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Saturday April 22nd

7th & Pearl Eugene @ Old Federal Bldg

Warm up w/ music All Eugene HS Band
1:20 Kick off by Mayor Vinis, Senator Manning, Miriam Oommen + more

RALLY 1:00

PARADE 2:00

Join the PARADE to Saturday Market 2:00 start @ Federal Bldg

Flash MOB

Performance @ 2:30 on Saturday Market Stage

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CHECK THOSE RENTAL STATISTICS

Whenever a landlord like Deborah Stochlic (Letters, April 6) claims to know what is best for renters, we should question what they're saying. You don't get the truth from people who are making money off you.

Stochlic wrote that Portland's 2017 renter protection ordinances "resulted in private landlords' selling off their properties, and meant 13 percent fewer available rentals."

Landlords are apparently basing this on a March 25, 2022, ECONorthwest report (bit.ly/43k3jH5) that says "The number of single family detached rental units in the City of Portland declined from 27,656 units in 2017 to 23,669 in 2020, a loss of 3,987 units."

That's single-family home rentals, not apartments, and I don't see anything in the report that proves the reduction was due to renter protections. Since houses have escalated in value, perhaps landlords are simply cashing out. If you're trying to buy a house, this would be an advantage.

A 2019 SVN | Bluestone report (bit.ly/3ZSDwTJ) says, "The Portland apartment market added about 5,700 new market-rate units in 2018, a 20 percent increase over 2017 when about 4,800 units delivered."

So fewer single-family home rentals, more apartments, for a net gain.

The Eugene City Council will again discuss renter protections phase 2 at a work session in April. I really wish *Eugene Weekly* would cover renter protections in some depth as a news story. Renters are 52 percent of Eugene residents, and we deserve better information.

Lynn Porter
Eugene

YES, THERE ARE GOOD LANDLORDS

As Eugene resident Deborah Stochlic wrote recently (Letters, April 6), the Eugene City Council will soon vote on new regulations that will drastically affect Eugene's housing supply. Similar laws passed in Portland resulted in many landlords selling off their properties, and Portland now has fewer available rentals.

When you are not a perfect applicant, there are fewer rentals available, and it's harder to find a nice place to rent. Almost all of the many landlords I know personally are women who rent to people with red flags, questionable credit, etc. These are the kind of landlords who fix things as soon as they break, or allow a down-on-their-luck tenant to pay their cleaning deposit in monthly payments. I have even seen some who have helped homeless refugee families.

No one trusts or listens to landlords, because it's easier and more fashionable to dismiss them as mean or greedy.

But I'm telling you, these are the conscientious landlords that are going to be selling properties if these new regulations pass. It will just be too much work

— as well as too much liability — to do so.

Much to the detriment of our housing situation, which is already bad, Eugene could go the way of Portland.

If you're concerned that these new measures are likely to reduce rental availability, please call the mayor's office and share your concerns.

Cynthia Orlando
Springfield

NO LAUGHING MATTER

In its April's Fool Day issue (March 30), the editors of the *Weekly* spoofed the Eugene 4J school board in "A School Board Odyssey," where students replace ousted board members with Chatbot artificial intelligence software "to take over the district's governing body," implying that the entire board needs replacement to end the "squabbling."

Of course, this is foolishness. Anyone who attends or Zoom-watches school board meetings knows that the discord and animosity is not caused by all seven board members, but is caused by one board member, the same one who has launched charges of mistreatment against all other members of the board, the current and previous superintendents — and *Eugene Weekly* itself.

Watch this six-minute recording clip from the end of the Nov. 16, 2022 board meeting to see the disruption, and how the other members try to deal with it: YouTube.com/watch?v=RJLN09inXe8. Start at 2 hours, 56 minutes, and watch till the end at 3 hours, 2 minutes. It is painful to watch, but it reveals what is going on.

School board elections are next month; inform yourself before you believe any more tomfoolery.

Roscoe Caron
Eugene

Editor's note: School board member Laural O'Rourke has also criticized Caron and Community Alliance for Public Education, an organization of which he is a member.

A WNBA TEAM FOR ALL OF OREGON

As a proud Oregonian, I'm excited about the prospect of a WNBA franchise coming to our state. I want to give a big shout-out to those who are working hard to make it happen, including Kelly Graves, the coach of Oregon's NCAA women's basketball team, and our U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden.

I think it's great that we could be getting a team, but I'd like to suggest a few tweaks to make it even better. First, I think the team should be branded as "Oregon" rather than just "Portland." That way, we can represent the entire state and give a nod to the many great communities throughout.

Second, I think it would be awesome if the team played a few games each year at the Matthew Knight Arena in Eugene. That way, we can showcase the talent of female athletes from all over the state and give fans in other cities a chance to catch a game without having to make the trek up to Portland.

Overall, I'm thrilled about the prospect of a WNBA team in Oregon, and I