



Message From The President

Dear Members,

I love Spring time in the Hemp Industry. For me it began this March in Anaheim for the Natural Products Expo. Couple thousand vendors, a dozen or two hemp companies amongst them, it was great! To see so many hemp companies along with the major companies of the Natural Products Industry is a truly satisfying feeling. It will be even more satisfying as the hemp industry continues to grow. Then I was off to Bern, Switzerland (with a side trip to Amsterdam) for Cannatrade, Europe's largest hemp festival. Gertrude Spindler and I headed up the HIA/Vote Hemp booth (<http://www.cannatrade.ch>) and distributed Alpnacks and other North American hemp products to our European comrades, as well as literature and info on what things are like for us on this side of the Atlantic. There is a great deal of interest in the two different phases of the hemp industry in North America: Canadian progress and American nonsense. Meanwhile, Europe has it's own problems to deal with. The most dramatic to me was the suspension of business at Europe's largest hemp company, HempFlax. This is more of a political thing than a business problem for HempFlax and Europe's hemp industry. Sound familiar?

After a wonderful Earth Day event in Santa Barbara a couple months ago, I have now settled into checking out the many different summer festivals on the horizon. Also plans and arrangements have begun for HIA's 12th Annual Convention, which will again be held in San Francisco on November 3 & 4, before the Green Festival.

What else? The North American hemp industry is chugging along quite nicely, thank you. Without the DEA sucking up our time and money,

many American hemp companies are taking advantage of all the attention our adventures in the 9th Circuit created. Many hemp companies are expanding their businesses to position themselves for the increased demand for hemp products, which has already begun in earnest. On the political front, ND passed a hemp bill that sets a precedent of hemp farming limits within the state. HIA and Vote Hemp have been working with San Francisco Assemblyman Mark Leno on the Hemp Farming Bill (AB1147) introduced in California in March, and will be voted on by the Assembly's Agriculture Committee in early 2006. As far as Canada goes, well they already have a very active and growing hemp industry. From the farm to the wholesaler, manufacturer and the retail store, there are many hemp companies that are prospering and expanding their efforts.

If anyone would like to contribute to this newsletter in any way, please let us know. If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to get in touch with me at: steve@santabarbarahemp.com or 805 969-4300.

Peace,

Steve Levine
HIA President

Lakota, Once Encouraged by U.S. Government Treaty to Grow Hemp, Fight To Do So Again

6/9/05

PINE RIDGE, SD

Vote Hemp and the Hemp Industries Association (HIA) filed an amicus brief in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, supporting members of the Lakota Nation in their attempt to grow industrial hemp on their land. The brief illustrates how the U.S. government, following the advice of a 'hemp entrepreneur' named David Myerle, used 'agricultural pursuits,' specifically industrial hemp, to entice the Lakota to settle on the reservation in the mid-1800s.

Two Kentucky hemp companies, Madison Hemp & Flax, 1806, Inc. and Tierra Madre, LLC, also filed an appeal in the case because they had contracts to purchase the White Plume hemp crops.

The Oglala Sioux Tribal Council passed an ordinance in 1998 allowing people to grow low-THC industrial hemp on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

To read more about the case and download the Amicus Brief, go to: http://www.votehemp.com/legal_cases_WP.html.

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February News

Court Orders DEA to Pay Hemp Industry Plaintiff's Legal Bills

2/2/05

San Francisco, CA

The main fiscal sponsor of the Hemp Industries Association (HIA) landmark court victory against the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) protecting sales of hemp foods in the United States learned this week they won another legal battle. Ruling under the Equal Access to Justice Act (EAJA), the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals has ordered the DEA to pay \$21,265 to Dr. Bronner's Magic Soaps® to compensate them for a portion of their legal fees in HIA vs DEA.

"The EAJA allows an award of attorneys fees in this situation only where the court finds the Government's position was not 'substantially justified,'" said Joe Sandler, HIA's counsel in the case. "By making this award, the Court has basically decided that DEA's attempt to outlaw hemp foods never had any real legal merit."

Dr. Bronner's Magic Soaps uses hemp oil in all their soaps and also makes AlpSnack®, an organic hemp food bar which has become popular since the legal battle ended in September 2004. "We are very pleased to recoup a portion of the costs associated in fighting off the DEA's illegal attempt to ban nutritious hemp seed," said David Bronner. "We plan to use the money to fund industrial hemp studies in Canada as well as legislative efforts to allow farmers to grow industrial hemp in the United States. Hemp seed for foods on account of its omega-3 content is the immediate market driver building economies of scale; we're also supporting hemp fiber research and applications as a substitute for timber in paper and fiberglass in composites." Dr. Bronner's has pledged \$100,000 this year to hemp related projects, and in general devotes at least a third of before-tax income to various progressive charities and causes.

THANKS DR. BRONNER'S !!!

CA State Green Party Supports Industrial Hemp Farming Act

2/28/05

Sacramento CA

In an effort to bring the environmentally sound and renewable practice of hemp cultivation to the state, the Green Party of California is urging quick passage of a bill (AB1147) to license industrial hemp growers, introduced in the state assembly this past week. "Public perception is shifting in the realm of industrial hemp," said Beth Moore Haines, a spokesperson for the GPCA. www.cagreens.org

Seed Your Health

By Elaine Magee

Delicious Living Magazine

February 2005

For pocket-change you can take home two of the planet's most powerful foods (flax and hemp). Chances are you've never used either in your cooking, but there are good reasons to start.

What makes this seed worth eating? For starters, it contains all of the essential amino acids in a balanced ratio, making it a high-quality protein source. A 1-ounce serving of shelled seeds provides 6 percent to 50 percent of the daily value (DV) of several nutrients, including iron, magnesium, and B vitamins. Hemp contains omega-6 and omega-3 essential fatty acids in a beneficial ratio of about 3 to 1, plus two special EFAs: gamma-linolenic acid (GLA), believed to relieve menstrual breast pain (Internal Medicine News, 2001, vol. 34, no. 9), and stearidonic acid (SDA), a highly effective omega-3, which is rarely found in plant oils.

"The joint presence of GLA and SDA makes hemp very attractive," says Gero Leson, PhD, scientific adviser to the Canadian Hemp Trade Alliance. "Some [food oils] have one or the other, but [only hemp] offers both of these super-omega fatty acids in relevant quantities."

www.deliciouslivingmag.com

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New Hemp Legislation Represents Opportunity for California's Organic Farmers

2/28/05

Santa Cruz, CA

California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF) is the first major agricultural organization to support Assemblyman Mark Leno's industrial hemp bill based on the huge economic potential represented by the production of organic hemp in California. Currently, all hemp products sold in CA are grown in Canada or other foreign markets. Leno's bill attempts to bring these revenues into the state while providing a regulatory structure for production and licensing of industrial hemp grown for fiber and seed.

To show its support, CCOF participated in a press conference at the California State Capital on February 23rd. As one of the nation's oldest and largest organic certification organizations, CCOF has put the full weight of its organization behind this new legislation.

"We contacted many of our growers throughout the state and found that they were excited about this opportunity and welcomed hemp production options for their farms. As the certifier of more than 75% of California's organic acreage, CCOF welcomes every new crop planted in the state," said CCOF's Director of Marketing and International Programs Jake Lewin. www.ccof.org

Manitoba Harvest Partners With Select Nutrition Distributors

2/7/05

The arrangement will help manage rapid growth and service more retail outlets than the 1,500 stores already supplied in the USA. The hemp food category is one of the hottest in the booming \$43 billion natural products industry - growing by 66% over the past year. Manitoba Harvest™ contracts hemp seed production on more than 2,000 acres by 20 Manitoba farmers who are shareholders in the company, which has annual sales in excess of \$1 million.

www.manitobaharvest.com

Federal Hemp Bill

On June 23rd, Vote Hemp, along with HIA members Dr. Bronner's Magic Soap and Galaxy Global Eatery, will host an event on Capitol Hill to announce the introduction of the first-ever federal Industrial Hemp Farming Act. The industry now has support in the U.S. Congress for a law that would remove hemp from DEA control. Congressman Ron Paul (R-TX)'s bill would bring federal law into agreement with the consensus among four U.S. states and more than 30 countries, that industrial hemp, defined as cannabis with 0.3% THC, is distinct from marijuana. Twenty-five states have considered hemp bills or resolutions. If the Hemp Farming Act were to pass, laws in Hawaii, Montana, North Dakota, and West Virginia would immediately take effect. This key wording is in the bill: "Industrial hemp determination to be made by States."

On June 23rd, Members of Congress, staff members, and national media will be guests at a lunch catered by Galaxy, a NYC restaurant that includes highly nutritious hemp seed and oil in its innovative global cuisine. Speakers at the event are expected to include Congressman Paul, Roger Johnson, Agriculture Commissioner for North Dakota, Harry Hickey of FlexForm, an Indiana manufacturer of hemp fiber auto parts, and Steve Faivre an Illinois farmer and DeKalb County Board Member from Speaker Dennis Hastert's district.

So far, three Members of Congress have signed on as original cosponsors of the bill: Rep. Sam Farr (D-CA), Rep. Pete Stark (D-CA), and Rep. Jim McDermott (D-WA).

Vote Hemp Government Relations Director Alexis Baden-Mayer uses the Galaxy Cookbook as a visual aide on her lobbying visits and gives samples of Dr. Bronner's USDA-certified organic products, Alpnack bars and Sun Dog hemp lip balm.

To find out how you can support the Industrial Hemp Farming Act, please contact Alexis Baden-Mayer at alexis@votehemp.com.

For Bill text: www.VoteHemp.com

US Hemp Legislation 2005

Over the past decade at least twenty-five pro-hemp bills have been considered by state legislatures and fourteen have become law. Five states, Hawaii, Kentucky, Montana, North Dakota and West Virginia allow for hemp farming on a commercial or research basis. Bills considered this year include:

California - Assembly Bill 1147 would give farmers the right to apply for state licenses to grow low THC varieties of hemp. The law would be similar to regulations on industrial hemp in other countries such as Canada and the European Union. The University of California would also conduct research on industrial hemp.

New Hampshire - Bill 55-FN-A Intended to let farmers apply for a state license to grow industrial hemp, but it only passed the House on March 23.

North Dakota - House Bill 1492 passed the House (87-3), and Senate (46-0) and was signed by the Governor on March 9. ND State University is allowed to start storing "feral hemp seed" in preparation for the day in which it becomes legal to grow industrial hemp in the United States. In 1999 North Dakota was the first state to pass hemp farming legislation but to date has not challenged federal supremacy in the courts.

Oregon - Senate Bill 294 permits production and possession of industrial hemp and trade in industrial hemp commodities and products. The bill authorizes the State Department of Agriculture to administer a licensing, permitting and inspection program for growers and handlers of industrial hemp. A hearing before the Senate Environment and Land Use Committee was held on April 6.

Alexis Baden-Mayer, Director of Government Relations for Vote Hemp, states "State legislators are listening to farmers and business people who think the federal restrictions are not based on scientific arguments and actually hurt U.S. economic interests since it is legal to import, process, sell and consume hemp seed and hemp fiber products."

VoteHemp.com

Congressional Research Service Report on Hemp Calls for Reform, Investigation and Analysis

The Congressional Research Service (CRS) in Washington, DC issued a new report on the industrial hemp marketplace and legislative efforts to allow hemp farming in the United States. "Hemp as an Agricultural Commodity" is a comprehensive report on the status of U.S. industrial hemp policy and highlights the fact that we are the only developed country to ban farmers from growing non-psychoactive industrial varieties of Cannabis.

The report features background on the current situation, data on foreign hemp production and U.S. consumption, analysis of the legal situation regarding hemp foods, and a review of economic studies. "We are very pleased the Congressional Research Service has issued this report and hope that members of Congress will conclude from the research that the U.S. is falling behind other developed nations on industrial hemp cultivation and technology," says Eric Steenstra, President of Vote Hemp.

The report may be viewed online at:
<http://www.VoteHemp.com/PDF/CRS_Hemp_Report.pdf>

New Zealand Hemp Crop

By Glenn Conway
2/14/05 - Otago Daily Times

Mac McIntosh, formerly from Wellington, and President of the New Zealand Hemp Industry Assoc. has based himself with his wife Donna at a Tawanui site, about 12km south of Owaka, for several months as the trial hemp crop slowly develops from seedlings into fully fledged plants. The area's latitude (46.5deg south) makes it not only the southernmost hemp-growing area in the world but offers some of the best growing conditions anywhere. The couple use the finished product to create soaps and oils.

www.odt.co.nz

February News ...continued

Hemp Traders New Clothing Line
Los Angeles, CA
2/14/05

A new line of young women's hemp apparel will make its debut at the February 2005 MAGIC show in Las Vegas. The new line, called MaryJane Hempwear, is made from the fibers of the hemp plant. The line is expected to attract women between the ages of 16 and 30 by using bright colors and comfortable, sexy designs.

The unique natural characteristics of hemp fibers create softer garments that last longer than cotton. The company has taken advantage of improvements in hemp spinning technology combined with a growing hemp industry infrastructure to improve quality and lower cost.

www.newsroom.eworldwire.com

"School's In" for Omega-3

By Marcia A. Wade, Technical Editor
Prepared Foods
February 2005

"We have high rates of children who have 'ADHD' when--really--these kids are severely deficient in EFAs and eat a high amount of carbs," says Rene Thomas, M.D., CEO of Kids Need Us Now Inc.

Many consumers today recognize omega-3 fatty acids as EFAs that are obligatory not only for eye and brain development in children, but also as a deterrent for cardiovascular heart disease and high blood triglycerides. Research points to omega-3 consumption as beneficial to adults with many other diseases such as: depression, Alzheimer's, psoriasis, cystic fibrosis, muscular dystrophy, cancer, diabetes, epilepsy, stroke and obesity.

Ruth Shamai of Ruth's Hemp Foods, after learning that hemp contains a 3:1 balance of omega-6 to omega-3 (considered by some an optimum ratio for human nutrition), provides an alternative for vegetarians and consumers concerned with the dangers of heavy metal contamination of fish sources of Omega 3.

www.preparedfoods.com

Harvest for Hemp Houses

ABC Online, Australia
2/18/05

Around 2.5 million plants will be used to build what is believed to be the first hemp houses in Australia. The project organiser Dr. Keith Bolton says hemp is already being used in Europe. "France is making hundreds of hemp houses per year," he said. "England is starting to produce many and it looks like the hemp house industry is happening there. It's not a new product - the Egyptians used to seal their tombs with hemp." The hemp will be ground down to a powder and mixed with lime to create a concrete-like substance. It will then be poured into a formwork where the mix will set, similar to a rammed-earth style of building. It's lightweight and it's got far superior insulation properties compared with conventional building material. The four year commercialisation research project involves the Southern Cross University, NSW University and Byron Shire Council.

www.abc.net.au

New Hemp Shoes by Adidas

See photos and info at:
www.hempreport.com

Hemp a Hit for Designer

By Lucy Hyslop
StarPhoenix
2/28/05

Saskatoon woman, Jenny McPherson, living in England launches clothing label. She's one of few designers turning hemp into high fashion. Talk of her label, Enamore, includes a "creative edge" and "street-savvy, bio-smart designs." <www.canada.com/saskatoon/starphoenix/news>

March News

Dr. Bronner's Magic Soaps Acquires Sun Dog

Escondido, CA
Business Wire - 3/ 9/05

Dr. Bronner's Magic Soaps has acquired Sun Dog Hemp Bodycare from long-time Bronner family friend Sue Kastensen. The acquisition will expand Dr. Bronner's presence on store shelves beyond popular castile soaps to include organic lotions, lip balms and tattoo & body balms, and eventually other organic personal care products.

"Our primary mission is to do right by organic farmers and consumers, and be a positive stimulus to other companies in the natural body care industry," says Bronner. "Our industry must clean our own house of abusing the organic labeling program if we want to keep the mainstream from doing the same."

"I haven't left Sun Dog, but I am starting a new career in reducing prisoner recidivism," says Kastensen about her prisoner re-integration non-profit Fair Shake that will be a beneficiary of net profits.

Farewell to Mitch Van Yahres

We thank him for his years of support for industrial hemp as an alternate crop for struggling tobacco farmers, as he retires from the Virginia General Assembly.

Nourish Your Hair

The condition of your hair can let you know when your diet is lacking important nutrients. Essential Fatty Acids improve hair texture and prevent dry and brittle hair. Enjoy healthy fats in your diet, such as ...hemp oils, walnuts and almonds.

Ontario, Canada Supports Transition Away From Tobacco

The government will provide \$35 million to assist tobacco growers wishing to exit the industry, and will also provide \$79 million in funding through the Market Revenue Program for eligible grain and oilseed producers.

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It's Hip to Make Squares: Carpet Company Charts New Course

By Liz Stevens - 3/10/05
Knight Ridder Newspapers
The News Sentinel, Fort Wayne, IN

Ray Anderson, chairman and CEO of the largest commercial carpet manufacturer in the world, Interface, a company that did nearly \$1 billion in sales in 2003, in his 1998 book, "Mid-Course Correction," resolved to achieve environmental sustainability: to use no oil, emit no toxins and produce no waste by the year 2020. Over the last decade, with manufacturing plants on four continents, they have cut waste by 80 %, greenhouse gas emissions by 46%, energy consumption by 31%, and use of petroleum-based materials by 28%. In the summer of 2003, the company introduced its first line of carpet tiles for the residential market, including Heartfelt - wool/hemp blend.

<www.fortwayne.com/mld/newssentinel/living>

Note: Interface is expanding it's use of hemp and is actively lobbying for hemp cultivation in the USA and other countries.

Nutiva Wins Fast 50 Award

Fast Company's annual readers' challenge is a worldwide search for ordinary people doing extraordinary things. Their goal in naming the Fast 50 is to remind the world of all the good created when passionate people with important ideas and strong convictions are determined to make a difference.

Nutiva received an honorable mention in the "Milestones" category. Nutiva is dedicated to a healthy and sustainable world for all, demonstrating its mission to nourish people and planet by using the healthiest organic ingredients available, enriching the soil, and supporting worthy causes by donating 1 percent of its sales to groups that promote sustainable agriculture. www.fastcompany.com

Scientific Research

Dr. Jace Callaway from Finland has completed two valuable scientific studies with hemp oil. One investigates atopic skin conditions or eczema, and another reveals the nutritional benefits of the omega fatty acid balance.

See them at: <www.finola.com>

Antioxidant Properties of... Cold-pressed Hemp Seed Oil

Food Chemistry; Aug.05, Vol. 91, 4
Yu, Liangli Lucy, et al.

Department of Nutrition and Food Science, University of Maryland
ISSN: 0308-8146

"...results suggest that cold-pressed black caraway, cranberry, carrot and hemp seed oils may serve as dietary sources of natural antioxidants for health promotion and disease prevention..."
<<http://search.epnet.com.prxy1.ursus.maine.edu/login.aspx?direct=true&db=aph&an=16290335>>

Ruth's Hemp Foods Now Available in the USA

"I want to spread awareness of hemp nutrition that is based on sound research," Shamai said. "My mission is to develop delicious foods that contain a maximum amount of hemp while remaining at a competitive price point, so that hemp becomes a regular part of peoples' diets." The tiny seed is loaded with omega-3 and omega-6 essential fatty acids, fiber, vitamins and minerals. Hemp seed is also a complete protein with all essential amino acids, trumping any other food besides soy in the amount of protein it contains.

www.ruthshempfoods.com

Beauty Through Health™

Canolio®, a Montreal based company, is currently the leader in the hemp-based intimate care market in Canada. Sexy Ganja® lubricating gel is available in Quebec at most drug-stores. Canolio® is growing its annual figures by 150% per year.

www.canolio.com

HIA Convention November 3-4, 2005 San Francisco, CA

Mark your calendars now for our annual meeting this fall to be held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel running concurrently with the Co-op America Green Business Conference, culminating in the Green Festival that weekend.

Highlights will include expert speakers from both the fiber and seed sides of our favorite agricultural crop.

What's new and what does the future hold? Julia Butterfly Hill will join us by phone while on tour, to entertain and inspire us - what is your mission statement? How do you translate the idea into a sustainable practice? Hope to see you there!

Best of Expo West 2005

FUEL Natural Endurance Bars was selected as one of the Top 5 Expo West Finds in the latest issue of Natural Health Retailer, distributed to over 11,000 owners of health food stores. Natural Products Expo West, the world's most diverse and largest natural and organic products trade-show, March 2005 in Anaheim, CA broke historical records with more than 2,590 exhibitors.

Fuel Bars are now available throughout the Rocky Mountain and West Coast U.S. through Mountain People's Warehouse, Rainbow Natural Foods and Nature's Best.

Mathew G. Kadey, MSc., RD, in an article *Hemp Protein - King of the Plant Kingdom*, states that almost two-thirds of hemp protein is made up of edestin, a globulin protein found only in hemp seeds, and is perfectly suited to aid in meeting the body's cellular needs such as DNA repair, and is also easily digested and assimilated. Hemp is recognized by the World Health Organization as having an optimal three-to-one balance of omega-6 to omega-3 EFA's.

www.fuelbars.com

March News...continued

French Meadow Bakery Founder Wins SBA Award

By Scott Carlson
Pioneer Press, MN
3/23/05

Lynn Gordon, founder and president of French Meadow Bakery was named Minnesota Small Business Person of the Year.

Started from her home kitchen in the mid-1980s, French Meadow now has nearly \$5 million a year in sales operating out of a 24,000 square-foot building with 31 employees. The certified organic bakery produces more than 2 million loaves of bread a year, with distribution to all 50 states plus Italy, Brazil, Japan, Singapore and Puerto Rico, and has gained national media acclaim, with Bon Appetit Magazine naming it one of America's Top 10 bread bakeries.

<www.twincities.com/mld/pioneer-press/news/local/11204549.htm>

Note: Healthy Hemp Sprouted Bread was the number one hemp food product on the market, according to the latest Spins Report commissioned by the HIA Food and Oil Committee.

Hemp Kitchen Countertops

CBC News,
Winnipeg, MB, Canada
4/14/05

Harry Funk, president of Avanti Polymers, says the countertop has the look of granite or marble. The main difference, he says, is how light the hemp product is, and it is also more environmentally friendly than traditional countertops. The hemp is chopped and mixed, making up more than half the product's composition. Funk expects production to begin within the next six months, with products available to consumers in the fall.

www.winnipeg.cbc.ca

April News

Hemptown Secures Scientific Research and Experimental Development Funding

4/7/05 - Vancouver, BC, Canada

Hemptown Clothing Inc., a leading provider of environmentally responsible clothing, announced today confirmation of \$223,118 Cdn from the Government's Scientific Research and Experimental Development program, in recognition of the company's 2002 and 2003 work in the development of its unique environmentally friendly fabrics and garments.

In 2004 the Company also secured a collaboration agreement with the National Research Council of Canada (NRC) to expand its research with a biotech development of an enzyme that would unlock the economic potential of industrial hemp fiber as a cost-competitive alternative to cotton. The first patents for this new technology called CRAILAR™ are expected to be filed shortly.

www.hemptown.com

Markham Prestige Group Acquires Alterna

4/18/05

Alterna Professional Haircare is best known for its revolutionary Caviar Anti-Aging and Hemp Premiere quality product lines as well as for its uniquely recognizable packaging. MPG is headquartered in Irvine, CA. PureOlogy is another brand in their line. "The prestige products industry represents an opportunity to cater to a very exclusive clientele," states Jim Markham.

www.thecosmeticsite.com

Leading Hemp Foods Company Featured in Entrepreneur Magazine

4/25/05

Winnipeg, MB, Canada

Manitoba Harvest's knack for using upbeat product demonstrations to drive sales was highlighted in Entrepreneur Magazine that has a readership of more than 2 million people.

www.manitobaharvest.com

Hemp Showcase



Six display boards feature hemp foods, body care, textiles, paper, building materials, and legal/legislative issues.

The Hemp Showcase offers hemp education for colleges, libraries, legislatures, and events.

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Daryl Hannah Hosted Panel "Forces of Nature - Future of Sustainability"

4/27/05

At the LOHAS 9 Forum: Getting to the Heart of Conscious Commerce, another panelist changed the way his sector of the entertainment industry does business as Anthony Kiedis, lead singer for the Red Hot Chili Peppers, was instrumental in getting Warner Brothers Records to use paper made of hemp, flax and post-consumer waste in their major CD releases.

Journal of Industrial Hemp
Hayo van der Werf, PhD.
Haworth Press

The latest edition of the JIH is now available. You can subscribe at a discount through the HIA, with proceeds going to our non-profit organization.

May News

Organic Strawberry Farmer Would Like to Grow Hemp as a Rotation Crop

5/1/05

Tom Ragan,
SantaCruzSentinel.com

Vanessa Bogenholm is the Director of CCOF and testified to the CA Assembly's Agriculture Committee that nothing but fear and a lack of education stand behind the legalization of this controversial, yet misunderstood plant. Edward Ortega, a longtime Watsonville strawberry farmer also wants to grow hemp. Steve Bontadelli, a brussels sprouts grower in Watsonville, noted that hemp is an easy crop to grow.

How 'Cannabricks' Can Ease Housing Problem

Mail & Guardian - 5/3/05
Cape Town, South Africa

South Africa faces a massive housing backlog, with cost being the biggest prohibitive factor.

"The solution must be safe, fire-proof, bio-friendly and it should trigger sustainable development and wealth creation from grassroots up. Cannabis is a proven industrial ingredient, and when used to make bricks it provides the best value for money, while meeting all requirements," said Andre Du Plessis.

www.mg.co.za

13th Annual

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June 25, 2005

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Hemp Flap Discs Improve Material Abrasion

5/3/05

Ferret, Australia

Worldwide, approximately 120 million flap discs are used every year. The backing disc is usually made of a glass fibre fabric, bound with phenol or epoxy resin. When grinding and trimming, a harmful mixture of glass fibre dust and resin vapours is emitted into the air...when disposed of, they are adding three to four million kilograms to the world's waste stream every year.

The Plantex discs, developed by a German company, Eisenblatter, are now available in Australia from Queensland-based Mullner Enterprises, eliminating the need for costly investment in breathing apparatus, extraction systems or encapsulation options. The use of hemp/PP in manufacturing is not new. The material is already used in automotive interior applications and in a range of medical technology solutions including syringes, cannulae and infusion bottles.

The structure of the hemp fibre provides excellent tearing strength values. The cavities of the hemp fibre structure in conjunction with PP have a highly insulating, damping and noise-reducing effect. It is more elastic, heat absorbent for low grinding applications and particularly easy to trim and dispose of. They also cost no more than conventional flap discs.

www.mullner.com.au

www.ferret.com.au

Fifth Annual Black Hills Hemp Hoe Down

5/7-8/05 - Sturgis, SD

Hemp foods, speakers, music, and more. Oglala Sioux Tribe Vice President Alex White Plume was featured, as well as Jeremy Briggs of Hemphesis Magazine. Organnabis Kitchen served hemp burritos, chips, soup, salad, pancakes, cereals, pasta and coffee. Hemp beer was available. The film "Hemp and the Rule of Law" was also shown.

Hemp on EarthNews Radio

ENN.com - By Paul Geary

5/6/05

Interviews with information about greener consumer products -- including how to identify them and how they're grown -- and the battle to make some of them legal and accepted were featured on ENN this week.

Businesses with hemp-based products face a number of challenges as Johanna Schultz of the Hemp Industries Association shared with the radio audience.

Hemp Market Grows, US on Sidelines

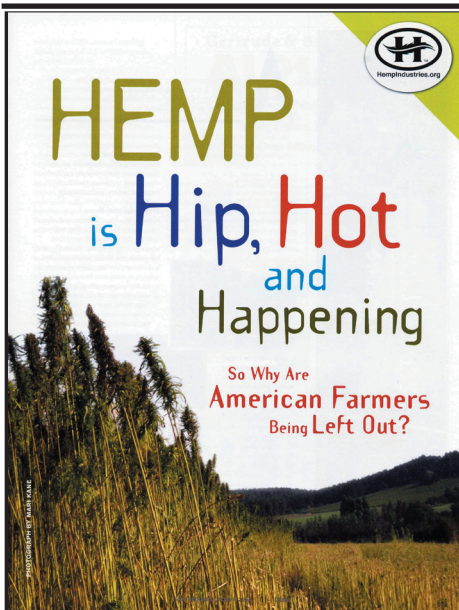
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The NH Senate Environment and Wildlife Committee was treated to a legislative session of show and tell. Mark Lathrop, a farmer from West Chesterfield, and chairman of the New Hampshire Hemp Council displayed a wide range of goods to stress hemp's economic possibilities. Saskatchewan organic farmer James McGowan is so bullish about the crop he's devoting 250 acres, or one-third of his land to hemp. James MaCay of the British firm Springdale Group says the marketplace will demand 1.5 million acres to be grown year in year out over the next ten years. www.nhpr.org

New Book on PA Hemp

Pennsylvania's forgotten hemp industry is revealed in a new book by Les Stark, a former Marine. Since 1997 he has spent hours poring over centuries-old deeds, estate inventories and property tax archives at the courthouse and Lancaster County Historical Society, gathering information for a 154-page book, "Hempstone Heritage." Most significantly he has documented that, prior to 1870, more than 100 water-powered hemp mills dotted the county's waterways. Stark hopes to publish two more books about hemp and promote its use as a fiber, biofuel and building material. www.hempstoneheritage.com



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Dr. Bronner's and OCA Sue the USDA

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Washington, DC

The government created the "USDA Organic" seal in 2002 for food labels. At the time, it welcomed makers of other products - cosmetics and personal care items, pet food, dietary supplements, textiles, and fish - to get certified to use the seal.

But in April, department officials reversed their policy and notified companies that their cosmetics and other personal care products cannot be government-certified as organic.

Dr. Bronner's Magic Soaps and Sun Dog made a hefty investment in getting products certified to use the seal. Organic peppermint and coconut oil, for example, costs twice as much as non-organic versions. The lawsuit states that Dr. Bronner's has spent more than \$5 million so far to make and market its products under the USDA Organic seal.

"Now this distinction is going to be lost," said David Bronner, whose company filed the lawsuit along with the Organic Consumers Association. "We lose the consumer trust in the national organic certification. That distinguishes us. Now the rug's just being pulled out from under us."

"It's the Wild West out there," said Michael Bronner. Advertising is rife with dubious claims about what products are organic. For example, companies that claim a product is organic can include water among the organic ingredients. But that sort of trickery is not allowed for those using the USDA Organic label, so it cuts through all the hype.

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<http://www.nnfa.org>

August 20-21, 2005

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Saskatchewan Hemp Assoc.
<http://www.saskhemp.com>

August 29 - September 1, 2005

MAGIC Marketplace

Las Vegas, NV - 100,000 buyers
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September 13-15, 2005

Outdoor Farm Show

Woodstock, Ontario, Canada
<http://www.outdoorfarmshow.com>

September 15-18, 2005

Natural Product Expo East, Organic Products Expo & BioFach

Washington, DC - New Hope Media
<http://www.expoeast.com>

September 24-25, 2005

Green Festival

Washington, DC Convention Center
<http://www.GreenFestivals.com>

October 13-16, 2005

CHFA Conference & Trade Show

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<http://www.chfa.ca>

November 1-4, 2005

Co-op America Green Business Conference - SF, CA

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November 3-4, 2005

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Ramada Plaza Hotel
San Francisco, CA
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November 5-6, 2005

Green Festival - San Francisco, CA
<http://www.GreenFestivals.com>