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# Editorial... At Graham

## Time42014

As reported several times in the mainstream media and online the year 2014 was an amazing year for cannabis. In this issue of Joint Conversations you will find that we have included a few articles detailing how wonderful of a year it was. My Ed's Pick article continues with that as I have picked an article from Rob Kampa of the Marijuana Policy Project on the same subject.

It's been a slow steady climb but cannabis legalization has become something that is talked about more now than probably at any other time. Sure there were the 60's and the 70's where many believed it would happen. Here in Canada the Liberals of the early 70's were going to move on it but it never happened. Which makes skeptics of some people, about what Justin Trudeau; the present Liberal leader is promising.

As an advocate, I see a lot of the number 420 used whether it's in a movie or a price of something. You can also find it scrambled in ID numbers to license plates. If there is a 420 I'll find it. Because of that and when the year 2013 wound down and 2014 got started I mentioned to a few people that this is the year for cannabis. It just had to be as it was in the year when you unscramble it... 2014 = 420 #1. A few people laughed at that suggestion but they are not laughing now. When I mentioned it to them, I had no idea either and it was just a far out guess.

The year 2014 saw three new places, Alaska, Oregon and Washington DC, join Washington and Colorado while other states move forward with their legalization bills. Not only were there states legalizing but also cities such as Philadelphia and New York where moving forward on some type of decriminalization or legalization bills. The USA wasn't the only ones doing this as many of the Latin American countries have also discussed it.

Many have said that it would be nice to see some important people speak up and this has happened. The Global Commission on Drug Policy involves many world leaders as well as many known advocates such as Richard Branson. These leaders all spoke out against cannabis prohibition and have asked countries to revisit their policies on it

For me 2014 was good year. In July Medi-Jean named me as one of the top 10 people to follow on twitter, The PACE Radio Show got rolling as well as I got the webzine Joint Conversations for Time4Hemp up and going. I was also named The Man of the Year by StonerGirlsguide.com and participated in a new non-cannabis event known as The Freedom Festival which will be held yearly at Freedom Fields Naturist Ranch. As the year ended I was asked by a local film festival organizer to introduce the movie The Culture High at their event. I was also able to get PeACE Sundays going at The Hungry Hippie. This will turn out to be a medicating canna-cation location where people can get educated on cannabis or they can come and relax with other like minded people and enjoy their medication.

We've been waiting and there is no doubt it was Time42014. It's now time for Global legalization in 2015.🌿



Al Graham & Casper Leitch



# Legalization

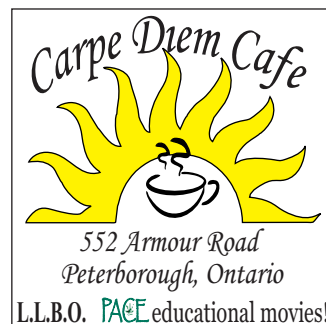
## Why 2014 was the year of pot



By Niraj Chokshi

December 23, 2014 [washingtonpost.com](#)

Support it or not, there's no denying that this was a watershed year for marijuana. Within hours of the new year, the nation saw the first legally sanctioned sales of marijuana for recreational use in modern history. Throughout, states considered and often passed expanding access to the drug and, as recently as last weekend, Congress was interfering in D.C.'s pot policies and promising to stay out of the states.



## DC's newly elected attorney general says marijuana legalization can go forward



by German Lopez December 30, 2014, [vox.com](#)

Advocates say marijuana legalization, which passed as a ballot initiative in November, still stands because it was enacted before Congress intervened. The initiative legalized the possession, growing, and gifting of small amounts of marijuana, but not sales.

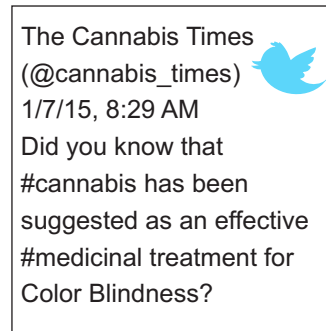


## More Nails in the Drug War Coffin: Top Stories of 2014



December 16, 2014 - By Tony Newman [drugpolicy.org](#)

2014 was another nail in the coffin in the United States' disastrous war on drugs. The majority of the country now supports marijuana legalization and Oregon, Alaska and D.C. made it a reality by legalizing it. World leaders like former UN head Kofi Annan and Presidents of Latin America called for an end to the drug war and for legally regulating drugs.



## Best of 2014: The 15 most intriguing questions our readers asked this year



DEC 26, 2014, By Aleta Labak [thecannabist.co](#)

With the advent of recreational marijuana sales in Colorado, there certainly were many questions about the new pot protocols, both in the pot shop and out in the world. Some questions asked: Where can a tourist smoke? Is vaping marijuana better than using a pipe? What's with the lack of European-style hash in Colorado pot shops? Why did I get a letter from my Denver landlord that pot is still banned on the property?

## 2014's Biggest Trends in Cannabis Culture



By: William Hyde 12/23/2014 [leafly.com](#)

2014 was a big year for cannabis. It saw the birth of Washington's recreational market, new legislation that legalized cannabis in Oregon, Alaska, and Washington, D.C., and even the first national consumer cannabis advertisement, run in The New York Times. New technologies are giving us a greater understanding of cannabis' therapeutic power.



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(@AuntieDolores)



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"A '06 study found  
cannabinoids induced  
apoptosis & reduced  
tumor growth in animal  
models of pancreatic  
#cancer." (Werner 25)  
#pot #weed

# Legalization

## Dangerous implications of the Nebraska-Oklahoma lawsuit against marijuana legalization in Colorado

By Ilya Somin December 19, 2014 washingtonpost.com  
Co-blogger Jonathan Adler and Vanderbilt law professor Robert Mikos have pointed out some of the flaws in the lawsuit filed by Nebraska and Oklahoma urging a federal court to invalidate marijuana legalization in neighboring Colorado. In the unlikely event that the plaintiff states prevail, they will also have set a very dangerous precedent – one that conservatives are likely to rue in other areas.



## Campaign to legalize marijuana use in Ohio quietly underway and borrows page from casino campaign

By Mark Naymik & Brent Larkin December 18, 2014  
cleveland.com

CLEVELAND, Ohio -- A campaign to legalize the medical and recreational use of marijuana in Ohio is quietly taking shape and includes plans to place an amendment to the Ohio Constitution before voters in November 2015, the Northeast Ohio Media Group has learned.



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## Nebraska and Oklahoma sue Colorado over marijuana legalization

By John Ingold DenverPost.com 12/18/2014

In the most serious legal challenge to date against Colorado's legalization of marijuana, two neighboring states have asked the U.S. Supreme Court to strike down the history-making law. Nebraska and Oklahoma filed the lawsuit directly with the nation's highest court on Thursday. The two states argue in the lawsuit that, "the State of Colorado has created a dangerous gap in the federal drug control system."



## New York State Openly Considers Full Cannabis Legalization

Raul Duke December 18, 2014 the420times.com

New York state legislators this week opened up the idea of fully legalizing marijuana to their constituents. A public hearing aired the pros and cons of the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act, which would tax and regulate cannabis, alcohol-style, for those 21 and older in the Empire State. Senator Liz Krueger and Assembly person Crystal Peoples presided over the forum. Kassandra Frederique, Policy Manager at the Drug Policy Alliance, was all for it.



## Texas Lawmaker Proposes Lower Marijuana Possession Penalties

Katy Steinmetz Dec. 15, 2014 time.com

On Monday, Texas State Rep. Joe Moody introduced a bill that would remove criminal penalties for the possession of small amounts of marijuana. "Our current marijuana policy in Texas just isn't working," Moody said in a statement. "We need a new approach that allows us to more effectively utilize our limited criminal justice resources. This legislation is a much-needed step in the right direction."



# Legalization

## For Congress, marijuana fight vs. states riskier than DC



PUBLISHED: DEC 16, 2014

By Kevin Freking, Associated Press

A catch-all spending bill Congress passed last week contains a provision preventing the District from using federal money to implement any law or regulation that repeals or reduces marijuana-related penalties. The action is in direct response to a voter initiative passed last month that allows possession of up to 2 ounces of pot or up to three mature plants for personal use.

## Political Leader calls for legalization in Lebanon

By Marie Veksler

December 16, 2014 whaxy.com

While the struggle for marijuana legalization is being fought here at home, across the world citizens and leaders alike are tiring of seeing nonviolent marijuana users jailed for the possession of a non-addictive, generally safe substance. Aside from the benefit of adding a huge injection of tax revenue dollars to the economy, repealing the illicit status of marijuana helps to steer millions of dollars away from the pockets of criminal enterprises.

## Missouri Weed Legalization Proposal Includes No Age Restrictions, Immunity from DUIs



By Lindsay Toler Dec. 15 blogs.riverfronttimes.com

Even in states where marijuana is recreationally legal, it's not free-for-all. Age restrictions, public-intoxication laws, high taxes -- the rules for legal recreational pot use in Colorado, Washington (and soon, Alaska, Oregon and Washington, D.C.) resemble rules aimed at legal intoxicants, such as nicotine or alcohol. But team behind the newest proposal to legalize marijuana in Missouri wants to change all that.

## Colorado Prisons Allowing Recreational Marijuana



Dec 09, 2014 dailycurrent.com

The Colorado Department of Corrections is now allowing inmates to grow and consume recreational marijuana, in accordance with state law for the rest of the population. Prison Warden Tom Norton told the Rocky Mountain News, "We've already seen a decrease in violent crime within the jails. Snack food contraband is up 300 percent but that's to be expected. We will continue to monitor the marijuana program but so far so good."

## 2014 was a breakthrough year for marijuana



By Daniel A. Medina December 11, 2014 qz.com

This was arguably the biggest year ever for the global marijuana policy reform movement. In the US, voters in Alaska, Oregon and Washington, DC, joined Washington state and Colorado in legalizing marijuana for recreational use.

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## Understanding Cannabis Testing: A Guide to Cannabinoids and Terpenes

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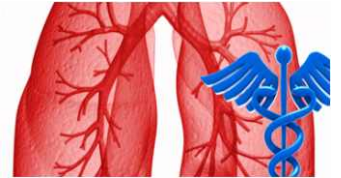
As the medical and recreational cannabis markets continue their steady climb toward legitimacy, the demand for lab-tested products climbs alongside it. Cannabis testing is the scientific process of measuring different chemicals and compounds in the product. They can measure beneficial constituents like cannabinoids and terpenes, or not-so-desirable contaminants such as pesticides, mold, and residual solvents.



## Study: Cannabinoids Offer Treatment For Severe Lung Disease

leafscience.com

Acute lung injury, also known as acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS), is a life-threatening condition caused by acute injuries or infections of the lung. In the latest study, published in the open-access journal PLOS One, researchers from Brazil and Germany were able to protect mice from acute lung injury by increasing levels of one of the body's own cannabinoids, 2-AG (2-Arachidonoylglycerol).



## New Medical Marijuana Laws Remove the Rights of Patients

Jenna Valleriani Posted: 12/23/2014 huffingtonpost.ca

The transition from Health Canada's old medical cannabis regulations, the Medical Marijuana Access Regulations (MMAR) to the new regulations, the Marijuana for Medical Purposes Regulation (MMPR), removed the right of patients or caregivers to produce their own medicine.



## Children will get access to medical marijuana in Illinois

By Robert McCoppin Chicago Tribune

Children who live in Illinois will be allowed access to medical marijuana in the new year under rules announced by state officials Tuesday. Those younger than 18 will need permission from a parent or legal guardian, must get the drug through an adult caregiver and will be required to receive approval from their own treating physician and a second doctor.

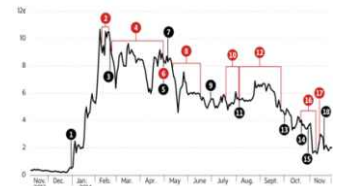


## How much does Ottawa know about the medical marijuana companies it's licensing?

GRANT ROBERTSON

Dec. 19 2014 The Globe and Mail.com

The CEO of CEN Biotech, which is looking to become Canada's largest producer of medical marijuana, has been unloading large amounts of his shares in the stock market, while at the same time touting his stock to investors. According to documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the CEO has unloaded more than 71 million shares, for a personal gain of more than \$4.6-million.



## Congress quietly ends federal government's ban on medical



By EVAN HALPER Dec 16/14 latimes.com  
Tucked deep inside the 1,603-page federal spending measure is a provision that effectively ends the federal government's prohibition on medical marijuana and signals a major shift in drug policy. The bill's passage over the weekend marks the first time Congress has approved nationally significant legislation backed by legalization advocates.

## Court upholds injunction that allows medical marijuana patients to grow at home



By James Keller The Canadian Press 16 Dec 2014 ca.news.yahoo.com  
VANCOUVER - The Conservative government has lost its latest attempt to prevent medical marijuana users from growing pot at home, with the Federal Court of Appeal upholding an injunction that exempted patients from a massive overhaul of the system.

## Why Cannabis Stems Inflammation



July 22, 2008  
ETH Zurich/Swiss Federal Institute of Technology  
Cannabis has long been accredited with anti-inflammatory properties. ETH Zurich researchers, however, have now discovered that it is not only the familiar psychoactive substances that are responsible for this; a compound we take in every day in vegetable nutriment also plays a significant role.

## Medical marijuana a growing field for university researchers in Canada



By KAREN BIRCHARD  
September 3, 2014 universityaffairs.ca  
Recent changes to rules governing the production of medical marijuana in Canada have spurred a renewed interest in marijuana research. Under new government regulations that took effect April 1, the production of marijuana for medicinal purposes was shifted from Health Canada to large-scale commercial companies.

## Epilepsy Foundation fighting for access to marijuana oil




March 31, 2014 denver.cbslocal.com  
DENVER (CBS4) – The chairman of the board of the Epilepsy Foundation is fighting for access to marijuana oil on a national level. Desperate families are moving to Colorado in search of relief for their children's seizures. Charlotte Figi and others with severe epilepsy have found relief from seizures by ingesting the plant's oil. It is marijuana that is low in THC but rich in cannabidiol or CBD.

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The Cannabis Times  
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In 1619, it was illegal not to grow hemp in Jamestown, Virginia; Massachusetts and Connecticut later followed suit.





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# Hemp

## Colorado hemp industry poised to take off in 2015, growers say

By Jakob Rodgers January 4, 2015 [m.gazette.com](http://m.gazette.com)

Colorado's newest cash crop is bright green, sports long leaves and remains largely illegal across the United States. It's also better worn as clothing than smoked in a bong. While the rollout of recreational marijuana took center stage in Colorado last year, a separate industry devoted to producing hemp - pot's nonpsychoactive but incredibly useful cousin - grew in its shadow.



## Maligned and banned: The American comeback of industrial hemp

By Brooks Mencher January 12, 2015 [sfgate.com](http://sfgate.com)

After serving nearly 80 years on narcotics charges, hemp is back, semi-legalized in the 2014 Farm Bill. Its new age is a chemical renaissance. Experimental medicines extracted from hemp will treat epilepsy, migraine headaches, glaucoma, and diabetic and other nerve pain; there may even be applications for multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease.



## Colorado Hemp Farmers Cultivate American Jobs Without Federal Approval

January 10, 2015 By Shane Trejo [thehempcloud.com](http://thehempcloud.com)

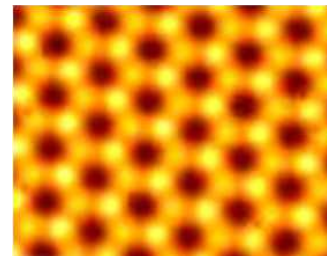
Some people want you to believe that the federal government cannot be effectively defied, but farmers in Colorado are proving them wrong. While Colorado may be in the headlines for their marijuana legalization experiment, that is not the only issue in which they are effectively nullifying federal law. They are taking action against the federal industrial hemp ban as well.



## Could hemp nanosheets topple graphene for making the ideal supercapacitor?

Aug 12, 2014 [phys.org](http://phys.org)

As hemp makes a comeback in the U.S. after a decades-long ban on its cultivation, scientists are reporting that fibers from the plant can pack as much energy and power as graphene, long-touted as the model material for supercapacitors. They're presenting their research, which a Canadian start-up company is working on scaling up, at the 248th National Meeting & Exposition of the American Chemical Society



## Maine Bill Would Legalize Full-Scale Industrial Hemp Farming, Effectively Nullify Federal Prohibition

January 12, 2015 By Shane Trejo [thehempcloud.com](http://thehempcloud.com)

A bill introduced in the Maine state house would authorize the farming, production, and sale of industrial hemp in the state, effectively nullifying the federal prohibition on the same once put into effect. LD4 was introduced by State Rep. Deborah Sanderson (R-Chelsea) on Jan. 5.





## How to make CannaMilk (Cannabis Milk)

BY THE CANNABIS CHEF

How to make cannamilk for use in various recipes.

THC, the main psychoactive chemical in marijuana (cannabis), is not readily digested by itself. Because THC is fat soluble it can be extracted into milk in order to make it more accessible to the body.

### Ingredients:

1 cup/250ml Whole Milk or Cream

1/8oz/4g of finely ground cannabis\*

\*The finer the powdered cannabis, the better this method will work.

### Instructions:

Add the milk and cannabis to a pan over medium heat.

Allow mixture to come to a boil, and then allow to simmer for about an hour.

Allow to cool and then pour into an airtight container in the refrigerator until needed.

Use before the sell by date on the milk used.



## Chocolate Red Velvet Cannabis Cupcakes

BY THE CANNABIS CHEF

This Valentine's Day give a special treat to that special someone! With our February Recipe of the Month.

**Estimated Time:** 45 minutes

**Serves:** Makes 12 Potent Cupcakes

### Ingredients:

1 1/4 cups flour

3 tablespoons cocoa powder (unsweetened)

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup (1 stick) cannabutter

1 cup sugar

2 large eggs

2 teaspoons red food coloring

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1/2 cup sour cream

1 teaspoon vinegar (white)

1 teaspoon baking soda

Red and pink frosting, and sprinkles for decorating (get creative!)

### Instructions:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F, then line the muffin pan with cupcake liners. In a large bowl sift together the flour, cocoa powder and salt. Beat the cannabutter and sugar until fluffy. Add the eggs, 1 at a time, and mix in. Add vanilla extract and food coloring (to desired color). Now add the flour mixture and sour cream a bit at a time, and keep blending. In another bowl, combine vinegar and soda, after fizzing stops, add to the batter and mix in.

Divide the batter by filling each liner about 3/4 of the ways full.

Bake 20 to 25 minutes. Allow to cool.

Enjoy!

Serving Suggestions: Come on, make it special for that special someone! ;-)





BY CHERI SICARD  
NOVEMBER 3, 2014

Former United States Marine, Christopher Williams and partners operated one of Montana's largest medical marijuana dispensaries in strict compliance with Montana state medical marijuana laws.

Nonetheless, federal authorities launched an all-out assault on the state's medical marijuana program in 2011. During that sweep,

Montana Caregiver's dispensaries and its Helena grow operation were raided. Williams, along with his partners and employees, was arrested and charged with felony drug and weapons charges.

### **Military Style Raids**

The government spared no expense to arrest Williams, using a heavily-armed, military operation-style raid, complete with an EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) team that exploded some pipes on the property, just in case they happened to be bombs. Chris estimates 60 to 70 officers, as well as canine units, were involved in the raids at four dispensaries and one grow operation.

When it was all over, the officers left over \$75,000 worth of damage in their wake, a lot of it unnecessary, such as sticking scissors in the walls and urinating on lab coats. Williams says they also destroyed the hard drives on every computer after they had removed the information they wanted.

For all the government's military might and bravado, there were a number of things about the raid that didn't make sense to the former Marine.

Williams says he walked up to and among the agents while the raid was in progress. He said they did not take his phone and they did not take the firearm he had in his backpack.

He says, "They didn't even know that I was armed the entire time. Lucky for them I am not a violent criminal. They were not very efficient at their jobs. Had it been a hot zone like Iraq or Afghanistan, their methods would have cost people their lives."

*The agents also left over two pounds of green buds and leaf on the floor.*

"That was kind of crazy to me," said Williams. "If they consider cannabis as dangerous as heroin, why would they leave two pounds of it on the floor? My landlord was very nervous about it and he ended up sweeping it up and burning it in the garbage."

### **About Those Weapons**

Like another of our Marijuana.com Prisoners of the Month, Weldon Angelos, the guns involved in Chris Williams' case were legal and registered and not involved at all in the "crime."

The bulk of the guns belonged to Williams' partner, the late Richard Flor, including many antique family heirlooms and collector's items.

When asked about the other guns, Chris explained they did keep three guns at the greenhouse property.

"You have to remember," he explained, "this is Montana, everyone hunts, and our property was on 100 acres. The staff regularly hunted on the property."

None of the firearms were illegal and every person there was legally able to possess firearms, and trained in how to properly use them. The only thing that made the guns illegal was the fact that they were in the vicinity of marijuana.

### **Taking It to Trial**

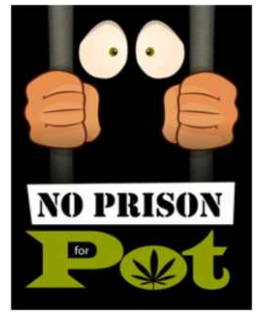
Williams, who operated under legal guidelines, refused to admit guilt in a crime he feels he did not commit.

"The main reason that I went to trial is because I felt it was my duty," he said during his sentencing hearing.

The problem was, as in all federal trials, the defendants were not allowed to use a medical defense. That means that their juries never heard a word about state-sanctioned medical marijuana. To the jurors, Williams and his co-defendants were ordinary drug dealers.

Everyone else in Chris's case – partners and employees, took some sort of plea deal. Some "cooperated" by testifying against others and received no prison time. Others, like Williams' partner Richard Flor and his wife Sheri, took a deal for reduced sentences, but refused to testify against anyone.

Williams says of his late partner, "Richard Flor was an amazing person, a Vietnam vet, the first legal marijuana caregiver in the state of Montana, and a kind and generous man."



Tragically, four months into his five-year sentence, Richard Flor died while shackled to a prison gurney at the age of 68. His daughter Kristin made the heart-wrenching decision to remove her father from life support.

In the end a heart attack did him in, but Richard Flor had multiple health problems, including diabetes, before entering prison and the lack of healthcare was more than his body could stand. At the time of his death, he had multiple bone fractures and undiagnosed cancer.

Of all the defendants involved in the case, Chris Williams alone stood firm and entered an innocent plea. In September 2012, a jury found him guilty of eight felony counts. The former Marine and single dad now faced a mandatory minimum sentence of 80-plus years in prison.

Judge Dana Christensen intervened, calling the opposing attorneys together to come to a rare post-conviction agreement. "An 85-year sentence in this case would simply be unjust," Christensen said.

In the end, prosecutor Joseph Thaggard agreed to drop all but two charges against Williams and waive the \$1.7 million forfeiture requirement. Chris would serve just five years of the originally proposed sentence for a weapons charge and his time already served was punishment for the marijuana charge.

Williams has used his time in prison to better himself, completing a number of courses of study, including computer certifications, Spanish, guitar, fitness challenges and more. On his 40th birthday he was able to surpass the fitness scores he got in Marine boot camp. Chris Williams is scheduled for release to a halfway house in 2017.

### **How You Can Help:**

Keep up with Chris via his Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/freechristopherwilliams](http://www.facebook.com/freechristopherwilliams)

Write to the Pardon Attorney in Support of Chris's Clemency Petition (again information on where to send it and what to write or on Chris's Facebook page). Chris loves getting cards and letters from supporters. Write to him here:

Christopher Wayne Williams #11839-046

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Or go to Western Union and find the link on the bottom of the page "send money to an inmate." ([www.westernunion.com](http://www.westernunion.com)).

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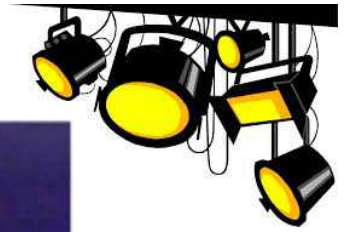
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External Advisory Committee for the American Lung Association Asthma Clinical Research Centers. He is a member and serves as Chair of several other committees at UCLA.

Among his many honors and distinctions, Dr. Tashkin is the recipient of the 1999 American Lung Association Trudeau Award for many years of outstanding and dedicated service promoting pulmonary medicine, the American Lung Association of California's 2003 California Medal for meritorious service in the campaign against lung disease and the 2010-2011 Dickson UCLA Emeritus Professorship Award and is listed in Who's Who in America 2013.

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## Medical Marijuana Radio

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LS Love has been a patient and advocate for the Medical Cannabis Program in New Mexico since 2009. Love started an Audio Blog to help get the word out to try and make changes to the MCP in New Mexico. LS-Love Now LS is producing and hosting a two weekly Live MMJ Talk Shows on the internet.

For two years Love managed one of Santa Fe's first Medical Marijuana Dispensaries. Specializing in front end sales and patient Cannabis Consultations.

Previously: L. S. Love produced and hosted the first weekly LOTTO radio show in the country with many experts in the field as guest speakers. Listeners were invited to call in with questions and comments.

L. S. Love has appeared on television as a LOTTO expert nationally on NBC, ABC, CBS, CNN, and locally on KNBC, KTLA, KCBS, KCAL, KTTV and KCOP. On radio has guested on KABC with Michael Jackson, Tom Hall and was frequently interviewed by KNXT and KFWB. He was a regular on KGIL with John Swaney, as well as WSB Atlanta. The L.A. Times, Daily News, Sacramento Bee and numerous other publications around the country have interviewed L.S. for his expertise. 🌿

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## The Top 10 Marijuana Victories in 2014

Rob Kampa  
Executive director, Marijuana Policy Project

Since the Marijuana Policy Project was founded 20 years ago, I've oftentimes written a list of the top 10 victories at the end of each year. 2014 was either the best or second-best year in 20 years, depending on how you weigh the legalization victories in Colorado and Washington in 2012.

As usual, this top 10 list is limited to policy progress relating to marijuana in the United States. That is, the list excludes non-psychoactive hemp, breakthrough research, celebrity endorsements, and the like.

- 1. LEGALIZATION IN OREGON:** On November 4, an impressive 55 percent of Oregon voters passed a ballot initiative to legalize marijuana for adults 21 and older, similar to the initiatives that passed two years ago in Colorado and Washington.
- 2. LEGALIZATION IN ALASKA:** Also on November 4, 53 percent of Alaska voters passed a similar legalization initiative. As a result, Alaska and Oregon became the third and fourth states to end marijuana prohibition.
- 3. TWIN REFORMS IN MARYLAND:** In April, Gov. Martin O'Malley (D) signed a bill legalizing medical marijuana in Maryland; at the same time, he signed a bill decriminalizing marijuana possession in the state. This was the first time that any governor signed two substantial marijuana policy reform bills at the same time.
- 4. TWIN REFORMS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:** In March, the local D.C. government enacted a law decriminalizing marijuana possession in our nation's capital. Then, on November 4, 70 percent of D.C. voters passed a ballot initiative to remove all penalties for personal possession and home cultivation of marijuana. (It remains to be seen whether a recent act of Congress will block the voter initiative from taking effect.)
- 5. CONGRESS REIGNS IN THE DEA:** This month, Congress and President Obama enacted a massive spending bill for FY 2015 that, in part, prevents the U.S. Justice Department -- which includes the Drug Enforcement Administration -- from spending money to interfere with state-level medical marijuana laws. (This will expire on September 30 but could be renewed annually each fall.)
- 6. MEDICAL MARIJUANA IN MINNESOTA:** After nine years of lobbying by advocates and patients in St. Paul, the Minnesota Legislature enacted a law in May to allow certain patients to use marijuana in a non-smokable form.
- 7. MEDICAL MARIJUANA IN NEW YORK STATE:** After 12 years of lobbying by advocates and patients in Albany, the New York Legislature enacted a law in July that's similar to the Minnesota law.

8. MEDICAL MARIJUANA LOSS IN FLORIDA: On November 4, 58 percent of Florida voters voted in favor of a medical marijuana initiative. Because all Florida initiatives require 60 percent of the vote to pass, the medical marijuana initiative failed. But the close vote during a hostile midterm election means Florida voters will very likely pass a similar initiative during the presidential election in November 2016.



9. 25 LOCAL INITIATIVES IN FOUR STATES: On November 4, voters in 23 local jurisdictions passed marijuana-related initiatives, joining two more that had passed local initiatives in August. In South Portland, Maine, voters legalized marijuana possession. In the two biggest counties in New Mexico and eight cities in Michigan, voters decriminalized marijuana possession. And in 14 state legislative districts in Massachusetts, voters instructed their state legislators to support legislation to legalize marijuana.

10. MARIJUANA ON TRIBAL LANDS: This month, the U.S. Justice Department issued a memo stating it would not interfere with the cultivation and sale of marijuana on tribal lands, even in states where such activity is prohibited.

As you can see, this was a huge year for the movement to end marijuana prohibition in the U.S. I predict 2015 will also be a big year, with state legislatures like Delaware, Illinois, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island passing various reform measures. And 2016 will be the best year ever, with five or more states (including California) legalizing marijuana at the ballot box on Election Day. 🌿

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