



THE GOOD HERB: LA YERBA BUENA

The NMMCP Newsletter

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GREETINGS LAS CRUCES! Dr Hilda Luz Chavez, here.... I'M BACK!!!

First and foremost, a heartfelt thank you to new editor at LC Bulletin, Algernon D'Amassa and journalist Mike Cook, who encouraged me to come back and contribute THE GOOD HERB column, again .

It has been over 2 years, partly due to COVID and other factors, that I was unable to contribute to the LC Bulletin. So much has happened in 2 years. I will do my best to bring you new and interesting stories to keep you informed. I will say that the new team at LC Bulletin is off to a great start. Pick one up, we have much to share with you!

On April 20th, 2024, it will be 3 years since Cannabis was legalized in NM. We have waited over 50 years to see the sacred medicinal herb be legalized and made available without fear of legal repercussions.

Legalization is still a controversial subject, nationwide. Together, we will be exploring many facets of this industry. We will also address the value of the NM MEDICAL CANNABIS PROGRAM and why we must do all we can to ensure it survives. Recreational use and Medical use are different.

CCD, or Cannabis Control Division, regulates Cannabis in NM. CCD had a rough start in 2021. There have been 4 directors since 2021, most were not prepared. The good news is that the new CCD Director, TODD STEVENS comes from Colorado with a background in Cannabis. He seems to be proactive and focused on handling CANNABIS issues in NM..

One problem was evident right from the get go, CCD was not prepared for the onslaught of applicants. Another issue that continues to affect the industry is the lack of compliance officers and no law enforcement to address the illegal activities that have gone unchecked for over 2 years.

The damage has been done. Many illicit operators gained advantage due to the rules not including law enforcement. Some of you want to know how that happened?. The rules and regulations also did not include limiting licenses to support NM residents, first.

When the rest of the country got wind of the ease of obtaining licenses in NM, they came and overwhelmed the system. NM is a state with a small and economically challenged population. We are not California or Colorado with millions of residents. Las Cruces only has 115,000 residents.

There are those who continue to exploit the Cannabis industry. Case in point, Estancia, NM had 2 commercial production facilities which were found to have employed 1000 Chinese immigrants who, by the way, lived in the Greenhouses, illegally. Jobs that are available at these facilities went to exploited Chinese immigrants not New Mexicans.

The facilities in Estancia were out of compliance and were shut down by CCD a few months ago, but they continue to operate partly due to the fact that they are on sovereign land and state and federal laws have limited access. The issue is still unresolved.

There are immigrants and residents from other states moving to NM to work in the Cannabis Industry, thinking they will make millions. I personally have met folks from Oregon, Washington, Colorado, Oklahoma and Arizona who are making LC their homes.

One purpose of THE GOOD HERB column is to include YOU, the residents of Las Cruces, in this journey. You have questions and together we can find answers. For example:

How does legalization affect me as a resident of LC?

How can 115 k residents support 60 dispensaries?

Why is the Border Patrol suddenly confiscating legal cannabis at the Border Checks?

Can licenses be limited in over saturated cities?

Who will listen to and address my concerns?

This is an opportunity to speak up and have your voice heard.

Please email me atchavezhl@aol.com with your comments, questions, or suggestions. Or text at 915-204-5440

Dr Hilda Luz Chavez is a Doctor of Natural Medicine, with over 40 years' experience serving the EP and LC communities. Dr Hilda is a pioneer in the CANNABIS INDUSTRY and continues to guide, educate and assist medical patients in acquiring their NM MEDICAL CANNABIS CARD.



ONGOING SPECIALS at **AKESO BOTANICALS**



**Extended Hours on Saturday,
April 20th!**

We'll Be Open Until 7pm!

“Everything We Grow, We Grow For You”

AKESO BOTANICALS

200 W. Conway Ave, Unit B
Las Cruces, NM 88005
575-523-0135
Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 10AM - 5:30PM

TOP TIER MENU

FLOWER ONLY

- LOUIS XIII --- 30% (D)
- BLUE DREAM --- 25.2% (S)
- CHERRY AK-47 --- 28.4% (S)

FLOWER	MED	REC
1g	\$8	\$10

NEWFLOWER

- ARISE --- 6.89% THC/11.94% CBD

FLOWER	MED	REC
1g	\$8	\$10
3.5g	\$28	\$35

SHAKE/TRIM	MED	REC
1g	\$4	\$5
3.5g	\$14	\$17.50

PREROLLS - (2) .5g
\$8 Med/\$10 Rec

SALE MENU

FLOWER

- ICE BURN --- 25.97%
- ROYAL JELLY --- 27.22%
- SWEET BOY --- 25.10%
- CHEM CHILLZ --- 26.01%
- GRAPE GAS --- 23.12%
- STRAWBERRY BANANA --- 22%
- GELATO 41 --- 20.92%
- GREAT REALLY --- 17.7%
- NIGHTMAN --- 15.10%
- ICE CREAM CAKE --- 12.7%

INDICA

SHAKE/TRIM PREROLLS

- ICE CREAM CAKE --- 27.30% (D)
- STRAWBERRY BANANA --- 22.27%
- ROYAL JELLY --- 27.20%
- ICE BURN --- 25.97%
- SWEET BOY --- 25.10%
- CHEM CHILLZ --- 26.01%
- GRAPE GAS --- 23.12%
- GELATO 41 --- 20.92%
- GREAT REALLY --- 17.7%
- NIGHTMAN --- 17%

SATIVA

- FORREST FIRE --- 26.10%
- DAYMAN --- 22.9%
- ANGRY APPLE --- 20.9%
- APPLE FRITTER --- 20%
- FOSSIL FUEL --- 23.84%
- BIG BUFFALO --- 23.2%

- APPLE FRITTER --- 17.4%
- DAYMAN --- 18%
- BIG BUFFALO --- 23.2%
- FORREST FIRE --- 26.10%
- FOSSIL FUEL --- 23.9%

MID TIER MENU

Flower

- WHITE WIDOW --- 22.3% (D)
- FLO --- 25.11% (S)
- PINEAPPLE EXPRESS --- 25.2% (S)
- NEW DURBAN --- 24.38% (S)
- BLUEBERRY GELATO --- 16.88% (S)

PreRolls

- PINEAPPLE EXPRESS --- 25.2% (S)
- NEW DURBAN --- 24.38% (S)
- WHITE WIDOW --- 22.3% (D)
- FLO --- 25.11% (S)

FLOWER	MED	REC	SHAKE/TRIM	MED	REC
1g	\$6	\$8	1g	\$1.50	\$2
3.5g (1/8 oz)	\$21	\$28	3.5g (1/8 oz)	\$5.25	\$7
28g (1 oz)	\$110	\$133	28g (1 oz)	\$25	\$31

MEDICAL PRICING

	FLOWER	SHAKE & TRIM
1g	\$3	\$1.50
3.5g (1/8 oz)	\$10.50	\$5.25
28g (1 oz)	\$50	\$25

PreRolls ----- \$4

- 2ct-PreRolls (.5g each)
- 1ct- Flo PreRolls (.35g each)

RECREATIONAL PRICING

	FLOWER	SHAKE & TRIM
1g	\$4	\$2
3.5g (1/8 oz)	\$14	\$7
28g (1 oz)	\$61	\$31

PreRolls ----- \$5

- 2ct-PreRolls (.5g each)
- 1ct- Flo PreRolls (.35g each)

EVERYTHING WE GROW, WE GROW FOR YOU!



420 Raffles!



**Come into AKESO on Saturday, April 20 for a chance to win.
Get a raffle ticket with a purchase of \$100.**

There will be four drawings at the end of the day for the following prizes:

- 1. NM Medical Certification Appt. with Dr. Chavez (\$150 value)**
- 2. Private Consultation with Dr. Chavez (\$100 value)**
- 3. Gift Certificate for THC Products, only (\$50 value)**
- 4. Glass Dab Kit (\$50 value)**

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Monday	Closed
Tuesday	10:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Wednesday	10:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Thursday	10:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Friday	10:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM - 5:30 PM
Sunday	Closed

Located at 200 W Conway Unit B



NM 420...3rd year LEGALIZATION ANNIVERSARY in New Mexico!! NOT EVERYONE IS HAPPY

The legalization of cannabis in the United States on 4/20/21 is the biggest change in policy for an illegal substance since Prohibition ended, but it has been an unqualified success for approximately no one.

It is true that the drug is widely available for commercial purchase, many cannabis-related charges have been dropped, and stoner culture has glorified smoking and smoking paraphernalia. But, a significant part of the market is still ILLEGAL, medical research is still lacking, and the legal market is not exactly thriving. State and Federal Cannabis laws are restrictive, longtime cannabis activists are unhappy, entrepreneurs are unhappy, as are people who buy cannabis, and those who think cannabis should never have been legal in the first place.

Despite its wide availability, cannabis is still illegal under federal law. Since 1970, it's been listed as a Schedule I drug, meaning the government believes it carries a high likelihood of abuse and no medical value. What is true is that cannabis is a drug. It has a potential for abuse and addiction. Starting in the 1970s, states began passing laws lowering penalties for cannabis possession and allowing it for medical purposes and, eventually, recreational use. In 2013, U.S. Deputy Attorney General James M. Cole issued a memo declaring that the Justice Department would not strictly enforce federal cannabis laws in states that legalized it.

Americans were eager to buy cannabis as states launched legalization programs, but in most states, cannabis hasn't proven to be a great legal business. Because cannabis is still illegal at the federal level, many entrepreneurs don't benefit from many of the tax breaks that other businesses do, meaning the industry essentially pays billions in extra taxes, according to an analysis by a cannabis-research firm. In most states, big corporations dominate the industry while small-business owners struggle to afford high licensing fees and lack of business support. One promise of legalization was its potential benefit to Black and Latino communities, who were disproportionately affected by the War on Drugs, but as of 2017, members of these communities accounted for single-digit percentages of state-sanctioned cannabis entrepreneurs.

Because legal cannabis is sometimes more expensive than old-school dealer prices, plenty of people simply stick with the unregulated underground. In states like New York, the gap between what's legal and what's enforced has allowed illicit stores to pop up among the legitimate ones.

That's all in places where recreational use is legal. In the 14 states where only medical use is allowed, dispensaries must make a different calculus: They serve patients in need, but others treat them only as a loophole to access the drug and are likely to go elsewhere if recreational access becomes available. In the 12 states where even medical marijuana is illegal, the only cannabis products legally available are a handful of medications that have been approved by the FDA, all for a narrow set of indications, such as vomiting among chemotherapy patients, AIDS-related anorexia, and certain kinds of seizures. Active clinical trials to study cannabis are few and far between, which means that the drug currently has no clear pathways to be federally approved for other indications.

As you celebrate 420 on Saturday, keep in mind that things are not perfect in the US regarding Cannabis laws. There is still a black market, there is still recreation self medication and abuse and research is still limited.

How is legalization affecting you?

SPEAK UP, you have a voice in the matter.



A Reminder From NMMCP CONSULTING

How Can We Serve You?

We at NMMCP Consulting and AKESO Botanicals are always open to your feedback, suggestions and ideas.

Please feel free to reach out to us!

akesobot@gmail.com

What's New At NM Dept of Health?

NMDOH changed the rules in March of 2023 and it has caused some confusion. It will take time to get use to the new rules!

- ◆ Recertification is now every 2 years!
- ◆ No hard cards will be issued, Electronic Card only. You must have a SmartPhone to access your card.
- ◆ If you are not sure when to recertify, call NMDOH (505) 827-2321

The NMDOH Medical Cannabis Online Portal provides qualified patients and caregivers 24-hour access to check the status of their application, available units, review their sales history and access their electronic card.

Visit: <https://mcp-patient-tracking.nmhealth.org/>

Advantages of keeping your NM Medical Certification

1. It legitimizes you as a medical patient. Your employer and your medical doctor will appreciate your legitimacy.
2. It protects you from law enforcement. You must have proof of legitimate purchase.
3. Medical patients **DO NOT** pay tax on cannabis products, recreational users pay 20% excise tax.
4. Your dosage of THC will be of medical grade quality and more than 10mg per serving. Recreational users are limited to 10 mg per serving.
5. No fee for Personal Production, grow up to 12 plants per household

NOTE: As required by NMDOH, you must have an established relationship with us, your practitioner.

CHECK YOUR CARD TODAY CERTIFICATIONS AND RENEWALS AVAILABLE AT NMMCP CONSULTING BY APPOINTMENT

Please contact us at least 1 month before your recertification is due and be prepared to bring the following to the consult:

1. **CURRENT NM ID**
2. **NMDOH CARD**
3. **Updated and current medical records and/or letter from counselor**
4. **Pharmacy profile, if you take prescription medications**
5. **\$.125 plus tax - cash, credit or debit cards (discounts may apply)**

You may qualify for a discounted fee, ask Dr Chavez at your appt.

REMEMBER: It is your responsibility to know when your card needs to be renewed. Neither NMDOH nor a DISPENSARY will remind you.

****NM Medical Cannabis Program changes****

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