



# The Willow

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## Drug Testing News & Facts

On December 29, 2006, President Bush signed into law the increased use of the heroin addiction medicine Buprenorphine. Under the new law, certain qualified treatment professionals can prescribe Buprenorphine to a limit of 100 patients at a time. The prior limit was 30.

In fiscal 2007, the President asked Congress for \$15 million for grants supporting student drug testing, a proposed 45% increase.

The state of Maine Department of Labor approves and monitors all applications for employer-based drug testing. The most recent report (March 2006) indicated 310 companies have active drug testing policies.

The use of state Drug Courts throughout the US is steadily increasing. A recent SAMHSA study noted that treatment-based drug courts shift the focus of care from episodes of acute symptoms toward the management of long-term recovery. The Drug Courts goal is to engage the individual as a partner in his or her own recovery and rehabilitation.

*Willow Laboratories is a recognized leader in the substance-abuse testing industry since 1995*

*"Often Copied...Never Duplicated"*

## Lab Notes:

Things do not always appear as they truly are. For example, there are many winter phrases or words that have a different meaning in the world of the drug-user [drug-slang]. Our laboratory receives many calls from clients asking for the meaning of some of these words.

From a toxicology point of view, listed are several of these common phrases/words and their meanings.

- D'n the Chimney = Snorting drugs
- All Lit Up = Under the influence
- Toys = Opium Poppy Plants
- Angel = PCP
- Snowballs = Mix of cocaine & heroin
- Pine = Hash Oil
- Ice = Smoked form of amphetamines
- Snow = Either cocaine, heroin or amphetamines
- Blizzard = The white pot smoke cloud in a water pipe

"Happy New Year" from Dr. Lou Traficante and the technical staff.

## CEO Notes

As the new year begins - anticipation, energy and promise fill the air.

At Willow Laboratories we are looking forward to 2007 with great excitement and enthusiasm.

- Our Sales staff continues to make strong gains in new territories
- Customer Service will continue to ensure your complete satisfaction of our services
- The Lab & Ops. Departments are stronger than ever and ready to answer any inquiry
- In Marketing we will roll-out our "new and improved" website during the first quarter
- A new, expanded Willow Pharmacy will open during January

These are only the tip of the iceberg. Continue to watch your email for more Willow news.

*On behalf of everyone at Willow Laboratories  
Happy New Year. --Dr. Brian Strasnick*



**Holiday Tradition.** Willow Labs sponsored and chaperoned 20 young women from Girls, Inc. to attend 'Radio City Christmas Spectacular - Starring The Rockettes' at the Wang Center in Boston. A grand time was had by all.



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