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**This month in the Buzz....****b** **Headliner—Independents are having their year****b** **The Insider Section—our regular feature:****\*The SuperSaver HotFive™****\* Newly Added****b** **In Other News—"Spice" causes concern****Controversial marijuana-like substance under scrutiny in Idaho**

The Idaho Board of Pharmacy is attempting to place a ban on a compound commonly known as Spice, which produces a marijuana-like high to users, and has been available for sale to anybody over the age of 18.

The synthetic cannabis compound is made up of a variety of common mild medicinal herbs, the combinations of which produce the resulting high. One of the concerns with the blend is that it can often be laced with substances not listed in the ingredients, such as tocopherol. The risk of users who take non-compatible pharmaceuticals having a reaction to the unlisted ingredients is part of what is sparking this controversy.

Testing done on the compound in Germany raised further concern as trace amount of various substances were found, and many harmful effects of consumption were noted.

**Read more about the ban at**  
**<http://www.kpvi.com/story.php?id=28884&n=15206>**

**New Supplier!**

Don't forget to check out Dynasty Pharmaceuticals out of Washington State. Dynasty serves Illinois, Kentucky, and Washington.

**Independent pharmacies beat out national chains in annual J.D. Power poll**

The news comes as little surprise to independents, who, like many in the health care industry are hearing about the sheer lack of consultation provided by Wal-Mart, CVS and Walgreens pharmacies. It seems that since the recession has tightened wallets everywhere, chain pharmacies have gone to a sort of "efficiency" system where the main concern is patient turnover, not patient care.

Of the top independent pharmacy networks Good Neighbor Pharmacy, Health Mart Pharmacy, and Medicine Shoppe Pharmacy ranked the highest with scores well over 800 on a 1,000 point scale—beating out CVS, Walgreens and Wal-Mart by as much as 100 points.

**Read more about this on The Hill's 'Congress Blog' at <http://tinyurl.com/2a9e3ut>.**

**The Insider Section****b** **This month's SuperSaver HotFive™: save 20% or more!****5. Amlodipine/Benazepril 5/20mg (100 Tabs)****4. Clarithromycin XL 500mg (60 Tabs)****3. Glipizide XL 5mg (1000 Tabs)****2. Oxybutynin ER 10mg (100 Tabs)****1. Valacyclovir 1GM (30 Tabs)****b** **Newly Added (some not included)**

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- PROPOXYPHENE NAPSYLATE & ACETAMINOPHEN 50/325 MG
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