning a controlled detonation within an explosion-resistant capsule, LAPD is investigating how the explosion seeped out, hurting 17 people and destroying residential property.

BY ISAI ROCHA



The Los Angeles Police Department is investigating a botched Bomb Squad detonation in South L.A. after confiscating an estimated 5,000 pounds of illegal fireworks from a home.

"Clearly what happened here was a failure," LAPD Chief Michel Moore said of the operation. "We're trying to find out why."

Of the fireworks confiscated, 10 pounds of

homemade explosives were found and placed in an LAPD Bomb Squad blast-resistant vessel. The fireworks were analyzed with X-ray machinery and a mechanical arm that cut through the firework devices, as the bomb technicians deemed them too dangerous for transport.

After indication that the firework products could not be transported, the detonation was done in the streets of a South L.A. neighbor-

hood, eventually damaging surrounding cars and homes.

The door of the Bomb Squad container was found in a yard located blocks away from the detonation site, as crews blocked off the neighborhood for multiple days, searching for debris and securing the area.

Chief Moore said officers had gone door-to-door before the detonation, asking people to evacuate their homes. After the explosion

occurred, first responders found several residents in their homes, confirming 17 people experienced non-life-threatening injuries from the blast, including nine officers, while nine families were displaced from their homes.

"We're working very fast to make sure they have housing for tonight and the next several nights," Los Angeles City Councilman Curren Price said in a press conference in South L.A.

Los Angeles Fire Department Chief Ralph Terrazas confirmed that the extent of injuries suffered were cuts, scrapes, ear-ringing and dizziness and all were transported to local hospitals.

Some families affected by the explosion have created crowdfunding campaigns, accepting donations that would go toward medical bills and other losses.

Creator of the Go Fund Me campaign, Denise Torres, said the explosion occurred right

"THE FORCE OF THE EXPLOSION DESTROYED NOT ONLY THE CONTAINER BUT BOTH OF OUR HOUSES AND RESULTED IN A TOTAL LOSS. THE HOUSES WERE BOTH RED TAGGED."

outside her family's two homes on the block.

"The force of the explosion destroyed not only the container but both of our houses resulted in a total loss the houses were both Red Tagged," Torres said in an update from the campaign website. "The damages ended up in both of my families becoming homeless and losing all of their clothes & valuables. Both my grandparents were injured, my aunt's family and her two babies were left without anything."

Law enforcement officials stated that there would be programs available to aid families affected, while Councilmember Price said some displaced families were staying in either hotels or shelters while the investigation process continued.

Chief Moore said the steps and protocols taken by the bomb technicians will be reviewed as the incident continues to be investigated.

"This will be a full, complete and comprehensive review from the very top to the very bottom of every step taken and every component," Moore said. "We have to look at how has the service of that vehicle been? What's the age of the vessel? Is there anything from an engineering standpoint that that rating was no longer effective?"

Arturo Ceja III was arrested by ATF special agents and charged with transporting explosives without a license.

Gov. Newsom speaks on homelessness in a June 25 press conference. (Gov. Gavin Newsom/Youtube)



Governor Recall Election Set For Sept. 14

California announced that Gov. Gavin Newsom will face a recall election on Sept. 14, as the threshold of 1.5 million signatures was met and confirmed by the lieutenant governor.

Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis announced the date for the election on July 1, and if the recall is successful, the chosen candidate will serve out the remainder of Gov. Newsom's term through January 2, 2023.

"This is a ragtag crew of pro-Trump, anti-vaccine extremists, along with some ambitious Republican politicians who would like to be governor," a Newsom spokesperson said in December 2020. "I don't think it's something anyone wants. I'd be surprised if Californians wanted to spend the extra money and have another election the following year."

The recall ballot will ask Californians two questions; the first being if the voter believes Gov. Newsom should be recalled, and the second asking to pick a successor from a list of candidates.

There were 57 candidates who filed to run in the recall election, meeting the June 16 deadline.

One of those candidates, John Cox, who ran against Newsom in the 2018 election, has been critical of the governor's handling of the pandemic and went as far as calling him corrupt.

"The people are tired of corruption and politicians who don't deliver," Cox said in a statement. "California needs big, beastly change. It comes on September 14th."

In a recent survey conducted by Berkeley IGS, one of the largest state surveyors, 49%



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of 10,289 people said they do not want a recall, while 36% were in favor and 15% were undecided. The number of people against the recall increased since their previous survey, where only 45% said no, 36% said yes and 19% were undecided.

Former mayor of San Diego Kevin Faulconer, another candidate in the race, said, "The people have spoken," after the signatures were confirmed and the date was set.

"This movement is powered by Californians from every community," Faulconer said in a statement Thursday. "Democrats, Republicans and Independents. Change is coming for California and retirement is coming for Gavin Newsom."

Since 2019 there had been six recall campaign attempts on Gov. Newsom, but the oth-

ers became inactive after the "Recall Gavin" campaign, set up by Orrin Heatie, began pushed through with nearly 2 million submitted signatures.

This was the 55th attempted California governor recall campaign since 1912. The only other going to a ballot was a recall against Gov. Gray Davis in 2003. In that recall election, Davis was voted to be recalled, with Arnold Schwarzenegger taking over the rest of his term.

L.A. County COVID-19 Transmission Gradually Rises

L.A. Public Health recorded 644 single-day COVID-19 cases on Saturday, July 3, the highest number of single-day cases since April 10 when L.A. County recorded 813 new cases.

Public Health has called the rise in COVID-19 transmission "concerning," but noted the percentage is still well below the 20% positivity rate Los Angeles County saw at its peak in early January.

"While transmission in L.A. County remains low, L.A. County is seeing increases in cases and daily test positivity," L.A. Public Health said in a press release, Wednesday. "Public Health continues to caution there is increased risk of COVID-19 infection for people who aren't fully vaccinated because of increased intermingling and the circulation of more variants of concern like the highly transmissible Delta variant."

With the increase in COVID-19 transmission, particularly the Delta variant that has shown to be more transmissible, Public

Health also urged everyone to wear masks in indoor settings, regardless of vaccination status.

"Public Health strongly recommends people wear masks indoors in settings such as grocery or retail stores; theaters and family entertainment centers, and workplaces when you don't know everyone's vaccination status," the department said Monday. "Until we better understand how and to who the Delta variant is spreading, everyone should focus on maximum protection with minimum interruption to routine as all businesses operate without other restrictions, like physical distancing and capacity limits."

While fully vaccinated individuals have shown resistance to the Delta variant, Public Health said there have still been mild illnesses reported from vaccinated people who contracted the COVID-19 variant.

The county's positivity rate has more than doubled from 0.5% at the beginning of the full economic reopening, to the current rate of 1.2%. L.A. County also recorded two single-day COVID-19 deaths, Wednesday, and 255 COVID-19 related hospitalizations.

The most recent vaccination data shows that 87.1% of L.A. County seniors and 67.8% of all L.A. County residents have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

Out of 8.3 million eligible residents, 59% have been fully vaccinated, at the time of this writing.

"The best protection against COVID-19 is getting vaccinated," Public Health officials said. "Public Health encourages those that are not vaccinated and are eligible to get vaccinated, to get vaccinated without delay."

BEAT THE HEAT WITH MEGAN MITCHELL'S POOLSIDE RECIPES

BY MICHELE STUEVEN

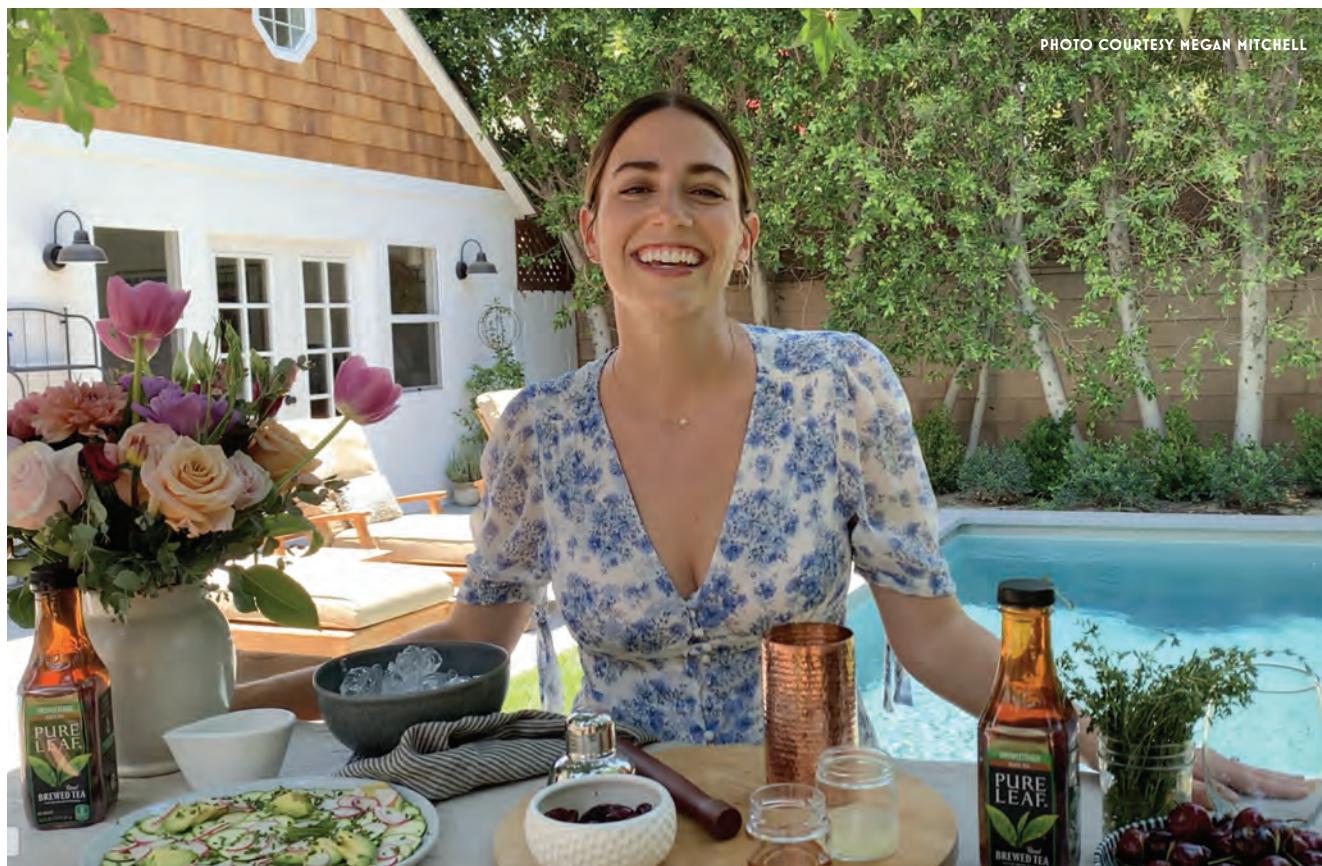


PHOTO COURTESY MEGAN MITCHELL

As summer is heating up in the southland, former pastry chef Megan Mitchell, who films cooking classes for the Food Network Kitchen app, Taste-made and Thrive Market, invited us into her backyard in Van Nuys to demonstrate two recipes to help cool things down when the munchies set in.

Her Cherry Smash Iced Tea is a blend of fresh sweet cherries hitting the markets right now and fresh thyme sprigs (take it from mocktail to cocktail by adding bourbon).

The Zucchini, Avocado and Radish Salad with Citrus Vinaigrette is a cool carpaccio topped with a refreshing citrus dressing made of orange and lemon juice.

Mitchell shared her summertime recipes with L.A. Weekly:

Zucchini, Avocado and Radish Salad with Citrus Vinaigrette

Recipe Courtesy of Megan Mitchell
Serves: 2 – 4 people

Ingredients:

For the Dressing

- 1/4 cup fresh-squeezed orange juice (about 1 small orange)
- 1/4 cup fresh-squeezed lemon juice (about 1 small lemon)
- 1/4 cup high-quality extra virgin olive oil

- 1 garlic clove, minced or grated on a zester
- 1 tbsp. Dijon mustard
- 1 tbsp. maple syrup
- Salt and freshly cracked black pepper, to taste

For the Salad

- 3 radishes
- 2 medium zucchini
- 1 large semi-ripe avocado
- 1 tbsp. finely minced chives
- 1 tbsp. baby basil leaves
- Chive blossoms or edible flowers, for garnish (optional)
- Flaked sea salt, such as Maldon

Directions:

Begin by making the dressing. In a small bowl combine the orange juice, lemon juice, EVOO, minced or grated garlic clove, dijon, maple syrup and a large pinch of salt and pepper. Whisk together then taste for seasoning. Set aside until needed.

Begin by cutting the root off of the radishes then slicing in half and thinly slicing into half-moons. Next, using a mandoline or a sharp knife, thinly slice the zucchini into about 1/8-inch thick rounds.

Halve the avocado, remove the pit and peel off the skin. Place cut side down and thinly slice lengthwise then cut in half.

To assemble, on a large round platter or plate place down the zucchini slices overlapping them around the edge of the platter/plate. Continue this pattern around until all of the zucchini is used and you reach the middle of the platter/plate. About 5-6 rows.

Tuck 4-5 slices of the avocado in-between the zucchini rounds every 7-8 pieces. Sprinkle with the sliced radish, minced chives, basil leaves, chive blossoms or edible flowers if using and a drizzle of the dressing. Finish with a sprinkle of flaked sea salt.

Cherry Smash Iced Tea

Recipe Courtesy of Megan Mitchell
Makes: 1 drink

Ingredients:

- 10 sweet cherries
- 4 thyme sprigs
- 1 small lemon
- 1 cup Pure Leaf Unsweetened Black Tea
- 1-2 tbsp. maple syrup, depending on desired sweetness
- Crushed ice

Directions:

Begin by washing and removing the stems of the cherries. Pit the cherries by placing them on a cutting board and using the flat part of a large knife press down until you hit the pit. Pick up the cherry and pull out the pit, sometimes the cherry will split into 2 pieces which is fine. Continue with remaining cherries.

In a cocktail shaker add the pitted cherries and 3 sprigs of thyme. Using a muddler or the back of a wooden spoon break up the cherries to release their juices. As you do this you'll also release the natural oils from the thyme. Once muddled, remove the thyme stems.

To the muddled cherries and thyme, add in the juice of 1/2 of the lemon, 1 cup of the tea and 1-2 tbsp. maple syrup. Add in 1/4 cup of ice to the top of the cocktail shaker and shake for 30 seconds.

Thinly slice a few rounds from the remaining lemon half.

Fill a large glass or tumbler to the top with crushed ice. Pour in the cherry smash and garnish with a thyme sprig and 1-2 lemon rounds.

BYE BYE BOOZE: OUR FAVORITE ALCOHOL-FREE SIPS OF SUMMER

TARA FINLEY



COURTESY ROWDY MERMAID

Summer is here, and we have never been more ready to enjoy a season. Because last year was a wash, we are doubling down on making up for all the lost memories of 2020 by making summer '21 unforgettable. From COVID-safe barbecues to lazing away at the beach, we can't wait to spend the next few months lapping up the sunshine with those we love most.

It seems, however, that drinking culture and post-pandemic relaxation go hand-in-hand. There are oodles of lists and suggestions for what beverages to try as you enjoy 2021, but so many of them are alcohol-centric.

If you are sober from alcohol, for whatever reason, you don't have to miss out on any fun drinks. Brands have been stepping up their non-alcoholic drink game hard this year and we've been lucky enough to try some of the best. If you're planning some booze-free beach days, or just want to try out some fun drinks that don't get you drunk, here is a list of our favorites so far this year:

Partake

Partake has changed the non-alcoholic beer game, no doubt about it. With an incredible lineup of non-alcoholic beers for the summer — Partake PALE, Partake IPA, Partake Blonde, Partake RED, and Partake Dark — you'd never know that these beers were sobriety-friendly. Our family has taken to of-

fering them at every get-together, a welcome offering for our friends trying to abstain or cut back. I'm partial to the blonde ale, while my husband, a dedicated IPA-drinker, swears by their non-alcoholic version.

Three Spirit

I'm a sucker for a cool bottle and artistic label, so it's no surprise that I absolutely adore Three Spirit's collection of functional and healthier booze alternatives. Aptly named for their function, you choose your non-alcoholic mixture based on how you want to feel. Livener is known as "The Party Starter," and is perfect for kick-starting your night, giving you a euphoric feeling thanks to its ingredients of guayusa, schizandra and energizing plants. Social Elixir is "The Mood Maker," elevating and herbal, using the power of plants (non-cannabis) to lift spirits. Nightcap is "The Dream Maker," a smooth & indulgent slow-sipper of a drink made with lemon balm, valerian and hops.

Rowdy Mermaid

Rowdy Mermaid is the first sparkling adaptogen tonic powered by mushrooms. Made with fruits, botanical herbs and immunity-supporting reishi mushroom extract, these canned drinks are SO GOOD. I powered through my pack pretty quickly, partly because I loved them and partly because I was

so excited to share them with others. If you want to feel like you're showing your friends the next cool thing, pick up some of these immunity-boosting non-alcoholic beverages to impress the heck out of everyone. They have four flavors — Ashwagandha Blackberry, Matcha Yuzu, Strawberry Holy Basil, Chamomile Lime — and we've tried every one!

Mad Lilly Spritzers

Mad Lilly has made some killer cannabis-infused spritzers that'll make you feel like it's a beach day (even when it's not a beach day). Mad Lilly blends simple, pure ingredients to craft tasteful cannabis-infused drinks that are booze-free, but still pack a buzz. From upbeat fizzes to sleepy tonics, there's a spritzer for everyone in Mad Lilly's lineup! We especially love their brightly colored glass bottles, making sipping easy and earth-friendly. Not too heavy on cannabis, Mad Lilly's team is made up of parents who understand responsible cannabis consumption and how to do it.

Good Stuff Beverages

We love a good mocktail, but step it up a notch and pour us a cannabis mocktail and we'll love you forever. As you can see from this list, cannabis-infused non-alcoholic beverages are becoming a big thing, and for good reason. Easy to dose, refreshing, and providing a happy, booze-free buzz, these beverages are the perfect accompaniment to a sunny summer season. Good Stuff Beverages creates all-natural cannabis beverages (made for micro dosing) that are tasty on their own, but can also roll into recipes and mocktails perfect for those saying "no" to alcohol. We've tried their lemonade strawberry hibiscus tonic straight from the bottle — delicious — and their lemonade in an herb-muddled mocktail (with help from our garden) — also delicious.

Suntory ALL-FREE

The famed Japanese whisky maker has created a healthy, refreshing beer-alternative to enjoy just in time for summer. I remember the days when alcohol-free beers were...not the best....and options were limited. Those days are no more, however, with more and more delicious non-ale beer dupes begin to hit the shelves. This Suntory All-Free is one of them, offering a crisp, light taste that goes so well with French fries. "The concept of ALL-FREE was born from the deep desire to bring joy to consumers and change the perception that an active lifestyle and a delicious beer were incompatible," explains Yuichi Kato, the head of product development of ALL-FREE at Suntory Beer Ltd.

Spherex PHYX

PHYX is an alcohol-free, THC and CBD infused beverage. This sparkling water has zero calories and zero cannabis taste. Made with Spherex's proprietary, nano-emulsified THC technology, drinking PHYX has you feeling cannabis effects in minutes, lasting about an hour altogether. Coming in a glass

bottle, PHYX is discrete and sturdy, making it a great beverage to help pick you up on these sunny summer days! If you're saying no to booze but yes to bud, these light refreshments will have you smiling from ear-to-ear.

Ghia

Ghia just recently hit the market, and they're a welcome addition to the non-alcoholic drink category. A non-alcoholic aperitif, they take the experience of sipping sober to the next level. The beverage comes in a can and can be enjoyed as-is, or poured over ice. In each ready-to-drink can, Ghia's signature bitter and herbal flavor profile and health-forward ingredients are balanced with a splash of sparkling water and an additional twist of yuzu and rosemary. We love how inclusive they are, as sipping them makes one feel like they are enjoying a custom cocktail at a high-end bar. Even better? Ghia's cans are 100% recyclable with zero plastic and labels that burn off in the recycling process and their packaging uses biodegradable and recyclable materials including shippers that are made from 70% recycled content.

ALT

Alt is the first of its kind, a water-soluble, flavor neutral, fast-acting THC drink mixer that takes only minutes to take effect. The small yet efficient glass vial that it comes in allows the user maximum dose control. ALT is convenient, small, and most importantly: easy to carry. It packs a punch, so we are grateful for the ability to tailor our dose depending on the situation/desire to imbibe cannabis. So far we've tried it in both winter and summer mocktails and they've all tasted great!

Earth & Star

Instead of cannabis or alcohol, Earth & Star is made with adaptogens — everyone's favorite stress-relieving, mushroom-based super supplement. Earth & Star has created ready-to-drink, plant-based mushroom lattes in Matcha, Cacao and Turmeric flavors, along with a Black Coffee, all containing 2000mg of functional mushroom extract (that's a lot) to serve as a cornerstone for supporting the immune system. Avoid a dreaded summer cold while sipping on something tasty with Earth & Star! We can't say enough good stuff about adaptogens.

Optimist Drinks

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SUMMER OF SOUND

First time director Questlove and established movie master Edgar Wright have released two of the best music documentaries, maybe ever

BY LINA LECARO



Summer of Soul (Searchlight) – now on Hulu.

Imagine Soul Train poured into a blender with Woodstock and you'll have an idea of the glimmering gem that is Summer of Soul (...Or, When the Revolution Could Not Be Televised). But the Disney/Searchlight documentary, which has been screening locally at the El Capitan among other theaters and comes to Hulu today, is, as Gladys Knight says, about a lot more than music.

Unearthed by none other than The Roots ubiquitous drummer Ahmir Questlove Thompson (who serves as director) the concert-based movie celebrates the 1969 Harlem Cultural Festival, a seemingly forgotten gathering that took place over six weekends in Mount Morris Park, New York. Packed with mind-blowing performances from legends including Stevie Wonder, Nina

Simone, Mahalia Jackson, Gladys Knight & The Pips, The Staple Singers, The 5th Dimension, Sly & the Family Stone and more, it's a line-up that could hold its own against any music festival today.

The performances are pure fire, but with commentary by attendees, the film also serves as a reflection of the social struggles of the time. Focused editing of news clips and personal stories by the artists and attendees of the fest elevates it beyond concert film and creates a new kind of cultural commentary; one of the most compelling you might ever experience.

Summer of Soul takes something great that we might never have seen if not for Thompson (and producer Robert Fyvolent who brought it to him) and makes it transcendent. The Wonder footage illustrates this meld in a way that's truly unforgettable. Attacking a drumkit and later piano with feral abandon, we see just how astound-

ing the young genius was rhythmically. His performances are other-level, and they're given even more resonance the way they are presented, in segments and often undercut with equally powerful political and civil rights footage.

Similarly, Sly and the Family Stone's freaky, funky cuts are highlights, loose yet flawless in feel and irresistibly stylish, while Nina Simone's defiant call to Black people to stand up and fight oppression provides a stark reminder that most people at the event might have been ready to party, but racial injustice was still something they faced daily. It obviously still resonates.

With lots of crowd shots, interviews and archival snippets, we're given context for the moment, a glimpse at what those living in the Harlem community and beyond were thinking and feeling. 1969 wasn't an



Many look at the end of the '60s through a musical lens, and there's a temptation to romanticize the era (or rather, end of the era). Those who lived through it have a different, often darker, take. What Thompson does so well here is present both perspectives in a way that's enlightening and heavy, but still uplifting and joyful. It's no wonder his movie won the Grand Jury Prize and Audience Award in the U.S. Documentary Competition at this year's (online) Sundance Film Festival.

On a related note, we'd like to take this opportunity to say "thank you Questlove" – for not only giving the public an opportunity to enjoy this cinematic treasure, but also for providing countless hours of music via DJ sets on Instagram Live and other social media platforms during lockdown (the Stevie and Prince-themed shows were life-affirming). Beyond this extraordinary film, the musician and now director is keeping Black artistry and magic alive, and we need it now more than ever.

The Sparks Brothers (Focus Features) – in theaters and available for streaming on Amazon, Apple TV and more, starting July 9.



iconic year for nothing. Not only was there Woodstock and Altamont on the music front, but the war in Vietnam and killings of Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr. a few years earlier were still on the minds and hearts of so many. Meanwhile, man set foot on the moon, and for those just trying to survive, the attention to outer space felt like disregard for the very real problems here on earth.

We watch music documentaries mostly to feel nostalgia and awe. We want to learn about artists we admire, remember how they affected us when we first heard/discovered them and understand their music a little better. Like Summer of Soul, Edgar Wright's The Sparks Brothers checks off these rock doc boxes, but it's also got a joyful spirit that we haven't seen from the genre for some time. Even if you're not all that familiar with the duo Sparks, you're likely to finish the film with a giant smile on your face and not just because they were "your favorite band's favorite band," as the doc's tagline proclaims.

Of course, Sparks has always been a joyous band, with a gift for whipping together silliness and serious musicianship into an extremely fun froth, thanks to the yin and yang of brothers Ron (the oddball Charlie Chaplin-like instrumentalist) and Russell (the frontman with the requisite great hair and charismatic presence). Their whimsical yet satiric lyricism and glam meets bubblegum-flavored artrock was and still is, unique to the least.



Sparks Brothers



Personally, Sparks were my first-ever real concert (at the Greek in 1984) so they'll always have a sentimental hold on my heart. I related to their quirkiness and was sucked in by their catchiness, which stood out amidst my faves at the time as a 12-year-old – Duran Duran, The Cure, etc. They were staples on local juggernaut station KROQ 106.7 via the album *Angst* in my Pants, which had some really hooky and kooky tracks – “I Predict,” “Mickey Mouse” and “Eaten By the Monster of Love,” the latter getting a boost on the *Valley Girl* soundtrack, along with the title track.

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FEAR FACTORY CONTINUES WITH THE AGGRESSION

Los Angeles metal band is back with a new lineup and album

BY BRETT CALLWOOD



PHOTO BY STEPHANIE CABRAL

Formed in L.A. in 1989, industrial metal band Fear Factory made waves in metal circles with the '92 *Soul of a New Machine* debut. But it was the '95 sophomore effort, *De-manufacture*, that propelled them into the big leagues. Nu-metal was just one thing that was happening to the harder side of rock in the mid-to-late '90s, as the likes of White Zombie, Nine Inch Nails, Filter, Marilyn Manson (pre-scandal) and even Ministry were blending the mechanical purity of industrial music with the eager ferocity of metal. Fear Factory just made sense.

Suddenly, they were performing on the main stage at big European festivals such as

Donington, and with Black Sabbath at their initial reunion shows in '97. They worked with Gary Numan on an updated version of "Cars." The next two albums, *Obsolete* and *Digimortal* were well enough received by fans but the two after that – 2004's *Archetype* and 2005's *Transgression* – didn't feature founding guitarist Dino Cazares. He returned for 2010's *Mechanize* but the feeling was always that relationships were strained between himself and singer Burton C. Bell. They were friends, brothers, colleagues, and then they weren't. And so on.

It all came to a head last year, when Bell announced his departure from the band. With drummer Raymond Herrera also gone, that

leaves Cazares the last man standing. He's holding Fear Factory up by himself and, to complicate matters, he's trying to promote a new album that includes vocals by Bell that were recorded back in 2017.

"We went through a very bad legal fight for the trademark name," says Cazares. "That occupied and halted everything with the band, because we couldn't work. We couldn't use the name. So we were just going through this legal battle that sucked the life out of us. I went through a divorce, a bankruptcy, multiple lawsuits, the typical broke musician story. But mine's different because most rock stars might have gone broke because they spent it all on drugs or something. For us, I was broke because of this lawsuit. So it was pretty intense. Then trying to write a record while you're going through a trial, trying to have focus."

The new album is *Aggression Continuum*, out now via Nuclear Blast. It's been sitting around since 2017, but those legal issues put the brakes on proceedings. Last year, when things were finally settled, Cazares could get back to work.

"I was able to go back and add certain elements that I thought were missing," he says. "I was able to get live drums on the album, because the first version had programmed

chines – organic and robotic material.

"There's a big organization – let's call it Sky-net – that is capturing humans and extracting their memories and their mind, their consciousness, and basically uploading them into an automaton so it can think it's human," Cazares says. "So it's a relationship between humans and AI. This AI thinks it's human but it's not. Through the whole process of Fear Factory, it's always been a relationship between man and machine. In this one, they're not getting along at all. There's a war between them going back and forth."

Cazares is now in the unique position of desperately trying to hire a new singer, during COVID restrictions, in order to be able to tour the new album. The songs that Bell recorded will be performed live for the first time (at least) with a different singer. It's fucking weird, let's face it.

"That is exactly the position I'm in," Cazares says. "People ask me if I thought about replacing Burt's vocals and the answer is yes. But the record company wanted Burt's vocals to remain on the record, and I was a little hesitant at first. This is a unique situation. But at the same time, maybe his vocals should stay there because this is his last album and people should hear it. I agreed with the record company, so we kept his vocals intact and worked around them. It worked out great in the end."

It's great that, somehow, Cazares has kept the band alive. But you have to feel for whoever takes the singer gig. Initially it'll feel like winning the lottery, but the reality of singing somebody else's parts on brand new songs will hit fast.

"We put it out there a few months back and were overwhelmed with video submissions," Cazares says. "That was part of the first audition – video auditions of them doing Fear Factory songs. We got a lot of joke ones, where they fart in the microphone. Some of them are pretty funny. I wish I could compile them and put it out. There were those people who had the passion but just can't do it. If they can't do it, we politely let them down. Then we have the A list ones that are just amazing. There's a few of them. All that's left now is the physical auditions."

Cazares describes *Aggression Continuum* as a "very pissed off record" and, based on new single/video "Recode," that's fair comment. The in-band issues, as well as the political climate, resulted in a whole heap of bitterness and fury that found its way to the surface. Things might be more settled now, but one could argue that the album has benefitted from the adversity they faced.

"The rest of this year is dedicated to the singer, whoever we choose," Cazares says. "We're also going to be releasing a few other things here that we've worked on, and announcing a tour for early next year."

See? Nothing to fear.

The *Aggression Continuum* album is out now.



ART

CREATIVE ACTIVISM IS ON SPECIAL AT THE PLASTIC BAG STORE

Artists reimagine plastic pollution in a bid to save the future

BY SHANA NYS DAMBROT

The Plastic Bag Store is an interdisciplinary and immersive art installation of sculpture, film, puppetry, performance and education constructed entirely of recycled packaging waste. In its perfect mimicry of the supermarket aesthetic, from crackers

and cereal to soda and ice cream, dairy and deli cases, flowers and cigarettes and sugary treats, it is fascinating and witty, dark at times and dazzlingly brilliant, achieving physical illusion and graphic design with a spot-on eye for detail and hearty comedic zing. It's also a conceptually impactful cautionary tale

about our cavalier attitude toward the scourge of disposable plastics.

When artist and director Robin Frohardt made plans to open her traveling installation in Los Angeles this summer, no one predicted the literal ocean would be on fire in a petroleum-extracting catastrophe highlighting the urgency of climate change action – but they might have done, if they were paying attention. And that is, in the end, the goal of the installation – to inspire people to pay more attention, to their own individual behavior and to both local and geopolitical environmental policy that is currently failing us in the most dramatic fashion.

Frohardt believes, as many do, that humor, beauty and satire are powerful weapons in the fight against intransigence and apathy. With that in mind, the perfect recreation of Shredded Waste cereal, Bitz (of plastic crap) Crackers, Bag & Jerry's ice cream, Bagarino pizza, Plasti-Crap cola, bag appetit magazine, Bagbra hummus, Bagz's famous delicatessen, and so on is first and foremost a charming work of public art. And it is full of surprises – like the hidden tunnel leading to a reverential “museum” which imagines what archeolo-

gists of the future will make of all our buried plastic garbage.

The storefront is further activated by an immersive film-based performance work, featuring puppetry, handmade sets and audience interactivity that make even more explicit the absurdity in the millennial halflife of every piece of plastic in the world. The site – and satellite projects at UCLA's Center for Art and Performance cultural partners from the ICA LA to the Skirball Center – also hosts more policy-forward programs and conversations aimed at properly transferring the awareness-raising into action-taking. For example, Plastic Pollution Awareness Night is Wednesday, July 7; and throughout the run CAP will have conversations featuring innovative environmental activists More Art, Less Plastic and Unpacking The Plastic Crisis streaming on their website.

Screenings of the film component – BAG – are also happening at the ICA LA and Art at the Rendon (both just a few blocks from the main Plastic Bag Store site). An all-cardboard short film created by Frohardt, BAG follows the journey of a plastic bag from the present day to the far-off future. BAG screens in a



Artist Robin Frohardt
Plastic Bag Store
(Photo by Tony Lewis)

seven-minute loop at The Rendon and will be accompanied by a display of the intricate handmade cardboard scenic creations from the short film. Up the block at ICA LA, BAG screens along with an 11-minute short, A Guided Tour of Robin Frohardt's The Plastic Bag Store – a behind-the-scenes look at the project and in conversation with Frohardt and Jean Cooney, the Director of Times Square Arts who first presented the project last Spring.

As it happens, when the team first opened the work in New York's Times Square in March of 2020, no one predicted the pandemic would lead to a mandated increase

in disposable protective gear and single-use plastic as public safety measures either, but here we are. The original project was originally timed to coincide with the city's ban on plastic bags going into effect – a progressive policy immediately suspended in the name of pandemic measures.

Likely the world's most eccentric recycling program, in some ways, Frohardt's creative experience tracks with that of many assemblage artists who begin collecting and borderline hoarding their chosen found and salvaged materials, forging in her circle of friends a sort of plastic-rescue street team who helped with the gathering. At the same

Plastic Bag Store
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time, with every laugh and spark of poetry, each object points an accusing finger back at the audience, whose daily behaviors exacerbate the situation.

Walking through the installation, discoveries and realizations abound. Not only as to the impact of personal and global actions and toxic habits of consumerism and capitalist greed, but more nuanced insights and ironies. For example, in the context of a landfill, the fact that plastic never really degrades is pure harm, while in the context of art objects, that's what's called archival and it's a "good" thing that this now-valuable work made from what

was garbage will endure. Rescued by artistic intervention from polluting the natural world, these individual pieces of poison are themselves redeemed, and given a renewed sense of purpose – saving the world – that transcends their function.

Multiple live ticketed performances daily & installation viewing by timed reservation, through July 11 at 661 Imperial St., downtown; \$10-35; off-site film screenings at the Rendon and ICA LA are free; cap.ucla.edu/plastic_bag_store.

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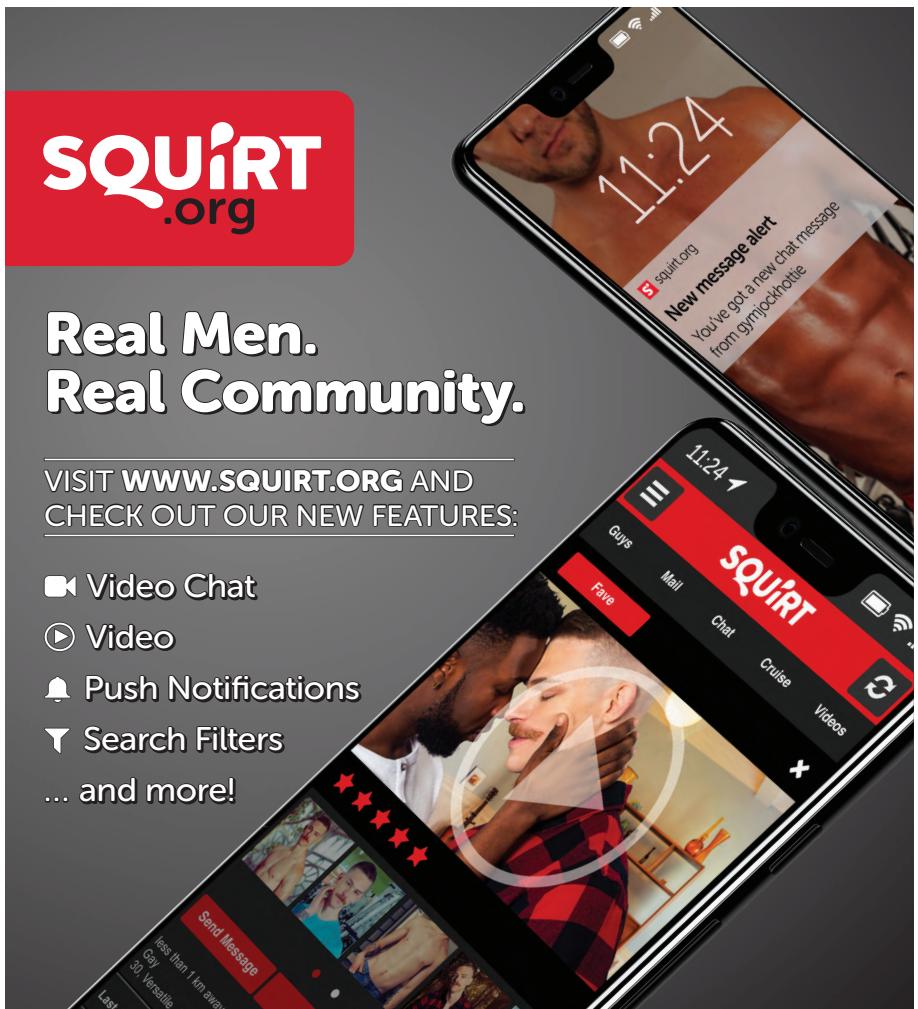


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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: 21SMCP00163

PETITION OF Jubo Hayden FOR CHANGE OF NAME To All Interested Persons:

1. Petitioner: Jubo Hayden filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: Jubo Hayden to proposed name: Jubair Kamal

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING Date: June 18th 2021 Time: 8:30am Dept: K

The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, Santa Monica Courthouse, 1725 Main St. Room 102, Santa Monica, CA 90401 MAILING ADDRESS: SAME.

3. A copy of this Order To Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition



in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: LA Weekly.
Date: 04/13/21. Lawrence Cho Judge of the superior court.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: 21BBCP00149

PETITION OF Shlomit Gluck, and Sarah Gluck, a minor by and through her parent, Shlomit Gluck FOR CHANGE OF NAME

To All Interested Persons:
1. Petitioner: Shlomit Gluck filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: a. Shlomit Gluck to proposed name: Hadassah Shulamit Meyer b. Sarah Gluck to proposed name: Sarah Meyer

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person

objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING Date: June 11th 2021 Time: 8:30am Dept: A

The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, County of Los Angeles LASC-NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT, BURBANK COURTHOUSE, 300 EAST OLIVE AVENUE, BURBANK, CA 91502. MAILING ADDRESS: SAME.

3. A copy of this Order To Show Cause shall be

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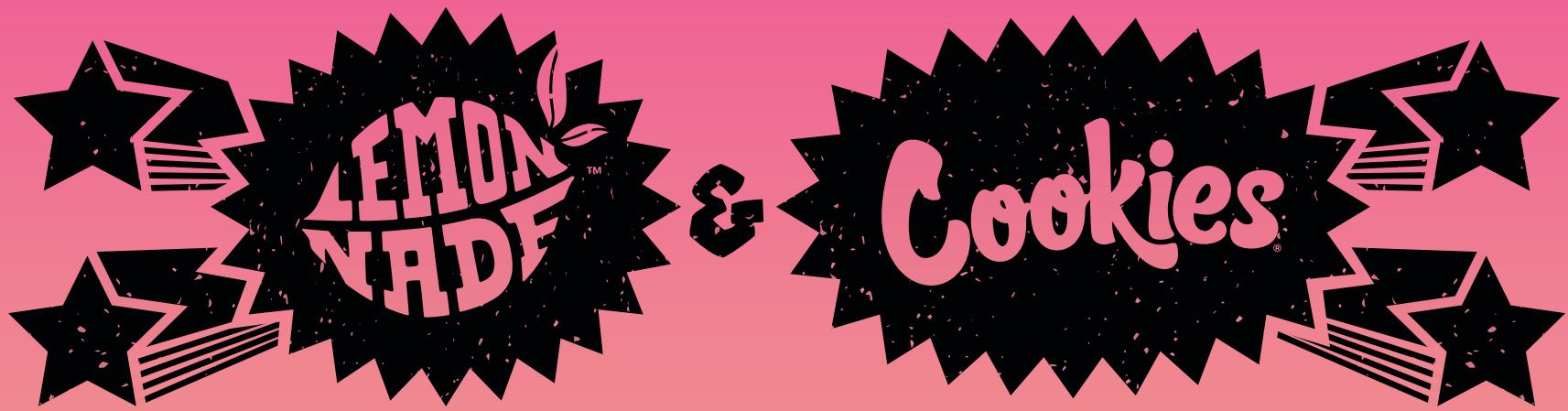


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