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Oh! What a lovely Party



The 7th Annual Conference went off with a bong, oops! I meant bang, full report inside, everybody had a wicked day and although probably hard for some people to believe **NOBODY** turned into a bat

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The 7th LCA Annual Conference 2006 Report

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The morning session which started around 11 AM consisted of speeches, the level of confidence varied as did the content but each and every speaker was well received and well appreciated.

Many valid and interesting points were made during the speech sessions, Alun talked about Proportional Representation something The PM promised to look into before his election but surprise surprise nothing came of it or we indeed would have had 6^{1/2} LCA MP's after last years election. Pat Tabram talked about Dealers openly bragging that the Police paid them to inform on Cannabis users, no surprise there IMO.

In the morning we listened to

Lunch break 1 pm till 2.30 Which gave everyone a great chance to chat, network and share some of the finer things in life.

About 2.30 PM resumed with speeches before opening it up to comments from the floor. With a break for Afternoon tea, coffee and biscuits about 3.30 the main session continued until 5 pm.

In the early evening an auction was held to raise funds instead of a raffle with some bizarre items up for grabs including "a Stoned Turd?" your guess is as good as mine.

Afterwards we were entertained by one of the UK's fastest growing pro-cannabis bands from Worthing, Coffeeshop.

After their premier performance at the LCA Conference in Norwich last year, they have been inundated with requests to play throughout Europe but luckily for us they were able to keep this date free for us.

Followed by that master of McMirth Jim Hobbit from north of the border who kept us in stitches with his zany stand up comedy act until the impromptu quiz, "14 to none" won by Vincent who carried off as prize more sweets than he can eat

An excellent day was had by all unmarred by the coincidental presence (as part of careers week) of the Mobile Police Unit set up at the rear of the congregation hall

The 2006 Legalise Cannabis Alliance conference was held at the University Of East Anglia on March 18. Download and listen to the speeches at:

<http://www.lca-uk.org/conference2006.php>

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New members for I ca

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The rul es.

whoever recruits the **most new members**, with a minimum of **six months** membership, between the months of may and August wins a skunk jar

The prize.

A red eye skunk jar supplied by Kitbag of Nuneaton

This is our chance as members to not only increase membership but to all get involved, the more members the bigger the voice, etc, etc.

All entries will count towards us having more funds available for local and parliamentary elections

This will be an ongoing bimonthly competition we attract more members and at the same time get the chance to win some great stuff

GOOD Luck and good hunting

Contact rocky at: rocky@benderskum.co.uk

Congratulations go to Tom of Leigh who wins the T shirt for the last quarter

MEMBERS DISCOUNTS?

Businesses have been approached to ask if they would be willing to give a discount to PAID-UP LCA members (members who are paying by standing order or who have paid 6 months or more in advance).

Remember, membership is just £24 per year (£2 per month) - by simply printing out and sending in the form at <http://www.lca-uk.org>

So if you intend to do some shopping, it may well be worth your while to join up and get these discounts.

The discounts will be given in shops on production of your membership card, and on line when you supply a special code at check out - details below.

So far we have secured the following discounts:

Five Leafs Left, Tenby :

discount vouchers for new and renewing members only

<http://www.seedsman.com/en>

10% discount for members supplying "code" on check out

<http://www.alibongo.co.uk>

10% in Norwich shop and 10% refund after payment upon specifying code

Growsystems, Norwich

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<http://www.drchronic.com>

10% on check out when providing code

Ye Olde Hemp Market, Newgate Market, York

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EverythingandNothing, Alton, Cumbria

10% on production of card

<http://www.1-hydroponics.co.uk>

10% off on provision of code, except starter kits already reduced so only 5%

<http://www.herbalhighs.com>

agreed, awaiting details, 10%

Kitbag, 22 Pool Bank Street, Nuneaton

10% on production membership card & ID

If there is no discount at your local or favourite shop, please ask them if they would like to join in and, if so, to get in touch.

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Source: United Press International
Date: March 22 2006

MINNEAPOLIS, March 22 (UPI) -- Two University of Minnesota scientists have become the first to unequivocally separate hemp plants from marijuana plants by using genetic markers.

Hemp, a crop grown for fibre and seed, and marijuana, the most popular illegal drug in the United States, both belong to the species *Cannabis Sativa*. They differ in levels of the psychoactive drug Tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, but are otherwise difficult to tell apart.

The study's authors -- George Weiblen, a Minnesota professor of plant biology, and Shannon Datwyler a postdoctoral associate who is on the faculty of California State University-Sacramento -- say the new DNA "fingerprinting" technique holds promise for distinguishing different domesticated plant lines in U.S. criminal cases. It may also prove useful in nations where the cultivation of hemp is permitted, but marijuana is illegal, as in Canada and Europe.

The study appears in the March issue of the *Journal of Forensic Science*.

LCA had 3 candidates in local elections on 6th May:
Birmingham, Hull & Wigan

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Candidate	Council	Votes	Percentage
Carl Wagner	Hull Avenues	103	3.6
Colin Preece	Birmingham Sheldon	45	0.75
Tom Hampson	Wigan Leigh South	91	2.8

GOOD NEWS FROM USA

Seriously ill Rhode Islanders can now submit applications for ID cards that will allow them to use and grow limited amounts of medical marijuana without fearing arrest from state and local authorities.

If you are a patient, you can visit

<http://www.health.ri.gov/hsr/mmp>

To obtain an application. You will need to fill out a patient form and your physician will need to fill out a separate form certifying that you have a qualifying medical condition and that he or she feels marijuana's potential benefits outweigh its harms for you.

To qualify, a patient must have

Cancer; Glaucoma; HIV/AIDS; Hepatitis C; A debilitating medical condition that produces wasting syndrome or severe nausea; Debilitating, chronic pain; Seizures; or Spasms.

And not so good

Congressman Mark Souder has been busy in his personal war on drugs. As well as fighting against the legalisation of Medical Cannabis for use, the Indiana Republican has slipped a provision into a bill calling for the fungus *Fusarium oxysporum* to be used as a biological control agent against drug crops in foreign countries.

The CIA, has moral doubts about using the fungus. In 2000, a CIA official told *The New York Times* that it was unsafe both for humans and for the environment: "I don't support using a product on a bunch of Colombian peasants that you wouldn't use against a bunch of rednecks growing marijuana in Kentucky."

The Department of Agriculture and the Drug Enforcement Agency agree. *Fusarium* species are highly prone to mutation and can readily change hosts and infect plants they were not supposed to. This was the main reason Florida's Department of Environmental Protection rejected the fungus in 1999 as a biocontrol agent for use on outdoor marijuana crops.

The House of Representatives proposal to use *F. oxysporum* in biocontrol is not included in the Senate version of the bill, which concerns the office of the US "drug czar", and a committee will now meet to decide on the final version.

NewsScientist

Send your submissions for
to the next newsletter to:
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whilst Cannabis remains illegal

Meeting with the Home Secretary

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LCA Meeting with Home Secretary Charles Clarke MP

For your information - what follows is a summary of LCA Meeting with Home Secretary Charles Clarke MP

As you already know the 30-minute, meeting was cancelled at last minute – in political language meeting postponed. But we were offered a 10 minute meeting.

This was not intended to be an in depth discussion to set down the ground rules for the future consultation (not to get bogged down) but just an informal general chat.

I was therefore, a bit by surprised to find The Home Sec and 6 others there (including a government drug adviser). It felt formal to me. this was a bit overwhelming but since I had met Charles Clarke on several occasions and his drug advisor before, with such a large audience - I decided it was a case of he who controls the words controls the debate and they had done that for to long.

So I took the Bull by the horns and took the opportunity to set down the ground rules for the future meeting.

After a brief ice-breaking statement.

We AGREED to cut through the crap - Frank talking. I pointed out we were there to represent the LCA as no one person or organisation could claim to represent 5 million people - we cannot agree with each other all the time which brought a smile to every ones face.

I asked Charles Clarke if he was aware of the EU consultation on citizens' involvement: He said he was.

I then gave him a letter of introduction and information pack from ENCOD
<http://www.encoded.org>

LCA is a member of ENCOD ... and pointed out the Home Office delegate to the EU meeting on empowering citizens had told ENCOD the UK government was keen on involving citizens.

A short discussion followed among themselves. It was agreed in principle that LCA could be more involved in discussion on cannabis policy. How? Would be discussed at a further meeting to be arranged.

A short discussion followed between myself and Charles Clarke on health, the 2005 Drugs Act and other concerns, in particular how we could help with our pro-cannabis input into the debate in each of these.

Outcome:

One thing is sure - there is no surrender: We want Cannabis legalised.
Charles Clarke and the Government fundamentally disagree - insisting that their advisors tell them that cannabis is undoubtedly dangerous and must stay prohibited.

It was agreed that we need to decide what to argue about before we start arguing - to be discussed at a future meeting.

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THE UK HYDRO & HEMP EXPO



28th, 29th & 30th July 2006 The Ricoh Arena Coventry UK

"Even Bigger and Better" That's the theme of the 2006 UK Hydro and Hemp Expo. The event is going to be held at the recently opened Ricoh Arena in Coventry, which is a great venue. Its going to have a spiritual & well being area, a music competition and an indoor "alternative market" as well as the biggest collection of Hydroponics and Head shop, retailers and wholesalers, ever gathered together, under one roof in the UK.

In short the UK Hydro & Hemp Expo promises to be a truly great event. We hope to see you there.

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MEDICAL CANNABIS ACTION IN PARLIAMENT SQUARE

On Wednesday 24th May 2006 Cannabis Education Trust have submitted an application to the police to demonstrate in Parliament Square.

Purpose: To raise awareness of the issues and injustices facing medical cannabis users and growers and those who supply sick people

Days events as below. (subject to change)

Wednesday 24th May 2006.

10am to 5pm - Demonstration in Parliament Square by pro-medicinal cannabis campaigners. Some of whom will be lobbying their MP.

1pm - A delegation led by Pat Tabram [Cannabis Granny] Delivery of petition to No 10. Petition to Downing Street

Press Conference - It is hoped a room in the Commons be available for this should (time and details v soon)

NOTE: The event is organised by - The Cannabis Education Trust

All enquiries to:

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A third of drug-taking drivers pass roadside sobriety test

Ben Webster Times Online Monday 10 Apr 2006

MORE than a third of motorists who drive after taking illegal drugs nevertheless pass roadside sobriety tests, according to a study.

The findings put in question the accuracy of "field impairment tests", which assess mental and physical co-ordination and were introduced last year.

Police have long suspected that many motorists who would not drink and drive, for fear of being breathalysed, are willing to take drugs because they believe that there is little chance of being caught.

The government-commissioned study by Glasgow University found that police were unable to spot any impairment in 36 per cent of drivers who later gave samples of blood, urine or saliva that tested positive for illegal drugs. The traditional practice of examining a driver's pupils was particularly unreliable. Opiates cause pupil constriction whereas cannabis, hallucinogens and stimulants cause pupil dilation — yet half of the drivers who tested positive for these drugs displayed no evidence in their pupils.

The Romberg Test, which assesses the ability to estimate the passage of 30 seconds, was also found to be poor in identifying drug users. Those who have taken cocaine tend to speed up time; those who have taken cannabis slow it down. But the study found that "more than half of the drug-positive drivers did not display clues . . . possibly as a result of their personal tolerance to the drugs".

When the test was made more difficult by adding another task, a large proportion of drug-free drivers failed and were taken unnecessarily to a police station for further tests.

The RAC Foundation said that the study illustrated the need for more accurate roadside-testing for the presence of drugs.

Researchers at Edinburgh University have developed a hand-held computer test in which drivers are asked to track a moving ball on a screen with a stylus, and press a button every time a road sign flashes up.

Machines to test saliva have also been developed, but are yet to be approved by the Home Office. The Glasgow study recommended that they be authorised.

Drug use among drivers has risen sharply. The Department for Transport has found that almost a fifth of those killed on the road had been driving with drugs in the system, compared with 3 per cent in 1989.

The fight against drug-driving is made difficult by the need for evidence not just that the driver has taken drugs but that his driving has been impaired as a result. Unlike with alcohol, there is no limit above which a driver is automatically assumed to be impaired.

Sue Nicholson, of the foundation, urged the Government to adopt a proposal from the Association of Chief Police Officers that a positive roadside drug test be the only evidence needed to secure a conviction. In Germany, Sweden and Belgium this is the position.

Ms Nicholson said: "There has been a sharp increase in the number of young drivers killed on our roads, and we suspect drug-driving may play a large part in this. There is an urgent need to improve detection techniques and equipment available to our police."

ROMBERG TESTS

Time awareness The head is tilted back for about 30 seconds, eyes closed. Drivers who have used drugs may sway, take a step, raise an arm, raise their head or open eyes

Walk and turn Walk heel to toe for nine steps on a line, turn and repeat, counting steps aloud. Those who stumble, step off line or cannot keep count may have used drugs

One-legged stand Standing on one leg, start counting up from 1,001. Swaying, hopping or not being able to count shows possible drug use

Finger on nose Tilt head back and stretch out hands. Touch tip of nose with alternate fingers. Failure could indicate drug use

<http://driving.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,22749-2126522,00.html>

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In principle it was agreed: that LCA could be more involved in discussion on cannabis policy - to be discussed at a future meetings.

The Home sec would write to me about the LCA being involved in the reclassification debate. I have not received this yet. When I do I will know more.

We were assured:

The HS would personal receive and read any submission from the LCA submitted to the [ACMD].

That leaves me to say a special thank you to:

Winston Mathews for hanging around cafes with me for 2 hours [in pain], waiting for a meeting with the Home Secretary. Winston managed to get to invite the HS to our conference and had a private chat with the HS (PA) at the end. Considering it was Winston's first meeting with government officials He was not fazed and did well.

David Crane – David was a delegate whom I had invited along. I had told Dave meeting was off and as he lived in London we thought it was best he got things he needed to do until something was formalized.

Not forgetting: All those people who have been on the long, winding road to the Home Office over the past 14 years. Your unrelenting pressure "huffing and puffing" got the door blown down. Without you it could not have happened.

That's part of my aspirations achieved (job done). A further meeting has been arranged with Charles Clarke to further discuss "The LCA Challenge". The main objective of this meeting will be to:

Build on the foundation laid on March 7th for more LCA involvement in policy making.

including:

Asking Charles Clarke to introduce other Ministers to the concept of involving citizens in policy making, such as the Health Minister (meet a medi-user delegation), and other Ministers to meet a delegation relevant to their remit such as the environment and agriculture etc.

Kind regards
Don Barnard
(LCA Member)
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March 2006

"By any of the major criteria of harm - mortality, morbidity, toxicity, addictiveness and relationship with crime - [cannabis] is less harmful than any of the other major illicit drugs, or than alcohol or tobacco."

Report of the British Police Foundation March 2000

Government in Jeopardy

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Proposed meeting with Home Secretary Cancelled

This page had been reserved for the report of a meeting with Charles Clarke Home Secretary on 2nd May at this time he was struggling with immigration problems as it appears 1,000 dangerous refugee prisoners had been released into Britain instead of being deported. Good to see they are taking their job seriously and protecting our lives and well being. Unfortunately as this HS has now gone it falls upon us to set up dialogue with the new guy sounds familiar, but onwards we must go.

Look out Harry Pothead

SCHOOLS minister Ruth Kelly yesterday cleared the way for random drug testing of pupils.

The Education Secretary claimed one pilot scheme had been a “hugely effective” tool in tackling substance abuse.

Ms Kelly told a teachers’ conference in Birmingham that she had an “open mind” about extending the system nationwide.

She said: “Drugs is an issue that is not going away in schools.”

Abbey School in Faversham, Kent, screened 20 pupils a week at random. Swabs were taken and samples checked for traces of cannabis, cocaine and ecstasy.

GCSE results leapt significantly last year after the scheme was introduced.

Ms Kelly said: “It was a hugely effective way of creating peer pressure against taking drugs.”

Source: The Sun
Date: April 14 2006
Author: Michael Lea

Of course there is no mention here of the mess the GCSE exam results system was in previously or the fact that many pupils failed due to administration errors that have since hopefully been rectified.

But anything for the noble cause of prohibition.



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CULINARY CANNABIS DELIGHTS

If Cannabis was legal the following easy to follow recipe could be enjoyed but further to that for example an MS sufferer could be relieved from pain

Banana Slapjacks

Makes 12–16

275 g /6oz Margarine

2 T ablespoons golden syrup

275 g/6oz Barbados sugar

225g/8oz rolled oats

1 ripe banana

7^{1/2}g/a 1/4 oz Hash or Weed

1. Preheat the oven to 190c/375f/Gas mark 5
2. Grease an 18 X 28cm/7 X 11in swiss roll tin
3. Melt the marge (combined with crumbled hash if using), sugar and syrup gently in a saucepan. Remove from the heat and mix in the oats (add weed now if using)
4. Spread the mixture into the tin and press down evenly with the back of a spoon. Bake for 20–30 minutes, until brown all over
5. Mark into fingers while still hot, then leave in the tin to cool. T hey become firm when cold

This recipe is for information purposes only and not intended for illegal baking

"Marijuana is one of the least toxic substances in the whole pharmacopoeia."
Professor Lester Grinspoon, Harvard Medical School, USA.

Source: Associated Press
Date: April 29 2006

Drug policies of selected countries based on information from the New York-based Drug Policy Alliance and governments:

* Mexico: Under a measure approved by the Mexican Congress, small quantities of drugs for personal use would be legal, including cocaine and heroin. The office of President Vicente Fox has indicated he will sign the bill.

* The Netherlands: Possession of small amounts of cannabis for personal use has been decriminalized. The sale of cannabis is technically illegal, but operators of coffee shops avoid prosecution by selling no more than 5 grams per person in any one transaction, not selling the drug to those under age 18, not advertising drugs or selling hard drugs.

* Colombia: possession of narcotics is legal for individual consumption: 20 grams of marijuana, and one gram of cocaine and heroin.

* Canada: Although marijuana is still illegal in Canada, 2001 regulations allow the use of marijuana by people with serious illnesses. A 2003 court ruling forced the government to sell the drug to certified medical marijuana patients. Canada is also preparing to allow reduced sentences for possession of small amounts of marijuana and is evaluating heroin maintenance programs.

* United States: Federal drug policy is centered on interdiction, arrest, prosecution and incarceration of users and distributors of controlled substances. Some new state laws, however, take a more liberal approach to drug policy.

* Singapore: Singapore's sentencing guidelines call for the death penalty for trafficking more than 15 grams of heroin or 500 grams of cannabis.

MALAYSIA BANS MAGS

The Malaysian government has banned the publication and distribution of three magazines that celebrate the marijuana culture effective April 13, the Bernama Malaysian News Agency reported. The venerable "High Times" and its competitors "Cannabis Culture" (Canada) and "Weed World" (England) are now forbidden in Kuala Lumpur. No doubt this newsletter will also be illegal



These countries also execute cannabis offenders:

Singapore, China, Malaysia, Indonesia, Iraq, Iran, Bahrain and other Arab states

and those that give absolutely massive sentences including: USA, Egypt, India, Morocco, Thailand, The Maldives and most Arab states,

and on a lighter note, those that seldom prosecute for personal possession: Luxembourg, Germany, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Czech Republic.

GUILTY? YEP!

Soon we will find out whether Mark and Lezley Gibson and Marcus Davies will be facing trial and tribulation for conspiracy to supply free cannabis chocolate to people confirmed by doctors to be suffering from Multiple Sclerosis, through THC4MS. Please see link at bottom if this mail.

Jeff Ditchfield of North Wales also faces court cases for allegedly supplying cannabis to sick people to try to help ease their pain and problems. Chris Baldwin and Colin Davies have already been locked up.

Meanwhile medical users themselves such as Pat Tabram, are being taken to court for cultivation or possession of cannabis.

Unlike most so-called "recreational users", many of these people are faced with a choice between using cannabis or using pharmaceutical drugs that often do not work and have possibly horrific side-effects or living a life of agony. I certainly feel better after consuming my favourite plant, but in no way suffer from not being able to use it.

The moves to prosecute these people cannot possibly be in the public interest - even though it may be in the interests of the drug companies, drug pushers and criminal justice system employees like solicitors, barristers and judges.

THAT is why the authorities will not drop these cases unless legal arguments crop up to halt the prosecutions. But they clearly WANT to prosecute, despite hundreds of letters to the CPS, MP's and the Government, despite petitions.

These prosecutions are just the TIP of the ICEBERG.

The same thing is happening in the US, Canada, Australia and elsewhere—in most countries the law even denies medicinal value at all - as do the international treaties.

Sooner or later this will effect each and every one of us or someone we know closely - how can we just sit by and allow this to happen to these people who are being singled out?

Remember cannabis is still totally illegal in almost every place in the world:



remember the British Government reclassified cannabis to class C, NOT to HELP US or the sick and dying - but to make life easier on the police and courts so that they can concentrate their resources on class A and class B drugs. In other words when they have done with them to their satisfaction, they will be coming for us!

ONLY by standing together now alongside these medical cannabis users, growers and suppliers, can we ever hope to halt this nonsense and corruption of justice.

With this in mind and to show solidarity with THC4MS, supporters of LCA started an on-line "Confessions" and now over 35 people have signed up "admitting" to being guilty of conspiracy if Mark and Lezley and Marcus are guilty of conspiracy: involved in anything from referring MS sufferers to advertising the services, to supplying postage stamps, even seeking herb to supply to THC4MS.

NOW THESE NUMBERS NEED TO BE BOOSTED

Whilst accepting that many people have reasons to fear prosecution themselves, there are many more out there who have openly campaigned for legalisation or participated in the THC4MS campaigns, who maybe could add their names without too much worry!

And there are plenty who could maybe ask others to join in and stand side-by-side with us against this appalling miscarriage of Justice—before it is too late.

Please visit <http://www.lca-uk.org/lcaforum/index.php>

register and log in visit the ACTION forum and add your name now

many thanks

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We now have 46 Confessors lets make it 1,000





Legalise Cannabis Alliance Mobile Phone Recycling Scheme 2006

'We want your old business and personal mobile phones'

☞ Did you know there are over 100 million mobile phones lying redundant around the UK offices and homes in draws, desks and cupboards?

☞ 99% of all old mobile phones can be refurbished or reused

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☞ The LCA has NO paid staff – relying on donations and fundraising methods like recycling to pay for the campaigning for legalisation and utilisation of cannabis in the UK.

☞ The scheme starts in March 2006 and will run throughout the year.

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For more information please contact;

lca@lca-uk.org

or visit www.lca-uk.org

**Remember start collecting those old
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Ecological and Environmental losses due to Cannabis Prohibition

Environmentally-sound Hemp paper does not need chlorine bleach, which heavily pollutes rivers near wood-pulp paper mills, is stronger, finer and longer-lasting than wood-based papers, and it is used for bank notes and archives. Much of the world's paper was made from Hemp until about 1850.

Since the 1900s, all newspapers and most books and magazines were printed on wood-pulp paper. Cheap throwaway paper, fitting in with a disposable economy. Our forests, what is left of them, are being cut down 3 times as fast as they can grow.

The earliest-known woven fabric was apparently of Hemp (China circa 4000 b.c). The first Levis blue jeans were fashioned from ship sail canvas made of 100 percent hemp. The canvas was imported from Nim France and thus "de Nim" or "denim" was soon to become the worlds favourite casual wear.

Hemp uses the sun more efficiently than virtually any other plant on the planet.

Hemp is extremely efficient from an environmental perspective as a bonus to its superior quality. Hemp suppresses weeds and leaves the soil rich in nitrogen deposits, increasing yields on rotational crops such as soybeans and corn. Using virtually no pesticides, hemp produces 250% more fibre than cotton. Hemp cloth is Mildew and Fire retardant

By contrast, cotton uses more water and more pesticides (25% of all pesticides used worldwide) than any other commercial crop, leaving the soil depleted.

Hemp can grow in virtually any climate and soil condition, and is excellent for reclaiming otherwise-unusable land.

Hemp is able to extract heavy metals from the soil in amounts higher than any other agricultural crop.

Hemp offers a valuable and sustainable fuel of the future, "growing oil wells". Hemp has an output equivalent to around 1000 gallons of methanol per acre year (10 tons Biomass/acre, each yielding 100 gal. methanol/ton). Methanol used today is mainly made from natural gas, a fossil fuel. Methanol is currently being studied as a primary fuel for automobiles, hopefully reducing CO2 levels.

Industrial hemp is the number one biomass producer on earth, meaning an actual contender for an economically competitive, clean burning fuel. Hemp has four times the biomass and cellulose potential and eight times the methanol potential of its closest competing crop - corn. Burning coal and oil are the greatest sources of acid rain; biomass fuels burn clean and contain no sulphur and produce no ash during combustion. The cycle of growing and burning biomass crops keeps the world's carbon dioxide level at perfect equilibrium, which means that we are less likely to experience the global climactic changes (greenhouse effect) brought about by excess carbon dioxide and water vapours after burning fossil fuels. Think of all the economic opportunities that could be created by producing clean energy instead of endangering our health and safety with the last remains of an unsustainable and dirty source.

Hemp oil has a natural drying agent and is used in paints, varnishes and sealants which render wood highly resistant to water. In fact, up until 1937, all quality paints were made with a base of hemp oil.

Cannabis found at John Reid home

A "minuscule" quantity of cannabis resin was found at the Scottish home of former Defence Secretary John Reid, just days before becoming Home Secretary

Mr Reid said the cannabis - worth less than £1 - was found in a guest room and police had told him it could have been there for years.

"I have no idea where it came from, or when," he said.

Police are to take no action over the find, made during a security sweep of the Lanarkshire house. They said Mr Reid was not suspected of any offence. The property lies within his former constituency of Hamilton North and Bellshill.

In a statement, Mr Reid said: "There is absolutely no suggestion that this in any way involves me or members of my family and both I and the Strathclyde Police regard the matter as closed."

Source BBC News



SOME THINGS SHOULD BE ILLEGAL

SOAPBAR (it's called "soap" because a 250g bar is shaped like a bar of soap) is perhaps the most common type of hash in the UK and it is often the most polluted.

Now, not all hash is bad of course, but soap bar certainly is. At worst there may only be a tiny amount of low grade hash mixed with some very strange stuff:

Beeswax, turpentine, milk powder, Ketamin, boot polish, henna, pine resin, aspirin, animal turds, ground coffee, barbiturates, glues and dyes plus carcinogenic solvents such as Toluene and Benzene

This is what happens under prohibition. If your pint down the pub contained any of these nasty things wouldn't you complain? Of course you would, well now its time to complain about polluted cannabis supplies.

Thanks to Red Eye Express for the picture

YOU the Jury

The Power of the Jury: **DID YOU KNOW?**

THAT AS A JUROR, you have the right and the power to reject both law and fact and decide a case on conscience. The jury's purpose has always been to assess both whether a law has been broken and whether the law itself has been justly applied – that is: should the case have been brought to court.

"Every jury in the land is tampered with and falsely instructed by the judge when it is told that it must accept as the law that which has been given to them or that they must bring in a certain verdict or that they can decide only on the facts of the case"

Lord Denman

Jury nullification, as it is known is one of the essential checks and balances we have established to ensure our leaders enact laws that benefit us and not them.

"Jury nullification is where a jury deliberately rejects the evidence or refuses to apply the law either because the jury wants to send a message about a social issue or because the result dictated by the law is against the jury's sense of justice or morality."

(Answers.com)

Jury nullification gives the right to acquit someone on the grounds that the application of law is wrong in a particular case, or that the law itself is wrong.

When to nullify:

As a guideline, maybe one should look to see if there were any victims or any harm done. **WHY** has the prosecution been brought if there is no harm done?

Often the authorities may have decided that prosecution is in the public interest based upon a set of undisclosed tests – but is it really?

THAT is up to you, the **JUROR**, to decide and bring an end to senseless but costly prosecutions of people who do not deserve to be taken to court but in the name of law rather than justice.

An Example:

The law refuses to accept the medicinal value of cannabis and therefore remains "illegal". Many people are still being taken to court for cannabis even though they may have turned to cannabis only as a last resort having tried all the other treatments offered by their doctors but find only cannabis brings relief.

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Is it wrong for someone, for example, with multiple sclerosis to use cannabis if nothing else can ease their suffering?

Is it wrong for someone in agonising pain to use cannabis if the alternative is to remain in agony?

Furthermore, if someone is unable to find or grow cannabis is it wrong for someone to give it to them? Surely the law against cannabis was never meant to stop people benefiting from it?

Therefore, as a JUROR on our hypothetical case of "illegal" medical cannabis supply, one should ask "has this law has been correctly applied?"

"It has never been the rule in this country - I hope it never will be - that suspected criminal offences must automatically be the subject of prosecution".

Lord Shawcross

Is it wrong to nullify?

You cannot be punished for acquitting someone because your conscience tells you the prosecution is wrong. No one outside the jury room will know how you came to your decision. When Jury nullification has been tested, the highest courts in the land have found it to be an essential method by which a Government can be held to account.

"If a juror accepts as the law that which the judge states then that juror has accepted the exercise of absolute authority of a government employee and has surrendered a power and a right that once was the citizen's safeguard of liberty."

Lord Bancroft

Why is jury nullification necessary?

In surveys, 85% of people believe the prosecution of genuine medical cannabis users is wrong – and that is supported by many authorities including the House of Lords but still the Government supports prosecutions. Justice is in the hands of YOU, the Jury.

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The Best Cannabis Sites Competition Results

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Special Thanks must
go also to the judges for
giving up their time

Finally, after a breath taking wait we are pleased to announce the results of Best Cannabis Website Competition they are as follows:

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www.ccguides.org.uk/
www.ukcultivator.biz/

joint 2nd
www.ccnewz.com/
www.mrnice.hm/
www.uk420.com/

3rd
www.thc4ms.org.uk/
www.cannabiscoalition.org/

4th www.weedworld.co.uk/

Joint 5th
www.thehempire.com
www.ukcia.org/

joint 6th
www.voterocky.co.uk
www.cannabisgran.com/
www.freecannabis.com/
www.eric-kitchen.co.uk/
www.clcia.org.uk/
www.disabilityuk.com
www.thecannabisfestival.co.uk
www.sweetleaf.co.uk/
www.schmoo.co.uk/
www.headshops.co.uk/

joint 7th
www.budbuddies.com/
www.norfolklights.net/

joint 8th
www.progrow.co.uk/
www.everyonedoesit.co.uk/

joint 9th
www.skunkforums.co.uk/
www.canedintotnes.co.uk/
www.starlitesystems.co.uk/

10 place
www.funkymonkeylp.co.uk/

new ideas award

www.lou.homelinux.org/

historical award

www.thepulse.co.uk/lcc.scotland/

World Wide Web Wisdom Weed Warriors Competition

Not to worry if your favourite site didn't win as a new bigger competition is underway its name is as wwwwicked as it gets

This competition is open until Jan 2007, and will be judged by the LCA

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