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News about the East Village of NYC

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About the 'Vape TY Deposit Box' on 6th Street



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If you've walked past 431 E. Sixth St. lately between Avenue A and First Avenue, you may have noticed a small "Vape TY Deposit Box" mounted outside the building.

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East Village venue Drom hopes to keep their beat alive with a 2-night fundraiser



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It's part of an ongoing project by Laura Tighe, who runs [Smilers](#), the gallery that opened in No. 431 earlier this year.

Tighe has been quietly collecting empty vape cartridges from neighbors and passersby; the box is available 24/7 for drop-offs.



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The cartridges will eventually make their way into a long-term installation Tighe is developing upstairs: The New York Vape Room, a rooftop, greenhouse-like structure built around the city's discarded vape culture.

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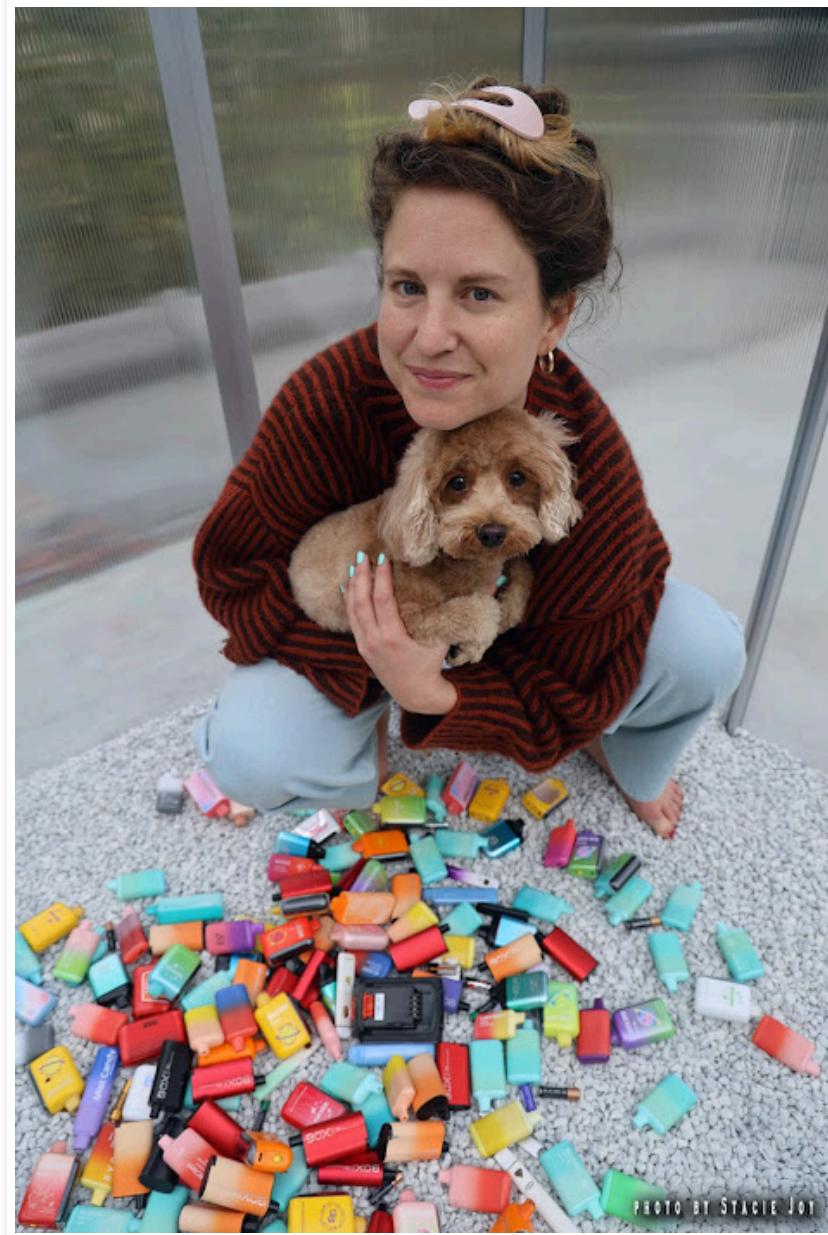
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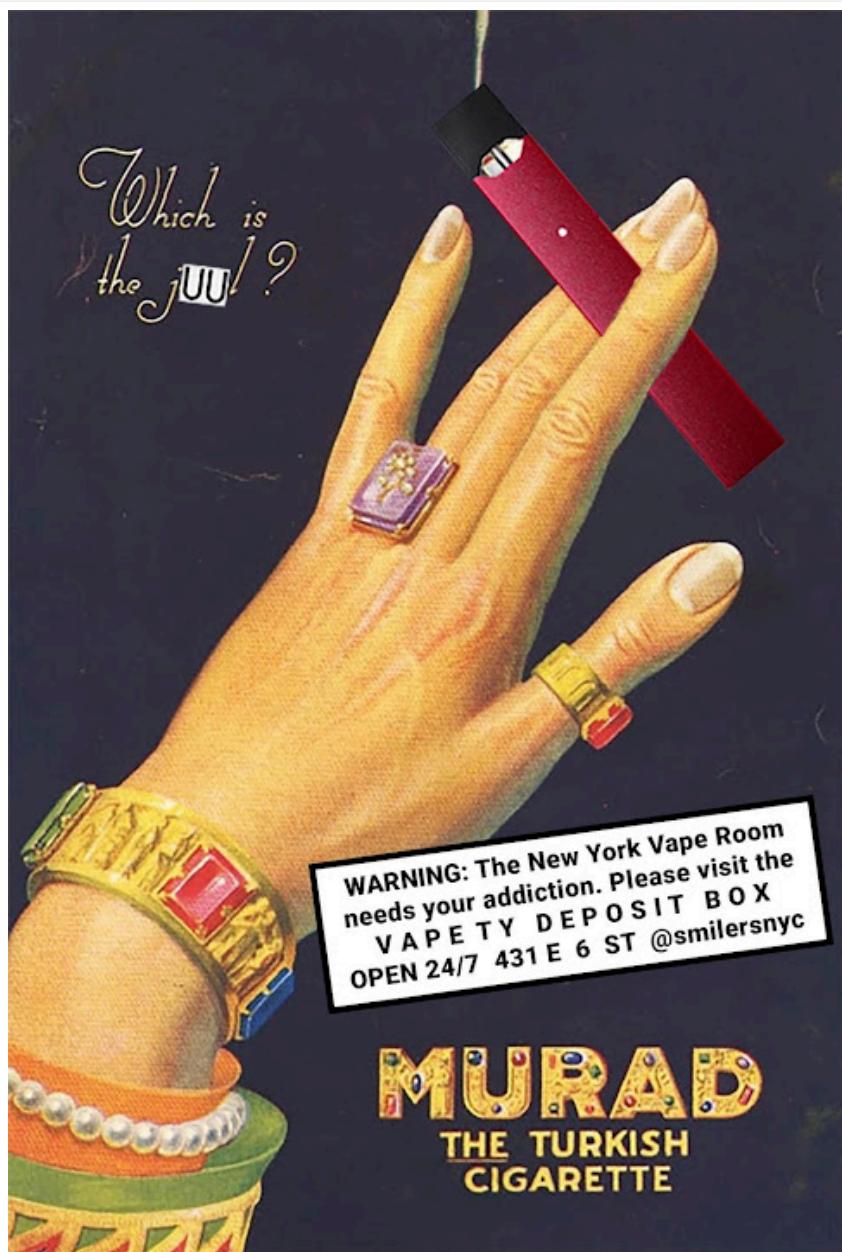


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