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MEDICAL MARIJUANA: TEN YRS TO LIFE Even as

the Humboldt County DA's office joined cities, towns and counties in California which treat the medical use of marijuana by patients as a non-prosecutable offense, the federal government today was demanding a ten year minimum prison sentence, to up to life imprisonment, for marijuana author Ed Rosenthal. He stands convicted of having supplied marijuana plant

cuttings to patients in medical marijuana clubs.

In a San Francisco federal court jury trial that was short and ugly, Judge Charles Breyer first excluded from the jury everyone who expressed the view that medical marijuana should be made available to those in need of it. Since as indicated in numerous recent polls, including by the Readers Digest, some 80% of Californians hold this view, Rosenthal was denied a jury of his peers by these exclusions.

Then the judge constantly interrupted the defense, including at one point taking over the questioning of one of the defense witnesses (an action which stunned lawyers in the courtroom, who had never seen such behavior from a judge before). Judge Breyer did this in order to prevent the defense of

estopple, that is to prevent the jury from knowing that Rosenthal had been appointed by the Oakland City Council as an officer of the City of Oakland for the very purpose of providing marijuana to medical marijuana patients. These patients had been provided identification cards by the City of Oakland and their medical necessity had been certified by the City, pursuant to California's Proposition 215.

Rosenthal, who is a 58 year old family man with two teen aged children, a wife and a publishing business, was stoic throughout, but his daughter wept uncontrollably as the verdict was announced.

Rosenthal's prosecution is part of a cowardly policy by the federal Drug Enforcement Administration to hit at individuals, least able to bear the expense and trauma of

criminal trials, instead of going to court head to head with the State of California. It is the State of California which has decreed that medical marijuana should be legal, and it should be the State Attorney General who is in court battling with the federal government and all its resources. Instead, non-profit groups are holding bake sales to raise money to fight the DEA in the appeals which will be the next step in the Rosenthal case.

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Letter to the Editor:

**SoHum COUNTY
GENERAL PLAN
MEETING Structured
to Avoid Community
Input**

Dear Editor of the MFN:

When the bureaucrats from Eureka came down to Garberville to present the General Plan for this area, they made sure that there was no opportunity to talk back to them.

This is consistent with their general disregard for the opinions of Southern Humboldt. They called the meeting for an hour and a half, spent _ hour of that time doing coffee and cookies, then lectured the folks, showed their maps, and broke for more coffee and cookies.

And that was it. No questions from the floor, no comments, no solicitation of the opinions of the locals.

And what is the substance of the General Plan? To get rid of the poor people who live in the area, on disability and social security, in trailers and old cabins. The excuse is the flood danger and crime, but the real name is GENTRIFICATION. And that is what we are going to get unless people around here organize and protest.

Sincerely, Bill Meagher<>

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THE LITTLE BARBERSHOP next to the old service station in Myers Flat. When it was started, some four years ago, it was a shoestring operation with only its proprietor and a few supporters hoping for its success. But it has become an institution, in part because of the tender loving care bestowed on the little blue building where it is housed.<>

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**MYERS FLAT
WATER BD:
CORRECTION**

In the last Myers Flat News, it was reported that "MYERS FLAT WATER BOARD HOLDS MEETING CALLED ILLEGAL BY LOCALS". Opps, we goofed. We were relying on the announcement of the meeting. The Board did NOT hold the illegal meeting, they only announced that they were going to hold it, then didn't.

The actual meeting of the Water Board was held on the usual Saturday morning

in Myers Flat, not in Eureka, and considered the usual agenda of personnel problems, budget shortfalls and paying their lawyers to continue litigation.<>

personnel, whose futures were destroyed in the disaster.<>

IN MEMORIUM

When the Columbia space shuttle fell out of the Texas sky, we all lost a piece of our heritage. Our hearts go out to the families of those who died, and to the thousands of Americans, Indians, Israelis, scientists and ground