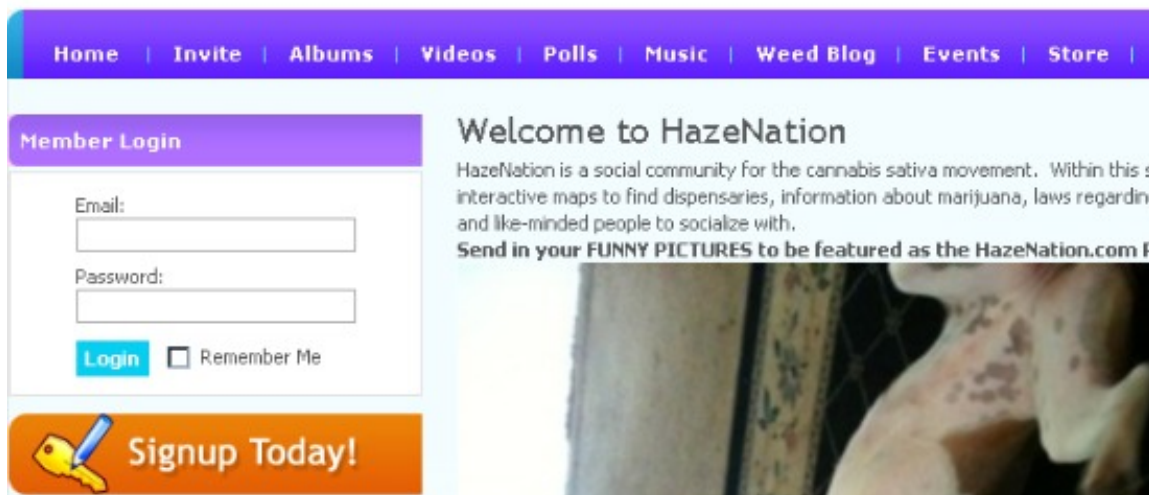




Local Medical Marijuana Magazines Hitting Stands Soon

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Screen capture of the Haze Nation website

You know how the old adage goes: "Pass a bill, start a business."

Okay, so maybe that's not an old adage, but it certainly applies to the recent passage of [Proposition 203](#), Arizona's Medical Marijuana Act, and the slew of businesses that have sprung up following its passage. First, we get a [medical marijuana college](#). And soon enough, we'll be seeing

publications dedicated solely to medical marijuana culture in Arizona.

Two such magazines, [The Green Leaf](#) and [Haze Nation Magazine](#), will be launching in the next two months.

Haze Nation Magazine will hold its official launch party at the [Blunt Club](#) on December 16. Founded by Travis Pollock, who owns medical marijuana dispensaries in Colorado, *Haze Nation Magazine* will feature information on marijuana laws, culture, and history. "We're here to be advocates for the medical marijuana community," Pollock says. "This is such a new thing for Arizona, compared to other states. We're not going for the shock factor. We want to be respectful, diligent, and provide people with a resource to educate themselves."

Pollock says *Haze Nation Magazine* will also "broadcast and highlight music and visual artists in Arizona, to make it a bit more about entertainment." He expects initial circulation to be about 5,000 copies, and the magazine will be available at AM/PM locations, Bashas' grocery stores, Fresh & Easy stores, and of course, smoke shops.



Screen capture of the website for The Green Leaf

While Haze Nation focuses more on the community and culture around medical marijuana, *The Green Leaf* aims to serve as an information resource.

"We want to serve as an educational resource for the community -- where to find doctors, attorneys, insurance companies, dispensaries when they open next year," says publisher Shadi Zaki.

The first issue of *The Green Leaf*, which is scheduled for release in January, will feature an overview of Prop 203, an article on the benefits of medical marijuana, reviews of different marijuana strains, and how-to stories on growing marijuana and getting doctor recommendations for marijuana.

Zaki said circulation for the first issue will be around 10,000 to 20,000 copies, with distribution at various retailers (including 7-11 and K-Mart) and doctor's offices.

"So if you walk into a doctor's office and you see a copy of *The Green Leaf*, chances are, that

doctor is open to recommending medical marijuana," Zaki says.

We've heard some buzz about other upcoming local medical marijuana magazines, but they seem to still be in the planning stages. We'll post an update as soon as the, uh, smoke clears.

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How does one go about opening a Medical Marijuana retail store?