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Members of the Women's Chorus surprise Dr. J. Malon Southerland (left), Texas A&M's vice president for student affairs, with a singing telegram for his birthday at his office yesterday.

Court decision opens door for medicinal hemp clubs

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal appeals court yesterday raised the possibility that clubs that provide medical marijuana might be reopened, saying "medical necessity" could make some patients exempt from laws against pot.

In a rebuff to the Clinton administration, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals told a judge who had issued an injunction against such groups to consider exempting patients and doctors who could show "medical necessity." The injunction against six medical marijuana clubs had been issued at the request of the Justice Department.

The court did not order the exception but said there was evidence that would justify it.

One of the six Northern California clubs, the Oakland Cannabis Buyers' Cooperative, "has identified

a strong public interest in the availability of a doctor-prescribed treatment that would help ameliorate the condition and relieve the pain and suffering of a large group of persons with serious or fatal illnesses," the court said in a 3-0 ruling.

The court noted that the "necessity" defense — showing that breaking the law was the only way to prevent a more serious harm — would be available if federal authorities prosecuted patients or club officials for violating federal drug laws.

Because the government sought an injunction against future law-breaking instead of prosecuting anyone, the order should be worded to exclude conduct that likely would be allowed if a person cited the necessity defense at trial, the court said.

To be eligible for such an exemp-

tion, patients would have to show that they have tried to get medical marijuana and failed, and that it should be available under federal law.

The ruling was a victory for Robert Raich, a lawyer who has been working with the land cooperative, to get about 2,000 patients back into the program.

The 9th Circuit is the first to recognize that cannabis has medical efficacy to a large class of patients and that it should be available under federal law.

He said the ruling could lead to the reopening of the Oakland cooperative for patients with a medical necessity.

Ramsey lawyers attack officer's comments

DENVER (AP) — Remarks by a police detective present when the body of 6-year-old JonBenet Ramsey was found are the latest in a series of unsubstantiated attacks on the family, attorneys for John and Patsy Ramsey said yesterday.

Former Boulder Detective Linda Arndt said in an interview broadcast on ABC's "Good Morning America" yesterday that she feared for her life as she spoke with Mr. Ramsey shortly after JonBenet's body was found.

No one has been charged in the slaying, but authorities say the Ramseys remain under suspicion. They have denied any involvement.

Linda Arndt's bizarre speculations are the latest in a seemingly endless series of attacks on the Ram-

sey family by people who seek to justify the conduct at the Ramseys' expense," a statement from a law firm headed by Hal Haddon, the Ramsey defense attorney, said.

The Ramseys' attorneys took exception to comments she was afraid when talking to her about the case.

"Her psychic impressions are no substance and do nothing to advance the search for Benet's killer," the statement said.

Arndt was the first detective to arrive at the Ramsey home on Dec. 26, 1996, after Mrs. Ramsey reported that her daughter was missing. She had found a ransom note.

Court records said hours later, after the search of the house for anything unusual.



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