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## BLUE LAKE

# City Council mulls pot crackdown

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The Blue Lake City Council today will decide if it wants to impose restrictions on marijuana use in the city ahead of a statewide vote that could legalize recreational use for adults.

If the draft is approved, the city ordinance would move to the next step in prohibiting non-medical commercial marijuana activity — a term the city defines as any commercial or business enterprise, for profit or nonprofit, engaged in cultivation, sale, use, storage, transport, distribution, delivery, testing, grading, marketing, processing, manufacturing or packaging nonmedical marijuana and related products. It also bars anyone from cultivating marijuana inside or outside of their home.

Proposition 64, the Adult Use of Marijuana

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## Pot

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Act, could legalize commercial and personal uses of marijuana if it is approved by California voters next month.

It also allows local government to adopt additional ordinances to further regulate its use even if it is legal statewide, according to the measure.

"Under the AUMA, local governments would have authority to prohibit all outdoor cultivation of marijuana for personal use, but could only regulate the indoor cultivation of marijuana for personal in a manner that is reasonably consistent with the AUMA standards for indoor cultivation," according to staff reports.

More than two and a half years ago the Blue Lake City Council adopted an ordinance to prohibit medical marijuana businesses from operating in the city.

The ordinance on today's agenda is the city's first attempt to regulate recreational marijuana use, according to staff reports.

"Adverse impacts on the city from nonmedicinal marijuana uses and activities include: Potential adverse secondary effects and ancillary crimes occurring from nonmedicinal marijuana activities," the city's staff said in a report. "Including robberies, burglaries, illicit drug dealing, noise ..."

The city's staff also said it was concerned about increasing minors exposure to marijuana and noncompliance with environmental laws that could lead to water diversion polluting the Mad River.

"The City Council hereby

finds that nonmedicinal marijuana activities are uses are presently incompatible with the city of Blue Lake, have the potential to significantly impact the city, and would be detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare of the city," according

to a statement in the city's staff report.

Blue Lake City Manager Mandy Mager did not immediately respond to request for comment.

Anyone found guilty of violating the ordinance could be found guilty of a

misdemeanor, if council members vote in favor of the ordinance.

The law would go into effect after council members approve a final draft.

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# Notable & Quotable: How Marijuana Begat Heroin

Don Winslow, writing in *Esquire*, on Aug. 9:

• Okay, I'm going to say it: The heroin epidemic was caused by the legalization of marijuana.

• We wanted legal weed, and for the most part, we got it. Four states have legalized it outright, others have decriminalized it, and in many jurisdictions police refuse to enforce the laws that are on the books, creating a de facto street legalization.

Good news, right?

Not for the Sinaloa Cartel, which by the time Colorado passed Amendment 64 in 2012 had become the dominant cartel in Mexico. Weed was a major profit center for them, but suddenly they couldn't compete against a superior American product that also had drastically lower transportation and security costs.

In a single year, the cartel suffered a 40 percent drop in marijuana sales, representing billions of dollars. Mexican marijuana became an almost worthless product. . . . Once-vast fields in Durango now lie fallow.

More good news, right?

Yeah, no. Guzmán and his boys are *businessmen*. They're not going to take a forty-point hit and not do something about it. They had to make up those profits somewhere.

Looking at the American drug market as it existed, Guzmán and his partners saw an opportunity. An increasing number of Americans were addicted to prescription opioids such as Oxycontin.

And their addiction was expensive. One capsule of Oxy might sell on the street for thirty dollars, and an addict might need ten hits a day.

Well, s—, they thought.

*We have some of the best poppy fields in the world. Opium, morphine, Oxy, heroin—they're basically the same drug, so . . .*

The Sinaloa Cartel decided to undercut the pharmaceutical companies. They increased the production of Mexican heroin by almost 70 percent, and also raised the purity level, bringing in Colombian cooks to create "cinnamon" heroin as strong as the East Asian product. They had been selling a product that was about 46 percent pure, now they improved it to 90 percent.

Their third move was classic market economics—they dropped the price. A kilo of heroin went for as much as \$200,000 in New York City a few years ago, cost \$80,000 in 2013, and now has dropped to around \$50,000. More of a better product for

less money: You can't beat it.

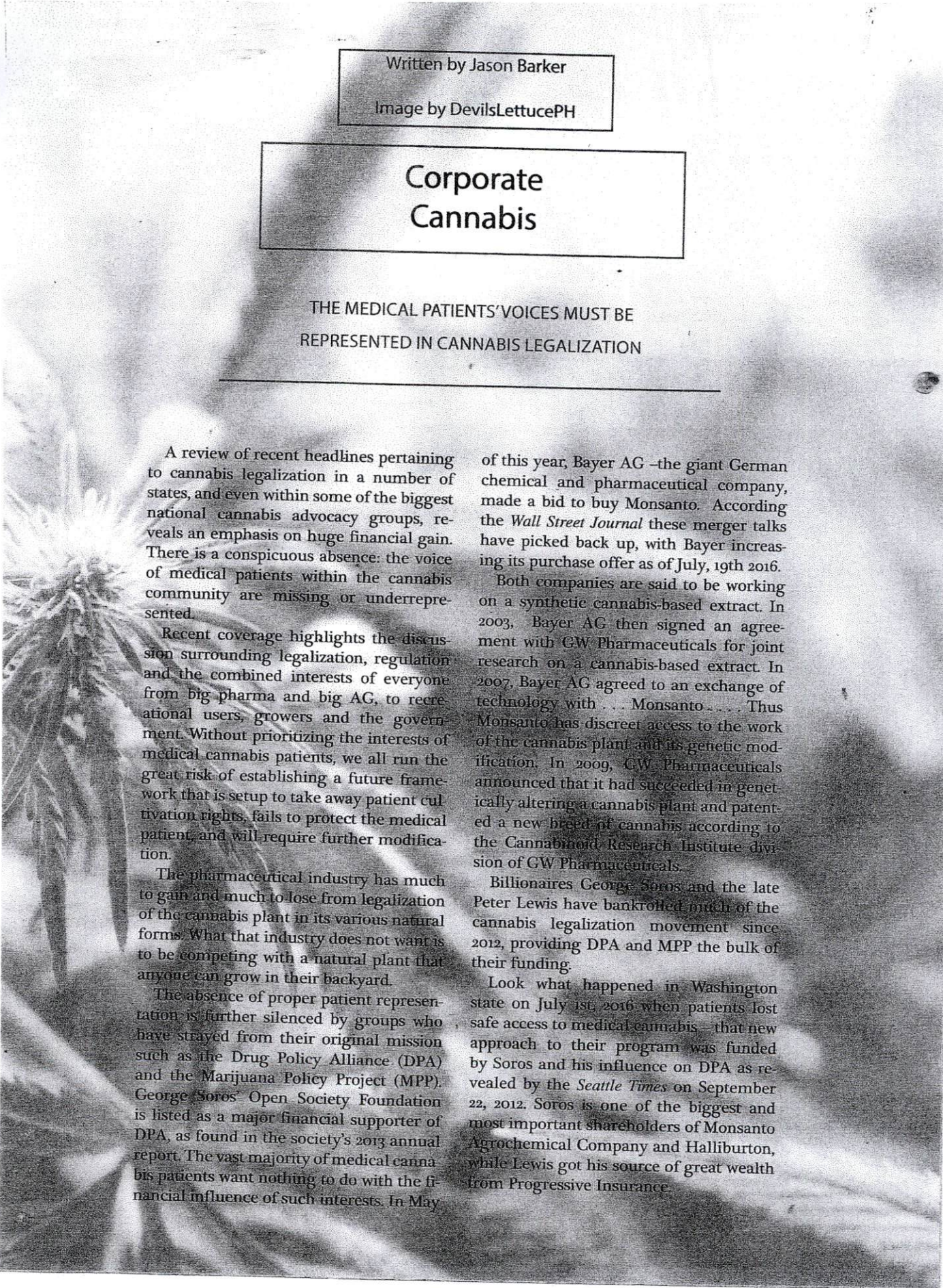
At the same time, American drug and law-enforcement officials, concerned about the dramatic surge in overdose deaths from pharmaceutical opioids (165,000 from 1999 to 2014), cracked down on both legal and illegal distribution, opening the door for Mexican heroin, which sold for five to ten bucks a dose.

But pill users were not accustomed to the potency of this new heroin. Even heroin addicts were taken by surprise.

As a result, overdose deaths have skyrocketed, more than doubling from 2000 to 2014. More people—47,055—died from drug overdoses in 2014 than in any other year in American history. . . . That's 125 people a day, more than five lives every hour, a fatality level that matched the AIDS epidemic's peak in 1995.

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## Corporate Cannabis

THE MEDICAL PATIENTS' VOICES MUST BE  
REPRESENTED IN CANNABIS LEGALIZATION

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A review of recent headlines pertaining to cannabis legalization in a number of states, and even within some of the biggest national cannabis advocacy groups, reveals an emphasis on huge financial gain. There is a conspicuous absence: the voice of medical patients within the cannabis community are missing or underrepresented.

Recent coverage highlights the discussion surrounding legalization, regulation and the combined interests of everyone from big pharma and big AG, to recreational users, growers and the government. Without prioritizing the interests of medical cannabis patients, we all run the great risk of establishing a future framework that is setup to take away patient cultivation rights, fails to protect the medical patient, and will require further modification.

The pharmaceutical industry has much to gain and much to lose from legalization of the cannabis plant in its various natural forms. What that industry does not want is to be competing with a natural plant that anyone can grow in their backyard.

The absence of proper patient representation is further silenced by groups who have strayed from their original mission such as the Drug Policy Alliance (DPA) and the Marijuana Policy Project (MPP). George Soros' Open Society Foundation is listed as a major financial supporter of DPA, as found in the society's 2013 annual report. The vast majority of medical cannabis patients want nothing to do with the financial influence of such interests. In May

of this year, Bayer AG –the giant German chemical and pharmaceutical company, made a bid to buy Monsanto. According to the *Wall Street Journal* these merger talks have picked back up, with Bayer increasing its purchase offer as of July, 19th 2016.

Both companies are said to be working on a synthetic cannabis-based extract. In 2003, Bayer AG then signed an agreement with GW Pharmaceuticals for joint research on a cannabis-based extract. In 2007, Bayer AG agreed to an exchange of technology with ... Monsanto ... Thus Monsanto has discreet access to the work of the cannabis plant and its genetic modification. In 2009, GW Pharmaceuticals announced that it had succeeded in genetically altering a cannabis plant and patented a new breed of cannabis according to the Cannabinoid Research Institute division of GW Pharmaceuticals.

Billionaires George Soros and the late Peter Lewis have bankrolled much of the cannabis legalization movement since 2012, providing DPA and MPP the bulk of their funding.

Look what happened in Washington state on July 1st, 2016 when patients lost safe access to medical cannabis – that new approach to their program was funded by Soros and his influence on DPA as revealed by the *Seattle Times* on September 22, 2012. Soros is one of the biggest and most important shareholders of Monsanto Agrochemical Company and Halliburton, while Lewis got his source of great wealth from Progressive Insurance.





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## REPORT

### State pension funding gap at \$1.2 trillion

**By Geoff Mulvihill**  
*The Associated Press*

State-run pension systems across the country were underfunded by \$1.2 trillion last year and are expected to be in even worse shape in the years ahead, according to a report released Thursday from a top credit rating agency.

Moody's Investors Service said it expects the gap to hit \$1.7 trillion with the next round of state audits, largely because investment returns have been far below expectations for the funds.

The report is among the first to aggregate state government pension liabilities under new accounting rules that are intended to provide a more accurate picture of the funds' fiscal health.

Moody's conclusions are similar to other recent reports from experts in the field and Standard & Poor's, another rating agency: The states with the largest gaps will have to plow far more money into their pension systems each year just to keep the problem from getting worse. Lower-than-expected investment returns, growing numbers of retirees and longer life spans are expected to widen the liabilities in the years to come. Closing the gap generally means raising taxes or diverting money from other areas of a state budget, solutions that are not politically popular.



Date: 10/10/16

To: Anyone

Subject: Real World Realities

Like a lot of old people (I am seventy years old), I see the world in a mess. I see O'Reilly, Beck, Limbaugh, Trump, and especially Hillary doing a lot of talking, but they and others will never experience what I have experienced.

On recent hunting trips, I found some so-called big trees. Many trees were dead and ready to burn. Those in control (protectionists, fourth branch of governmental regulators, and populous minority vote) liked what I saw. I see rural areas going to pot, and prevention of things needed to help chosen plants, critters, and species (disturbance and competition for water, sunlight, and nutrients). Those who want healthy, green forests and proper timber harvesting are being left behind.

Money (or something like money, feeding a family, feeling you have done a good job, etc.) is in play; laws are created which punish the innocent doing no harm and allows the well-to-do to thrive and ignore old fogies like me; preservationists and protectionists are setting things-up to let fire consume natural resources in the mostly taxpayer owned western part of the country; forcing taxpaying rural areas to have less money; preventing proper harvesting of timber which forces landowners to sell to developers; using tax dollars to buy up land and resources; letting Fourth Branch of Government inappropriately apply regulations; has coal miners put out to pasture; let's tax laws and other laws be all over the place which are made by brainwashed and controlling democratic voting minorities; has some getting paid taxpayer dollars and have around half paying no taxes; has world in a mess; has law and order breaking down; has basis for World War III being put in place; and has humans and many species in for a world of hurt.

Why aren't those in charge learning from the older field experience folks?

I could say a lot more, but no one is listening to this old fella. My dad was right when he said revolution was coming.

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(An old tired field forester no one gives much attention who has lived in a working man's world)

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