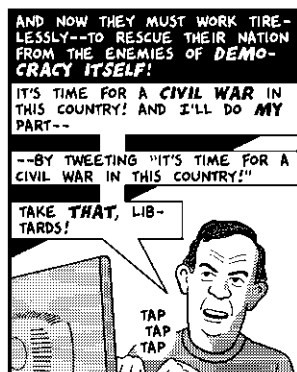
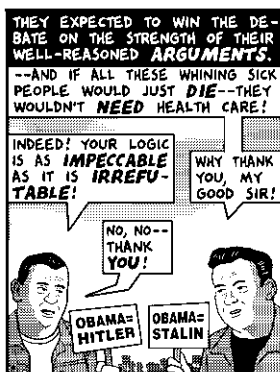


THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



McClure. Michael, the owner, is a local resident. He is knowledgeable and friendly — someone you immediately feel you can trust. While advocating for additional new business development in our area, let's be sure to support what we already have.

Betty Grant
Eugene

DON'T GET 'SMART'

The EWEB Board of Commissioners voted to implement an opt-in program, with the goal of installing electrical "smart" digital meters in every home and business in Eugene. They did this in spite of a boardroom full of people opposed to any use of these expensive meters, which have very serious proven health and safety issues.

They will be launching a campaign to get people to opt-in to get these meters. I urge you and your family to become informed and to decide not to opt-in. For more information, see FamiliesForSafeMeters.org, TakeBackYourPower.net, Jerry Day "smart" meters (YouTube), National Day Of Action Against Smart Meters (YouTube), Brian Thiesen: "Technical Facts and Political Agenda of Smart Meters."

Abraham Likwornik
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DEFINE SMALL BUSINESS

Some people have said that the small business owner will be hurt by the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare). Some of these same people claim that a 500-employee business is a small business. The recent *The New Yorker* magazine says that 96 percent of American businesses have fewer than 50 employees, making them not subject to the penalties for not covering their employees with insurance. The employer mandate does not touch them. They also claim that over 90 percent of those businesses of over 50 employees already cover health insurance for their employees.

Of course, the best health care solution would be like Medicare for everybody, but

it seems like Obamacare will have to do for now.

Bob Cassidy
Eugene

THE PROTECTION SQUAD

School was out on a recent Friday, and the Tamarack Pool was full of life during family swim. It was wonderful to see so many kids enjoying the warm water with their parents. Like many people, I use the pool for therapy. There is a spot in the deep end where gravity lifts off my body and for that wonderful time in space, the salt water relieves me of some of the pain I carry as a constant with me.

As a therapy user, family swim is a little difficult. Being bumped can send shock waves through me. It's still worth the effort to 'run the gauntlet' through family swim though — and it is those user fees that help to support the pool and keep it open and available to those of us who need it for therapy — a big thank you to everyone there. Spread the word on this wonderful place.

That day, making my way to the deep end I encountered a young boy earnestly chasing his toy whale in the water. Realizing the pool was probably a little too rambunctious for me to be there, I contemplated my way to safely navigate around or decide to turn back when I heard a "Hey, how ya doin'?" from my side. Three wonderful friends from the pool quickly surrounded me and safely transported me to my favorite spot in the water, keeping around me and making my way back to the hot tub when I was done. I've never felt so protected and safe. You know who you are.

A big thank you to all those who keep the Tamarack Pool financially strong through usership and donations. Those of us who depend on the pool for pain relief and rehabilitation are grateful for your support. And a personal thanks to my helpers. Eugene is truly a wonderful place. The Tamarack Pool and the people there are at the very heart of it.

Leni Bader
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