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Note From The Editor

High & Happy July Happy Munkey Family! We hope you are having an elevated start to your summer! This past June the Happy Munkey crew has been productively and safely getting back to work as the city hits phase two of reopening! On top of the reopening there is no question that the summer vibes are in full affect! From NYC's new outdoor bar and food scene to the returning sound of Dembo, hookahs, and fireworks uptown, New Yorkers are OUTSIDE. In the spirit of being outside the Happy Munkey crew launched our very first NYC Street Team, which has been leaving an army of colorfully stenciled Happy Monkeys all around town. So if you are out and about in NYC this summer make sure to be on the lookout because you never know where you will see the Munkey next!

Now onto the good stuff! In this issue we get right to it with a recap of the Ebony Juneteenth Opportunity Summit Happy Munkey participated in, learn how to celebrate cannabis this independence day with the folks over at Sanna CBD and Wellness, we head to the beach with Black Rose, then we take a blunt Walk around ** area ** with Rafael, and much much more! Early on in June when speaking to our mixed media contributors about their submissions for this issue, it was clear the energy of the Black Lives Matter protests and global calls for establishment change had immensely and brilliantly impacted their focus. The work submitted, while not the usual type of content, it truly moved me and the Munkey is proud to share it with y'all. The public protests that are happening in the streets of cities all over the US and across the globe is more than just a moment and the Happy Munkey Tribe proudly recognizes that.

Sending much love and energy out, see you next month and until then stay strong, stay safe, wash your hands and choose Happy! - DH



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THE HAPPY MUNKEY PODCAST



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TERPENES OF THE MONTH



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Aroma

- Peppermint
- Camphor
- Pennyroyal

Potential Medical Value

- Anti-anxiety
- Insecticide

Also found in...

- Rosemary
- Palo Santo

Sabinene

Aroma

- Woody
- Spicy
- Peppery

Potential Medical Value

- Anti-fungal
- Anti-microbial
- Anti-inflammatory

Also found in...

- Black pepper
- Carrot seed oil

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Welcome back Happy Munkey Fam, hope everyone has continued to practice social distancing and safely spreading positive vibes. It was a difficult decision, but for the month of July, the Rozay strain of the month is Garrison OG. "Garrison OG" is an indica dominant strain cultivated by Garrison Lane. If you're not familiar, Garrison Lane is a Los Angeles based cannabis lifestyle brand that's known for its award winning flowers. You can only imagine the focus and love that was put into growing the Garrison OG strain. At first sight, Garrison OG is a beautiful combination of bright yellow greenish buds with a mixture of orange and purple hairs inside a glazed donut-like finish. The THC levels reach up to 26.5% and CBD levels of 0.25%, instantly making this strain stronger than most. When smoked, the Garrison OG strain will immediately put you in a relaxed mode and gives the user a strong cerebral high that radiates around the body over time. When I smoked Garrison OG, I rolled two grams into a backwood and I certainly felt the potency pressure. I highly recommend crushing this bad boy in a grinder so that you don't lose any of the kief that would be guaranteed to accumulate under your fingers if you decided to hand grind. Garrison OG is without a doubt a night time strain that can definitely help those who lack sleep or are in need of a stress relief. The nose on the Garrison OG is funky rich aroma of fuel and soil combined together, with an earthy and gassy taste to match. After finishing my backwood there was no question Garrison OG might be one of my top 5 favorites. Happy Munkey Fam I sincerely recommend this strain, and am highly thankful that Garrison Lane created such an amazing strain. Until next time fam, stay high and stay blessed.

-Jose Rozay



MONTHLY ACCOUNTING & TAX ADVICE



by MCA ACCOUNTING SOLUTIONS MYCANNABISACCOUNTANT.COM

One of the most important financial decisions you can make for your cannabis business is selecting the right accountant to handle your monthly financial preparation and even more important, your year-end taxes.

It is for this reason that we are giving you the list of questions below to use as a guide when interviewing and hiring an accountant for your cannabis business to make sure that you are getting a representative that is qualified and the best fit to represent your company

1. How long have you been working with companies in the cannabis industry and how many clients do you currently represent?

The cannabis industry is not a typical industry and does not run like most other businesses. Accountants that have been working in the cannabis space for several years and with many clients have more experience helping business owners overcome the challenges and obstacles that come with operating a cannabis business.

2. In which legal states do you have experience working with cannabis clients?

Each state is like snowflakes, there are no two with laws and rules that are exactly alike. From different residency requirements to whether or not IRS code 280E applies,

3. Do you have a good network of cannabis industry professionals?

Hiring an accountant that has a strong network within the industry will be incredibly valuable as your business expands. This will give you access to additional resources for vendors, suppliers and other professionals that your business will need to be successful.

4. What kind of clients have you worked with in the industry (Retail, Cultivation, etc.)?

Each type of business in this industry faces different challenges and has different tax rules that affect them. Try to find an accountant that has experience across the vertical spectrum working with the various license types - Retail, Cultivation, Processing.

5. Do you hold any formal certifications (Enrolled Agent, CPA)?

Enrolled Agents and CPAs (Certified Public Accountants) have passed testing by the IRS and are required to keep up with continuing education on a yearly basis. They are also qualified to represent clients under examination and audit to federal and state taxing agencies.

6. Do you have a public accounting background?

Accountants that have worked in public accounting are exposed to many businesses and industries, which means they are experienced with the various corporate, debt and equity structures that are common to this industry. This also usually means a strong tax background which will come in handy when preparing the year-end taxes due to the financing methods used to form a lot of cannabis companies.

7. What is your approach to 280E and how does that affect my cannabis business?

IRS Code 280E limits the deductions available to your cannabis business when calculating your taxable income at the end of the year. If you are not hiring someone that understands how to best apply this code to your business type, you may be costing yourself extra money at tax time.

8. Do you have any current industry clients that we can speak with that will recommend your services?

With this being such an important decision for your company, asking for a referral from a current client of your potential accountant will add some confidence to your decision. By speaking with a current client, you can get validation of not only the quality of work, but also find out how it is to work with them on a regular basis.

Important Upcoming Tax Deadlines

July 15, 2020 - **ALL** Business and Personal Tax Returns and Extension Filing Deadline

July 31, 2020 - Second Quarter 2020 Payroll Taxes Due

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Michigan Monkey Madness

by David Hernandez



Earlier this past June, after fighting the cabin fever of being cooped up in a locked down New York City, the Happy Monkey crew led by yours truly took a spontaneous trip to Michigan. With a packed bag and facemask I got on my first flight since the pandemic hit and flew direct to Detroit. This being my first time in the Motor City my goal was to be as much of a tourist as Covid-19 would allow. So right after getting the rental car we drove around the city to get a lay of the land, stopping at landmarks like the GM headquarters building and Comerica Park (which was sadly closed at the time). After grabbing a bite to eat and some Faygo soda we made our way to the AirBnB and began to recharge our batteries.



The next day we woke up in the early morning to get breakfast at a local spot in downtown Detroit that served sandwiches on onion rolls, an apparent Detroit classic, then hit the road to visit our friends over at Viola Brands. Long time Happy Monkey supporters Viola Brands, founded by NBA superstar Al Harrington, have been an elevating example of Black excellence in the Cannabis space. Since we were in town

we had to stop in at the Viola cultivation and retail center, Michigan's largest Black owned cannabis operation. When we pulled in we were warmly welcomed by Cotia, the facilities manager that helped start the Michigan branch of Viola. Their facility itself was nestled along the Detroit river, directly across street from the historic The Detroit Harbor Terminal Building building in a state of abandonment, an example of the dilapidated surrounding area.



While inside we were shown their vegetation room which had bright A-5 LED lights with hundreds of baby plants and clones happily reaching for the light. We also got to peek inside at three grow rooms with strains like GG4, Fatso, Papaya, Maitai, & GMO all happily and healthily growing. It is important to mention the facility when we toured was in the middle of an expansion period, having recently received permitting for an additional 24,000 square footage of grow space, essentially doubling their current layout. Next we toured the Viola branded medical dispensary directly adjacent to the grow operation. Unfortunately because of Covid the showroom was emptied and

set up for reduced staff to run curbside pick up. Nevertheless we got a feel of the deli style service and uniform Viola brand message made clear by the purple accents everywhere you look. After chopping it up with the store manager, we were blessed with some Viola merch and then picked up a few flavors for the road.

For our next adventure we linked up with CannaBoys founder and unofficial Chaldean mayor of Motown, Jason Tueni. For those of you who are not hip to the fire being grown by the CannaBoys, these guys are growing the premier boutique cannabis in the country using nothing but top of the line genetics. Our adventure started with a quick tour through the heart of Detroit's downtown, we then made our way to the widely known road 8 Mile. Jason explained that 8 mile is the divide between Detroit city and the start of the suburbs, and while it might have been made famous by Eminem, it is now better known as the "Green Mile" with dispensaries lining the city side of the road.



Driving down 8 mile we passed easily 15 different dispensary storefronts including stores like Detroit Cookies, Jars, and House of Dank (One of Detroit's first dispensaries). Jason ended our tour with a stop along the countryside of 8 mile at a newly built and soon to open Dispensary called "The Clinic". This spot was special because it is the first

dispensary legally zoned to open in Centerline, MI, a big deal since suburban Detroiters prefer to not cross over 8 mile into the city for their cannabis. In addition to being the first dispensary scheduled to open in Centerline, MI it is also partly owned and run by Jason and his team. We initially scheduled the trip to see the grand opening of "The Clinic" but due to Covid the opening was pushed back. Nevertheless Jason opened his doors for us and let us see where the magic is soon to be happening!

On the walk you are warmly welcomed by the people at the greeting desk and politely asked to sign in. The waiting area directly across from the reception desk is brightly lit with sunlight pouring through the windows onto the stainless steel benches. The decor and aesthetic speaks to the industrial motor city's history. The show room large and set up with a U shaped countertop along the border for cashiers and smoking accessories kiosks along the center. And with a walk around the showroom I count 8 cashiers and space for 4 express checkout cashiers. Once I finished the tour I vibed out in the back office with the CannaBoys team. We chopped it up about our thoughts on the hottest flavors in Michigan and who was making the terpiest rosin.



After hanging with Jason and his team you realize he is a builder. I quickly saw

the bond Jason and his workers share is deeper than employer and employee. He has soldiers loyal to CannaBoys movement. While they're starting to embark on a new chapter, the struggle to the top is not forgotten. Employees that at one time went to work thinking everyday was the day the Detroit police would decide to crack down on their dispensary, now hold managerial positions. It's undeniable Jason genuinely cares about the people on his team and does all he can to facilitate their growth. The saying "Everybody Eats" comes to mind when thinking about The CannaBoys movement and it's clearly a part of their success!

From "The Clinic" Jason took us into the suburbs to see the locations of the other dispensaries slated to open in Macomb county. Next we stopped off at Jason's father's house to meet with the CannaBoys crew to stage a photo shoot of the newest crop. Stylistically he chose to take photos of untrimmed as well as trimmed buds along his father's flower filled garden. From the photoshoot we hit the road again north of Detroit to see a CannaBoys grow operation. When we arrived I eagerly waited until we were walked in and shown the grow room! As I walked in I was greeted with beautiful bushy trees with their leaves happily sunbathing in the light, supported by thick treetrunk like stems. Before Jason could even tell me what I was looking at, I already knew from the smell I was in the presence of his famous Mac 1 (coming from the capulator's Mac 1 cut) & Dinosaur Food. Even though the plants were only in week 5 you could already tell this batch was going to be frosty.



From the grow Jason took us to a facility he is currently building out in Detroit. The

building was in a huge industrial lot, with shipping containers lining the parking lot. On the inside of the building Jason walked us through the rooms and showed us around where by mid August he plans to grow, process, and package all his licensed CannaBoys products! Our day with Jason ended with a tour down Warren road into Detroit's downtown. Along the way we drove through many abandoned industrial lots that had been completely bombed by a vibrant spray painting community in the city.

The next day started with a 90 minute drive down south to Adrian, Michigan, which is only a couple miles away from the Ohio border, to pay a visit to our friends at Cryo Cure Cannabis. Once we made it off the highway and hit the long county roads I was thrown off by how flat southern Michigan was, at a glance you could see miles of sprouting corn rows into the distance. We eventually pulled up to a house and barn in the middle of an endless cornfield, and as we were pulling in Tracee, Co-founder of Cryo Cure, met us in the driveway. Over the last few weeks we had exchanged emails and phone calls, but this was the first time we had met in person, so we embraced each other with a friendly elbow bump and she brought us inside to the barn.



What I saw next both looked and smelt like heaven! Inside the beautifully furnished and spacious barn were bins upon bins of untrimmed limoncello flowers being worked on by a crew of seven people in addition to Tracee. After picking my jaw up from the ground I was introduced to Tracee's husband, co-founder and

engineering brains behind Cryo Cure Cannabis, Greg Baughman who then brought me up to speed with what they had going on in the Barn. Directly in front of me working at the center table were six men trimming away at frosty stalks of limoncello to later be run through a final automatic trimming machine. To my left was a large candy blue piece of farm machinery I soon found out was the world famous Cryo Cure machine. And to my right was the kitchen with an organized promotional display of large, healthy, and frosty nugs. On a closer inspection of the nugs to my right I noticed the buds I was looking at were unlike any other I had seen before.

that resulted from the Cryo Cure freeze drying was a testament to the magic the machine effortlessly makes!

Once we were done putting the Cryo Cured flower to the test I got a chance to walk around the barn and see what other magic Greg and Tracee were cooking up. Greg took us into his extraction lab where he uses cannabis biomass collected from trimming to make diamonds, sauce, and distillate. While in the lab for the sake of showing us how it's done Greg whipped together a batch of carts to fill up and explained the entire process. We then took a peek into the basement grow where Greg had about 40 plants growing hydroponically. I snapped some video then went from hanging with the plants in the grow to back up in the main room of the barn where I was able to join in on the trimming party.



After getting the scientific breakdown I needed to run my own scientific research, so I rolled up a few joints of the available selection of Lemon Cherry Gelato, New York Sour Diesel, and Gorilla Glue #4. Joint after joint I was surprised by the extremely terpy and flavorful flower, even noticing a super wet resin ring drip below the joint's cherry. Aside from the light spongy feel of the Cryo Cure buds while rolling you can not tell the difference when smoking it, if anything the flavor profile of the Cryo Cure tastes more dynamic than traditionally cured flower. During the taste test Greg pulled out a jar for me to open, of what he described as 16-month old outdoor flower Cryo Cured and left sealed. When I opened the jar and examined the bud and the first thing that came to mind was a McDonald's burger being left out for years and showing no sign of rot. To my disbelief having spent 16 months in a jar the Cryo Cured flower still had a noticeable nose, a vibrant color, and the texture was not cracker dry like other flowers get after only a couple days in a container. The extreme preservation

Our day at Cryo Cure winded down with Greg showing us his vault of coveted seeds including rare legendary genetics like Angola Red and new sought after genetics like Capulator's MAC1. We then ate dinner and packed up for our trek back to Detroit. Before we hit the road we said bye to the whole team and promised to be back! On our way out Tracee made sure to send off with a farewell care package filled with a sampling of Cryo Cure goodies and Greg's masterfully crafted concentrates. Next time I am in Michigan I will 100% be stopping by again, and I will definitely be on the lookout for Cryo Cure becoming a

household name!

My last adventure while I was in Michigan was three hours west of Detroit to the town of Muskegon to visit my homie Greg, owner and founder of The Wave Extracts. I first met Greg at Happy Munkey months ago, and he made a point to mention that if I ever was in Michigan I should pay him a visit. To be honest I did not know much about Greg or The Wave before trekking out West, but one thing I knew was that they made the fire! So with the crew we woke up early on our second to last day of the trip and headed out on the open Michigan roads. After a few pit stops and a bunch of puffco hits we made our way off the highway and through a maze of local town roads to Greg's facility.



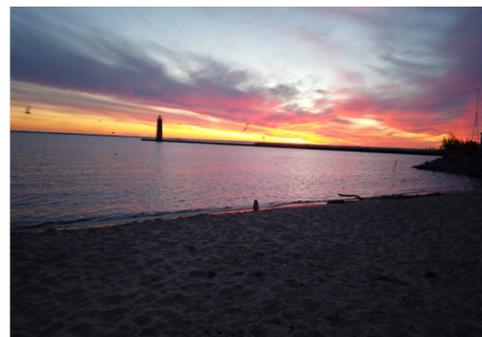
Greg met us outside and brought us into his "work station", an office room with a large conference table conveniently covered in heady rigs, torches, concentrates, thermal thermometers, and the always needed q-tips and Iso. As we exchanged Corona-free embraces we took seats around the conference table and caught up since our first time at the club. During our conversation The Wave's head extractor walked in and fired up a dab, halfway through the heat up he realized he had company and introduced himself on the cooldown. Before I could even inquire Greg told us to feel free firing up a rig and trying any of the flavors on the table! I quickly took him up on that offer and dipped into terpy jars

of golden saucy goodness. I started off by smoking a golden BHO sauce labeled Trump's Candy who's sweet gassy taste instantly ignited a nose tingling terp sneeze. I regained my composure and moved on to try The Wave's newest BHO sauce run of the extremely hyped up Runtz. The snappy sugary sweet taste lived up to the hype and gave me a head rush that settled right beneath my eyes that told me to take a 5 minute break. I ended my terp journey with the Seinfeld inspired Mackinaw Peaches sauce and had my flavor expectations for a BHO sauce completely blown out the water with heavy notes of cream, fruit, and OG gas.



After what felt like hours of seshing Greg motivated the group to take the 15 minute drive to catch the sunset over Lake Michigan. I was naturally unopposed, who doesn't love a good sunset? So we plugged in the South Breakwater Lighthouse into the GPS and we were off! On the drive, the skies over the ocean sized Lake Michigan were a mixed painter's pallet of crimson reds, deep burnt oranges, and a calm growing indigo. We soon got to the beach and parked our cars just in time to watch the sun paint pictures in the sky. We then headed out along a long stone pier ending in a red lighthouse hundreds of yards out off the coast. At the end I could do nothing but stop and take in the sound of wind pushing the waves as the sun set for the night. Please understand me when I say, I have seen plenty of sunsets in

my day, but trust me this sunset hit different. Once the sun set we split up and in lieu of the 3 hour drive to our Airbnb in Detroit, we got a hotel room at a nearby inn and made plans to stop through in Ann Arbor with Greg on our way back.



The next morning we linked up at Greg's facility for an AM dab session to prepare us for the next three hours on the road. After a good 45 minutes of nonstop clouds we got our stuff together and headed for our cars. Before I left Greg came out with a few pieces from the newest Wave merchandise drop, blessing me with a pastel peach "Mackinaw Peaches" hoodie in the style of the Allman Brothers Band's 3rd studio album "Eat A Peach". Accepting the gift I proudly put on my new hoodie for the ride to Ann Arbor.



When we got to Ann Arbor our first stop was to pick up freshly washed hash rosin, washed by @Connoisseur_Creations. We walked into a house of a regular looking suburb and were introduced to the @Connoisseur_Creations gang who were all sitting around a kitchen island littered with glass buckets filled with some of the terpiest hash rosins in the world! On the center of the kitchen island was a multicolor

interstellar mothership rig with a matching bubble cap and faceted banger, resting just three inches from a black HeatTech thermal thermometer. And once again I could not even ask to try a hit, someone was firing me up a hit of freshly pressed Strawnana rosin. I then tried a lineup of close to 12 different hash rosins all collaborated on between The Wave and Connoisseur Creations. During our sesh Greg explained his transition away from BHO to solventless extraction, explaining that while he prefers BHO he understands the culture is quickly moving towards the era of solventless concentrates. He also blew my very high mind when he pointed out the fact he is one of the only Black men in the country making solventless concentrates, and to his credit he isn't making any boof!



I ended the day back in my Detroit Airbnb with a few hours to pack before my flight in the morning. Feeling truly blessed I reflected on my 4 days in Michigan and plotted on the next time I could make it out! Big thank yous and shoutouts to Jason at Cannaboyz, Greg at The Wave, Cotia at Viola, and Tracee & Greg at Cryo Cure! The Happy Munkey crew will be back out in Michigan very soon, but until then stay safe, stay elevated, and always #ChooseHappy!

-David Hernandez

HAPPY MUNKEY TALK: CHEF MIGUEL TRINIDAD, FOUNDER OF 99TH FLOOR EDIBLES



cause we're all from New York, Mel being Dominican and Doug being from Queens, after that we said we should definitely do something together. Fast forward a few months later, I get a call from them asking "how do you feel about cooking with weed?" All I knew about cooking with weed was brownies and stuff as a kid, but I know food so I was like "yeah we can do something on another level." We flew out to LA and met up with Bam, one of our friends out there who has won cannabis cups several times, he gave me a crash course on everything I needed to know. They then challenged me to do a dinner on that day. We found a spot, then the next day I went shopping and made a three course meal and it took off. It was great, everyone said positive things about it, so we came back to New York and said "how do we do this?" And that was the birth of 99th floor.



Greetings Happy Munkey Fam,

This month Ramon And Vlad go straight to the boulevard with Miguel Trinidad, co-owner of the 99th floor and judge on viceland's Bong Appetit, to discuss cooking with cannabis and his start in high end cannabis dining. We get a chance to find out some of his cooking inspirations from good old mama love and her specialties and his desire to open a Restaurant that highlights Dominican culture. He also tells us how he got onto viceland and how to properly cook with weed without knocking out your dinner guests! We are honored and excited to share some of our conversation and hope you enjoy!

Q: What dishes inspired you growing up?

A: My mother, god bless her hands, her quintessential dish that brought everyone together was her bistec con arroz y habichuela (steak with rice and beans). That Dominican thinly sliced steak... that palomilla. It didn't matter where the family was, if mom said she was making bistec, everyone made their way there. Growing up in the lower east side, the only Dominican restaurants that we had were Castillo de Agua, if any. I mean, you were having Dominican food but it still wasn't your mom's food, it was good but still wasn't your mom's food.

I wanted to see the things my mom would make on special occasions, rabo guisado (ox tail stew), Lambi (conch), or when the family got together and there was a big pot of sancocho (stew) on the table, or mondongo (tripe). This was one of the reasons I wanted to create a platform where Dominicans can see things that we haven't seen. If you go to a Dominican or Puerto Rican restaurant, you see the same menu with the steam tables. It's delicious but when do you see the rabo guisado or your lambi?

Q: What was the thought process on starting 99th floor?

A: My partner Doug Cohen was working with Mel Peralta, who is also Dominican, they've been boys for a long time. They produce and they have a marketing company, they were doing a pilot with DJ Neil Armstrong, the tour DJ for Jay Z, where Neil would teach someone his craft in exchange for them teaching him theirs. So Neil approached me and asked if I would do it with him, so I was teaching him how to cook and he was teaching me to DJ. Me, Doug, and Mel met and we hit it off

Q: How did you go from 99th floor to bong appetite?

A: This happened through 99th floor, my partner Doug knows Chris Grosso, one of the producers of the show. Chris came to one of the dinners and he really enjoyed what he saw. I'm thinking "the dude is coming in and having dinner just like everybody else." About a year later, I get a call from Chris and he invited me on the show as one of the guest chef, I cooked a dinner for them where I did this Filipino feast, you know cause my restaurants being Filipino at the time. I cooked, it was great, then about a year later I get a call like "hey we're doing season three, we want to know if you're interested in coming on the show, and if you'd be interested in being a judge." I asked when they wanted me, and they said the whole season. I was like "oh okay!" and I went out there to do the pilot.

Check Out @99thfl on Instagram to keep up with all things 99th Floor!





The Happy CannaDate: Mobilizing The Cannabis Vote in 2020

By Stu Zakim

2020 has been quite the year so far; the Covid-19 pandemic changing our worlds as we knew it and impacting all areas of our lives from work to romance to socializing with our fellow Happy Munkey family. It's bound to go down as one of the worst years in history.

One way that we can end the year on a better note, rather HAVE to, is using our voice as a community to make sure people register and then vote November 3. As we get closer, we want to unite our Happy Munkey family to have a voice in deciding who goes to DC in January and who also reflects our lifestyle and culture. While Biden's Cannabis policy is well known and out of touch with reality, he is a much better option than Trump and ideally will put someone from the community on his staff to represent and educate him as to the benefits of legalization.

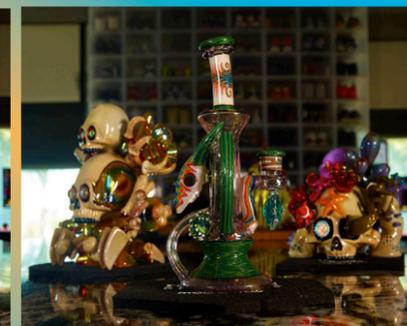
But, the real impact is on the local level. In New Jersey specifically, we have a Senator, Corey Booker, running for re-election and is a known supporter of legalization, a Congressman from Newark, and a very important race in the second district where Amy Kennedy, wife of anti-legalization leader Patrick Kennedy, has received the Democratic Party endorsement over the other two candidates who are vocal in their support of legalization. The ballot initiative is a result of the State Assembly and Senate's inability to pass a legislative bill in spite of Governor Murphy's running on that policy.

Other states that have legalization on the ballot on November 3 include Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, Idaho, Ohio, Rhode Island and South Dakota. We have compiled a list of who is running for what in each of those states and contact info which is available on the website and we encourage all of you to not only register and vote, but get all your friends out.

Trump is here because people couldn't stand Hillary and a lot stayed home out of protest. We can't afford that luxury again. We are planning to endorse a variety of "Cannadates" across the country and will soon be launching an Instagram program as we plan to use our voice to get the community out and help Biden and the other politicians to understand what a strong and powerful voting block we represent. And as many governors in legal states have learned, we are all about the culture, solving years of social injustice and inequity and ending the stigma against this harmless plant.



LOST IN LA



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Cannascopes

JUNE 2020

ARIES

Strain: GRAPE JELLY

Horoscope: Guilt may be holding you back. Make amends and definitely trust the process, no matter how much you may want to quit.

TAURUS

Strain: GREEN LANTERN

Horoscope: Focus on areas that need internal healing, may it be relationships with others & / or within yourself. Those areas, if unattended, may cause mayhem.

GEMINI

Strain: ROYAL HAZE

Horoscope: You'll achieve what you desire, as long as you express it & go for it in ways you may not be accustomed to. Your own fuel & creativity is key.

LIBRA

Strain: THE VISION

Horoscope: Letting go of control helps you have more energy to focus elsewhere. You are urged to believe in yourself (more). You are responsible for your own shine.

CANCER

Strain: PINK CHAMPAGNE

Horoscope: Happy CANCER SEASON, my intuitive crabs. Make sure you find a balance between what the mind wants / expects & what your heart desires. A good balance will bring on faster manifestations.

LEO

Strain: ZKITTLEZ

Horoscope: Let go of any attachments & expectations. When you stay longing for something, you give off a feeling of not having, which further delays things.

VIRGO

Strain: SOURLOPE

Horoscope: This is a time to focus on yourself. Face the darkness within that holds you back & delays your manifestations. The world mirrors your actions to yourself.

SCORPIO

Strain: JAMAICAN LION

Horoscope: Success comes when things are done, for others & yourself, with unconditional love. Recognition is shown & blessings are then given. When you work alongside the universe you can have it all.

SAGGITTARIUS

Strain: SAGE N SOUR

Horoscope: Living with guilt & regret takes away from your gratitude. Make peace with past situations/decisions & free up space to receive more opportunities.

CAPRICORN

Strain: DR. GRINSPOON

Horoscope: Your love is invaluable. Just because others don't reciprocate or show appreciation for it doesn't mean it goes unseen. Keep it up & raise your energy to untouchable heights.

Aquarius

Strain: DR. FUNK

Horoscope: Forgiveness to yourself is being urged. You have been a bit tough on yourself. It is time to uplift yourself & admire your willingness to help others..

PISCES

Strain: KILIMANJARO

Horoscope: Use some of that compassion trait of yours on yourself. Do not allow the criticisms of others affect your approach.

Cannasacopes crafted by the amazing [Astro G](#)

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Cooking With Cannabis: Decarboxylation Made Easy!

By David Hernandez



We all have that friend who loves making edibles, if you are that friend pat yourself on the back, we all need more friends like you. If you don't have a homie that cheff's it up in the canna kitchen, look no further because your homies at Happy Munkey have just filled that void. And today we want to give you an important lesson on how to get started on cooking with cannabis! Whether you plan on making a tray of brownies or an elevated 11-course meal, one step you can't skip is decarbing (short for decarboxylation) your flower or concentrates. To better understand what it means to decarb, we connected with our friends and decarboxylation experts over at Ardent Cannabis to see how the pros do it!

Ardent Cannabis is a Black & Female cannabis company based in the North East that has revolutionized at-home edible making with their countertop decarboxylation machine, the Ardent FX. Inside the sleek purple pill shaped body, the Ardent FX effortlessly and perfectly heats up cannabis in order to chemically activate the THC that would have otherwise remained dormant. The Ardent FX also has the options to specifically activate other cannabinoids like the popular CBD and the lesser known CBG.

You're looking at a before and after shot of the Ardent FX Decarboxylator's decarboxylation process! On the left you can see the leafy bright green Sativa salad of Gorilla Glue #4, Trainwreck, and Slymer flowers before decarbing. In this stage much of the plant's THC potential remains inactive as THCA! On the right you can see the same Sativa flower salad now made noticeably more brown in color, and the cannabis plant matter's THC fully activated from decarboxylation!

The next step will be to take our now fully activated flower and use it as any one of our many infusions! Believe it or not, you can even infuse the medium of your choice directly inside the Ardent FX! Allowing us to confidently and easily infuse all of our canna products knowing we are using the cannabis's full potential each and every time! If you're looking to get your hands on the Ardent FX, [you can use this link](#) to grab this amazing gadget and use **MUNKEY** for \$30 off!



HAPPY JULY 4-20!



The First American Flag, sewn from Hemp in Philadelphia, PA

CELEBRATE WITH THE CANNABIS PLANT THIS INDEPENDENCE DAY

By Salam Diri & Estefania Valencia from SannaOhana Yoga & Wellness

This July Fourth America Celebrates its Independence Day! (technically another 4/20 if you look at the calendar date). What better way to honor this country than by celebrating the primary crop that led to its success - Cannabis. As we uncover the hidden history of Cannabis we realize more and more how it led to the foundation of this country.

So does that mean that lighting one up on the 4th of July is patriotic? YES!

Even before America's independence, the Cannabis plant was heavily relied on and utilized as industrial hemp. Let's take a look at how Cannabis has contributed to the development of our country and how it can help us today, and in our future. In the 1600s Jamestown the first English settlement in America cultivated hemp to produce rope and fabric for ships and clothing. This became the norm for many new settlements that followed. Eventually, some colonies required their farmers to grow hemp and they allowed their farmers to use it as legal tender. The founding fathers also advocated for the versatility of the hemp crop and owned farms themselves. President George Washington for example owned 5 hemp farms and Benjamin Franklin owned the first hemp paper mill, which later, created the paper where the first two drafts of the Declaration of Independence were written! In fact, the first ever sewn American flag was also made of hemp!

How's that for Canna-Patriotism?

Learning from our hidden Cannabis-American history can help us understand the true value of the Cannabis plant and can ultimately shape the future of our country and entire planet. Hemp paper for example, could reverse the deforestation and carbon emissions caused by the paper mill industry use of tree pulp. Imagine no toilet paper shortages! In fact, most likely, a surplus of sustainable hemp toilet paper! In 1916 the USDA even published an article showing how hemp grows 4X more than trees per acre.

Medicinally from 1850 to 1937, cannabis was used as the main medicine for more than 100 separate diseases in the U.S. Pharmacopoeia. During all this time, science, doctors, and drug manufacturers had no idea of its active components (cannabinoids). Yet from 1842 until the 1980s, Cannabis Indica was one of the three items after alcohol and opium, most prescribed - in particular, to American infants, children, youth, adults, women in childbirth, senior citizens and animals. In other words, everyone!

Cannabis has proved over and over again to be one of the most versatile crops on earth. Not only can we help our environment with sustainable paper and medicine, but we can also make hundreds of different kinds of durable and environmentally friendly materials such as hempcrete, hemp plastic, hemp biofuel, hemp batteries and hemp clothing. In 1942 Henry Ford built a car made out of hemp that is 10x stronger than steel. That same year a film set up by the USDA called Hemp for Victory encouraged farmers to cultivate Hemp to support World War II and in exchange the farmers would not get drafted into the war.

Nowadays, the world's perception toward Cannabis is slowly shifting to a positive one. Primarily, for the people who have experienced the plant's medicinal benefits first hand. Veterans are at the forefront of our Cannabis Renaissance, as they benefit greatly from the use of Cannabis to treat PTSD, depression, anxiety, pain and have contributed greatly to destigmatize the plant. Veterans should definitely be celebrated this Independence Day!

At a time when social and racial justice issues are quite literally screaming for help, Cannabis has the potential to create a bright future for our communities, this planet and the universe.

The American people have suffered greatly from the impacts of Cannabis prohibition. The criminalization of this medicinal plant has not only devastated our environment, but also, our communities predominantly composed of black, hispanic, immigrant and low income families. The war on drugs targeted these communities in order to create an institutionalized racist prison system that still generates millions in prison labor until this day. This is the ugly truth of our hidden Cannabis-American history, but we must acknowledge it, understand it and learn from it in order to move forward and do better. Cannabis has always been tainted for the oppression and exploitation of some of our fellow humans - through slavery, the war on drugs and by the pharmaceutical industry denying access to an incredible medicinal and sustainable plant.

It's time to take back the plant and heal our country and our world!

We stand in a world that feels like it needs to be rebuilt from scratch. Social equity in Cannabis is an opportunity to repair and restore communities and families negatively affected by the war on drugs - medicinally, economically, environmentally and personally- mind, body and spirit.

So on July 4th, when you are at a holiday gathering, let's share some Cannabis facts so that one day we can celebrate the freedom to grow, smoke, eat and build with this plant! Hemp can change the world to a more natural and sustainable, more peaceful, more loving and compassionate place.

Happy July 4/20 !!!

NO JUSTICE

NO PEACE



SPRING SAUTE OVER NOODLES



RECIPE BY CHEF JOSH

It's Cookout Season!!

Everyone knows you can not pullup to a cookout without a dish to share! So we got you covered with this easy to whip up, cookout ready, spring noodle salad!

As always feel free to contact @Themediblist for additional recipes!

Ingredients

2 Tsp EV00	2 Tbsp chopped green onions	1 Tbsp rinsed capers
1/2 Cup chopped baby zucchini	1/2 Cup chopped baby yellow squash	Pinch of salt
1/2 cup grape tomatoes cut into quarters		1/2 teaspoon lemon pepper

Directions

- 1) Heat oil in a large skillet
- 2) Add onions and sauté for 2 minutes on med/high heat
- 3) Add squash and sauté 3-5 minutes until they begin to lightly brown
- 4) Add tomatoes and sauté for another 3-5 mins
- 5) Add capers and season the mixture
- 6) Stir vegetables in with 1 cup cooked pasta



Kicks 4 The KULTURE

BY JOSE ROZAY

Welcome back to the July edition of Kicks 4 the Kulture! This month I have decided to highlight four of my favorite cannabis-inspired sneakers ever produced. Additionally since I have previously only featured Nike brand sneakers, this edition will be focused on appreciating different well-known brand name kicks inspired by the vibrant 4/20 culture. Nevertheless the following sneakers listed have all been labeled under Rozay Legendary Status

1) Adidas Superstar 1 "Philly blunt".

Release Year:2008

PHILLIES



The Adidas Superstar 1's come from the combined effort of the well known tobacco manufacturer Phillie and the original trefoil tribe. In my opinion these are some of the most creative on my list of favorites. Inspired by the Phillie blunt itself the color of the shoe is a dark cigar paper brown. But it didn't stop there, Adidas took it a step further.

Adidas transformed the tongue logo to a parody of the Phillies logo, as well as texturizing the leather to appear like tobacco. Though a rare number of people own sample pairs, this creative ode to a cannabis staple sadly never made it into production for the public.



2) Vans Vault Era "Palm Leafs"

Release Year:2012

Vans dropped their classic era silhouette introducing new summer like style to fashionistas. Vans covered the era sneakers with all over printed patterns of "leafs". The leafs obviously represented cannabis but to play it safe with the parent groups, vans disguised the sneaker labeling them "palm leafs" as if it was palm leafs printed instead of the



the sneaker labeling them "palm leafs" as if it was palm leafs printed instead of the magical Mary Jane.

3) Huf Hupper 420 pack

Release Year:2011



In 2011, California based skate clothing and footwear brand Huf produced The Huf Hoppers Pack. A simple sneaker silhouette that carried a big message, covered in a green base and all-over cannabis leaf like printed canvas with a soft suede finish on the toe box. The Hufs were released as a pack accompanied by three pairs of socks and limited to only 420 pairs made.

4) Bait x Adidas Originals Stan Smith Vulc "Happy 420"

Release Year:2016

Above you see the Adidas classic Stan Smith silhouette collab with Bait inspired by the very high holiday 420. Made from high grade homegrown hemp, the sneaker body had been heat pressed with a pattern of small stones, done in a nod to the burning of the hemp. The heels were done in a hairy chunk suede to reflect the texture of cannabis buds. They have a secret pocket behind the tongue for a stash, and finished off with a fake prescription label on the pull tab of the heel. Honestly they killed it with the creative label that read "420 mg, take once daily." Adidas released these shortly after the recreational use of marijuana was legalized in California.





Increasing Equity in the Cannabis Industry

By Tahir Johnson

This week has been one of the biggest moments in my professional career. A few days ago we launched the [Social Equity Scholarship Program](#) at the National Cannabis Industry Association which will make social equity applicants and license holders around the country eligible for a complimentary membership. I will be working together with the organization's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee to lead these efforts along with a number of future programs as the Manager of DEI. To take this on for the cannabis industry's oldest and largest trade association is an honor that I never envisioned I'd have but I am proud and encouraged to take on this new challenge as I celebrate a year here.

With the US cannabis industry projected to bring in [\\$30 billion in revenue by 2025](#), atoning for the damage of the war on drugs and the fact that people of color have very little ownership, representation, and are still being incarcerated for cannabis convictions today while others have the opportunity to create generational wealth is the biggest paradox, facing the industry and must be addressed. While this program doesn't fix all of that, my goal is to contribute to the democratization of access to opportunities in the industry through this platform. In one of my favorite movies, Wall St, the protagonist Gordon Gekko said "If you're not inside, you're outside and I hope to help eliminate those barriers to success and work together with other industry leaders to [increase equity in the cannabis industry](#).

If you're reading this and you are a social equity cannabis business owner, applicant or an industry ally that wants to learn more about the program please visit thecannabisindustry.org/equity and hit me up directly at tahir@thecannabisindustry.org for more info.

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Munkey Munchies: Scarr's Pizza

By David Hernandez

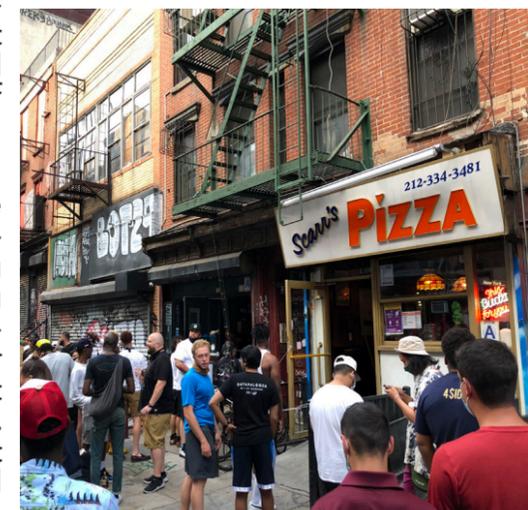
Here at Happy Munkey there are a lot of words that come to mind when describing our movement, but "clout chasing" has never been and will be one of them. Since Happy Munkey's inception we have proudly made it clear we don't do what we do for the clout, we do it for the culture. Nestled just north of the border between the LES and Chinatown, on Orchard street Scarr's Pizza Shop deeply embodies that same authentic energy. Even describing Scarr's Pizza simply as just a pizza shop the picture of vibrant New York Culture they have masterfully painted begins to narrow. Similar to how someone calling Happy Munkey just a cannabis company would severely miss the mark, Scarr's Pizza is a New York vibe that can't be bottled. With its old school sign hanging over the establishment and non stop line of pickup orders and people enjoying an ice cold Dominican Presidente on tap or all natural Henny Coolada, Scarr's Pizza is hard to miss!

In the post Covid New York outdoor seating and block parties have become the norm, especially in the designated "Open Street" areas meant to ease overcrowding. Much like walking through the streets of

European cities, Manhattan's food and bar scene has started to flourish curbside. Scarr's Pizza has been no exception! On a Friday evening in late June I headed down to Scarr's craving a slice and Cesar salad, and to my surprise as I turned on Orchard I stumbled upon a block party hosted by Scarr's next door neighbor, Boy's Don't Cry. Just shy of 7pm I strolled down the block and was quickly reminded of true New York summer vibes with the sound of people publicly hanging out listening to music, drinking and smoking. I pulled up on Scarr's in the midst of the party and ordered myself a vegan Cesar salad and because of the summer vibes in the air I opted for an all natural Henny Coolada instead of a slice. After I placed my order I stepped out of line with my Coolada and made my way into the mix of the block party.

Me personally being quite cautious of large public gatherings with Covid still looming I debated taking a seat along the sidewalk, but then ultimately decided to chill near the makeshift DJ booth at the front of Boys Don't Cry. To be both within an earshot away from my food order and

close to the delightful sounds of the New York legend and IG Live Covid-19 sensation Statik Selektah spinning. It was probably my tenth time seeing Statik Selektah in person, but my first since the lockdown ended making it feel and sound brand new. As I grooved out to 1980s and 90s mixes being spun I heard my name being called and I knew my order was ready. I hopped out of the crowd and scooped my vegan Cesar salad and quickly went to town! All in all, big shoutouts to Audi and Scarr for the amazing and organic tasting food & always showing the Happy Munkey fam love, next time you are in the LES make sure to stop by Scarr's Pizza and catch a vibe!



GETTING 'YOKE'D

The First Adult-Use Retail

Dispensary Opens In Holyoke on 7/5

By Dan McCarthy

Two and a half hours.

That's how long it takes to drive from New York City to Massachusetts right off I-91 until you get to the city of Holyoke. There, the on-the-rise working class city along the canals is currently in the middle of a revitalization that is being driven by welcoming legal cannabis in town with open arms.

Now that Canna Provisions is about to be the first adult-use cannabis retailer to open its doors in Holyoke at 380 Dwight Street, store manager Isaias Lopez says as a proud Latino and Holyoke native that being able to bring the brand to The Paper City (in a historic 150 year old former paper mill no less) means everything to him.

"I'm all about being a game changer," says Lopez. "And I'm in a movement with game changers, in my city. I'm so proud to be a part of it."

But it's not just being part of a brand known for having one of the largest and most curated menus of cannabis products from the Pioneer Valley to the Berkshires, where the flagship Canna Provisions adult-use storefront is located off the Mass Pike. For Lopez, it's also about changing outdated perceptions on cannabis and cannabis use.

"I'm from a city where weed was considered a real bad thing to begin with, so I feel like I'm a representation of the legal side of weed," he says. "Showing my town cannabis isn't what people thought, and being from where it's now legally being sold gives me a lot of pride."

Lopez says Canna Provisions as a brand represents everything consumers from novice to experienced are looking for. Think: flower from brands like Nature's Heritage ("I love their Ethos Chem", he says) and Strane ("The LA Confidential is great, and a past Cannabis Cup winner"), and the killer edibles from brands like Betty's Eddies, incredibles, and Tropizen. The latter being new to the Canna Provisions portfolio, with their Pique hot sauce made with Puerto Rican peppers and infused with THC.



Generating much needed revenue and job creation for a city that is roughly 50% minority (mostly Puerto Rican) is attractive in its own right, but with Morse's vision, Holyoke - currently in the middle of a revitalization construction boom - may even be one of the first cities in Massachusetts to forge a mini Amsterdam of cannabis-friendly cafes along the canal and art district.

Until then, you can get to Canna Provisions (yes there's tons of parking!). Be assisted by their knowledgeable "guides" who are focused on listening to your needs and then coaching you on the best products to try or learn about, and smile being a part of history as Holyoke enters the adult-use retail cannabis game to the betterment of the community at large.



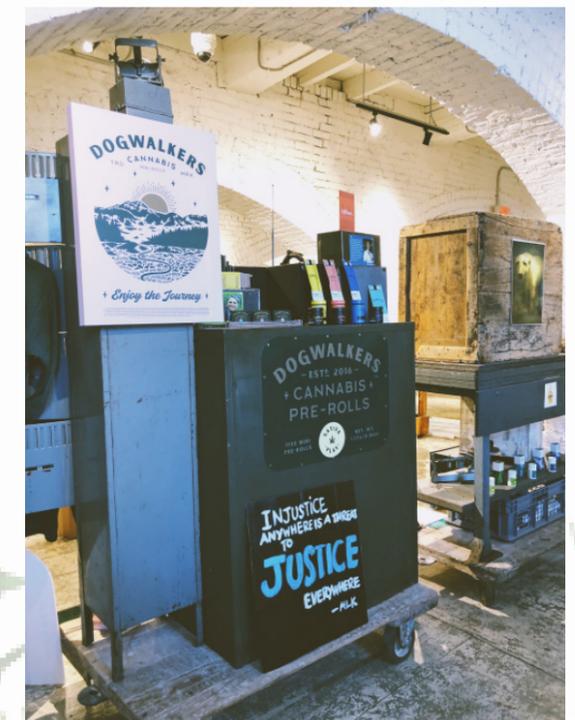
CANNA PROVISIONS HOLYOKE BY THE NUMBERS

HOW MANY YEARS THE MILL HAS BEEN AROUND: 150+

HOW MUCH WRITING PAPER IT PRODUCED BY 1922 USED BY THE US: 80%

BLOCKS FROM THE AMTRAK STATION TO GET TO CANNA PROVISIONS HOLYOKE: 4

FEET YOU WILL REMAIN APART FROM IN-STORE PERSONNEL AND CUSTOMERS: 6



CANNA PROVISIONS

280 DWIGHT STREET

HOLYOKE, MA 01040

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Celebrating Juneteenth With Ebony Magazine

This past Juneteenth the Happy Munkey crew was honored to have the CEO Vladimir Bautista speak at the EBONY Juneteenth Weekend Opportunity Cannabis Summit. The one day event masterfully put on by Rico Lamitte and Ebony Magazine brought a community of experts, scientists, activists, entrepreneurs, and therapeutic supporters together for a day of advocacy, education, and empowerment. Over the day 53 speakers from 6 countries connected via Hoppin to share positive messaging and inspiring stories to empower future advocacy and investment in fighting for decriminalization and legalization of cannabis.

Vladimir spoke during "The Lifestyle" panel alongside Chris Ball owner of Ball Family Farms, and Erica & Jamilah of Good Moms, Bad Choices on the cultural identity of cannabis and how they see it is evolving as the corporate world makes its mark on the industry. The panel moderated by Rico Lamitte spoke directly on the undeniably connected relationship between communities of color and the cannabis plant. Highlighting the need to not only take Black contributions to the culture but to honor and include the people on the frontlines who have been pushing the movement forward. Especially when considering that currently people of color make up less than 4.6% of cannabis business owners in the legal industry.

To end the day Vlad was welcomed back on to the event stage during the closing remarks session, where he got to exchange thoughts with longtime advocate and founder of California Cannabis, Virgil Grant. The two hit it off and went back and forth discussing the importance of culture oriented brands and companies in the space. Long time Happy Munkey supporter and New Jersey cannabis advocate Leo Bridgewater also got to chime in, stressing the fact that we must lead the way in the cannabis industry going forward as more than just consumers... but as advocates, educators, business owners.

Thank You Ebony Magazine for having us and for your commitment to showcasing the best and brightest as well as highlighting disparities in black life. We hope you all had a mindful and celebratory Juneteenth. Until next time, Black Lives Matter, Much love and Peace!



On The Boulevard



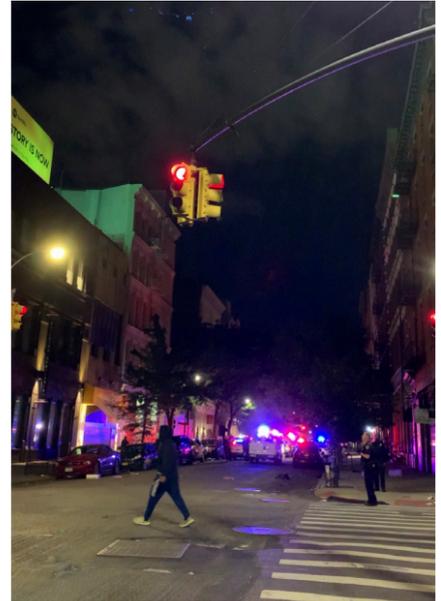
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What's good Happy Monkey Fam!

Originally this piece was going to be about the Lower East Side, but going into this month's walk it would be hard not to talk about George Floyd dying at the hands of a police officer. His death was felt from Minnesota all across the world, especially in New York City, where events such as these are all too common. The energy of the city was charged and ready to burst at the end of May leading into June, so much so, the city put a curfew into effect on June 2nd. Below 96th street all the way to downtown Brooklyn was locked down from 8pm to 5am. But who

at the same time looters were breaking into all the high end fashion stores. The looters wouldn't even get a block away before they were being pressed by other looters trying to rob them. As I looked for some space away from the chaos, I walked past Billionaire Boys Club on Mercer Street and I see they've barricaded off the street with huge SUVs with an army of security guards inside them to prevent looting. But this didn't seem to deter any of the people pushing their way through the streets.

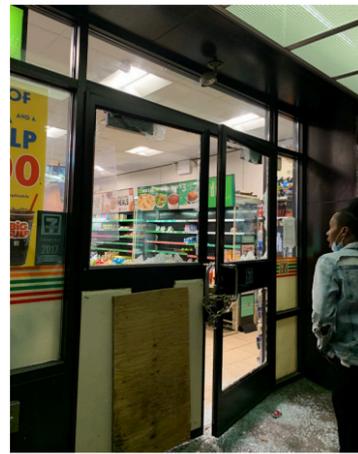


By now my blunt was done and I had my fill of risky adventures, so I tried to hop on a Citibike to go home but they were shut off because of the curfew, I was assed out. I jiggle a couple of bikes to find a loose one and I peddle my way home to get ready for the next couple days of protesting.

The following two weeks were full of gatherings like vigils and protests with the community coming out from all neighborhoods. One of the first protests I went to was a group of about 250-300 people walking from 125th street in Harlem all the way to Washington Square park, as we walked downtown the crowd just kept growing as people started tagging along. It felt so good to see people fighting for their community. It was encouraging to see the range of people that came out in support of Black lives. From bikers and skaters halting traffic to ride down to Gracie Mansion, to educators and activists marching on Columbus Circle to confront the highly guarded Trump Towers. It was the best display of hope for a better future, one where people can see each other as just that, People with lives that matter. And until Black Lives Matter, a lot of people will be signing petitions, voting and attending protests to see that what happened to George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and the countless others never happens again. Till then I'll be hitting the streets shouting Black Lives Matter and bringing you guys along with me for my next blunt walk.

were we kidding, police were locking down all the neighborhoods in the Bronx & Queens and even uptown manhattan too.

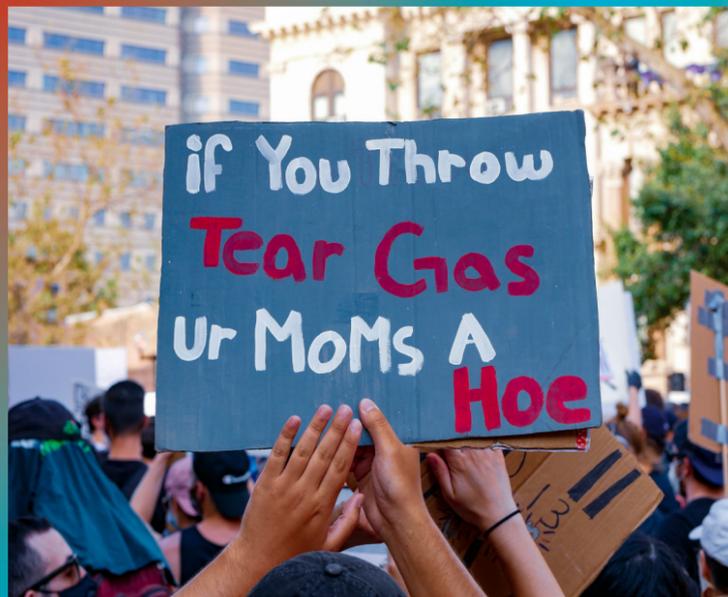
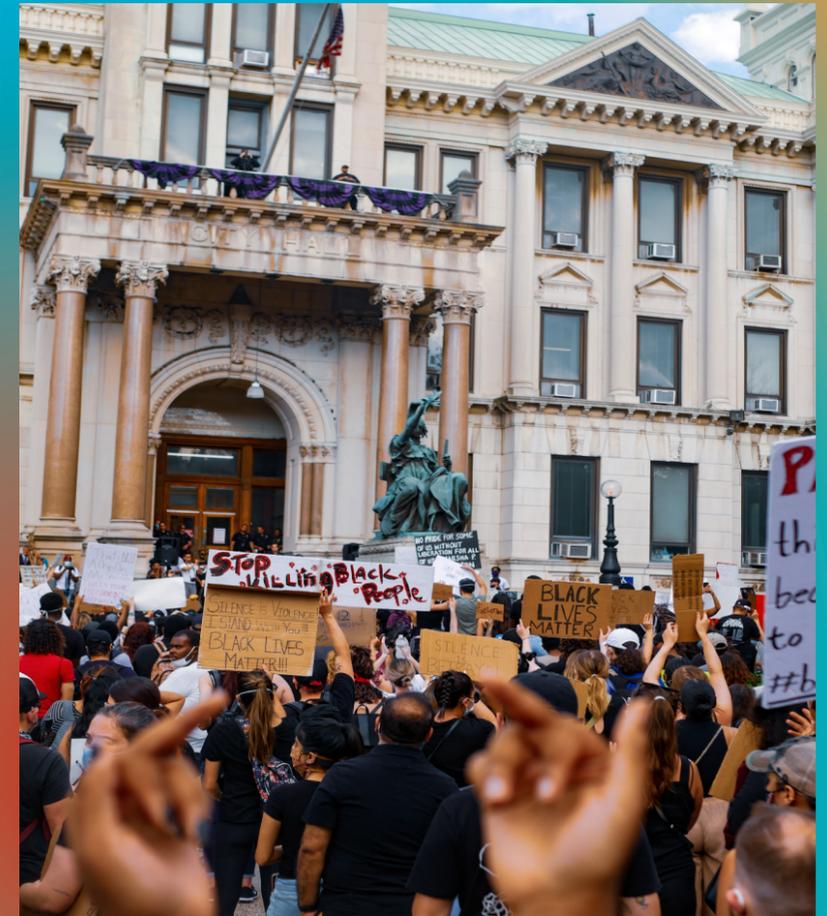
With covid-19 still in full swing, I take pleasure in my nightly blunt walks, away from the masses that are now so confidently coming out in the summer heat. So when the city tells me to stay inside, I'm gonna have to pass, especially when I'm outside protesting for the voices of people of color (such as myself) to be heard. But before I joined in on protesting, the first night of curfew I decided to bike downtown on a Citibike before the clock struck 8pm. I checked in my bike and walked up the quiet streets of 8th Avenue as I lit up my blunt. It was eerie, the city was just getting warmer, and people were finally outside again, maybe not in full force but still we were making progress. But to see Time Square dead on a Tuesday still was heartbreaking. I walked further south on 8th Avenue, as I passed multiple 7-Elevens broken into and emptied. Police were the only thing driving around, either in motorcades or solo combing the area. With nothing to do in the siren accented empty void that was midtown, I pushed my way down to Soho.



When I got there it was mayhem, groups of people going to protests with banners in hands, crossing paths with the police. While



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