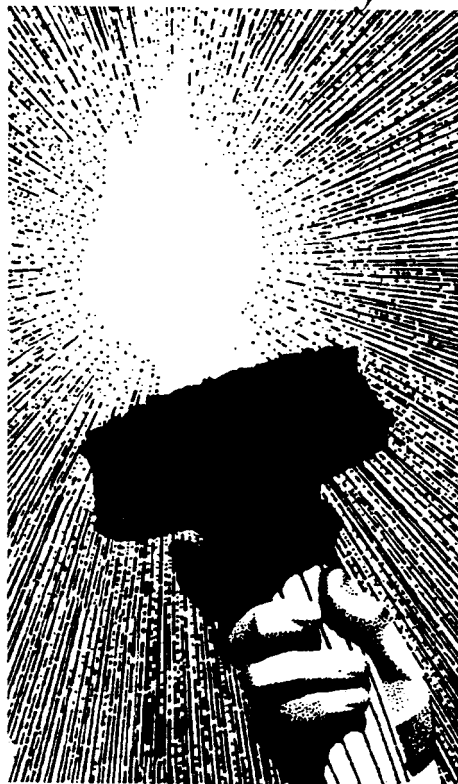




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WEBB ANNOUNCES QUACKENBUSH RECALL DRIVE!

Sandi Webb, a long-time Libertarian activist from Simi Valley, announced that she is heading a drive to recall California Insurance Commissioner Chuck Quackenbush.

Question: Why have you started this drive?

Answer: Simi Valley was hit hard by the Northridge Earthquake. As both a Councilmember and a building designer, I saw first-hand the many insurance disputes faced by my neighbors and experienced some of those same problems with my own quake-damaged home. I strongly believe that the people who suffered so much in the Northridge Earthquake do not deserve to be exploited and victimized again by the California Insurance Commissioner.

Question: Have you received official approval from the Libertarian Party?

Answer: We have not yet received endorsement but hope to receive it at the next LPC Executive Committee meeting. We encourage individuals of all parties to support our recall drive.

Question: What motivated you?

Answer: The evidence is mounting that California Insurance Commissioner Chuck Quackenbush pressured insurance companies, under threat of enormous fines, into paying millions of dollars into foundations that he created and controlled. So far none of this money has gone to Northridge Earthquake victims. The official grounds for the recall can be stated in just six words: CHUCK QUACKENBUSH IS UNFIT FOR OFFICE.

Question: How would an individual participate?

Answer: A special web site (<http://www.peoplesveto.org/>) has been set up to coordinate the recall campaign. I would encourage everyone to download a petition as soon as it is available and circulate it among their friends. We expect the petition to be available about June 20.

Question: What are the steps in the process?

Answer: The first step in the recall process



Sandi Webb

was to circulate a Notice of Intention which was filed with the Secretary of State, served on the Insurance Commissioner, and published as a legal notice in a newspaper. Then Quackenbush has seven days to submit an answer up to 200 words long. Within 10 days after that a petition form is submitted to the Secretary of State for approval of format.

Question: How many petition signatures will you need to put the recall on the ballot?

Answer: We will need over 964,325 valid signatures (12% of the total vote for Insurance Commissioner in 1998). We will have just 160 days to gather almost a million signatures.

Question: Final comment?

Answer: This will be a true grass-roots movement, making full use of the Internet. It can succeed, but only if enough Californians spread the word and take matters back into their own hands. We must not allow corrupt politicians like Chuck Quackenbush to remain in office! **Sign up at www.peoplesveto.org/**

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recall@peoplesveto.org

NEW! Interesting web sites. See page 7.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CENSUS SNOOPS INVADE PRIVACY

Census 2000 snoops get info any way they can. The U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census currently employs me, and I am very disturbed by what we "enumerators" are being required to do.

If a resident of a single-family residence declines to be interviewed, we are told to go to a neighbor's home and ask them questions about the resident who declined to be interviewed. If the resident lives in an apartment complex, we are told to go to the manager's office and retrieve information about that resident. I have personally experienced incidents, when on request, managers have pulled resident's rental applications, and given out names, birthdates, employers, etc. This also holds true for neighbors of single family residences.

I am very disturbed by this and, if this letter is printed, I am sure I will be terminated from my employment. But I feel it is more important to let the people of the United States know what is occurring.

James, Fullerton

GET GOVERNMENT OUT OF WELFARE

When I first discovered libertarian ideas, the one that most affected me is the idea that government should not own "the means of production." I was a teenager who had read *Socialism* by Ludwig von Mises.

Well, we have won that battle. Nobody today proposes nationalizing industries. But there is one very large industry that was "nationalized" in the United States in the 1930-70 period, and that is called "welfare."

Don't use the hot-button word "privatize" (the opposite of "nationalize"), but keep your focus on the main plan that what the government has taken over must be disestablished. In the USA we have disestablished churches, businesses, and many municipal services. Next we must focus on schools and services to the needy.

Joe Cobb, joecobb@email.msn.com

FOR THE KIDS!

What always amazes me is the claim WE (Libertarians) want to hurt "the children" by opposing these endless bond measures.

Does it ever occur to them that they are producing huge debts for their "children" to pay off? How about giving "the children" a break on their future taxes?

Steve Allison

TAKE A BUCK OUT OF CRIME

There is a way to reduce crime, but it comes as a surprise to many people. So stop reading as soon as you get to a sentence you don't think is true:

- Most criminals do not want to be punished for their crimes.
- Some crimes are motivated by anger toward the victim, but other crimes are motivated by the perception of a possible reward.
- Some victims will try to fight back.
- If a criminal, of the type who is motivated by possible rewards, wants to avoid the consequences of his crimes, he would be more inclined to avoid victims who might fight back.
- If there is no victim, there is no chance that the victim will fight back.
- All other things being equal, career criminals will often prefer an enterprise of victimless crimes, such as dealing drugs, prostitution, and other high-priced transactions that have the consent of all parties directly involved.

Conclusion: When laws are passed that criminalize a victimless activity, this essentially creates an enterprise for professional criminals.

In other words: To put criminals out of business, take away the laws that create those businesses in the first place.

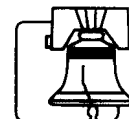
Which means: Politicians who criminalize — or fail to decriminalize — victimless activities are helping the criminals remain employed in their life of crime.

Now why would politicians do things to help criminals stay in business? Well, if you don't have as many criminals, you don't need as many cops and jails. If you don't need as many cops and jails, you lose an excuse for collecting so much taxes. If you collect less taxes, that leaves you with less money to spend on your supporters' pet projects.

So, politicians need criminals so that they can stay in business — just as criminals need politicians so that THEY can stay in business!

Does this seem incredible? If you think so, watch carefully next time someone proposes a tax cut. Almost always, the first thing the politicians will do is threaten (vaguely) to let criminals out of jail to punish you for not giving them more of your own hard-earned money.

Marvin Simkin, msimkin@primenet.com



OPINION

From the Chair:

We, as a Party, set two main internal goals this year:

1. Increase our dues-paying membership to 7,000
2. Increase our monthly pledge base to \$6,000 per month



MARK HINKLE

Goal 1:

The latest membership figures we have are from April 2000. At the end of April we had 6415 members which compares favorably to the 6081 members we had at the end of April 1999. However, this is far from our goal of 7000 members and slightly less than our membership at the end of March, 2000 when our figures were 6424.

As I reported last month, I've appointed a Membership Committee consisting of Joe Dehn, Bruce Dovner, and Aaron Starr. They are already formulating plans to gain new members and, as important, keep our members renewing each and every year. You can do your part by renewing on or before your renewal date. Plus, why not sign up your spouse, relative, or co-worker? You're part of the liberty team too!

Goal 2:

Our most recent fund raising letter (for Operation Breakthrough) has just started to produce good returns. The income from our last letter, at press time, was \$10,677.86. This is way above average. Last month, our pledged total, each month, was \$4,606.15. That is now up to \$4,683.15. Last month we had only 152 people pledging via our credit card pledge program. That is up to 161 at press time. Another 66 cash pledgers donate periodically.

I'm also pleased to report that through April (1/3 of our fiscal year) our mail fund raising revenues are at 47.21% of the budget. And our major donor fund raising is right on target: \$15,000 through April, with the budgeted total for the year being \$45,000.

LPC has endorsed the goal of running 200 candidates in 2000:

As part of the Libertarian National Committee's goal of 2,000

candidates in the year 2000, the LPC Executive Committee has set a goal of 200 candidates in the year 2000. We already know about 125 candidates. By July 17th, we need to recruit 75 non-partisan candidates. That's where Operation Breakthrough comes in. The beauty of the plan, if successful, is that not only will we find candidates, but also we'll place them in winnable races. And, we can repeat it every election year. This is Juan Ros's top priority for June and July. Please give him your support. It's projects such as Operation Breakthrough that will make us a success. That's why we're in business: to run candidates and to win. Your support gave us the resources to make that happen. Thanks!

So, please join our monthly credit card pledge program and help us elect libertarians to office this year. Think of it as an investment in your future freedom. Let's make that day of freedom sooner, rather than later. Shall we?

Your participation and contributions fuel our successes.

Yours in liberty, Mark W. A. Hinkle

As the result of hard work by Juan Ros, The Libertarian Party of California has moved into their new headquarters. The new address is:

**14547 Titus Street, Suite 214
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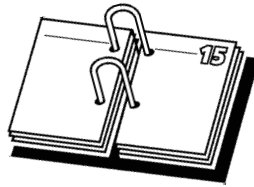
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CALENDAR

Sunday, June 11, Fresno

The LP of Fresno County is having a **Barbecue and Blues Jam** from 3 PM to 9 PM. Featuring "The Great Libertarian Offer" on big screen, plus entertainment by The White Collar Blues, plus guest speakers David Bergland, Juan Ros, and others. Tickets are \$20 for adults and half price for kids under 14, proceeds to benefit the LP of Fresno County. Contact Ron Drioane at (877) 764-9479. Sent by Jonathan Richter, Chair, LPFC, jonrichter@email.msn.com



THINK GLOBALLY, ACT LOCALLY ON JULY 3rd
Decriminalization Day, July 3rd, 2000 will be dedicated to the cutting-edge legalization concerns of "medical marijuana" this year, says founder Robert Bakhaus in Santa Barbara, Calif.

His intent is to draw attention to a Santa Barbara effort to allow a "medical marijuana club" that is empowered by municipal ordinance to dispense healing herbs WITHOUT the use of medical prescriptions — thus removing the federal government's ability to regulate the practice through their AMA regulation of doctor's licenses.

June 30 to July 4, Anaheim

Libertarian Party National Convention will be held in Anaheim. California has 256 delegates. Web site: www.lp.org/conv/2000/ See registration form on page 5. Delegates: a list has been created to discuss business, strategy and proposals. To subscribe to this list, send message to:
LP-National-Delegates-on@list.LibertarianActivist.org

Medical Marijuana was legalized in California by voter initiative recently but has been effectively stifled by federal persecution of citizens exercising their right to inhale, including Libertarian Party gubernatorial candidate Steve Kubby!

For more info on Decriminalization Day, phone Bakhaus at (805) 965-2741, or visit his Libertarian Society at:
<http://www.silcom.com/~taxabo/decrim.htm>.

Sunday, July 2, Anderson

Barbecue at Anderson River Park. Sponsored by LPC Region 45 for persons unable to attend the National Convention. Contact Dwight Bailey at (530) 275-8258 or WiseGuyTwo@aol.com or 13623 Creek Trail, Redding CA 96003.

TENTATIVE NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

The current budget allows the following schedule for printing this newsletter: June, July, August (online only), September, October (online only), November, December (online only).

All issues are online at <http://www.ca.lp.org/lpcm/>

August, October and December issues
will be available online only.

Monday, July 3,

Decriminalization Day: dedicated to the legalization of medical marijuana. See article on this page.

Tuesday, July 4, Location to be announced.

Meeting of the **LPC Executive Committee**.

July 23 - 28, London Ontario Canada

International Society for Individual Liberty (ISIL) will celebrate their 20th Anniversary World Libertarian Conference at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario, Canada. For more information: E-mail: info@libertyconferences.com
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RECENT BUMPER STICKERS

- Sure you can trust the government!
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August 26 - 27, Fresno

Conference of Regional Parties to be held in Fresno. Minimum cost to attendees. Hosted by Rodney Austin, Northern Vice Chair.

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September 15, 16, 17, Las Vegas

The Great Western Show, which is advertised as the world's largest firearms, blade and militaria show, will be held at the Las Vegas Convention Center in Nevada. The show was denied use of the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds this year. Web site: www.greatwesternshow.com. E-mail: info@greatwesternshow.com.

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AROUND THE STATE

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Friends and Supporters,

My sincere thanks to each and every one of you who have been so helpful and supportive of the Fair Vote 2K effort over the past five months. Unfortunately, our effort has produced fewer than 10,000 signatures, far short of the 670,000 required to qualify for the November 2000 ballot. Therefore, we will be transitioning the Fair Vote 2K Coalition into an advocacy PAC, with two objectives.



1. We'll obtain the Census counts as quickly as possible and issue district maps based on the FV2K methodology, population equality and maximum geographic compactness, as quickly as possible. We'll hope to gain maximum media attention and possibly influence legislative drafting.
2. We'll be drafting a new FV2K2 Initiative aimed at the November 2002 ballot. Of course, signatures collected during the recent circulation period cannot be applied to the new effort, which must start from scratch...probably in December of 2001.

Over the next few weeks we'll be compiling names and addresses of the circulators we've received on the petitions. Please DO mail any petitions promptly. We'll be preparing a mailing within the next few weeks to all the participants, thanking them for their efforts and soliciting their continued support.

Again, thank you for your support and assistance. We've only lost the first battle. Full steam ahead!

Bill Westmiller, westmiller@aol.com

Fair Vote 2K Coalition, 44 Summerfield Street

Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

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HUMOROUS LIBERTARIAN STORY WINS AWARD!

Victor Infante, registered Libertarian, is a journalist for the *Orange County Weekly*.

At the Orange County Press Club's Excellence in Journalism awards it was announced that Infante won second place in the Marjorie Freeman Award for Best Humorous Story. Victor's story is "My So-Called Political Life" from a column titled "Libertarian Boy." Victor's story competed with stories from the *Orange County Register*, *Times Orange County*, *The OC Business Journal*, *The OC Metro*, and almost every local city

newspaper. The story can be seen at

<http://www.ocweekly.com/ink/00/15/libertarian-infante.shtml>

Doug Scribner, doug@123abc.net



Siegfried Pinchut snapped this photo on Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles on Mother's Day. These moms were supporting their second amendment right to bear arms.



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Selling Libertarian Ideas in 60 Seconds!

The Sara Baase for Congress campaign was the big libertarian campaign in San Diego in 1984. It had the highest visibility and raised the most money. One innovation that the campaign tried was professional radio ads. The ads were produced by Spotmaker Studio in San Diego, run by a libertarian, and they were aired hundreds of times on local stations.

These ads are now available on CD to any local candidate who is considering a radio campaign. There are five one-minute ads, covering various issues. They show how an issue can be developed in a conversation between the candidate and the moderator. Contact me for a copy of the CD.

Jack Sanders, SandersJR@aol.com

Operation Breakthrough

Amatory Libertas,

The May 2000 issue of the LPC Monthly newsletter has a lead story about the subject, which is the brainchild of Aaron Starr of Simi Valley. The idea is for libertarians to seek election to so-called "Special Districts." This is not a new idea here in SD, but something that we have not pursued aggressively in the past. This has changed. I'm in the process of putting together a file which will delineate the particulars of these 75 (or so) special districts within San Diego County. Most of these have open slots for this coming General Election and there is still time to file. School districts are not included here, but may be of interest to some of you.

These Special Districts are within these categories:

- a. Community Planning
- b. Community Services
- c. Fire Protection
- d. Hospital
- e. Irrigation
- f. Municipal Water
- g. Public Utility
- h. Water

Some of these positions are volunteer and others include compensation, as I understand it.. At any rate, anyone who might be interested in filing, please contact me via e-mail. I can determine your precinct number and provide a file of all of the districts which apply and, as it's developed, the particulars of a district. Motus ad Libertatem,

Thomas R. Stott, stomaso@worldnet.att.net

QUICK CHANGE

LPC members
can update information at
<http://www.ca.lp.org/lpc-member-services.html>

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Get Government Out of Hi-Tech

Regulation of the hi-tech industry by government officials is one of the most critical issues facing this country right now. This industry was able to flourish and expand because it operated under free market principles like no other industry in modern history. In the "new economy": innovation rules, competition is intense, and the consumer is victorious. All of this is threatened.

Each day, you read about a new law or regulation being imposed upon the hi-tech industry. The Justice Department's case against Microsoft is the greatest example and it could pave the way for hundreds of new regulations at every level of government. This threatens our current economic expansion and, more importantly, threatens the best example we have of the benefits of an open market.

This month's newsletter gives Libertarian Party members an opportunity to get government out of the hi-tech industry.

As you probably noticed, there is an inserted reply card in this month's newsletter. The California Libertarian Party is now working with a grassroots organization called "Americans for Technology Leadership". ATL is working to mobilize Californians to let their elected officials know that the hi-tech industry should not be regulated. ***This is a new issue to the policy arena and the Libertarian Party and its members have a unique opportunity to be at the forefront of this very critical debate.***

If you are interested in getting government out of the hi-tech industry and working to make hi-tech a truly free market, fill out the enclosed card right away. Or, you can sign up at www.techleadership.org. **Be sure to include that you got the information from the California Libertarian Party.**

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AROUND CYBERSPACE



INTERESTING WEB SITES!

CLEAN UP THE CLEAN WATER ACT

Please take a few moments to make your comments to the EPA regarding a new, tighter, "clean water" rule which will cost billions to accomplish and will make nearly no difference in water related illnesses.

<http://www.epa.gov/safewater/drinklink.html>

Submitted by Steve Allison

NEAT LIBERTARIAN STUDENT MAGAZINE

A web site by and for Libertarian students.

<http://www.restorationmag.com>

Submitted by Steve Allison

RECALL QUACKENBUSH

See front page for information.

<http://www.peoplesveto.org/>

PETITION TO END FEDERAL INCOME TAXES

The author is seeking comments and suggestions for improvement before offering it to the public-at-large.

<http://www.no-income-tax.com/petition.html>

Submitted by John McPherson

AWARD-WINNING HUMOROUS STORY

Story by Victor Infante, registered Libertarian and journalist for the *Orange County Weekly*. See page 5 for more information.

<http://www.ocweekly.com/ink/00/15/libertarian-infante.shtml>

GET GOVERNMENT OUT OF HI-TECH

See page 6 for details.

<http://www.techleadership.org>

NOTABLE QUOTABLES FROM THOMAS SOWELL

Liberals love to say things like, 'We're just asking everyone to pay their fair share.' But government is not about **asking**. It is about **telling**. The difference is fundamental. It is the difference between making love and being raped, between working for a living and being a slave.

Ours may become the first civilization destroyed, not by the power of our enemies, but by the ignorance of our teachers and the dangerous nonsense they are teaching our children. In an age of artificial intelligence, they are creating artificial stupidity.

Thomas Sowell

SIGN OF THE TIMES!

Below is one of several generic signs created by J. R. Graham. Other Burma-Shave-style signs include:

Just Say NO to Tax Addiction

Bonds are debt to be repaid with interest.

Redevelopment sucks from the rest of us.

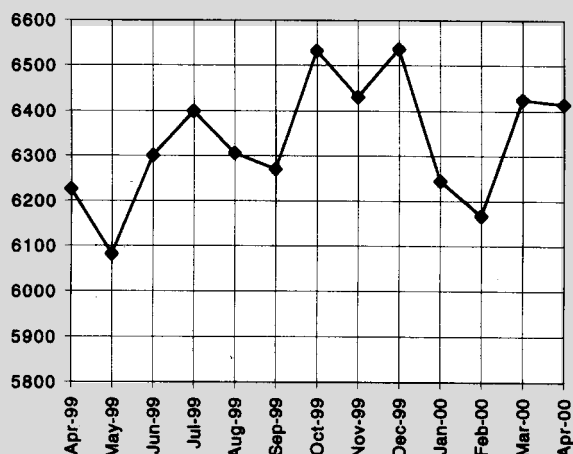
Taxes too low – L NO!

The beauty of these signs: they can be prepared in advance and they can be used during election after election.

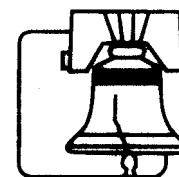
For additional information, contact J. R. Graham, nobody4taxman1@juno.com



Growth Watch Goal: 7,000 Membership April 30, 2000: 6415



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Feb-29-00	6166
Jan-31-00	6244
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Nov-30-99	6536
Oct-30-99	6430
Sep-30-99	6532
Aug-31-99	6270
Jul-30-99	6305
Jun-30-99	6399
May-31-99	6300
Apr-30-99	6081



AROUND THE GLOBE

POLITICS AS USUAL

HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR MUZZLED

Members of the Viewmont High School Choir from Bountiful, Utah, were so impressed by their recent visit to "Lady Liberty" that they began to sing the national anthem on the spur of the moment, impressing bystanders, but not the National Park Service rangers. The students were forced to stop and were threatened with possible arrest if they did not obey.
WorldNetDaily.com, April 24, 2000
<http://InvestigativeJournal.com>

CHINA PART I: HUMAN LIVERS SELL WELL

A government hospital in southern China did a bang-up New Year's Eve business selling human livers. According to wire reports, it turns out the healthy livers were procured from the great glut of end-of-year executions conducted by the Red Chinese. Going price: \$20,000.

Competitive Enterprise Institute, February 2000
Submitted by Wm. Holmes

CHINA PART II: FALUN GONG BELIEVERS PERSECUTED

Falun Gong is a philosophy whose followers practice breathing exercises and meditation. Although popular among millions of Chinese, Falun Gong didn't jump to international prominence until April 25 last year, when 10,000 of its believers converged on Beijing, demanding an end to state press reports that portrayed them as a superstitious cult. The government formally banned Falun Gong and continues to arrest and torture hundreds of followers.
The San Diego Union-Tribune, April 28, 2000

PARK SERVICE "PROTECTS" LAND

The National Park Service set a "controlled" burn despite the high winds predicted by the National Weather Service. Fed by winds gusting up to 50 miles per hour, the wildfire devastated vast areas, forced the evacuation of more than 25,000 people, destroyed over 200 homes, and threatened the Los Alamos NM National Laboratory where nuclear weapons are designed. More than 1,000 emergency and fire personnel fought the blaze.

The New York Times, April 12, 2000
(updated with later information)

JUNIOR ROTC SHOT DOWN

Chicago Public Schools Chief Paul Vallas declared that he will end all riflery programs in Chicago's schools. The decision affects 33 schools that were offering Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps programs. The programs involved only airguns and pellets. Even *The Chicago Tribune* found fault with Vallas' plan, stating in an editorial "There's no evidence that anyone participating in marksmanship practice or competitions has ever posed a threat. In fact, one might assume that JROTC cadets schooled in firearms safety would be more responsible with guns than other kids."
American Rifleman, January 2000

HAIL HAIL COLOMBIA!

The drug war is going military—and abroad. The White House and Congress, having failed with massive domestic police actions to reduce the quantity or quality of illegal drugs on our streets, are mounting a major pursuit of coca growers in Colombia. It was the great assault on coca plantations in Peru and Bolivia a decade ago that led to the cultivation of even richer strains in Colombia. That country, two and half times the size of France, now supplies 80% percent of the cocaine consumed in the United States and equal amounts for the rest of the world.

The New York Times Magazine, April 30, 2000

POLICE CLOSE DOWN MEDICAL MJ PROVIDER

San Diego police shut down the county's only large-scale dispenser of medical marijuana. Authorities raided the California Alternative Medicinal Center on Fourth Avenue in Hillcrest, saying it had been operating as a for-profit business in violation of the state's 1996 voter-approved proposition that allows medicinal use of pot. The center has been operating quietly for near three years and had 300 to 400 clients.

The San Diego Union-Tribune, April 19, 2000

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