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LIFTED MUSIC REVIEW


ARTIST: MIR FONTANE

ALBUM: CLOWNS DON'T CRY

Mir Fontane is a rapper with strong Camden roots, and his 2023 project Clowns Don't Cry is a great illustration of the journey, the struggle, and the inspirations of a young man coming out of The City Invincible. Fontane creates a strong, emotional, and introspective mosaic with these tracks, while serving up hooks that will stick in your brain for weeks after listening. (Review by Dan Coyle)

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Smoke Signal Field Trip: The Blue Hole

In Late August, I decided to venture down to a spot in Hammonton that I’d always heard about, but never been: The Blue Hole. The Blue Hole is a lake ([39.6265°N 74.8960°W](#)) that some of our elder readers may remember as a party spot back in the day, but has largely been abandoned now. It sits next to the Great Egg Harbor River, which stretches from Berlin NJ to the Atlantic Ocean, and there is a nice little private “beach” spot (beach is generous terminology here). Overall, this is a great spot for a little exploration, a little relaxation. Always good to reconnect with nature!

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Saturday September 27th @ 11am to 3pm - EHT EAGLE FEST - Family fun, vendor food trucks, inflatables, vendor/crafts market, community groups, live performances from EHT band and cheerleaders and other activities!
24 High School Dr, Northfield, New Jersey)

Saturday September 20th @3pm to 7pm - The 4th Annual Woodbury Hispanic Heritage Festival on Saturday, September 21st, from 12 pm - 5 pm. Come enjoy music, activities, food, vendors, and dancing! (Lot 323, 115 S Broad St, Woodbury, NJ 08096-2410, United States)

Wednesday Sept 17th @ 7:30pm - Chuck Prophet & His Cumbia Shoes - This band out of California blends genres & international cultures for a rockin’ & unique experience! Part of Camden County’s free Sundown Music Series! Jay Byham opens the show. (McLaughlin Norcross Dell - Haddon Heights)

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INDUSTRY INTERVIEW

We sat down with **Kashawn McKinley**, the Chair of the Atlantic City Cannabis Review Board, to get his thoughts about the NJ canna boom!

“What’s your favorite part of your job?”

Finding solutions for the people! That’s simplest way to put it. Atlantic City’s locals are a very diverse group of people, and when you add in the millions of tourist from all over the world that travel here annually, every day is different. Cannabis is the newest big industry in the state and I love getting to help business owners thrive here! Together, we add a unique new offering to a great city!

“Where do you see the NJ cannabis industry in the next 5-10 years?”

Over the next decade, I see New Jersey’s cannabis industry evolving into one of the most dynamic markets in the country. As cannabis becomes an increasingly integral part of state economies, federal legalization is on the horizon. Once that happens, we’ll see full integration with interstate commerce, where products can move across state lines. This will open the door to importing cannabis from different regions, giving consumers access to a wider range of strains, styles, and innovations. New Jersey is well-positioned to thrive in that landscape, especially given our strategic location and established market foundation.

“What’s one thing you want the people of South Jersey to know about cannabis?”

South Jersey , and Atlantic City in particular , is the best place in the state to buy cannabis. Our market is the most competitive, which translates to the broadest selection and the best prices for both medical patients and adult-use consumers. That competition has also pushed our dispensaries to really focus on education and customer care. In Atlantic City, you’ll find dispensaries that not only offer great products but also take the time to know their customers, answer questions, and make people feel like family. The result is the most knowledgeable consumer base in New Jersey, right here in South Jersey. In conclusion, With our dispensaries open and two new consumption lounges open. We now need to market and promote to the world that Atlantic City is 420 friendly!

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2. Ancient China (Emperor Shen Nung)

1. Uruguay in 2013

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HIGHER EDUCATION: METHODS OF CONSUMPTION

BY LISA MARIE

In the days of rotary phones and roll-down car windows, cannabis consumption methods were pretty limited. Back then, smoking a joint, taking a bong rip, or eating a questionably dosed brownie were the most common ways to consume cannabis. Nowadays, since plant medicine can be consumed in many different ways, people who are uncomfortable with traditional smoking can still experience the benefits of cannabis. Whether you're an experienced cannabis enthusiast, looking to return to consumption after a hiatus, or are a canna-curious newbie, there's a method to match your personal preferences.

Inhalation through smoking or vaping is the most commonly used method to consume cannabis. When THC is delivered directly to the lungs, the effects can be felt quickly.

Some people prefer to **smoke their dried flower** in joints, bowls, or water pipes. These days, pre-rolls are a great option for people who are new to cannabis or aren't comfortable rolling their own. However, others who may be sensitive to traditional smoking may opt for vaping instead. Inhaling vaporized cannabis with a vape pen, a dried flower device, or a dab rig can provide a smoother hit and a more discreet experience than other smoking methods.

Edibles and Oral Options allow consumers to ingest cannabis and experience the benefits of plant medicine without smoking or vaping.

Gummies and tablets are some of the most popular ways to consume cannabis orally. They come in a wide variety of flavors and can be used discreetly. Also, since these edibles are pre-dosed and labeled in licensed dispensaries, controlling the experience is fairly foolproof. However, starting slow with a low-dose edible is recommended for anyone new to cannabis to avoid an unpleasant or overwhelming experience.

Tinctures are liquids that are placed sublingually, or under the tongue, where the active ingredients are absorbed quickly and the effects can be felt in minutes. Swallowing a tincture will cause it to be processed through digestion, just like a gummy, so the onset of effects will take longer to be felt.

Cannabis infused beverages are relatively new and gaining in popularity. These drinks can be purchased in stores and online, making them a convenient alternative to traditional alcoholic beverages in social settings.

Although **topicals** are not technically consumed, they are a safe and user-friendly way for people to try plant medicine. With topicals such as lotions or skin care creams, consumers can reap targeted, pain-relieving benefits of cannabis without any unwanted psychoactive effects.

Still unsure about which consumption method is right for you? **Speak to a budtender at your local dispensary for more detailed information.**

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