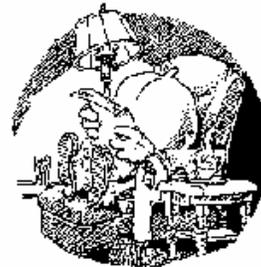




# The Garbanzo Gazette

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Growers Market's Weekly Newsletter

## LOOKING FOR ANOTHER BANZO EDITOR

Interested in editing the banzo every other week?

This is a great strawboss job that you can do from home, and still know everything that is going on at Growers. I'm looking for someone who is responsible, reliable, has email, knows Word well, understands the written English language, and respects the integrity of each submission to the banzo. The banzo must be edited on Wed or Thurs, then emailed to Steve by noon on Thursday at the latest. Editing takes 30 minutes to 1.5 hours every other week. Email me if you are interested – include your phone number so I can give you a call.

THANKS. – Julie (juliefisch@msn.com)

## DRY GOODS NOTES BY SUE

Some things we have at Growers that you may not know about: in bulk: wasabi powder, og vegetable broth, og sprouting seeds, celtic sea salt. Packaged: og milk and buttermilk powder, og brown sugar, sushi lori, pectin and yerba mate. If you have a favorite item you would like to see at growers, let me know. I'm trying to get og whole oats and if they don't show up soon, may get og oat flower.

Someone asked about having non-chorine bleach...well, anyone else interested? Speak up!

Bulk Rising Moon Ravioli is no more. We do have packaged in freezer and Rising Moon's fabulous vegan pesto sauce. Try some! More things in the cooler in bulk: hump nut, wheat germ, making yeast, grated parmesan cheese, local bee pollen and sushi ginger. - Take care, Sue

## NORIS ORGANIC DAIRY

If you plan on purchasing any Noris milk or half and half, please "pre-order" it. I'm trying to meet our needs without having much extra (it leads to a loss for Growers). It will take a couple weeks to sort things out since Noris delivers on Tuesday prior to the pre-ordering. My best guesses are not working. By the way, all Noris cheese is made from raw milk.

- Sue

## SMART BREEDING HOLDS PROMISE OF REPLACING GM FOODS

Imagine a technology that can produce all the benefits of biotech crops -- resistance to pests and pesticides, long shelf life, rapid (or delayed) ripening, etc. -- without the worries about environmental harm, corporate consolidation, and international trade wars. Some researchers believe they have discovered -- or rather, rediscovered -- just such a science. It harkens back to centuries-old methods of cross-breeding and hybridization and adds a new twist from contemporary genomics. Scientists are now able to map the genetic code of crops, analyze the gene markers for various traits, and quickly breed several generations of a crop in laboratory cultures, thereby doing in a short time what once took decades. It's called "smart breeding" and it's producing crops called "super organics." Some researchers hope to turn smart breeding into the equivalent of the open-source movement in software, putting info about plants into the public domain for free use. Straight to the source: Wired Magazine, Richard Manning, May 2004

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## USDA DILUTES "ORGANIC" LABEL

If you expect your organic milk to come from antibiotic-free cows, or your organic produce to be grown with absolutely no toxic pesticides, or your shampoo that's labeled organic to have actually met some organic standards, then you might be miffed by new Bush administration tweaks to organic policy. Activists say changes made last month, with no public input, could water down organic standards and make the federal organic program more to the liking of agribusiness. Read all about it in Muckraker -- on the Grist Magazine website.

<http://www.gristmagazine.com/muck/muck051804.asp?source=daily>

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP TO ELECT KERRY**

June 11th - 13th at the Oregon Convention Center  
Are you a progressive business owner or manager?  
Do you know a progressive business owner or manager? NOW IS THE TIME TO SHOW YOUR STRENGTH!!! RESPOND TODAY!

Please Contact Jesse at [jesse@dpo.org](mailto:jesse@dpo.org) or (503) 224-8200 if you know of an interested progressive business or if you can help out. Join fellow Democrats, elected officials, Democratic candidates and the Kerry Campaign and make a difference. If you are interested please contact [events@dpo.org](mailto:events@dpo.org) or (503) 224-8200. Details: Call (503) 224-8200, visit our Convention Website, or Send Us an E-mail. - Jennefer

## **PERMACULTURE TEACHER TRAINING**

with Jude Hobbs and Tom Ward, June 23-28, 2004  
Empower yourself to promote sustainable living and design! In this dynamic, interactive and fun course learn powerful teaching techniques to communicate whole systems education and Permaculture principles. Jude and Tom create innovative experiences that address varied adult learning styles and utilize your unique strengths and talents. Lecture, discussions, module building and team presentations provide the essential learning experiences for this course. For more information or to register, contact: Maud Macrory at [tompowell7@aol.com](mailto:tompowell7@aol.com) or (541) 899-9668  
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## **DISNEY'S CRAVEN BEHAVIOR**

Give the Walt Disney Company a gold medal for cowardice for blocking its Miramax division from distributing a film that criticizes President Bush and his family. A company that ought to be championing free expression has instead chosen to censor a documentary that clearly falls within the bounds of acceptable political commentary.

The documentary was prepared by Michael Moore, a controversial filmmaker who likes to skewer the rich and powerful. As described by Jim Rutenberg yesterday in The Times, the film, "Fahrenheit 9/11," links the Bush family with prominent Saudis, including the family of Osama bin Laden. It describes financial ties that go back three decades and explores the role of the government in evacuating relatives of Mr. bin Laden from the United States shortly after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The film was financed by Miramax and was expected to be released this summer.

On the other hand, a senior Disney executive says the real reason is that Disney caters to families of all political stripes and that many of them might be alienated by the film. Those families, of course, would not have to watch the documentary.

It is hard to say which rationale for blocking distribution is more depressing. But it is clear that Disney loves its bottom line more than the freedom of political discourse. - Jennefer

## **CWP SEEKS PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

The **Cascadia Wildlands Project (CWP)** is a seven-year old non-profit conservation organization with headquarters in Eugene, Oregon. The CWP is a leader in efforts to protect old-growth forests, roadless areas and wildlife in Oregon, Washington and Alaska. We are currently seeking a Program Director to join the CWP. We're looking for a **well-organized and dynamic person** with a strong commitment to conservation to manage administrative and office functions, as well as event planning, web-based communication, membership development and data base management.

\* Compensation will be in the \$21,000-26,000 range, depending on experience.

\* This position will begin on 8/1/04 or before. Send resume, cover letter, references and samples of writing and/or design work to:

**Cascadia Wildlands Project**, ATTN: James Johnston, P.O. Box 10455, Eugene, OR 97440 541.434.1463, or email materials to James at: [jdj@efn.org](mailto:jdj@efn.org)

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**GROWERS OPEN ON TUESDAYS:** *You can now shop at Growers on Tuesdays from 5 to 7 pm. Just as on Fridays, nothing will be pre-order*

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