

Eight counties and 23 cities regulate cannabis outlets

By Chris Conrad

The regulation of marijuana sales within the state continues, despite opposition by the federal government, drug police and local officials in some counties.

Several dispensaries have functioned within the state since before Prop 215, mostly in the San Francisco Bay area. However, the big surge has been since the passage of SB 420, which allows patients to work collectively and creates limited immunity from sections of the law that otherwise ban cultivation, sales and having a place where cannabis is sold. "This new

law represents a dramatic change in the prohibitions on the use, distribution, and cultivation of marijuana for persons who are qualified patients or primary caregivers," according to the 2005 *Urziceanu* Appellate Court ruling.

Since its provisions went into effect, eight counties and 23 cities have adopted ordinances to regulate over-the-counter access to marijuana by qualified persons, ranging from Los Angeles to Oakland to Placerville. Most recently, conservative Kern County adopted its own regulatory *Continued on page 16*

Mayor-elect Dellums to Oaksterdam, Measure Z: "I'm here to support you"

District 2 candidate Allison courts cannabis friendly votes

By Richard Lee

Former US Congressman, cannabis law reformer and past NORML board member Ron Dellums, became the mayor elect of Oakland winning the primary outright avoiding a runoff.

When asked about Oakland's Measure Z clubs, which first opened after Measure Z became law in November of 2004 with 65 percent of the vote, Dellums replied, "I'm here to support you." The *Oakland Regulation and Revenue Ordinance* makes private sales, cultivation and use of cannabis the lowest police priority and requires the city to tax and regulate cannabis as soon as possible under state law.

Private membership clubs have been operating discretely and without problems, quietly paying taxes, creating jobs, and revitalizing Oakland, just as medical marijuana clubs had for eight years long before the city began issuing permits in 2004.

The medical marijuana outlets pay a \$20,000 permit fee in addition to income and payroll taxes and collect \$100,000 a year in sales taxes. The Cannabis Regulation and Revenue Oversight Board

is currently developing similar rules and permit fees for Measure Z clubs.

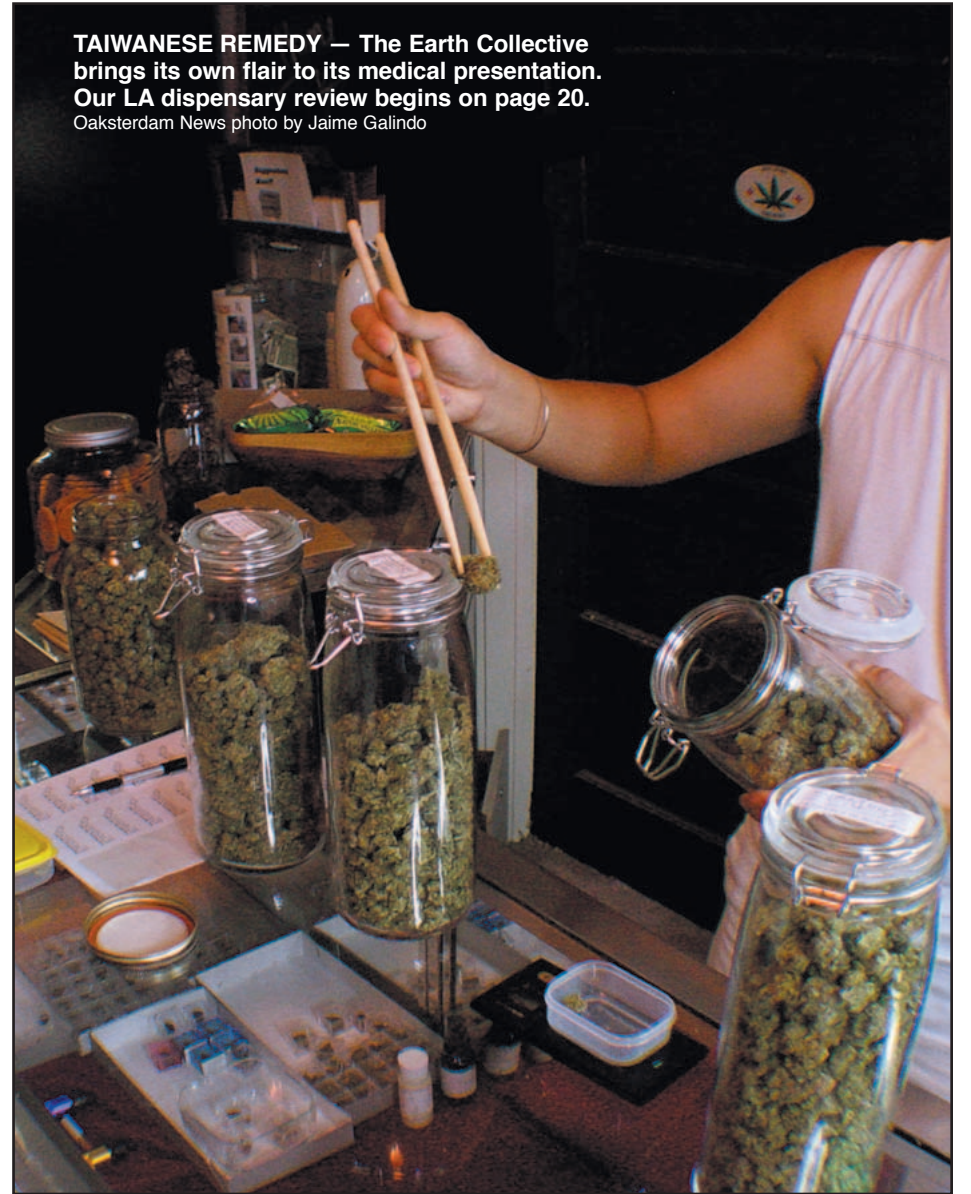
In another important race for Measure Z voters, City Council District 2 candidate Aimee Allison is in a tight runoff with Pat Kernighan. Allison endorsed Measure Z, adding that cannabis tourism would be good for the city, while Kernighan opposed the measure.

West Hollywood adopts new city policy: Do not target adult marijuana offenders

By Mikki Norris

It's official. On June 19, the West Hollywood City Council passed a resolution that declared it policy that "the City of West Hollywood does not target marijuana offenses" and directs the public safety commission to review narcotics-related law enforcement statistics annually.

In effect, this policy directs the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, which is contracted with the City to handle



TAIWANESE REMEDY — The Earth Collective brings its own flair to its medical presentation. Our LA dispensary review begins on page 20. Oaksterdam News photo by Jaime Galindo

SF dispensaries win an extension, face problems

By Justin Baker

San Francisco's system of cannabis outlets got an extension into mid-2007 to reorganize under new regulations that make many relocations both mandatory and extremely difficult to achieve. In the arrangement agreed upon by the City Aug. 8, more than 30 existing dispensaries have been allowed to operate, as well as delivery services.

A last minute change allows collectives in the permitting process to request a provisional permit but they cannot operate *Continued on page 8*

DEA vs Democracy:

Delivery services take off as Feds and county go after San Diego dispensaries

By Dale Gieringer

The DEA and local law enforcement officials moved to shut down San Diego's proliferating medical cannabis clubs.

Drug agents raided half of the city's collective dispensaries on July 6. Owners and employees were charged with selling marijuana to agents presenting doctors' recommendations. Two weeks later, DEA agents visited the other half and warned them to close or face arrest.

All 19 of the publicly listed San Diego dispensaries (see canorml.org) ceased operations, at least temporarily. A few delivery services are said to be privately providing medicine, and policy analyst Chris Conrad predicts that many more will open in the coming months to supply regional demand that had been well-served

by the storefront operations, as collective members regroup to help one another.

Patient advocates protested the raids. "How can you bust people for breaking the law when there are no rules?" asked ASA spokesperson Dion Markgraaff. "That's what everybody wants — regulation."

The San Diego DA's office told the North County Times that the county was helping the DEA because dispensaries were selling marijuana to almost anyone who wanted it, rather than legitimate patients. Undercover officers reportedly obtained open-ended recommendations for vague and unsubstantiated complaints from several doctors. Four of the doctors were reported to the state medical board for further investigation.

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its policing (it does not have its own police force) to make marijuana laws regarding adult, personal use a "low priority."

The Council voted yes by 4-0 with one abstention. The ordinance was proposed by Councilmember John Duran to save the city the expense of an election and to gain more control over its language. The West Hollywood Civil Liberties Alliance (WeHoCLA) was engaged in a signature *Continued on page 6*

Tax watchdog calls Drug War a waste

By Alexa Moutevelis

The Washington DC-based Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) released a report June 26 strongly critical of the Drug War. *Wasted in the War on Drugs: Office of National Drug Control Policy's Wasted Efforts* takes ONDCP to task for functioning inefficiently and failing to achieve its core objectives.

"Billions of dollars marked for the war on drugs are being wasted on ineffective and counterproductive policies," said CAGW President Tom Schatz.

The ONDCP was established in 1988 by the Anti-Drug Abuse Act. It funds four primary programs: High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA), the Counterdrug Technology Assessment Center (CTAC), the Drug Free Communities Program, and the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign. Created to reduce marijuana use, the media campaign has been the target of a lawsuit concerning the integrity of the ad agency, a government

report detailing the failure of the campaign, and a study showing that the ads have a reverse effect. Despite all this, Congress plans to throw another \$120 million at the program in fiscal 2007.

The federal government's war on drugs includes tracking down and persecuting patients where medical marijuana is legal. Even though numerous studies have challenged the assertion that marijuana is a gateway drug, the federal government's obsession with marijuana use continues as the problems with methamphetamine and cocaine worsen.

"The federal government must re-prioritize its drug policies," noted Schatz.

Citizens Against Government Waste is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement in government. *Wasted in the War on Drugs* can be found at its website, cagw.org. It is part of CAGW's series of *Through the Looking Glass* reports.

MPP puts 'tax and regulate' language on Nevada and Santa Cruz ballots

More votes in Congress, advances in states

By Rebecca Greenberg, Bruce Mirken

What do President George Bush, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and former President Bill Clinton all have in common?

They all smoked marijuana. And they all managed to avoid arrest and jail for doing so. And — whatever one thinks of their views or policies — they all went on to achieve extraordinary success. And that success gives the lie to claims by the likes of White House Drug Czar John Walters that marijuana is “a dead end” that must be kept illegal to “save” society.

“Is it fair to arrest three-quarters of a million people a year for doing what presidents have done?”

That is the point made in a new radio commercial produced by the Marijuana Policy Project (MPP), the largest marijuana reform organization in the United States, and which began airing July 3.

While one voice reads the names of distinguished Americans who have used marijuana, a second voice asks, “Is it fair to arrest three quarters of a million people a year for doing what presidents and a Supreme Court justice have done?”

The commercial will be broadcast through the summer during Jim Hightower’s syndicated “Common Sense Commentary,” carried by Air America and other stations, and on “Downsize DC,” a libertarian-oriented radio show — airing on a total of at least 141 radio stations around the US. It’s part of MPP’s effort to bring new attention to the need for reform of America’s marijuana laws.

The medical marijuana front continues

to progress: In January, Rhode Island became the first state to pass medical marijuana legislation over a governor’s veto. Nov. 7, South Dakotans have the opportunity to vote on a medical initiative.

In Congress, an amendment to the Department of Justice appropriations bill, aimed at stopping Drug Enforcement Administration attacks on medical marijuana patients and caregivers in states where medical marijuana is legal, received record congressional support this June: 163 “yes” votes. Fully 72 percent of Democrats voted for the bill; 18 Republicans even bucked the White House to vote “yes.” The amendment did not pass, but Reps. Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) and Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA) promised to sponsor the amendment until it passes, and MPP will continue its targeted lobbying campaign to gain legislative support.

The Bay Area’s congressional delegation lined up solidly behind the proposal. Reps. Lynn Woolsey, Barbara Lee and Sam Farr all spoke eloquently on the House floor in support of the amendment. Strikingly, the amendment drew increased backing from conservatives as well.

“Support for medical marijuana has hit yet another high-water mark in Congress, 11 states have legalized medical marijuana in 11 years, and the latest national poll shows that an astounding 78 percent of voters want to see medical marijuana legal,” said MPP Executive Director Rob Kambia. “It’s hard to imagine a scenario where Congress will not pass our medical marijuana legislation by, say, 2009.”

“The most significant thing is that the amendment gained votes during an election year,” Kambia continued. The last time the House voted on this amendment during an election year was in the summer of 2004, when support dropped from where it had been a year prior.

The amendment’s strong showing this year probably has something to do with the fact that Citizens Against Government Waste and other conservative organizations are now lobbying alongside a host of medical and other organizations, including the American Nurses Association, to pass the amendment.”

In Nevada, MPP has proposed a ballot initiative to tax and regulate marijuana similarly to alcohol. Voters will decide this November whether the state will regulate the production, sale, and use of marijuana by adults. The initiative recently got its first newspaper endorsement from the *Lahontan Valley News*, which wrote in a June 20 editorial, “In a state where prostitution is legal in certain counties, bars are not required to close and children can legally possess and use tobacco, objections to marijuana legalization on a moral basis seem hypocritical.”

Here in California, MPP’s grants program is supporting local efforts modeled on Oakland’s successful Measure Z campaign, which made personal marijuana offenses the lowest priority for local law

enforcement. The West Hollywood City Council passed such an ordinance in June, and San Francisco’s Board of Supervisors may take up a similar measure in late summer or early fall. Lowest-priority initiative drives will be on the ballots in the cities of Santa Cruz, Santa Barbara and Santa Monica, and one is moving forward in Missoula MT. The Santa Cruz initiative calls on the city to tax and regulate cannabis as soon as possible under state law.

Headquartered in Washington, DC MPP works for reform on the federal, state and local levels. MPP acknowledges that any drug, including marijuana, can cause harm, but argues that the best way to minimize the harm associated with marijuana is to tax and regulate it in a manner similar to alcohol. MPP doesn’t believe anyone should go to jail for using marijuana; particularly sick and dying individuals who use medical marijuana to mitigate symptoms of serious illnesses.

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Oaksterdam: Ten years old and gaining international recognition

By Richard Lee

On the Fourth of July, 1996, Jeff Jones moved the Oakland Cannabis Buyer's Cooperative, his medical marijuana delivery service, into a fifth floor office space at 1755 Broadway in Uptown Oakland. This historic moment was made possible in large part by Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley, who spearheaded numerous resolutions while on the Oakland City Council, eventually deputizing Jones as a cannabis control officer in an effort to shield him from federal prosecution.

The new cannabis industry began revitalizing an Oakland area that had seen its retail properties sit empty and idle for years.

When Dennis Peron's San Francisco CBC was raided and temporarily closed in August of '96, the OCBC was there for patients with no where else to go. That November, Prop 215 won and patients began coming to Oakland from all over the state. By 1997 the OCBC had outgrown it's original location and relocated to the third floor of the same building. The front office verified doctor recommendations and issued cards while in the back cannabis products, gardening supplies and starter plants were available to members.

In the summer of '98 Andrew Glazier, the OCBC gardening expert, opened the Four Seasons Hydroponic Garden Center at 1737 Broadway. This was the first retail space leased in what would soon become the heart of *Oaksterdam*.

Earlier that year, the federal government had filed a civil injunction against the OCBC and five other clubs. The OCBC was forced to close it's dispensary in October of 1998 while the case worked it's way up to the US Supreme Court.

In December, Jim McClellan, the OCBC's chief financial officer, left the coop to open The Zoo dispensary at 1736 Telegraph. McClellan also operated a large

cannabis production facility at the Glove Building in West Oakland and founded the Berkeley Patients Group before dying of AIDS in 2001.

The OCBC continued to verify recommendations and issue cards, as well as opening a hemp store at their new location, 1733 Broadway. The Zoo would move to 1734 Telegraph in 1999 as again more space was needed for the new Oakland cannabis industry that was revitalizing an area that had seen retail properties sit empty and idle for years.

In April of the same year Richard Lee saw the beginning of a cannabis friendly shopping district similar to the Dutch coffeeshop areas of Holland.

He leased 1739 Broadway, which would become the Bulldog Coffeeshop later that year, named after a chain of Amsterdam coffeeshops famous for their tenacity. The Bulldog, and it's founder Henk Devries were raided by the police hundreds of times in the 1970's, sometimes more than once in a week. Today Devries operates nine locations including a cannabis friendly hotel, selling cannabis and paying millions in taxes.

Today the name Oaksterdam is recognized around the world as a symbol of the over-the-counter cannabis culture that emerged here and has gained acceptance in communities throughout the state.

Look for part 2 of the Oaksterdam saga in the next issue of the O'dam News.



JOURNEY FOR JUSTICE — Ken Locke met with Richard Lee when he visited Oaksterdam's Bulldog Coffeeshop on his cross-country bicycle trek. Ken uses cannabis to control seizures caused when the log he is holding fell on his head, causing massive injuries. He credits marijuana with making his coast-to-coast trip possible.

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Left: Ken at the CA capitol, Sacramento. His journey left Folly Beach, SC April 7 ending in Seattle, WA to raise awareness of medical marijuana.

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Three cities to vote on local LLEP initiatives Nov 7:

Voters qualify reform ballot initiatives across California

by Mikki Norris*

Voters in the cities of Santa Cruz, Santa Monica, and Santa Barbara will have the opportunity to make a statement that it's time to stop wasting law enforcement resources investigating, arresting, and prosecuting adult marijuana users on election day, November 7. Committees in all three cities submitted enough signatures to qualify their lowest law enforcement priority for marijuana offenses initiatives (LLEP) for the ballots, and the city clerks certified the results. The respective city councils had the option to either adopt the measures directly into law or place them on the ballots for the voters to decide. Bound by the duty of their office to uphold the democratic process, all of the councils voted to place the initiatives on the ballot.

Santa Cruz Citizens for Sensible

Marijuana Policy (SCCSMP), the local sponsor of the Santa Cruz initiative, fought back a hostile impact report prepared by City Attorney, John Barisone, who questioned the legality of various aspects of the



LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR LOW PRIORITY — Jack Cole, director of LEAP, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, encouraged Santa Monica City Council to lend its support to the local ballot initiative. Photo by Mikki Norris

West Hollywood joins move to accept cannabis

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drive for an initiative similar to the current Santa Cruz effort, when Duran approached the group offering to support a city ordinance deprioritizing marijuana offenses. WeHoCLA agreed to pull the plug on their initiative effort to work with Duran's office to come up with an acceptable policy that would save the group the expense of a campaign.

West Hollywood is the first city in California to pass such a resolution regarding non-medical marijuana use since Oakland voters passed Measure Z in 2004 with 65% of the vote, and the 1970s when Berkeley and San Francisco passed resolutions to stop the arrest of marijuana users. This effort is the first success of the California Cities Campaign aimed at passing initiatives and ordinances across California in 2006, to end the waste of tax dollars and police resources criminalizing cannabis consumers, and to enable law enforcement to focus on violent and serious crime instead.

initiative. Using fear tactics that claimed the Council would violate local, state and federal laws by directing the police to set priorities, the city attorney presented several avenues to challenge the initiative prior to and post election. Armed with legal opinions prepared by attorneys who specialize in election law, the committee refuted each claim for the record.

"The City Attorney is trying to obstruct our constitutionally protected right to the initiative process," said Andrea Tischler, chair of SCCSMP. "We submitted almost twice the amount of signatures required to get this initiative on the ballot. We urge the City Council to see to it that this initiative is put to a vote in the November election. Let's let the people of Santa Cruz decide."

Ultimately, at the July 25 meeting the Council voted to place it on the ballot without challenge, and two Council members endorsed the measure, Tim

Fitzmaurice and Emily Reilly, despite the city attorney's attempt to derail the effort.

Members of Santa Monica's for Sensible Marijuana Policy and Sensible Santa Barbara, the local sponsors for initiatives that are similar to Seattle's I-75 passed in 2003 (making marijuana intended for adult, personal use law enforcement's lowest priority) also addressed their respective councils on July 25.

In Santa Monica, Police Chief James T. Butts, who will be leaving the department to take a position with Los Angeles World

and federal law, are covered.

In an interview with the Santa Monica newspaper, the Argonaut (Aug. 3), a spokesperson for the Santa Monica committee, Luciano Hernandez, refuted the police department's concern:

"It gives [the police] more time to focus on what's really important in the community," Hernandez said.

"There will be more resources to actually solve real crime in Santa Monica... Santa Monica citizens don't want our police to waste their time and our tax dollars arresting, jailing and prosecuting non-violent marijuana users. I think the police will eventually come around to see our point of view. The initiative doesn't stop them from doing their job."

The Santa Barbara impact report expressed similar concerns by the police that were addressed in the Santa Monica report. However, council members are bound by their duty to place qualified initiatives on the ballot, and both city councils voted to do so. Giving a boost to their local efforts, Santa Barbara Councilmember Das Williams and the publisher of the *Santa Monica Mirror*, a weekly paper, have come out in support of the local ballot measures.

It remains to be seen if any efforts to challenge the initiatives will occur following the November election. In Oakland, threats to challenge Measure Z prior to the vote fell flat when voters turned out in strong support of it on election day.

Meanwhile, the committees are gearing up for their campaigns and are currently gathering endorsements and seeking volunteers for their get out the vote efforts. A strong showing will help efforts for a state ballot initiative proposed for 2008.

For more information on the local initiatives, and endorsements, or to get involved, please check out the web sites: sensiblesantacruz.org, sensiblesantamonica.org, and sensiblesantabarbara.org.

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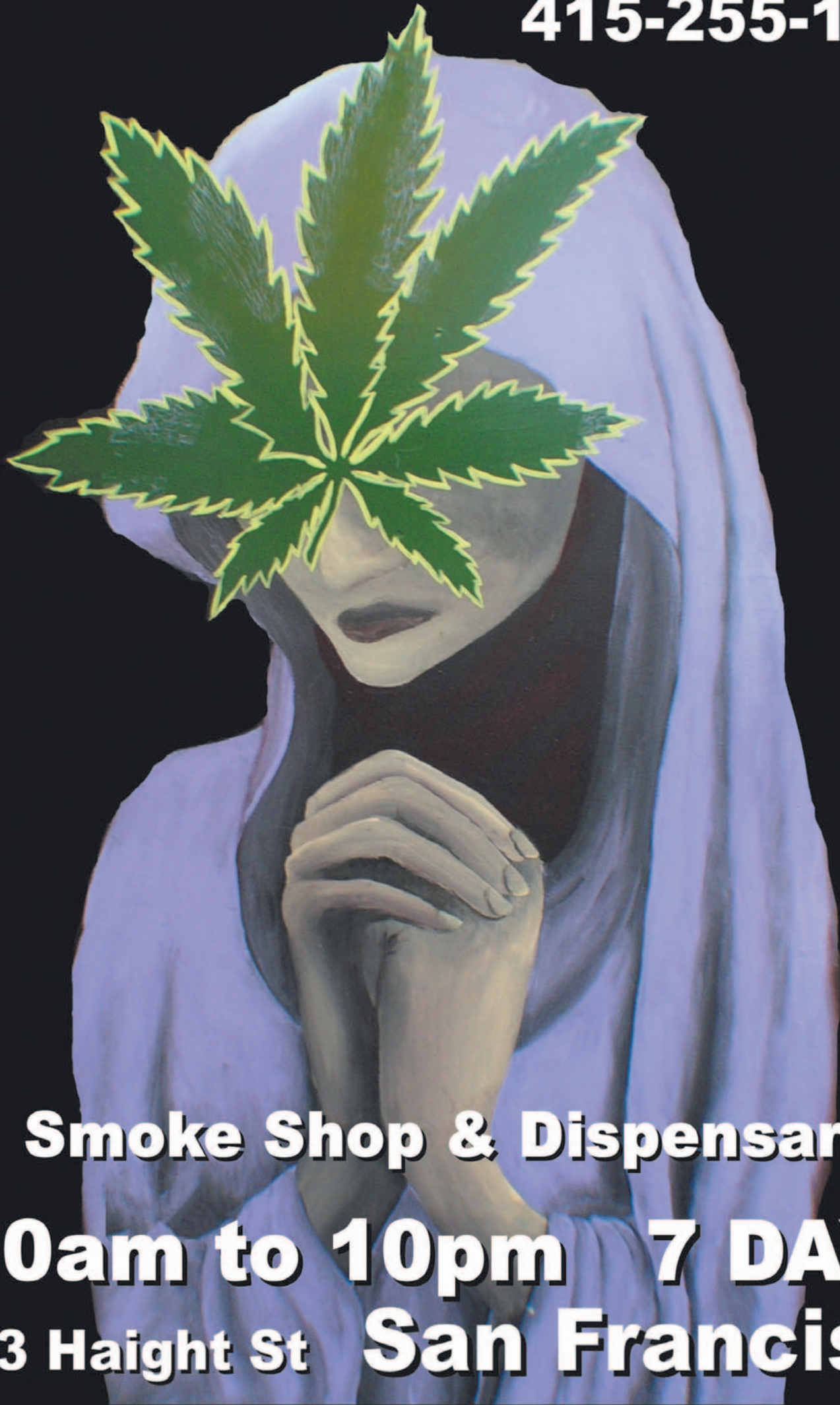
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SAFER petition drive places marijuana legalization initiative on CO ballot

Colorado voters will decide

By Steve Fox*

Safer Alternative for Enjoyable Recreation (SAFER) submitted 129,000 signatures Aug. 7 from Colorado citizens who support a state ballot initiative to legalize adult possession of up to an ounce of marijuana.

To qualify for the ballot, 67,829 of the signatories must be state-registered voters. The Secretary of State must verify the signatures and by Sept. 6 declare whether a sufficient number of registered voters signed the petition.

This became the major impetus for a statewide initiative:

If Denver officials were going to use a legal loophole to undermine the will of the voters, the only solution was to change state law.

The initiative, supported by the group's lobbying arm, SAFER Voter Education Fund, would amend state law providing for a \$100 fine for any person who possesses up to one ounce of marijuana. Simply by inserting the words, "under the age of 21" after "person" in the existing statute, the amendment would eliminate this fine for anyone 21 years or older.

Last November, the organization coordinated a similar initiative campaign in the city of Denver. Consistent with its mission of educating the public about the fact that marijuana is less harmful than alcohol, the campaign promoted this message in every press release and in every media appearance. SAFER specifically argued that adults should not be punished for making the rational choice to use mar-

ijuana instead of alcohol.

Denver citizens embraced the SAFER message and the initiative passed by a 54-46 margin, making Denver the first US city to eliminate all penalties for marijuana possession. (California and most other states do not allow such a local action.)

Unfortunately, Denver officials refused to respect the will of the people and instructed law enforcement to keep citing residents under state law for marijuana possession. This became the major impetus behind the statewide initiative campaign. If Denver officials were going to use state law to undermine the will of the people, SAFER reasoned, the only solution was to eliminate the state law.

SAFER announced the statewide campaign late last year and launched the signature drive on March 1, following a relatively easy approval process for the ballot language. The petition drive picked up momentum throughout the summer, climaxing during the final weeks, when about 2,000 Colorado residents a day were signing the petition to place the initiative on the ballot.

SAFER's signature drive was bolstered by the support of more than 500 volunteers from around the state. These volunteers came from all walks of life, from punk bands to the business world. Even the mayor of one small town circulated a petition for the campaign.

After the initiative qualifies, SAFER plans to spend the fall encouraging supporters of marijuana reform – especially on college campuses – to register to vote and then get out to vote on Nov. 7 (or early, as is possible in Colorado). The campaign's large volunteer base will be activated in an effort to educate tens of thousands of registered voters about the initiative.

Most significantly, SAFER will take advantage of the media opportunities provided by the campaign to spread



MADE IT — Mason Tvert of SAFER announces that his group had turned in twice the required number of voter signatures. Photo courtesy of SAFER

its "marijuana is safer than alcohol" message throughout the state of Colorado and across the nation. Win or lose, this will undoubtedly undermine support for marijuana prohibition in the country.

Of course, should the initiative garner more than 50 percent of the Nov. 7 vote, the unified ban on marijuana in this country will officially be over. It will then truly be a high time in the Mile High city.

For more information about the campaign or to make a donation, please visit safercolorado.org.

* Fox is national director of SAFER

SF dispensaries given extension, face crisis of locations

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until they receive a Certificate of Final Completion and Occupancy, which means in June or July of 2007 collectives without a permit will have to cease operations per Health Code Sec. 3303 and 3307(d).

A wake-up call rattled the complacency of many dispensary operators when a dispensary had attempted to move to a neighborhood near Fishermen's Wharf. Green Cross found a location, got all the permits, met all the requirements, invested in

improving the premises, got the endorsement of the Planning Commission staff and announced their new location — only to be met with hostile media coverage and NIMBY neighbors who attacked in the media, filled the chambers and torpedoed their permit when the Commission met to vote on it July 13. Despite its full compliance, its permit was rejected 4-2.

A major public relations problem looms for dispensaries to demonstrate how they improve their neighborhoods.



Spinal Tap visits Oaksterdam

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*Drug Policy Alliance marks 10 years in California***Expanding medi cannabis nationally, defending Prop. 36 here**

By Isaac Skelton*

The Drug Policy Alliance (DPA) was formed when the Lindesmith Center and Drug Policy Foundation merged to form the nation's leading organization working to end the Drug War. It envisions new drug policies based on science, compassion, health and human rights, and a just society in which the fears, prejudice and punitive prohibitions of today are no more.

In August the organization celebrated 10 years of its California office under the directorship of Marsha Rosenbaum. In its first year here, DPA backed the successful Prop 215. In recent months it has worked on saving Prop 36 drug treatment programs while it has been active on the medical marijuana issue in other states.

DPA helps advance medical marijuana reform in four states

In Alabama, where a 2004 poll revealed 70-plus percent support for legalizing medical marijuana, DPA is working closely with the highly respected Representative Laura Hall, to advance medical marijuana legislation. In March, Governor Robert Riley signed new sentencing guidelines into law (for which DPA lobbied heavily) that will significantly reduce Alabama's remarkably high rate of incarceration for marijuana possession offenses.

This past year in Maryland, DPA started work on a bill to bring the state's medical marijuana law more into line with other medical marijuana states. DPA is meeting with legislators, lobbyists and candidates in Baltimore and will be watching the November election results closely.

A poll released by DPA showed 86 percent in New Jersey support medical marijuana generally and 71 percent support a specific medical marijuana bill. State Senator Nicholas Scutari, a legislator who



NEW JERSEY DELEGATION — DPA's NJ Director Roseanne Scotti, Montel Williams, Dr John Morgan (holding hat), Gerry McGrath and Don McGrath, the parents of patient Sean McGrath, lobbied the legislature for safe access.

Photo courtesy of DPA. For more info see: drugpolicy.org/docUploads/NJMedMJ_SeansStory.pdf

is also a prosecutor, introduced the bill. The Senate Health Committee held hearings in early June, at which DPA arranged for Montel Williams and other experts to testify. The media response was excellent. Montel Williams and Roseanne Scotti, director of DPA New Jersey, also met with Governor John Corzine, who expressed his support for this bill, which has bipartisan support in the State Assembly.

The DPA worked tirelessly with New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson on a medical marijuana bill during the state's one-month long legislative session in February. Notwithstanding overwhelming support in both houses of the legislature, the bill failed to get to his desk. Governor Richardson has committed to supporting the bill again in the early 2007 session.

Oakland judge blocks incarceration for relapse

Meanwhile, California's Governor Schwarzenegger signed Senate Bill 1137 into law July 12, making a number of contentious changes to the state's treatment-not-incarceration law, Prop 36. The DPA and California Society of Addiction Medicine (CSAM) immediately sued to block the law's implementation.

Prop 36 was passed overwhelmingly by 61 percent of California voters in 2000, and has since saved the state over \$1.3 billion while helping more than 60,000 people with drug convictions receive treatment and lead productive lives. SB 1137 attempts to radically rewrite Prop. 36 allowing judges to incarcerate nonviolent drug offenders actively engaged in treat-

ment who relapse or otherwise violate probation. The bill's passage—by politicians and lobbyists in back room dealings—not only guts this hugely successful treatment program but also threatens the state's entire democratic initiative process.

Within hours of the Governor's signature, DPA, CSAM and Cliff Gardner, the official ballot proponent of Prop. 36, filed a complaint in Alameda County Superior Court to strike down SB 1137 as unconstitutional. DPA legal affairs director Daniel Abrahamson said, "Rather than veto SB 1137, the Governor opted to engage in a legal battle over what he knows is an unconstitutional law."

A Superior Court judge entered a temporary restraining order (TRO) July 13 stopping SB 1137 from taking effect. In issuing the TRO, Judge Winifred Smith found that DPA and CSAM have a "substantial likelihood of success" in proving the changes to Prop. 36 are unconstitutional. According to the court, "Plaintiffs have demonstrated that serious irreparable harm will occur unless a status quo injunction is granted." The judge's order prevents any implementation or enforcement of SB 1137. Abrahamson called the order "one big step in striking down" the law. "Jail sanctions will not be an option," he said. "If we find or hear about any jail sanctions, we will be back in court immediately seeking an order of contempt."

The DPA offers email and print newsletters and updates, as well as Safety First drug education materials for schools, parents and educators. To learn more about the group, to donate or to sign up for local or electronic activism and regular email updates, visit drugpolicy.org or send an email to info@drugpolicy.org.

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100 Years of federal drug prohibition

Drug crimes did not exist until a century ago

By Dale Gieringer*

This year marks the centennial of the first federal drug laws. On June 30, 1906, Congress approved the Pure Food and Drugs Act, empowering the US Bureau of Chemistry — the forerunner of today’s FDA — to ban dangerous drugs. The act proved to be a fateful step toward a regime of total federal control that would eventually restrict Americans’ access to medicine and create a vast federal bureaucracy and a brand new field of criminal enterprise.

At the time the act was passed, there was no such thing as an illegal drug. Americans could readily buy any drug at the pharmacy, including opium, cocaine, or cannabis,

which was then widely recognized as a medicine. Yet there was little public fuss about drug abuse, and drug crime and violence were unknown in the legal market.

That began to change as a coalition of government bureaucrats and prohibitionists pushed for ever-tightening restrictions on drugs.

The intent of the *Pure Food and Drug Act* was basically sound: to stop mis-branded and adulterated products. However, the act was promptly abused by the first director of the Bureau of Chemistry, Harvey Washington Wiley, a prohibitionist, who tried unsuccessfully to ban saccharin, caffeine, and sodium benzoate.



CANNABIS REMEDY — Cannabis was a prime ingredient in this pre-Drug War corn remedy.

Image courtesy of Michael Krawitz, Director of the Cannabis Museum

However, Wiley did manage to banish harmless coca beverages containing small amounts of cocaine. Low-potency coca beverages had been on the market for a generation with no evident health problems. However, public alarm had been fueled by the introduction of high-potency, pharmaceutical cocaine, which caused serious addiction problems. Though Wiley succeeded in banning harmless coca products, he failed to stem the flood of potent pharmaceutical cocaine, which metastasized into a worldwide criminal problem.

The spring of 1906 brought a second important new anti-drug law. On May 7, Congress passed the *District of Columbia Pharmacy and Poisons Act*, cracking down on the sale of narcotics to “drug fiends.” The DCPA made it a crime to sell opium, cocaine or morphine except on a doctor’s prescription. The act was the first of a series of measures that would culminate in national narcotics prohibition with the *Harrison Narcotics Act* of 1914. Although the DCPA applied only to the District of Columbia, it was intended as a model bill for the states.

California followed suit with an aggressive war on drugs launched by the state board of pharmacy in 1907. The board procured a pioneering law against cannabis in 1913, when hardly anyone had yet heard of *marijuana*. Cannabis had previously been available in patent medicines or among small pockets of social or religious users. Ironically, only after becoming illegal did marijuana become popular among the general population.

Viewed in retrospect, the toll of the drug laws exceeds that of the great 1906 earthquake.

Cannabis continued to be legally available as a pre-scripted medicine until 1941, when it was forced off the market by the *Marihuana Tax Act*. The Supreme Court in 1969 ruled, in *US v Timothy Leary*, that the MTA was unconstitutional; it was promptly replaced by the *Controlled Substances Act*, and cannabis was kept unavailable in the drug schedule. Today, the FDA contends that cannabis is an unproven “new” drug, overlooking a long medical history predating its own existence.

Viewed in retrospect, the toll of the drug laws exceeds that of the great 1906 earthquake. In the past century, thousands have been killed by prohibition-related drug crime and violence. Hundreds of billions of dollars have been spent on drug law enforcement. Millions have been arrested and criminalized, and nearly half a million are now in prison for drug offenses that did not exist a century ago.

Despite this, the rate of narcotics addiction today is no lower than when drugs were legal — around one percent of the population.

It is hard to escape the conclusion that 20th century drug control laws have failed. By every criterion, the free market regime of 100 years ago worked better. At the dawn of the 21st century, the time is overdue to address the disastrous legacy of the Hundred Years’ War on Drugs.

* Dale Gieringer is CalNORML director. Based on an article in the June 2006 edition of *Liberty*, “Centennial of an Unnatural Disaster.” Online at libertyunbound.com/archive/2006_06/gieringer-centennial.html.

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Americans for Safe Access update:

Fighting for patients, from counties to Congress

By Rebecca Salzman

Americans for Safe Access (ASA) is pursuing litigation in localities throughout California to support safe, legal access. Its local affiliates hold regular meetings and special meetings to address events as they unfold. Meanwhile, right after opening its new Washington DC office, ASA launched its lobbying effort for a bill amendment attempting to end federal raids. It is supported by grants and contributions.

Recently ASA moved its headquarters to a larger office in the same building, 1322 Webster St # 402, Oakland CA 94612 plus an exciting new email address at info@AmericansforSafeAccess.org. ASA has been expanding and revamping its website to provide ever better resources for patients, doctors, attorneys and reform activists at AmericansForSafeAccess.org.

ASA sues Butte County over ban on collective cultivation

Citing law enforcement's disregard for the state's medical marijuana law, ASA filed a lawsuit to challenge Butte County's attempt to ban private patient collectives. The group lawsuit was filed on behalf of a seven-person private collective run by David Williams. Just prior to harvest last September, Butte law enforcement conducted a warrantless search at his property in Paradise, CA, and forced him to uproot and destroy more than two dozen plants or face arrest and prosecution.

"We were told that it was not lawful to grow collectively for multiple patients," 53-year old patient and collective member David Williams said of the 2005 incident. "Detective Jacob Hancock, who took part in the raid, ignored our evidence and arguments that we were in no way breaking state law." Collective member Rebecca Conley was at the raid, and pleaded with the police as her medicine was being destroyed. "What they did to us and others in Butte County is unacceptable, and must be stopped," said Conley. In addition to the raid at Williams' home, the County made numerous other raids on similar private patient collectives in the autumn of 2005.

The lawsuit was filed in Superior Court seeking declaratory and injunctive relief, as well as damages in excess of \$75,000 and attorneys fees. The lawsuit names as defendants the County, DA Mike Ramsey, the Sheriff and Hancock.

"Not only did these officials break the spirit and letter of the state's medical mar-

ijuana law in denying patients the right to associate collectively," said ASA's Chief Counsel Joe Elford. "They also violated his Fourth Amendment right against unlawful search and seizure."

Because of the threat by County officials to arrest and prosecute collective members who still cultivate, many patients are fearful of what might happen next. Williams, however, is intent to harvest a crop this year, despite harassment, intimidation and threats of reprisal. He and collective members Gary Marsh, Peter Jeffers and Bruce Thompson are counting on the lawsuit so they can cultivate without interference by the county this year.

Elford elaborated that state *Health & Safety Code* Section 11362.775, spells out, in no uncertain terms, that qualified patients "who associate within the State of California in order collectively or cooperatively to cultivate marijuana for medical purposes, shall not solely on the basis of that fact be subject to state criminal sanctions." Butte County and others that choose to ignore this law are advised that they will meet with legal resistance at the hands of patients and their advocates.

For a copy of the lawsuit filed against Butte County: safeaccessnow.org/downloads/Butte_Complaint.pdf.

Patient evades jail, is granted medical marijuana on probation

As a result of testing positive while on probation in May 2006, Los Angeles patient Rachel Jones* was charged with violating her probation conditions. Ignoring her doctor's recommendation that qualified her as a medical marijuana patient, her probation officer recommended jail time.

Turning to her LA public defender, Rachel fought the threat of jail time. Unfortunately, her attorney did not believe she had a viable defense. When Rachel went to court, the judge sentenced her to a year in jail. With nowhere else to turn, she called ASA for help.

Elford contacted the public defender's office to report her substandard legal representation, and encouraged them to utilize the legal decision in *People v. Jones*, which upheld a doctor's recommendation is all that is needed for a jury to establish patient status. To her surprise, when Rachel went to court to turn herself in, her attorney got the court to reverse her sentence. Not only did the court set aside her sentence, but her



attorney was able to get her probation conditions amended by court order to allow her to use marijuana while on probation.

An African-American woman on a fixed income, Rachel, like many others, was vulnerable to a system that mistreats patients and those with limited means of defense. ASA is determined to fight for the rights of patients like her, and has been working with the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to help improve a policy that exempts patients on probation or parole from testing for marijuana.

Support grows with record 'yes' vote for MMJ bill in Congress

One month after opening its national office, ASA started to work on Capitol Hill by helping build support for the Hinchey-Rohrabacher Amendment that would have prohibited the Department of Justice from using Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) funds to conduct raids, arrests and prosecutions of medical cannabis patients and providers in the 11 states that have adopted medical cannabis laws. While the bill did not pass, it won a record number of votes on the House floor in June, 163, and ASA's 2006 strategy helped create a base of support for future victories.

"The House missed an opportunity to show support for seriously ill people, to prove that it believes in States rights, and to reallocate our precious law enforcement funds to programs that are supported by all

citizens and state governments," said ASA's founder and director Steph Sherer. "With this record number of yes votes the amendment received, ASA and the medical cannabis community continue to build momentum toward reform."

To help US Representatives Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) and Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA) build support for their bi-partisan amendment, ASA launched an aggressive multi-faceted campaign that included citizen-advocate lobbying visits, production of our first-ever video news release (distributed to more than 2000 media outlets), a full-page advertisement in the Capitol Hill newspaper *Roll Call*, and coordinated grassroots advocacy, generating hundreds of phone calls and emails urging Congress to end the federal raids.

On June 19 and 20, two teams of ASA member patients, doctors, and scientific researchers met with more than 20 Congressional offices and left information in an additional 60 offices. This was the first time cannabis patients, doctors, and researchers collectively lobbied members of Congress and key staff.

Additionally, it was the first opportunity many Congressional staffers had to meet and talk with medical cannabis experts and patients — let alone an individual who was raided by the DEA for being a law-abiding patient; Garry Silva, raided in March, had joined the lobbying teams in DC.

Presbyterian Church Endorses Medical Marijuana

By Bruce Mirken*

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church June 21 became the latest US religious body to endorse legal access to medical marijuana for seriously ill patients. The church joins the United Methodist Church, Episcopal Church, United Church of Christ, Union for Reform Judaism, Progressive National Baptist Convention, and Unitarian Universalist Association in support of medical marijuana.

The Presbyterian resolution, passed by consensus, affirms "the use of cannabis sativa or marijuana for legitimate medical purposes as recommended by a physician" and urges "federal legislation that allows for its use and that provides for the production and distribution of the plant for those purposes." (Text at <http://72.54.6.218/Business/Business.aspx?iid=134>.)

"Being seriously ill is stressful enough already without living in fear of arrest for taking doctor-recommended medicine," said Rev. Jim McNeil, a representative of the Homestead Presbytery in Nebraska, the regional body that brought the resolution to the General Assembly. "It is the job of religious denominations to give voice to those who cannot speak up for themselves. We pray that Congress will have the compassion to stop this war on patients."

"This action by the Presbyterian Church is further proof that protecting medical marijuana patients is simply not controversial," said Aaron Houston, director of government relations for the

Marijuana Policy Project (mpp.org).

"A lot of people mistakenly believe that the issue of medical marijuana is 'incendiary,' but that's simply not true. An overwhelming majority of Americans want cancer and AIDS patients to be able to use medical marijuana under their doctors' care, and it's time for Congress to listen to the voters."

* Mirken is MPP director of communications



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GOOD SAMARITAN — A parishioner plants a patch of healing herbs at the MCMCR church sanctuary.
Below: Hand watering the plants after transplanting.

Plant for a Patient: Bringing a healing Garden of Eden to CA patients

By Jorge Cervantes*

We do not advocate breaking any laws with the information provided in this column.

Originally *Plant for a Patient* was patterned after *Plant a Row for the Hungry* program. However, the first winning entry made it clear that we must amplify it to support medical patients more.

Our expanded goal is to provide a publication where patients can show their gardens, tell their story in a few words and provide inspiration to other patients and caregivers. By participating in this program brave medical growers and patients help people understand how and why medicinal cannabis helps them live a less painful life.

Of course we still encourage medical growers in a caretaker capacity to send in photos of their gardens and tell how they are helping patients. Many patients are unable to grow for themselves and providing them with free cannabis eases their stress level and the financial burden of acquiring non-subsidized medicine.



Drugsense begins activist how-to series

By Mark Greer

A Letter to the Editor, or LTE, is a published response to an article or opinion expressed within various media. It has tremendous power because it is often seen as representing the "voice of the people" in a newspaper or magazine, and research suggests that a high percentage of newspaper readers start with the columns, op-ed, and LTE section. Additionally, the print space allotted to the average LTE is equivalent to \$1,000 in advertising, so writing letters is a truly valuable form of media activism.

Since 2001 DrugSense has been involved in the publication of over 10,000 LTEs, with an estimated value of over \$10 million to drug policy reform (see mapinc.org/lteaward.htm).

Now, we're launching a new series of free online seminars every Tuesday night at 6 pm PST to help activists get even more letters published. Hosted by DrugSense Media Activism Facilitator Steve Heath, MAP Media Activism Roundtables are designed to pass on valuable advice and experience in order to help you get LTEs in print more easily and frequently.

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Some people take this process as a religious calling, as does the congregation of the MDMCR Church in Lake County. Their gardens blur the line between medical use, which is legal in California, and religious use, which they believe receives federal protection per the First Amendment and Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

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Right: A deep hole with drainage, a plant and fertile soil; but it's dusty and hot in July, and these plants require a healthy daily watering. Photos by Jorge Cervantes.



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Plant for a patient:

Herbal Medicine 101: Patio planting using a “screen of green” technique

By Nature Boy

“I’m sick and tired of being sick and tired.” Fannie Lou Hamer spoke those words during the civil rights struggles of the Sixties. It still seems apropos some 40 years later, as the outrageous policies of the government locks up people who seek herbal alternatives to the pills big pharmaceutical companies try to force on society.

My mother has had breast cancer for over 12 years and survives, although the doctor



who originally diagnosed it has died. She doesn’t drink or smoke but does take long walks every day. First, she had one tumor removed; then another and still another. Finally she had a double mastectomy, refused reconstructive surgery and now chooses to wear her flat chest with pride. She often remarks that women shouldn’t let men tell them how to heal their bodies, and has strong ideas of what she eats and takes into her own.

I remember her chemotherapy, how sick she became and how she couldn’t eat. After repeated begging, she finally agreed to try just half a cannabis brownie (no way was she going to smoke marijuana!) to ease her nausea. It took awhile but she cheered up and proceeded to eat a plate of pasta along with a salad. She was amazed — and so were we all! It was good to see her smile again. She got her recommendation shortly thereafter.

We got a grow book, talked with a few other patients and grew small plants for her with clones we purchased at a local outlet. She wasn’t comfortable with more than a few plants, so we decided to keep them short enough to avoid detection but also increase her yield per plant by spreading the branches out as they grew, using a nylon grid from the gardening store. (First time nylon, next time hemp?) The plants were grown in a sunny patio using standard organic soil and a bit of fish emulsion.

They were planted in early summer so they wouldn’t get too large, and when we harvested we got just less than one pound from the whole crop. It lasted quite a while and after she finished chemo she continued to take it occasionally to help her sleep and when her friend was diagnosed with ovarian cancer, she gave her the rest with her blessings.

I feel like I got my own blessing from this by growing a plant and seeing how it gave her back her quality of life. Growing ones own medicine is simple and direct. While huge drug and Drug War industries lobby against it, patients have taken back the right to control their bodies when they’re sick of being sick.

I’m not sure if I’ll become a caregiver or ever grow again, but I do know that I’m glad I live in a state that allows medicinal cannabis.

Left: Here is the same plant as it stops spreading out and starts flowering. There is now a seamless canopy between this and the adjacent plant.

Below: A multitude of small buds are growing from the immature plant, which will fill out and ripen for an early harvest. Photos by Nature Boy.



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San Diego patient collectives under attack by Feds, county, news media

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DA Bonnie Dumanis claimed to support medical marijuana "wholeheartedly," but complained that Prop. 215 was being "severely abused." However, the only fraudulent patients identified were police engaging in sting investigations.

San Diego police chief William Lansdowne, who has generally supported medical marijuana, labeled the dispensaries "magnets for crime" such as burglaries and robberies. (Law enforcement statistics show that senior citizens, small restaurants and medical marijuana patients and providers are increasingly being victimized in addition to banks, jewelry stores and liquor stores. However, law enforcement more often targets cannabis patients than the criminals who prey upon them. —Ed)

While most of the dispensaries have experienced burglaries, they report receiving few if any complaints from neighbors. Several were visited in a previous round of warning raids last December.

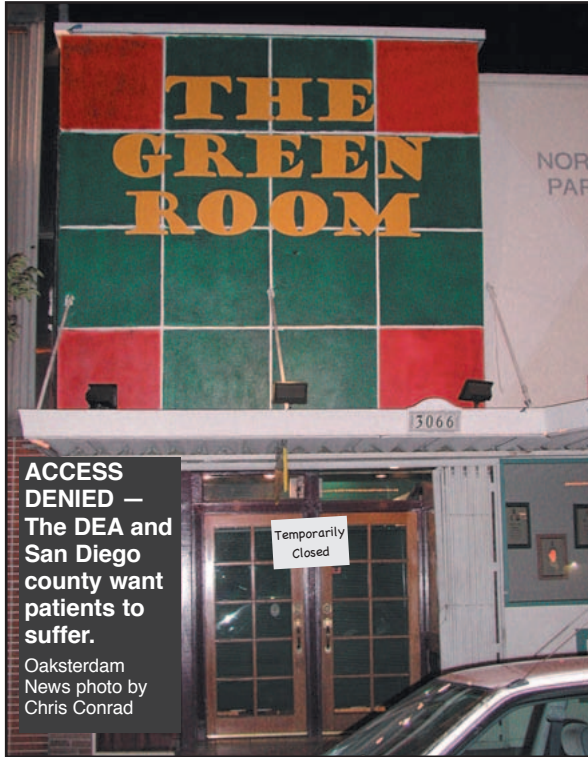
Some 15 persons were arrested on state charges, among them directors and employees of Ocean Beach Dispensary, Native Sun Dispensary, Utopia, the California Medical Center in La Jolla, and Top Shelf Dispensary in Solana Beach.

Six defendants were charged in federal indictments. One was John Sullivan, owner of the Purple Bud Room, who has had repeated run-ins with the law. The other federal defendants were associated with Co-Op San Diego: Wayne Hudson, Chris Larkin, Ross McManus, Scott Wright, and Michael Ragin. They were charged in connection with an alleged major cultivation operation.

The San Diego district attorney's office indicated that they are not seeking stiff sentences, but simply want operators to

cease and desist.

The City of San Diego typically has been supportive of medical marijuana. In 2003, it adopted cultivation guidelines and



even proposed a patient ID program.

In contrast, San Diego County has been notably hostile to Prop. 215. Earlier this year, it filed a lawsuit against the state of California and San Diego NORML seeking to overturn the state law requiring that counties maintain a medical marijuana identification card program. The lawsuit argues that Prop. 215 should be disregarded because it is against federal law.

Most legal experts believe the lawsuit will fail, since courts have long held that states do not have to enforce federal law.

However, the legality of dispensaries is far less clear. Prop 215 calls for the state to establish a distribution system. Health and Safety Codes 11362.765 and 11362.775 give qualified patients and caregivers who collectively obtain medical marijuana limited immunity from charges of sales, man-

ufacture and maintaining a place where cannabis is grown or sold to patients. The Appeals Court's *People v Urziceanu* ruling has since upheld those protections.

However, prosecutors claim that it protects sales only by "designated primary caregivers" on a non-profit basis. San Diego's medical marijuana task force specifically declined to endorse unregulated dispensaries. Local patient advocates hope to prevail on the city to regulate dispensaries like other jurisdictions, such as San Francisco and Los Angeles County.

The internet circulated alarming reports that DEA agents were threatening to shut dispensaries across the whole state. However, there is no evidence of further plans beyond San Diego. Without local support, a full-fledged assault on the clubs would tax DEA's manpower and create a nasty PR problem. In the last three years, the DEA has refrained from medical marijuana busts except where they have support from local law enforcement or stumble upon them during an unrelated investigation.

Prison reform surfaces as issue in state, but prison lobby, police unions keep legalization off table

Over-crowding, corruption and brutality dog state system

By Chris Conrad

Prison abuse has been an ongoing problem in California since education budgets were cut to fund a prison-building spree that began in the 1980s. Gray Davis was recalled as governor in part due to the perception that he was bought and paid for by the prison lobby and police union. Gov. Schwarzenegger won election in part based on his claim to get away from "special interests" and clean up the prisons.

In July of this year, John Hagar, the federal court investigator overseeing part of the state's corrections system, accused the chief of staff of one-time cannabis smoker Schwarzenegger of being in the hip pocket of the same prison guard union that he once decried, and overcrowding has gotten so bad that legislators are again looking to building more prisons while criminals are routinely given early release.

Newspapers around the state have reported and editorialized on the topic. Yet, with all this amid a public outpouring of support for ending marijuana arrests and taxing and regulating its sales, there has been no public debate on the issue and no legislation introduced to reduce penalties on marijuana use. While serious criminals get early release, marijuana arrests are at an all-time high and qualified patients are routinely jailed and prosecuted.

In a detailed report laid out by Hagar, he catalogued a code of violence, silence, and intimidation, along with political con-

tributions that amount to influence peddling at the state capitol.

The problem is not limited to the state. On July 19 and 20, the Commission on Safety and Abuse in America's Prisons convened in Newark, New Jersey, to hear testimony about widespread institutional problems that can lead to violence and abuse if not properly managed. A transcript of the proceedings, in whole and by witness panel, is at prisoncommission.org.

Mikki Norris, director of the Cannabis Consumers' Campaign, said she hopes that the prison crisis and voter initiatives will get people to contact their elected officials and write letters to the editor calling for legislation to stop arresting people for marijuana and instead taxed and regulate commerce in our number one cash crop.

More local regulations

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plan. The elected Kern County Sheriff initiated this recognition and regulation of dispensaries. The other counties with regulations are Alameda, Calaveras, Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Santa Clara. Cities include Atascadero, Angels Camp, Berkeley, Citrus Heights, Dixon, Elk Grove, Fort Bragg, Hayward, Jackson, Martinez, Oakland, Placerville, Plymouth, Ripon, San Jose, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, Selma, Sutter Creek, Tulare, Visalia, West Hollywood and Whittier. Counts may differ because San Francisco is both a city and a county.

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Patients win greater protection from search warrants in *Russell* decision

Small amounts of plants or cannabis not probable cause when Dr's approval is visible

By Omar Figueroa*

While federal courts have been hardline in support of the Drug War over personal liberties, California's state courts have proven more amenable to implementing the will of the voters regarding medical marijuana within its jurisdiction. This is reflected in the recent *Russell* decision.

The Court concluded that "where the defendant clearly posted his status as a qualified patient in a manner that was susceptible of verification, and the only facts presented in the affidavit were of legal activity occurring on the premises, there was no probable cause to issue the search warrant."

The *People v. Michael Oliver Russell* (2006) 138 Cal. App. 4th 723 opinion by the state's Third District Court of Appeal, in Sacramento, makes it clear that a search warrant is devoid of probable cause, and violates the Fourth Amendment to the US Constitution, when it is based solely upon observations of an outdoor medical marijuana garden consisting of "six or seven cannabis plants" with medical documentation posted on the premises and no facts indicating illegal activity. In other words, there is no probable cause for search warrant "where the defendant clearly posted his status as a qualified patient in a manner that was susceptible of verification, and the only facts presented by the affidavit were of legal activity" occurring at a home.

Russell is good news for the residential privacy of patients and caregivers engaged in medical cultivation, and is controlling appellate case law in the Courts of Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San

Vermont judge rejects US Supreme Court decision

By Martin Williams

A Vermont judge June 15 rejected the latest US Supreme Court ruling to expand police power to search private homes without notice, citing state law. The Supreme Court recently held that evidence seized illegally and without first knocking could be used at trial, but that ruling did not change state laws to the contrary.

District Court Judge Robert Bent held that state police must knock and announce themselves before they can conduct a search, even with a warrant, or the evidence they find could be thrown out of court. He sided with a dissenting federal opinion, which said allowing illegally obtained evidence could lead law enforcement officers to ignore search laws.

"Evidence obtained in violation of the Vermont Constitution, or as the result of a violation, cannot be admitted at trial as a matter of state law," Bent wrote, citing a state case as precedent. "Introduction of such evidence at trial eviscerates our most sacred rights, impinges on individual privacy, perverts our judicial process, distorts any notion of fairness and encourages official misconduct."

"The exclusionary remedy should remain in full force and effect," Bent wrote, "at least in our small corner of the nation," as he tossed out evidence the VT State Police Drug Task Force took from Ellen Sheltra during an Oct. 12 raid in Island Pond. Sheltra was charged with possessing 88 grams of marijuana and four guns. It was unclear whether the state would appeal the ruling.

Joaquin, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Yolo and Yuba counties. In other counties, *Russell* is highly persuasive, but not binding precedent.

Because Fourth Amendment jurisprudence is fact-specific, the particulars of the *Russell* case must be kept in mind. Officers in Amador County saw "six or seven marijuana plants" in plain view in front of *Russell*'s mobile home. Because he had made no attempt to conceal the plants, the officers suspected that an occupant of the home had "a doctor's recommendation or prescription to possess cannabis." That suspicion was bolstered by a sign attached to the trailer saying the cannabis was being cultivated for medicinal purposes.

The sign listed the name and telephone number of recommending physician Dr. William Turnipseed. A sheriff's deputy then made a bogus phone call to Dr. Turnipseed, claiming to need marijuana for a sore back due to collegiate sports. The doctor asked if the caller had sought medical treatment for the problem, and was told, "I went to a chiropractor once several years ago."

Dr. Turnipseed supposedly responded



LEAVE IT ALONE — A recent appellate ruling tells law enforcement that small medical marijuana gardens with posted qualifications are not probable cause.


Oaksterdam News photo by Chris Conrad

that he had to have sought treatment for the ailment or "the judge won't buy it." The narc was not issued a marijuana recommendation. Moreover, the officer failed to inquire whether Dr. Turnipseed actually had issued a recommendation to *Russell*.

Based on this information, the deputy sought a warrant to search *Russell*'s mobile home for additional marijuana. In his affidavit, he said he believed he would

find more marijuana because, based on his training and experience, "subjects who cultivate cannabis outdoors will frequently start cultivating the cannabis plants indoors." A judge signed the warrant and officers found ammunition and psilocybin mushrooms inside the home. *Russell* was charged with multiple felony offenses.

After his motion to suppress was *Continued on page 25*




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DRCNet leads student and international efforts:

Drug War Chronicles; online news and reform activism

By Phil Smith,

For people who like to get their news online, I'd like to introduce the *Drug War Chronicle*, stopthedrugwar.org/chronicle, and the group that publishes it, DRCNet, the Drug Reform Coordination Network at stopthedrugwar.org.

DRCNet's mission is broader than that of *Oaksterdam News* in that it wants to end the failed policy of drug prohibition and replace it with a policy of regulating and controlling drug sales and use.

We don't mean just marijuana, either. We believe law enforcement efforts to stop methamphetamine, heroin or cocaine use generate significant harms not only to drug users, but to all of us. While drug use may be unwise or harmful to the individual, we see no useful purpose in increasing the overall harm through this prohibition that has helped turned the land of the free into the world's leading jailer.

Our primary tactic is to go after the damage done by prohibition. One way we do this is through our various campaigns.

We have led the fight to repeal the Higher Education Act's anti-drug provision, which keeps students with even the

most trivial drug conviction, like possession of a pot pipe, from being able to get student loans. DRCNet is the guiding force behind raiseyourvoice.com, the Campaign for HEA Repeal, which achieved a drug reform victory on Capitol Hill when, in the face of rising opposition, the arch-drug warrior Rep. Mark Souder (R-IN), the bill's sponsor, moved to "fix" it by limiting the aid ban to students busted while in school. It's a good start, but DRCNet is still working to repeal it entirely.

A favorite among readers is "This Week's Corrupt Cops Stories," where we list the cops arrested, convicted and sentenced for Drug War corruption each week.

In addition to working to repeal the student aid ban, we've been working to reduce its harmful impact by creating the John W. Perry Fund (raiseyourvoice.com/perryfund), a scholarship program named after New York City police officer, libertarian and ACLU member John Perry, who

lost his life trying to save others the day planes struck the WTC towers. Thanks to generous donors and the support of politicians like Reps. Barney Frank (D-MA) and Jim McDermott (D-WA), who have hosted fundraisers, the Perry Fund has managed to put dozens of students back in school — and we think that's a very good thing.

DRCNet has done groundbreaking work on racial profiling, and it hosts the Drug Library, the world's largest online library on drug policy.

DRCNet is also active internationally. We helped organize in 2003 the first hemispheric anti-prohibitionist conference in Merida, Mexico, bringing activists from the US, Canada, and Europe face-to-face with Andean coca growers' unions, Argentine and Brazilian harm reductionists, Mexican drug reformers and elected officials from Mexico, Bolivia and Colombia.

From that conference was born REFORMA, the first Latin American anti-prohibitionist umbrella organization. Last fall, we reported on the first REFORMA conference held at the Argentine Senate in Buenos Aires. Later this year, I go to Peru

and Bolivia to build more bridges and report on events down there.

Which brings us to the *Drug War Chronicle*. Published and sent to your email address each Friday (subscription is free), the *Chronicle* is the country's oldest online drug policy news source and has published more than 450 issues. It is widely read, not just by activists and concerned citizens, but by journalists, politicians, and policymakers. Each week, we publish three or four feature stories with in-depth reporting and interviews, and five to seven shorter drug policy pieces generally taken from the wires or other news services. A consistent favorite with readers is "This Week's Corrupt Cops Stories," where we simply list the cops arrested, convicted, and sentenced on drug war corruption charges each week. Sadly, there is never a shortage of material for this feature. While DRCNet's position on drug legalization informs our perspective, we try to save the editorializing for the editorials.

Although our beat is the global drug war and our goal is to end drug prohibition in general, marijuana naturally enough is a major focus. For instance, one week two of our three feature stories were cannabis-related. One covered the medical marijuana muddle in California amid San Diego's dispensary raids and shut-downs. A second covered the raid on Holy Smoke, a Nelson BC, Canada, head shop whose owners police accuse of allowing marijuana to be sold, not merely smoked, on the premises. The cannabis culture in interior BC is mobilizing mass protests.

Our third feature story that week, had nothing to do with marijuana. That story was about the latest efforts in Congress to undo the horribly harsh and racially-biased disparity in federal sentencing for crack vs. powder cocaine offenders. Currently, it takes a mere five grams of crack to earn a mandatory minimum five-year prison sentence, while it takes 500 grams of powder cocaine to merit the same punishment.

Now is a good time to check us out. Our web site is undergoing a major face-lift as we launch *The Speakeasy*, our forthcoming addition to the narco-blogsphere, and we invite everyone to come by.

Lynn Zimmer passes; co-author of *Marijuana Myths, Marijuana Facts*

By Ethan Nadelmann

Dr. Lynn Zimmer, cannabis researcher and long-time associate of Dr. John Morgan, with whom she wrote the landmark book, *Marijuana Myths, Marijuana Facts*, passed on June 30 at age 59, after a long illness. She was an intellectual leader in drug policy reform.



Professor Zimmer, a sociologist at Queens College in New York, was widely regarded among both drug policy scholars and activists as one of the most original thinkers on drug issues in the US.

Her book written with Morgan became the leading and best selling scholarly book on marijuana; it has been translated and published in seven languages. She also published extensively on other drug issues, including drug testing, drug education, and drugs and the media, and appeared often on radio and TV programs.

Zimmer received both The Lindesmith (now the Drug Policy Alliance) Award for Achievement in the Field of Scholarship and the Lester Grinspoon Award for Achievement in the Field of Marijuana Law Reform from the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) in 2000.

She was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in the late 1990s. This disease took away much of her eyesight, sense of taste, and mobility but it never diminished her remarkable mind. She was a beloved teacher, mentor and dear friend to many. She is survived by two sons, Joseph and Mark Phillips.

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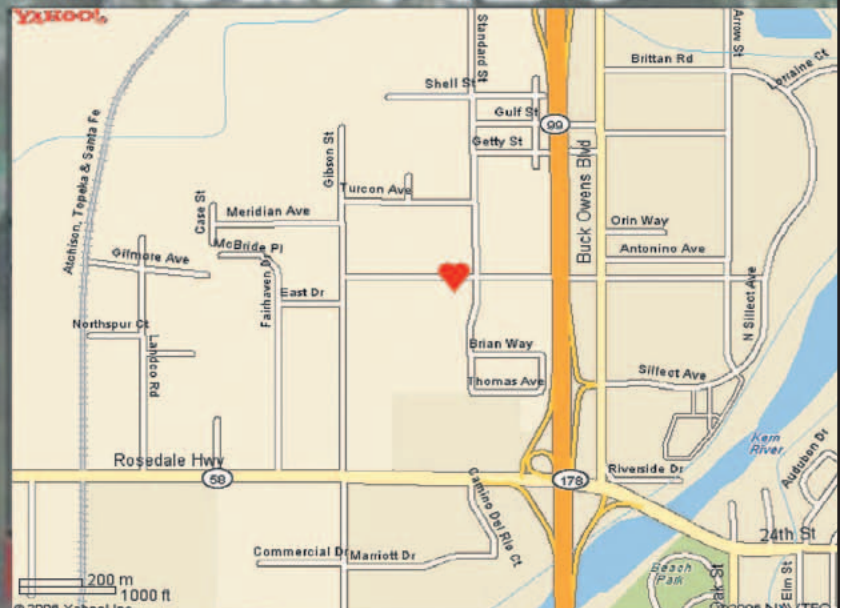
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NATURAL SELECTION — Since patients respond differently to distinct strains of cannabis, dispensaries offer numerous varieties, and a magnifying lens to examine the herb.

Oaksterdam News photo by Jaime Galindo

Part 4 in our series of reviews: Tour de Los Angeles

Odam News reviews Los Angeles dispensaries

By Jaime Galindo

Amazing! Los Angeles is a big city with even bigger outskirts known for its ability to make things “bling-bling.” So, when it comes to their new cannabis retail scene, as we discovered during our recent tour de LA, the area shines like the finest of diamonds. For example: the SF, Sacramento, Berkeley, Hayward and Oakland cannabis scenes combined still would not add up to LA’s burgeoning and diverse medical marijuana distribution network. It’s bigger, better, and then some.

Security and patient document verification get the same strict enforcement as up north. No doctor’s approval, no exceptions. Ironically, all the best cannabis we found in LA comes from up north. It is also important to mention that the scene in LA has been made possible as a result of the work of folks like Dennis Peron in San Francisco, Jeff Jones and Richard Lee in Oaksterdam. Cannabis acceptance is a growing state phenomenon, and continues to forge ahead. I loved LA and enjoyed all the great people who make it possible. Here’s what I found.

Earth Collective

5115 Sunset Blvd. 323-668-7633
7 Days 11am-11pm Earthcollective.org
Accessibility: Off street parking

Voted *Best in Town* (tie). Enter through a gated wooded fence and find yourself in an oasis of serenity. A Taiwanese rock garden with a pond that streams from the gate entrance to this sanctuary’s front door awaits you.

The variety available is guaranteed to please even the most discriminating palates with strains like Mars, Bubba, and Hindu Kush. All their mouth watering Cannabis strains are kept in tall, huge, airtight glass jars. Once a selection is made, long, cooking style chopsticks are used to pluck the Cannabis buds out of the jar and placed under a lighted magnifying glass for inspection. Edibles are also on hand. Earth Collective is currently undergoing some really nice renovations that include wooden flooring, hand crafted wooden and glass show cases to expand their current vending area. Very impressive.

The Holistic Caregivers

1321 East Compton Blvd. 310-889-4199.
9am-8pm Mon-Thur 9am-9pm Fri -Sat 11am-5pm Sun
Accessibility: Off street parking

Voted *Best in Town* (tie). The Holistic Caregivers is one of the finest standard, medical cannabis dispensary we’ve yet encountered. Each bud undergoes extensive, meticulous manicuring to produce the most elegant density and form a bud could dream to have and any cannabis connoisseur would dream to have, even if just a glimpse and taste. You’ll just have to go and see for yourself because all we

NO SMOKING — These cannabis-laced gel capsules show the alternatives to smoking that are available at the Hollywood Patient Collective.

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The Farmacy

7825 Santa Monica Blvd. 323-848-7981
10am-8pm M-Sat 12pm-7pm Sun
Medicalmarijuanafarmacy.com
Accessibility: Off street parking

In the heart of Hollywood, The Farmacy is one of the largest cannabis dispensaries, both in area and in its variety of medical lines and strains that are all organic. Its herb collection is not limited to cannabis by any means. Doctor referrals and weekly events are among The Farmacy's services.

The Farmacy is your source for all things organic. It has everything you want — even for an "organic only, herbal alternative" fan. From Chinese herbs to organic vegan juices and other beverages, The Farmacy was welcoming, clean, classy, eclectic, organic, and just plain very natural. The Farmacy sells really cool hemp tee shirts with awesome graphics. Tell them *Oaksterdam News* sent you and get a free five-minute massage with any purchase. Limit one per person, per visit.

Quality of Life Activities

4323 Melrose Ave. 323-644-1209
10Am - 8pm M-Sat 12pm - 7pm Sun
QoLA1.org
Accessibility: Off-street parking.

Nice location, plenty of comfort and room inside to lounge and relax. The compassionate and friendly staff provides good prices and quality medicine along with quality edibles and a new line of cannabis skin, face and hair care products.

Don't forget to ask about their community and outreach events when you visit. Here is where we found the best Grand Daddy Purple in town. For those not familiar with this strain, many patients highly recommend it. If fine liqueur is based on aroma and body then their GDP would be *Courvoisier L'Esprit Decanter*.

Hollywood Patients Collective

6115 Selma Ave. #103 10am-10pm 7
Days 323-464-6465 Hpkush.com
Accessibility: Off street parking

Hollywood Patients Collective comes through for those who seek an artistic vibe. Pipes that stand from the ground to the sky (literally), blown glass bong with alien creatures inconceivably sculpted within, a gas mask rigged with a pipe attachment; all these and more make this place unforgettable. Daily and random specials are also an attractive reason to come check HPC out, as are their Blueberry and Canadian Mist Cannabis strains.

Natural Caregivers

609 S. Westmoreland Ave. 310-927-0911
11am-7pm daily. Naturalcaregivers.com
Accessibility: Off-street parking.

The typical price for a top shelf 1/8 ounce of cannabis in LA is a steep \$75-\$85. Natural Caregivers has comparable strains for \$45 such as Train Wreck, Sour Diesel, and Purple Erkle. Located in a mellow part of town north of Wilshire, Natural Caregivers offers a great variety of strains that



MEDICAL GRADE — Above: The Holistic Caregivers dispensing collective has an assortment of medical goods; seen behind, starter plants glow under grow lamps. Lower left and right: Cannabis in bud form; medicine bottle packaging.

Oaksterdam News photos by Jaime Galindo

are always fresh and at a truly compassionate price. Prices speak louder than words.

Definitely support and check them out. Have your Patient ID and proper identification ready, and tell them *Oaksterdam News* sent you for a free joint with purchase. Limit one per person, per visit.

West Hollywood Center for Compassionate Healing

8921 Sunset Blvd. 11am-8pm 7 Days
310-626-3333
Accessibility: Off-street parking.

Yet another nice place to visit and experience an artistic vibe and decor while visiting the "Sunset Strip" area.

They stock a wide variety of edibles and an exceptional selection of Cannabis strains such as Green Erkle, Purple Kush, and the ever popular, Sour Diesel to name just a few.

Cancer Help Center Herbal Collective

3381 Long Beach Blvd.
562-424-HERB (4372)
11Am-8pm Mon-Sat 11Am-7pm Mon-Sat
Accessibility: Off-street parking.

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A free eighth ounce is available to the terminally ill; call for information on qualifying for this offer. Veterans get 5% off. Compassion in action: *Oaksterdam News* salutes you. Please support these fine people. Visit them today and get a free gram with your purchase. Limit one per person, per visit, of course.



Palos Verdes Collective

716 Yarmouth Rd. #215 12pm-8pm Tu-Sat Closed Sun-Mon 310-541-0608
Accessibility: Customer parking lot.

Near the edge of California's ocean cliffs sits the gorgeous community of Palos Verdes. Palos Verdes Collective is super friendly, fairly new, and very ambitious. They are the makers of Canna-banana Bread. If you haven't tried it yet, it's tasty and effective. Interested in stocking this delicacy at your dispensary? Give them a call to ask for details. The classic Bay Area strain, Romulan, is in their catalog along with Cotton Candy. Either of these strains is sure to mellow out and relax even the most anxious and stress-filled patient. Their great selection of BLISS edibles will also do the trick. The scenic drive to this collective was truly spectacular. Nothing beats medicating with a fatty at the edge of the world, overlooking an endless sea of possibilities. Nothing!

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Ongoing activities

Get cannabis events listed here

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Cannabis Action, Berkeley

First Monday each month, 7:30 pm at 1605 Ashby Ave, Berkeley. The Cannabis Action Network holds regular meetings and has a busy schedule of tabling at autumn events.

ASA: Local and regional meetings

East Bay, Alameda, Contra Costa Counties: 4th or last Wednesday (TBA) 7 pm, Oakland Cannabis Buyers' Coop, 1734 Telegraph (back entrance), nr 19th St BART. 510-251-1856 x 308, Rebecca@SafeAccessNow.org

Hollywood, LA: 3rd Sat, 1-3p, 6208 Santa Monica Blvd (nr Vine), 323-464-7719. rea@lamedicalmarijuana.com, ana@safeaccessnow.org

Orange County: meets irregularly, 7 pm at 1520 Commonwealth Ave, Fullerton (by tattoo shop). Info, Adam, adamgingras@gmail.com 949-246-9395

San Diego: 2nd Tues / month, 7-8 pm, 619-518-0776. Twigg's Coffee House, Green Room, 4590 Park Bl. Info, Dion, 4cccp@cox.net, sdasa.4mg.com.

San Francisco: 2nd / 4th Tues, 7 pm, 415-794-1543 Woman's Building, 3543 18th St #8, Room B. Info, Alex, alex@safeaccessnow.org

Sacramento: 2nd / 4th Thursday 6pm, Capitol Wellness Collective, 2400 14th Street, Sacramento. 916-325-9000

Other groups and regional meetings

Online info: OaksterdamNews.com, Cannabis Freedom Calendar "Advocacy" listings

August

Seattle HempFest, WA

Aug 19 - 20: Seattle Washington hosts the world's biggest reform rally: two days, five stages, many bands and speakers. Free, but please donate generously as it takes 1500 volunteers and a lot of coordination and money to pull off this event.

Oly Hempfest, WA

Aug 27: Annual event, Heritage Park 5th and Water, Olympia, WA. 360-456-3517 www.oly-hempfest.org

September

Portland Hempstalk, OR

Sep. 9-10: Portland, OR. Music, Mirth and Merriment! Waterfront Park. Contact 503-241-7368, seusuwa@hotmail.com, or hempstalk.org

Boston Freedom Rally

Sept 16: Boston, MA www.masscann.org
Aimee Allison fundraiser, Oakland

Sept. 12, 5:30-7:30pm: Aimee Allison for Oakland City Council. Bulldog Coffeeshop, 1739 Broadway, Odam. \$20 min.

Lynette Shaw fundraiser, Oakland

Sept. 19, 5:30-7:30pm: Party for Lynette Shaw for Lt. Governor at Bulldog Coffeeshop, 1739 Broadway, Oaksterdam. Music by David Kaffinetti (*Spinal Tap's* keyboard player, Viv Savage)

Santa Barbara Hemp Festival

Sept 30: Eighth Annual Santa Barbara Hemp Festival, Santa Barbara, CA. www.santabarbarahemp.com

Measure Z / OCLA Social Hour, Oak.

Sept. 21: 4-5:30pm. Meet at Bulldog Coffeeshop, 1739 Broadway, Odam, before attending Measure Z Oversight Committee, 6 pm at City Hall.

October

Great Midwest Harvest Fest, WI

Oct 7-8: Annual event, Madison, WI.

Measure Z / OCLA Social Hour, Oak.

Oct 19: 4-5:30pm. Meet at Bulldog Coffeeshop, 1739 Broadway, Odam, before attending Measure Z Oversight Committee, 6 pm at City Hall.

Beyond Zero Tolerance Conference, SF

Oct. 25: San Francisco, *New Directions in Drug Education and School Discipline*, Fort Mason Conference Center. safety1st.org/beyondzerotolerance.html

Wonders of Cannabis, SF

Oct. 28-29, 11-7pm, County Fair Building, Golden Gate Park. Ed Rosenthal's 2nd annual fall extravaganja, with music, rolling contests, vendors, comedy, prizes, symposia, Ninth & Lincoln. Sponsored by Cannabis Action Network.

November

SAMM Cannabis Harvest Dance

Nov. 4: Eighth Annual Benefit/Dance for Sonoma Alliance for MMJ (SAMM) 7-midnight, Sebastopol. Two rooms of educational displays. Speakers, education panel, Mikki Norris is keynote speaker. Rootstock provides World music. 707-522-0292.

National election day

Nov. 7: Vote for a candidate that supports reform, or a voter initiative if you live in Santa Cruz, Santa Barbara or Santa Monica. Work

get out the vote for campaigns. Change the Congress and change the future.

Harm Reduction Conference, Oakland

Nov 9 - 12, The 6th National Harm Reduction Conference, "Drug User Health: The Politics and the Personal" Oakland Marriott City Center Hotel. Details, registration online at harmreduction.org.

Humboldt Hempfest, Redway

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www.maps.org/ Multidisciplinary Association on Psychedelic Studies, 2105 Robinson Ave., Sarasota FL 34232. 941 924-6277. Membership-based, non-profit 501(c)3 research / educational group that helps scientists design, fund, obtain approval for and report studies of risks and benefits of cannabis and psychedelics.

NORML

www.norml.org/ National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws. The original activist group; info, legal referrals and annual convention. 202-483-5500

November Coalition

www.november.org/ National support group for Drug War POWs. Publishers of *The Razor Wire*.

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www.taxandregulate.org/ Political action committee behind Measure Z in Oakland. 1714 Franklin Street, #100-118 Oakland, CA 94612

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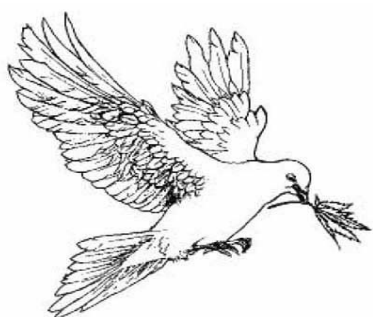
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Appeals Court backs patient privacy

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denied, he entered a plea of guilty.

Russell argued that the warrant was invalid because it was entirely based on innocent activity, namely, his personal cultivation of medical marijuana. The court agreed, reasoning that a search warrant cannot issue unless there is probable cause to believe that evidence of a crime will be found on the premises to be searched.

In Russell, there was nothing to indicate that a crime had occurred. To the contrary, all indications were that the marijuana plants in plain view outside of Russell's home were being cultivated lawfully. As the court pointed out, Russell "had clearly posted his status as a qualified patient under the Act, and listed his physician's name and telephone number." Although the deputies did not bother to confirm that the physician had, in fact, recommended marijuana for Russell, the appellate court pointed out that the sign provided all the information they needed to do so.

Cannabis outlet robbers caught and charged

By Richard Lee

The relationship between police and cannabis outlets has changed. Alameda County law enforcement is pursuing the people who victimized a dispensary and not the dispensary operators.

The Sheriff's office arrested Joseph McWoodson on robbery and murder charges for being involved in an armed robbery of a Natural Source dispensary on Aug. 19, 2005.

On that date, a store employee shot one of the robbers, Dimarco Lowery, who later died. The employees also captured Jarrell McKneely, one of the alleged robbers.

Although the other robbers did not shoot their partner in crime, investigators say they were committing a crime that eventually led to Lowery's death.

Since they were acting to defend themselves, the dispensary staff were cleared of any charges.

The investigation is continuing to find the others involved, as many as three other people. The police ask anyone with information to call Sgt. Scott Dudek, 510-667-7478, or Det. Michael Godlewski at 510-667-3655.

The Court rejected prosecution arguments that the evidence should be admissible under the so-called 'Good Faith Exception' to the Exclusionary Rule.

Consequently, the the warrant was invalid because: (1) the Compassionate Use Act "renders possession and cultivation of marijuana noncriminal for a qualified patient," (2) the facts indicated that Russell was a qualified patient, (3) the sign on his property gave deputies the ability to verify this, and (4) the "number of plants observed was no more than reasonable for personal use."

The Court ruled, "where the defendant clearly posted his status as a qualified patient in a manner that was susceptible of verification, and the only facts presented in the affidavit were of legal activity occurring on the premises, there was no probable cause to issue the search warrant."

Accordingly, the court ruled the ammunition and magic mushrooms had been seized unlawfully and should have been suppressed. Notably, the Court rejected the prosecution's argument that the evidence



SHOW ME A SIGN — Appellate Court decision protects privacy if small gardens in public view have signs posted with contact information to verify medical use.

Oaksterdam News photo by Chris Conrad

should have been admissible under the so-called Good Faith Exception to the Exclusionary Rule, because the exception does not apply when, as here, a reasonably well-trained officer would have known there was no legal probable cause basis for a warrant. Thus, the evidence was subject to suppression (and therefore could not be introduced by the prosecution at trial).

The lessons of Russell to medical marijuana growers are many. Posted at any garden site should be documentation memorializing medical intent; judges probably won't require cops seeking search warrants to conduct additional investigation to exclude the possibility that a suspected marijuana grow might be medical. Make sure the documentation is "susceptible of verification," meaning it has contact information so law enforcement can verify that the doctor issued a valid marijuana recommendation or approval.

And make sure that the number of plants in plain view is "no more than reasonable for personal use." With a bit of sign-making, you can keep your home safe from invasion by armed squads of narcs; might as well make your sign a personal work of art, just make sure it's posted, visible, and "susceptible of verification."

Of course, having visible plants and a sign posted could attract thieves or trigger an investigation to gather more evidence for probable cause, so caution is advisable.

Anyone can get an official copy of the Russell case by going to any law library and asking for the California Appellate Reports, Fourth Edition, Volume 138. The case is at page 723.

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**NORML Report: Out of the closet, into the statehouse:
TV travel show host Rick Steves asks
legislators to decriminalize adult use**

By Paul Armentano*

Best selling author, travel show host and NORML Advisory Board Member Rick Steves sent a letter in July to every state and federal elected policymaker in his home state of Washington asking them to immediately change state and federal laws such that marijuana possession and responsible adult use be decriminalized.

Steves decided to contact his state's politicians after recently participating in public lectures sponsored by the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws in Seattle and on Bainbridge Island. After his talks received heavy media coverage in the Seattle-area, Steves got dozens of positive contacts and notes of encouragement. He decided to share his experience with State legislators in an open letter.

"I've been on the advisory board of NORML for several years so I see our marijuana laws as overly harsh and prohibition taking a negative and needless toll on our society as alcohol did back in the early 1930s. In the interest of wise drug policy and harm reduction, I am a proponent of taking the European approach and treating marijuana as a health rather than a criminal problem.

"I've always found the both politicians and the media secretly agree with my stance. While politicians may agree with me, they understandably fear political fallout if they are considered "soft on drugs".

"The point of my communication with you is that I have never had such overwhelming and positive feedback from a controversy that I've stepped into. Everywhere I've gone in the last week, people have thanked me for bravely addressing what is generally considered a painful prohibition in our society. After reviewing this, let me know if I can be of any help in

supporting you to speak out to get America to take the crime out of marijuana."

More information about Steves and other NORML Advisory Board Members advocacy work is available at norml.org, where you can also get a 'Pack NORML with Rick Steves' hemp travel pack.

The four pillars of NORML are its legal committee, public education activities, national convention and local chapters. The organization relies on donations to support its work. For more information: info@norml.org or call 202-483-5500.

**AG asks AK Supreme Court
to allow pot recrimin law**

The state Attorney General's office filed notice last week with the Alaska Supreme Court asking to overturn a recent Superior Court ruling that found the legislature's effort to criminalize small amounts of cannabis to be unconstitutional.

In July, judge Patricia Collins struck down provisions of a new state law that sought to redefine minor marijuana possession as a criminal offense punishable by jail time. The ACLU filed suit to block enforcement of the law, arguing that it violated the privacy clause of the state constitution, which provides that "the right of the people to privacy is recognized and shall not be infringed." The 1975 *Ravin* decision determined that this constitutional provision legalized the possession and use of small amounts of cannabis in the home.

Superior Court judge Patricia Collins ruled last month that the Alaska legislature lacks the authority to override the Supreme Court's 1975 decision, finding that the *Ravin* decision "is the law until and unless the Supreme Court takes contrary action."

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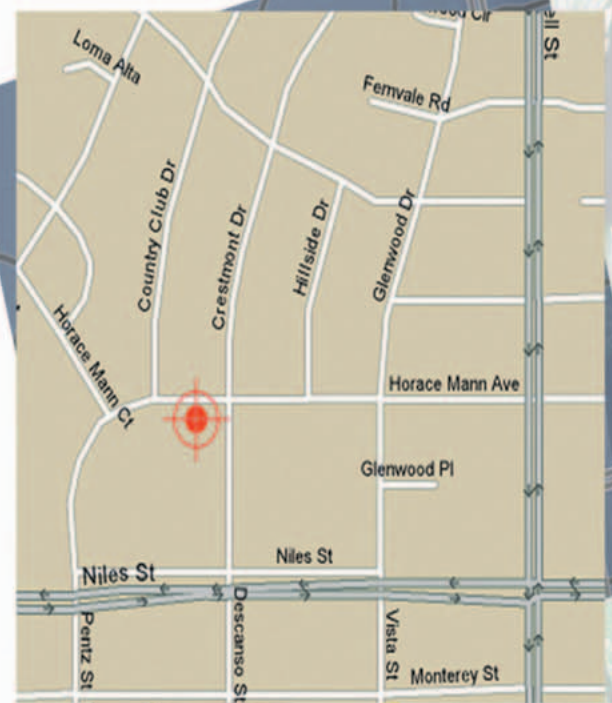


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CannaMed of Northridge

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catches both our eyes and taste buds, yet again. With a friendly staff on hand and relaxing atmosphere, who wouldn't feel right at home? Offered here are an exceptional selection of sativas, indicas, hybrids, hash and the best candies and brownies we tasted in LA. Very decent prices, easy parking, and the novelty of purchasing cannabis from a tax paying, job creating, community-minded cannabis dispensary as opposed to purchasing from a tax-evading thug truly is a safe, convenient, responsible way to finish the day.

We ran out of time before we could visit these other outlets:

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A changing landscape of cannabis publications

GreenKind magazine taking root in California

By Tristin Coffman

There is no shortage of glossy magazines with flashy bud shots: *High Times*, *Heads* and *Cannabis Culture* being the big three. However, they are all published in Canada or on the East Coast. In fact, California's last cannabis magazine was Mari Kane's *HempWorld*, which chronicled industrial hemp but had nothing to do with medical marijuana or adult consumption.

Now into the void has stepped a new

magazine, *Greenkind*. Executive Editor Melrose Sanchez and her crew made the rounds and introduced themselves at the national NORML conference that was held April 20 in San Francisco.

With three issues under its belt, the periodical is a welcome addition among cannabis publications, and particularly here in California where Fred Gardner's *O'Shaugnessy's* is the scientific journal of record and the *Oaksterdam News* is the

statewide cannabis newspaper.

We got an early look at the new issue of *Greenkind*, and it's a pleasant surprise. has articles on infused foods, finding the right cannabis strains and selecting quality babies, and industrial hemp.

Along with informative photographic essays about cannabis, it covers some of the personalities of the California movement, such as Jack Herer and Eddy Lepp. For the do-it-yourselfer, there are recipes along with a feature story on how to add a glass bowl to an empty 2-liter soda bottle and make a floating water pipe. Much to our surprise, it even gave a mention to the *Oaksterdam News*.

Every issue includes a directory of physicians specializing in cannabis therapeutics, a directory of legal services, and various patient services.



ICRS meets in Tihany, Hungary

Cannabis may help Parkinson's and Lou Gehrig's disease victims; Israel has its own MMJ program

By Jahan Marcu

The 2006 International Cannabinoid Research Society (ICRS) meeting brought together funding agencies, industry and the academic community to exchange new information and ideas about cannabis and cannabinoids. Cannabinoids are components of the cannabis plant, including tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) or Cannabidiol (CBD). There are also endogenous Cannabinoids or cannabinoids synthesized by our body, such as Anandamide or 2-arachydonylGlycerol (2-AG).

The ICRS meeting was held in Tihany, Hungary, from June 24 to 28. It is a scientific association of active researchers in the field of endogenous, plant derived and synthetic cannabinoids and related bioactive lipids. Since the formation of the ICRS in 1991, the society has acquired over 400 members worldwide.

There were 91 research presentations and 135 posters that discussed the role of cannabinoids in neuronal development, nervous system function, memory and learning, pain, inflammation, food intake, energy balance, anti-cancer effects, drug abuse, and neuro-protection. The wide range of effects from cannabinoids is due to their specific interactions with an endocannabinoid regulatory system in the body. The endocannabinoid system includes of specific cannabinoid receptors found throughout the human body.

Despite political opinions, attendees, including clinicians, researchers, and even a few self-proclaimed cannabis experts, generally agree on the therapeutic potential of cannabinoids.

Patricia Reggio from the University of North Carolina (UNC) presented data on a project that was a collaborative effort between California Pacific Medical Center Research Institute (CPMCRI) and UNC. These researchers investigated the effects of mutations on the Cannabinoid type 1 (CB1) receptor. At CPMCRI they recently generated data on the ability of natural cannabinoids to fight brain and breast cancer, as well as halting the progression of Lou Gherig's Disease or Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) in mice.

Research presented by Moises Garcia-Arencibia from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem indicated that THC and CBD might provide protection against Parkinson's diseases. The data indicates that the protective effects against Parkinson's disease are most likely from antioxidant properties of cannabinoids and not from the activation of the CB1 receptors in the brain.

Dr. Abrams from the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) presented research entitled "Vaporization as a safe and efficient smokeless cannabis delivery system". The results indicated that future studies of medicinal cannabis could consider utilizing vaporization because it delivers relatively equal amounts of medicinal compounds from the plant to the patient when compared to the hazardous practice of smoking combusted material.

Weighted toward synthetic drugs

Even though the research presented was overwhelmingly about synthetic cannabinoids, the plant does have a recognized medicinal value. Dr. Natalya Kogan, a researcher from the laboratory of Dr. Raphael Mechoulam at Hebrew University, told me about medicinal cannabis patients in Israel. Apparently there is lot more paperwork, although once you become a "cannabis patient" you can receive a pure extract of THC dissolved in olive oil from Mechoulam's lab and grow a small number of plants.

At the end of the third and fourth days of the conference a "Hot and Controversial Issue" were discussed. This year the topics were "Are there CB2 receptors in CNS neurons?" and "Pharmacology of Cannabidiol (CBD): Cannabinoid receptors and Beyond." The controversial issues may seem inapplicable to the average medicinal cannabis patient but this type of open discussion among cannabinoid researchers will shape the direction of research, the medical application, and our understanding of cannabis and cannabinoids.

Please visit Cannabinoidsociety.org for more information and summaries of the research presented at 2006 meeting.

Making the transition from counter culture to over-the-counter culture

With legal use of cannabis comes associated responsibilities. Cannabis outlets share their neighborhoods with homes and businesses. To be successful, they work hard to establish a positive relationship with their neighbors, the city, and the police department. The most likely cause for trouble is complaints by neighbors regarding operations or the activities of their clientele.

The *Oaksterdam News* suggests that everyone follow some common sense, good-neighbor principles.

- Please be respectful of the neighbors' rights, privacy and property. Never litter.
- Always be careful and courteous when driving, particularly when entering or exiting neighborhoods and parking areas.
- Be very careful not to block or park in driveways or in the neighbors' parking lots. You will probably be inside the establishment longer than you think.
- No loitering or nuisance behavior around cannabis outlets.
- Not everyone shares your opinions about cannabis or your taste in music. Keep the volume down.
- Do not divide-up or consume your cannabis inside your car or on the streets around your favorite outlet, or in the vicinity of a school.
- A physician's approval is not a trophy. Don't wave it around and act like it is.
- If you have an indoor home garden, keep the grow area under 100 square feet and be sure that any electrical or plumbing is safe and up to code.

These simple guidelines will help keep the state's cannabis collectives and outlets operating smoothly and with less legal interference.

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• My Green Heaven Ministry. Millbrae. www.mygreenheaven.org

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• Santa Cruz Patients Collective 115 Limekiln St. 831-425-SCPC 11-6 Mn-Th 11-7 Fr,Sa

• Wo/Men's Alliance for Medical Mj, WAMM 831-425-0580. www.wamm.org

• Greenway Compassionate Relief 140 Dubois St #D. 831-420-1640. M-F 11-6, Sa 10-6

• Med Ex. Info: 831-425-3444

North Coast

• D & M Compassion Center, Lake Co 15196 Lakeshore Dr. Clearlake Oaks. 10-8pm 707-994-1320

• MMPU, Medical Marijuana Patients Union POB 2059, Fort Bragg 95437.

707-964-YESS. info@mmpu.org

• Herban Legend, 18300 Old Coast Hwy #3, Fort Bragg. 707-961-0113; M-Sa 11am-6pm.

• Mendo Remedies. 42400 Hwy. 101, Laytonville: 707-984-7101; low-income patients welcome. Tu-Sa 10-6pm

• Caregivers Compassion Center 4349 Montgomery #D, Sta Rosa. M-F 1-6; Su 3-6. 707-537-7303

• Resource Green Caregivers & Patients Group Santa Rosa (Deliveries Only) 866-420-5020 11-9 daily

• North Bay Wellness Coop- 3386 Santa Rosa Ave, Santa Rosa. 10-6:45 M-F; 10-4:45 Sa. northbaywellness@yahoo.com

• Sonoma Alliance for Medical Marijuana. SAMM. 707-522-0292. patient support group 707-869-1291

• Sonoma Co. Compassionate Services Delivery. 707-972-7818

• Cheops Herbal Apothecary Delivery (Sonoma Co.) cheops-herbal@hotmail.com 707-974-9465

• Holistic Solutions, 14240 Lakeshore Dr, Clearlake. 707-995-9000. M-Sa 11-7.

• Lake Co Alt. Caregiver Clinic, Clearlake Oaks. 707-998-0358. lacc@mchsi.com

• Ukiah CBC Info. 707-462-0691

• Hemp Plus Ministries. 892 N. State St, Ukiah. 707-468-1478

Central Valley to Redding

• The Hemp Shack (I.D. Cards) 220 E. Olive Av. Fresno 559-485-4367

• Healthy Choice Collective 4213 McHenry Av. #E Modesto 209-521-2557

• California Healthcare Collective 1009 McHenry Av. #D Modesto 209-577-4556

• 28/16 Collective Corp. 4459 Spys Way #E Modesto 209-622-9404 10-7pm Daily

• Amador Co. Sierra Foothills CC (delivery service) 209-274-6727.

• NorCal Medical Cannabis Collective, Chico 530-354-1114 indicanna@gmail.com

• Calaveras CC. 866-401-2228. delivery 7 days, 8-8; low-income patients welcome.

• Merced Patients' Group (patient support) 209-726-5216 mercedpg@sbcglobal.net

• Merced County Patient Coalition (patient support). merccountyca@aol.com

• El Dorado Pain Reduction Center 645 Main St. #3 Placerville 530-642-1642

• MMJ Caregivers Association of El Dorado Co. Placerville. 530-642-8258

• Golden State Patient Care Collective. 233 Hwy 174, Colfax. 530-346-2514. M-Sa 10-5

• Dale's Delivery Service (Nevada City - Roseville) 530-277-1810. M-F 10-6, Sa 11-3

• Plumas Co., Feather River Coop. 530-283-4517 (info)

• Jim's Deliveries. Roseville area, 10-6. 916-519-5328

• San Joaquin, Medi-Caregivers delivery. 209-456-0680

• Shasta Patient Alliance, info only. shapatall@hotmail.com

• Shasta Caregivers (530) 945-3571

• Siskiyou County Medical Cannabis Co-op Research & Registration Ctr. Weed. 530-938-1768. littleloulou@snowcrest.net

• Stanislaus/Central Valley Co-op: Primary Caregivers & Consultants. 209-818-2932. CACaregivers@aol.com

• Tuolumne CC delivery 866-882-1129. 7 days, 8-8. low-income patients welcome.

• Yuba County CBC 530-749-7497

Sacramento

• Canna Care 320 Harris Ave #G M-F 9-6; Sa-Su 10-3. 916-925-1199.

• MedSac916 916-806-2314 www.med-sac916.com

• River City Patients' Center 916-649-0114

• Capitol Alternatives 2020 - 16th St. Sacramento 916-497-0277 / 916-728-1967. Open 9-7 M-Fri; 9-5 Sa.

• Doctor's Orders 1704 Main Av. Sacramento 916-564-2112. M-Th 10am-6pm, Fri 10am-8pm, Sa 10am-6pm, Sn 10am-3pm

• Greenhouse 9555 Folsom Bl. #1 Sacramento 916-366-0420, 916-868-9566 call for verification, directions; Daily 10-6.

• End of the Rainbow deliveries: end-of-the-rainbow@hotmail.com 916-369-6000 or 916-698-6249.

• Growth Unlimited deliveries Sacto/Solano/Central Valley/San Jose. 1-888-MED-CANN

• Sam's deliveries 916-717-4848. Hours 10-6.

• Healing Hands of Nature delivery. Rancho Cordova/Sac/Citrus Hts area. 916-256-5277

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• Nature's Medicinal, 323 Roberts Ln, Bakersfield. 661-392-9353. Daily 11-9.

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The ID card is valid throughout the state but must be made available by individual counties. Sadly, a year has passed since the state began the program but most California counties have yet to step forward to protect patients' rights.

If you live in one of the counties listed below, please contact Aaron Smith at Safe Access Now in order to find out how you can help bring the voluntary ID card program to your county.

Phone: (707) 291-0076 or email: safeaccessnow@gmail.com
www.safeaccessnow.net

Counties without an approved medical marijuana ID card program:

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- California Canna-meds, 1450 Crestmont Dr, Bakersfield 661-871-0420 11-7 M-Sa
- Amer. Caregivers Collective 3615 Gillmore Av. Bakersfield 661-396-7800 10-7 Daily
- Sweet Relief Compassionate Care 1340 Roberts Lane #1 Bakersfield 661-399-4200
- Charity Caregivers of Tulare 219 North M St. Tulare 559-688-2001
- Today's Holistic Caregivers (delivery) Lancaster 661-946-6600
- Epicurean Delights, 201 W. Ridgecrest Bl., Ridgecrest. M-F 8-8

Central Coast, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Malibu

- Central Coast Compassionate Caregivers 780 Monterey Av. #B Morro Bay 805-772-4879 11-6pm Tu-Sn
- Hezekiah Inc, 92 - 2nd St. #H, Buellton (805) 264-1774 - open M-F 9-5.
- Compassion Center of Santa Barbara Co #1-SBC Collective, 2915 De La Vina St. San Barb. 805-682-8383 11-6pm
- Compassion Center of Santa Barbara Co #2-SBC Collective 119 N. Milpas St.#C San Barb. 805-963-9797 12-5pm Sa 11-3pm
- Santa Barbara Patients' Group, 3114 State St. 805-687-8988. M-SA 11-5. Fax MD documentation to 805-456-0710.
- Helping Hands Wellness Center, 4141 State St. #F-4 Santa Barbara 805-692-1419 10:30-8:30 Daily.
- Santa Barbara Patient Doctor Coalition. 805-687-2380 PDCoalition@cox.net
- Pacific Greens Inc. 816 Milpas St. Sn.Barb. 805-963-0616 10-8pm Daily
- Nature's Path Care 414 E. Haley #B Sn.Barb. 805-331-4567 10-8pm Daily
- ACME 211 W. Victoria St. Sn.Barb. 805-679-1569
- Cal Alliance for Medical Mj Patients (Ventura Co) 805-890-1365. ID cards, medical referrals stoparrestingpts@aol.com
- PCH Collective 22333 Pacific Coast Hwy. #102A Malibu 310-456-0666 12-8pm Mn-Sa
- The Calm At The Beach 21355 Pacific Coast Hwy.#100 Malibu 310-317-6298

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- MMLA (I.D. Cards) 9663 Santa Monica Bl. #999 Beverly Hills 310-023-2626
- The Holistic Caregivers 1321 E. Compton Blvd, Compton 310-889-4799 for deliveries 310-764-4740 9-7pm. M-Sa
- Earth Collective, 5115 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood (323) 668-7633 11-11pm Daily www.earthcollective.com
- Quality of Life Activities (QOLA) 4323 Melrose, LA Call for info 323-644-1209 10-8pm M-Sa 12-7 Sn www.qola1.org
- Hezekiah Inc. 6051 Hollywood Bl. #202 323-467-6484 10-6pm Daily
- Natural Caregivers 609 S. Westmorland Av. 310-927-0911 11-7pm Daily
- KUSH 1111 S. La Brea Bl. LA 323-938-5874 11-11pm Daily
- United Medical Caregivers Clinic, 1248 S. Fairfax, LA 310-358-0212 10-7 M-F
- Purelife Alternative Wellness Center 1649 S. La Cienega Bl. 310-246-9345
- Shiva's Gardens Caregivers, 11-8pm Daily. 2002 S. Robertson Bl. LA 310-841-0550
- LA Compassionate Care Silverlake 2227 Sunset Bl. 213-484-1001
- California Caregivers Alliance 2815 Sunset Bl. #201 213-353-0100 11-7pm M-Sa 12-7 Sn
- Silverlake Caregivers Group 240 N. Virgil Av, #10 213-487-5442 10-8pm M-Sa
- Hollywood Patients' Collective, 10-10 Daily

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6115 Selma Ave #103, Hollywood 323-464-6465 www.hpkuush.com

- Western Caregivers Group 467 N. Western Av. LA 213-487-5442
 - Hollywood Compassionate Collective (HCC) 1110 N. Western Ave #204, Hwd. M-F 11-7; Sa 12-8 pm, hollywoodcollective.com 323-467-7292
 - The Health Center 5161 Melrose Av. LA 323-463-4254
 - Downtown Wellness Center 312 W. Olympic Bl. LA 213-746-3355 10-6pm Tu-Sa
 - ADHC 620 E. 1st St. LA 213-687-9981
 - Angel City Caregivers 441 1/2 E.16th St. LA 213-291-8180 10-8pm Daily
 - Caregivers Christian Alliance Discount Dispensary - 122 S. Lincoln Ave #204, Venice 877-219-3809. Open M-Sa 12-8
 - Supplemental Organic Solutions 328 Lincoln Bl. Venice 310-450-9141
 - Marina Caregivers 3007 Washington Blvd. #225 Mar. Del Rey 310-574-4000 12-11pm M-F.. till 10 Sa/ 8 Sn
 - Ironworks Collective 4100 Venice Bl. Venice 310-305-8425 10-10pm M-Sa
 - California Caregivers Assoc. of Santa Monica 12107 Santa Monica Bl. 310-826-3536 10-8pm Daily
 - LAMC 5885 W. Manchester Av. LA 310-410-9954 10-7pm Daily
 - Lawndale Collective 14829 Hawthorne Blvd #203 Lawndale 310-432-3262 11-7pm Daily
 - Inglewood Wellness Center 318 Market 310-674-4444 11-7pm
 - Comfort Care Group Westwood deliveries 310- 441-8315
 - California Patients' Group 6208 Santa Monica Bl. 323-464-7052
 - Westside Compassionate Caregivers 2355 Westwood Bl. West LA 310-474-8459
 - United Caregivers Group 643 S. 2nd Av. #G Covina 626-967-2080
 - CMCA 15838 Halliburton Rd. Hacienda Heights 626-336-2652 11-7 Daily
 - CMCA-LA 3430 Whittier Bl. L.A. 323-261-2009 11-7pm Daily
 - W. M. P. C. 11618 Washington Blvd #D, Whittier 562-692-3576 11 - 7 pm.
 - Whittier Collective 12450#A E. Washington Bl. 562-696-9696 M-F 11-7; Sa 11-6 Su 10-3
 - Premium Care Inc. 21609 Norwalk Bl. Hawaiian Gardens 562-402-6832
- North Hollywood, San Fernando Valley**
- HLC 3715 Cahuenga Bl. Universal City 818-980-4420
 - Compassionate Care Of Studio City 11314 Ventura Bl. 818-506-7207 11-7 M-Th, 11-8 F, 12-8 Sa www.cccscity.com
 - HIP 22831 Ventura Bl. Woodland Hills 818-225-2426 10-10pm M-F 11-10Sa 12-8Sn
 - Conejo Wellness Center 29399 Agoura Rd, #112 Agoura Hills 818-706-1143 11-8pm M-F
 - The Health Center of Studio City 11324 Ventura Bl. 818-509-0574 11-7 pm Daily
 - NoHo Caregivers 4296 Vineland N. Hwd. 818-754-0834 11-8pm Daily
 - Holistic Healthcare 5430 Vineland N, Hwd. 818-487-2555
 - Caregivers Medi Resource 3322 Barham Bl. Universal City 323-876-7274 10-8pm M-Sa

- Mid-Valley Compassionate Caregivers. 5658 Sepulveda Bl. Van Nuys 818-785-7440 M-Th 11-7, F-Sa 11-8
 - Holistic Caregivers Apothecary Inc, 10652 Magnolia Bl. N. Hwd. 818-760-0717
 - Fairfax Caregivers Inc, 14303 Ventura Bl. Sherman Oaks 818-990-0401 M-Sa 11-8
 - Trichome Healing Caregivers. 7100 Van Nuys Bl. #204, Van Nuys. 818-373-5000. 10-7 Daily except Wed. - disabled access
 - Valley Healing Caregivers Ctr, 7232 Van Nuys Bl. VN, 818-781-8865 10-7pm M-Sa
 - Kind Meds Collective Center 14649 Victory Bl. #24 Van Nuys 818-908-9580 11-7 M-Sa 11-5 Sn
 - S. California Caregivers 15333 Sherman Way #Q Van Nuys 10-7pm Daily 818-998-0699
 - Mother Nature's Remedy Caregivers, 17302 Saticoy St, Van Nuys 818-345-MEDs 2:15 - 10 pm Tu-Su.
 - Therapeutic Medicinal Health Resources, 14836 Burbank Blvd, Sherman Oaks 818-988-9615 M-F 11-7; Sa-Su 12-6
 - Valley Collective Co-op, 12500 Riverside Dr #201B, Studio City 818-508-8787 M-Sa 11-7pm Su 11-5pm
 - Valley Independent Pharmacy 19459 Ventura Blvd, Tarzana. 818-345-5477. 10-7pm
 - Natural Care Collective 18341 Sherman Way #213 Reseda 818-344-7420 10-8pm M-Sa
 - Cannamed of Northridge, 9349 Melvin Ave. #9 818-882-4849 10 am -8 pm Daily.
 - Northridge Healing Center 8349 Reseda Bl. #D 818-701-6666
 - Valley Coop 818-727-1419. 8363 Reseda Bl #203, Northridge. 11-7 M-Sa, 11-5 Su.
 - W Valley Caregivers 818-222-9212. 23067 Ventura Bl. #102, Woodland Hills 10-10 daily
 - 215 Club 22148 Ventura Bl. #A Woodland Hills 818-887-2106
 - West Valley Co-Op 19709 Ventura Bl. #B Woodland Hills 818-713-0258
 - North Hollywood Collective 10929 Van Owen St. #110 818-763-4008 12-7pm
 - Patients Against Pain 6240 Laurel Cnyn. #B N. Hwd. 818-752-7274
 - RNS Caregivers United, 10545 Burbank Blvd, N Hollywood 818-763-7479 M-Sa 11-7
 - Natural Relief Center, 7223 Owensmouth, Canoga Park 818-703-8599 Daily 11-7
 - Collective Caregivers Pharmacy 8239 Canoga Av. Canoga Park 818-264-0790
 - North Valley Discount 15600 Devonshire Granada Hills 818-920-3110
 - Green Light Discount Pharmacy 13051 San Fernando Rd. #4 Sylmar 877-367-9190
- West Hollywood**
- West Hollywood Caregivers. 7901 Santa Monica Bl #206. 323-656-2033. 10-7 daily.
 - West Hwd Ctr for Compassionate Healing, 8921 Sunset Bl. 310-626-3333 11-8 daily
 - Sunset Collective 7065 1/2 Sunset Bl. 323-464-0111 12-8pm M-Sa
 - LA Patients and Caregivers Group, 7213 Santa Monica Bl. W Hollywood 323-882-6033
 - AHHS (Alternative Herbal Health Services) 7828 Santa Monica Bl. x Fairfax. W. Hollywood 323-654-8792 call for hours.

- Medical Marijuana Pharmacy 7825 Santa Monica Bl. 323-848-7981 10-8 M-Sa 12-7 Sn
- CA Cannabis Pharmaceuticals 8464 Santa Monica Bl. 323-656-1600

Beach Cities

- Palos Verdes Collective 716 Yarmouth Rd. #215 310-541-0608 12-8pm Tu-Sa clsd Sn,M
- California Caregivers Alliance 201 Herondo St. #100 Redondo Beach 310-374-1738
- Nature's Way Compassion Group 1111 S. Pacific Av. San Pedro 310-514-9665
- Cancer Help Center Herbal Collective 3381 LB Blvd (x Wardlow) Long Beach 562-424-HERB M-F 11-8, Sa-Su 11-7
- Herbal Solutions Compassion Caregivers 5746 E. 2nd St. Long Beach 562-434-5075
- Green Cross of Torrance 22926 Hawthorne Bl. Torrance 310-378-4900 10-8pm Daily
- Peace Of Green 22828 Western Av. Torrance 310-530-4135
- Cali Caregivers Assoc. of Gardena 17901 S. Vermont Av. #D 310-352-1188 11:30-8
- Nature's Holistic Caregivers 310-327-3551 10-6 M-Sa, 14000 #A Crenshaw Bl. Gardena
- CCLB, Compassionate Caregivers LB (not affiliated with "Compassionate Caregivers") call 562-621-9777 for details
- Med-a-Cab delivery service, Long Beach / mid-cities 562-256-5066 daily 11-7pm
- Freeway Pharmacy Beach cities delivery; El Segundo, Huntington Beach. 310-349-9135
- South Bay 420 Collective Delivery Service, Palos Verdes / beach cities. 310-561-3515; FAX 866-619-5942 harpincsb@netscape.net
- Lomita Collective, Palos Verdes deliveries 310-432-3262
- Diamond Delivery, Long Beach to North Orange Co. 562-331-5415
- Premium Care Inc, 16900 Lakewood Bl #202, Bellflower 562-215-4875

OC, San Bernardino, Riverside

- C3 714-618-5221 9-9pm (OC/Riverside/SD/Beach Cities/LA) delivery
- 420 Primary Caregivers. 421 N.Brookhurst #130 Anaheim. 714-758-3500. M-Sa 11-7; delivery. 420primarycaregivers.com (215 Patient Bakery-edibles)
- Pharmakeia (LA/OC/Riverside) 323-462-1516. M-Sa 10am - 5 pm. pharmakeia.org, info@pharmakeia.org
- Inland Empire Herbal Caregivers Riverside Co. delivery 951-537-0235.
- Palm Springs Caregivers 2100 W. Palm Canyon Bl. #105 760-327-8810 11-8 M-Sa
- CAPS. Palm Springs. 760-325-1112
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- Orange Co. MC Coop, 949-855-0310. 11-7
- Humble House deliveries to Orange and Riverside counties 949-395-9588
- Yorba Linda Alt. Herb Coop 714-692-0072, 714-276-4238. M-F 11-8, Sa-Su 11-7
- KGB Meds delivery to San Bernardino, High Desert. 760-246-7047. kgbmeds@yahoo.com
- Northern Lights Church/Healing Exchange statewide support 949-222-4209 Laguna Beach northernlights-church.org / thehealingexchange.org

San Diego

- All storefront dispensing cooperatives in San Diego are temporarily closed.
- San Diego area deliveries www.medbud4u.com
- North County Medi Caregivers delivery daily 12-9 northcountymedical@yahoo.com. 760-277-4059
- San Diego Caregivers. (delivery serving SD / south Riverside Co.) 760-580-0745

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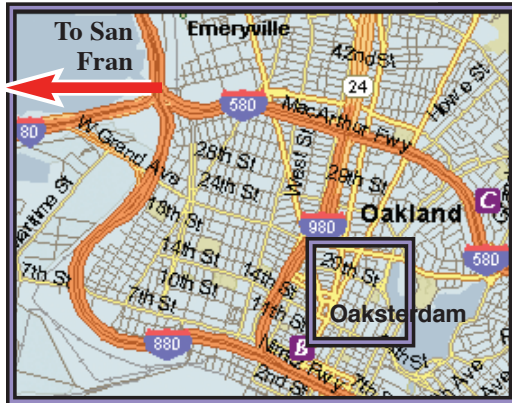
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Oaksterdam

Oakland, California USA

A brief history of the Oaksterdam district

Some 220 years after the founding of the American Republic, California voters had qualified the first statewide medical marijuana initiative for the ballot and the San Francisco *Cannabis Buyers Club* was in its heyday.

Across the Bay, on July 4, 1996, Jeff Jones opened the Oakland Cannabis Buyers Coop on the fifth floor of 1755 Broadway. When the OCBC was prevented from distributing cannabis by the federal government in 1998, other clubs opened, starting with The Zoo at 1736 Telegraph Ave. Thus began the uptown district of Oaksterdam.

The OCBC stayed open issuing medical cannabis ID cards and operating a hemp store, moving to 1733 Broadway in 1999, next door to the



Four Seasons hydroponics store that had just opened.

The Bulldog Coffeeshop opened in December 1999, followed by Compassionate Caregivers the next year at their original location, 1740 Telegraph. By 2004, eight cannabis

dispensaries gave visitors a wide selection of products and created hundreds of jobs in Oakland.

Oakland can be proud to have helped thousands that came from all over the state before cannabis dispensaries opened where they lived.

The Oaksterdam Map Key

- A Bulldog Coffeeshop, 1739 Broadway
- B SR-71, 377 - 17th St.
- C Oaksterdam News 376 15th St.
- D Oaksterdam Gifts, 405 - 15th St.
- E Post office, 1446 Franklin St
- F Frank Ogawa Plaza
- G Medicann, 1814 Franklin # 901
- H Fox Theater, 1850 Telegraph
- I CARE, 701 Broadway
- J Paramount Theater, 2025 Bdwy
- K Kaiser rooftop garden
- L Lake Merritt Park boat rentals
- M Norcal MMJ, 1504 Franklin
- N Van Kleef Cafe 1621 Telegraph Ave.
- O Americans for Safe Access (ASA), 1322 Webster # 208
- P Paid parking
- Q Harborside Health Ctr, 1840 Embarcadero
- R 415 Fourth St., Downtown

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