Oregon pot supporter makes statement with big rooftop joint

The Register-Guard

SUTHERLIN — Harry Pinsent is not blowing smoke when he says he's a big supporter of Oregon's nearly week-old law legalizing the recreational use of marijuana.

wanted to make a statement, basically," says Pinsent, sitting in his Magic Mushroom/Oregon Gifts shop that sits just on the east side of Interstate 5. "It's been illegal now for (years). It's a plant. It should be legal. So, I did it as

What the 72-year-old Pinsent did during the past six months was build what is perhaps the world's largest doobie (that's a marijuana cigarette, for those still not up on their weed lingo) so he could put it on top of his shop for I-5 travelers to see.

No, it's not really filled with pot, just made out of foam, chicken wire and cardboard. But the point of this joint is getting across, even if not everyone in this Douglas County town is exactly buzzing with delight over Pinsent's display.

"I do not feel like that is a good representation of Sutherlin as a city or a community," says Tami Trowbridge, president of the Sutherlin Area Chamber of Commerce. "And I'm not so sure I'm pleased that he has such great freeway

A pot smoker for 50 years, and a grower who has a medical marijuana card (for aches and pains, he says), Pinsent realizes that in a conservative town with patriotic fervor, his 27-footlong joint might not be a hit with

Especially when it's blowing smoke, funneled through a smoke machine inside the shop, next to a giant U.S.



In honor of the legalization of marijuana in Oregon, Harry Pinsent, owner of the Magic Mushrooms gift shop in Sutherlin, crafted a 27-foot faux marijuana joint, which he placed on top of his shop for travelers on Interstate 5 to see.

flag on adjacent property dedicated to America's veterans.

The shop Pinsent runs with his wife, Linda Pinsent-Fox, is filled with mushroom-related gift items, including the distinctive mushroom lamps he has sold for years, made of manzanita wood for the bases and coral for the shades, for as much as \$700.

And there are two giant mushrooms, also made of foam, chicken wire, etc., on top of the store. There's also the Flintstones-like mushroom mobile, made from a 1957 E-Z-Go golf cart, parked

In addition to the mushroom lamps, the shop also sells the usual gift shop trinkets, posters, T-shirts and "Oregon" coffee cups, as well as a few glass bongs and pipes.

Pinsent christened his big joint last week with friends who helped build it in his home studio. They also tossed, from the store roof, free joints and baggies filled with now-legal pot to those waiting eagerly in the parking lot below. "Beautiful," Pinsent says of the event.

"Lovely. There were lots of people here. Everyone was smiling and cheering, especially when the joints were being tossed off the roof.'

Pinsent says he got the idea for creating his supersized joint last year while smoking pot with friends.

"And I took a hit on a joint, pulled it back like this," he says, mimicking holding a marijuana cigarette with thumb and index finger and looking closely at if it were a thousand times bigger.'?'

it, "and I said, 'This would look fabulous

State reaches tentative deal with state workers union

By PETER WONG

Capital Bureau

SALEM — The state has reached a tentative two-year agreement with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, the union that represents the second-largest group of state workers.

The agreement reached late Tuesday after a 14-hour bargaining session.

It is likely to set the pattern for other labor settlements, although this one applies only to 3,000 AFSCME-represented workers outside the Department of Corrections.

Key provisions, announced by the union Wednesday:

 Cost-of-living adjustments totaling 5 percent over the contract; 2.25 percent on Dec. 1, 2015 and 2.75 percent again on Dec. 1, 2016.

• Health insurance plans with options of a 95-5 percent cost split for employees who choose the more expensive of the two plans, or 99-1 percent for those choosing the plan of less cost. Employees once had fully paid state insurance, but cost-sharing has been

· The day after Thanksgiving is now a paid holiday AFSCME-represented state employees.

"This agreement makes particular advancements on health care issues and equitable wage increases, said Ken Allen, the union's executive director and chief negotiator. "We will wholeheartedly recommend passage to our membership.'

The ratification process will start in about two weeks. Negotiations

continuing with the 3,000 AFSCME-represented employees in the Department of Corrections, and with other unions, including Local 503 of Service Employees International Union, which represents than more 16,000 state workers. SEIU also represents workers at Oregon's public universities.

The two-year budget sets aside \$120 million for pay and benefit increases. Contracts are negotiated between the Department of Administrative Services and the unions. Lawmakers release the money Emergency through the Board, which meets between sessions, but have no other role in the process.

BRIEFLY

Beaverton police officer shot on domestic disturbance call

BEAVERTON (AP) — An enraged man shot and injured a Beaverton police officer who responded to a domestic disturbance call at a trailer park Wednesday morning, authorities said. The shooter was later found

The wounded officer, 47-year-old Scott Burke, was taken to an undisclosed hospital. He was in serious condition, but will survive, said Officer Mike Rowe, a Beaverton Police Department spokesman.

Rowe said police responded to Hidden Village Mobile Estates shortly before 7 a.m. He said a man inside a trailer was volatile, throwing items out of his windows and at police.

"At times, he actually removed bricks from inside the residence and threw them out of the closed windows toward officers," Rowe said. A short time later, the man fired a shot that struck

Burke. Police returned fire, and Rowe says the shooter, 59-year-old Michael Westrich, was found dead on the front porch.

Rowe said he does not yet know how many officers

A neighbor, Bill Cauble, 48, told The Oregonian newspaper he heard the gunfire as he was preparing to take his dog for a walk.

'I opened the door and the shots were being fired so I grabbed my dog and I hit the ground," Cauble said. He estimated hearing at least two dozen shots.

The identity of the person who called police to the trailer has not been released. Rowe said Westrich lived

Rowe said the Washington County Major Crime Team is handling the investigation.

Burke has been with Beaverton police for 20 years.

Police spray tear gas on juvenile inmates during lockdown

SALEM (AP) — Several male youths who locked themselves inside a unit at MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility had to be hospitalized after police used tear gas

The Statesman Journal reports that a group of minors and an 18-year-old barricaded themselves in a room at the Woodburn facility Monday. Oregon State Police, SWAT members, along with

Woodburn and Hubbard police departments, responded to negotiate with the group. A police spokesman says the group had gotten into an

area where prescription drugs were housed. Police dispersed tear gas after hours of failed

One minor was taken to a Portland hospital for a drug overdose. Five others were taken to Salem Hospital where they were treated and released. The adult is now facing charges in Marion County jail.

Corrections

The July 8 article "EOTEC gets extra funding" mischaracterized a planned Blue Mountain Community College Early Learning Center. The center will serve as a hands-on learning lab for students in the school's early childhood

Justin Rohde was not with his family Saturday at the Camas Creek site where strangers saved his daughter's life as reported in a story in Wednesday's East Oregonian.

The East Oregonian works hard to be accurate and sincerely regrets any errors. If you notice a mistake in the paper, please call 541-966-0818.

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AccuWeather.com Forecast **SATURDAY SUNDAY MONDAY** Variable clouds, a Partly sunny and Very hot Clouds and Pleasant with t-storm; warm sunshine sunny intervals pleasant PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

62°

102° 73° 95° **ALMANAC PENDLETON**

70°

98°

PRECIPITATION

through 3 p.m. yesterday **TEMPERATURE** HIGH LOW _ Yesterday **Normals** 41° (1911) 106° (1968)

24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00" Month to date Normal month to date 0.08 5.00' Year to date Last year to date 7.49' Normal year to date 7.65 **HERMISTON**

through 3 p.m. yesterday **TEMPERATURE** HIGH LOW Yesterday Normals 104° (2012) 40° (1981) **PRECIPITATION** 24 hours ending 3 p.m 0.00'

Month to date 0.00' Normal month to date 0.06 3.16 Year to date Last year to date 4.19' Normal year to date 5.76" **SUN AND MOON**

Sunrise today 5:15 a.m. Sunset tonight 8:46 p.m. 12:45 a.m. Moonrise today 2:23 p.m. Full Last

July 23 July 31

Aug 6

July 15

66° 63° 91° 63° 90° 60° Seattle 88/59 Spokane Wenatchee 98/69 102/74 Tacoma Moses 89/58 Pullman Lake Aberdeen Olympia Yakima 103/70 96/58 70/60 103/70 Longview Kennewick Walla Walla 84/60 103/72 100/76 Lewiston Astoria 101/71 69/59 **Portland Enterprise** Hermiston 90/63 Pendleton 85/57 The Dalles 102/73 99/73 Salem La Grande 88/58 89/60 Albany Corvallis 86/58 John Day 84/59 82/62 Eugene Bend 90/64 85/58 Caldwell Burns Medford 91/65 Klamath Falls Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

87°

62°

86°

58°

REGIONAL FORECAST Coastal Oregon: A thunderstorm in spots Eastern Washington: Partly sunny today. A

in the south this afternoon; partly sunny elsewhere. Eastern and Central Oregon: Periods of sun

today with a thunderstorm in spots; very Western Washington: Mostly sunny today. Partly cloudy tonight; a passing shower at

thunderstorm on the prowl tonight, except dry in the north. Cascades: Clouds and sun today: a thunderstorm in the afternoon, except dry across

Northern California: Mostly cloudy today; a stray afternoon thunderstorm in the interior

mountains.

REGIONAL CITIES

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Brookings	64	55	t	64	55	рс		
Burns	82	53	t	78	50	t		
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Medford	91	65	t	86	62	t		
Newport	62	55	рс	62	54	рс		
North Bend	64	58	рс	67	57	рс		
Ontario	90	64	t	87	63	t		
Pasco	103	72	рс	97	67	t		
Pendleton	98	70	t	93	66	t		
Portland	90	63	рс	82	62	рс		
Redmond	86	56	t	83	51	t		
Salem	89	60	рс	83	58	рс		
Spokane	98	69	рс	94	67	t		
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WORLD CITIES Fri.

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Jerusalem	85	64	S	85	63	S	
London	71	53	рс	75	57	S	
Mexico City	70	52	t	67	54	t	
Moscow	81	58	t	74	51	sh	
Paris	74	52	рс	81	57	S	
Rome	87	70	S	89	71	S	
Seoul	89	71	рс	92	73	рс	
Sydney	63	45	S	64	47	r	
Tokyo	73	67	r	80	71	рс	
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WINDS (in mph) Today Friday WSW 8-16

NW 4-8 WSW 8-16 **UV INDEX TODAY**

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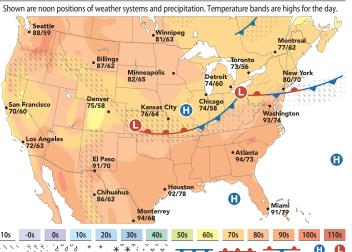
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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



warm front stationary front National Summary: A swath of drenching showers and locally gusty storms will stretch from the mid-Atlantic to the Ohio Valley and southern Plains today. Both drenching and

Low 35° in Utica, Mont.

mainly dry storms will dot the West. Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)

High 108° in Phoenix, Ariz.

NATIONAL CITIES												
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Atlanta	94	73 p		73		Memphis	92	74 pc	94	76	S	
Atlantic City	84	74 t	82	69		Miami	91	79 t	91	79	рс	
Baltimore	90	70 t	85	66		Milwaukee	73	59 pc	78	59	рс	
Billings	87	62 p		62		Minneapolis	82	65 s	84	66	pc	
Birmingham	94	73 p		73	-	Nashville	91	70 c	93	71	pc	
Boise	90	67 t	84	66	-	New Orleans	90	75 t	91	75	рс	
Boston	72	63 p		66		New York City	80	70 t	85	70	S	
Charleston, SC	94	75 p		76		Oklahoma City	87	70 c	90	72	pc	
Charleston, WV	86	68 t	81	66	t	Omaha	81	63 pc	81	69	pc	
Chicago	74	58 p		61	pc	Philadelphia	89	71 t	86	70	рс	
Cleveland	72	60 r	77	59	рс	Phoenix	99	76 s	100	78	S	
Dallas	93	74 p		76	-	Portland, ME	73	57 s	82	61	-	
Denver	75	58 t	81	56	-	Providence	76	65 c	84		S	
Detroit	74	60 r	81	62	рс	Raleigh	96	73 pc	93	70	рс	
El Paso	91	70 p		71	t	Rapid City	79	59 pc	84	61	рс	
Fairbanks	70	49 p		54		Reno	74	54 t	75	54	t	
Fargo	84	60 s	88	67	рс	Sacramento	78	60 pc	82	58	pc	
Honolulu	89	76 p		76		St. Louis	78	68 pc	87	73	рс	
Houston	92	78 p		77	рс	Salt Lake City	86	66 pc	84	66	pc	
Indianapolis	73	61 t	76	64	-	San Diego	71	65 sh	72	65	pc	
Jacksonville	89	70 t	92	72	-	San Francisco	70	60 pc	71	58	pc	
Kansas City	76	64 p		70	рс	Seattle	88	59 s	79	59	рс	
Las Vegas	92	72 s	93			Tucson	93	70 t	94	72	t	
Little Rock	93	73 p		74	-	Washington, DC	93	74 t	87	71	t	
Los Angeles	72	63 sł	74	62	рс	Wichita	76	66 t	89	/2	рс	

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.