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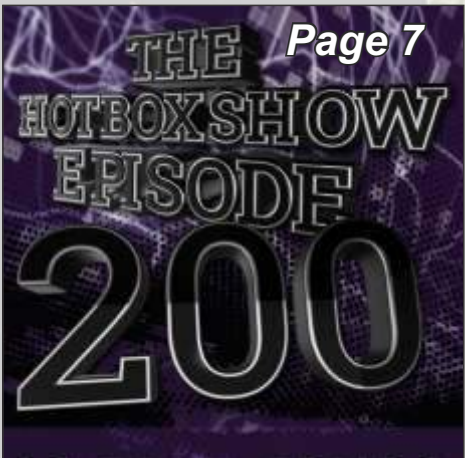
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# WE ARE HERE

BY: Ganjahman Samora

The pathway to the policies that frame the cannabis front is in tatters, the outcome is outside of the fact that the proposed documents have been shredded by the foundational cannabis community. The sore points speak to betrayal in absence of

consideration when formulating documentation and also speaks to steep climbs set as huddles to access a green light from the authorities, the same entities that have laser red taped the bud gates for the everyday cannabis people. The past twenty four months have shown that the cannabis community is one patient gathering. They are sitting on the side-lines of the curb observing with stones in hand whilst the government slowly erects the glass cannabis grow household. The stone throws have been heard from differing fronts with moves to disperse the influencers and destabilise the ground on which they sit and wait. The commentators face continued torment whilst the growers have been ground to a pulp by the misinformed powers. Outside of the cold lonely road that is a face-off with the faceless, the cannabis people have continued to line up in their growing numbers with a silent shout stating that we are here. The innovations, collaborations, protest actions and blazing sessions have continued to belt out across the country for the 420 masses that have remained resolute in the continued passive resistance that is a regulatory mess. The growth is shown in new pop up shops, new publications, route 21 and manoeuvres around the legislation to facilitate grows and shows for the cannabis people. South Africa leads legalisation in Africa; take that not away, because of a squadron out of line, the

recreational release facilitated through rights of privacy has birthed boldness to the partakers of cannabis. Stepping out to visibility in the past pinged the neighbourhood police; a present reality still, however the law is interpreted by the enforcers. Lives have continued to be lost, harassment has prevailed disregarding the present policies, detentions are still a norm and yet still the cannabis community continually unearths new wins in the presence of challenges. We have loved and lived with cannabis underground. We have fought and faced the worst of time from an ill-informed gathering and governmental framework, we have lost our friends and stoner family, we have hit unexpected low and strange highs and in all that, we are here for cannabis and we are her.



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# THC CASE STALLS ON LEGAL HALLS



CannaXpress connected with Neil Liddell to discuss The Haze Club matter that is couching on the halls of “justice”, we ask if as we approach an anniversary after the submission of the paperwork applying for a declaratory order if there are any wins to look out for? The remark relays the prevailing challenge that has seen Cannabis matters being pushed forward, suspended or thrown out of the courthouse; “Well first we need a date in High Court. All paperwork has been submitted last year already, and we are waiting for the court to confirm dates for the trial. This is the first step” is the comment from Neil. The journey in one of rapid change for the judiciary system in relating with cannabis cases as they now present a grey area that has witnessed a stagnation founded on the September 2018 ruling and on the SAHPRA descheduling of THC (Tetrahydrocannabinols) which has

allowed it to crouch as official medicine under the counter of pharmacies. Neil Liddell took on a ride he termed “home to home” in a cycling journey over twenty-four thousand kilometres, eighteen countries and yes just over year. Ironically now It has been well over a year since Neil and Van Houten were arrested at The Haze Club (THC) grow operation and just maybe after being turned away so many times the fourth time will be a boon and speak fortunes for the cannabis community cheering for THC on the side-lines. THC is presently aware of both the possible wins reversed matched with legal route realities as he notes that “once we go to court a few things could happen. In an ideal world, the judge would rule in our favour giving a green light to the grow club model and that would be that. This however, is a very simplified scenario and

extremely unlikely. In all likelihood this case will end up in the constitutional court and be decided there. And this will take time”; so far it has taken shorter than the ride Neil took from Taiwan to South Africa if he had cycled to the court hearing from Taiwan he would still be in time, but again time is the river of change so we wait. Seeing as the legal representation has formalised an application for a declaratory order submitted in February at the Cape High Court in February last year. The motion will set a precedence that will bring to the fore and assess the grounds of prosecution and the roll out of due diligence in assessing the formalities of the THC grow model and the legality of what would be “Social Grow Clubs”.The arrest of the THC in October of 2020 pummelled the hopes of a smooth ride in a transitioning legal framework as

the local authorities standing on the mandate to find narcotics and drugs continued to look over the truth that the cannabis plant has been freed from the gathering of narcissist medication in regulated schedules. Neil and his co-accused Van Houten were kept in the cells for three days are out on R10000 bail, the moment of arrest and the near torment if the case falls through has not dimmed his light to fight on. THC has taken as stand in the fashion of foundational dacha fighters in Ras Gareth Price, The Dagga Couple in taking the responsible to stand as one for all, this was revealed in an official transcript from THC stating that “we are doing everything we can to ensure that your constitutional right to cultivate cannabis in private is not infringed upon”.

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# GERMINATION TIME IN HOME GROWERS SHOWCASE

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The Inhouse Genetics the Home Grower Showcase "is Recreational, One World an exciting project to be part of One Plant home grower because its all about you folks showcase is underway and the that day after day make magic, seeds are popping into life in whether in the closet, tent, shed motion across the grows in or garage". The magic show is homes of the team South Africa beginning around the shelter of participants. @nobodysbuds who posted a picture of his babies stating that have been revealed in the "one week above ground, regulars as Platinum Punch ...these will need a bit more crossed with Deadly Sativa and space and stronger light to on the feminized beauties radiate that space properly". behold the Platinum Punch Let 's give the crossed with Swabi Pakistani. #OneWorldOnePlant growers Talking names and anticipation, the follows in accordance and different growers from varying the space to radiate their magic corners of the world posted the on the Cannabis plant we will first showings of above the catch on as the stalk styling surface features of the bud. commences pushing forward The organisers of the #TeamSA seeding our hopes of competition stated that in 2022 grow etiquettely.



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# GANJA FLOWER COULD FLOURISH ZIMBABWE



Ras Jacob Ncube

**A** bouquet of flowers beyond the common cannabis cultivar lines the everyday feature in the life of Ras Jacob, the beautiful arrangements of colours ranging within the foundational red, green and gold (blue) communicates a staple feature on the sidewalks of the Bulawayo City Hall in what still remains named as FIFE St. in an era of changing street names not only in Bulawayo but across the face of Africa as a whole; Sophia was right names are coordinates of an era. Without hesitancy Ras Jacob Ncube born and living in the City of Kings narrates the tales he has walked as a Nyabingi Rastaman since 1983 with one such era being a chanting sessions that he indicates tamed the lions of the Chipangali Wildlife Orphanage which upon hearing the drum and experiencing the Ganja smell signature ignored the donkey that had been set loose in their enclosure; this in the late eighties. Ras Jacob as he is affluently known and greeted by passer-by's leads a gathering of the Rastaman that tabernacles at on the sacred trajectory that is the Khami remains a UNESCO World Heritage Site just outside the city of Bulawayo.

With the advancing light of day CannaXpress settles for a street side talk with the spiritual everyday Rasta who on the onset lays on the floor of our discussion the fundamentals of the Nyabingi and its variance with the other family of the Rastafari. Then in one swing lands the discussion on the cannabis expedition in Zimbabwe stating that "I remember when the initial discussions into the legalisation of

cannabis came through there were talks of ease of entry into the space and even to the preferred aftermaths of lowering of sentences for those incarcerated on solely cannabis charges". Ras Jacob's eye gleam as he tucks his mask in compliance to the prevailing statuesque, a double in that the very act of complying is key on many fronts beyond cannabis in order to achieve desired outcomes. The legalisation costs in the nation of Zimbabwe talk to the amounts presenting an application fee of USD\$11,250 and an approval fee of USD\$46000,00 the foreign direct interest has however ensured the feasibility in the figures as is reflected in the growing numbers of licences issued and legal cannabis grow operations in the country. These monetary entry points have however presented a solid barrier of entry for the more than just the botanical specialist Ras Jacob but for average Zimbabweans who have interest in partaking in an emerging cannabis industry in the country. The cannabis industry strives to be nestled by the youthful generation that will formulate a foundational dynamic in the motion the smoke of Hemp and the cannabis innovation will puff into the hands of the younger generation. Ras Jacob continues the discussion with CannaXpress stating that "we are forging ahead with the desire and taking measures that have seen us position coordinates for functionality, we will get to growing cannabis; in fact Zimbabwe should consider rolling out an economic blueprint that will wrestle us out of these

waters". The Zimbabwe Investment Development Agency (ZIDA) indicates that it is "developing a medicinal cannabis sector based strategy to promote investment into the country"; as the nation of Zimbabwe positions itself to welcome outside investments a call remains for the local authorities to advance its own nationals with interest in the sector and create full circle economies within the corridors of Zimbabwe through value addition of cannabis.

Cannabis positions most that embrace it with a sort of magic wand ability that transforms all that couple with it in its native functionality, the potential it presents for the nation of Zimbabwe with a modern dominance in the pitting tobacco industry speaks a faster roll out on a plug and play exchange role; feeding alongside the same measure of control and management. The wheel seems present and an outright commitment and cooperate goal could in the next twenty years position the country of Zimbabwe as one of the leaders of cannabis in Africa; a sentiment aired by Ross McPhail the Quality Assurance Manager at Ivory Medical Zimbabwe. If a similar system used in Tobacco farming through the mechanism of registration is implemented for the common man it can birth an unseen window in legal cannabis grows and licencing procedures in other African nations.

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# SONGS OF FREEDOM

Winston Smith speaks...



**E**manipate yourselves from mental slavery, none but ourselves can free our mind.

These words, beautifully sung by Bob Marley in his 1980 anthem "Redemption Song" will forever echo loud to all lovers of freedom and free-thinking. They are particularly relevant when it comes to Bob Marley's advocacy of cannabis use, firmly rooted in his healthy-living Rastafarian lifestyle.

Though this article is signed under the name Winston Smith, which is not in fact my real name. I am a media professional, reasonably well-known in the Community which consumes my body of work, taking note of the capital C in referencing the gathering I work with must be a clear indication of the huddles we have had to surpass to reach this moment you experience in black and white.

The community rightly views me as an opinion influencer, and yet I am girdled from expression my thrust as a proponent to the full legalisation of Cannabis, both for responsible recreational use, and for its underplayed yet well-documented medical use. I dare not voice out this hearts echo openly until moment we own as yours and mine dear reader. Perhaps it is cowardly of me, but just like George Orwell's protagonist in 1984, I am very well aware of the serious implications being openly pro-cannabis would have in my career.

"So Winston, on the contrary it's 2022. Surely that kind of prejudice is a thing of the past." Due to our extremely politically correct society, where language is being shaped every day in order not to offend certain susceptibilities, mainstream society might not openly admit so, but it would be extremely naive to think that firmly-established prejudice is a thing of the past.

I am pro-cannabis, but if I were to admit so, the career I have worked so hard to nurture, and the respect of my audience, cultivated by years of correctness and aligning to the societal norms and demands of my target market; would indeed be in jeopardy, and no matter how strongly I might feel about this subject, I, unfortunately, cannot risk that stand in the public with my Earthly avatar or my head would roast on our foundational stagnation that allows awkward perception shift but denies the debunking of falsehoods in the demonised dagga.

Maybe one day, I will have the courage to defy the system, just like Winston Smith did. Until then the harmony continues to sound as I meditate on the words of Bob Marley and secretly hope that our society will truly "emancipate itself from mental slavery".

# SOUTHERN MAGNETISM

Humbleness from the Roots

## DETERMINING PLANTS TO DEFOLIATE



**E**liminating healthy foliage stresses your plants. Hence, you should only defoliate plants that are 100% healthy; strong, upright stems, green leaves, fast growth, and a well-draining, fast-drying medium are all tell tell signs that your plants are happy.

Do not defoliate any plants that look visibly frail or show symptoms of a nutrient deficiency, over or under-watering, nutrient or light burn, wind damage, or pests/disease. Defoliating these plants will only cause more stress than they can feasibly recover from.

We also only recommend defoliating indoor plants. As we mentioned earlier, cannabis plants store energy in their leaves for when they're exposed to stress. Because outdoor plants are exposed to more consistent environmental stress (like droughts, storms, harsh winds, or temperature/humidity fluctuations) as well as pests, we don't recommend defoliating them.

Unlike indoor grow lights, the sun changes its position throughout the day and is capable of penetrating even extremely bushy plants, meaning outdoor plants get much more (and far better) light exposure. Thus, they don't benefit from defoliation in the same way as indoor plants.

The key to properly defoliating cannabis plants is, of course, knowing what foliage to remove. At the same time, it's also key to know when to defoliate. Ideally, we recommend defoliating your plants once during veg and once during flower. If you're an inexperienced grower, only defoliate once during veg. If you are more experienced, you may want to try defoliating multiple times (given your grow schedule allows enough time for

plants to recover after each defoliation). Defoliating vegging plants just before you switch them to bloom:

Start by removing big, hand-sized fan leaves first. These tend to overshadow almost anything below them, making it hard for light to properly penetrate your plant's canopy.

Next, remove any leaves that grow towards the inside of your cannabis plant. These also tend to overshadow important bud sites. Finally, remove any old, yellowing foliage. If this is your first time, we recommend defoliating only the bottom half of your plant. If there's any doubt about removing a particular leaf, play it safe and leave it in place. Don't remove more than 10–15% of a single plant's foliage.

If you're more experienced, however, we recommend defoliating from the bottom of your plant up to 3–4 nodes from the top of the canopy. Healthy plants should be able to handle having 20–25% of their foliage removed (given that you're not removing anything vital to your plant's development). For even better results, combine defoliation with lollipopping and pruning to help your plant make the most of its limited energy. Finally, once you've finished defoliating your vegging plants, give those 2–3 days of rest before switching their lights to 12/12.

**Defoliating in the Flowering phase**  
For best results, we recommend defoliating your plants a second time, roughly 3 weeks into the flowering phase. Follow the same steps listed above, but be a bit more prudent about the foliage you remove. Again, if you're a beginner, play it safe and only remove big fan leaves. Also, remember to be extra careful when handling your plants to avoid disturbing any of their young buds.

After this light defoliation, simply feed and water according to your regular schedule, giving your plants time to develop their flowers.

**UNDERSTANDING WHAT FOLIAGE (AND**

### HOW MUCH) TO REMOVE

Defoliation is an art form, if only in the sense that there are no definitive guidelines on how to do it. With time, however, you'll automatically know what leaves to remove from your plants and how much cutting they can handle.

If you've never defoliated before, we recommend you always play it safe and stick to removing only the foliage that very obviously impedes bud production. In particular, focus on big fan leaves and interior foliage that's already covering bud sites.

### Quick tips to optimize defoliation

1. The key to getting big harvests indoors is to grow low, flat, and wide. Your plants need a solid canopy to power their growth.
2. Start low. Most of a plant's bottom foliage is pretty safe to remove.
3. Start slow. It can be easy to get lost in the rhythm of defoliating; then, before you know it, you've stripped your plant of half its leaves. Stay focused and move slowly to avoid removing too much. First-timers should aim to remove no more than 10–15% of total foliage at a time.
4. Use sharp scissors. Our curved trimming scissors are great for making precise cuts when defoliating and trimming post-harvest. Remember to always keep your scissors clean to minimize the risk of disease and

infection.

5. Different strains can handle different amounts of defoliation. Bushy indicas, for example, tend to cope particularly well with defoliation, whereas sativas tend to naturally produce fewer leaves, and thus can't handle as much.

### Defoliation vs pruning — understanding the differences

Pruning is a separate HST technique that many growers confuse with defoliation. The former is much more aggressive and involves removing entire branches and nodes in addition to leaves. While it might seem counterintuitive, pruning is very effective. It helps your plant focus its energy exclusively on the nodes that receive the best light. After that's done, ideally, it'll produce the biggest, densest, and most potent flowers possible.

Defoliation, on the other hand, only involves removing the leaves. That said, many cultivators use defoliation alongside pruning to optimize production, or they'll use it alongside lollipopping, which we explained in more detail above.

To maximize your plants' potential, you'll want to combine defoliation with other training techniques like LST, main-lining, lollipop pink, topping, and super cropping. As you get more experienced, you'll learn how to finesse these techniques to produce bigger, tastier, and more potent harvests. No matter what you do, we hope you enjoy the process!

## GANJA FLOWER COULD FLOURISH ZIM



Photo: Tatenda Mapigoti (Harare City Street)

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“Nations have set goals of achievements which they shadow towards reaching pursued liberties and laying foundational ground for future generations, cannabis can couple into so many industries beyond smoking and flower the budding Zimbabwe economy”. Ras Jacob forwards CannaXpress a picture headed “cannabis, fifty thousand uses and benefits”, this mirrors a similar time how be it digitally to when Ras Jacob says they used to deliver ANC flyers in the early nineties as they stood with the liberation of movements in South Africa. Ras Jacob narrates an encounter he experienced at the annual Zimbabwe International Trade Fair (ZITF) held last year in September in Bulawayo referring to the famed cannabis exhibition at the 61st edition of the gathering. “We

saw the seven licenced farmers at the ZITF and we received pamphlets, however that which concerns me is the absence of an everyday black man in the cannabis space in Zimbabwe”.

The remark relayed by Ras Jacob speaks to a present dynamic that follows an emerging industry across Africa; in cannabis legalised economies in Lesotho and South Africa a similar trend remains a present feature replicated in the tussle and hustle that has seen a continued plea for revision of framework to accommodate interested parties. Ras Jacob adores our gathering as he closes with an issuing that ‘we need a mission as the people of Africa, a mission that will not only just benefit the few but the unit of Africa as a whole”.

In a world of fake news and staged truths we have dedicated a hub as the 7Leaf to propel African Cannabis Media onto a frontline in a synergetic approach that sees the housing and feature of medial houses propelling cannabis new heights



This section also features cannabis influencers emerging in a budding industry and playing frontline roles in readdressing the propaganda pioneered from refer madness.



### MEDIA ON THE AFRICAN CANNABIS FRONT A DIFFERENT VOICE FOR GANJA

## HOTBOX SHOW AIRS EPISODE 200



not free until we are all free". Michael Krawitz a sit in guest and on the show in 2019 and an international cannabis advocate directing Veterans for Medical Cannabis a non-profit organisation aimed at assisting American ware veterans' access medical cannabis opened the setting for the 200<sup>th</sup> episode. Michael spoke to Myrtle and the audience on the global call and mandate positioned towards the United Nations 65<sup>th</sup> Commission on Narcotic Drugs as he referred to drug policy formulation indicating that FOGFA has accreditation with the United Nations facilitating access to the global organisation for lobbying the countries of the Earth as representatives of the cannabis consumers on Earth. "Think globally but act locally, we have to act globally and work within the United Nations (UN) to represent the cannabis movement, I sought of volunteered myself as I was hanging out with Jack Herer and Dennis Peron some of the luminaries of the cannabis industry in the world stage and they would say, 'hey what about the UN'; I went to the UN with a blank cheque, chalk board and no chalk FOGFA is part of the chalk and literally how we get things done (in the UN)" remarked Michael as he forwarded gratitude to FOGFA for stepping up as a leader in this time with Myrtle later stating that "we are all in this together...". Warren a crew member at FOGFA featured on the platform with an issuing that "human rights has been a mountain that the FOGFA has been climbing for the last ten years, the community is coming together and seeing that this is the time to stand

up for human rights and cannabis users are the pinnacle fighters for human rights over the past one hundred years, it's one of the last laws of prohibition and it needs to fall". Warren invited the cannabis people to light one up for all the activists of South Africa making a massive difference into the landscape of cannabis activism and the development of just laws for all as he sparked up his bong setting a personal mark to hit 2022 bongs this year at a day rate of six bongs hits. A challenge that was promptly accepted by Tiggy Zols as he posted a live comment of the show stating that "six bongs a day challenge accepted and completed by default", CannaXpress is contemplating if pull number 2022 will be the moment Tiggy will finally take a tok from his custom Jerome Baker Bong. Warren shifts his discussion to memory with Jules as he points to the first DDay in Maboneng when Jules and Myrtle stood in the face of confrontation as they remarked "they cannot arrest us all, we are not criminals" Charl in the Cape stepped in with a chuckle relaying an encounter on how the Hotbox Show started as he retold on how Jules walked into him sleeping in the living room and spoke about the idea of The Hotbox Show and here we is Episode 200. In clandestine fashion Charl tucks into his Stop The Cops portfolio highlighting that "the arrests don't ever stop, the police just don't understand and government don't want to intervene, it's never ending but we won't stop".

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# HOTBOX SHOW AIRS EPISODE 200



## Internal Affairs

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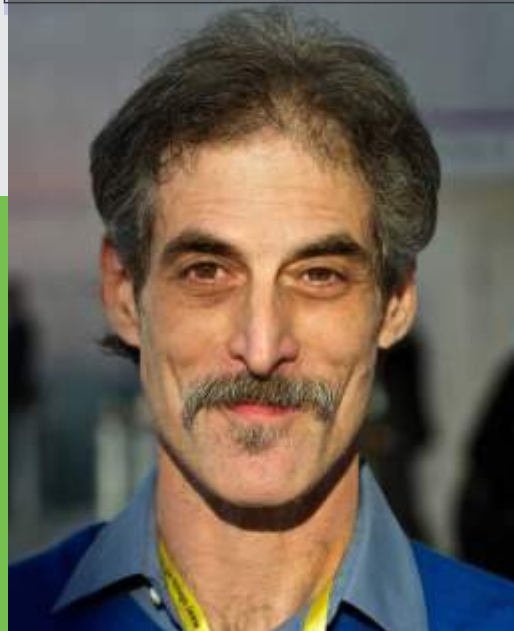
Cliff Giesenow also featured for the first time on the Hotbox Show talking CannaCollecta and Juicy Fields as he stated that he is on the frontline juggling the modern innovations in Cannabis, Crypto Currencies and Crowd Funding as he detailed the pros of being a part of a global community of like-minded people that share a love for the plant stating that "it is wrong that people are making money from cannabis whilst other people are sitting in Jail for the same plant". Cliff is the proprietor of CannaCollecta a unit rolling out collectable and exclusive, limited edition, curated Cannabis digital art produced as Non-Fungible Tokens (NFT). In budging on the reveal nudge Cliff speaks of the next CannaCollecta offering sighting that it is themed after the Heroes and Legends of Cannabis, a collection looking at the top one hundred cannabis people in the folds of Jack Herer's of this world with Jules and Myrtle formulating part of that listing. Joe terms the show as unstructured but the wealth of guests popping up keeps giving dynamic access as Trenton Birch from Cheeba Cannabis College and an affiliate of FOGFA steps onto the screen relaying that "irrespective of slow legislation the industry is moving, we have to move the industry forward it's not going away, it is exciting times" this he said as he forwarded his accolade and extended his respect to FOGFA for episode 200 of the Hotbox Show. Robyn follow to take a sit next to Myrtle on the round table and speak growing cannabis with a personal mention as she states that "I have just been using the leaves in my salads, I consider now dagga like a native plants that pops up, I don't have to go and buy spinach from the shops..."

The show was a full house as Amy sat up on the Hotbox anchor chair and remarked an unvoiced truth that "unless you have the money and the connections you are not really going anywhere so in that way no" this she stated in response to a question on progress and direction that the cannabis industry in South Africa was heading, with an underpinning that "It's (Cannabis) not legal for everyone". Wesley from Knuckle genetics also featured on the show and relayed their continued support for the FOGFA echoing that the primary affiliation with the entity is informed by the foundational role that the organisation is playing on the road of decriminalising cannabis. Dylan who runs a cannabis social club in the Eastrand in Johannesburg rocked the revolving chair as he relayed the dynamics leading to the acceptance of cannabis as alternative medication. Dylan highlighted the modern need to continue with an information drive to enlighten the masses on the true nature of cannabis as he stated that "after a little bit of trying cannabis medically, the proof is in the pudding". The present challenges faced in the cannabis people and community cannot be overlooked with so many sore points popping in a call for attention, one of these was highlighted by Tony Rudolph @greendalph as he indicated how the shift in the cannabis grow licences portfolio from SAHPRA to DALRRD has presented new and unforeseen challenges for progression and compliance. The FOGFA and the green network has been ploughing the road of legalisation in South Africa and the witnessing of the live broadcast in episode 200 with

the community retelling of various moments along the journey that the South Africa cannabis space has taken in the pathway to purge the policies of prohibition was a reminder of how far back the cannabis plant and people have come in the face of this present steep climb of proscription. When Dino from Zolidarity was quizzed on what one thing he would change in the current cannabis sector if given the ability and capacity to undertake the change he stated that "venerating CBD and demonising THC is the wrong approach, if we just liberalised that a little bit, that would be a great place to start..."; this presents is a growing place for us to end this report as CannaXpress please do visit, like and share The Hotbox Show on YouTube and enjoy the almost two hour discussion with cannabis people as you light up one for Jules.



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Managing Director Fields of Green For All



**Michael Krawitz**  
Executive Director  
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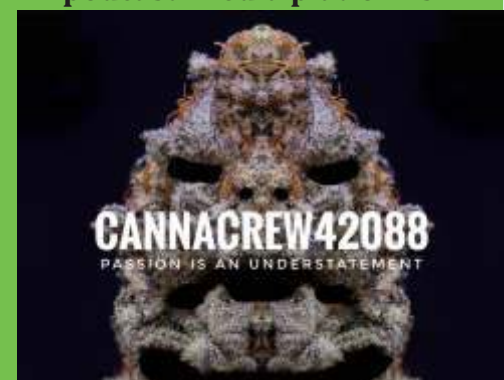
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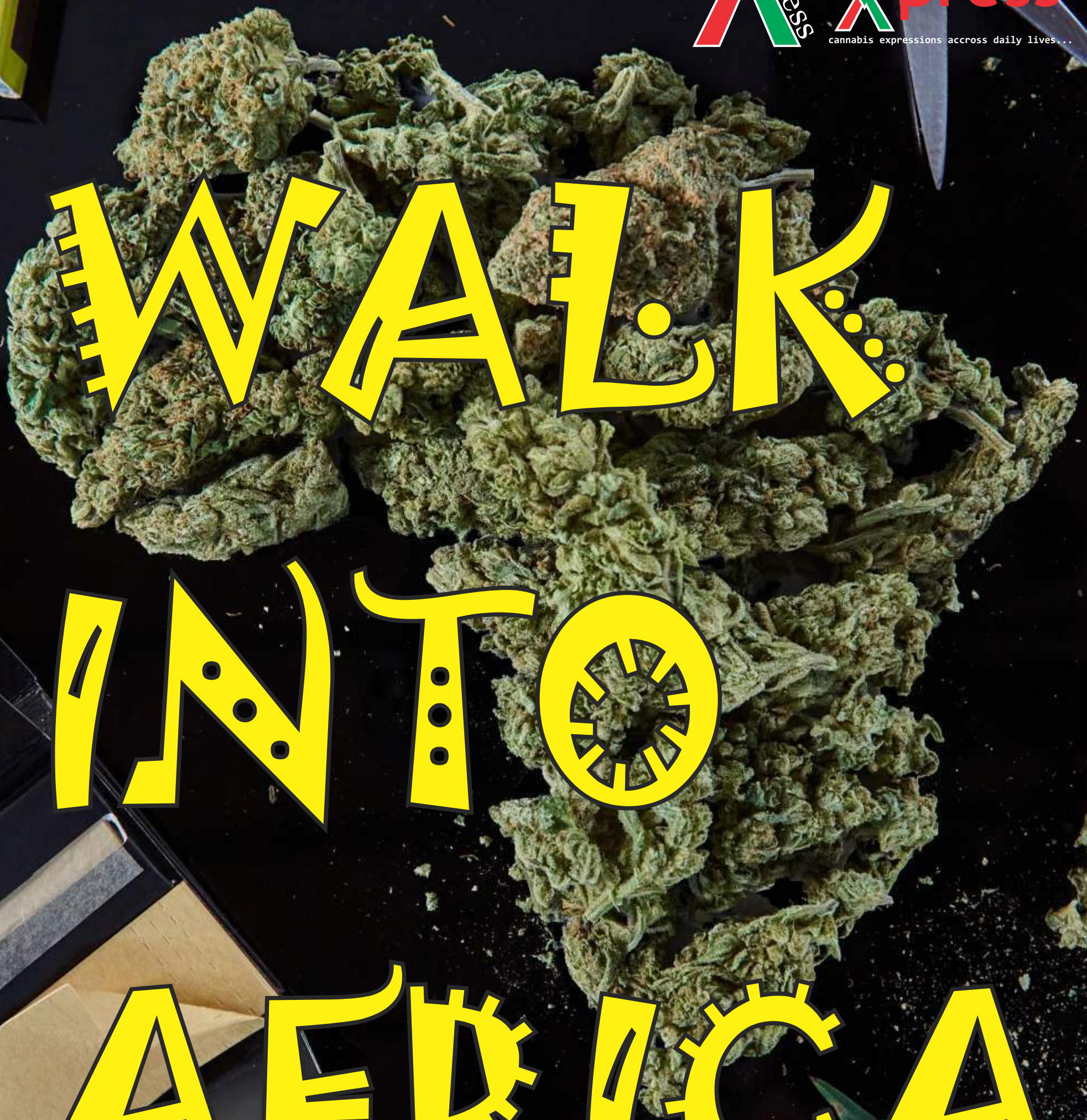






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# MBANJE PROMISES NEW HIGHS FOR ZIMBABWE



## Ganjahman SamoRa

Zimbabwe, once the breadbasket of Africa was one of the pioneering nations on the face of the African continent to whisper cannabis legislation and roll out a proposed revision on the regulations and role of cannabis within the house of stones. The CannaXpress looks into the state of cannabis affairs in Zimbabwe with special insight from Ross McPhail the Quality Assurance Manager at Ivory Medical; a cannabis conglomerate rolling out a legal grow and extraction facility just outside the capital of Zimbabwe in the Headlands areas surrounding Marondera.

Ross speaks to CannaXpress highlighting that "the Zimbabwe cannabis industry is tracking well, there are about sixty three licence holders here. I have visited about five other grow sites and the local farming expertise I have witnessed is testament to the role that Zimbabwe has occupied as a leading tobacco farming country in Africa". The Zimbabwe cannabis industry has taken a left hand route to legalisation speaking to the Industrial outlier and the middle path of medicinal uses of cannabis, with textbook silence on the recreational right wing matters. The grow licenses are positioned at prices between ten and fifty thousand dollars fees facilitated over two stages, at application and at approval. This figure presents a gate keeping measure that Ras Jacob attributes to the keen interest from investors and pharmaceuticals from outside Zimbabwe and the halted participation of the ganjahman. The late founding CEO of Zimbabwe Investment Development Agency

Douglas Munatsi had set momentum on the pursuing of cannabis advancement in Zimbabwe stating in an interview with Independent News that "we have witnessed an increase in the number of potential investors interested in different sectors of the economy, we have also witnessed a change in the policies that used to govern the production of medicinal cannabis in Zimbabwe and that has opened up the very lucrative industry for more players".

"When the onboarding discussions with regard to cannabis legislation were initially discussed in Zimbabwe we had in the framework anticipated lower points to entry into the cannabis farming industry and an expunging or revision of sentences for those incarcerated on the grounds of Ganja". Ras Jacob remarks as he talks about terms of entry into an industry that the Rastaman has been a custodian of; indicating that they are forging ahead with the Ganja growing interest as they look into the legal logistics to witness that goal.

Ivory Medical has broken ground on the pathway to set up what talks to be a 5500m<sup>2</sup> indoor facility that will house approximately six thousand plants grown under the European Union Good Manufacturing Practice. This grow facility promises a fully-fledged grow and value addition facility talking to growing and cannabis biomass extraction. "We are looking at starting extraction this April through the acquisition of cannabis biomass from local cannabis farmers in Zimbabwe". The Ivory Medical operation looks to be in full swing in the year 2024 and powering what just might be one of the largest single stationed indoor grows with the rolling out of new technologically advanced grow chamber units. The cannabis

business entity that has been licenced for close to two years has secured foundational establishments in principle trade and offtake agreements to the European Union.

Ross underpins the innovation Ivory Medical looks to initiate in their indoor grow chambers stating that "we will be rolling out Sprout AI units in our indoor grow facility as this position is advantageous when talking to a consistent, repeatable crop in an independent climate". The proprietors of this AI Sprout grow technology have ideals beyond farming indicating on their platforms that "Sprout AI's cultivation technology is contained within a sealed "habitat" that includes LED lighting to minimize power consumption, advanced air filtration and HVAC (Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning), as well as a water recycle system recovering 100%. Each habitat is self-contained allowing for staggered growth plans, which results in greater labour efficiency. The separate habitats also mitigate external and cross-contamination risk and allow for multi-crop farms which can be scheduled to ensure continual harvest every day".

Ivory Medical is focusing on the Medicinal front of the cannabis plant, this does not however deter the Weeditor Samora to query Ross McPhail on the recreational legislation possibilities in Zimbabwe a question he responds to with a remark that "there is no news on the legalisation of the recreational uses of cannabis here, there is no indication". The entourage effect of cannabis has been on the forefront of presentations in the justification to the inclusion of cannabinoids that still fight stigmatisation. Cannabis works well as it occurs in its base state as revealed by numerous studies and in truth legalisation of the recreational right

wing of Mbanje would in principle thrive with the roll out of all facets that speak to cannabis.

The pathway of legalising cannabis in most nations has taken a partial acceptance of the cannabis plant hugging and kissing the industrial and medicinal benefits of cannabis whilst cursing the recreational branch of the herb. Cannabis is a non-segregator plant that will in truth to its nature; position nations that grasp it, with the power create full circle economies from grower to end user overnight. Zimbabwe in the present import overload could stand to benefit from internal complete producer consumer patterns that cannabis promises. The nation's maximum prison Chikurubi has seen inmates plant and grow cannabis for the state through Research and Development undertaking, in the termed first world nation's prisons have been positioned as low cost production houses.

Zimbabwe will have to consider highly the value addition of the cannabis plant and also the roping in of the everyday Rastaman in Zimbabwe. The common man also seems oblivious still to the corporate moves and the cannabis position of the nation; as a result the everyday Zimbabweans have remained in the dark on the matter with complete obscurity on how they can stand to be a part of the budding cannabis industry in the country. The country that once pioneered substantial farming to new heights must in hindsight recall the power of a united farming front and wake up to the realities that the freeing of the cannabis herb will heal the nation and birth new life. Imagine Zimbabwe as the bud basket of Africa?

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Ross McPhail (Ivory Medical) on a Mbanje plantation in Zimbabwe

Ross believes that with the pathway Zimbabwe has taken legally they have paid the price to a possible pole position in the future as he remarks that "Zimbabwe has done their trial and error assessments in the formulation and rolling out of a legal framework and with the rich agricultural background the nation looks positioned to become one of leading states in the cannabis farming industry in Africa". The early moves are indicating some unseen positives with Dr. Zorodzai Maroveke the CEO & Founder of the Zimbabwe Industrial Hemp Trust stating that "one company managed to export three tonnes of the hemp flour to Switzerland and it was a commercial trial again for quality assessment, from what I am hearing quality from Zimbabwe was highly recommended and we are hoping

that things continue to improve from there on". The cannabis splinter of Zimbabwe glows with the promise of igniting the lot of cannabis stalks stacked on the alter within the House of Stones; the residents await the promised warmth and light coming from the igniting Mbanje economy.



Dr. Zorodzai J.T Maroveke  
CEO & Founder of the Zimbabwe Industrial Hemp Trust

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**THE HAZE CLUB**

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As Neil voiced out his personal journey on the African Gold podcast he relays to Rasmus that most government departments are in favour of legalisation serve the offices prevailing over the Policing units and the justice department. Could it be that the ice cold hearts are aware of the quiet truth that the primary grounds of existence will be shaken in the absence of judiciaries' number one enemy Marijuana? Neil is surrounded with support on all fronts from social media users and cannabis communities standing with him on the curbs of the social world and the pillars of the courthouses. The unusual reveal was however the heartfelt love Neil experiences in his home as his partner stated that "this

is a precedence setting case and I am really proud, but on the other side it is like this scary thing hanging over our heads". Neil speaks to the change that a vast array of consultation would birth in the cannabis legal framework stating first that "In the end, the best result would be a clear ruling in favour of the grow club model. This would allow for socialised growing, where people can grow cannabis on behalf of other people. I would also hope that the regulations around clubs would be determined by engaging with industry, real experts, and relevant stakeholders. Unlike what happened with the Private Purposes Bill". The cannabis family is hanging in

there with the Lidell's and THC, Myrtle Clarke spoke to Marijuana SA on what 2022 would mean for the cannabis community relaying the she was clear on the awareness of what the ruling would mean for private cannabis grow clubs indicating that "we are almost certain that it is going to be referred to the Constitutional court, because it is a criticism of the actual Constitutional Court judgement". The Fields of Green for all co-founder also stated that delays should be expected in the rolling out of the ruling with many dynamics speaking to a possible postponing of the hearing again, if it will not in the future be erased from the roll call in the event of a superseding house freeing the plant and all affiliated

incarcerations. Neil is aware of a possible delays in the hearing as he references the case of the Dagga Couple case stating that "these cases took many many years in the constitutional court, and in Myrtle's case is still ongoing!" King Khoisan SA who was publicly violated for growing cannabis also had his case suspended pending investigations a norm that the justice system in South Africa seems to be issuing as standard procedure howbeit it in most cases after the trail of the SAPS official who in custom trend always bring down the house.





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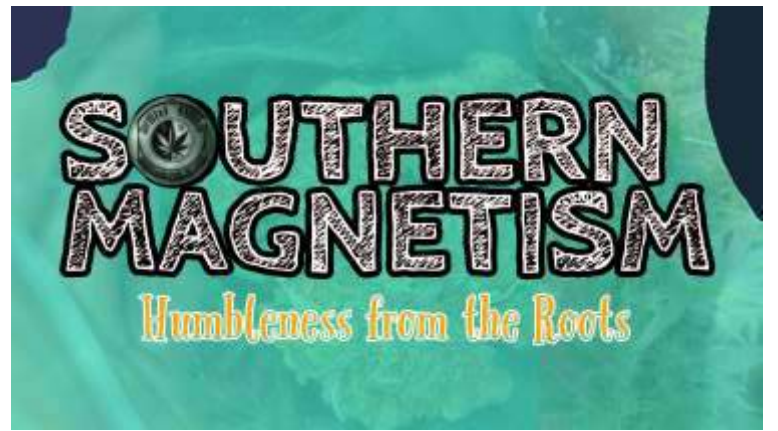
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This gathering braves into the soul of the enthusiast as the space will be showing the heart of marijuana people with a breeder's cup fusing all modes of grows and ticking in the same box extracts and edibles. The event offers custom packages ranging from a day's access to a weekend pass there is room for the drop in and for the unforeseen stay over. Just maybe after that couch lock encounter one may win one of the several giveaway prizes lined up for the event. The events is affiliating with grounded cannabis brands and people in the calibre of the Cannabis Promoter and Simon the Strainhunter who will make up part of the judges at the Cannabis Cup weekend catalogue. 7Leaf will be rocking the platform and toking to the seaside winds on the ports of a city previously named after Lady Elizabeth Markham in 1820, the deceased wife of the then acting Governor Sir Rufane Donkin.

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