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Oliver Stone Smokes A Joint On The Cover Of HIGH TIMES

New editor-in-chief Chris Simunek takes over at the legendary marijuana magazine.

NEW YORK, June 11, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- As his first order of business, new HIGH TIMES magazine editor-in-chief Chris Simunek is pleased that Oliver Stone stepped up to be on the August 2012 cover of the magazine. Subjects covered in the interview include his new movie *Savages*, his criticisms of American foreign intervention and the global drug war. In addition, the three-time Academy Award-winning director makes no bones about his fondness for cannabis.

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Simunek says, "We applaud Oliver Stone for showing the same sort of courage in his support for the marijuana cause that he's shown with so many other issues, past and present. HIGH TIMES has always championed the rebel *with* a cause, and when people of Mr. Stone's renown speak up -- and smoke up -- in the public sector, it exposes one more chink in the armor of idiocy that protects the status quo."

Simunek, author of the gonzo classic, *Paradise Burning: Adventures of a HIGH TIMES Journalist*, wants to revive the strong journalism for which the 37-year-old magazine is known. "We have the cultivation thing and the bud shots well-covered. I'm looking for a few good writers to report on the Drug War, politics and to write some kick-ass, hilarious gonzo stuff. Getting Oliver Stone to blaze up on the cover was a big coup."

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