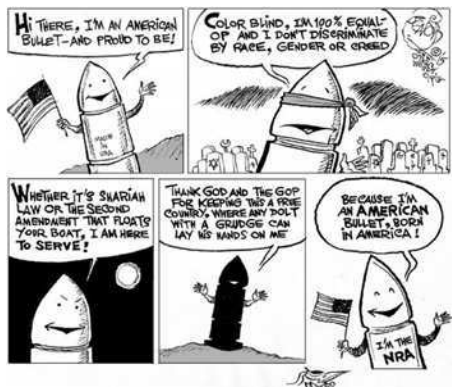


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Madeline Martinez is the owner of the World Famous Cannabis Café, one of Portland's marijuana clubs that might have to shutter its doors come Jan. 1 under new provisions of Oregon's Clean Air Act which expand a prohibition against smoking tobacco in public places to include cannabis.

Cannabis Club Owners Scramble

Look for ways to keep doors open in New Year

BY OLIVIA OLIVIA
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A group of Portland cannabis club owners is scrambling to figure out how to keep their doors open after recently being informed they were in violation of Oregon's Clean Air Act, a law more known

for prohibiting smoking tobacco in public.

Nicki Gates, owner of the Other Spot in southeast Portland, has been meeting with other marijuana club owners and local attorneys hoping that somehow together they can get on the right side of the law by Jan. 1.

Her private social club and at least two others, the World Famous Cannabis Café, and Northwest Cannabis Club, are threatened with fines up to \$500 per day

under new provisions of the Act which begin in 2016. The businesses allow for smoking marijuana on site but are not cannabis dispensaries where pot is sold. If they can't find a way around the law, their doors will be forced to close.

House Bill 2546 was passed in the most recent Oregon Legislature as a way to deal with emerging technology like vaporizers and

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Activists Shut Down Board

PSU students say response to racism falls short

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About 50 student activists protesting racism at Portland State University shouted down members of the college's board of trustees Thursday, pushing them out of a planned meeting and prompting the chair to reconvene the group

by phone.

Following up on a list of demands made earlier this year, the protesters asked for more support for students of color on campus, the disarming of campus security, lower tuition costs, and raised other concerns.

The students charged that PSU President Wim Wiewel was not doing enough to address the creation of a so-called "PSU White Student Union" on the Internet, a website that can make students of color feel unwelcome. The

postings are not sanctioned by the college and are similar to sites that have appeared online at the University of Missouri and other colleges where racial protests have occurred.

Scott Gallagher, Portland State University's director of communications, issued a statement on behalf of the school Friday outlining recent attempts by Wiewel to address the students' concerns.

He said the president is work-

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