



Goodnight Moon

In the great beige room
There was a bedside phone
A get-well balloon
A sixth-floor view of –

Rain clouds and a waxing new moon

And my sweet doped-up wife
Who went under the knife
And her new bandaged knee
And a hanging IV
And a long plastic hose
Sending air up her nose
And a machine they apply
From her foot to her thigh

And a friendly gay nurse whispering “Hi.”

Goodnight room
Goodnight moon
Good night wishes to get well soon

Good night anesthesia and femoral block
Good night knee replacements that help people walk
Good night morphine drip
And goodnight pulse-ox clip
Goodnight blood pressure cuff
And more medical stuff
Good night drainage lines
And the nurse who comes in to take vital signs

Good night big clock
And nubby-soled sock
Goodnight gown tied in back
Barely covering the crack

Good night hospital bed
With trapeze overhead
To lift yourself up, as the CNA said

Good night food on a tray
They bring three times a day

Good night steri-strips and invisible stitches
Dressings, ice wraps, unreachable itches
Good night to the surgeon who says all went well
Goodnight to this room, almost like a hotel
Good night to myself on the small extra bed
Good night pillow from home where I lay down my head

Goodnight worry
Goodnight sky
And goodnight friendly gay nurse whispering “Hi.”

Goodnight moon
Goodnight stale air
Good night beeping noises everywhere

Award-winning writer Sally Sheklow has been perfecting her bedside manner in Eugene since 1972.

Can you imagine the results if we just did this? We’d have to find some other urban growth issues to complain about.

*Ellen Perlis
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ASUO AT CITY CLUB

City Club of Eugene, which meets on the 12th floor of the Eugene Hilton June 24, will focus on important issues relating to UO students and faculty and the wider community. The outgoing ASUO President Amelie Rousseau will discuss her recently completed term as a student leader. The audience will be allowed to ask questions for the second half of the program.

I am hoping that the ASUO will eventually become a Eugene City Club partner and that ASUO members be involved in the work of the Program Committee. That is one of the reasons this forum was scheduled. Another reason is just to get the public all of the details about what is going on at UO.

Can you remember every hearing anything from a student leader at the Eugene City Club? Bring questions and friends to the program or at least tune in to KLCC on the Monday evening after the event to hear what was said.

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TALENTED LAURYN HILL

Though I disagreed, I wasn’t planning to respond to the May 26 *EW* music review on the brilliant songwriter and musician Lauryn Hill’s appearance in Eugene until a friend asked me about the concert, noting “it got a bad review.”

There are few performers whose music fans continue to listen to regularly 10 or 15 years after it first appeared—this phenomenon is reserved for the greats and Lauryn Hill is among them; the *EW* writer did acknowledge her “cultural icon” status but her appeal is much, much wider than the “conscious hip hop generation” (to which he referred and does not define me). I was thrilled to have the opportunity to see her live in a place like Eugene — most of her concerts are in major cities.

It was not a great concert. She arrived late as usual. The sound system was very bad, the band didn’t seem to get that they were playing to *support* her. It was very difficult to hear her if you weren’t close to the stage. In spite of this, she still came across as the remarkable talent she is, and there were many present who seemed to agree. The front section was crammed with wildly enthusiastic fans and no one in this section left early. There was a slight drizzle/mist for most of the night which might have accounted for some in the back who did leave early.

I wouldn’t have missed it.

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WE ARE OREGONIANS

As a first generation Latina student attending the UO, I understand the struggles students of color face getting through high school and the even greater challenge of attending an Oregon university. Oregon is in crisis and is losing some of its best and brightest students after high school because they cannot afford to continue on to college.

Senate Bill 742, Tuition Equity, will allow all students who have lived in the U.S. for a minimum of five years and attended an Oregon high school for three concurrent years, graduated from that high school or received their GED, and committed to working towards residency to pay in-state tuition regardless of documentation status. Right now they’re charged triple the cost and are not going to school.

Tuition Equity is the best way to capitalize on our investment already made in Oregon students. In a time of budget cuts, more Oregon students bringing in more money to the university system can only benefit our state as a whole. In a state like Oregon where the demographics are changing, equal, affordable tuition should be there for *all* Oregon students. In a state like Oregon this bill is a must! I thank our legislators in support of Tuition Equity for continuously fighting for our right to education as we are *all* Oregonians and for standing with us all as Tuition Equity makes its steady but successful journey to a House Floor vote this week. Further more I encourage legislators to have the strong will and courage to create change to open the doors of knowledge to *all* Oregonians.

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CONTEMPTABLE BILL

HB 3664 is a travesty and should be denied a hearing. It’s an issue of privacy rights, and denying the will of the voters:

- By providing the personal information associated with registered marijuana grow sites to police without reason is a clear circumvention of Federal HIPAA laws and an underhanded manner in which to deny Oregon residents their constitutionally guaranteed 4th Amendment rights. This bill is the very definition of unreasonable search and seizure.

- The prominence of the additional fees indicates a contempt for the patients, and a disregard for the concepts of providing one’s own medicines without the financial constraints and atmosphere of intimidation that is the pharmacological industry.

- By opening up the personal information of growers to the state police you discourage growers from participating in the OMMA and consequently there will be an explosion of clandestine growers who will only be further inclined to grow beyond the six-plant limit, as they wouldn’t be registering anyway, they would be more inclined to grow as much as possible.

- This bill, crafted in secret, without the normal cooperation, and sent up through mysterious “priority” channels, devoid of proper committee investigation and ample open debate, is a circumvention of the will of the voters of Oregon.

- The further background checks, constraints on minors, and reduction of maximum allowable cards per residence are equally insensitive, particularly the last point as a majority of persons have chosen or have been forced into communal living as a direct result of economic stresses and growing harmony with sustainability. This bill would tear homes apart.

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