

THIS MODERN WORLD

CHARLIE HEBDO'OVERLOAD

NOTES FROM THE WEEK THAT WAS

AFTER "JE SUIS CHARLIE" CAME THE INEVITABLE SOCIAL MEDIA BACKLASH.

MASSACRES ARE AN OFFENSE TO DECENCY, OF COURSE--

--BUT SO WERE THOSE UNPLEASANT CARTOONS!



THE WORK WAS OFTEN CRUDE, AND DELIBERATELY PROVOCATIVE-- --BUT SATIRE IS ALSO PRONE TO MISINTERPRETATION--ESPECIALLY IF YOU DON'T SPEAK THE LANGUAGE OR UNDERSTAND THE CONTEXT--

ARE YOU DONE CARTOONSPPLAINING?

PROBABLY NOT.



ANYWAY, YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON THE INTERNET TO LET YOU KNOW THAT VICTIMS HAD IMPERFECTIONS!

SHE WAS WEARING A SHORT SKIRT!

HE LOOKED LIKE A MENACING THUG!

THEY DREW THINGS THAT MADE PEOPLE MAD!



MEANWHILE, WORLD LEADERS AND DIPLOMATS MARCHED IN SUPPORT OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION... INCLUDING THE AMBASSADOR FROM SAUDI ARABIA--



FRANCE ITSELF FOLLOWED UP BY ARRESTING DOZENS OF PEOPLE FOR HATE SPEECH, INCLUDING A CONTROVERSIAL COMEDIAN.

NOUS, ON AIME LA SATIRE! C'EST JUSTE L'IRONIE QUI NE NOUS EST PAS TRÈS CLAIRE!*



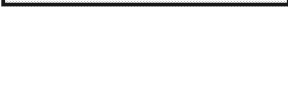
FINALLY: MAYBE WE CAN STOP WITH THE BIG PENCIL CARTOONS NOW? HEY TERRORIST DUDE--I REPRESENT THE INDOMITABLE SPIRIT OF SATIRE--AND I'M HERE TO RUB YOU OUT!



--WHERE RAIF BADAWI WAS JUST SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS AND 1,000 LASHES (50 A WEEK FOR 20 WEEKS)--FOR BLOGGING.



*WE LOVE SATIRE! WE'RE JUST NOT VERY CLEAR ON IRONY!



TOM TOMORROW

in all the media outlets available to us, as the latest fear porn weapon and tool for the masses. I am really sick of all the media fear porn that is pumped out to begin with, from radio to TV, video games, the internet; it's really hard to not have your family be influenced. Now, the latest tool, beheading.

It is not a new fear porn weapon either. If anyone studies history, ancient generals, the Roman Catholic Church in the Middle Ages and now the Muslim extremist group ISIS, along with political cartoonist in the local paper. Publishing this is in the name of journalistic freedom and free speech, you say?

What is wrong with the editors of EW? What does this say about our society today? Enough is enough. It is nothing but the disgusting psychotically degenerate war tool tactic that it is. And a broken tool from the bag of psychological war tools, I might add. Perversion of all accomplished.

Good job, Eugene Weekly! Dumbasses!

S. Trinity
Corvallis

Editor's note: The cartoon's meaning has been interpreted differently by various people. Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula has claimed the Charlie Hebdo attack.

BUYING INTO SPRAWL

Regarding the process for the proposed changes to Seaview Loop, Buford Park and the surrounding area (letter from Charles Stewart, Jan. 8):

I lived in Sarasota, Florida, for 25 years before moving to Eugene in 2011. From the 1990s onward, deep-pocketed developers swooped down on the city council with tales of "improved" neighborhoods (where all the old picturesque bungalows were pulled down in favor of cheap new buildings) and "enhanced economic development" (read: no affordable housing). They ran roughshod over the people and processes meant to keep them in check (aided, by the way, by compliant city officials), tearing through historic neighborhoods with the

worst of gentrification excesses. This state of affairs lasted until 2004 when public outcry regarding a developer sniffing around a 100-year-old downtown church to be torn down in favor of a multi-story parking garage made it grind to a stop. The church was saved thanks to public response and their courageous board of directors, who took about 15 minutes during their meeting to decide to let the developer know they weren't interested. By this time, however, the damage had been irreparably done.

Do not let elected officials lull you with great-sounding phrases as they attempt sleight-of-hand. Do not allow developers waving cash tilt your processes in their favor. Downtown Sarasota is now a concrete canyon and the surrounding city is lost in sprawl. Don't let this happen to our beautiful Eugene-Springfield area.

Stephanie Bashein Emerson
Eugene

CREATING A DEAD ZONE

Regarding the Jan. 8 Slant rant about sprawl: I would like to rant about government facilities being on the waterfront. The Eugene area seems to have way too many government facilities on the waterfront. Try and find another city that does the same thing. From an economic standpoint putting government facilities on the waterfront is a disaster. At 5 pm the areas around these government facilities turn into an economic dead zone. The whole area is wasted for most of a 24-hour day.

Waterfront is precious and should be developed as "waterfront." Any facilities on the waterfront should be open for business at least from 6 am to midnight. Grocery stores, gyms, etc.

The above also applies to office buildings or anyone else who closes up at 5 pm.

Frank Skipton
Springfield

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