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OREGON BLAST ROCKS LEGAL POT BUSINESS



Two people working in a marijuana processing business in Astoria were taken to Legacy Oregon Burn Center late Wednesday after an explosion rocked the building.

The blast – the first involving a legal cannabis enterprise in Oregon -- remains under investigation but early indications point to butane as a possible cause, officials said.

The business, Higher Level Concentrates, uses the highly volatile gas to make hash oil. The explosion is under investigation by Oregon OSHA, an agency whose mission is worker safety and health.

http://www.oregonlive.com/marijuana/index.ssr/2016/10/blast_rocks_legal_marijuana_bu.html

PUBLIC SAFETY— CALIF. DON'T WANT TO GET BUSTED IN HUMBOLDT

OPINION by Tim Meade-California

Are you an illegal grower anywhere in the states including Humboldt County, and you're worried about a bust? Simply work out a deal with any permitted medical marijuana cultivator in Humboldt County who is willing to take advantage of the system and they can easily take any size plant you have and include it into their own grow. Nobody is checking. Nobody seems to care. Simply pack up that U-Haul and find a legal grower.

According to the supervisors of Humboldt County and the Planning and Building Department, the county currently has a future pilot "track and

trace" program (SICPA) set to be in place by next summer (pending it passes the November ballot). Or if a permitted grower doesn't want to wait until the election results are in, they can volunteer now. Until then, there is what the county is describing as a "regulatory vacuum." So at least for the next few months until the November elections, it's simply the Wild-Wild-West in Humboldt County. Any illegal "Joe Blow" grower can sell any size plant to any a permitted grower who essentially has a "sanctuary compound," and there will be a very slim chance anyone will be monitoring.

All permittees are required to sign an affidavit prepared by Humboldt

County with specific language committing to the concept of keeping their medical cannabis activities to the legitimate state marketplace. The bad news is how are we going to know that the end product is not falling back into the black market? And how do we know what type chemicals or additives have been applied to these plants? As far as the final processing and distribution, the county admits that permitted medical marijuana cultivators have the "obligation to comply with an affidavit but it's not enforced." Currently aside from the *Cont. page 2* per-

KENTUCKY ED SHEMELYA Addresses Pot Effects *CONT. PG3*



Ed Shemelya, director for the National Marijuana Initiative, spoke in the afternoon. A 30-year KSP veteran, he

emphasized that people need to be aware of the marijuana-legalization legislation proposed for the 2017 Kentucky General Assembly and keep on top of its progress.

Every state says it's going to do a better job of regulating it than the ones before it.

"They haven't," he said. "We think we're going to be different There is no controls with the bill that [has been] filed."

Shemelya said the potency of what is being sold legally in Colorado is two to three times greater than what is normally available in Kentucky. *Cont. page 3*

http://www.glasgowdailytimes.com/news/conference-addresses-today-s-marijuana-effects-in-states-where-legalized/article_8dae2914-7baf-11e6-95b6-c3d07452dbae.html

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permitted growers in Humboldt who are required to sign this affidavit to police themselves, there's no accountability and tracking of marijuana because Humboldt County simply doesn't have the manpower or resources to insure cultivators are adhering to the law. As an end result, there are some powerful corrupt out-of-state and country individuals who won't hesitate to thumb

their noses at Humboldt County to shun the rules and regulations.

As one Humboldt supervisor stated, there are



"consequences we didn't anticipate."

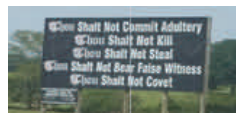
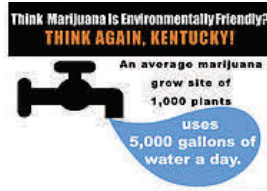
I strongly feel that the County of Humboldt needs to impose an immediate moratorium on all recently approved permits until there is complete accountability in place.

PUBLIC SAFETY-Morgan Speaks in Kentucky, Utah, and Nevada

Morgan travelled to Kentucky, Utah, and Nevada in September to talk about the impacts of commercial marijuana in Oregon.

THINK AGAIN KENTUCKY

<http://www.thinkagainkentucky.com/#!educational-toolkit/nsjem>



UTAH STATE SHERIFF'S ASSOC.

<http://www.utahsheriffs.org/styled-4/styled-11/>

- Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area – Thomas Gorman
- Citizens View of the Impacts of Marijuana in Oregon – Shirley Morgan
- Impacts of Marijuana Legalization – Chris Halsor, Colorado Attorney, Understanding Legal Marijuana LLC

Western States Sheriff's Association President Danny Glick speaks to over 800 participants at the Utah State Sheriff's Association Conference.



NEVADA ON TRIBAL LAND

NEVADA CHURCHILL COMMUNITY COALITION

<http://www.churchillcoalition.com/>

Morgan speaks at Churchill Community Coalition leadership luncheon and at a special Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe Community meeting to talk about the impacts of marijuana in Oregon, making it clear that locals need to be asking "Where are you going to grow pot? Next to my home?"



URBAN OREGON LEGALIZED POT, RURAL OREGON PAYS PRICE

BY **SHIRLEY MORGAN** First, by the Legislature redefining marijuana as an agricultural crop, just like a tomato, it has opened the door to large out-of-state commercial marijuana investors who are buying up land just to grow, process, wholesale and retail commercial recreational marijuana.

The Legislature, however, gave local counties and cities the right to opt out of having these federally illegal commercial marijuana enterprises. If a county or city voted with a 55 percent or greater approval margin in the November 2014 election, then the local jurisdiction had the authority to simply opt out. If the margin was below 55 percent, the local jurisdictions could send a referral to the voters in November 2016 and let the voters decide whether they want commercial marijuana production,

processing, wholesaling or retail sites in their communities. More than 100 cities and 19 counties in Oregon banned commercial marijuana.

Second, in December 2015, Clackamas County Commissioners opened the door for these recreational commercial businesses in the unincorporated areas. To date Clackamas County has more than 177 commercial recreational marijuana land-use applications that have been applied for with 35 percent of those being for marijuana production sites. Rural Oregon farming residents are seeing large out-of-state land grabs for the sole purpose of growing commercial recreational marijuana.

Imagine, one day you have a horse pasture next to your home and the next day this 40-acre pasture has been turned into a compound surrounded by a tall fence with 10 rows of barbed wire on the top. The fence blocks your once beautiful view, but the grow operation emits the skunky smell of pot and entirely changes the rural farming character and culture that you have enjoyed. Finally, while it was the urban voters who voted yes for the marijuana tax-and-regulate scheme — believing it was for an individual’s right if 21 and over to buy marijuana from a retail shop or grow their own four plants — it was the rural voters who voted against legalization. It’s these people who are being most negatively impacted by these large, commercial marijuana production sites setting up next to their homes. Although many innocent voters have been misled by out-of-state, highly funded ballot initiatives that pushed the tax-and-regulate marijuana scheme, many citizens have observed the impacts first-hand .

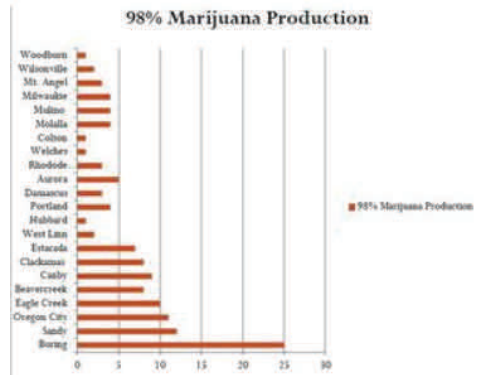
QUALITY OF LIFE - 195 Commercial Pot Land Use Applications –Citizen Complaints

It is being touted that Clackamas County land use regulations are being used as a model for other counties, yet their land use regulations are the most liberal in the State and have opened up the door for commercial marijuana growing in almost every zone in the County. <http://www.clackamas.us/planning/marijuana.html>

Pot growers have little respect for the environment or the surrounding neighbors. Many are cutting down all of the trees and many of the properties are surrounded by smaller lot rural residential land owners who now will be greatly impacted by these large outdoor pot

grows. Pot growers, wholesalers, processors and retailers are taking over complete areas in our rural residential communities. In Boring Oregon of the 188 marijuana land use applications over 20% has targeted various areas of our rural residential farming community to set up their pot industry. In a 3 mile radius 5 commercial pot grows many unknown medical marijuana grows, butane hash oil processing center and 2 marijuana wholesalers. Outrageous! As you can see from the chart, the unincorporated area of Boring has been overrun with pot production facilities impacting the communities, public safety, quality of life, and property values.

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He showed a photo of teen in a hospital with breathing tubes and such; it was his cousin's son, Will, who had overdosed in Kentucky with marijuana cookies purchased from Colorado and then a hit off the heated, vaporized version of the drug. He said he talked with the paramedics who took him to the hospital and learned that Will had stopped breathing and was already starting to turn blue around his mouth when they got to him. THC in a massive quantity was the only drug found in his system, Shemelya said.

“This is an everyday occurrence in Denver,” he said, adding that a hospital there was seeing three to four “kids” a day like this. ... This is what we’re really fighting for – your children and your grandchildren, my children and grandchildren, the future of the commonwealth. ... There’s no excuse for us not banding together and fighting this [bill] in



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CONNECTIONS

- **Monthly Connections**
- **Quarterly New View Newsletter**
- **Quarterly Community Educational Forums –Focus Marijuana**
- **Annual Nat'l Safe Drug Policy Summit-Focus Marijuana –April 2018**
- **Web Trainings**
- **Small groups meetings**



We believe we are socially responsible for preserving public safety, quality of life, and protection of property values on behalf of our communities and for the legacy of our children.

Bud Farming Backlash: Rural America's Uneasy Embrace of Cannabis Farming

<https://www.leafly.com/news/industry/bud-farming-backlash-rural-americas-uneasy-embrace-of-cannabis-farming/>.



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This rural backlash isn't just a Western thing. As other states consider legalizing recreational marijuana—among them Arizona, Nevada, Maine, and Massachusetts—and as demand rises for outdoor and greenhouse cannabis, the rural friction we're seeing out West might well become the norm. Urban dwellers may be comfortable with retail shops popping up around town, but small-town America finds itself increasingly uncomfortable with the production side of the industry.”

