

Street talk

The Daily Evergreen went out on the street to find out what WSU has to say.

Has the recent rise in gas prices affected your driving habits?

Susan Berman
senior, English



"Yes. Even though I have a car I still bum rides from other people. I wait to buy groceries until I absolutely have to."

Angela Marino
senior, anthropology



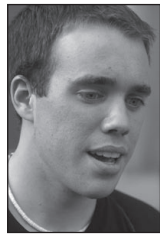
"I can't go out anymore. I'm really poor and can't afford to go to my parents' unless they pay for my gas."

Geoff Jensen
senior, fine arts



"I stopped driving my car about a year ago and ride my bike everywhere. I do drive my roommate's car."

John Rafanelli
junior, criminal justice



"I cut down a lot because I don't want to pay those amounts. I definitely look for rides."

中秋節快樂!

農曆八月十五日, 是我國的中秋節。中國人對這個節日的重視, 只是僅次於農曆新年。由於中國大部分的城市都把中秋節列為公眾假期, 許多家庭便趁這個月圓之夜相聚在一起。中秋節的節目有不少, 例如賞月, 猜燈謎, 和賞花燈。孩子們也忙著拿燈籠興奮的出外閒逛。月餅和水果更是少不了的節慶食品。近年來, 月餅制造商推出了多種新口味的月餅, 甚至有為減肥人士而設的無糖月餅, 以配合大眾不同的口味和需求。關於中秋節的起源, 坊間有許多不同的說法。母親在我小時候便對我講過關



劉怡虹

於嫦娥奔月的故事——傳說多年前, 地球面對著一場大旱災, 十個太陽的火焰燃燒著大地, 於是天皇便指派后羿到地上拯救地球! 后羿利用弓箭把其中的九個太陽射了下來, 大地頓時回冷, 后羿成了人民心口的大英雄。後來, 后羿與美麗的嫦娥結了婚, 正過著美滿的婚姻生活。天后亦賞賜了長生不老藥予后羿與嫦娥, 使他們可享永生, 得以長廬廝守。可是, 美好的計劃被壞人偷偷聽到了; 他秘密地計劃把靈藥得到手。於是, 他把后羿殺了, 然後回到房子裡向嫦娥索取長生藥。當嫦娥得知丈夫逝世的消息, 便二話不說喝盡整瓶靈藥, 然後慢慢地漂上月亮, 從此長住在那裡。當然, 這只是許多民間傳說中關於后-嫦的其

中一個版本, 但卻是我最印象深刻及最愛的一個。

月餅和水果更是少不了的節慶食品。

為了慶祝即將來臨的中秋節, WSU的香港同學會將於本星期六, 9/17, 於 Reaney Park 舉行一個中秋燒烤聚會, 詳情請於今日9/15, 上午10時至下午2時到CUB入口區詢及報名。

在此祝各位讀者中秋節快樂!

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The Mid-Autumn Festival

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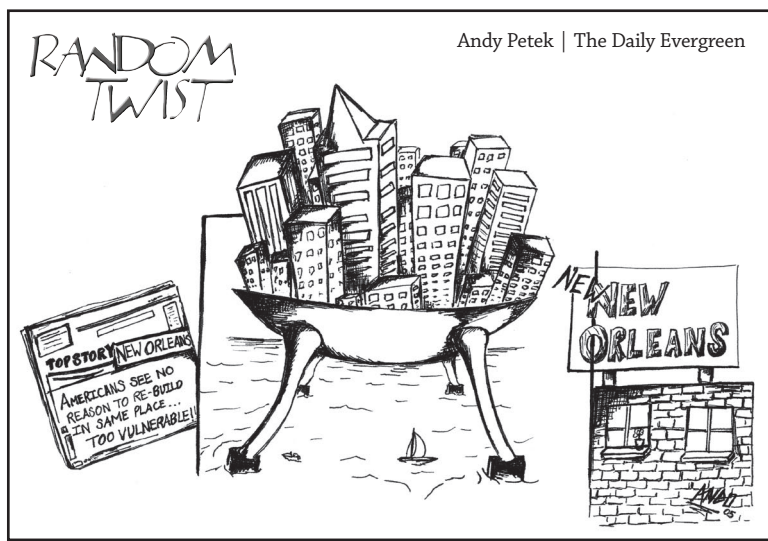
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Boston has guts and intelligence

Editor:
Wow. Martin Boston's Wednesday column on his experience with prayer was great. It takes guts to write about religious experiences, and talent to write about them well. He approached the topic of his friend's seizure and miraculous recovery with respect, intelligence and a complete lack of sentimentality or smarminess. Well done.

Ashleigh Hebert
senior, University of Idaho



The true face of migrant labor

While conducting field research in Mount Vernon, Wash. in mid August, I discovered that children as young as seven (see Spanish article published on Sept. 1) toil in the field with their parents picking cucumbers for long hours under intense heat. Additionally, we were able to visit the camps in which these migrant workers live and despite all of the rules and regulations mandated by the state of Washington the conditions of the camps are yet to be brought up to basic living standards. There is no public transportation servicing the camps forcing some farm workers to depend on community members who visit the camps for information on how they can get to town to get basic health services. During our visit, we were asked for information on who could transport a pregnant woman to town because she was due to deliver a baby the following day. When we arrived at the camp, there were at least 10 to 15 children as young as five roaming around the camps, no



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Columnist

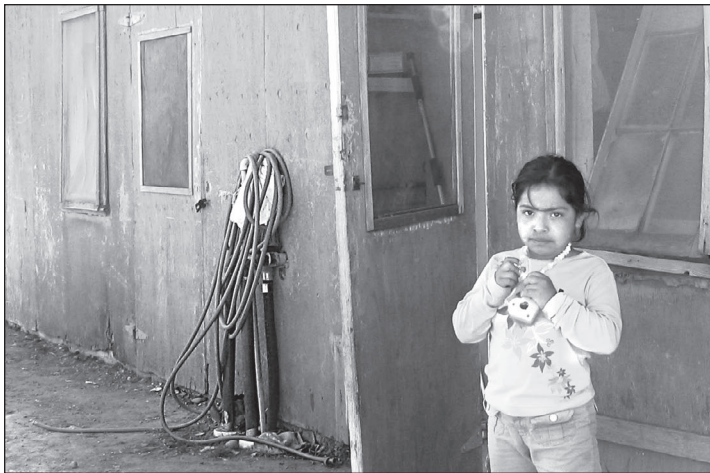


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playgrounds for kids, let alone a child care facility was provided for migrant workers. As I walked around the camps, I asked myself, how many times do we, as responsible members of our society think about the conditions in which these fruits and vegetables were picked when we take a trip to WinCo in Moscow to purchase our groceries? Are we conscious of where the fruits and vegetables we consume come from? If not, do we take proper action including boycotting stores who don't ask these questions or who turn a blind eye to such practices? Finally, while walking

around, we got a peek at some of the living quarters in which migrant workers live and wonder how they manage to be civil to each other when they live under such tight conditions. Rooms that are 10 by 12 feet house as many as eight to 10 family members. These families will live in these conditions anywhere from six weeks to approximately six months depending on the fruits or vegetables they have come to pick. I was informed that one of the camps was housing 17 people in the same unit. People living in it were composed of at least three different couples with their own children. Each

unit is equipped with a gas stove with two heating devices for cooking. Can you imagine, three families attempting to get meals prepared for themselves and their children before they head out to the fields with one stove equipped with only two heating devices?

Are we conscious of where the fruits and vegetables we consume come from?

There is no doubt that some groups of our society will always get the worst treatment, despite the fact that as a society, we depend on them to maintain our quality of life, yet we fail them at keeping their own quality of life at a bare minimum. The sad part of this story is that if we, as members of our communities do not push for more humane treatment for migrant workers, these living conditions are likely to remain unchanged for decades to come, as they have been for the past fifteen years.
To be continued ...

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