



Wandering & Wondering

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BEN & JERRY'S ICE CREAM BUZZ

SFGate.com ran the following item on March 4: America is waking up to the premise of Ben & Jerry's ice cream infused with the body-buzzing active ingredients of marijuana. The founders of Ben & Jerry's dropped a time bomb on Huffington Post February 18, stating they were open to making a legal, cannabis-infused ice cream flavor. This week, the media got a bad case of the munchies. An infused ice cream "makes sense to me," said co-founder Ben Cohen. "Combine your pleasures. ... Where it's legal!" "It's not my decision," said co-founder Jerry Greenfield. "If it was my decision we would be doing it. Fortunately, we have wiser heads at the company figuring things out." Cohen and Greenfield stand among the most cannabis-tolerant mainstream CEOs. Cohen appeared at a cannabis industry conference to encourage CEOs to hold on to their progressive values as their business grows. "I think legalizing marijuana is a wonderful thing, rather than putting people in jail for not hurting anybody else," said Greenfield. Until the staff at Ben and Jerry's legal comes around, you can turn to more risk-tolerant brands, like Cannabis Creamery of Richmond, California. (Will they try names like Mellow Yellow for marijuana-infused banana ice cream? Or Munchies Mint Chip?)

RISE & FALL OF NEANDERTHALS

250,000 years ago: First Neanderthals appear in Europe, uninvited. 200,000 years ago: First modern humans appear in Africa, acquire taste for coconuts, learn to avoid sleeping under coconut palms. 70,000 years ago: First modern humans leave Africa, some aboard a prototype of the African Queen. 60,000 years ago: Modern humans and Neanderthals share territory in the Middle East, giving rise to ethnic tensions. 47,000 years ago: Neanderthals develop a

taste for hummus; their population begins to decline. 45,000 years ago: Modern humans and canines enter Europe, settle along Mediterranean beaches, and develop a taste for bruschetta and gelato. 45,000 years and 2 months ago: First fancy wolves give birth to poodles in what is now France. 40,000 years ago: Neanderthals lose the fashion wars, then disappear from the face of the earth. (Mary Connell created this amusing historical timeline.)

A LITTLE BIRDY TOLD ME

Some news about migrating songbirds is a big surprise even to scientists who study songbirds. A new documentary is coming out: The Messenger. Watch the trailer at songbirdSOS.com. This month, the production team is running a crowd-funding campaign to finish the film and get it ready for distribution. The more you give, the more you get: Depending on what you donate to the campaign, you can get a perk as a thank-you for your donation. Donate to The Messenger on indiegogo.com. Whether or not you can donate, tell your friends and neighbors about this important campaign. Join the community at songbirdSOS.com and you will be one of the first to know when the film is being released and coming to your area.

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"I often ponder the question: If a man makes a decision when his wife is not around, is he still wrong?"

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