

Klein had "not charged the League for preparing this brief. The Legal Advocacy Committee is aware, though, that PeaceHealth has offered to pay Glenn for the brief."

Monson also says that "having another entity with similar interests either provide the drafter or pay for the drafting is not at all unusual, since the League does not have extensive financial resources."

But PeaceHealth spokesman Brian Terrett says "PeaceHealth had absolutely nothing to do with Glenn Klein and his involvement in an amicus brief as a representative of the League of Oregon Cities."

Whose idea was the brief? Assistant City Manager Jim Carlson says he approached Klein to request the brief be written, but the actual formal request to the LOC dated Jan. 27 was from attorney Meg Kieran representing the city of Springfield.

Kieran's letter says "the city's concern, and the concern of local governments generally, is that the [LUBA] board's interpretation imposes a defacto moratorium on development unless the local jurisdictions can fund construction of infrastructure identified in the transportation system plan prior to the construction."

And yet the largest local government, the Lane County Commission, joined with CHOICES and 1000 Friends of Oregon in appealing the development plans. And the Eugene City Council has an established growth management policy calling for developers to "pay the full cost of extending infrastructure and services." — *TJT*

PRECAUTIONARY PRINCIPLE TOUTED FOR OREGON

If San Francisco can adopt the precautionary principle, why not Seattle, Portland, Eugene, Corvallis?

That was the buzz at the Public Interest Environmental Law Conference (PIELC) at UO last week after a presentation by Debbie Raphael, toxics reduction program manager for the San Francisco Department of the Environment, Janet Nudelman, program director for the Breast Cancer Fund in San Francisco, and Mary O'Brien, Eugene environmental scientist.

Raphael and O'Brien met earlier with a group of local officials and citizens to talk about the implementation of the principle in all San Francisco city/county departments and commissions and its applicability to Eugene. The principle was adopted last July after an 18-month process.

Sometimes called "better safe than sorry" or "an environmental version of the Hippocratic oath," the precautionary principle improves the way environmental decisions are made. Instead of asking "how much environmental harm will be allowed" in San Francisco, decision-makers will ask, "how little harm is possible?"

San Francisco already is a leader in making choices based on the least environmentally harmful alternatives, thus challenging traditional assumptions about risk management. The adoption of the precautionary principle, as part of the environment code, insists that environmental decision-making be based on rigorous science — science that is explicit about what is known, what is not known and what may never be known about potential hazards. The principle also requires decision-makers to consider possible impact to the local economy.

This is not a new concept in Europe, but it represents another area where the Bush ad-

ministration and the European Union are in fundamental disagreement. A new EU policy is taking shape. Called REACH, it sets the agenda for global chemicals policy by shifting the burden of proof from regulators to industry. As the Europeans put it, "No data, no market."

Berkeley already is examining San Francisco's new ordinance. If interest at the environmental conference is any indicator, Eugene could soon be doing the same.

Many of the panels and keynote talks at the PIELC were recorded. For information, contact Jason Busch at Land Air Water, 346-3828 or L-A-W@law.uoregon.edu — *AJ*

MOBILIZING FOR PEACE

A global day of action is slated for Saturday, March 20 in recognition of the U.S. invasion of Iraq. Throughout the world, peace marches and protests are planned to give voice to those in opposition of the continued violence. Locally, many organizations are joining resources for a kick-off voter campaign to register, mobilize and educate voters. From 1 to 5 pm at Cozmic Pizza, Justice Not War, the Lane County Democrats, Kucinich for President, Friendly Neighbors for Peace, Whiteaker Neighbors for Peace and Justice and other organizations will be on hand to register voters and provide information. Showings of *Unprecedented* and *Uncovered* will also occur.

WAND will be tabling from 11am to 4 pm in front of the library to register and educate voters. Volunteers are still needed for a door-to-door campaign. From 5 to 8 pm, door-to-door volunteers and others will converge at Cozmic Pizza for entertainment and debriefing. Please call 343-8548 for volunteer opportunities.

Gearing up for Saturday, on Friday, March 19 beginning at 8 am in Opal's Park, downtown Cottage Grove, Stand for Peace will present "The War's Toll," a reading of the name of every U.S. and "coalition" soldier who has died in Iraq. As of Feb. 28, the reported total is 649. A gong will be struck for each name read.

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