The Pot Thickens

Officials stonewall on study of THC benefits

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POZ is fed up with the feds. For two and a half years they sat on a study finding that rats treated with THC, the wallop in weed, lived longer and developed fewer tumors than their untreated counterparts. According to *AIDS Treatment News,* the reefer research remained under wraps until copies of the draft report were leaked. That's no surprise--the data, which offer strong evidence of THC's safety, are contrary to what drug warriors claim. As *POZ* went to press, editorials with a pro-pot therapy position were piling up. The issue encourages strange bedfellows, with *The New England Journal of Medicine, High Times* and *The National Review* all condemning the Clinton cabal's threat to punish docs who recommend pot. On the hot seat, the NIH convened a meeting of researchers to help resolve "the public health dilemma" posed by the California and Arizona initiatives. Protesters interrupted the panel, slamming it as a "stalling tactic." What did the NIH's report call for? More research.

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