

**FAKE NEWS**

You really got me with this week's *Eugene Weekly* (3/29, Satire Issue). I read the cover and panicked. I believed it! My heart sank.

Here I was, blissfully thinking that if *The Register-Guard* changed radically under the new owners, I had the *Eugene Weekly* to comfort me. It wasn't until I read the April 1 date that I realized that it was an April Fool's joke.

I am so grateful that it was only a joke. And pleased that *The Register-Guard* still seems to be the same.

Barbara Carter  
Eugene

**HORNBLOWER**

Perhaps a more affordable solution than our city's spending \$7 million to completely silence horns would be to evaluate decibel levels generated by Amtrak passenger trains compared to much-louder Union Pacific freight trains.

The location of the horns on a locomotive, the length of the air supply hose to the chimes and the supplied air pressure all contribute to this difference.

Generally, five separately sized and tuned horns play a combined cord of B major 6th. Horns can vary between 90 and 140 decibels. Union Pacific should be asked if their volume can be reduced to that of Amtrak when they pass through town at night.

Seems reasonable.

Glenn Jones  
Eugene

**THIS MODERN WORLD**

by TOM TOMORROW



**SIN CITY**

I read Bob Warren's column (*EW*, 3/29) with great interest because I too am angry when I see the pit where City Hall stood. Like a good Eugenean, he was lucid, reasonable and, most important, correct.

But I don't feel that Warren was angry enough. Enough is enough, when it's clear

there is more going on than just an inactive city council.

At last year's Women's March, the chant was, "This is what democracy looks like," and then a man in black standing in front of the pit replied, "And this is what local corruption looks like." It got some laughs, but we shouldn't be laughing.

Why are there buildings going up all the

time at and near the University of Oregon? Why is Amazon Corner going up in South Eugene like a fine Oregon mushroom? Why are there huge apartment complexes finished out West 11th? How did the new police station get built so quickly, despite two special measures that defeated the move away from downtown? And how did Oakway Center build a hotel so quickly?

Yet the city cannot get a very important civic building (City Hall) built, and Civic Stadium is still an eyesore and a joke.

I challenge *EW* to put its best investigative reporter(s) on this clearly corrupt situation. Is it the all-powerful and smartly quiet City Manager Jon Ruiz, the most powerful person in town? Is it the commercial real estate background of former mayor and near Saint Kitty (Piercy, former mayor)?

Is the ridiculously pro-logging county commission at fault (or is it their judge, with his recent spray decision ... but I digress)? Are the downtown homeless — er rather, travelers — to blame? Maybe it's the ghost of John Musumeci?

What the f— is going on? I really think people want to know!

Archie Hering  
Eugene

**CLEAN ENERGY**

"The Nuclear Option" (*Letters*, 3/29) dismisses clean energy as unreliable and too expensive. In fact, solar/wind power now produces 18 percent of U.S. power — about as much as nuclear — and it's growing 17 percent faster than the overall economy.



**Host a French or Spanish Student for 3 Weeks This Summer!**  
13-18 years old  
Wanting to share your home and family life  
A rewarding cultural experience for your family!

Bruno **CONTACT** Ashley  
541-520-5222 971-930-0603  
bruno@americandiscovery.net ashley@americandiscovery.net  
[www.americandiscovery.net](http://www.americandiscovery.net)

**WE HEARD YOU, CORVALLIS & ALBANY**

**EUGENE Weekly IS BACK**

**Find us at these locations**

**Corvallis**  
Fred Meyer- 777 NW Kings Blvd  
Kmart- 400 NE Circle Blvd

**Albany**  
Fred Meyer- 2500 Santiam Hwy SE  
Grocery Outlet- 1950 14th Ave SE

**100 VENDORS**  
**30 SPEAKERS**



**\$5 ADMISSION**  
**KIDS 12 & UNDER FREE!**



**Body Mind Spirit Expo**  
**APRIL 21-22 • 10AM-5PM**  
Linn County Expo Center: 3700 Knox Butte Rd E. • Albany, OR 97322  
[RaSaniFair.com](http://RaSaniFair.com)




**EUGENE SYMPHONY**  
2017/18 Season | Francesco Lecce-Chong, *Music Director & Conductor*

**FAMILY CONCERT!**

**LEMONY SNICKET'S THE COMPOSER IS DEAD**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 29**  
**2 & 4 PM**

**SORENG THEATER**  
**HULT CENTER**

A witty "Whodunit" concert based on Lemony Snicket's book by the same name. Featuring familiar classical music and a detective — local actor William Hulings — who leads the audience on a hunt for musical clues to uncover the mystery.

CONCERT SPONSOR **DELTA ROCK SOLID**

Tickets: \$20 Adults | \$15 Youth (*Ages 6 & up recommended*)  
541-682-5000 | [EUGENESYMPHONY.ORG](http://EUGENESYMPHONY.ORG)