

NEW VIEW



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Focus-Marijuana



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In Oregon there are over 46,570 medical marijuana growers growing for over 70,000 cardholders of which 90% cite chronic pain as the reason for use. Ten doctors are issue more than 59% of the cards. 3,448 of those grows are in Clackamas County where I live. These grows are unwanted, unlicensed, unregulated, and untaxed and are bringing murders, butane hash oil explosions, odors, property value loss and destruction.

PUBLIC SAFETY *from Norm Rice & Monika Gartner-Oregon-cont.pg2*

Over 15 years ago my wife and I moved to the rural community of Boring, Oregon. We purchased a nice home right next door to the largest Equestrian Event Center in the Northwest, known as the Mt. Hood Equestrian Center. Over the years we would sit in our living room and watch hundreds of people from around the northwest unload their prized horses and prepare them for their equestrian events. Our grandchildren were raised in this wholesome environment and were always eager and excited to see the beauty, variety and power of these animals. This past year, that environment changed dramatically when a new owner decided to use this space as a grow center for medical marijuana which is still

a federally illegal drug and brings a lot of public safety risks to our communities such as armed robberies, fatal shooting, and butane hash oil explosions. Now we look out at something much different. When we drive into our driveway, or walk our dog, or work in our yard, we are followed by a motion censored camera and are greeted by signs that say trespassers will be prosecuted.



Let's talk about property values. As a realtor I often hear that the marijuana industry will be good for the real estate profession in Oregon as investors from around the country

now are beginning to look for property to farm and grow marijuana. These same people will attempt to tell me that this will be good for real estate values. I cannot disagree more. Would you buy my house if you wished to move into a rural community? Of course not. **And so I ask you, how does allowing a grow center as a neighbor help my property value?** For me, value is also not just about money, but also about quality of life. If the quality of my life is downgraded because of how you rep-

QUALITY OF LIFE *from Monte Stiles-Idaho*

Another death in Colorado related to marijuana use has been reported after a local CBS news affiliate obtained a previously undisclosed autopsy report of a teenage suicide in September 2012. This time it was an 18 year-old who stabbed himself 20 times while high. This



marijuana blood level was many times greater than the threshold amount for impaired driving. Although it was initially thought that meth or some other drug was involved, the autopsy revealed that no other drugs were present and that

"marijuana intoxication" was a "significant condition" in his death. It is important that you go directly to the website so that you can see the pictures of the victim. Continue page 2

<http://denver.cbslocal.com/2015/05/18/marijuana-intoxication-blamed-in-more-deaths-injuries/>

Monte is a retired U.S. Attorney from Idaho

PROPERTY VALUES

is downgraded because of how you represent me, are you doing your job in a manner that you were elected? **Will you sit in my living room and explain to me how you are helping my quality of life?**

I support the need for strong regulations of the medical marijuana program. As a brother of a veteran who has used medical marijuana for over 10 years, I have seen how it can be easily misused and abused. I have also seen how it has negatively affected his relationships with his children and his siblings. He may be free of pain at times, but his

actions and abuse of this drug have not been good medicine for those around him. Perhaps if the drug was controlled like any other prescription drug we would not be having this discussion.



Norm Rice & Monika Gartner
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THIS HAS GONE TOO FAR!

EMBRACING THE BATTLE

We engage a philosophy that all battles are embraced. It is part of the circle of collaborative pressure. The old adage that suggests we should pick our battles is

“It is a Circle of Collaborative Pressure . Clarity and solutions are found when time is spent looking at all the parts involved.” Shirley Morgan

one of the many reasons that we actually lose battles, because what happens is related issues have a way of exploding and expanding while your head is turned the other way.

When a more circular approach is taken you begin to see that the solutions lie in assessing all parts of the problem.



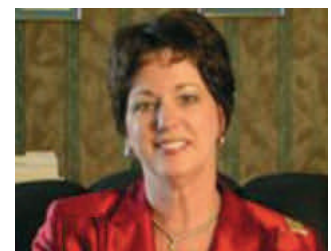
A MESSAGE FROM SAVE OUR SOCIETY FROM DRUGS

Sounding the alarm against so-called Medical Marijuana

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RUVFdFiidN8>

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America educates the public about the dangers of illicit drugs. SOS conducts political activities to combat drug legalization efforts. It is a nongovernmental organization that consults with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.



PLANS HALT FOR 20-ACRE PHOENIX MARIJUANA CULTIVATION SITE

Plans are off to bring a medical-marijuana cultivation facility near a north Phoenix neighborhood, quelling the outrage of residents fighting the zoning variance that would allow it near their homes.

The application withdrawn by Tempe-based Tryke Companies last week marks a victory for those in a months-long battle against the plans for a 20-acre site near 16th Street and Deer Valley Road. A lawyer representing the company sent the withdrawal request to the city's Board of Adjustment on Thursday.

The board will vote this week to accept the withdrawal, said Sandra Hoffman, deputy director over the city's planning division. The decision includes both the use permits and variance associated with the plans, she said.

City officials first granted a zoning variance to Tryke Companies in December, allowing marijuana cultivation and infusion within hundreds of feet of homes across a canal. Though medical-marijuana cultivation is legal in Phoenix, operations must be contained in a closed facility 1,000 feet from residential districts and 1,320 feet from schools, parks and community centers.

The Board of Adjustment upheld the decision in February, despite protest from residents. The variance request was scheduled to go to the board again this week for reconsideration before the application was withdrawn.

"We're expressing great gratitude," said Mike McCrery, an adjacent property owner who helped lead opposition to the facility. Oppo-

nents argued the proposed "mega-facility" was already affecting property sales in the area, McCrery said. Neighbors were also concerned with the potential for crime and odor associated with the site.

FIGHTING BACK IN ARIZONA

<http://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/phoenix/2015/03/31/phoenix-marijuana-cultivation-facility/70734250/>

MOBILIZING FOR CHANGE

Mobilizing for change requires a paradigm shift in our thinking. It means we must mobilize rather than monopolize, partner rather than position, build teams and identify and engage talents and skills rather

*"We are each made for a mission. We are made to go on this mission with other people."
Shirley Morgan*

than circumvent available resources, and cast vision with like-minded people and stand side-by-side with one strong purpose-to build a safe drug policy. We are each made for a mission. We are made to go on this

mission with other people. We don't need a dictator but rather leaders who are committed to mobilizing, partnering, building bridges, building teams, engaging talents, and building legacies that last. We must measure a person's character by how they work together and care for their community.

ENGAGING RESOURCES



We identify and engage available resources and direct these resources towards a common goal helping to maximize our focus on an outcome which results in public safety, quality of life and protection of property values and

helps to gain momentum and assure sustainability.



If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far go with others.



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CONNECTIONS

- **Monthly Connections**
- **New View**
- **Quarterly Community Educational Forums**
- **Annual National Oregon Safe Drug Policy Summit - Focus Marijuana**
- **Web Trainings**
- **Small groups meetings**

Consultant, Trainer, Speaker

BEWARE

The Food and Drug Administration has never approved marijuana in smoked form as medicine.

There are currently FDA approved synthetic THC drugs called Marinol and Cesamet that must be prescribed by a doctor who has a bonafide patient relationship with the patient and provides a dosage amount.

Marijuana is a federally illegal drug.

In order to pick up a drug from real pharmacists at your local drug store, the drug must be rigorously tested by the FDA and then licensed by the Drug Enforcement Administration to be dispensed in a pharmacy.

So-called medical marijuana is being implemented in various states through ballot and legislative initiatives which circumvent the rigorous testing of the FDA.

What drugs have citizens and legislators every voted for?

What drug have we ever smoked?

OREGON

Oregon has over 71,317 medical marijuana cardholders registered. 10 local pot doctors have issued more than 59% of those cards, seeing only those patients for the purposed of registering them a medical marijuana card.

Pot doctors may only issue cards for specific types of diseases such as: Alzheimer's, cachexia, cancer, glaucoma, HIV+/Aids, nausea, PTSD, sever pain, seizures, persistent muscle spasms. Over 93% of these cards are issued for chronic pain which is hard to diagnosis and confirm.

Oregon has 36 counties and 241 cities, as an example, there are over 12,194 cardholders in Multnomah County, 7,814 in Lane County, 8,055 in Jackson County, 5,152 in Josephine County, 5,039 in Clackamas County, 4,825 in Washington County and the rest are 4,000 and under.

<http://public.health.oregon.gov/DiseasesConditions/ChronicDisease/MedicalMarijuanaProgram/Pages/data.aspx>

In 2004 the majority of Oregon voters said no to medical marijuana dispensaries in their communities with measure 33, in 2010 with measure 74 the majority of Oregon voters said no again. Then in 2013 the pro marijuana legislators pushed a bill behind the back of the Oregon voters called HB3460 which opened the door for marijuana dispensaries. However, this bill has meet with much resistance as over 200 of the 241 cities and 32 of the 36 counties have banned medical marijuana and recreational marijuana facilities.

To date the pro marijuana legislators are trying to force cities and counties through out the State requiring them to break federal laws, and many cities and counties just are not buying it. Potentially this could be litigated and it will prove that federal laws trump State laws.

ACTION ALERT-Oregon

SEE IT. BELIEVE IT. DO IT.

Often it is difficult to have hope when things seem to overwhelm you, such as drugs in your community that affect your public safety, quality of life, and property values, but I know from experience that it is the action we take and the commitment we make, that creates change. When an action alert comes, it is important to take the time to respond, as we do make difference collectively.