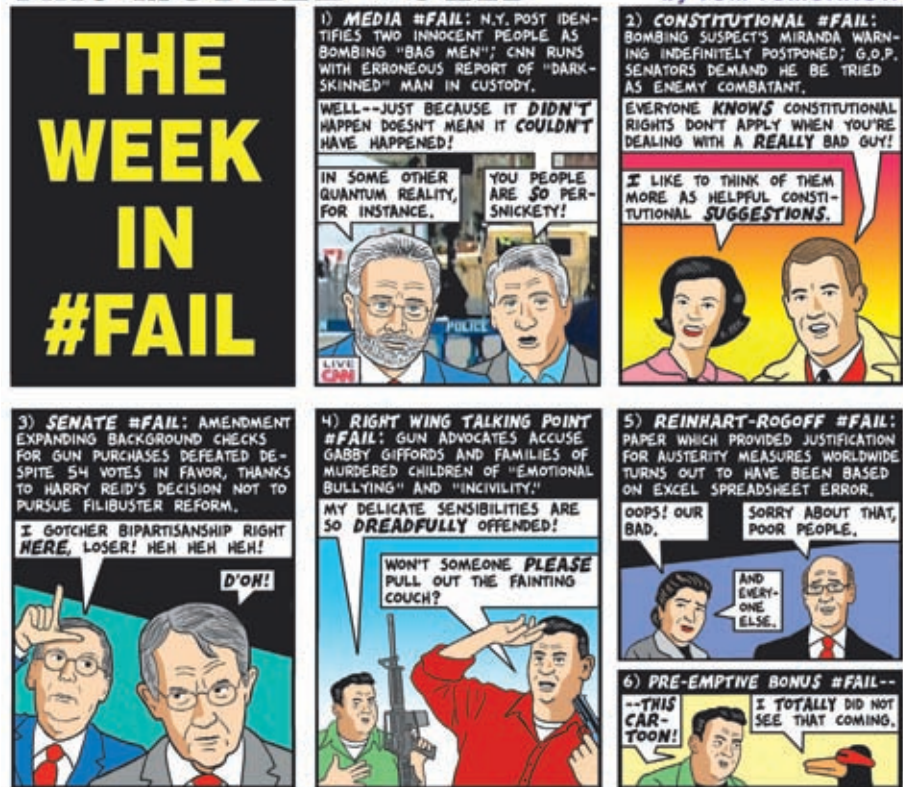


THIS MODERN WORLD

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side city government as to how and where to spent its resources. The support for the proposed fee results from the level of frustration that we, the people, feel at the ongoing dysfunctional city government who can't/won't do better with our current level of resources. The challenge to *Eugene Weekly*: Confirm the truth or not of the assertion that the city fee measure as written cannot maintains complete control of the funds it generates on an ongoing basis.

Tom Snyder
Eugene

FEE IS JUST A HEAD TAX

I will not be paying the flat fee that will be the same for me as for lumber baron Aaron Jones. This is not a flat tax because a flat tax taxes something at a flat rate. A sales tax is a flat tax that taxes everyone's purchases at the same percentage rate. A flat income tax taxes everyone's income at the same percentage rate. No, this is not a

flat tax but it is a tax. It is a tax, not a fee, because we are not paying for a service. EWEB charges a fee for utility services.

The city service fee is not a fee. Nothing is provided to the payer. It is a tax, but not a flat tax, because everyone doesn't pay the same rate. Aaron Jones will pay around 0.001 percent of his income for this fee. I will be required to pay nearly 1 percent of my income for this "fee" on top of my property taxes and other payments to government. This is not a flat tax because a flat income tax would charge me at the same rate as Jones, not a rate 1,000 times greater.

Our property taxes are flat taxes. Everyone pays the same rate based on the value of their property. The "city service fee" will be something far worse. The rich pay a much lower rate than the rest of us, on any basis except a per head basis.

The city service fee is a head tax. Everyone pays the same tax, no matter what. Head taxes are illegal under the

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