

## IT'S ON THE BALLOT

### Cali measure for legal adult cannabis faces November vote

By Chris Conrad

The Secretary of State confirmed March 24 that the Control and Tax Cannabis initiative will be on the Nov. 2, 2010 ballot, the first non-medical use initiative to qualify in the state since the 1972 California Marijuana Initiative. The mere fact of cannabis being up for a vote with a slim majority of support among CA voters has stoked national and international media discussion of how legal adult cannabis use is to be regulated in the future.

The campaign is garnering a growing string of endorsements, which already includes the CA NAACP, political and union leaders, Oakland City Council, economists, and most cannabis reform groups. It is forming coalitions of physicians, attor-

neys, faith leaders and organizations, who are generating support for the initiative amongst their constituents.

Vocal opposition is led by lobbyist and spokesperson for the California Peace Officers Assn, John Lovell. The typical lineup of law enforcement, MADD, drug rehab companies, career politicians and fringe religious groups are coalescing under the banner, 'Public Safety First,' headed by the 'No On Prop 5' strategist Wayne Johnson. They have vowed to block the initiative, as have some dealers and illicit growers, so it is expected to be a close vote.

Campaign spokesperson Dale Clare said that Oaksterdam University founder and initiative sponsor Richard Lee made sure the measure protects existing medical use laws, winning the strong support of advocates and co-proponent Jeff Jones of Please turn to page 19

## Medical marijuana coming to nation's capital

By Mike Meno, MPP

Washington DC will soon be added to the list of jurisdictions that give seriously ill patients legal access to medical marijuana, after a unanimous May 4 vote by the District council approving amendments to a medical use law passed in 1998 by 69 percent of voters in the nation's capital.

For more than a decade, Congress blocked its implementation via the so-called "Barr Amendment" — a clause in the annual federal budget bill that appropriates money to the District of Columbia.

After years of lobbying by the Marijuana Policy Project (MPP) and others — including former Rep. Bob Barr (D-

Georgia), the notorious restriction's namesake, who later reversed his position — the ban was at last lifted last year, opening the way for the Council to enact what would have been the country's second medical use law. Once Mayor Adrian Fenty signs the law, it goes to Congress for a 30-day review period, but there are no indications the Democratically controlled Congress will try to intercede.

"A well-working medical marijuana program in the nation's capital will provide a unique opportunity for members of Congress who have never seen such programs up close to do just that," said Karen O'Keefe, MPP's director of state policies.

"Once they see for themselves that these laws do nothing but provide compassionate care for seriously ill patients, hopefully they will understand the need to create a federal policy that no longer criminalizes patients in any state who could benefit from this legitimate treatment option."

Unfortunately, amendments approved Please turn to page 15

## New Colorado law to regulate dispensaries

By Warren Edson, Esq.

The 2010 Colorado legislative session brought dramatic changes to the medical marijuana community, due to the passage of House Bill 1284. Provided that Governor Ritter signs the bill, as he said he will, Colorado will begin regulating — and legitimizing — the industry on July 1, 2010.

In order to create a clean legal slate, the bill creates three new statutory defenses, the language and general framework of which will be adopted by local municipalities over the next year.

Dispensaries will now be known as Medical Marijuana Centers. An MMC is allowed to be a for-profit business, and it is specifically *not* the patient's 'caregiver.'

The MMCs will be able to retail to patients, and they will be able to wholesale up to 30 percent of what's in their storefront to other MMCs, Infused Product Manufacturers (IPM, a new category, described below), and caregivers. By Sept. 1, they will need to have at least 70 percent of the cannabis in their storefront produced by their own growers. A \$5,000 bond will be required to license an MMC.

Medical marijuana grow facilities will now be known as Option Premises Cultivation Operations (OPCO). The OPCO has to be connected to an IPM or MMC, and all their cannabis has to be sent to that one IPM or MMC.

The final new cannabis business license Please turn to page 30



Jack Herer

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One of the forefathers of the hemp movement and author of the best-selling book, *The Emperor Wears No Clothes*, Jack Herer will be missed.

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Bud strain shown in background bears his name.

## Cannabis has little effect on driving, study shows; most drive more slowly

By Paul Armentano NORML

Subjects exhibit virtually identical psychomotor skills on a battery of driving simulator tests prior to and shortly after smoking marijuana, according to clinical trial data published in the March issue of the *Journal of Psychoactive Drugs*.

Investigators from Hartford Hospital in Connecticut and the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine assessed the simulated driving performance of 85 subjects in a double-blind, placebo controlled trial. Volunteers responded to various simulated events associated with automobile crash risk — such as avoiding a driver who was entering an intersection illegally, deciding to stop or go through changing traffic lights, responding to the presence of emergency vehicles, avoiding colliding with a dog who entered into traffic, and maintaining safe driving during a secondary (in-the-car) auditory distraction. Subjects performed the tests sober and then

again 30 minutes after smoking a single marijuana cigarette containing either 2.9 percent THC or zero THC (placebo).

Investigators reported that volunteers performed virtually the same after smoking cannabis as they did sober. "No differences were found during the baseline driving segment (and the) collision avoidance scenarios," authors concluded.

Investigators noted that "participants receiving active marijuana decreased their speed more so than those receiving placebo cigarette during (the) distracted section of the drive." Authors hypothesized that subjects' reduction in speed on this task suggested that they may have been compensating for perceived impairment.

"[N]o other changes in driving performance were found," they reported.

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## Medi cannabis helping California pay its debts

Taxes receipts around \$100m

By Dale Gieringer California NORML

The California Board of Equalization reported that the state is collecting \$50 - \$100 million annually in sales taxes from medical marijuana. The report confirms an estimate previously published by California NORML\* and independently confirmed by Americans for Safe Access.

California NORML currently estimates the state's domestic retail market for medical cannabis at over \$1 billion per year in a total adult use market of \$6 billion. Even more is shipped out of state.

Prohibitionists, led by Los Angeles District Attorney Steve Cooley, have sought to choke off the state's lucrative medical market by claiming that sales are illegal. Advocates argue that medical sales are legal under SB 420, and the state stands to lose millions in sales tax revenues if LA's dispensaries are closed.

Regulated adult use could net the state \$1.4 billion in revenues according to the state Legislative Analyst's office, or over \$1.2 billion by Cal NORML's estimate.\*

\* canorml.org/background/OakFinancialReportRelse.htm; also canorml.org/background/CA\_legalization2.html.

## Humboldt group looks ahead to the legal market

### 'Branding,' cannatourism and sustainability all on agenda

By Liz Davidson, HUMMAP

The Humboldt Medical Marijuana Advisory Panel (HUMMAP) was formed on April 20 to promote the virtues of Humboldt-grown cannabis, to educate county communities and government, to

help draft regulations, and to ease local growers' transition to possible legalization.

HUMMAP is a coalition of cannabis patients, cultivators and associated community members united to develop a comprehensive countywide medical cannabis regulatory policy. Its goals are to integrate all related health and safety issues under Please turn to page 12

## Cannabis Freedom Day marked around the globe



Cannabis Freedom Day 2010, AKA the Million Marijuana March, was celebrated around the world on May 1 and 8. Events were held in 334 cities. This historic 10,000 person march took place May 8 from Plaza de Mayo to the National Congress in Buenos Aires, Argentina.  
Photo courtesy of revista Haze. See cures-not-wars.org for May 7, 2011 info.



## West Coasterdam Report

## Canada's 'Prince of Pot' Marc Emery jailed, extradited to US

Canadian Justice Minister Rob Nicholson in May ordered that his country's most famous legalization advocate be extradited to the US for a five-year federal prison sentence. Cannabis seed entrepreneur and *Cannabis Culture* magazine publisher Marc Emery turned himself in to authorities and is in custody in Washington State.

Emery and two employees, Michelle Rainey and Greg Williams, were arrested in Vancouver in 2005 by Canadian police acting at the behest of US authorities, who had indicted the trio in Seattle for selling Emery Seed Bank cannabis seeds to US customers over the Internet. After Rainey and Williams were offered plea-bargains allowing them to stay in Canada, Emery pled guilty to one count of distribution in exchange for a five-year sentence. He had faced up to life in prison for his seed sales. — *Phil Smith, stopthedrugwar.org*

## Republicans use marijuana petition to sign-up party voters

Hundreds of California voters in Orange County had their registrations switched to Republican when they believed they were supporting the effort to legalize cannabis in California. After as many as 99 complaints were received, the *OC Register* newspaper investigated and found another 74 voters that were duped into being registered Republican. All were under 28 years of age and most were approached in parking lots at local college campuses and large box stores, such as Wal-Mart. Some reportedly not only did not know they were registered Republican, they did not even know what a Republican was. In most cases the same type of bait and switch operation was used, luring voters in with subjects they had affinities for, such as animals, schools — and, yes, legal cannabis — and conning them into registering for the Republican party. — *Mickey Martin*

## Oregon denies reciprocity defense to out-of-state patients

The Oregon Court of Appeals rejected the use of an out-of-state physician's recommendation as a defense against cannabis charges in its state courts. Joel Berringer had argued that since he had a letter of approval for medical marijuana that was issued by a California doctor, he should be able to defend his two pounds of medical marijuana he had been arrested carrying while in the Oregon. Qualified patients in Oregon have a safe harbor from prosecution for possession of up to 24 ounces. However, the Court ruled on April 14 that, since there is no specific reciprocity agreement between the two states, the approval should not apply. Montana and New Jersey are the only two states to offer reciprocity for out-of-state qualified patients.

## California patients benefit from Norcal buyout

Qualified cannabis patients with physician approvals from Norcal Health Care can rest assured that their medical approvals are good, despite the recent legal problems of the medical group's founder. The health service has been under new management since Nov. 19 to handle renewals and new patients. Doctors Philip Denney and Michael Gitter bought out the Norcal chain — with offices in Oakland, Ukiah, Arcata and Bakersfield CA — with businessman Omar Salah. Denney, 61, is past president of the Society of Cannabis Clinicians and widely respected within the field. Denney will also continue to see patients two days a week in Carmichael at the office he shares with Robert Sullivan, MD. The loss of Dr. Assad's license created concerns for hundreds of patients who rely on Norcal.



Moms Unite to End the War on Drugs Rally April 28 at the San Diego Hall of Justice. Photo by Geni Cavitt. Right: A New PATH Executive Director Gretchen Burns Bergman, with Julia Negrón and David Beck-Brown. Photo by Sharon Bair



## Mothers determined to rescue kids from Drug War

By Denise Sagun A New PATH

After decades of destruction caused by the failed "war on drugs" a coalition of mothers is boldly leading the charge to end drug prohibition.

On April 28, 2010 A New PATH (Parents for Addiction Treatment and Healing) held a rally in front of the San Diego Hall of Justice in honor of the 11th anniversary of its work. PATH's mission is to reduce the stigma associated with addictive illness through education and compassionate support and to advocate for therapeutic rather than punitive drug policies.

Over 50 mothers, family members, healthcare advocates and people in recovery joined in this event, designed as a protest of punitive and pointless drug policies, a rally to promote restorative recovery systems and services, and a vigil to remember those who have lost their lives or their liberty to the war on drugs. Speakers included moms whose drug-addicted children have been lost in the maze of the criminal justice system, as well as mothers whose sons and daughters have lost their lives needlessly to drug overdose.

More than 26,000 lives are lost in the US every year to accidental overdose. Risk of criminal prosecution often deters medical professionals, drug users and bystanders from aiding victims. Some 2.3 million people are incarcerated in the US. Over 1.8 million people were arrested in America on a drug charge in 2008 (1.4 million for simple possession). Nearly half of all arrests in 2008 were for a marijuana violation.

The rally launched a statewide campaign to stop the violence, mass incarceration and overdose deaths resulting from our current damaging and discriminatory drug policies. PATH is partnering with other organizations, such as Families Act!, Broken No More, Clergy Against Prohibition, Drug Policy Alliance, and individuals in a massive effort to shift policies of arrest and imprisonment to health-oriented and therapeutic strategies.

A series of rallies is being staged up the coast to Orange County, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, San Francisco and Sacramento. Beginning at the border city of San Diego (to bring attention to the violence and deaths of the drug cartels). California voters can dramatically reduce arrests and take massive profits away from drug gangs in November. PATH is endorsing the tax and regulate measure, as they have seen first-hand the destruction of drug prohibition in their own families.

According to PATH Co-Founder and Executive Director Gretchen Burns Bergman, "My son wasted a decade of his life recycling through the criminal justice system because of non-violent drug charges. Mothers are demanding this change, just as we did with alcohol prohibition in the 1930s. The futures of our children and our children's children are at stake. Please join us. We need your voice in demanding positive change."

For more information on A New PATH visit [www.anewpathsite.org](http://www.anewpathsite.org) or email [anewpath@cox.net](mailto:anewpath@cox.net).

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## Legislature expands access for Washington patients in rural areas

By Alison Holcomb

ACLU of WA Drug Policy Director

Washington state Senate Bill 5798 extends the power to authorize medical use of cannabis to all licensed healthcare professionals who can prescribe controlled substances, as of June 10, 2010.

Previously, only MDs and osteopaths could authorize under the Medical Use of Marijuana Act. The new bill adds naturopaths, physician assistants, osteopathic physicians, and advanced registered nurse practitioners to the list.

Only two other states, New Mexico and Rhode Island, grant authorization power to all medical professionals who can prescribe. Sen. Jeanne Kohl-Welles (D-Seattle) sponsored this measure in 2009 to improve patient access.

"I introduced the bill as many individuals in rural areas of the state who would benefit from medical marijuana do not have sufficient access to doctors but do have access to other prescribers, such as nurse practitioners.

"This legislation simply honors the will of the voters who approved Initiative 692 in 1998 to allow limited medical use of marijuana by patients with terminal or debilitating illnesses," said Sen. Kohl-Welles.

The measure passed in March with votes of 34-13 in the Senate and 58-39 in the House. Governor Chris Gregoire signed it into law on April 1. In addition to expanding who can authorize cannabis use, it adds a new requirement that all authorizations be issued on pharmacy industry-recognized tamper-resistant paper, and dated. Previously, the law contained no requirements regarding the type of paper on which an authorization could be issued.

An authorization consisted simply of a "statement signed by a qualifying patient's physician, or a copy of the qualifying patient's pertinent medical records, which states that, in the physician's professional opinion, the patient may benefit from the medical use of marijuana."

Copies of authorizations were granted the same force and effect as the signed original. The new requirements do not apply to authorizations issued before the amendments' effective date, June 10.

The move to require authorizations to be issued on tamper-resistant paper was prompted by law enforcement concerns about easy forgery.

Whereas prior concerns about fraud had motivated introduction of patient-registry bills in years past, tamper-resistant paper seemed a reasonable compromise.

Some advocates expressed concern that

patients who need to designate someone else to grow or obtain cannabis for them

*Only Washington, New Mexico and Rhode Island, grant authorization power to all state medical professionals who can prescribe*

would be required to obtain multiple signed originals to extend protection to their providers. (Washington's law

requires providers to display the patient's authorization to law enforcement upon request.) Ultimately, most agreed that the benefit of expanding the list of medical professionals who could authorize outweighed the inconvenience of obtaining multiple original authorizations.

Washington remains the only medical marijuana state to have neither a mandatory nor voluntary government registry of authorized patients.

## Washington patients being doubly victimized

### Reporting medicine theft may lead to arrest of the victim

By Martin Martinez

Washington's cannabis patients once hid their lamps in closets and basements, where narcotics officers occasionally sniffed out a nest and brought yet another hapless victim to jail.

Then came the Medical Marijuana Act of 1998 to exempt truly ill patients from the Drug War. Yet the prevailing response from law enforcement outside of the greater Seattle area has been largely unsupportive. In May 2010, 12 years after voters approved medical cannabis, state and federal agencies filed criminal charges against a Tacoma dispensary.

State law still prohibits cannabis sales, although King County, home to half of the state's population, treats cannabis with tolerance. Commercial operations remain illegal, but personal gardens are often left standing. A recent State Supreme Court ruling upheld the power of police to raid gardens at will. However, police in King County have been told by Prosecutor Dan Satterberg to steer clear of gardens with legitimate medical approval. Both the Seattle Mayor and City Attorney are vocal supporters of medical use. Progress has been made in protecting growers who abide by the 15-plant limit.

Now that law enforcement has loosened its grip a bit, another set of dangers has arisen. The likelihood of robbery, by outlaws or police, remains a threat.

At least a dozen major garden robberies occurred over the last year, including some armed robberies.

In 2009, thieves posed as FBI agents to raid a Seattle home with weapons drawn. Once residents were on the floor, the fake agents fled with their harvest. Police officers arrived too late to foil the caper, but wasted no time in destroying the plants left behind by the imposters.

In March 2010, men broke into and entered the Kirkland home of a dispensary

owner. After gunfire erupted, both robber and victim were hospitalized. Five former dispensary employees were charged in that crime, but once again, the victim became the subject of investigation. Police confiscated all the cannabis at the scene.

That same month, would-be providers in Marysville pulled into their driveway with pounds of medicine they had just procured out of state. A dark van pulled up behind them and several masked men stole the supply. They apparently had been followed all the way from California.

Patient Mike Howard was murdered in March 2010, struck in the head by a crowbar-wielding burglar. Tacoma-area police emptied his grow room as he lay dying in the hospital. Adding insult to injury, investigators took all the medicine — but left the murder weapon behind. No one has been charged in the murder.

Such stories are grist for front-page news, but the vast majority of garden burglaries go unreported because patients fear arrest and seizure of their property.

Prohibition is clearly the major cause of all these violent crimes. If marijuana were not such an over-priced commodity, there would be no need for armed guards to secure those flavorful flowers. In the words of Lester Grinspoon, MD, "It is clear that patients will not be safe until marijuana is legalized for all adult users".



The winner of The Sixth Annual Oregon Care Growers Cup was a grower from the North Coast Chapter who took first place with this crop of 'The White.' See photo p. 10. Photo courtesy of OGF.

## Oregon cup boosts ballot

By Angela Fairless

Nearly 400 patients, care-givers, and growers came together from around the state for a banquet and awards ceremony when Oregon Green Free (OGF) hosted its Sixth Annual Oregon Care Growers Cup April 3 in Gresham.

*The information is put into a Strain-to-Ailment database that OGF members can access to help learn which strains are best suited for their needs.*

The Coalition for Patients Rights 2010 raised over \$500 at this event for Initiative-28, which would create a regulated non-profit dispensary system, start a program to help the poorest patients obtain medicine, and enable scientific research.

Over the 30 days leading up to 'The Cup,' 60 patients tested various strains and hash from certified growers in the Oregon Medical Marijuana Program. Organizers made sure that patients selected to be judges had a variety of ailments and illness and filled out paperwork for every sample tested. The information is put into a Strain-to-Ailment database that OGF members can access to help learn which strains are best suited for their needs.

Oregon Green Free is a 501(c)(3) non-profit founded in 2002 by John Young and Karla Godwin to help patients, caregivers and growers become self-sufficient and to create a higher quality of life through education and the use and production of cannabis under the guidelines of the Oregon Medical Marijuana Act.

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## Federal judge most recent to doubt DEA claims

### Judge in Lynch case calls for rescheduling by DEA

By Kris Hermes, Americans for Safe Access

Federal District Court Judge George H. Wu recently issued a 41-page sentencing order in Los Angeles stating that medical marijuana provider Charles C. Lynch was "caught in the middle of the shifting positions of governmental authorities," and, "Much of the problems could be ameliorated ... by the reclassification of marijuana from Schedule I."

Lynch, a federal defendant who complied with California law, was prosecuted and convicted under the Bush Administration in 2008, and then sentenced after President Obama signaled a change in fed-

eral enforcement policy.

Wu is not the first federal judge to question the classification of cannabis as a dangerous drug with no medical value.

Judge Charles Breyer made a similar statement in 2003 when sentencing Ed Rosenthal to one-day time served. More notably, US Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens wrote about rescheduling in the landmark *Raich* decision that refused to give federal relief to cannabis patients.

In 1988, DEA Administrative Law Judge Francis Young wrote that, "The evidence ... clearly shows that marijuana has been accepted as capable of relieving the distress of great numbers of very ill people, and doing so with safety under medical

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## Mediation offers a handy alternative to courts in delicate issues like divorce and child custody

By Naomi T. Stal, Esq.\* Mediation Company PLC

Treating divorce as simply a legal process while ignoring underlying emotional issues can be dangerous for cannabis patients, as judges can be closed-minded, uneducated, or even capricious.

People often use legal 'claims' as weapons to act out their strong negative emotions. As a common example, a spouse may try manipulating the court's view of cannabis to prevent shared custody of children, or to take away custody.

Divorce mediation can provide an alternative for lawyers and judges. It is a process where a neutral person helps divorcing couples arrive at agreements, taking into consideration the emotional issues of all parties.

There are key differences between the traditional divorce process and divorce mediation. Mediation is private, while courtrooms are public. Mediators are bound by confidentiality rules and cannot discuss anything mentioned in mediation.\*

Mediation is a voluntary process in which parties make agreements at their own comfort levels, whereas court judges issue orders that must be obeyed.

Lifestyle decisions can best be agreed upon in mediation. Judges cannot order limits such as 'no sugary snacks' or 'daily outdoor playtime for children.' They can address only four areas in divorce: property division, spousal support, child support, and custody.

While mediation may cost between \$1000-\$6000, most people spend \$20,000-\$80,000 each for an average divorce case.

Divorce mediation is relatively quick. Parties generally can have all issues resolved and filed with the court within one to three months, while many divorces can take years in the legal system.

The mere act of hiring a lawyer to 'fight' against a spouse inevitably escalates and prolongs conflicts, so a struggle over an old \$2 lamp from Grandma can end up costing thousands of dollars over several years. Such conflicts weigh heavily on the emotions of the former spouses.

Mediation allows parties to freely express even very strong negative emotions and provides a forum to channel them into a productive, useful agreement.

\* Each county has its own rules, but guidelines are found in California Evidence Code 1115-1128, et seq. Stahl is an attorney and mediator. info@themediationcompany.org

## Former Drug War POW organizes support for medical cannabis defendants, prisoners and families

By Jessica Lux

In a tapestry-covered booth at a Los Angeles trade show April 23-25, Stephanie Landa, a 64-year-old activist and federal probationer, spread the message of her group, LPOP, the Landa Prison Outreach Program:

"No one belongs in jail for marijuana," she said.

In 2002, Landa and Tom Kikuchi relocated from Los Angeles to the newly designated sanctuary city of San Francisco to form a collective. At medical marijuana task force meetings, they disclosed their garden plans to members of the San Francisco Police Dept. (SFPD).

Landa describes the experience as "a dream come true. We invested our life savings in a garden where we could grow dozens of different strains legally and study their effectiveness for different medical conditions." A few months into the project, their indoor garden was raided and destroyed by the SFPD.

Kikuchi and Landa were indicted on federal charges, facing sentences from 10 years to life. In federal court, they were not permitted to make mention of state law or their communications at SFPD meetings.

Unable to present a defense, they accepted plea agreements and were sentenced to more than three years in prison. Upon their release in 2009 and 2010, respectively, the two made it a mission to care for other medical marijuana prisoners of war (POWs).

The Landa Prison Outreach Program (LPOP) sets up folding tables at civic meetings and festivals to publicize the plight of POWs. At the THC Exposé this spring (LA Convention Center), LPOP volunteers greeted visitors with fresh sunflowers and



Mikki Norris, left, of Human Rights and the Drug War, joined Tom Kikuchi and Stephanie Landa of LPOP in their booth at the THC Exposé April 24. On right is former federal POW Amy Povah (Pofahl), who won clemency from President Clinton. Povah is founder of CanDoClemency.com, a campaign seeking the release of non-violent women who are incarcerated on long mandatory minimum sentences (MMS) for drug offenses. West Coast Leaf photo

handmade cards for writing to imprisoned 'freedom fighters.'

They circulated a petition on behalf of Bryan Epis, who fought for over a decade following a 1997 raid before being ordered to begin his 10-year sentence in 2010. Volunteers explained the stories of fathers serving up to 25 years for dispensaries in Bakersfield, LA, Merced, Modesto, San Diego and elsewhere.

Landa points out that each of the 18 people in her POW binder was following state law — and they have added new profiles in the last three months.

Landa asked, "Even if no one goes to jail again, what happens to the hundreds of thousands of people already wrongly imprisoned for marijuana?" LPOP also organizes court support for trials, providing a community presence so Southern Cal defendants do not have to face the courts alone and afraid.

As Kikuchi noted, "LPOP alerts the community to show up in court and let the judge, the prosecutor, the jury, and, most of all, the defendant know that he is a loved and valued member of the community. We must do everything we can to stop our current roster of prisoners from expanding."

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## Dutch study: small scale cultivation may be best way to 'expel criminal elements'

By Ellen Komp, California NORML

An extensive literature review of recent Dutch-language research on cannabis cultivation has concluded that small-scale cultivation is the most effective means to remove crime from the cannabis trade.

The paper, titled "The case for small-scale domestic cannabis cultivation," authored by Tom Decorte of the Institute for social Drug Research, Ghent University, Belgium, also concludes that high-THC strains may be a health problem, and there is a market for organically grown cannabis.

If the Dutch findings translate to the US, it seems imperative for public safety and public health, as well as the quality and purity of medical marijuana, that the Emerald Triangle and other regions grow cannabis on small farms to protect the market from criminal elements.

Decorte discusses a recently published paper based on 18 interviews with large-scale cultivators and other entrepreneurs in the commercial cannabis sector (Maalsté & Panhuysen, 2007) which found "these commercially oriented growers testify about the increasingly criminal character of the cannabis trade (threats, possession of weapons, rip-offs and snitching)."

The new, more commercially oriented players "are not always interested in quality and in knowledge about the possibilities of the plant, but they are more interested in strong weed varieties and the financial profit that they can generate. According to some growers, this leads to a scantier supply of varieties, questionable quality, pernicious practices and higher prices."

In an internet-based study, cultivators

in the UK "point at the intangible (social and intrinsic) rewards of growing, and not just the financial profits. Others have acknowledged the existence of 'ideologically oriented' dealers and growers, but they either argued these 'trading charities' and 'mutual societies' died out in the 1980s as they were replaced by more criminally orientated drug dealers."

Decorte's own findings suggest that there is a market for organically grown bud, and a need to have it certified as such, writing, "[M]any small-scale domestic cultivators grow cannabis because they are not satisfied with the cannabis products sold by Dutch coffee shops: too 'strong' and 'chemically boosted.'"

"These users want a 'milder', 'healthier' and 'more organic' product.... Nowadays the Dutch coffee shops and other distributors are also selling some varieties of cannabis as 'organic weed' ('bioweed'). Whether the 'organic weed' in the Dutch coffee shops really is any more 'organic' (read: 'healthy') than other varieties, needs to be tested. It might just be a smart marketing strategy."

"If politicians can muster the courage to abandon the traditional repressive strategies and authorize decriminalisation experiments in the short term and on a local level, steps can be taken towards a pragmatic and realistic (and hence also a more effective) policy," Decorte concludes.

"At first sight, allowing small-scale domestic cannabis cultivation while combating large-scale cultivation, seems an attractive option."

The study can be found at [canorml.org/emerald.html](http://canorml.org/emerald.html)

## Mendocino group looks at life after legislation

By Carole Brodsky

On the first sunny Saturday in months, the Mendocino Medical Cannabis Advisory Board and Cannabis Law Institute organized a symposium and film screening entitled, *Life After Legalization: Cannabis Enters the Mainstream*.

Setting aside shovels and driving hours to Ukiah from Mendocino's herbal hinterlands April 24, growers, workers, patients and 'cannabusiness' owners spoke with government officials, candidates and representatives of business, education and media in a spirited event evoking early-American town meetings and counterculture tribal gatherings.

Woven among presentations from Richard Lee, attorneys Omar Figueroa, and Edie Lerman, Ellen Komp and others, more than 250 people debated all things cannabis. Dozens publically declared themselves growers. Conversations usually relegated to grow rooms were taking place in a structured community forum.

Remarks from the CEO of Ukiah's Chamber of Commerce left little doubt that the future of cannabis is on Main Street. Lee introduced Dan Rush of United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 5, America's third largest.

On Rush's jacket, his *raison d'être*: "One Vision, One Voice, One Union." He estimated legalization will create 50,000 related jobs. "Schools are closing. Police officers are being laid off. If government opposes legalization, they've lost their minds," Rush said, noting that industry employers, not just workers, have requested union membership for the 1,200 cannabis members enrolled in Local 5.

Someone read from the workshop's

survey, "What assets do we bring to this industry?" The reply, "Seizeable ones. We're third in the nation in seized assets."

Vietnam-era pot pioneers discussed protecting seed stock to prevent crop monoculture. "Our government gave patents for cannabis to the Dept. of Health and Human Services," asserted one.

"My relatives in LA say strains are completely depleted. It looks and smells like the real thing, but it's so bad, dispensaries are issuing refunds," said a woman.

"If I share my seed with you, what keeps you from selling out to Monsanto?" another man asked. On the wall, a painted sign read: "Respect the Land for Future Generations. Organic Outdoor."

Caregivers, herbalists and patients spoke. "I just want to grow organically and earn enough to write off expenses," said a grower. "Many of us will accept less money to be able to say, I'm proud of what I do," notes another.

During Adam Ross's documentary, *Cash Crop*, the audience watched Mendocino Sheriff Tom Allman watch himself on film, applauding when he said he spends 30 percent of his time on cannabis and, "There's other things I need to be doing."

There are so many issues: indoor/outdoor grower tension; mistrust of dispensaries; greater jury participation; emerging CBD-rich strains; whistleblowing; multi-county coalitions; nuisance ordinances.

Tim Blake, longtime grower and proprietor of Laytonville's Area 101, implored his community. "We've got to take our birthright, let go of the past, stop the denial and embrace our future."

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# Drastic Tehama ordinance favors wealthy, draws lawsuit

By Dale Gieringer Cal NORML

Tehama County patients are challenging a local ordinance that would drastically limit their right to grow medicine. California NORML is supporting the lawsuit. This is the most restrictive of a rapidly growing number of anti-cultivation measures that strongly favor rich landowners, proposed by local officials hostile to cannabis.

*"They can't simply take everyone's rights away," said attorney Edie Lerman, representing Tehama patients.*

The ordinance declares it a public nuisance to grow cannabis within 1,000 feet of a school, school bus stop, church, park, or youth-oriented facility. It restricts gardens – collective or individual – to no more than 12 mature or 24 plants total on parcels of 20 acres or less; 30 mature or 60 total on 160 acres; or 99 maximum on larger parcels. Outdoor gardens must be surrounded by an opaque fence at least six feet tall and located 100 or more feet from the property boundaries. The ordinance also requires every garden to be registered with the county health services agency for a yet-to-be-determined fee.

Tehama patients plan to sue to have the ordinance declared unconstitutional on the grounds that it violates their Prop. 215 right to cultivate for themselves. Cal NORML attorneys argue that local governments cannot legally declare activities that are protected by state law to be nuisances. State law HS 11362.775 bans the use of "nuisance" claims to block collective or personal medical access.

"They can't simply take everyone's rights away," said attorney Edie Lerman,

representing Tehama patients. "California law states patients can have whatever they need for themselves and for collectives." Lerman warned patients to expect a long battle, as the case is expected to go to the appellate level.

Over 150 patients showed up at a meeting to organize against the ordinance. Dan Arion of Red Bluff said he had been growing in the same spot for three years. "Now my garden would be considered too close to my fence line so I'd be breaking the ordinance," he said, "We grow the amount we need and for several other patients. What am I supposed to do now?"

Several other communities have proposed limits on personal cultivation. In another lawsuit filed by Lerman, Mendocino County patients are challenging an ordinance limiting them to 25 plants per parcel, regardless of the number of patients served. It was amended to let collectives apply for licenses for larger gardens of up to 99 plants under certain conditions.

Two Mendocino towns, Willits and Ukiah, have anti-odor ordinances that ban outdoor cultivation altogether. Manteca approved an ordinance requiring all gardens to be inside a closed structure.

Shasta County is considering a proposal that requires patients to file for a zoning permit to grow cannabis. The city of Redding approved a measure restricting home gardens to 100 square feet of canopy or 10 percent of home area. In Anderson, the planning council has proposed stringent growing regulations that would cost patients at least \$1,000 in hardware and licensing expenses.

Red Bluff, in Tehama County, dropped an even more stringent proposal to ban cul-

tivation entirely, after Cal NORML attorney Bill Panzer warned the city that it would be unconstitutional.

Further court battles are expected before higher courts finally rule on the legality of local anti-cultivation measures.

## Long Beach ordinance does not cap collectives

By Damian J. Nassiri\*

Long Beach, CA recently passed a new ordinance that allows collectives to operate legally in the city with a permit. It is one of only a few cities in Southern Cal to step back from banning dispensaries and move towards regulation.

This ordinance is similar to LA's, except that there is no 'cap,' meaning there is no explicit limit on the number of collectives it will allow. Early reports said the City would limit the number of collectives to 18, but the current version of the ordinance has no cap. If this stands, it would be a huge advance over the LA ordinance, which caps collectives at 70.

The ordinance also contains the so-called "1000-foot rule," which means that a collective cannot be within 1000 feet of a school, park, church, child/daycare, or other "sensitive uses." Collectives cannot abut or be located across the street or alley from a property zoned for residential use. Lastly, it may not be within 1000 feet of another collective. This is unfortunate, but better than a total ban. Collectives faced with having to relocate should try to work with the City, but ultimately may have to seek legal counsel to inform them of available legal rights and remedies.

To apply for a permit, collectives will need to provide the City with the address



of the proposed location in a commercial or industrial zone, not residential. Collectives also must provide a site plan and show written proof that the property owners are aware of, and consent to, their activities. In addition, a prospective collective would have to provide copies of articles of incorporation (or association) and related documents to support its legal status and operating procedures.

This ordinance bans distribution of hash and edibles. Also, collectives can possess only cannabis that was cultivated on-site. This is unworkable, and will likely lead to litigation if the City does not adopt a more reasonable approach.

There is no 'grandfathering in' of existing collectives. If its use is "non-conforming," the collective will have to move or seek other possible remedies. There are legal claims a collective can assert which may win an order permitting it to remain.

While definitely a step in the right direction, the ordinance may be challenged in the courts still, as it arguably violates the collective right to due process and equal protection. Yet, it is relatively compassionate in that there is no cap and it is not a ban or moratorium.

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# LA's strict ordinance draws patient backlash

By Ariel Clark, Esq. and  
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In an effort to stem the 'green rush' of cannabis dispensaries in Los Angeles, the LA City Council passed an ordinance April 16 that attempts to regulate the dispensaries by shutting down most of them and their collective cultivation sites.

The City Attorney's Office sent more than 400 letters to dispensary operators warning that they face substantial monetary penalties and jail time if they don't close, effective June 7.

The ordinance was passed under pressure to regulate the proliferation of dispensaries in LA, home to hundreds of outlets. While no one would argue with the need for reasonable rules that regulate the lawful operation of dispensaries in LA, the ordinance violates patients' rights through arbitrary and unreasonable restrictions in violation of patients' rights to privacy, due process and equal protection.

A coalition of attorneys has filed suit against the City, charging that the ordinance severely violates the rights of cannabis patients. The attorneys are donating and providing at a reduced rate their time and resources, and a legal defense

fund seeks donations.\*

The ordinance violates patients' rights to privacy by requiring dispensaries to immediately turn over records and medical usage patterns to law enforcement without a subpoena or warrant, meaning that a condition of membership will be the disclosure of your doctor's recommendation.

## Lake Forest dispensing collectives lose round

By Damian Nassiri, Esq.

It has been a vigorous battle to protect the patient's right to safe access in Lake Forest, to say the least. In November 2009, the City served all of its known collectives with civil lawsuits, alleging the dispensaries constituted a "public nuisance" by virtue of their mere existence in the City.

After being served with the lawsuits, some collectives closed up. Some stayed.

Without offering evidence that the collectives are in fact a public nuisance, such as crime data or witness testimony, the City chose to spend a great deal of its taxpayer dollars to eradicate a non-problem. Although the dispensaries remain open at this time, the City recently requested a court order to close the remaining dispensaries. The injunction was vigorously argued by both sides and taken under submission by the Judge.

In May, the Court ruled in favor of the city and ordered the dispensaries to shut down. The collectives are now considering an appeal, as many patients will lose safe access to medicine in Lake Forest as a

result of the order.

Some cities have successfully sued their collectives and shut them down; however, these cities can be distinguished from Lake Forest in two major ways. First, they had bans in place prior to the collectives opening. Lake Forest had no ban or moratorium when its collectives opened and instead relied on a vague municipal code section that disallows anything "illegal under federal law."

Second, the cities that had succeeded in obtaining court orders to close their dispensaries had business-license requirements. In other words, the collectives were put on notice that they must file a city application — prior to opening — that states the nature of their business.

Lake Forest has no business license requirement and therefore arguably does not put operators on reasonable notice that the activity is banned in the city. Collectives and qualified patients alike should seek legal counsel if faced with the potential of either civil or criminal prosecution, to defend their rights.

limit the number of dispensaries to 70, compared to more than 3000 pharmacies there. Additionally, unprecedented use restrictions will force nearly all dispensaries to relocate to industrial areas on the outskirts of LA.

The rights of patients to grow their own medicine are also drastically limited. By precluding groups of four or more qualified patients from cultivating at a particular location, including at their own homes, the ordinance unreasonably denies patients' rights to associate as provided for in the Medical Marijuana Program Act. Instead of regulating the size of cannabis grows, four (4) or more patients are forbidden to grow even one (1) plant together.

LA's ordinance effectively deprives patients of the right to exercise control of their own bodies through their choice of medicine — a fundamental, Constitutionally-guaranteed right of every Californian.

The arbitrary zoning regulations at issue in LA are proliferating in communities throughout California. It is imperative that the equal protection and privacy rights of patients be vigorously defended. \* For information on how to contribute or support the suit, email Ariel@kuminsommers.com or eshevin@aol.com.



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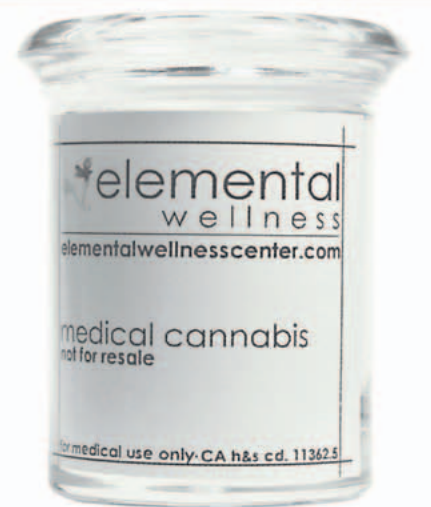
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## San Diego dispensary trial will test new federal policy regarding medical use

By Eugene Davidovich San Diego ASA

James Stacy was operating Movement in Action, a dispensary in Vista, CA until Sept. 9, 2009, when District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis had her Cross Jurisdictional Narcotics Task Force (NTF) raid the collective, seize its members' medicine, and hand Stacy to the federal courts, where he had no medical defense and now faces the possibility of life in prison.

This ordeal began in connection with Operation Green Rx last year, when an undercover detective came in, presented a valid cannabis recommendation and ID, completed all the membership agreements, joined the collective, and received a small amount of medicine.

According to police reports, while in the collective, the detective asked Stacy if he could contribute to the effort in other ways besides financially. Stacy explained that he could contribute in many ways; working at the facility, gardening and miscellaneous tasks. The undercover agent took his medicine, thanked Stacy and walked out of the collective.

Less than two months later, the NTF raided the collective facility and Stacy's home. During the raid at the collective, detectives seized a firearm, legally owned and registered by Stacy, which landed him an additional charge.

Aside from being a cannabis patient, Stacy is a black-belt certified in seven disciplines. The collective was located in the same building as his martial arts school where he taught daily. He explained that the firearm was to be used in connection with a self defense class he taught.

Movement in Action, a legal nonprofit, was in full compliance with state law — a point with which the US Attorney's office seemed to suggest in court that it may agree. Yet it continues the prosecution.

Kasha Castillo, the federal public defender representing Stacy, filed numerous motions to get the case dismissed or sent back to state court, to no benefit.

According to the DA's office, 14 dispensaries were raided on Sept. 9. However, according to San Diego Americans for Safe Access, NTF visited over 20 facilities and told them to close. At least two dozen people were arrested but only two charged in federal court, including Stacy.

In a recent hearing, his attorney asked the court to allow Stacy to medicate using cannabis. The prosecution in response demanded that, due to this request, he be drug-tested weekly. The Judge explained to both sides that he could not authorize Stacy to medicate since cannabis is still a Schedule I drug in federal court, but refused the testing requirements sought by prosecutors.

Although Stacy suffers from daily chronic pain, he continues to comply with all his federal rules, including no medical use, but this lack of proper medical treatment has taken a profound negative toll on his health and daily life.

Stacy's trial is set to start this summer. Visit [movementinaction.org](http://movementinaction.org) for the latest on his case as well as trial dates.

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## LA City license not enough to protect Organica DA's aspirations a factor

By John Thomas Ellis

Longtime hemp activist and Organica Collective founder Jeff Joseph is facing 24 felony counts after a Feb 18, 2010 raid by Culver City Police with backup from the federal DEA. This was the third time the collective was raided, but the first time charges were filed.

Organica, a pre-moratorium LA collective registered with the City Clerk for permission to operate, was first raided on July 31, 2008. Since no charges were filed, Joseph presumed he could re-open. A week after that first raid, California Attorney General Jerry Brown had released guidelines on how to operate a collective that suggested collectives form a mutual benefit corporation with the Secretary of State. Joseph followed both state and LA City guidelines.

Nonetheless, a year later it got raided again. Joseph was arrested, and his dog was shot by overly aggressive agents. Again, no charges were filed. So he reopened. Some building code violations were found, and within five months all were corrected.

Joseph formed Organica with West LA patients and its members participated in its on site collective grows.

Since President Obama released a memo adjusting federal policy Oct. 19, 2009, Joseph thought the battle was over.

Local ordinances considered Organica to be lawful and compliant. The city was working on its draft dispensary ordinance, and the



Council stated that dispensaries had to be open for business to get recognized as a legal collective. The problem was that half the building that housed the collective was in Los Angeles, and the other half was in Culver City, which does not issue business licenses for this kind of use.

Considering so many other clubs had sprung up in Los Angeles and he was compliant, Joseph thought he would be fine. Apparently DA Steve Cooley and City Attorney Carmen Trutanich who have aspirations for higher office and have stated that they believe that all sales are illegal in California, wanted to make an example of someone. Unfortunately for Joseph, he was the unlucky one. But, they are in for a challenge, as this activist intends to stand up for his rights.

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# The joys of gardening — go crazy for Coco

By Samuel Janovici

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This closeup shows 'The White' plant that won The Sixth Annual Oregon Care Growers Cup April 3. A grower from the North Coast Chapter took first place this year at the annual Oregon Green Free patient-grower competition held in Gresham (Story on p. 3). Photo courtesy of OGF.

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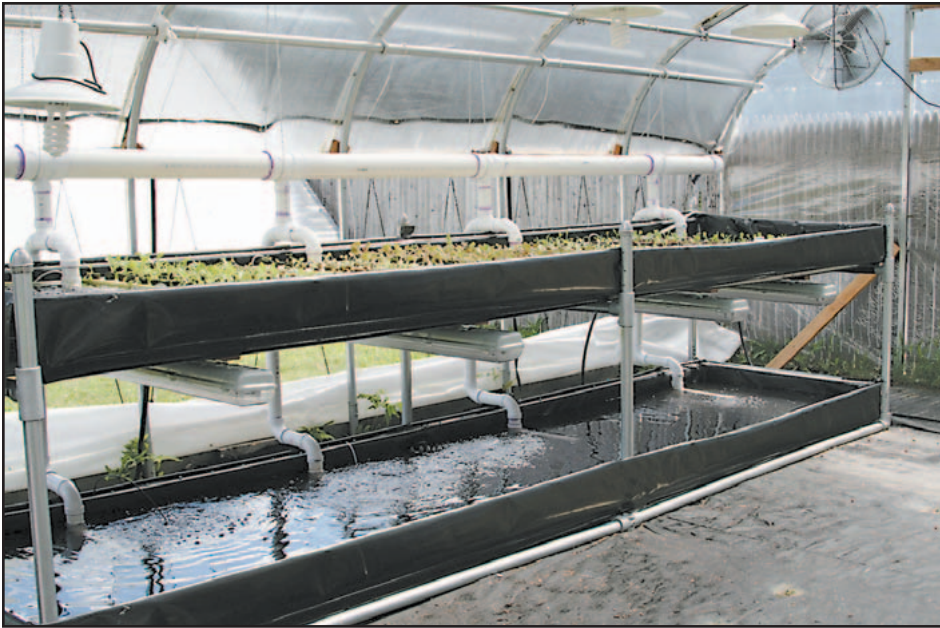
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## Judge blames DEA for the medi marijuana mess

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supervision. It would be unreasonable, arbitrary and capricious for DEA to continue to stand between those sufferers and the benefits of this substance in light of the evidence.” The DEA refused to reschedule.

The federal government continues to list cannabis as a dangerous drug with no medical value. However, the Obama Administration could bring federal policy more in line with medical science and the popular will by granting a pending rescheduling petition filed in 2002 by the Coalition for Rescheduling Cannabis.

After a years-long review by the Dept. of Health and Human Services, the petition was recently sent to DEA for the final stage of the process. Acting DEA Administrator

Michele Leonhart, who still must be confirmed by the US Senate, has authority to grant or deny the petition. An action alert put out by Americans for Safe Access recently got more than 1,500 people to write urging Senate Judiciary Chair Patrick Leahy to ask confirmation questions of nominee Leonhart about this.

Until cannabis is rescheduled, however, providers like Lynch remain vulnerable. The 2009 DOJ policy discourages federal raids in medical states, but does nothing to deter the continued prosecution of more than two dozen pending cases. Because of this, advocates have headed to Washington DC, urging Congress to pass HR 3939, the Truth in Trials Act, to provide a state law or medical necessity defense in federal court.

## Chronic pain patients show more frequent use

By Amanda Reiman, MSW PhD

Concern exists over the long-term effects of prescription drug use among those with chronic illness. Regular prescription drug use over extended periods of time can increase the likelihood of drug dependence, contribute to complications in organ functioning, and potentially interact with other medications. Cannabis patients suffer both chronic and acute illnesses. Do patients with chronic illness report different use patterns than those without it?

Anonymous surveys were administered to 350 patients at Berkeley Patients Group (BPG), a social-model dispensary in Berkeley, CA. Participants were asked to indicate if they had a chronic illness. Additional data were collected on frequency of use, frequency of visits to BPG, amount used per week, preferred method of ingestion, and use of other treatments along with cannabis. Chi-Square tests were run to determine differences in use patterns between those with and without chronic illness.

Sixty eight percent of the sample reported having a chronic medical condition, and they were significantly more likely to report a physical condition/not chronic pain, compared to chronic pain or a mental health condition ( $p < .01$ ) Having a chronic medical condition was not significantly associated with how often patients reported visiting BPG. However, those with a chronic condition ( $N= 239$ ) reported visiting BPG a couple of days per week most often (34 percent) and those without ( $N=101$ ) were most likely to visit once a week (35 percent). Similar results

were found concerning frequency of use.

Although the groups were not significantly different, those with a chronic illness most often reported using cannabis three times per day (24 percent), and those without most often reported using it twice a day (33 percent). There was no significant difference in method of ingestion. Cigarettes were preferred most often by both groups; however, the chronic condition group reported more use of vaporizers (16 percent vs. 8 percent).

Finally, while those with a chronic illness were significantly more likely to need treatments in addition to cannabis to control symptoms ( $p < .01$ ), those without such a condition were significantly more likely to report a decrease in use over the previous six months ( $p < .05$ ). In all cases, the data are normally distributed.

This study supports that, although patients with and without chronic illness have similar patterns of use, there are some marked differences. Patients with chronic illness are more likely to have a physical health issue outside of pain, to be undergoing multiple treatments, and to ingest using methods such as vaporization. Absence of chronic illness is associated with a pattern that is more situational in nature, and is likely to decrease over time.



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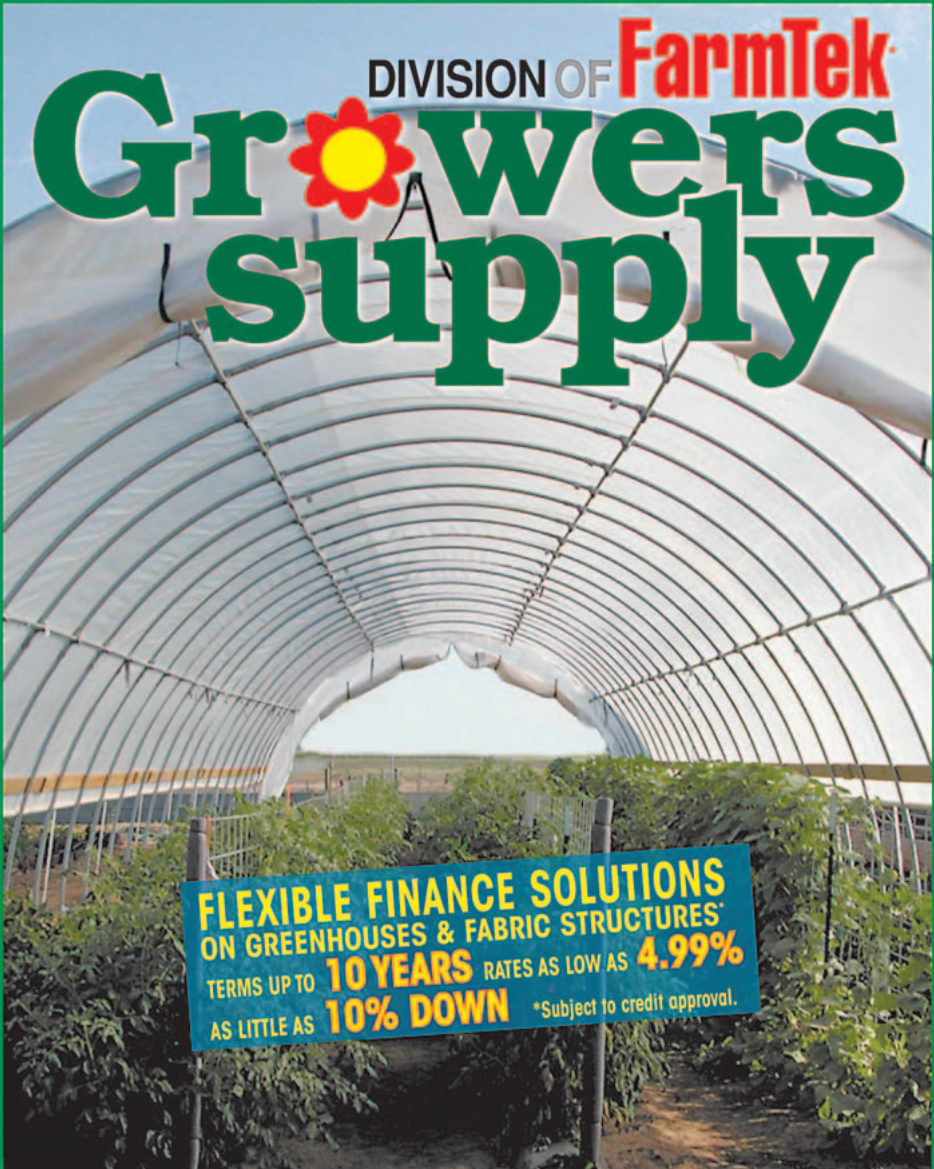
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## Orange County DA targets medical users

By **Kandice Hawes** Orange County NORML

Orange County collectives haven't had to worry about federal interference, but after three new cases, they do have to fear the County District Attorney's office.

In the past six months, prosecutors have targeted collectives with lengthy and costly investigations. Two cannabis collectives were raided simultaneously Nov. 13, 2009 by the Sheriffs Dept. The DA filed charges for these raids months later.

Operator Steven Wick of the Health Collective pled guilty and was given a three-year sentence. Mark Moen from 215 Agenda faces 39 years for multiple counts, including money laundering. In April 2010 the DA's office also raided Safe Harbor in Dana Point after a lengthy investigation,

but no charges have been filed.

Patients and OC NORML held a protest April 8, asking the DA's office to stop wasting resources on collectives and to use resources more wisely and work on real crime that is plaguing the community.

The DA's office claims that a collective is breaking state law when its only relationship with a patient is an exchange of money for medicine, and that a majority of its patients need to contribute some service for the collectives to be legitimate.

Until the county prosecutor changes its policy, local collectives will operate knowing they could be targeted. OC NORML will hold another protest as Moen goes to trial in state court.

To get involved see [OrangeCountyNORML.org](http://OrangeCountyNORML.org)

## Branding Humboldt as home to quality, organic growers

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state law with sustainable organic cultivation practices, and to promote the Humboldt brand name identity.

"Medical cannabis is legal under state law, but a patchwork of regulations and the relative isolation of patients and medical growers in Humboldt has left both them and the county government confused and frequently in conflict," said HUMMAP chair Syreeta Lux, asking growers to "share their knowledge proudly, form strong relationships with county government, and assert leadership in the industry."

The panel will work with county patients, indoor and sun home-growers, collectives, dispensaries, legal and medical advisors, the business community, retailers and local government to define healthy and environmentally sensitive cultivation practices, solidify and refine the Humboldt reputation, identify opportunities for eco-

nomie development, and cultivate general awareness of Humboldt County's unique genetic qualities.

HUMMAP aims to form the core of a countywide trade association to network with similar groups in the Emerald Triangle and across the state.

"The medical cannabis growers of Humboldt County welcome the daylighting of this industry," said Lux. "It's an opportunity to promote the healthy, natural lifestyles that make the best medicine, ensure a healthy future for the planet, and create a healthy economy for Humboldt and California."

HUMMAP's first job is to clearly define sustainable standards and to certify those standards among its member growers. From this platform, the county can easily step into taxing and regulating legal adult use as soon as state law allows.

For further information contact: [charley@asis.com](mailto:charley@asis.com).

## Epis family reeling under 10-year federal sentence

By **Vanessa Nelson**

Jailed medical marijuana grower Bryan Epis isn't begging for big donations or huge favors. Instead, the iconic medical marijuana inmate is asking supporters to pitch in just one dollar each for legal expenses related to a pardon petition he's putting forth, and hoping that many wallets will make light work of his legal bills.

His nightmare began in 1997, when law enforcement agents seized 458 plants and various computer documents from his Chico home shortly after California voters legalized medical use. Epis was unable to mount a medical defense because his case was handed over for prosecution in federal court, where state laws don't apply.

Epis' 2002 trial turned on the introduction of out-of-context excerpts from seized computer documents used to persuade the jury that Epis was guilty of conspiring to cultivate over 1000 plants. He was given the mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in prison, but was released on bail in 2004, pending appeal. That gave him precious years to spend in freedom with his young daughter Ashley.

In spite of claims of prosecutorial misconduct and missing evidence, Epis lost round after round of appeals. By February 2010, he had exhausted his legal options and was taken back into custody to serve the remainder of his prison term.

His hopes for early release depend on a two-pronged legal strategy: a writ of *habeas corpus* and a petition asking President Obama to commute his sentence. Unfortunately, Epis ran out of money for legal fees long ago. Now, he's asking his supporters and the cannabis community for help. If he can get 35,000 donations at one dollar each, he'll reach his goal.

Another way to assist Epis is by using [lodgingsite.com](http://lodgingsite.com) to make hotel reservations. The service supports Epis and offers its customers the option to give 10 percent cash back from their reservations to a non-profit reform group or cannabis collective of their choice. For detailed information see [bestlodging.com/politics](http://bestlodging.com/politics).

To make a contribution, send one dollar donations and checks made out to his mother, Barbara Epis, for any amount to: Bryan Epis, 227 W. 22nd St, Chico, CA 95928

## Cannabis consultants help with compliance

By **Jason Browne and Mike McCauley\***

With the public perception of less federal intervention has come greater confidence, and today, hundreds of cannabis businesses have developed to serve the industry.

Thanks to the underwriters and staff of Statewide Insurance, led by Mike Aberle, cannabis farms and dispensing associations can now apply for crop and product insurance. The next step for the industry is to self-regulate, in line with national and global standards. Full Circle Cannabis Consultants offer state-of-the-art training and custom developmental services through Cannabis Career Institute, with up-to-date course materials.

In addition, Statewide is expanding its coverage to include outdoor gardens and is continually upgrading and improving its services to reflect the latest legal decisions and developments. This includes the adoption of regulations to bring greater legitimacy to the industry, such as operational requirements for gardens and dispensaries that comply with 'Better Business Practices' and 'Better Farming Practices.'

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# Cal looks at bills to lower penalties, ease some restrictions, tighten others, add taxes

By F. Aaron Smith\* Marijuana Policy Project

It's been a busy year for reform advocates in the halls of California's state capitol. Here is a summary of cannabis-related bills pending in Sacramento.

Authored by Assemblyman Tom Ammiano (D-San Francisco), AB2254 would make adult cannabis use legal and tax and regulate it similarly to alcohol. The legislation was effectively placed on hold by the author until after the November vote on the Regulate, Control and Tax Cannabis initiative.

*SB 1449 would downgrade possession to an infraction*

Another bill by Ammiano, AB 1811, seeks to legalize the sale of devices used to ingest medical cannabis such as, vaporizers and pipes. Many items used for cannabis, such as vaporizers and water pipes, are now sold as tobacco products, and retailers are not permitted to supply information about how they work with cannabis, but AB 1811 would rectify this flaw in state law.

The Assembly Public Safety Committee approved the bill in March and it is heading to the full Assembly for a vote.

The State Senate is poised to vote on SB 1449 to downgrade the penalty for possession of less than one ounce of cannabis

from a misdemeanor to a civil infraction. Authored by Senator Mark Leno (D-San Francisco), the bill has the support of the state Judicial Council, the Cal District Attorneys Assn., the ACLU, and every major reform organization. The legislation has made strange bedfellows because, if enacted, it would reduce costs associated with processing these low-level offenses.

Unfortunately, advocates have to work to extinguish some bad state bills.

One that is particularly offensive to patient advocates is a proposal by Sen. Ron Calderon (D-Montebello) to impose a 41 percent "sin tax" on medical cannabis sales. MPP and others are working to kill the bill in the Senate Committee on Revenue and Taxation, where it resides.

Assemblywoman Joan Buchanan (D-Alamo) is carrying a bill to ban collectives within 600 feet of any K-12 school. The Public Safety Committee narrowly approved AB 2650 after hearing objections from patients and advocates in April. It is scheduled for a vote in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2650 troubles medical use proponents because it would set a capricious, one-size-fits-all policy for locating collectives based on the discriminatory premise that medical marijuana is a nuisance.

\* To get involved or advocate for sensible cannabis policy in California, see [mpp.org/ca](http://mpp.org/ca).

Protestors gathered at the San Bernardino District Attorney's office to protest the County's failure to implement state laws.  
Photo by Victor Michel



## San Bernardino stall only fires up community

By Lanny Swerdlow, RN

When the Board of Supervisors passed a moratorium in 2009 banning collectives in unincorporated areas of San Bernardino county, CA, they rationalized their action by claiming staff needed time to draft an ordinance that would put reasonable regulations and licensing procedures in place.

Instead, county agencies have sabotaged the process. When the moratorium expires June 19, 2010, the Supervisors will have no ordinance to vote on, and could rationalize passing a total ban.

Statements by Sup. Paul Biane Sun supporting a collective ordinance were reported in the *Riverside Press Enterprise*. That, along with meetings with Land Use Services Deputy Director Jim Squire and

Deputy Chief Robert Fonzi, led patients to believe that the County was serious about finally implementing state laws.

During the two years it spent \$50,000 trying to get Prop. 215 declared unconstitutional, the County ignored the laws. Claiming it did not have to follow state law, law enforcement arrested and prosecuted qualified patients.

With the ongoing litigation of *Qualified Patients Assn. v. Anaheim* before the Fourth District Court of Appeals, the same legal strategy is being followed again. Ten county agencies with over 20 staff members held six secret meetings claiming to discuss a collective ordinance. Citing attorney-client privilege, the County refuses to reveal what was discussed.

Many people suspect that the privilege claim is a coverup and that what was discussed at these meetings was not the mechanics of drafting a collective ordinance, but rather how to structure a legal facade to allow the arrest and prosecution of patients and providers.

On March 9, officers raided a Phelan collective and arrested the operators. KABC news described it as "aggressively cracking down on violators of a county moratorium against selling marijuana."

True to their threats, three weeks later on March 30, Sheriffs raided another collective in Chino. There have since been raids of delivery service collectives in Rancho Cucamonga and in Fontana.

If the County follows through on the prosecution of all these patients, the arrest and prosecution costs to County taxpayers will exceed one million dollars.

How many more patients will be ensnared in the criminal justice system and how much more money will San Bernardino continue to waste while waiting for a collective ordinance to be drafted?

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## Nature grows hemp the US government forbids Alex White Plume to plant

By Chris Ryan

Industrial Hemp is being successfully grown on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and used for insulation, and as fiber chaff for adobe. Some is turned into paper.

The founder of the industrial hemp project is Alex White Plume, American Indian and former Vice President of the Oglala Sioux Nation. He's been growing hemp for several years. The Oglala Sioux suffer from 85 percent unemployment. Jobs and homes are needed desperately. Most have no running water or electricity in their homes.

White Plume seeks to overcome this by developing industrial hemp as an agricultural resource. He started his program to create jobs for his family and tribe. Much of Pine Ridge has farming on it, but only one-third of the monies generated goes to the tribe. When he realized that market prices for hemp were higher than those for other crops, he decided to try growing some to generate income.

"I thought if I could sell a crop... I could

afford a new pickup truck," said White Plume. At harvest time, he invited local and federal authorities to come and observe his harvest. Instead, the DEA invaded the reservation and plowed his hemp under using a plow-equipped tank.

When the DEA took Plume to court, it was shown that the hemp was a strain with virtually no THC content.

It stirred a controversy over treaty rights and the sovereignty of the Indian Nations that continues to this day. Under the *Treaty of Fort Laramie* of 1868, the Indians are guaranteed agricultural assistance by the US government, and local autonomy on Indian Nation lands.

It also started a tradition. The plowed-under mature, seed bearing herb started growing that next spring. Plants still grow from stock sown by the DEA. The seeds germinate where they fall, and the leaves and tops decompose and mulch where they are harvested, fertilizing the field.

The harvested hemp is hand-stripped in the fields where it is shorn of tops, seeds,

and leaves, which are left to enrich the soil where they are harvested. Remaining stalks are dried, and decorticated using a simple machine invented and patented by Thomas Jefferson.

Dried chopped hemp stalks are used as insulation and as fiber chaff for adobe, which is poured into forms and allowed to dry, much like concrete. The adobe provides load bearing walls used for housing and storage buildings. The chipped stalks also insulate those structures. This provides badly needed housing at minimal expense, using readily available local materials, (mud, water, and hemp.)

Labor costs are contained by using the local Oglala reservation as a workforce. Their labor constitutes sweat equity as down payment for housing.

This also provides the beginning of a skilled work force which promises to expand beyond the reservation providing needed jobs and affordable housing.

Ryan is a Yippie! aka 'The Anarchist.' and founder of Ohio Hempfest.

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## Jobs remain at risk until bias of prohibition ends

By Michael Whitty, PhD

Drug testing and job denial are still a hard fight, maybe winnable only after decriminalization. Until then several strategies can help: seeking personnel policies that limit testing for cause, using impairment tests rather than detection and setting high nanogram levels that penalize only those who are impaired at work.

Despite qualified patients having a right to use cannabis and the trend to destigmatize its use, the law continues to support an employer's right to drug test, deny hiring and even to discharge at-will employees (those who have no contract and can be fired for anything but an illegal reason) on the first offense.

The employee need not be impaired at work to get into trouble. If used during off time, cannabis might still show up in the body. Employees need an employment contract that limits firing to a good reason, or makes an exception for medical cannabis, and employees who are members of a union may have more protection.

The 2008 California Supreme Court's *Ross* decision upheld an employee's dismissal after a drug test, noting that the law does not "require employers to accommodate marijuana use."

Then-Assemblyman Mark Leno's AB 2279 would have overturned the Court and banned discrimination in hiring or firing users of medical marijuana.

The bill, sponsored by Americans for

Safe Access and endorsed by AFL-CIO, AFSCME, and others passed the legislature. Employees in safety-sensitive positions (where performance could endanger the health and safety of others) would have been excluded. Corporate lobbyists convinced the governor to veto it.

Sen. Leno said again on April 27, 2010, "When voters approved the Compassionate Use Act, Prop 215, who would argue that they intended for medical marijuana only to be used by Californians who are unemployed? I remain committed to seeing that this injustice is reversed."

Now the best defense can be mounted in a unionized environment if unions bargain for strong 'due process' language in the contract. They can claim that on-the-job impairment is the only legitimate health and safety concern of the employer, protecting off-hours use from company discipline. Union representatives oppose random testing for drugs and alcohol, and support testing for 'just cause' or 'reasonable cause' only, still agreeing that on-the-job impairment is unacceptable.

Employers that hold federal contracts often prohibit cannabis use. Random testing is found in some federal government jobs, mostly transportation- or defense-related. The US Dept. of Transportation has reiterated that safety-sensitive employees cannot use cannabis even in states that allow medical use, despite the Dept. of Justice policy memo.



Staff members at Oaksterdam University prepare for a new semester. There are a growing number of training programs for the cannabis industry. Oaksterdam University has pioneered the way in terms of curriculum and student services. Photo by Kevin Miyamoto oaksterdam.com

## Unions voted in by Cal medi cannabis industry

By Mike Henneberry UFCW Local 5

In the first two weeks of May, United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 5 won an impressive series of union election victories in the California medical cannabis industry May 17.

Nearly one hundred workers have chosen to become members to enhance job security and gain a clearer voice on the job. Employees at Oaksterdam University and its subsidiaries, OCBC Patient ID Center and AMCD Inc. voted overwhelmingly for union representation and are preparing to negotiate collective bargaining agreements with their companies.

A tentative agreement has been reached with AMCD Inc. and will be voted on by the members there soon. The employers involved in the elections voluntarily agreed to remain neutral during the campaign and agreed to abide by the wishes of the workers to become union which

was demonstrated by employees signing union authorization cards. Once the campaign period was over cards were collected and a large pro-union majority was achieved. Oakland City Councilperson Rebecca Kaplan certified the count.

The medical cannabis industry is a huge enterprise with its genesis in Oakland. Local 5 intends to proceed with organizing efforts throughout the rest of the industry. It is hoped that the cooperation that has shown itself throughout this campaign will prevail in future efforts since it avoids the traditional confrontational aspects of organizing drives.

Ron Lind, President of Local 5 said, "The workers involved in the recent organizing drive are dedicated, passionate advocates for their industry. They want to make sure that their jobs are quality ones that will be there over the long term. The union is prepared to assist them in this effort."

## Cannabinoids: The next generation bone drugs?

*The Lab Bench* By Jahan Marcu

A research team from the School of Medicine at Temple University, Philadelphia, presented their preliminary cannabinoid and bone data at a scientific meeting in Anaheim, CA in April. For the last year, researchers have been trying to reproduce and build upon previous work on cannabinoids and bone, specifically, by characterizing the effects of removing the CB1 and CB2 receptors from mice.

Few labs have published new discoveries regarding cannabis and bone. However, those that have are surprising so far. Some are so profound that the upcoming International Cannabinoid Research Society (ICRS) meeting will have a special symposium to discuss the bone data produced by just a few laboratories. Research shows that bone cells have cannabinoid receptors and produce endocannabinoids. Bone cells express a lot of CB2 receptors and nerves that traverse our bones produce CB1 receptors. The 'anti-cannabinoid' receptor, GPR55, is also expressed in bone.

These receptors appear to work together to regulate bone health. Some clinical evidence supports the role of cannabinoids in various diseases. The Clinical Endocannabinoid Deficiency (Russo 2004) is thought to underlie many treatment-resistant conditions such as irritable bowel syndrome, fibromyalgia, and chronic pain. Recently, CB1 receptor mutations were linked to migraines, bi-polar disorder, and major depression (Monteleone 2010).

Now CB2 receptor mutations may be linked to lower human bone density and hand-bone strength. Research from Japan and France shows that mutations correlate to osteoporosis in post-menopausal women. The two studies looked at 2,626 elderly adults with and without osteoporosis. A study out in Russia analyzed the hand-bone strength of 574 adults and found that those with CB2 receptor mutations had weaker hand-bone strength (Yamada 2007, Karsak 2005, 2009). These

all suggest that a less functional receptor is related to poor bone health.

Researchers have been studying how the body responds to traumatic brain injuries (TBI). When TBI occurs in a mouse, endocannabinoids are made and new bone is formed. Thus, cannabinoids may enhance the healing of bones in some instances such as fractures. Genetically modified mice without the receptor have a deregulated skeleton. Depending on genetic makeup, the animals make too much or too little bone. So, research has shown that cannabinoids can both increase and decrease bone mass. However, all mice without cannabinoid receptors eventually develop severe osteoporosis (Bab 2008).

Plant cannabinoids such as CBDV, CBG, CBN, THC, and THCV may increase the number of bone stem cells in rats (Scutt 2007). Conversely, Anandamide has been shown to increase bone turnover by activating osteoclasts, the cells that remodel or dissolve bone. CBD can inhibit osteoclasts. The infamous diet drug Rimonabant, or SR141716A, is thought to prevent bone loss in mice by activating GPR55, not the CB1 receptor. Additionally, derivatives like WIN55,212 and some JWH compounds appear to severely inhibit osteoclasts from remodeling bone. Researchers have already speculated that cannabinoids represent a new generation of drugs that could treat a variety of bone diseases.

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## Cannabis users drive okay — just more slowly

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A 2008 driving simulator study published in the scientific journal *Accident, Analysis and Prevention* also reported that drivers administered cannabis are likely to decrease their driving speed. "Average speed was the most sensitive driving performance variable affected by both THC and alcohol but with an opposite effect," investigators reported. "Smoking THC cigarettes caused drivers to drive slower in a dose-dependent manner, while alcohol caused drivers to drive significantly faster than in 'control' conditions."

Previous reviews assessing the crash culpability risk of drivers under the influence of cannabis have reported a positive

association between recent cannabis exposure (as typically measured by the presence of THC in the driver's blood) and a gradually increased, dose-dependent risk of vehicle accident. However, these studies have consistently found that this elevated risk is below risk presented by drivers who have consumed even small (i.e., 'legal') quantities of alcohol.

By contrast, studies have also found that drivers engaged in the simultaneous use of both cannabis and alcohol can significantly increase their risk of accident compared to the consumption of either substance alone.

NORML's white paper, "Cannabis and Driving: A Scientific and Rational Review," is at: [norml.org/index.cfm?Group\\_ID=7459](http://norml.org/index.cfm?Group_ID=7459)

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# Recovery program integrates cannabis therapies

By Jennifer Janichek\*

Medical marijuana patients often face stigma, alienation, and rejection in conventional mental health and addiction frameworks. A majority of clinical service providers tend to deny the therapeutic benefits and potential of cannabis.

The Clinical Services Program at the Harborside Health Center (HHC) holistic care clinic provides a therapeutic and compassionate space for patients who seek non-judgmental, evidence-based substance use, misuse, addiction and mental health services. Harm reduction strategies, education and information dissemination, skill building, and therapeutic and peer supports merge to ground the various clinical services that are offered to HHC patients.

The program's tenets are deeply based on individualism, self determination, and human rights. To create a patient-driven program and provide services that patients desire, over 300 surveys were conducted. Findings show that a large proportion of HHC patients would like to participate in free clinical services. The information collected helped to guide the selection and implementation of services. For instance, over 40 percent of survey participants indicated a desire to learn more about how to reduce harms from substance use.

Group session services offered weekly include an information-sharing session, online therapeutic support, coping, life, social skills and a mental health forum.

Most of the groups enable patients to come together, receive information, share stories, and find support, while the skills group focuses on skill obtainment and advancement. Individual consultations with a trained mental health professional and brief individual counseling sessions

are available for patients that seek them.

The program strives to set the gold standard for future clinical service program replication at other cannabis health centers. Holistic care clinics at cannabis dispensaries provide an exceptional opportunity to decrease service gaps in the community and help fulfill unmet clinical desires of patients.

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## DC vote allows access

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by the District Council make the law more restrictive than that passed by voters in 1998. To prevent the abuses that many politicians on the East Coast are led to believe run rampant in the West, the council has placed strict and often cumbersome limitations on everything from personal quantities and who can qualify as a patient, to how patients can obtain medicine and where to use it.

For example, the law will not include severe, chronic pain as a qualifying condition, which 13 of 14 current medical marijuana states allow.

Also, it will join New Jersey as the only other medical use jurisdiction to forbid patients to grow their personal medicine, though they will be able to purchase from five to eight dispensaries located throughout the city. A commission is expected to study how to add home cultivation to the law and give its recommendation in 2012.

Regardless of these shortcomings, which MPP and others expressed hope to improve through Health Dept. regulations, final passage of a medical use law in the nation's capitol is a tremendous and long-overdue victory for patients and voters.

# One book, one site and just the Drug War facts

By Mary Jane Borden Editor, Drug War Facts

Everyone interested in drug policy needs to take a new look at *Drug War Facts*.

This long-standing project of Common Sense for Drug Policy has been a staple of drug policy research for more than 10 years. It has undergone a thorough review and renovation to not only continue its display of salient facts with proper citations, but also to include a link to each fact's source, usually a PDF file. The 1,200 direct quotes in *Drug War Facts* come from over 400 reports from governments, peer-reviewed journals, think tanks, and other authoritative sources at the fingertips of drug policy researchers. They cover all aspects of illicit drugs and public policies toward them in the US and the world.

Answers to many questions about cannabis can be found in its 45 chapters. For example, prohibitionists claim that use by young people is higher in states with medical use laws than in states without them. False, as usual.

The Congressional Research Service (CRS) stated in its April 2010 report, *Medical Marijuana: Review and Analysis of*

*Federal and State Policies*, "A statistical analysis of marijuana use by emergency room patients and arrestees in four states with medical marijuana programs — California, Colorado, Oregon, and Washington — found no statistically significant increase in recreational marijuana use among these two population subgroups after medical marijuana was approved." The report adds, "Another study looked at adolescent marijuana use and found decreases in youth usage in every state with a medical marijuana law. ... Declines in usage exceeding 50 percent were found in some age groups."

"California, the state with the largest and longest-running medical marijuana program, ranked 34th in the percentage of persons age 12-17 reporting marijuana use in the past month."

The CRS report concluded, "No clear patterns [regarding teen use] are apparent in the state-level data. Clearly, more important factors are at work in determining a state's prevalence of recreational marijuana use than whether the state has a medical Please turn to page 27

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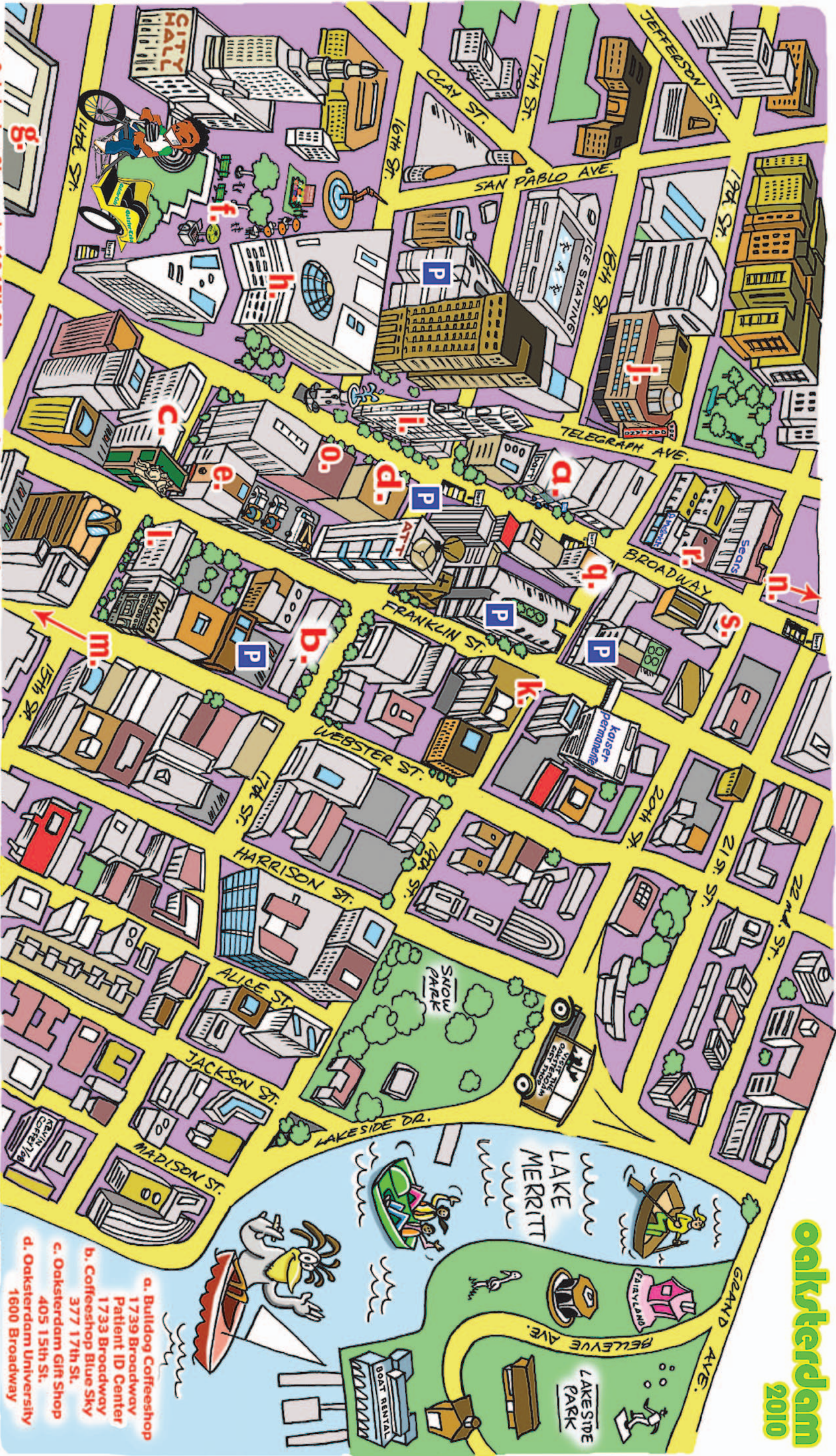
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Medical marijuana dispensaries who do not support legalization for adults are also not helping to end the bigotry and prejudice that was made into law 100 years ago. Medical marijuana advocates should realize that doctors are willing to write lots of recommendations because they know cannabis is safer than booze and healthier than prison. We need to restore legitimacy to medical cannabis by accepting that many healthy adults prefer it to alcohol.

Also many cities are passing dispensary laws based on SB420 so restrictive they are impossible to follow or limit access and reduce competition keeping prices high. This November California has the chance to update the state law to allow cities and counties to regulate medical marijuana outlets as most currently operate, as storefront dispensaries.

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## National and International Reports

### Berlin, Germany adopts 10-15g personal use quantity

Berlin, Germany's top health official, Katrin Lompscher, who is in charge of defining "small amounts" under state law, told Der Spiegel Magazine that she intends to raise the current amount of marijuana or hashish that a person can legally possess from 10 to 15 grams. Most other German states consider 6 grams to be the limit. Other European countries that tolerate simple pot possession are Belgium (3 grams), the Czech Republic (20 joints), and the Netherlands (5 grams).

### Wal-Mart fires cancer patient, honored worker for legal urine

Joseph Casias was fired from his position at Wal Mart in Battle Creek, MI for using a medicine recommended by his physician. Michigan allows patients to use cannabis legally. Casias has an inoperable brain tumor and sinus cancer for which he uses cannabis for relief. He was a model employee, and "Associate of the Year" in 2008. The store management detected cannabis in his system after he suffered a knee injury while on the job and was drug tested as a result. "The manager told me he was sorry and he had no choice. He said he wished he could help me out," Casias said. "They went and got my personal belongings, and I walked out of the store." Dan Korobkin, a lawyer with the ACLU in Michigan stated, "Wal-Mart is sending a shameful message that people who become ill and have chronic pain have to choose between their health and leaving a job."

### Drug Warrior Souder resigns from Congress amid sex scandal

Drug War supporter and family values proponent Rep. Mark Souder (R-IN) resigned from his seat in Congress May 18 as he confessed to an affair with a female staffer with whom he made a video touting sex-abstinence education. Best known as the author of the HEA Aid Elimination Penalty, his bill denies financial aid and grants to students with any drug conviction on their records no matter how minor, but it does not apply to violent crimes like rape. Over 200,000 students have been affected by this law, which motivated student activism and led to the formation of Students for Sensible Drug Policy.

As chairman of the House Government Reform Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources from 2001 to 2007, Souder had oversight of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, and he played a major role in defeating medical marijuana reform legislation in Congress.

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### Student organizers focus on 'campus change'

By Jonathan Perri SSDP

Students for Sensible Drug Policy has been busy in the past year, hiring a new Executive Director, hosting conferences across the country, and running dozens of campaigns at all levels of government.

Aaron Houston was just hired as Executive Director. He brings with him years of drug policy reform experience, most recently as Marijuana Policy Project's Director of Governmental Relations.

While at MPP, Houston was instrumental in getting the US Dept. of Justice memo written that told DEA to not interfere with cannabis patients and dispensaries that comply with state laws. He can help SSDP become more active in federal lobbying, and increase the push for repealing the Aid Elimination Penalty.

The SSDP has over 160 chapters nationwide representing almost every state, with up to 200 expected by the year's end. Dozens of chapters are working on 'Campus Change' campaigns to reform their drug policies. The majority of these are for Good Samaritan Policies that encourage students to seek medical help during a drug or alcohol overdose.

Some chapters are working on implementing harm reduction centers. Others are working to equalize the penalties for marijuana possession to those of underage alcohol possession.

The West Coast SSDP chapters are working to promote legalization initiatives in WA, OR and, of course, CA. California chapters will be working hard to promote

the passage of Tax Cannabis 2010 in November. There are 15 Cali chapters and 11 more poised to become official in the Fall. Jon Perri is helping the campaign with the help of student volunteers from all over the country.

*Good Samaritan Policies encourage students to seek medical help during a drug / alcohol overdose.*

Evan Nison, a chapter leader at Ithaca College in NY is spending his summer in Oakland to help with student volunteer and campaign coordination. The Cali chapters are also working to remove punishments for students who use cannabis with a doctor's recommendation.

In March, over 500 SSDP members from across the country descended upon San Francisco for the 11th Annual SSDP Int. Conference, including representatives from the UK, Canada and Nigeria. It was the largest-ever SSDP conference.

In recent years, more chapters have been hosting regional and statewide conferences designed to bring together chapters from across a state or region to coordinate activities. This includes the Midwest region, the Northeast, California chapters and Texas chapters. San Francisco State U will host SSDP's 2nd Annual West Coast Regional Conf. Oct. 16. There are a lot of things going on in the SSDP universe right now, so check out SchoolsNotPrisons.org to stay updated.



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Jessica Corry, a conservative activist, attorney, and mother of two young girls, holds a leading role in the WMM and spoke at the May 6 launch event at the Colorado State Capitol. Photo courtesy of Kim Sidwell.

## Denver women organize to take on the Drug War

By Mason Tvert SAFER

Women from all walks of life gathered at the Colorado State Capitol May 6 to formally launch the Women’s Marijuana Movement (WMM). Attendees included mothers, children, grandmothers, attorneys, college students, cannabis patients and dispensary operators, a substance abuse treatment counselor, and even a reformed anti-marijuana activist.

“It is widely known that alcohol is a major contributing factor in the prevalence of domestic abuse, sexual assault and other acts of violence, whereas marijuana is not,” said Jessica Corry, a conservative activist, attorney, and mother of two young girls, who holds a leading role in the WMM. “The prohibition of marijuana could do far more harm to my family than marijuana itself ever could.”

The WMM is a group of women (and men) who see the harms caused by the current laws and want them changed. With the tagline, ‘Safer for us. Safer for all,’ the WMM advocates for the legal and regulated availability of cannabis as a safer alternative to alcohol, a message also advanced by the organization helping coordinate this project, SAFER (Safer Alternative for Enjoyable Recreation).

The launch coincided with Mother’s Day, and WMM unveiled an e-card for individuals to send to their mothers to let them know they believe that cannabis is a relatively safe and entirely acceptable alternative to alcohol.

Denver has established itself as ground zero for the reform movement. Following the establishment of SAFER in Denver, the city passed an initiative in 2005 making the adult possession of cannabis legal under city ordinances. In 2007, voters approved a second initiative making cannabis possession offenses the city’s lowest law enforcement priority. Earlier this year, the City

Council unanimously approved an ordinance clearing the way for 100-200 cannabis dispensaries to operate in the city. And just last month, the Denver Democratic Party endorsed, as part of its party platform, legalizing cannabis use for all adults.

“Thanks to SAFER’s efforts, the message that marijuana is safer than alcohol has taken hold in Denver and across Colorado,” Corry said. “We are now ready to see this message resonate across the rest of the country. And we believe having women at the forefront of this movement is not only appropriate, but will underscore the message itself.”

Visit WomensMarijuanaMovement.org for information.

## Initiative makes ballot

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the Patient ID Center, who opened an Oakland dispensary in 1996 then fought and lost a case at the US Supreme Court in 2001 based on medical necessity.

The initiative is a conservative proposal that allows adults 21 years or older to possess or share up to an ounce and have a very small personal garden. It tightens penalties on sales to minors and creates a framework for localities to regulate and tax commercial sales to adults, with the potential of raising billions of dollars in revenue to offset the state budget cuts.

As in all campaigns, fundraising will play a major role in determining the outcome of the election. The TaxCannabis 2010 team estimates that they will need to raise \$10 to \$20 million for the statewide effort to win in November.

Being a mid-term election, getting out the vote among the cannabis constituency will be essential to passage of the measure.

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## Patient flying to Louisiana guilty of transporting

By Vanessa Nelson medicalmarijuanaofamerica.com

When it comes to legal victories, California cannabis patient Matthew Zugsberger has been a fortunate guy. The former deep-sea diver has a few wins under his belt, most notably a Washington state case in which a judge ordered about 11 pounds returned to him and his girlfriend.

But his luck stumbled during his recent trial in Sacramento, and it cost the outspoken 34-year old Zugsberger his freedom after a December 2008 incident in which he tried to board a flight at Sacramento Intl. Airport with three pounds of cannabis in his luggage and on his person.

The prosecutor claimed Zugsberger had more than was necessary for his personal medical use.

So, how much was too much? For years, Sacramento jurors were told that qualified patients legally could possess no more than 12 plants and eight ounces of bud. Those numbers came from SB420, passed by the California legislature in 2003. Then, a few weeks before his trial, the state Supreme Court’s *People v Kelly* ruling struck down those quantities as legal limits and left them as a ‘safe harbor.’ Thus, Zugsberger’s jurors had to make an individualized assessment of how much cannabis he could legally possess.

To that end, Zugsberger had a letter

from his doctor which stated that three pounds was an appropriate amount for his personal medical needs. He also had expert witness Chris Conrad, who explained to the jury that larger quantities were needed for making edible products than those for simply smoking cannabis.

Zugsberger testified that he was trying to take the cannabis to New Orleans, where a trained chef would make edibles from the kief. He would then transport those edibles back to California for his own personal consumption. He only concealed the cannabis, Zugsberger said, to prevent its theft.

The jurors weren’t so sure. They acquitted Zugsberger of intent to distribute, but they found him guilty of illegal possession and transportation.

He was handed a sentence of 120 days in jail and was released in early May, but Zugsberger is still bound by the conditions of his probation. He may not transport more than an ounce at a time for the next five years.

According to his girlfriend, it was an expensive stay, as accommodating his medical needs and mobility issues cost the county over \$4000 per month.

Zugsberger plans to appeal his convictions, so it remains to be seen if his lucky streak will start anew.

## Ad protesting marijuana arrests censored in NYC

By Gabriel Sayegh Drug Policy Alliance

The Drug Policy Alliance received notice from North America’s largest transit advertising company, Titan 360, that a billboard criticizing Mayor Bloomberg for his out-of-control marijuana arrest policy will not be allowed to run on the Brooklyn Queens Expressway (BQE).

The rejected ad states: “Nearly half of all New Yorkers have tried marijuana—

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According to a leaked email from an account executive, the landlord refused the ad due to “political circumstances from the Mayor’s office.” There have been more arrests under Bloomberg than under  
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# Show a little clemency, Obama

We appreciate what President Obama has done to restore science to US policy making, to recognize States’ Rights to effect their own laws and policies, and in telling the DEA to back off of medical marijuana providers who comply with their state laws. He seems to want reformers to do all the heavy lifting to change the cannabis laws, but realizes that a large part of his constituency — especially at change.org — wants it to happen, and we are ready and willing to do the hard work, with the help of voters across the nation.

There is one thing we cannot do, however, that the President can and should. It is a sad but true fact that many people who have risked everything to help bring medicine to patients were captured by drug warriors and now pay the price by sitting in prison for that courageous effort. Eddy Lepp, Charles Lynch, Dustin Costa, and Bryan Epis are all well known cannabis POWs, and there are many others who are just as self-sacrificing but less well known. For these people, we join the Landa Prisoner Outreach Project, CanDo Clemencies, Human Rights and the Drug War, the November Coalition and other groups in asking a small favor of our chief executive. Mr. Obama, you have the power to issue clemencies and pardons and to commute federal sentences. So far you have not issued a single one, but we implore you to change that pattern and begin signing release orders for our medical marijuana prisoners of conscience. Do it for the patients; do it for the families of the POWs; but most of all, do it because it is the right thing to do. Yes, you can.

# Oil spill makes hemp fuel look great

So far, all we know for sure is that BP and the oil industry have been lying about the size and effects of the worst oil spill in history, one that threatens to wipe out the Gulf of Mexico as one of the world’s great fisheries. Time to pause and reflect that if we were using hemp for fuel, and had a spill in the gulf, the negative effect would be ... Nothing. It might soak up some of the oil, in fact. Almost a million Americans are arrested each year for cannabis, but what are the odds of anyone going to jail for causing potentially the worst environmental destruction in human history? Let’s get hemp growing to power America.

# Vote Yes Nov. 2 – and do it for Jack

As we mourn the untimely passage of Jack Herer, hemp activist extraordinaire and author of *The Emperor Wears No Clothes*, remember that we have the opportunity to make his great dream a reality: California voters could pass an initiative to legalize marijuana this year. Granted, the conservative approach of this initiative does not reach the idealized vision that Herer extolled, and there are parts with which he disagreed. Nonetheless, we remind ourselves that it meets his number one test: Adults will be able to again grow, enjoy and share legal marijuana. It also meets his second test: California farmers could soon grow industrial hemp with the consent of their state and local governments.

For those who think the measure stops short, we simply note that it will provoke change at local and state legislative levels, and it paves the way for a California Hemp Initiative in 2012 or later. It’s not the be all / end all initiative; it’s the beginning of a future of hemp freedom. So get all your friends registered, and get them to campaign and to vote ‘Yes’ in November. Do it for Jack Herer: He certainly would have done it for you.

## Setting the record straight

Regarding the Spring 2010 issue of *West Coast Leaf*, the 2010 Laytonville Emerald Cup was hosted by the Mendocino Medical Marijuana Advisory Board. William Eidelman, MD, began to issue cannabis recommendations in 1997; the Cal Medical Board’s attempt to take his medical license began in 2001. He went on supervised probation in 2004 and finally was exonerated on Oct. 5, 2009.

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# When it comes to costs, there’s no comparison

**By Paul Armentano** Deputy Director, NORML  
Critics of California proposals to legalize adult use argue that the resulting health and social costs would not be offset by the taxes generated when cannabis is regulated. They then point out that the retail and excise taxes levied on production and sale of alcohol and tobacco do not adequately cover those drugs’ social costs.

To which we reply: So what?  
**1) Cannabis is not alcohol.**  
Alcohol is toxic to healthy cells and organs, a side effect that results directly in some 35,000 deaths per year from illnesses like cirrhosis, ulcers, and heart disease.

## Governments now collect zero dollars

Heavy alcohol consumption can depress the central nervous system — inducing unconsciousness, coma, and death — and is strongly associated with increased risks of injury. According to the US Centers for Disease Control, alcohol plays a role in about 41,000 fatal accidents per year. It also plays a primary role in acts of violence.

According to the federal Bureau of Justice Crime Statistics, alcohol plays a role in the commission of approximately one million violent crimes annually.

By contrast, the active compounds in cannabis, known as cannabinoids, are remarkably non-toxic. Cannabis is incapable of causing fatal overdose — cannabinoids do not act upon the brain stem — and its use is inversely associated with aggression and injury.

The use of cannabis is not linked to increased risk of mortality or various types of cancer, including lung cancer, and may even reduce such risk. A 2009 study in the journal *Cancer Prevention Research* reports that moderate cannabis use is associated with “a significantly reduced risk of head

and neck squamous cell carcinoma.”  
**2) Cannabis is not tobacco.**  
Health-related costs per user for drinkers are eight times higher than for cannabis users, and for tobacco smokers more than 40 times higher, according to a report by the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse published in the British Columbia *Mental Health and Addictions Journal*.

“In terms of [health-related] costs per user: tobacco-related health costs are over \$800 per user, alcohol-related health costs are much lower at \$165 per user, and marijuana-related health costs are the lowest at \$20 per user,” it says.

**3) Tens of millions of Americans already use marijuana and pay no taxes on it.**

According to a 2007 George Mason University economic study, each year US citizens spend some \$113 billion on cannabis. Under prohibition, all this money goes to an underground economy that is untaxed.

State and local governments are now collecting zero dollars to offset societal and health costs related to cannabis use, so the imposition of any retail tax or excise fee would be an improvement over the current situation.

The claim that present taxes on two deadly products — alcohol and tobacco — do not fully offset their related social costs does not explain why taxes should not be collected on cannabis sales, especially since the social and health costs related to cannabis are far less than those associated with other intoxicants.

It is irrational for society to condone, if not encourage, the use of alcohol and tobacco while it stigmatizes and criminalizes the responsible use of cannabis.

Armentano is Deputy Director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) and co-author of *Marijuana Is Safer: So Why Are We Driving People to Drink?* (Chelsea Green, 2009).

# Former judge supports tax and regulate initiative

**By Tom Angell** LEAP  
California’s Control & Tax Cannabis 2010 initiative has been showing support by over 50 percent in recent polls, but police and prison industry interest groups are already lining up to oppose the initiative. As the campaign heats up, they’re likely to blanket the airwaves with attack ads claiming that legalization is a clear and present danger to public safety.

But the traditional solid wall of law enforcement opposition reform is beginning to crack. A large and growing group of pro-legalization cops, judges and prosecutors are telling voters how their experiences enforcing marijuana prohibition led them to support changing the law.

These criminal justice professionals, organized under the banner of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP), aim to help undecided voters understand that legalizing cannabis will improve public safety by taking control of the plant away from the gangs and cartels who currently control its illegal distribution.

“The fact of the matter is that keeping marijuana illegal doesn’t prevent anyone from using it,” says Judge Jim Gray, who retired from the superior court bench in Orange County last year. “The only people who benefit from ongoing prohibition are the cartels who grow illegal marijuana in our national parks and the gangs who sell it on our streets.”

Gray and other LEAP members are spreading this public safety message through speaking events at Rotaries and other civic clubs up and down the state.

They are also working to get their voices included in print and broadcast media coverage about the issue.

“Like many other cops and law enforcement professionals, I’ve seen firsthand that the current approach on marijuana is simply not working,” says former LA County sheriff’s deputy Jeff Studdard in a radio ad for the initiative. “That’s why cops support Tax Cannabis 2010, the initiative to control and tax cannabis. It will provide billions to fund what matters, and allow police to focus on violent crime. It’s time to control it, and tax it.”

Studdard, Gray and the other pro-legalization law enforcers at LEAP hope to reframe the debate on drug policy reform from whether cannabis is good or bad into one about enacting laws that improve neighborhoods by letting police focus their limited resources on serious crime.

“The key is to show how legalization will not only boost tax coffers from regulated sales revenue, but will actually make our streets safer and improve quality of life for users and nonusers alike,” says Norm Stamper, an officer in San Diego for nearly three decades before becoming chief of police in Seattle, Washington.

To that end, LEAP is helping to circulate a sign-on letter from California law enforcers that lays out their reasons for supporting a move away from prohibition towards control and taxation, which will likely be published as a newspaper ad sometime before November.

For more information about LEAP’s legalization efforts, visit [CopsSayLegalizeDrugs.com](http://CopsSayLegalizeDrugs.com).



## Addressing concerns of the cannabis community

By F. Aaron Smith Marijuana Policy Project

In their day-to-day work fighting to end marijuana prohibition, reformers are used to debating drug warriors who desperately cling to the status quo. But with victory within striking distance in California, some troublesome and surprising fears are emerging from within the cannabis community itself.

Some activists don't support the Regulate, Control and Tax Cannabis Initiative due to certain aspects that do not match their dream of a perfect policy. In some cases, outright misinformation is being spread by people who should know better, simply to cause trouble.

The fact is that the initiative will be on the fall ballot and it will immediately end the criminalization of millions of adults. That's why the community needs to unify behind this initiative.

Some common fears about the California initiative are easily resolved.

*Fear #1: The initiative weakens medical marijuana laws and harms patients.*

Absolutely false. The initiative protects the existing medical marijuana laws and regulates non-medical adult use only.

*Fear # 2: Regulating cannabis will drive 'mom and pop' growers out of business and replace them with 'Big Pot, Inc.'*

A legal market won't hurt small cultivators; it will stave off the tobacco barons. No town is going to invite Phillip Morris to take over. Just as the re-legalization of alcohol has allowed the market for craft wineries and micro-breweries to flourish, a legal market will have plenty of room for boutique cannabis to be provided without fear of arrest, prosecution, and lengthy prison sentences.

*Fear #3: A natural plant should not be taxed.*

That's why the Control and Tax Cannabis initiative allows personal gardens up to 25 square feet. California adults who are unable or unwilling to buy it or pay taxes will at long last have the legal right to cultivate for their own personal use.

However, to expect America to make cannabis legal and not tax it like other legal intoxicants is wildly unrealistic. Alcohol, tobacco, aspirin and coffee all are taxed. Reformers need to accept that non-medical cannabis sales will have to be taxed under any feasible reform plan.

Cannabis patients should not be subject  
*Please turn to page 27*

## Challenging prohibitionist misinformation

By Tony Newman and Stephen Gutwillig Drug Policy Alliance

The Drug War is on the California ballot this November. Voters will decide whether to adopt an initiative to decriminalize adult possession of up to one ounce of cannabis and allow cities and counties to tax and regulate cannabis sales to adults. Opposition has recently crystallized within the Drug War lobby, and begun to spin. Here are their top five talking points, and the facts they ignore.

*Drug Warrior Spin #1: Why authorize another harmful substance into society?*

Cannabis is already widely available in society. Like it or not, it is a mainstream recreational drug consumed by millions last year — including one in ten Californians, according to federal data. The initiative simply acknowledges that it's more sensible to regulate this massive market, as we do with objectively more harmful drugs such as cigarettes and alcohol. Prohibition of a highly popular substance fuels a black market and all the crime, violence and corruption that goes with it.

*Drug Warrior Spin #2: Regulation will cause consumption and addiction rates to skyrocket.*

Rates of consumption aren't determined by

penalties against cannabis. If they were, the US — which arrests an astounding 750,000 people for possession every year — wouldn't have double the consumption rate of The Netherlands, where its sales have been tolerated for decades. As for addiction, the risk of becoming dependent on cannabis is mild compared to most other drugs including alcohol and tobacco. In fact, most people who enter treatment for cannabis addiction in this country today are referred by the criminal justice system, but 65 percent don't even meet the standard criteria for dependence.

*Drug Warrior Spin #3: Regulating cannabis will aid drug cartels.*

Banning cannabis makes it so valuable that people are willing to kill each other to take over the market. The 22,000 prohibition-related deaths in Mexico since 2006 provide grim testimony to that. By regulating cannabis and beginning to bring its production and distribution under the rule of law, we eliminate the cartels' monopoly and dramatically siphon their profits. Gangs will be the biggest losers in reform.

*Drug Warrior Spin #4: Legal cannabis will cost society more than the taxes it generates.*

Taxing marijuana like alcohol statewide would generate \$1.4 billion in California alone, according to the Board of Equalization. Californians would also save hundreds of millions in scarce law enforcement dollars currently devoted to enforcing these futile laws. Yet opponents say that drugged driving, increased health care costs, and lost productivity will end up costing much more than taxes would generate. By that logic, alcohol, which causes 100,000 American deaths annually, should be illegal and warrant life without parole. The bottom line is that cannabis is California's largest agricultural commodity, freely consumed by millions with no regulations or protections, and with no financial benefit to the state. In this economic climate, this is a reality we literally can't afford to ignore any longer.


*Drug Warrior Spin #5: What kind of message does regulating cannabis send to kids?*

Failed cannabis prohibition does nothing to protect kids. Half of high-school seniors admit to trying it. Students are more likely to smoke cannabis than cigarettes and say it's easier to buy than alcohol because drug dealers don't ask for ID. Even more chilling, of the 78,000 Californians arrested for marijuana offenses in 2008, one in five was a child under 18 and half were under 30.

Uncontrolled access and mass arrests are prohibition's true impact on our youth. Regulation will reduce that access, separate cannabis from harder drugs, and allow us to focus on effective youth drug education programs.

These arguments will play out repeatedly over the next six months. In the end, California will choose between two very different models of society.

Tony Newman is Media Director and Stephen Gutwillig is California Director of the Drug Policy Alliance.



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## Conference in RI reports latest scientific findings

By John Dvorak [hempology.org](http://hempology.org)

Major scientific advances were discussed at the Sixth National Clinical Conference on Cannabis Therapeutics, held in Rhode Island April 15-17, sponsored by Patients Out of Time and hosted by the RI Patient Advocacy Coalition.

Researchers are looking at cannabis in minute detail, discovering myriad properties in this complicated plant. Presenters marveled at its amazingly low toxicity and mild side effects.

While the amount of research has jumped significantly, classification of cannabis as a Schedule I narcotic stifles in-depth research in the US. Dr. Lyle Craker, for one, recounted how the DEA has stonewalled his request to grow research-grade cannabis at the University of Massachusetts since 2001.

The great-grandfather of cannabis

research, Raphael Mechoulam, PhD, began his studies in Israel in 1963 with five kilograms of confiscated hashish. He discussed the cannabinoids’ bi-phasic effect, in which higher dosages may actually decrease the beneficial effects. For years, he has bemoaned the fact that so little research was done into cannabinoids such as cannabidiol (CBD).

It was therefore encouraging to hear how many research advances are being made. Mechoulam’s own research found some cannabinoids to act as a protective mechanism against osteoporosis, stimulate the healing of fractures, and reduce the debilitating effects of Parkinson’s disease.

John McPartland, DO, likened cannabinoid receptors to a single “door” through which various “keys,” such as THC and CBD, unlock access to different “rooms” of possible therapies. He believes that if mari-

nol is a “silver bullet,” herbal cannabis is a “synergistic shotgun.”

Steve DeAngelo of Harborside Health Center has been screening cannabis for mold and identifying high CBD varieties which are offered to Harborside’s clients. Just as his Ecolution company helped legitimize the hemp industry in the 1990s, Harborside is setting a standard for cannabis dispensaries.

*Serious attention is finally being given to CBD and to the use of cannabis to treat PTSS*

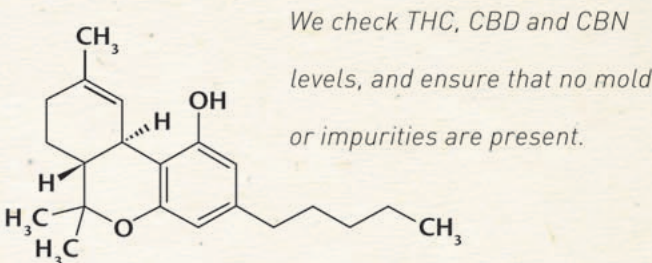
Many veterans return from war with post traumatic stress syndrome (PTSS). New Mexico was the first state to allow cannabis as a treatment for PTSS. Michael Krawitz spoke of working with the US Veteran’s Admin. to get it to recognize cannabis for PTSS and allow veterans to use their medicine at VA facilities.

The American Cannabis Nursing Assn. helps nurses present a unified front against restrictions on therapeutic use. Nurses are effecting change in several states. Mary Lynn Mathre, RN, an organizer of the conference, said cannabis is not a gateway drug but an exit mechanism from opioids, alcohol and tobacco.

Despite impressive advances in research, the stigma attached to cannabis use still leads many doctors to shy away from writing recommendations. Patients are justifiably afraid that they could lose their jobs or custody of their children if it became known that they use cannabis medicinally. There are also biases at the institutional level: Some hospitals will not submit patients into state run cannabis programs. These prejudices can not be fully dispelled until cannabis is removed from Schedule I and can be studied to its fullest extent by America’s world class research and development resources.

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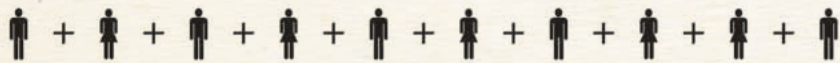
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# Iowa group hopes to challenge Fed classification

By Carl Olsen Iowans for Medical Marijuana

Medical use of cannabis has been accepted by 14 states — yet not one of these has challenged the federal mis-classification of cannabis as having “no accepted medical use” for treatment in the US.

Instead, the first step to initiate such an official challenge to the federal ban comes from a non-medical use state. Iowans for Medical Marijuana (IMM) began the process of legalizing medical use of

to complete a detailed analysis of the information it received and explain how it applied the criteria to the evidence. The Board claims it lacks funds to complete such an analysis. On April 13, IMM filed another lawsuit to force the Board to complete its work and issue the analysis.

Once this is done, Iowa will be in a position to challenge the federal classification in a three-pronged approach: by the executive (Iowa Board of Pharmacy), judicial, and legislative branches of state government.

The IMM hopes this process will become a national model and lay the foundation for the next generation of state medical marijuana laws aimed at protecting patients from federal law.

Activists in all states that have legal medical use could initiate the process by forcing their states to consider the criteria that Congress created to amend the federal classification of any drug.

By using the identical criteria espoused by the federal government, Iowa may force rescheduling.

cannabis in 2008 by asking the Iowa Board of Pharmacy to review its classification of cannabis as having no accepted medical use in treatment — the same language federal drug law uses.

IMM obtained a court order April 21, 2009, forcing the Board to reconsider this classification. On Feb. 17, 2010, the Board recommended the Iowa Legislature remove cannabis from its current classification after holding public hearings across the state and reviewing the most current scientific and medical information available. The Board also recommended the state create a program to provide access to cannabis for patients who need it.

If the Legislature accepts the Board’s recommendation, Iowa could be the first state to position itself to challenge federal classification of cannabis, based on currently accepted medical use and supported by a thorough review of the latest scientific and medical information.

However, Iowa law requires the Board



Jessica Gelay of CannAssist.com (a patient and physician referral, software and verification service) helped out at the West Coast Leaf booth at the THC Expose at the Los Angeles Convention Center in April. Thousands of copies of the paper were handed out to expo goers over the weekend and bundles were picked up by collectives, doctors offices, and other businesses to share with their patients and customers after the show. For more information, visit WestCoastLeaf.com. Photo by Jessica Lux.

# Transit agency censors ad critical of NY mayor

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former Mayors Dinkins, Giuliani and Koch combined. Despite the mayor’s moderate and independent reputation, Bloomberg has overseen more low-level marijuana arrests than any other elected official in New York history.

The NYPD made more than 10 times the number of possession arrests in 2008 than it had in 1997. Most of the people getting arrested are low-income Blacks and Latinos. Last year, of 46,500 people arrested for possession, 89 percent were Black and Latino, although whites have higher rates of use. Prior to 1997, the lowest-level marijuana arrests were one percent of all arrests in the city. Since 1997, they have averaged 10 percent of all arrests in the city.

New Yorkers may find it ironic that New York City leads the world in marijuana arrests, given that cannabis has been decriminalized there since 1977. Why are so many arrested if cannabis is decriminalized? Often it’s because, in the course of interacting with the police, individuals are asked to empty their pockets, which results in their cannabis being “open to public view” — technically a crime.

Even a marijuana arrest can have profound consequences including loss of college financial aid, food stamps, public housing and, in some cases, even voting rights. For immigrants, these arrests could lead to instant deportation.

# Trading cards teach about medical strains, effects

By Erik Miller

Trading card aficionados now have a new deck to play with, and it’s loaded. Patients Care Collective (PCC), a Berkeley dispensary, has introduced the first 10 of its strain-specific cannabis collector cards.

The cards debuted April 17 at the San Francisco Cow Palace Arena’s International Cannabis and Hemp Expo and were shown the next weekend at the THC Exposé at the LA Convention Center. They were a big hit at both events.

The cards feature beautiful photos, taken at PCC, with genetic, flavor, effect, and medicinal use info showcased for each strain and distinctive foil stamping that

sets the cards apart as individual works of art. Among the Top 10 featured strains are OG Kush, Jack Herer, Grand Daddy Purple, Afghani Goo, Cheese, Head Band, Strawberry Kush, Blue Dream, Romulan, and Sour Diesel. Cards 11 through 20 are already in the works.

“The trading cards were designed as a fun way to help patients learn about the different varieties of medical cannabis,” said PCC manager David Bowers.

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# THC Ministry raided, yet wins new legitimacy

By Andrea Tischler Big Island ASA\*

Roger Christie is on a mission to liberate cannabis for religious use.

His THC Ministry is located in the Moses Building in the bayside community



of Hilo on the Big Island of Hawai'i, where he serves as an ordained Cannabis Minister. Christie has provided sacrament and services for almost 10 years to his "practitioner" members and to cannabis patients. He also helps newcomers in an education and ordainment process to exercise a lifetime right to cannabis spirituality and (usually) to perform weddings.

Over the past 24 years, the affable hemp/cannabis activist has garnered the respect of most government officials and local police. However, on March 10, 2010, his ministry was visited by 13 federal agents from the DEA, IRS, US Postal Inspector's Office and the INS. They took the sacrament, cash, and some records (not member lists) from the premises and copied his computer hard drive, Christie said, but, "They treated us with the utmost respect." They made no arrests and actually put in writing that the Ministry is legitimate with 'legitimate customers.'

Nevertheless, Christie is taking the opportunity to get a 'clean bill of health' from the Feds at long last. In a recent letter to the DEA, he asserted his first amendment rights of freedom of religion and protested the unlawful seizure of the Ministry's cannabis. "Cultivation and enjoyment of Cannabis sacrament is a fundamental human right provided by God and protected by the First Amendment."

In his petition he states that he is a state-licensed religious practitioner with the right to perform marriage ceremonies as a "cannabis sacrament" minister.

Christie has a therapeutic healing ministry, using cannabis smoke, vapor, tinctures, the holy anointing oil of Moses, and christening oil of Jesus. See Exodus 30:23 for the recipe, substituting the term 'cannabis flowers' for 'fragrant cane.' With the last name *Christ-ie*, literally, 'anointed example,' he feels blessed to carry on ancient traditions as he learns and practices them, and to meet and work with others on the ganja-road of life.

Ironically, the highly publicized conviction of a Colorado man for misdemeanor possession of cannabis may have played into the Feds' increased surveillance of Christie's ministry. The man claimed to be a THC Ministry member who actually joined the church after the incident. However, Christie thinks he has been the subject of an ongoing investigation for some time, as he was offering classes in cultivation and provided cannabis to parishioners and medical cannabis patients

for donations. Hawai'i law prohibits the distribution or sale of cannabis, even for medical use. Christie contends that the Constitution provides protection for legitimate ministry by sincere believers.

The Big Island county has been a focus of activity. In 2008, voters passed a lowest-law-enforcement-priority ordinance, to stop helicopter overflights and ban acceptance of federal grant money for eradica-

tion. The island also has the largest number of cannabis patients in the state.

Religious use of cannabis can be a powerful force in the legalization effort. Christie said that since authorities allowed his ministry to reopen, he considers it exempt and lawful, sacrament and all.

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# Detroit may legalize local adult use in the city

By Mickey Martin

An effort to legalize cannabis for personal use by adults in Detroit, Michigan will either be passed by the City Council or passed on to voters to decide on Election Day in November. Medical cannabis patient and activist Tim Beck, 58, turned in 6,100 petition signatures to legalize possession of up to an ounce of cannabis by adults over 21 on private property; far more than the 3,700 signatures needed.

"Some things should no longer be considered a crime, like minor marijuana possession," said Beck. He believes it is a good time to put the issue up, as California will be voting on legalizing cannabis for adults and there is a nationwide debate taking place on the subject. Beck believes that it is important to begin addressing the major budget issues in Detroit, and that wasting money prosecuting and jailing marijuana offenders is a major waste and distraction for the city.

Legalizing possession in Detroit would not mean that it would stop a person from being prosecuted under State law, nor would it change the rules against driving under the influence. "We're hopeful the city would honor the people's wishes and not go after someone possessing a small amount," Beck said. Michigan Attorney

General Michael Cox declared that the proposal would change nothing about how drug laws should be enforced in Detroit.

State Rep. LaMar Lemmons, one of the authors of the proposal stated, "I'd like our police to concentrate on violent crimes."

Former state Rep. Leon Drolet of Macomb Township, a Libertarian Republican agrees. "We all make decisions about our health, whether it's drinking alcohol or having a slice of cake. There's lots of things people choose to do because they feel, in some way, it enhances their quality of life," he said. "And unless they're infringing on anybody else's life or liberty, I can't imagine why we would prosecute them."

If passed, Detroit would follow Denver's I-100 initiative that legalized possession in 2005 and other cities that have voted to make cannabis possession law enforcement's lowest priority. The arguments that cannabis is a safer alternative to alcohol, and that strained city budgets can no longer afford to waste resources on cannabis users seems to be resonating with the public. Petition signature gatherer, Fritz Stanley, 59, who gathered thousands of signatures for the proposal said, "Once I explain this to people, they're in agreement with it, overwhelmingly.

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# Montana adjusts program amid rapid changes

By John Masterson, MT NORML

Cannabis is in the news most every day in Montana, primarily because of controversy over the state's medical use law.

Voters passed a medical marijuana initiative in Montana in 2004 with a vote of 62 percent, the highest level of public support recorded at the time. The law requires patients to register with the state and they may optionally designate a caregiver to grow cannabis on their behalf for "reasonable compensation."

The law was implemented without much fanfare for several years, but in late 2009, with Obama's memo on medical marijuana, the number of registered patients exploded. As of April 2010, the number of registered patients in Montana

stood at over 12,081, about 1.6 percent of the adult population.

The rapid increase in patient numbers is due in part to traveling 'clinics' that register hundreds of people in a single day, leading some officials to label the clinics and those attending them as 'illegitimate.'

Adding to the controversy is the fact that some caregivers grow for dozens of patients, requiring extensive indoor gardens. Some have opened storefront dispensaries, which were not contemplated in the law, with ads in local papers.

In April, a legislative committee took up the medical marijuana issue, and heard from police chiefs, city attorneys, caregivers, and the public about how to amend the law when the Montana legislature meets in 2011. It appears inevitable that medical use will be more closely controlled and regulated in the next year.

The legislature may take up another cannabis issue: taxation and regulation for all adults. Montana has a culture and tradition of personal privacy and individual liberty, established in its constitution. Montana NORML activists are currently working to find a sponsor for the bill.

Voters in 2600-square-mile Missoula County passed a "lowest law enforcement priority" initiative in 2006 with highest support in the urban core and university district of the city of Missoula.

The initiative requires a nine-member volunteer panel to review its effects every six months. Citations have not decreased since its passage — about one per day in the county of 100,000 residents. Misdemeanor possession draws up to six months in jail and a \$500 fine in Montana.

Info: mtnorml.org, Patients, Families United mtpfu.org, Missoula Initiative co.missoula.mt.us/initiative2, State law dphhs.mt.gov/medicalmarijuana/

By Derrick Bergman  
GONZO Media

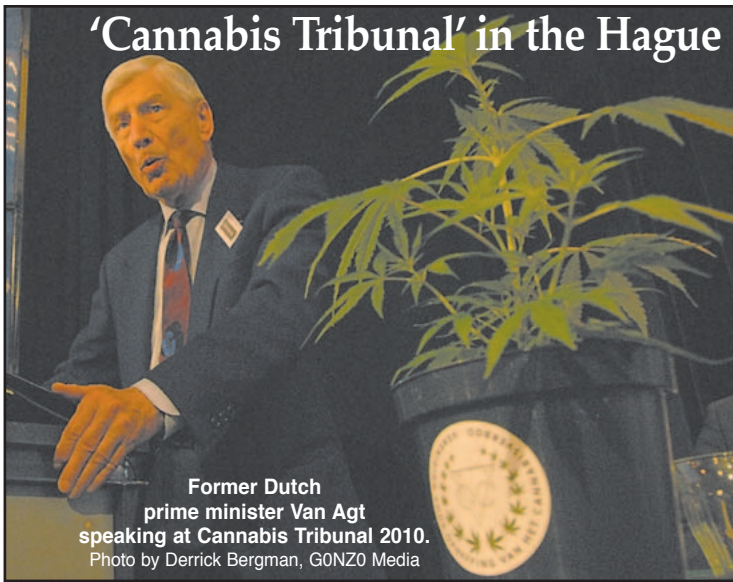
The second edition of the Cannabis Tribunal brought together prominent politicians and top experts to discuss the future of the Dutch cannabis policy.

Former prime minister Dries van Agt told the audience not to despair: Despite the zero-tolerance political climate, "legalization is inevitable and therefore will happen."

The Tribunal was organized by the Assn. for the Abolition of Cannabis Prohibition (VOC), an independent umbrella group combining the forces of pro-cannabis organizations and individuals. It was founded after the first Cannabis Tribunal in December 2008.

The 2010 event took place May 3 in The Hague and was streamed live via the Internet and is set to be released later this year on DVD. Its most prominent speaker was Dries Van Agt (79) of the Christian CDA Party. As minister of justice and later prime minister, he was responsible for introducing the liberal Dutch cannabis policy in the 1970s.

Van Agt made it very clear that this policy was meant as a first step towards full legalization. He expressed his concern and grief over the conservative course of his party, that aims to close all the coffeeshops. He made an appeal to the world to "finally rescue cannabis from the claws of the penal system."



Another prominent CDA dissident, Gerd Leers (59), former mayor of border city Maastricht, has for years been calling for regulation of growers and wholesales to coffeeshops. He called for a European conference on cannabis policies, to be based on facts rather than moral judgments.

The day ended with a debate among five members of parliament from the biggest political parties. The debate highlighted the great divide in Dutch politics, with all left-wing parties favoring further normalization and all right-wing parties favoring more repression.

The outcome of the June 9 general election is crucial for the future of coffeeshops and the tolerant Dutch cannabis policy.

Voters are split almost exactly in half between left and right. Based on the Tribunal, VOC developed a voting advice poster that was distributed to the 700 coffeeshops that remain in the country.

This year, the 'cannabis consumer vote' might just make a crucial difference in the election's outcome.

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## Third Colorado City removes all penalties for adult use

By Mason Tvert SAFER

A majority of voters in Nederland approved a ballot measure April 6 that removed all local penalties for private adult cannabis possession, making the mountain town the third Colorado locality to 'legalize' marijuana in the past five years. Denver voters adopted a citizen-initiative to do so in November 2005, and voters in Breckenridge approved a similar measure in November 2009.

More than 54 percent of Nederland voters supported the measure in what Town Clerk Christi Icenogle said was a high turnout election. Voters also ousted incumbent Mayor Martin Cheshes, who had vocally opposed the measure and referred to it as "foolish," replacing him with Trustee Sumaya Abu-Haidar.

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## Americans for Safe Access launch new national campaign to challenge Feds on medical use

By William Dolphin Americans for Safe Access

Medical use activists from across the country participated in the April 17-18 launch of Americans for Safe Access's new National Strategy to achieve comprehensive access by 2013. The Warwick, Rhode Island workshop followed the Sixth National Clinical Conference on Cannabis Therapeutics, sponsored by Patients Out of Time.

Members of the ASA national staff led activists through a series of trainings and discussions on everything from strategic planning to lobbying and media training, all focused on building a much stronger national grassroots base.

Small groups discussed anticipating and resolving issues around safe access. Activists from Maryland, Michigan, California, New Jersey and Maine discussed what is and is not working with each other and with representatives from states lacking patient protections, such as Tennessee and Florida.

The guided process — facilitated by Executive Director Steph Sherer, Legal Coordinator Lauren Payne, and Elizabeth Mewhiney and Caren Woodson from ASA's Government Affairs office — helped activists identify specific goals and create local action plans for their area.

"Having patients and activists from so many parts of the country helped everyone gain a better sense of what's possible and what's difficult," said Woodson. "ASA's national strategy for mobilizing the grassroots is providing them with key support. They know they're not alone."

The ASA strategy is to focus on the specific needs and constraints of individual

states within a framework of national impact. Workshop participants learned how their work toward passing meaningful medical use legislation in more states and successfully implementing local laws links to the passage of federal initiatives to grant access to all Americans who need it. ASA staff explained that increasing the nationwide grassroots base creates constant local pressure to pass federal legislation, as does effectively implementing the medical marijuana laws in 15 states and the District of Columbia.

"Criticizing another state as either too permissive or too restrictive is easy from the outside," said Woodson. "But after hearing the local truth from activists on the ground, people were able to keep a more open mind about the big picture -- achieving national access."

ASA's legal and government affairs staff also unveiled its momentum with the Obama Administration and Congress to fix harmful federal policies on asset forfeiture, drug classification, and cannabis research. Meanwhile, its legal team is pursuing pivotal medical marijuana litigation to attain safe access nationwide, including ASA's Data Quality Act petition and another to "reschedule" cannabis to a classification that would remove barriers to research and medical use.

"What's most exciting about this is seeing the grassroots take ownership of the process," said Woodson. "Medical cannabis patients are realizing how to move forward together as a community to accomplish safe access for everyone."

ASA's three-year national strategy plan can be seen online at [AmericansForSafeAccess.org/Strategy2010](http://AmericansForSafeAccess.org/Strategy2010).

## Arizona gets signatures to qualify third initiative

By Michelle Graye [AZ4norml.org](http://AZ4norml.org)

Arizona activists are entering the home-stretch of a yearlong campaign to put medical marijuana on the ballot.

A truck arrived in Phoenix April 14 with 203 boxes of petitions, bearing 252,000 signatures in favor of putting the Arizona Medical Marijuana Act (AMMA) initiative on the Nov. 2 ballot.

The initiative kicked off in May 2009, with the Marijuana Policy Project funding a small army of petitioners to gather 153,365 valid signatures and put medical use on the state ballot for the third time.

Campaign manager for the Arizona Medical Marijuana Project Andrew Myers put together a motivated group of professional petition passers, volunteers and activists to get the signatures by July 1, and beat the clock by two months.

## Drug War terrorists firebomb MT cannabis clinics

By Tom Daubert\* Patients and Families United

Montana's patient advocates celebrated in 2004, when the state's voters legalized medical marijuana with a then-national record of 62 percent support. They celebrated again in 2008, when it first allowed people on probation to be eligible for legal patient status.

But advocates were not celebrating in April, 2010, when Montana earned the dubious distinction of being the only medical use state to experience terrorists firebombing a dispensary — twice in the same week. In the dead of night, two nights in a row, unknown vandals threw a crude, homemade Molotov cocktail through the front windows of two different facilities in Billings, causing minor property damage

and no human injuries. Unlike most other states in the West, Arizona is still not a recognized medical-use state, although its citizens have twice voted to pass ballot measures.

Executive Director of AZ4NORML Jon Gettel explains, "Our politicians at the time felt that the voters did not know what they were voting for, and they invalidated our law. Soon after, voters passed a new initiative which will no longer allow our state government to change or cancel a voter-approved initiative."

The AMMA would allow doctors to "recommend" via a written certification to allow seriously ill patients to purchase from a non-profit dispensary up to 2.5 ounces every two weeks. Cultivation of up to 12 plants would be allowed by patients and their caregivers only if they live more than 25 miles from a dispensary.

and no human injuries.

The domestic terrorists added insult and sad irony to their attack by painting "Not in Our Town" on the buildings, a slogan previously used in a more high-minded way by a Billings group that had organized to oppose hate crimes that targeted Jews. Now their message of tolerance had been twisted backwards in a hate crime targeting cannabis patients.

The fire-bombing attacks only underscored the explosiveness of controversies that were already growing steadily. Even before the violence, it had been apparent that the law will be amended in major ways during the legislative session scheduled to begin in January 2011.

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## Alabama legislature looks at medical use bill

**By Loretta Nall** Alabamians for Compassionate Care  
The Alabama House Judiciary Committee made history by voting April 7 to pass HB642, the Michael Phillips Compassionate Care Act. This is the first time a medical marijuana bill has passed the first hurdle toward becoming state law.

Even more astounding, this is an election year in Alabama. The entire house and senate are up for re-election. To even take this bill up, much less pass it, shows that attitudes are changing in the state. It is the only Southern state to have a medical use bill in committee now, and it could be the first state in the South to have such a law.

*"As a former police officer I can tell you that [people driving with a high] blood alcohol content ... are much more dangerous than someone who has consumed marijuana and only drives about two miles-per-hour."*

For the last six years Alabamians for Compassionate Care (ACC) has partnered with the Drug Policy Alliance, drugpolicy.org, to make this happen.

They had expected the bill to pass out of committee but were unprepared for the amazing things said in the hearing.

The most surprising moment came when Rep. John Robinson (D- Scottsboro), with a background in law enforcement, told the committee that in the rural area he has represented for 25 years, it has been common practice for someone suffering

from cancer or other serious medical conditions to go with their physician to the local sheriff, DA and Judge and obtain cannabis from the evidence room.

He said he understands the need to control marijuana and prevent people from abusing the system, but he supports this legislation, believes that cannabis helps people and believes the state has an obligation to pass HB642 and protect patients. After he finished, ACC members burst into loud applause and a lot of "Amens!"

Another amazing moment came when Rep. Spencer Collier (R- Mobile), former police officer and staunch opponent of medical marijuana, said, in response to comments about driving under the influence, that, "As a former police officer I can tell you that someone with a blood alcohol content of 2.57 will drive 100 miles an hour down the road and are much more dangerous than someone who has consumed marijuana and only drives about two miles-per-hour."

Rep. Cam Ward prevented the entire Republican caucus from taking a public stance opposing the bill and kept the Republicans on the Judiciary Committee from killing the bill.

Since the bill was passed out of committee near the end of the session, it didn't make it any further. However, its sponsor Rep. Patricia Todd (D- Birmingham) has committed to sponsoring it again next session and those who oppose the bill agreed to work with ACC between sessions to find common ground.

## The perfect is not be the enemy of the good

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To exorbitant taxes, and any sensible reform proposal should include exemptions for medical sales, as would Tom Ammiano's Assembly bills. The initiative also would allow this type of regulation.

*Fear #4: The initiative continues to criminalize certain adult activity, such as smoking in public and possession of more than an ounce.*

That compromise tells voters that this measure is moderate. Adults who cannot

*There is only one legalization initiative on the Fall ballot, so California voters need to pass it and then work out the details, as the sponsors intended.*

follow the personal-use rules will still have the medical option. There are restrictions on where and when alcohol and tobacco can be consumed, so voters expect similar – if not more stringent – controls on cannabis. The fact remains this initiative is the boldest cannabis reform placed before California voters in decades.

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end its brutal war on cannabis?

After that, the legislature and local communities can begin the process of working out details.

## Montana firebombings

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Much of the controversy began when the Montana Caregivers Network began to hold 'clinics' in hotels and warehouses around the state in mid-2009, at which physicians operating in other states on webcams, gave recommendations to as many as 1,000 patients in a single day. The state's patient registry ballooned from around 3,000 to over 17,000 in roughly a year's time.

When it became clear that many recommendations involved no review of medical records and no physical exam, the general public and the Board of Medical Examiners began questioning the medical validity of the entire program.

Simultaneously, a profusion of so-called dispensaries had sprouted visibly and sometimes ostentatiously in cities around the state, augmenting public backlash and controversy. By the time of the fire-bombings, more than 80 cannabis business licenses had been granted in Billings alone. In town after town around the state, city officials adopted temporary or permanent bans on commercial 'caregiver' operations and stores.

Over the summer, the Legislature's interim committee on health issues held a series of meetings with patient rights groups, law enforcement officials and other constituencies in order to identify as much consensus as possible on a proposal to "fix" the Montana law.

Patient rights activists, led by Patients & Families United, and caregivers, led by the recently formed Montana Medical Growers Assn., expect to face a battery of bills at the Legislature next winter. It will probably include a proposal to repeal the medical use law completely.

Patient advocates hope that rational but strict regulatory licensing and oversight of production and distribution will quell the controversies and carry the day.

## Facts turn around a debate

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marijuana program." The CRS also noted that "These studies are consistent with the findings of a 2002 report by the Govt. Accountability Office that concluded that state medical marijuana laws were operating as voters and legislators intended and did not encourage drug use among the wider population."

This is just a sample of what visitors get in the online Medical Cannabis Chapter at DrugWarFacts.org/cms/Medicinal\_Cannabis, along with a link to the CRS report.

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Local and regional meetings

**East Bay NORML**, third Thurs/mo., 7:30 PM (after Measure Z Oversight Comm.), OU Student Union, 1915 Broadway, Oakland. canorml@canorml.org

**El Dorado Co. American Alliance for Medical Cannabis**, 4th Sat/mo., 2:15-4:20, Garden Valley Grange, 4940 Marshall Rd. Garden Valley, CA, 530-621-2874

**Marijuana Anti-Prohibition Project Palm Springs/ Coachella Valley Area MAPP** first Sat / mo. 3 PM, 266 N. Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs. Lanny 760-799-2055

**Western Inland Empire Area MAPP/ASA**, first Wed / mo., 7:30 PM, THCF Medical Clinic, 647 Main St. Riverside, CA 92501. Also hosts Friday evening seminars on Anti-aging and medical benefits of cannabis, 8 PM. 951-782-9898

**High Desert Area MAPP/ ASA**, third Wed/mo. 6:30 PM Castle Inn, 1388 N. Golden Slipper in Landers 92285. Lanny 760-799-2055

**Medical Cannabis Safety Council /East Bay** third Tues/mo. 12-2 PM, OU Student Union, 1915 Broadway, Oakland. **North Bay**, 2nd Mon./mo. 6-7:30 PM, Peace in Medicine, 6771 Sebastopol Ave., Sebastopol. Re safety and quality control issues. contact@cannabissafety.org

**Oakland Measure Z Oversight Committee** third Thurs/ mo. 6 PM, City Hall

**Orange County NORML** meets third Fri./mo. 7 PM. **OC ASA**, 8 PM.Giovanni's Pizza, 922 W. Williamson, in Fullerton. Free pizza. ocnorml.org

**San Jose State SSDP**, Mondays/6 PM, Costanoan Room, Student Union, top floor, kraig@sjdrugpolicy.org

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**June 19-20, High Times Medical Cannabis Cup, San Francisco, CA.** Terra Gallery and Events, 511 Harrison St. Medical marijuana and hemp expo, with cultivation seminars, VIP party, award ceremony for best strains and more. See medcancup.com

**June 26, Cannabis Freedom Rally, Laguna Beach, CA.** Main beach. Co-sponsored by OC NORML, Assn. of Patient Advocates, November Coalition, the Human Solution, and The Cannabis Peace Corp. 1:30 - 6 PM. See ocnorml.org for details.

**July 8, New Directions California: A Public Health and Safety Approach To Drug Policy, LA, CA.** 1000 N. Alameda St. Sponsored by Drug Policy Alliance and California Society of Addiction Medicine. 9:30 AM-4:30 PM, drugpolicy.org

**July 10, 707 Cannabis College Expo, Redway, CA.** Mateel Community Center. Music, food, speakers, discussion. 12-6 PM

**July 10-12, Oregon Country Fair, Veneta, OR.** Wooded setting near Eugene. Entertainment, food, arts and crafts, information sharing. See oregoncountryfair.org

**July 16-18, Medical Marijuana and Hemp Expo, Toronto, Canada.** Metro Toronto Convention Centre "Hall A". Sponsored by *Treating Yourself* magazine. Vendors, workshops, films, seminars, and vapor lounge. medicalmarijuana-hempexpo.com

**July 16-18, Emerald Empire Hempfest, Eugene, OR.** Food, guest speakers, music, activists, live entertainment, vendors. See emeraldempirehempfest.com

**July 24, Aug. 7-8, Cannabis Freedom Rally, Huntington Beach, CA.** At the pier. Co-sponsored by OC NORML, Assn. of

Patient Advocates, November Coalition, the Human Solution, and The Cannabis Peace Corp. 1:30 - 6 PM. See ocnorml.org

**Aug. 7-8, Northwest Hemp Educational Expo, Eugene, OR.** Lane County Fairgrounds. Free hemp info, vendors, music, food, speakers. Free. nwhee.com

**Aug. 7-8, HempCon Medical Marijuana Show, SF Bay Area.** San Jose Convention Center. See hempcon.com for details.

**Aug. 20-22, Seattle Hempfest, WA.** Myrtle Edwards Park, on the downtown waterfront. World's largest annual gathering of cannabis supporters. Over 90 bands, speakers, education, arts, crafts, food vendors. See hempfest.org

**Aug. 28, Know Your Rights, Marijuana Legal Expo, Anaheim, CA.** Anaheim Convention Center, Hall E, 800 W. Katella Ave. Good information for patients and collectives, horticulture tips, initiatives, entertainment and vendors. 10 to 10 PM. \$15/\$10 seniors. For more info, see knowyourrightsexpo.com

**Aug. 28-29, Olympia Hemp, Love, and Freedom Rally, WA.** Heritage Park, Olympia, WA. See olyhempfest.com

**Sept. 9-11, National NORML Conference, Portland, OR.** For details and to register, see norml.org

**Sept. 11-12, Hempstalk 2010, Portland, OR. Kelley Point Park.** Sat. 10 AM -10 PM, Sun. 10 AM -7 PM. A celebration of cannabis culture, music, community. hempstalk.org

**Sept. 11, Missoula Hempfest, MT.** Caras Park. Noon. missoulahempfest.com

**Sept. 25-26, International Cannabis and Hemp Expo, San Francisco, CA.** Cow Palace, Daly City. Public education event. Exhibitors, speakers, vendors. intche.org

**Sept. 26, WAMMFest 2010, the Life in Green, Santa Cruz, CA.** Duck Island, San Lorenzo Park. wammfest.org

Local and regional Americans for Safe Access meetings

**Fresno ASA**, second Mon/ mo., 6 PM at Full Circle Brewing Co, 620 F St., Fresno. Contact Diana at fresnocagal@sbcglobal.net

**Humboldt County ASA**, third Thurs/mo., 6 PM, Bayview Courtyard Senior Housing, Rec. Room550 Union St., Arcata. 707-407-8522, asa-humboldt@sbcglobal.net

**LA ASA**, 3rd Sat/mo., 1 PM, 7100 Santa Monica Blvd. Ste. 70, West Hollywood. Don@americansforsafeaccess.org

**Sacramento ASA** first and third Tues/ mo., 7 PM, Crusaders Hall, 320 Harris Ave., Suite H, Sacto. Lanette at 916-924-3455, cannacare@earthlink.net

**San Diego ASA** second Tue. / mo., 7 PM, International Cannabis U, 6070 Mt. Alifan Suite 202 San Diego. 4cccp@cox.net

**San Diego North County ASA**, first Fri./mo., 7 PM, Academy of World Martial Arts, 1050 S. Santa Fe Ave., Vista, movementinaction@gmail.com, 760-500-8868

**San Francisco ASA** second & fourth Tues/mo., 7:30 PM, Bowers Pizza, 371 11th St, SF. Contact dcgoldman@yahoo.com

**Sonoma ASA** first Thurs/mo. 5 PM, Dept. of Health, So. City View Rm., 625 5th St, Santa Rosa, knock loudly. Contact sarah@safeaccessnow.org

Internet radio shows & podcasts on cannabis

**Cannabis TV**, cannabis.tv/watch some great movies and videos on hemp/marijuana.

**Cannabis Planet TV**, cannabisplanet.tv/weekly, 30 minute television show, includes collective profiles, grow tips with Ed Rosenthal, cooking, news and information on all things cannabis. Fri. and Sat. at 10:30 PM, KJLA TV, Ch. 57, So. CA.

**Drug Truth Network (DTN)**, drugtruth.net/cms/ 4:20 Drug War News, Cultural Baggage (interviews), live shows, archives, Sundays 4:30-5:30 PT, kpft.org or call 877-9-420-420. Exposes the fraud, misdirection, and wastefulness of the war on drugs.

**Marijuana Radio**, marijuanaradio.com/ live shows, Tuesdays 6 PM PST, podcasts that cover entertainment, politics, comedy, music and celebrity guests.

**NORML Daily Audio Stash** with host 'Radical' Russ Belville, stash.norml.org/ current podcasts, news, interviews, etc. See RadicalRuss.com for archives of his shows. *California Marijuana Report* with Eric Brenner is a weekly segment that features interviews with elected officials and marijuana law experts as well as profiles of California residents currently incarcerated or being prosecuted for marijuana offenses.

**NORML SHOW LIVE: Marijuana Nation**, live.norml.org /live talk radio hosted by 'Radical' Russ Belville, recap of week's top cannabis stories, interviews with top activists, politicians, celebrities, etc. Call in 347-994-1810, Saturdays 6 to 8 PM PST.

**Tax Cannabis 2010 Initiative** video interview with Dale Clare and Jeff Jones is posted online at blip.tv/file/2810667 .

**Time 4 Hemp Radio Show** with Casper Leitch/ Time4HempRadio.com, live shows Tues., Thurs. 3-5 PM PT, (sponsored by americanfreedomradio.com). Call in at 512-879-3805. Time4hemp.com hosts podcasts, hemp music, video, interviews, archives.

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# A matter of image ... and why image matters

By John Thomas Ellis

Mainstream media have finally awoken to discover that cannabis is hip. From Showtime to HBO to ABC-Disney, television and film have brought marijuana into the mainstream. Whether it's Meryl Streep and Steve Martin getting reacquainted with the joys of smoking in *It's Complicated*, or John Noble of *Fringe* firing up a bong to focus himself before he reorganizes his office, they have one thing in common: They're just ordinary citizens using a little herb. It's about time.

*The Simpsons*, *Family Guy*, *Parks and Recreation*, *SNL*, *Parenthood*, *American Dad*, *The Cleveland Show*, *Gossip Girl* and *Glee* have all joined the discussion. No longer is it necessary for networks to impose the negative consequence of police action.

Cable TV has ramped up its support as well. Stalwarts like Bill Maher and Jon Stewart have expanded their conversations with guests. In Maher's interview with Green Day's Billie Joe Armstrong they discussed toking. Jesse Ventura and Maher were candid in their support of changes in the law to allow legal access. Ventura blasted the Drug War as a failure and blight. Not a week goes by without a supportive nod from Stewart or one of his guests. *Nurse Jackie* focused on the inherent medical contradictions in its episode, 'Apple Bong,' where her character supplied a patient herbal medication behind the backs of hospital officials.

The real change is in network reaction to recreational use. In *Plain Sight*, a show about people in the federal witness protection program, has gone from portraying smokers as losers to just normal folks loosening up with a little puff.

So much attention has been focused on the subject that Fox News weighed in with a discussion between Melissa Henson of the Parents Television Council and Allen St. Pierre of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws.

St. Pierre cut to the point, "An adult who uses it responsibly should not be arrested." Henson wants to protect children from ideas by keeping the discussion within a law-and-order framework, endlessly forcing viewers to watch the legal penalties of prohibition.

With cannabis recognized as a \$100 billion a year industry, it's impossible to ban it from the air or convince consumers it's

dangerous when used responsibly.

April saw the return to film of Cheech and Chong with the release of *Hoodwinked Too! Hood VS Evil*. Meanwhile, independent films like *Green Goddess* and the re-edited classic, *The Moneytree*, are searching for



distribution deals with studios that now seek to exploit the viewers they once spurned — us.

One day may even see a return of Screaming Yellow Zonkers.

Now the media is beginning to recognize what millions have long known: Things go better with grass.

## Obituaries

### Ravin's 1975 privacy case legalized pot in Alaska

Attorney Irwin Ravin, 70, who challenged the boundaries of Alaskan law in 1973 when he forced police to arrest him for cannabis and made the case at trial that banning possession in a person's home of small amounts of cannabis was an unconstitutional invasion of privacy, died April 11. In the groundbreaking *Ravin v Alaska* (1975), the Alaska Supreme Court agreed that adults having small amounts of cannabis is a private issue, and outlawing it violates one's rights. The ruling stands after over 35 years of legal battles. In 1982, the Alaska legislature decided that less than 4 ounces was a personal amount. In 2006, the legislature passed a new ban, claiming that cannabis was much stronger than it used to be, but it is unclear whether this is in conflict with the Ravin ruling.

"The Ravin decision in 1975 was then, and remains still today, 35 years later, the most significant constitutional ruling ever handed down in this country regarding the marijuana laws," said NORML founder Keith Stroup.

Ravin gave up law and spent his latter years driving a cab in Homer, AK, supposedly because in the remote area of Alaska

## Shared pastime links Clintons with sports figures

By Ellen Komp [veryimportantpotheads.com](http://veryimportantpotheads.com)

Author Christopher Hitchens, who was at Oxford at the same time as Bill Clinton, purports to explain in his forthcoming memoir why Clinton said he didn't inhale. "When I was in England I experimented with marijuana a time or two — and didn't like it — and didn't inhale and never tried inhaling again," Clinton said while campaigning for the presidency in 1992.

Hitchens writes, "He preferred, like many another marijuana enthusiast, to take his dope in the form of large handfuls of cookies and brownies."

This information bolsters that in Edward Klein's book *The Truth About Hillary*, which says our Secretary of State met her future husband at a commune called Cozy Beach, where her *Yale Journal of Law and Social Action* co-editor Kris Olson lived. According to Klein, Cozy Beach was affiliated with Ken Kesey's Oregon Hog Farm, and the Magic Bus riders were said to be regular visitors. "Bill and Hillary often grooved the night away at Cozy Beach, spinning the latest Jefferson Airplane platters and eating Kris Olson's hashish brownies," wrote Miriam Horn in *Rebels in White Gloves*.

"There's Cy in Here," shouts an enormous banner currently flying from the top

of AT&T Park in San Francisco. Pictured is a lanky, stony-looking pitcher named Tim Lincecum, who earned his second consecutive Cy Young award last year. The 25-year-old Washington native has signed a \$23 million dollar contract, which many speculated wouldn't happen because of his bust last fall for marijuana. Lincecum paid a \$513 fine in January after being caught with 3.3 grams of pot and a pipe while driving in his home state. Will money ruin what a cannabis bust couldn't? Catch the Giants this year to find out.

Meanwhile, Santonio Holmes, the MVP of last year's Superbowl, has been traded by the Pittsburgh Steelers for a fifth-round draft pick from the New York Jets. Holmes is facing a four-game suspension for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy, following a pre-Superbowl incident when he was caught with herb in his car. Apparently Holmes has turned to a harder drug (liquor), leading to an incident last month when he allegedly threw a drink at a woman in a Florida bar. He could be suspended for an entire season if he violates league policy again.

Acknowledging to *Sports Illustrated* that as many as one third of potential draft picks have tried cannabis, the NFL is no longer disqualifying players who test positive for pot, but rather is evaluating them on a case-by-case basis. "If you knocked everyone off your [draft] board who has experimented with weed, you'd lose about 20 percent of your board, not to mention disqualify a few recent presidents," one NFL head coach said.

Dr. Frank Lucido, a medical marijuana specialist practicing in Berkeley, told the *Wall Street Journal* that two former NFL players with chronic orthopedic pain are his patients. "I say marijuana should not be a banned substance [in the NFL]. It has too many medical benefits," Lucido told WSJ.

### City removes adult penalties

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Prior to the announcement of the vote, the Boulder District Attorney Stan Garnett told The Daily Camera: "I'll pay attention if it passes. Marijuana enforcement is a sensitive issue, and it's important to gauge public sentiment.

Durango, which voted largely in support of the statewide initiative to legalize cannabis in 2006, will likely vote on a similar local initiative this November.

A recent poll of likely Colorado voters found that 50 percent now support making marijuana legal for adults and regulating it like alcohol.



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## New Colo law regulates cannabis dispensaries, with caveats

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is the Infused Product Manufacturer (IPM). These license holders will be able to produce cannabis products that are intended to be ingested through means other than smoking (e.g., edibles, tinctures). If edible products, the items must be made in a commercial kitchen that is only used to make cannabis products. IPM license holders will also be able to apply for their own license, however all the cannabis must be used by their own IPM business; they will not be able to wholesale like Medical Marijuana Centers will be able to do.

The location of MMCs, OPCOs, and IPMs will be controlled by local zoning. Municipalities will be able to ban them. While the location of MMCs and OPCOs will be public knowledge, the locations of the IPMs will remain private.

Labs are now clearly allowed, and MMCs and IPM license holders are allowed to dispense small amounts of cannabis to the labs for testing. Deliveries will only be allowed to patients whom the state approves for delivery.

There are major restrictions on those who want to join the industry. Drug felons, people who have not lived in the state for two years, and people under 21 cannot own an MMC, OPCO, or IPM. All employees will have to submit to background checks, and will have to be of "good moral standard." Once they are determined to be okay, employees will receive state-authorized ID cards, which will protect them from state prosecution.

Caregivers will be restricted to helping up to five patients, and can charge only for their caregiving services. Caregivers can petition the state to allow more than five patients if there aren't enough MMCs in their area. Caregivers will be able to purchase cannabis from an MMC and deliver it to their patients.

HB 1284 has clear benefits and flaws. When it takes effect, it will begin an unprecedented one-year period of change and litigation. The legislation will more than likely serve as a model — for good or bad — for the medical use community, as the industry becomes required to comply with the rules and regulations of the business world.



## Special commemoration of 'The Emperor of Hemp'

## Herer: Hemp hero eulogized in LA

Renowned speaker, activist, best-selling author passes

By Chris Conrad

Jack Herer, a living legend of the cannabis reform movement who spoke at thousands of events across the US and Europe, died in the company of his family April 15, 2010 in Oregon and was laid to rest in Los Angeles.

Hundreds of people came from afar for his eulogy and funeral at Eden Memorial Park in Mission Hills CA on April 25 to honor a larger-than-life man who changed so many people's lives. Joints and handfuls of marijuana were tossed into the grave with the urn containing his remains.

Born June 18, 1939, Herer's early years as a Goldwater Republican and a Korean War veteran gave no indication that he would one day become a world-famous champion of legalizing all things cannabis and write a book that changed the world, *The Emperor Wears No Clothes*.

The gravel-voiced, strong-willed activist, who in the 1960s threatened to leave his first wife when he found out she had smoked marijuana, became known in later years for making statements such as,

"you'd have to be crazy to *not* smoke pot."

He was a teacher and a salesman. He asserted there was a conspiracy to ban hemp primarily to financially benefit the polluting industries of timber and fossil fuels, especially the Hearst and DuPont corporations. He educated and recruited scores of dedicated hempsters to help spread the word about the virtues of the cannabis plant with the mantra, "hemp for food, fuel and fiber," also paper and medicine, and collect signatures for a CA comprehensive legalization initiative year after year that never made the ballot.



Jack Herer



Left: Jack's son, Dan Herer shared intimate stories of family life with a loving father who remarried several times and spent most of his time on the road. West Coast Leaf photos by Mikki Norris

After making a pact with his companion Ed Adaire in the 1970s to legalize cannabis or die trying, Herer spent decades collecting thousands of facts that went into the *Emperor*. Few took his information seri-

ously until he partnered with Chris Conrad, who designed, edited and produced the 1990 edition which made Herer into a global celebrity.

Herer helped get a legalization initiative on the 2000 and 2004 ballots in Alaska.

He repeatedly crossed the country with his book in hand, on his HEMP (Help End Marijuana Prohibition) Tours with the Cannabis Action Network. The German translation of his book, *Hanf*, swept Europe by storm

and his opus was translated into many languages, sometimes in bootleg editions. His first book, *G.R.A.S.S.* (1973) is still in print.

He was the subject of the documentary, *The Emperor of Hemp* (2000). A mainstay at the Amsterdam High Times Cannabis Cup, Ben Dronkers of the Dutch company Sensi Seed Bank named a popular strain of cannabis 'Jack Herer.'

Herer received a lifetime achievement award from NORML in 2002, after he suffered a major stroke after a speech he gave at a hemp festival in Oregon in 2000.

Even in his depleted condition with halting speech, the charismatic Herer was a big draw at events like the Seattle Hemp-Fest. He extolled Rick Simpson's oil and credited it for aiding his recovery. He was working on a book about the amanita muscaria mushroom, but was not able to finish.

As Herer stepped off stage after delivering his impassioned, final speech at the 2009 Portland Hempstalk, he clutched his chest and sank to the ground. He clung to life but never recovered from the severe heart attack. Herer was married four times. He is survived by his wife, six children, a brother, a sister, and a large extended family of friends and fans the world over. His son, Mark, still runs the family-owned headshop, The Third Eye, in Portland, OR.

To help cover his growing medical and funeral expenses, please make a donation at [jackherermedicalandmemorialfund.org](http://jackherermedicalandmemorialfund.org).



Former High Times editor Steve Hager championed Herer's reputation and work. West Coast Leaf photos

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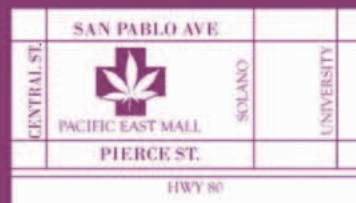
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