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Oregon's politics of pain

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Heavy-duty prescription painkillers like hydrocodone and OxyContin are a big part of medicine in Oregon, with doctors prescribing them at a rate that nearly reached one per person last year.

Meanwhile, lawmakers in the state get a huge chunk of their campaign cash from donors with ties to the prescription painkiller business.

But Oregon isn't alone. A joint investigation by The Associated Press and the Center for Public Integrity found that drugmakers that produce opioid painkillers and allied advocacy groups spent more than \$880 million on campaign contributions and lobbying nationwide over the past decade. The money comes from members of the Pain Control Forum — a group that touts prescription opioids as having a vital role in improving the quality of life for millions of Americans.

By comparison, groups advocating for limits on opioid prescribing spent about

\$4 million nationwide.

Things to know about political spending by the painkiller industry and opioid use in Oregon:

DRUG SPENDING: Between 2006 and 2015, members of the Pain Care Forum contributed more than \$1.15 million in Oregon. In fact, Oregon ranks second only to Nevada for having the largest portion of its total contributions come from Pain Care Forum members.

DRUG LOBBYISTS: There have been about 19 lobbyists hired each year for the past decade to represent members of the Pain Care Forum in Oregon.

PRESCRIPTIONS: Prescriptions for opioid painkillers are common in Oregon, with more than 3.14 million prescriptions issued in 2015. That's the equivalent of .78 prescriptions per person.

DRUG DEATHS: The number of Oregonians dying from drug overdoses is on the rise. The state's drug deaths increased about 8 percent between 2006 and 2014, with a total of 4,442 during that period.

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On the Oregon campaign trail

Gov. Kate Brown waves to the crowd while riding Friday with the Oregon Mounted Governor's Guard on Court Avenue during the Westward Ho! Parade in Pendleton. For more from the parade, see **page 16A**.

Fighter jets to fly again over Round-Up

PENDLETON — One of the loudest and highest Pendleton Round-Up traditions — the military flyover — will return to the rodeo Saturday.

Two F-15 Eagles of the 142nd Fighter Wing Oregon Air National Guard will cruise from their base in Portland to roar over the Round-Up stadium. The fighter jets have not entertained the rodeo crowd since 2013, when the military suspended all flyovers due to budgetary constraints.

The U.S. Air Force in 2015 reported approving 450 flyovers out of 5,000 requests, based on a new policy restricting flyovers to national sporting events and patriotic holidays.

Round-Up publicity director Randy Thomas said this year's flyover coincides with the 142nd's 75th anniversary of service. And the U.S. Marine Corp Mounted Color Guard also will appear in Saturday's championship rodeo.



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Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Newlyweds Tyler Brown and Katy O'Flaherty clasp hands after getting married Friday during the Happy Canyon Night Show in Pendleton.

Wedding of the century

Couple ties the knot during Happy Canyon 100th anniversary

By **WILL DENNER**
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Getting married in front of friends or family is one thing. Tyler Brown and Katy O'Flaherty said 'I do' Friday night in front of an entire arena of spectators and strangers.

Brown, 27, married O'Fla-

herty, 25, during the Happy Canyon Night Show Friday evening, each entering the arena on horseback during the second half of the show. The real wedding inside the fictional play lasted all of seven minutes.

As part of Happy Canyon's 100th anniversary festivities,

show director Harper Jones wanted to include some surprises for unsuspecting audiences. One of those ideas centered around finding a couple to be married during the nightly show.

The idea was inspired by the first and — until Friday — only wedding ever at Happy Canyon. That was during the last show of 1915 when Fred Dupuis and Leota Dunnick, both of Weston, were married in front of the crowd.

Brown said he was intrigued by the prospect of getting married in the show he grew up in. Brown has acted several parts in the show during the pony express, cavalry, bank robbery and stagecoach robbery scenes.

"I'm excited just because I have grown up here and have been doing Happy Canyon since I was a little guy," Brown said prior to the wedding. "It's

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Westward Tow!

Blue Mountain Towing clears parade route

By **GEORGE PLAVERN**
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It is 6 a.m., and Chris Clark is already out patrolling Court Street for the second time in his Ford F-650 tow truck counting the vehicles he will need to move off the Westward Ho! Parade route.

"This is the holy grail of my Round-Up week," said Clark, who operates Blue Mountain Towing & Recovery in Pendleton. "This is what I've been waiting for."

Clark is running on barely two hours

of sleep and a travel mug filled with coffee. The Pendleton Round-Up keeps him busy around the clock, responding to any number of wrecks, duis and people locked out of their cars. But on Friday morning, his number one job is to clear the way for America's largest non-motorized parade.

Earlier in the night, Clark counted 52 vehicles left along the route after police put up the "No Parking" signs. Officers will run the plates and try to get in touch

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Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Tow truck operator Chris Clark winches an SUV onto the bed of his flatbed tow truck on Friday morning as he helps clear the route of the Westward Ho! Parade.



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