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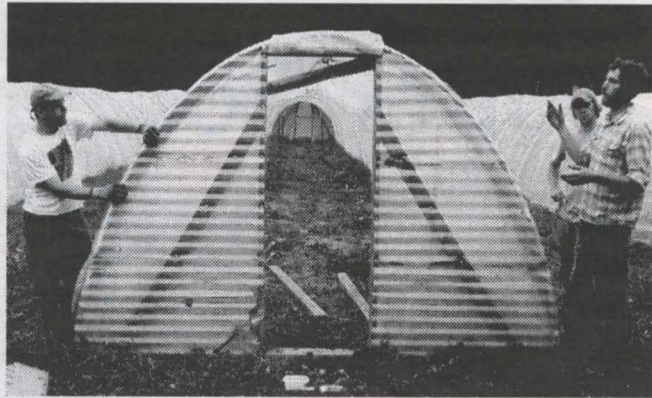


# The Practice of Sustainable Agriculture, organic farming in action!

MATTHEW ELSWICK

As the harvest season winds down for TESC's organic farm the work of getting the farm ready for winter begins. This week farm staff and The Practice of Sustainable Agriculture team worked to get the old beds cleared, tilled and planted with a winter cover crop. The farm uses cover crops which enrich the soil by fixing nitrogen and sequestering vital minerals that would leech away with the winter rains. These crops also prevent erosion and will be tilled in next Spring becoming a great organic fertilizer.

One job is to dismantle the farm's Hoop Houses to store over the winter, preventing them from being damaged by Winter storms. The ground where the Hoop Houses stood will also be tilled and planted with winter cover crops. No chemical fertilizers are ever used at the organic farm.



PSA PROFESSOR STEVE SCHEUERELL AND TESC ORGANIC FARM MANAGER STEPHEN BRAMWELL DEMONSTRATE HOW TO DISMANTLE FARM'S HOOP HOUSES

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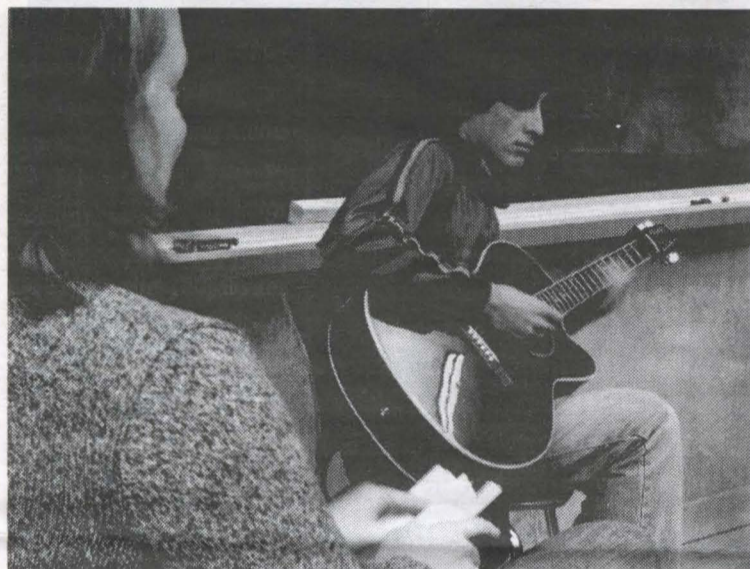
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## Greeners for Christ

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## Space Invaders from Uranium

by Robert Stark

Sometimes life is so f'd it's nearly impossible to find the good.

This morning while sitting on the floor with a gourd of steaming mate, watching the darkened sky slowly turn brighter and brighter. My friend Jim from the service began chatting me up on Facebook. He told me that he had been given disability for Gulf War Syndrome. That the United States government was going to start paying him for what they did to him.

He is the first one of my comrades I know to receive it. The self-inflicted (thanks team USA) G.W.S has to do with being exposed to the depleted uranium that the American government allow the weapons manufacturers to use on the armor piercing bullets and bombs and armor we continue to use today. Once the uranium touches your skin it will radiate inside of your body until the day you die; and then, I would imagine, leech into the soil. The effects of exposure include memory loss, respiratory and reproductive problems, various cancers and mental disorders, rashes and who knows what else. It really doesn't seem like anybody knows the specifics. Supposedly, over a quarter of the vets from Desert Storm were affected, many cases not showing up until seven years after their return home.

More and more veterans from our most recent expeditions in weapons testing and profiteering are popping up with similar problems. If veterans who were exposed to depleted uranium ever plan on having children there is a possibility the uranium will pass through their bloodstream and into the next generation; which has been linked to a high numbers of birth defects from returning veterans exposed. On and on it travels, from one generation to the next, from one country

to the next. Hell, the way it's going now it could one day be normal to be born with six eyes, tentacles and arms growing out of our backs.

I wish they would've told us that shit before we spent day after scorching hot day moving mortars, mines, bullets and other unexploded ordinances (UXOs) into huge piles of explosives and uranium that we would cover with sticks of C-4 attached to a long enough fuse to give us time to get the hell out of there.

How our wretched species can use their brain power to create combinations of chemicals with nothing other than murder and money in mind baffles me. This is no way to help a nation, to help people. Go to hell military budget! With your endless amount of cash flow. Keep our money in our own towns and states. We don't want to pay for your wars any longer. Unfortunately, we continue to pump billions of dollars into this shit every day while nobody around here seems to be able to find a damn job.

Now, after 7 years of occupying Iraq (I was told that we would be in Iraq for 3 months on March 26th, 2003), there is an undetermined amount of uranium and who-the-hell-knows-what-else circulating inside their innocent Iraqi cells; which will continue to affect the local population for many lifetimes.

For the veterans at home who were also exposed, all we can do is wait patiently with our fingers crossed and our minds on the future. Yelling and screaming our truth along the way. Hoping that one day we too don't come down with some crazy unexplainable illness.

I try to find the good in things, I try...

Ah hell, I've always wanted to adopt. There's far too many abandoned children in the world.

## The Cinephile's Lens: Paranormal Activity 2

by Jilda Lamb

It's a pretty typical Hollywood story: low budget, independent film becomes a surprise success; big name studio buys the rights for dirt cheap; franchise is born. Such is the case for *Paranormal Activity*, 2009's small "found footage" horror flick that is powered by two unknown actors and a video camera. Now, a year later, Paramount has given birth to *Paranormal Activity 2*, assigning a new director and a more bloated budget to the task of producing quiet, resonating terror.

*Paranormal Activity 2* is both a prequel and a sequel, its plot working in conjunction with last year's sleeper hit. This time around, home movies and surveillance footage follow Kristi Rey (Sprague Grayden) and her family as they experience—yep, you guessed it—paranormal activity in their home. So, how does this follow-up coincide with its predecessor? Kristi is both neighbor and sister to Katie (Katie Featherston), the victim of demonic torment in the original film. However, Katie has yet to fall victim to evil because *Paranormal Activity 2* begins a few weeks before the first film...and she was never meant to fall victim in the first place.

I'll admit it: this film unnerved me, but it wasn't because of its relentless jump scares or its run-of-the-mill central storyline. The way it answers questions I never even thought I wanted answers to (despite the "winking" exposition it uses to get from point A to point B) is what left me chilled as I walked out of the theater. That being said, it was the only thing that left me chilled. The rest of *Paranormal Activity 2* plays out far too predictably, with two-dimensional stock characters who only serve to move the plot along and constant spooks that become more annoying than frightening half way through. Paramount hardly lets this quickly produced follow-up remain subtle like *Paranormal Activity* proved itself to be and because of that, it suffers immensely.

Do the terrors outweigh the yawns? In my opinion, yes. If you are a fan of the first film, at the very least you will probably somewhat appreciate how this one intertwines with it. But be warned: it's muddled with plenty of throwaway content and, though it goes without saying, it hardly breaks any new ground.

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## The Wider World: Less Talk, More Principle

by Mark Ciccone

According to some of the latest polls, the AP claims, the number of GOP and Tea Party victories in the Senate, House and governorships will actually be a fair amount smaller than that which both of these groups have trumpeted since the start of the midterm campaign season, though potentially still enough to upset the slim majority the Democrats currently hold. If more gaffes and less funds come from the GOP leadership—specifically Michael Steele—as has also been noted in the news of late, the number may be even lower.

Nonetheless, in a move both pragmatic and unfathomably pointless at the same time, the Obama administration has already begun preparing to make overtures of cooperation to the GOP if said party does make significant gains next week. Though a few members have reciprocated with cagey replies about "working together" to curb the deficit, unemployment, and other serious issues, I think we can say with certainty that the Republicans will behave just as they're

always done when in the minority: as the Party of NO. If—God forbid—they do win majorities in both houses of Congress, they will only use them to clamp down further on necessary spending, maintain low to zero taxes on the rich while keeping them in place or elevated for all others, and shelve or carve up any and all desperately needed jobs measures that do not meet their Wall-Street-slanted criteria. In the shadow of these alarming probabilities, the overtures mentioned above eerily remind me of the last-ditch efforts and plans by the current administration to keep the late, much lamented Ted Kennedy's seat in the progressive camp not so many months ago...and we all saw how those turned out.

The philosopher and Founding Father Thomas Paine once wrote: "Moderation in temper is always a virtue, but moderation in principle is always a vice." If Obama and the Democrats are to have any hope of maintaining even a tenuous hold on the reins of government, they must take this advice to heart, and not be lured towards

the "moderate" center and into deadlocked attempts at cooperation with a party whose sole, stated goal since 2008 has been to bring down the current administration, regardless of whatever economic, social, and political repercussions there will be for the nation. Instead, they must return to their well-proven methods of reminding the people just how worse off they will be with the GOP in charge again, and re-energize both themselves and their base by pushing once again for aggressive changes in the DC and Wall Street systems, without worrying about whatever noise the Right will make simply to try and stall reform as they've done so many times before. Even after the midterms, they must press on with these tactics. If they do, regardless of how the next two years turn out, the ordinary American citizen may just walk away from the table with at least some badly needed changes, and perhaps even new hope for the future.



# Student Governance Opportunities 2010-2011

**Student Conduct Code Hearing Board:** This group conducts hearings as needed when students are charged with a violation of the Student Conduct Code. Several students are needed. Contact person: Art Costantino

**Enrollment Coordinating Committee:** This group helps review and develops approaches for the recruitment and retention of students. This committee meets twice a month on Friday mornings. One student is needed. Contact Person: Steve Hunter

**The Drug & Alcohol Abuse Prevention Workgroup:** This board reviews a variety of substance abuse issues and prevention efforts, and develops a strategic plan with recommendations for improving the health and well being of students. This group meets at least 4 times per quarter. 2 students are needed. Contact Person: Elizabeth McHugh and Phyllis Lane

**Emergency Response Plan:** The Emergency Preparedness Workgroup is composed of key Evergreen staff involved in emergency preparedness and response. It meets regularly at 9:00 am on the second Monday of the month for 1 to 2 hours. At least one student participant is requested. Contact Person: Bruce Sutherland

**Campus Land Use Committee:** This committee is charged with ensuring that the college uses the Campus Master Plan in its development of existing college property or the acquisition of new property. The committee reviews and makes recommendations on plans such as building new facilities, modernization/renovation of existing facilities that impact the adjacent college land, outdoor art installations, academic projects in undeveloped areas, ecological restoration, parkway renovations that increase or decrease the street footprint, landscaping, and changes in land use policies. Two students are needed. Committee meets monthly on the third Monday from 3-5 pm. Contact person: Paul Smith

**Deadly Force Review Board:** This group reviews incidents in which a firearm or other deadly weapon is drawn, discharged, or exhibited in a threatening manner by a campus police officer or any other individual on campus. This group will meet once in Fall quarter for orientation, and thereafter only as needed. At least two students are needed. Contact Person: Art Costantino

**Health and Safety Advisory Committee:** This group helps to promote employee health and safety on campus. This committee meets monthly for two hours and two students are needed.

**Police Services Community Review Board:** This committee works to enhance communications between the campus community and campus police by holding monthly forums. The committee may also review written complaints about the work of Police Services. This group meets each month. Two students are needed. Contact Person: Art Costantino

**Clean Energy Committee:** The Clean Energy Committee's main function is to allocate specific resources for the sole purpose of creating clean energy related projects. Projects eligible for funding shall include: research into renewable energy and energy conservation technologies, clean energy projects intended to save energy or produce electricity, resource conservation and demonstration projects, which educate the community about sustainable technologies. The committee should meet at least twice per quarter, during governance hours. 4 students are needed. Contact Person: Tom Mercado

The Sustainability Council has five workgroups who will be working on finding, developing, recommending, and possibly implementing new sustainable practices at the college. The workgroups are:

**Clean Energy Systems** – focused upon energy conservation and renewable energy

**Alternative Transportation** – focused upon commuting practices and alternatives

**Waste Reduction** – focused upon waste diversion from landfill waste to productive uses as well as purchasing practices

**Sustainable Food Systems** – focused upon food sourcing and disposal practices

**Communications and Fundraising** – focused upon telling our story. The Council's primary lens is social justice with a focus on policies, practices, academic planning, the student experience, and providing service to the South Sound Community. (<http://www.evergreen.edu/sustainability/sustainabilitycouncil.htm>). Council membership includes: Academic Budget Dean, Director of Facilities, Director of Residential and Dining Services, Director of Marketing and College Relations, a faculty member, a member of the student union, and the Director of Sustainability. Contact Person: Scott Morgan

**Diversity and Equity Standing Committee:** 1 Student. Contact Person: Art Costantino

**Student Conduct Code DTF:** 3-5 students. Contact Person: Wendy Endress

**Fund for Innovation:** 1 student. Contact Person: John McLain

**Bias Incident Response Team:** 2 students. Contact Person: Art Costantino

**The ADA Compliance Advisory Committee** works to promote a barrier-free environment that facilitates equal opportunities and access for people with disabilities at Evergreen. We work to eliminate physical, programmatic, policy, informational and attitudinal barriers, while supporting Evergreen in meeting its obligations under federal and state statutes. The Committee consists of staff, students and faculty representatives. Students with disabilities are encouraged to participate as representatives. The ADACAC meets monthly. Interested students should submit a written statement describing your interest and goals in being a student representative, what you hope to learn through your work on the committee. For further information, please contact Committee Chair, Meredith Inocencio PH: 360.867.6364 TTY: 360.867.6834 [mocenc@evergreen.edu](mailto:mocenc@evergreen.edu)

**Food Advisory Committee:** A committee that works on improving the day to day operation of campus dining services. The committee is made of faculty, staff, and students and meets bi-weekly on Fridays over lunch with the head Chef, manager of Aramark and is chaired by the Director of Residential and Dining Services. Contact Person: Sharon Goodman

**Strategic Food Committee:** A committee that looks at food service operations on campus and does strategic long term planning around dining contracts and looks at the financial stability of campus dining and the Flaming Eggplant café. This committee meets quarterly and is made up of faculty, staff and students and chaired by the Director of Residential and Dining Services. Contact Person: Sharon Goodman



# (T.O.E.) Why I Hate Mindfulness!

by Pervis Poe

No, I don't really hate mindfulness. I just figured that title would make some minds hiccup! However, it is true that I don't like it. I do see the usefulness of the mindfulness practices. It has really helped a lot of people and I would never deny, nor undermine its usefulness and effectiveness, but, for me, I don't like it.

For me there is no such thing as mindfulness. What could you possibly be mindful of? When you pay attention to your body and all your reactions, you aren't being mindful, you're just giving yourself some attention. I think that's the problem, we don't give ourselves that kind of attention. Our bodies are always there for us to give attention to. We just don't pay attention to that fact. So, we have to go to someone's office, or some group so that they can teach us how to stop ignoring the vast field of sensations called our body.

It's like going away out into the wilderness to find beauty in nature (though, I am a fan of this), but not realizing that everything that comes into our eyes is also nature. True it sometimes look ultra symmetrical and sometimes pollutes and destroys, but it's still as much a part of nature as we are. In that sense, nature created all of it! Therefore, just as all is nature, we are mindfulness. There is no time that we are not mindful. We can allow are attention to be stuck, but that doesn't make us less mindful, it just means that we're limiting our attention, or focus.

It also reminds me of the value that people put on silence and/or

nothingness. We can't experience either one. We are made to see and hear, and the place that our seeing and hearing comes from is true nothingness. We can't know our baseline. Just like water can't get wet, we can't see or hear nothing. I do understand what we mean when we suggest that we don't see anything. And I do understand the value that slowing your mind down, and opening up your attention (so it's not like a laser beam) to receive said nothingness, but words don't make reality.

The biggest reason I don't really care for mindfulness, at least the way we use it, is that it's suppose to help alleviate all stress. However, they tell me that "good" times can considered stress also. So, why not use mindfulness to release the stress of the happy too? I think that mindfulness comes up short in this regard. I think that it can be used to help point to the fact that happiness, and sadness are different sides of the same coin. While we remain the peace that coin perceives (if a coin could perceive) to be space. Therefore mindfulness could be used to teach that happiness and sadness both happen to us, and can in no way affect us, at all. I would then like "mindfulness" again.

In conclusion, I think that mindfulness should be seen as an add on, not as an alternative, to our abilities. Mindfulness should be accepted, just as much as mindlessness. Both are apart of this one, the whole. In turn, we have to love our whole body and it's feelings, just as much as we love our brain and the mental activity we call ourselves.

## Marijuana Legalization in the USA How will it Affect Mexico?

by Dan Shelley

There is a war taking place in Mexico and this war is directly connected to illicit drug consumption in the United States. Mexico's president, Felipe Calderon, initiated the war in December, 2006 by unleashing federal troops on Mexico's powerful drug cartels. Since that time, these cartels have been fighting fiercely against Mexico's military, and against each other, to seize control or maintain control of coveted drug trafficking routes leading to the U.S. The effects of this war are staggering: Over 28,000 killed (including civilians, soldiers, police, cartel members, state officials and a record number of journalists), billions of dollars in drugs seized by the government, hundreds of arrests of top-echelon cartel members (often leading to extradition to the U.S. for longer prison sentences), firings and prosecutions of untold Mexican police officers and government officials for colluding with the cartels, and a precariously vulnerable economy.

All this, and the Mexican government seems to be no closer to defeating the cartels than they were back in 2006. The death rate continues its climb (2010's death count is expected to surpass last year's total of 6,587, which surpassed 2008's total of 5,153) and the drugs continue to reach their users in Mexico and the United States. It seems when one cartel leader is arrested or killed, another swiftly replaces him. Likewise, when one cache of drugs is seized, the cartels simply turn to another cache. Despite the dreary news, President Calderon has lauded his military strategy and credits it with weakening the cartels.

The United States government has taken an active role in Mexico's drug war by providing \$400 million in military equipment,

training and intelligence information. Additionally, under pressure from the Mexican government, the U.S. Congress has allotted millions of dollars to prevent the smuggling of weapons into Mexico from border states. This move is critically important to stem the violence because many of the assault rifles and other firearms used by the cartels are purchased in the U.S., due to Mexico's restrictive gun policies. While we're on the topic of munitions, it's important to note that many of the grenades used by the traffickers have been traced back to Central American countries. It turns out that these grenades are relics from the Cold War era (1980s and early '90s), given to friendly Central American regimes by the Reagan and George H.W. Bush administrations to battle leftist insurgents.

The cartels smuggle tons of marijuana, cocaine, heroin and methamphetamine into the U.S. each year. However, marijuana has long been their top money maker for two reasons: 1. they grow so much of it (35 million pounds in 2008) and 2. They have complete control over the industry (they grow it, package it, smuggle it into the U.S., sell it to wholesalers, and funnel billions of dollars back to Mexico) unlike cocaine, which they are forced to buy from Columbian cartels. Between 15% and 26% (approximately \$3 billion) of the cartels' revenue comes from marijuana sales. "Marijuana created the drug trafficking organizations you see today. The founding families of the cartels got their start with pot. And marijuana remains a highly profitable business they will fight to protect," said Luis Astorga, a leading authority on the drug cartels at the National Autonomous University of Mexico.

California's Proposition 19, which will legalize and control California-grown weed, has the potential to seriously disrupt business for the Mexican drug traffickers. But the degree of disruption, according to a recently released study by the RAND Drug Policy Research Center, will depend on whether or not California's weed is exported to other states in the nation. According to the study,

"If [California] legalization only affects [cartel] revenues from supplying marijuana to California, [cartel] drug export revenue losses would be very small, perhaps 2-4 percent." However, the report continues: "If marijuana is smuggled from California to other states, it could undercut sales of Mexican marijuana in much of the U.S., cutting [cartels'] marijuana export revenues by more than 65 percent and probably by 85 percent or more. In this scenario, the [cartels] would lose approximately 20% of their total drug export revenues." The RAND report cites the superior quality and higher potency of California pot compared Mexican pot. The report also states that legalized California weed, even if taxed, "would likely cost no more than would illegal marijuana from Mexico."

To summarize the RAND study, Prop. 19's passage will have a tremendous effect on the profits of Mexican drug cartels, costing them at least 1 billion dollars in lost sales.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton made headlines last month when she used the word "insurgency" to describe the Mexican conflict, and compared present-day Mexico to the cocaine-fueled war in Colombia during the 1980s/'90s. But other than the obvious fact that drugs played/are playing a

major role in both conflicts, they don't seem to have much else in common. The war in Colombia was largely a political war, waged by Marxist guerrillas to topple the government and seize power. These guerillas produced and sold cocaine, sure, but they did so to subsist, not to make a profit. The Mexican traffickers, on the other hand, are capitalists who just want to move their merchandise without government interference. When they kidnap or kill a state official, it's oftentimes in retaliation to government suppression of their business. "The [Mexican] drug lords don't want to take over," said an expert in a Los Angeles Times article printed recently. "They want to be left alone. They want a state that's pliable and porous."

I think it's important to acknowledge that the United States is responsible for much of the carnage that is happening in Mexico. American citizens are largely responsible because they spend billions of dollars annually on the drugs that the cartels specialize in. And the United States government is largely responsible because their prohibitionist policies have done little more than drive up the price of drugs, which only enriches the cartels.

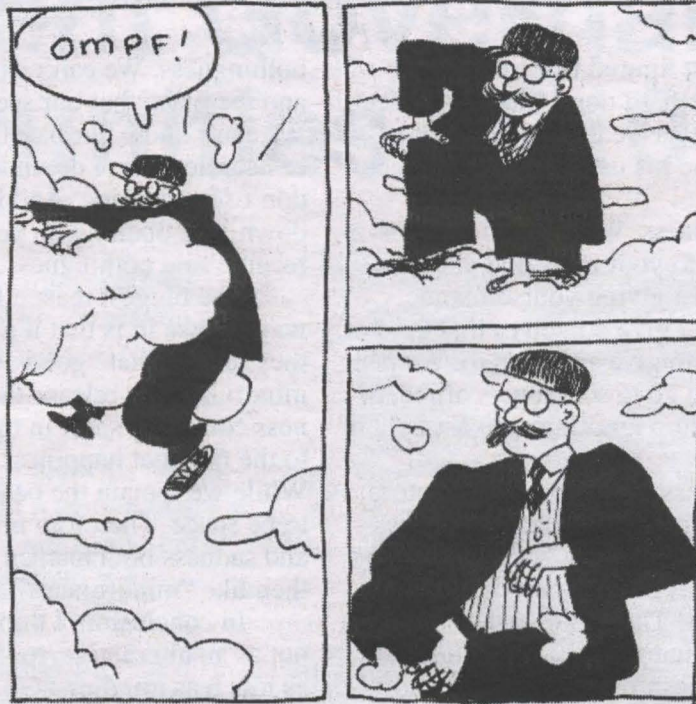
Enough of this madness! In less than a week, cannabis may be legal in California (if Prop. 19 passes). This needs to happen. Something radical like this needs to happen in order to change policy in this country. The War on Drugs is a total failure. Just last month a report was released stating that illicit drug use, "fueled by a sharp increase in marijuana use", had risen to its highest level in nearly a decade. It's time we overturn the prohibition laws on cannabis once and for all.



# Greed and Purity

by Dana Swarth

Oil covered birds  
 Feathers meant to be dry  
 Light and ready to fly  
 They tell us lies  
 And keep it dirty  
 Crooked thieving men  
 Stealing from their mother  
 Not thinking of their grandchildren  
 Dispersal chemicals only hide blemishes  
 Never looking to the root canal  
 Like a dentist wanting you  
 Back for the next visit  
 Wars  
 Greed  
 Hungry, full stomachs  
 Purity is never an option.



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# All That The Rain Takes Away

by Ryan Strand

Killing tomatoes  
 While clouds roll in overhead  
 Autumn has arrived



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# Fryday

by Bob Stark

yesterday was fryday for a handful of amigos from the PSA class,  
 plus a few of out-of-class cats with tons of talent and dumpster bagels.  
 a pair of us walked down darkened Plymouth street  
 peering in lit windows in an attempt to  
 see our buddy the host inside.  
 he has no phone and we had no address.  
 just bumping along in the starless night looking for our fryspot,  
 how the times have changed, how the times do change.  
 after finding the house and being welcomed inside with hugs and high fives  
 we made our way to the kitchen  
 where the festivities were taking place.  
 we fried beet balls, green tomatoes, cookie dough, avocado, stuffed jalapeno and bananas.  
 the kitchen was filled with the scurrying of seven pairs of hands  
 using two cutting boards, one of which with an Alaskan ulu, to create the delicious treats.  
 two lovely men played bluegrass music in the kitchen's entrance  
 using spoons, a guitar, a kazoo and lots of skill.  
 we fried and we fried and we fried until the oil was brown and we had to change it out over and over again.  
 the beet balls were the hit of the party  
 besides for the vegan, who had the strength to turn them down.  
 afterwards, we sat in the living room all greasy and fat and gassy  
 telling stories of Burning Man and orgy tents and human nature.  
 getting deeper and deeper and deeper every time we meet.

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# Unsolicited Advice for the Upcoming Elections

by Nancy Franco

Ok people, a bunch of y'all have your ballots in hand by now, which means it's time for a quick run-down of recommendations.

## STATEWIDE BALLOT INITIATIVES

**NO on 1053.** Because Tim Eyman is a douchebag, and you should vote against anything he puts his name on. 1053 would require 2/3 approval before the legislature could raise any revenue from any source. That means that just 17 legislators (1/3 of the Senate) could block the majority from closing existing tax loopholes for things like plastic surgery and private planes (really, those tax breaks exist right now) 1053 is being funded by BP Oil and Tesoro Oil because they want to avoid a proposed hazardous substance tax that would help pay for the cleanup of their own pollution. Fuck BP, fuck Tim Eyman, vote no on 1053.

**NO on 1082.** Workers' comp. This is being pushed by the BIAW (Building Industry Association of WA) and a major political player infamous for funding conservative candidates including Dino Rossi. 1082 would let the BIAW take over administration of the state workers' comp system, opening it up to big companies like Liberty Mutual who would pay the BIAW for whatever they are administering, so that BIAW could have a steady stream of cash to fund their political activities. BIAW would then let big insurance companies set their own rates with virtually no oversight. Obviously, when you let insurance companies write their own rules, it doesn't usually help the insured.

**YES on 1098.** This is the income tax. I don't make enough money to be affected by this income tax, although I sure wish I did. Right now our tax system is regressive - the lowest earners pay over 17% of their income in sales & property taxes, while the highest earners pay less than 3%. 1098 would help even that out. It cuts the state property tax and eliminates the B&O tax for most businesses. Only couples who make over \$400,000/year (or \$200,000 for individuals) are subject to the income tax, the money raised goes into a dedicated fund that can only be used for education and health care, and the text of the initiative explicitly states that the tax rates or who pays them cannot be changed without a

vote of the people. I actually would pay more taxes for a better public education system for my kid, but according to this handy calculator, my household would save about \$200 under 1098.

**NO on 1100 & 1105.** Liquor. Let's be clear, I like liquor, and I don't think the state should be in charge of selling it. But these initiatives would make our budget problems much worse, both at the city and state level. Under the current system, liquor markups and taxes go 50% to the state, 40% to cities and 10% to counties - which is a significant revenue stream, especially for cities. The smart people who do budget stuff say that I-1100 would cost state and local services \$275 million over 5 years and I-1105 would cost more than \$700 million. Seattle already has a \$60 million deficit, we've already cut services and there just isn't much left. As much as I would like to buy vodka at Safeway on Sunday, it's not worth losing more teachers or more firefighters just so I can be more spontaneous in my binge drinking.

**NO on 1107.** This would repeal the soda pop tax. Nationally, soda pop is being singled out for sin taxes and Big Soda is terrified that they will become the next Big Tobacco (people are starting to notice that soda pop isn't really good for you). They've put a record \$16 million into advertising to convince you that 1107 would repeal taxes on food. It's just not true. The tax amounts to 2 cents per can of soda and it's well worth it to raise a little extra money for education and healthcare. (BTW, if you're a video genius and want to win \$500 and be on TV, they No on 1107 campaign is having an ad contest.)

**APPROVE R-52.** This doesn't cost you anything. It's a school bonds measure that would fix aging school buildings so that they are energy efficient and don't have crappy leaking roofs or rusty water fountains or asbestos walls. The construction work creates jobs. Win-win-win.

**APPROVE HJR 4220.** Remember when those 4 cops were gunned down in Lakewood by a guy out on bail? This is the response. It would let judges hold people without bail if they are charged with a crime that is punishable by life in prison.

# How Evergreen's Grievance Process Failed Me

by Allyson Michaels

During my first week as a student at Evergreen (O-Week 2008), I was the victim of a sexual assault that occurred in the dorms and was perpetrated by another student. I filed an incident report and was shocked to find that the school did not respond whatsoever. I did not receive a follow-up phone call, email, letter, etc. I decided that since it appeared that the school was not going to do anything, it made sense to at least attempt to receive some sort of social justice. I began telling everybody that I could about the incident that had occurred. Any time I saw my perpetrator I would point him out, and he was publically humiliated on several occasions. I felt that if I could not get him removed from campus, I could at least spread the word that he is a sexual predator and a threat to our community. Upon being humiliated, this person went and complained to the school about me, accusing me of slander. After encountering my perpetrator on a regular (almost daily) basis for many, many months, something did finally happen. I received an email from Evergreen saying that the student who raped me wished to peer-mediate with me. I was outraged! To have a peer mediating session between a rapist and his victim is to put them in a room

and have a discussion as equals. Our problems could not be solved with peer mediating, and doing so would have been severely detrimental to my health and healing process.

Upon receiving this request and denying it, I became even more angry with the school and its protocol for responding to issues of sexual violence. Our school did

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absolutely nothing to assure that this student did not commit further harm to members of our community. It became very clear to me that I would have to fight to see a change... and so that is what I began doing. Last Spring, I started by reading some articles published by the U.S. Department of Justice that had statistics and information relating to sexual assault, specifically on college campuses. The information included "best practices" for sexual assault prevention as well as handling it when it does occur. I was suddenly aware of the fact that the information IS out there, and our school is NOT following it.

If this incident had occurred on another college's campus, it is likely that I would have been offered a hearing in which they would try my case, much like a court hearing. In the said hearing, I would have the opportunity to present my case in front of a sort of "jury" called a hearing board and suggest what I think should come of the case should they decide that

the assailant is guilty of breaking the conduct code. My assailant would also have had the opportunity to do the same and we would also both have the chance to call in witnesses if we felt they would help our case. Upon hearing what each person had to say, the hearing board would then come to a conclusion and suggest a punishment. In most cases of violent sexual crimes, if the accused is found guilty, they would be expelled from school and trespassed from the school grounds.

That is not what happened here. Upon reading this material I became even more outraged than I

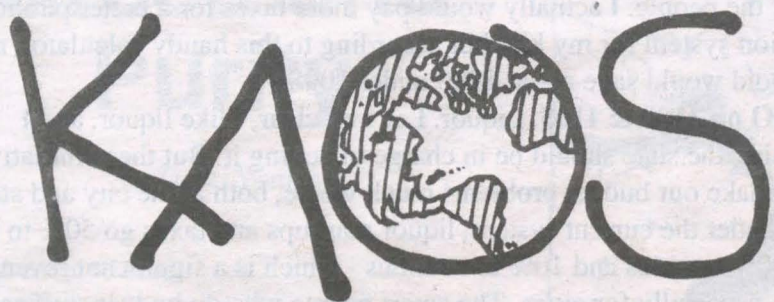
had been previously. I began furiously reading other schools' sexual assault policies, something that our school lacks altogether. After reading enough policies I decided to write one up of my own. In order to attempt to get it implemented, I decided to speak to the person on campus who is in charge of handling incidents that occur on campus and deciding how to follow up with them (or not). This person is Andrea Seabert-Olsen, the grievance officer on campus. Her job is to receive and read incident reports, undergo an investigation (if she feels it is necessary), and ultimately decide if the accused is guilty or not and what their punishment should be.

When I went to Andrea's office for our scheduled meeting, I went as a victim as well as a concerned student doing a contract about sexual assault in which I was concerned with her protocol. I informed her that I was upset about the way she handled my own incident but I was more concerned with the way she handles cases like this overall. I told her that for my contract I would be writing a sexual assault policy as well as articles for the paper to raise aware-

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# Campus



## KAOS Charts

for the week of October 27

1. Alpha Yaya Diallo - Immé
2. Blackberry Bushes - Little Bit of Grace
3. Salteens - Grey Eyes
4. Sufjan Stevens - The Age of Adz
5. Polyrhythmics - self-titled
6. Ebo Taylor - Love and Death
7. Corin Tucker Band - 1,000 Years
8. Toussaint - Black Gold
9. Various Artists - The Roots of Chicha 2: Psychedelic Cumbias from Peru
10. Oly Mountian Boys - self-titled
11. Elf Power - self-titled
12. Interpol - self-titled
13. Black - Sun in the Day, Moon at Night
14. Various Artists - Salsa Explosion: The New York Salsa Revolution 1969-1979
15. Vaselines - Sex With an X
16. Cinema Red and Blue - self-titled
17. Deerhunter - Halcyon Digest
18. Yogoman Burning Band - Beam Me Up
19. Black Mountain - Wilderness Heart
19. Someone Still Loves You Boris Yeltsin - Let It Sway
20. Glass Notes - Dust and Hours
21. Picoso - Mas Picao
22. Chrissie O'dell and One Hot Mess - If I Had a Dime
23. We Landed on the Moon - This Will Be One for the Books
24. Tom Ze - Estudiando a Bossa
25. Samantha Crain - You (Understood)
26. Mystic Roots Band - Cali-Hi
27. Jail Weddings - Love Is Lawless
28. Dar Williams - Many Great Companions
29. Tuff Lion - Ten Strings
30. Matuto - self-titled

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## Weekly Meetings

### Mondays

- Dance Matrix Collective CRC 116 3pm  
Ban the Bottle Sem II A2107 5pm  
Cooper Point Journal CAB 332 5pm

### Tuesdays

- Greeners for Christ B1107 7pm

### Wednesdays

- Geoduck Student Union Sem II D1105 2pm  
Law Society Sem II B3109 2pm  
LASO CAB 313 2:30pm  
Health Society Lab I 3033 2:30pm  
Hillel Sem II A3105 2:30pm  
Riot to Follow Student Activies (CAB) 5pm  
GRAS Anime Club Lecture Hall II 6pm

### Thursdays

- ESSAA Lab I 3033 7am  
Geology Club Lab II 2211 3pm  
Icarus Project Sem II C2109 3pm  
Socialist Alternative Sem II A2107 4pm  
GRAS Anime Club Lecture Hall II 6pm

### Fridays

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Geology Club Lab II 2211 3pm  
Icarus Project Sem II C2109 3pm  
Socialist Alternative Sem II A2107 4pm  
GRAS Anime Club Lecture Hall II 6pm

### Sundays

- DEAP Organic Farm 12:30-2pm

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