

to increase your cost of food, fuel and all products that rely on transportation. They also unconsciously voted to increase greenhouse gas emissions, water pollution, deforestation and topsoil erosion. They effectively voted to decrease available funds for education, health care, Social Security and anything positive you wish to do that requires money.

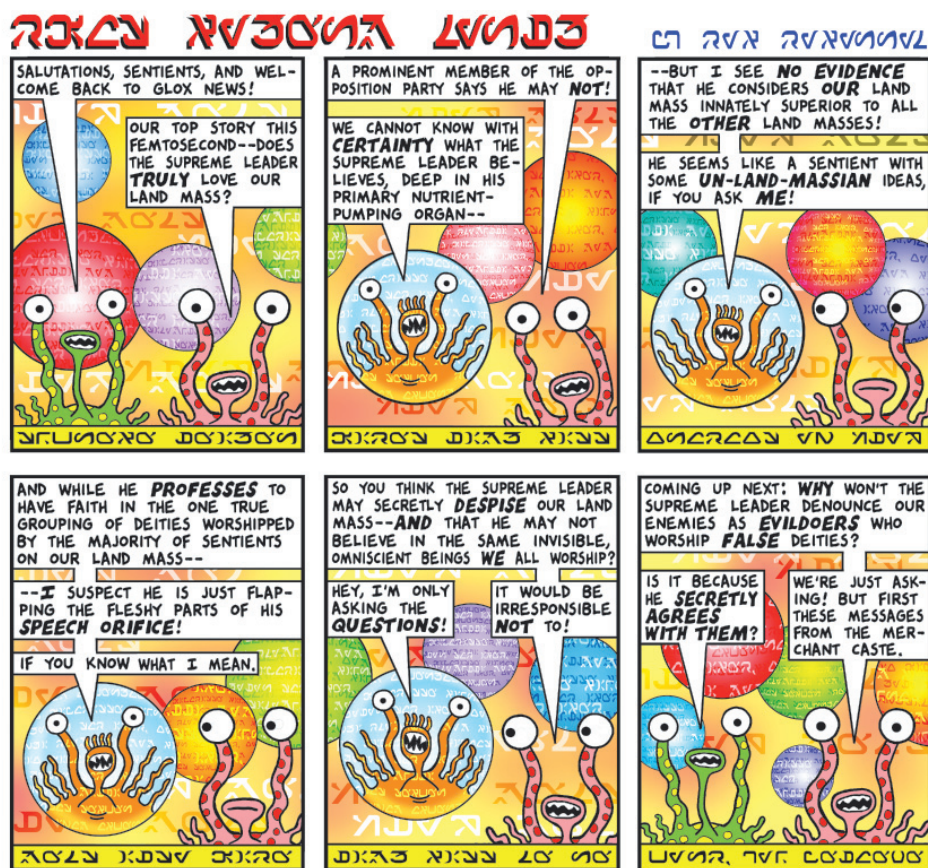
The two senators voted for the Low Carbon Fuel Standard Bill (SB 324) that will increase the amount of engine-damaging ethanol and biodiesel Oregonians are forced to put into their vehicles. According to the federal government's own National Research Council, the net effect of biofuel farming is to increase rather than decrease greenhouse gases emissions. Global biofuel production has made all foods more expensive that rely on farmland and fertilizer to grow, and dairy products, eggs and meat produced by farm animals that need to be fed.

As half of our prime Midwest topsoil has already been lost to erosion, and ordinary gasoline is a "green" fuel compared to biofuels, the last thing we should do is gradually destroy more farmland growing biofuels, inviting our automobiles and trucks to the dinner table to share our food.

Christopher Calder
Eugene

NO SNOOP METERS

Somewhat amazingly in this time of cyber-security threats (with electric utilities involved by name), EWEB is pushing installation of smart (snoop)



meters again.

Customers will be hearing about the benefits that are rather strangely worded, since there are no benefits, really. Customers of our "customer-owned" utility should perhaps consider some of the negatives before \$27 million is spent.

Smart meters on your home: 1) Will cost \$300 per home or more, and you will pay.

2) Might allow hackers to alter your bill (always up), or allow them to determine if you are home. 3) Make possible "time of use" pricing. Just when you want AC or heat — it is at the high rate — which equals higher bills.

And there is more if you look. You will be told the new meters can be set to "off," and they are switching to an "opt

in" policy. Seems better — but then you will find they can be turned on remotely, as your power can be turned off remotely.

To keep electric bills from going even higher, we should all just say "no" to the whole concept. Privacy and lower bills are good things worth the effort.

Michael Lee
Eugene

CRUEL BREWERY

I am one of the numerous neighbors of Ninkasi Brewing. I fear I will have to lose my home because of their constant noise, louder than 50 decibels inside my home and all parts of my yard. The smell is noxious, sickens me, I get migraine headaches from the constant, high-pitched noise unavoidable inside my bedroom, followed by the stench of hops. My yard is unusable when they run their machinery.

I am a single mother; this was my dream of home ownership. Ninkasi is dead set on pushing us out and making us go rent somewhere with no yard, no pets, no growing a garden. My child has been affected. They are causing me serious depression. Greedy. Nikos, buy our homes, stop being cruel and greedy.

Hannah Levin
Eugene

THE POWER OF NOISE

I read with sadness and empathy the letter [2/19] from the woman about how her home has been invaded by the noise generated by Ninkasi. I, too, am disturbed

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