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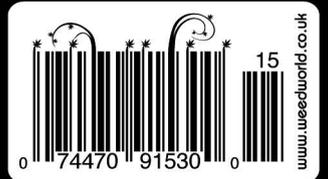
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All American Marijuana Equality for Alternative Lifestyles

S. Brook Reed

Deflecting his BMX bike off of a metal-edged, cement obstacle, a schoolboy blurted, "Medical marijuana saved my Dad's life!" Gracefully deviating his airborne bicycle into outrageous contortions, the short person punctuated his silky touchdown with a rhetorical inquiry: "When will everyone clue in?"

We looked for the camera. Was NORML filming an alternative TV commercial?

The actor was clean cut and well-kept. Pedaling backward, he circled the platform. His freewheel hub ticking incessantly, the charming kid resumed his monologue. "I've seen my Dad in the ER too many times. Percocet, and the other narcotics the doctor gives him, stop the pain, but they're addicting --- and the withdrawal is terrible!" The amiable kid rat flashed an infectious grin.

Was it a reality show, or a contemporary Brady Bunch remake?

"The positive aspects of my Father using medical marijuana definitely outweigh the negative," his soapbox rant forged on.

The wily lad disappeared momentarily into a deep concrete bowl. His high-tech ride rolling effortlessly, the hired peewee's aerial maneuvers at Pismo Beach, California skateboard park were on par with that of the local teens. For a character in favor of supporting his Father's well-being, the youth shreds the limits of a conceivably perilous extreme

sport. After a series of nicely executed vertical drops and off-kilter sky-shots, he emerged at the sanctuary of the palm-tree-shaded sidelines.

Coasting to a stop, he used eye contact. "The problem with the ER is, every time Dad had an emergency, they'd pump him full of drugs, which only meant more withdrawal," he rolled his eyes. "Thumbs up to medical marijuana. Pot just isn't like life-threatening synthetics."

The pint-sized BMXer summarized with more well-read ravings. "Marijuana should be legalized, not demonized," he said, shaking his head. Evidently, he would not be the only astute little teardrop white collar folk, but he was a kin.

Another person of interest was ill at ease. This was a survey one-time favorite of a zodiac sign and a popular TV show. He had gotten the attention of a general audience. There were no concealed zodiac signs.

We played dumb. "It's better than alcohol or cigarette," he said, but at the same time, "I like the things that I see on TV. I see the reasons why it's good. In my opinion, pot ingestion is the better option because the medicinal potential of marijuana is then shown." Even though science had knowledge of carbon vs. oxygen levels, the funny dude was B-A-D --- bad!

But solo children shouldn't talk to strangers. "That's my Dad and Brother over there." He gestured to a shirtless, fit-looking adult male, and an even shorter towheaded sibling, where other bicyclists and skateboarders were milling about. At that moment, his Father was vaulting a 20-inch bicycle off a six-foot cliff, his younger child looking on wide-

eyed. "My Dad has been riding a lot with Conner and I," the sharp kid enthused. "As soon as he started the medical marijuana and got the pills under control, he's been a lot more active. He grows it," the beaming small fry concluded with too much information.

A quick-witted computer programmer and part-time therapeutic grass farmer, Dan Tyler, 37, has been a sick man. Speaking with the same well-disposed charisma his Son had displayed, he later said with the kids in the parking lot: "I've been in the ER 26 times for abdominal issues."

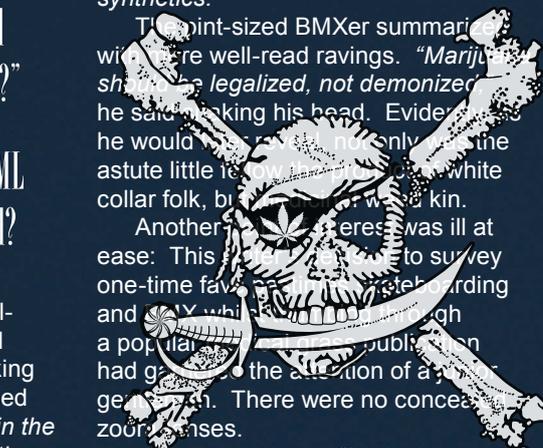
While loading three valuable two-wheelers into a late model Honda mini-van, he ushered Marty, 10 --- the talkative daredevil --- and Conner, 7, into the passenger seats with the playful verbal instruction of an all-state football Dad. Filling in son Marty's blanks, Dan too was literate.

"It all started with a motorcycle accident and an undiagnosed solar plexus disruption," he said, resting his hand on his stomach. "After the crash, I lost my appendix and gall bladder to exploratory surgery. The outcome? I couldn't eat. They put me on a drug called Marinol for appetite stimulation. A week later, I was immune to it. Therefore, I lost not only my ability to consume, but 65 pounds." At a healthy previous weight, his loss of lean tissue was his body dying of malnutrition. Not to mention the riddled central nervous system, another side effect of the prescription chemicals.

At some point, cannabis appeared the obvious solution - on both counts.

"The medical marijuana has two simple yet effective objectives: It restores my hunger and calms anxiety, thus my rejuvenation. I have not actually been high for a long time. It's medicine --- I just use it to attain inner-peace." Which typically means a nutritious all-natural lunch.

Tyler, a medicinal weed patient since 2009, has been a grower from the onset. "My wife and I have discussed the pros and cons of having and propagating cannabis around our children," he said with dauntless enthusiasm. "Our primary concerns were federal and social. How would the kids view cultivation and consumption, while simultaneously, other members of society strongly protest it. We feel it's important to be open with



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The State of the Herb in Humboldt

707 Cannabis College's 3rd Annual Cannabis Expo

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While Southern Humboldt's finest has yet to fully come out of the hills of hiding, Cannabis as medicine has found its way down the dirt roads, and onto the blackboard.



For the third year in a row 707 Cannabis College founders Kellie Dodds and Pearl Moon, with cohorts, have welcomed others to speak their minds on the "State of the Herb" at the Mateel Community Center in Redway, surrounded by Humboldt's finest... redwoods and clear, blue skies.

The college sponsored Cannabis Expo has become a place of learning, with some of Humboldt's finest speaking out and sharing a wealth of information few have access to.

After all, Humboldt is where it all began, taking Cannabis cultivation to an entirely scientific level, using biological know-how, and continuing to expand its lungs of knowledge, coming out of the green closet, and out into the open air.

Longtime Southern Humboldt grower and Cultivation Director of the Humboldt Patient Resource Center, Kevin Jodrey,

took his place on the hot seat, answering questions from attendees on indoor or outdoor cultivation – something unheard of just a few years ago.

For this is Southern Humboldt, land of silence, keeping things the way they have always been – until now. For good medicine is on the chopping block, with the U.S. Government coming down hard on California collectives, and other compassionate caregivers across the country. Education and gatherings such as the 707 Expo help dispel myths and reinforce the good work being done for those in need.

Sharing stories has become the modern-day folklore of the Cannabis movement. Longtime Emerald Triangle physician, Dr. William Courtney shared his wife, Kristen Peskuski's story on the main stage. A Lupus patient who, with Courtney's guidance, juices raw leaves, keeping her often life threatening, myriad symptoms at bay.

Courtney introduced his wife, sharing the challenges of her illness and how Cannabis literally saved her on a daily life, but the health of their unborn child. Doctors prescribed pharmaceuticals for her consistency while she was pregnant. They juiced Cannabis leaves without the psychoactive qualities of THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) for his wife with miraculous results. A side effect in her entire pregnancy was her beauty, sweet and healthy.

A wife who understands juicing her own challenges, the show with growing limits hindering production making it nearly impossible to have enough plants on hand to provide fresh leaves for one patient.

Reasons vary, such as Dr. Courtney's sister, who takes expels such as she can help to the state of Cannabis. Stories backed by experience, told by those who have walked the talk mean the most.

At one point, more than 70 years of combined cannabis activities, cultivation and medicine stood together in a circle outside. Dr. Courtney, joined by longtime Humboldt cultivator Mark Owens, Cannabis Scholar and Hemp expert Paul von Hartman, and longtime physician with a past, Dr. Lawrence Badgely – now focused solely on Cannabis as good medicine – talking about the state of the herb.

And this, I thought, is what it's all about. A meeting of the minds of Humboldt, on Humboldt soil.

But, there was fun too. Mother Earth herself was there, aka, comic genius Sherry Glaser, wagging her finger on the polluting people before her, lamenting, "What have we done to the earth?" slowly pulling a plastic bag out of her mouth, proving her point. As she told the story

of creation and how it all changed with "that book," aka, the Bible, the audience laughed and cried with her at the human folly, walking away with, hopefully, a greater understanding of our place in the past, our pollution, and our positive impact, if we only choose to love her, our Mother Earth. And we do! Who wouldn't love an overbearing (seemingly) Jewish, "eat your vegetables, and smoke your herb" Mother Earth?

Humboldt's coming of age was noted outside with "Humboldt Analytics," providing testing information on soil, water and the bud. Co-founders Katie Couch and Brad Crafton said the time has come to know exactly what's going on with soil, water, and the quality and strength of good medicine. "People want to know how to grow a better, more productive crop, but they also want to be safe, and provide as much information on each crop as possible," Couch said.

Cottage industry rules in Humboldt, and ice cream, candy and baked goods companies were on hand, with non-medicated treats, and other handmade items, sitting side by side with Native American treasures, and books on Hemp and growing Cannabis.

The 707 Cannabis College staff is all about education, but they put on a good show, too. Local hotties, "Bada Bling Burlesque," capped off the event. A Southern Humboldt specialty, these women bare it all for good medicine in the Southern Humboldt sun with humor and sass.

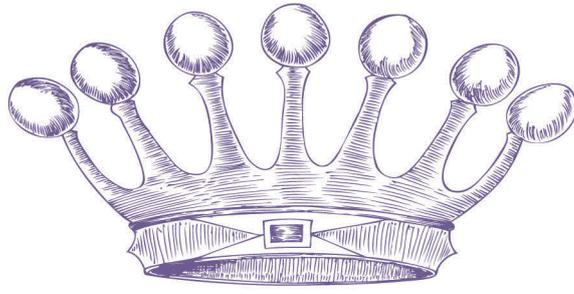
While the majority of So Hum Canna peeps stay up in the hills, those who are eager to change the world for the sake of healing are out in numbers, evangelizing on good medicine, and sharing stories on the state of the herb.

707 Cannabis College is located in Garderville. For more information on classes, or to be involved with next year's Expo, visit its Web site, www.707cannabiscollege.com, or call, 707-672-9860 or 707-599-1406.

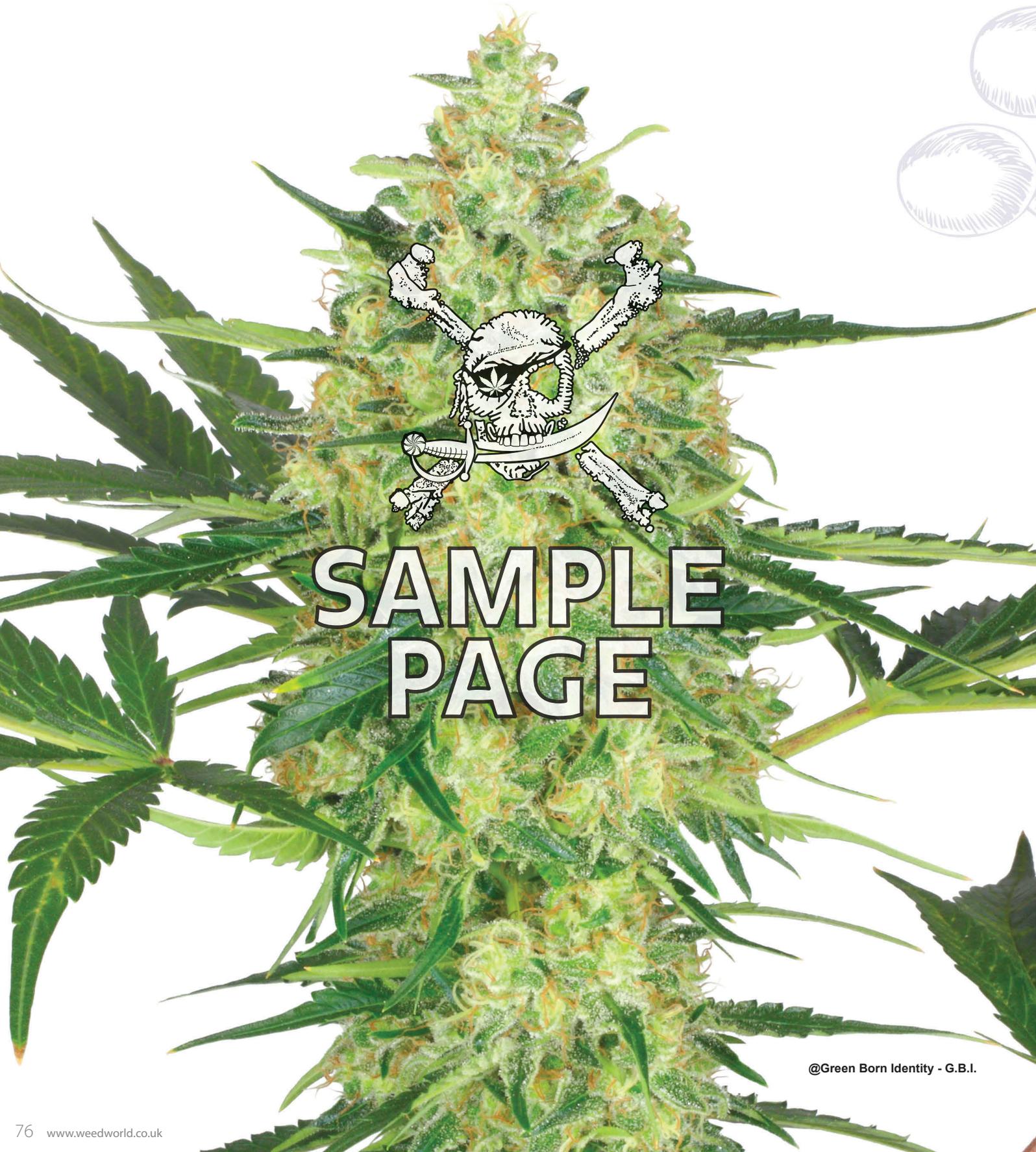


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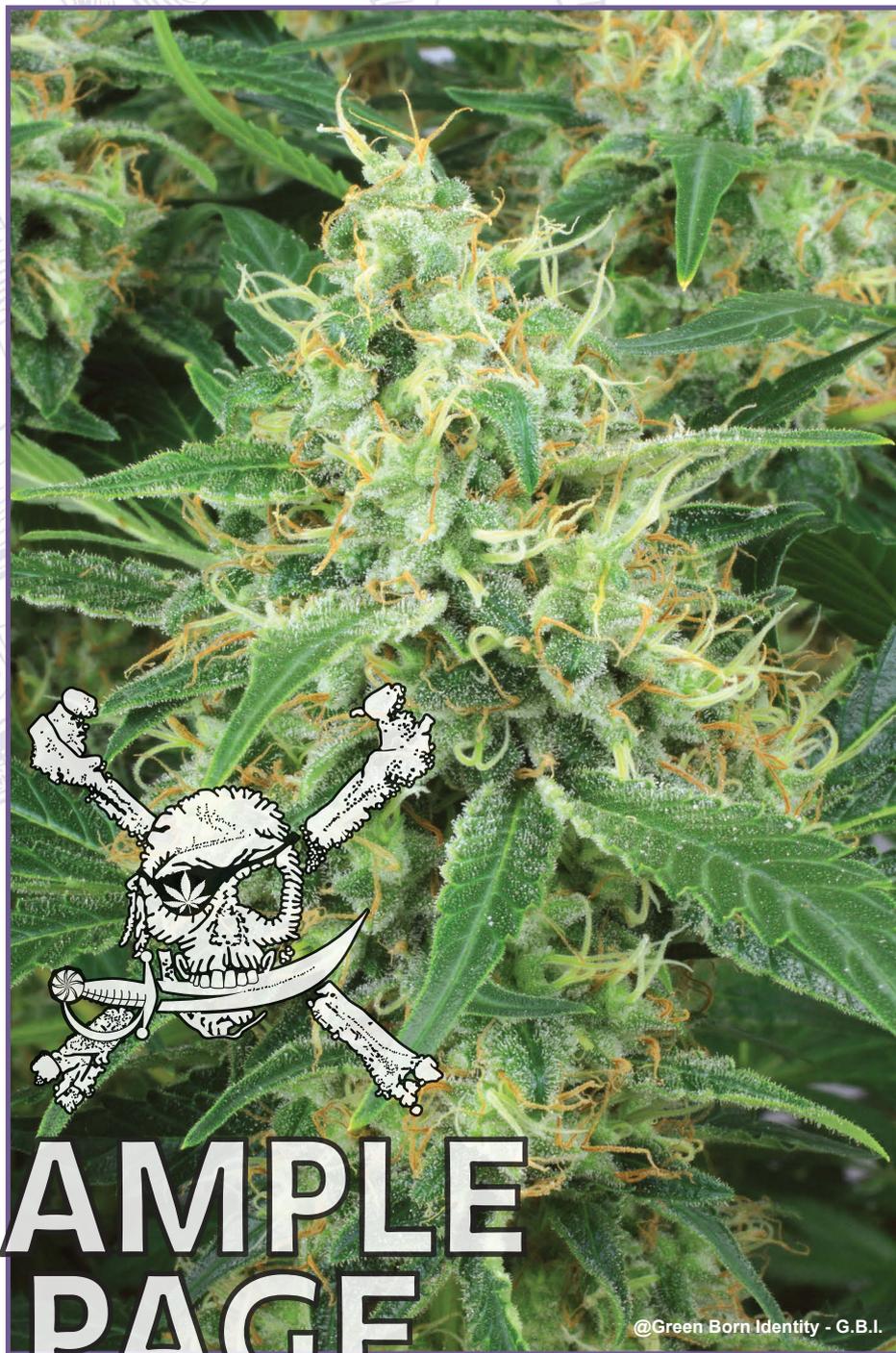
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the RETURN of the QUEEN

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Already 30 years ago, in the early days of his breeder career, Dutch Passion founder Henk van Dalen did create Night Queen, a broad leafed indica strain with an excellent outdoor performance. The first Dutch Passion catalogue from 1987 reported that Night Queen used to be very popular amongst “hardcore stoners”, due to her intense body stone. In 1997, the Night Queen strain was revised a bit, but a few years later, because of considerably decreased sales figures, she shared the fate of a couple of other old classic strains on the market, giving way to newly bred and released strains. Night Queen, the Queen of the Night, vanished from the scene. That dismissal was done by Dutch Passion much to their regret, as those guys were still fully convinced of Night Queen’s qualities, lovingly having fostered and nourished this highly special aficionado outdoor strain for decades.

So it was with much delight when Dutch Passion received more and more inquiries in the past years whether that legendary Night Queen strain could be re-released by the company. At a certain point, the Dutch Passion breeding team got the green light for starting to work on the Night Queen re-release project. Dutch Passion reports: “Their goal was to re-create an Indica which would meet the world class standards achieved by our multiple award winning Mazar. The outcome was a crystal covered, fast early flowering and typically indica variety which is easy to grow and resistant to pests and fungus. The new Night Queen (95% Indica, 5% Sativa) is forgiving and very easy to take cuttings from, a perfect mother plant. She is short and will suit indoor growers looking at SOG/SCROG techniques. High THC (18-20%) and CBD levels will appeal to medical growers, as will the very generous yields of over 500 grams/m² under good conditions. Night Queen is one of those rare genuine hash-plant smokes, a rich Afghani Indica heritage producing highly potent resin-frosted bud. She is a heavy yielder with all the earthy aromas you hope for in a top quality marijuana strain with the addition of some spicy flavours that the old-timers



and connoisseurs will savor. The top class body stone remains a key feature of Night Queen, this is a second chance to get the best ever version of a 1980s classic.”

With a flowering time of 8.5 weeks, the new Night Queen is not a super fast indica strain, but 8.5 weeks still are very comfortable of course from a general point of view. She is expected to resemble the original Night Queen of the early 80s very much in terms of growth, flowering, flavour and high. Also, according to Dutch Passion, most of the plants are developing a dark green, almost black green leaf colour, just as

the original Night Queen which had been named after that special colouration. A major difference to the original Night Queen outdoor strain is, however, that the new Night Queen is basically meant as an indoor and greenhouse strain.

When he heard about the re-release of Night Queen (only available in the form of feminised seeds), The Doc almost got teary-eyed, caught by nostalgic memories – He, a true grow veteran, had already cultivated the original Night Queen strain in the early 80s, he even actually started his whole grower career with that very special strain! She brought him outstanding success in terms of