

Pot-pioneering Colorado rejects marijuana as PTSD treatment

Associated Press

DENVER — Colorado is known for pushing boundaries on marijuana, but health officials’ decision to reject pot as a treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder shows the issue is far from settled.

Voters have made marijuana legal for both medical and recreational use, but government officials at have continually pushed back.

The state Board of Health voted 6-2 Wednesday against adding PTSD to the list of ailments eligible for treatment with medical marijuana. It came despite a recommendation from a chief medical officer and a panel of physicians.

Board members cited a lack of research, including medical trials.

“We have an absence of scientific information,” board member Rick Brown said.

Marijuana is illegal under federal law, and some scientists say research has been stymied by government hurdles, including a declaration that marijuana is a controlled substance with no accepted medical use.

The Department of Health and Human Services made it a little easier last month for privately funded medical marijuana research to get



AP Photo/David Zalubowski

Larry Wolk, executive director and chief medical officer of the Colorado Department of Health, listens to testimony before the Colorado Board of Health Wednesday in Denver.

approved. The department said a federal Public Health Service review of research proposals is no longer necessary because it duplicates a required review by the Food and Drug Administration.

Some people attending Wednesday’s vote on PTSD noted that none of the medical conditions currently eligible for state medical marijuana cards, including AIDS, epilepsy and glaucoma, has the kind of scientific backing the board mentioned.

One physician recently awarded a state grant to study marijuana use by veterans testified that PTSD sufferers are already using pot to treat

their symptoms.

“People are going to use it anyway,” said Dr. Sue Sisley, adding that PTSD sufferers can shop at recreational dispensaries or get a doctor’s recommendation for the broad category of “severe pain,” which covers more than 90 percent of the 113,000 Coloradans on the medical marijuana registry.

Many of those patients ask pot-shop employees, known as “budtenders,” about using marijuana to treat PTSD, not their physicians, Sisley said.

“This just provides better access to different strains under a physician’s guidance,” she said in favor of adding PTSD.

Justice Department files bar complaint against Kevin Mannix

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon Department of Justice has filed a state bar complaint against Republican activist Kevin Mannix, alleging the Salem attorney violated ethics rules when he represented a veterans charity that gave money to his political and business activities.

The complaint says Mannix violated several rules of professional conduct for lawyers, including restrictions on doing business with clients or soliciting gifts from them, and a rule against charging excessive fees.

The charges stem from

an investigation into the Oregon War Veterans Association, which the Justice Department said provided little money for veterans while enriching its founder, Gregory Warnock. The department won a default judgment that shut down the charity and ordered Warnock to pay \$746,000.

Mannix was the 2002 Republican nominee for governor and has long led ballot initiatives, including Measure 11 imposing mandatory minimum sentences for some crimes. He denied wrongdoing and questioned whether the department is pursuing

him for political reasons. Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum is a Democrat.

“Being an attorney and a conservative raises the hackles of some people,” Mannix told *The Oregonian*, adding that he has been “very careful about meeting legal responsibilities.”

The bar complaint, filed July 1, alleges Mannix obtained \$505,000 from the veterans charity for a “think tank” business he owned as well as the gift of a \$13,800 Rolex watch. It also says the charity turned over about \$500,000 to a variety of political groups Mannix set up to push for tougher

criminal laws and other policies, including \$110,000 in donations to help Mannix pay off past campaign debts.

The complaint says that the charity’s financial records revealed a clear pattern involving its primary donor.

“Mr. Mannix would meet or otherwise communicate with the donor, and the donor would make a substantial donation” to the charity, the bar complaint says. “Once the donation was received, it would be followed by substantial payments to the Mannix organizations and to Mr. Warnock or entities Mr. Warnock controlled.”

BRIEFLY

Portland approves land purchase likely for homeless

PORTLAND (AP) — The Portland City Council has authorized the purchase of land identified as a likely new spot for a homeless community.

The council on Wednesday unanimously authorized officials to spend more than \$254,000 to buy land in the central eastside, which may be the new home for the Right 2 Dream Too homeless camp currently in Portland’s downtown, *The Oregonian* reported.

Commissioner Amanda Fritz announced three months ago that officials were trying to buy the parcel of land from the state Department of Transportation for the homeless group.

Central Eastside Industrial Council president Debbie Kitchin says the process has not been open.

“We think it is premature and not responsible when you haven’t determined the use for it,” she said.

Mayor Charlie Hales has stressed that buying the land doesn’t guarantee its use for the campsite, but he acknowledges that it’s a “very real possibility.”

Multnomah County Detention Center on suspicion of bank robbery. Jail records show he is also accused of failing to register as a sex offender.

Dad found guilty of asking someone to beat baby sitter

MEDFORD (AP) — A Jackson County jury has found a father guilty of asking someone to beat up his baby sitter after she made comments that caused him to temporarily lose custody of his child.

The *Medford Mail Tribune* reports that 31-year-old Corey Fenton was found guilty Wednesday of soliciting fourth-degree assault and conspiracy to commit fourth-degree assault.

Prosecutors say Fenton and his father, Luther Paul Bann, met with a female friend in 2012 and offered her marijuana worth \$3,000 to \$5,000 as partial payment to find someone to beat up the baby sitter. The woman told authorities the men said they wanted the sitter beaten so badly she would never talk again.

Accused burglar falls through ceiling at 2 Eugene businesses

EUGENE (AP) — Eugene police are looking for a man who is accused of falling through the ceiling of two businesses in an attempt to steal property.

The Register-Guard of Eugene reports that the man fell through the ceiling of a J.C. Penney and an office building. The man left his backpack in the ceiling space of the J.C. Penney.

Police say the man returned to the store the next day and asked an employee if he could retrieve his belongings, but was told the bag was not in the store. He left his name and phone number so employees could call if it was found.

Accused robber writes apology note to teller

PORTLAND (AP) — Court documents say a 54-year-old man accused of robbing a Portland bank wrote an apology note to a bank teller after his arrest.

The Oregonian reports that 54-year-old James Kenneth Lee Jr. is accused of passing a note to a teller at Key Bank that announced he was robbing the bank. After he was handed \$694 in cash, he used a local cab as a getaway car.

When police arrested him, Lee wrote an apology letter to the teller saying he was sorry for scaring him and that his actions were “dumb.”

He is being held at

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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly sunny and pleasant	Sun; seasonable in the p.m.	Sunny; warm in the afternoon	Warm with plenty of sunshine	Sunshine
85° 58°	91° 62°	98° 67°	95° 66°	93° 60°
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
89° 55° 94° 58° 99° 65° 96° 63° 92° 58°				

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PENDLETON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	77°	60°
Normals	89°	59°
Records	111° (1911)	39° (1904)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date Trace
Normal month to date 0.16"
Year to date 5.00"
Last year to date 7.52"
Normal year to date 7.73"

HERMISTON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	82°	62°
Normals	89°	59°
Records	108° (2014)	42° (2000)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.09"
Normal month to date 0.11"
Year to date 3.25"
Last year to date 4.21"
Normal year to date 5.81"

SUN AND MOON

	First	Full	Last	New
	July 23	July 31	Aug 6	Aug 14

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	75	57	pc	83	58	s
Baker City	76	41	t	81	42	s
Bend	76	47	s	81	51	s
Brookings	76	56	s	72	57	pc
Burns	78	44	s	82	45	s
Enterprise	77	49	t	81	52	s
Eugene	88	54	s	98	59	s
Heppner	82	54	s	87	58	s
Hermiston	89	55	s	94	58	s
John Day	77	49	t	83	53	s
Klamath Falls	85	52	s	87	52	pc
La Grande	79	46	t	86	51	s
Meacham	74	40	t	80	42	s
Medford	91	60	s	98	64	s
Newport	67	54	pc	74	56	s
North Bend	69	55	pc	74	58	s
Ontario	85	57	s	87	56	s
Pasco	91	56	s	94	57	s
Pendleton	85	58	s	91	62	s
Portland	85	61	pc	96	66	s
Redmond	81	44	s	86	48	s
Salem	88	59	s	99	63	s
Spokane	83	60	s	87	63	s
Ukiah	77	46	t	82	50	s
Vancouver	84	60	pc	96	63	s
Walla Walla	88	62	s	93	67	s
Yakima	90	58	pc	94	58	s

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	86	70	t	88	70	c
Hong Kong	92	81	t	91	82	t
Jerusalem	88	68	s	89	68	s
London	74	55	pc	72	54	pc
Mexico City	73	56	t	74	56	t
Moscow	69	52	pc	70	50	r
Paris	86	62	s	79	59	s
Rome	92	73	s	93	72	s
Seoul	85	68	pc	86	69	pc
Sydney	56	46	r	59	46	sh
Tokyo	84	77	r	85	77	r

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Saturday
Boardman	NW 4-8	NW 4-8
Pendleton	NW 6-12	NW 6-12

UV INDEX TODAY

	2	5	7	7	5	2
8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.						
0-2, Low						
3-5, Moderate						
6-7, High						
8-10, Very High						
11+, Extreme						

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

National Summary: Storms will drrench parts of Florida, the Rockies and deserts today. Clusters of storms are forecast to move eastward through the Midwest. Heat will continue to build over the South Central states.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 108° in Needles, Calif. **Low 34°** in Saranac Lake, N.Y.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.				Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	88	66	pc	88	65	pc	Louisville	94	77	pc	96	78	s
Atlanta	92	75	t	95	76	t	Memphis	96	79	s	97	80	s
Atlantic City	79	71	pc	84	75	t	Miami	90	77	t	98	78	pc
Baltimore	84	72	pc	91	74	t	Minneapolis	87	68	t	88	72	pc
Billings	77	53	t	73	54	t	Nashville	95	76	s	96	77	s
Birmingham	97	77	pc	97	75	pc	New Orleans	93	78	t	94	79	s
Boise	83	56	s	85	59	s	New York City	81	71	s	86	77	t
Boston	78	66	s	80	70	sh	Oklahoma City	94	75	s	95	76	pc
Charleston, SC	89	72	pc	92	74	s	Omaha	96	77	s	93	71	pc
Charleston, WV	90	72	pc	91	73	pc	Philadelphia	83	72	pc	92	76	t
Chicago	88	74	t	92	73	s	Phoenix	103	83	pc	90	78	t
Cleveland	85	73	t	87	75	pc	Portland, ME	75	62	s	76	64	r
Dallas	98	79	s	98	80	s	Providence	79	65	s	80	71	sh
Denver	93	57	pc	88	59	pc	Raleigh	88	72	pc	93	74	t
Detroit	86	72	t	91	75	pc	Rapid City	80	55	pc	76	55	pc
El Paso	98	73	pc	98	74	pc	Reno	90	60	s	84	59	pc
Fairbanks	65	49	sh	54	47	sh	Sacramento	97	62	s	93	61	s
Fargo	84	63	t	80	58	pc	St. Louis	95	79	pc	97	78	s
Honolulu	91	77	c	89	76	pc	Salt Lake City	87	64	s	80	62	c
Houston	95	78	s	96	78	s	San Diego	77	69	pc	83	73	t
Indianapolis	89	73	c	92	74	s	San Francisco	75	60	pc	76	61	pc
Jacksonville	92	71	t	90	72	pc	Seattle	81	61	s	91	63	t
Kansas City	93	76	pc	91	74	pc	Tucson	94	75	t	88	72	t
Las Vegas	104	82	s	95	76	t	Washington, DC	87	76	pc	93	79	t
Little Rock	96	77	s	97	77	t	Wichita	97	79	pc	99	76	s
Los Angeles	81	63	pc	83	70	c							

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