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sequent hearing the City Council will hold within 45 days of the EPC hearing, are crucial to the citizens of the metro area and Lane County as a whole. If the city approves the plan amendments and zone change, and a certificate of need is granted to Triad, this area will have not one but TWO hospitals north of the Willamette River, leaving the citizens south and west of the river without an easily accessible hospital.

I urge all citizens of Lane County to either attend the Planning Commission hearing and speak up concerning this issue, or if unable to appear in person, send a written testimony to the involved officials (email northdeltaneighbors@comcast.net for a complete list). Taking action now will ensure that when the time comes, you have a hospital you can actually get to.

Ann Simas
Eugene

BIKE TRAILER BLUES

I keep seeing these people towing these trailers behind their bicycles. A lot of them appear to be homeless, panhandling, holding a cardboard sign or hauling bottles and cans. With a price tag of \$200 to \$300 a piece for one of these handy accessories, maybe they're saving up their panhandling or bottle money to purchase them? I think not! I recently purchased my second one. My first was stolen in broad daylight. It was even locked up in a public place. To my dismay, on my way to buy one to replace it, I saw four just like it parked at a homeless hangout on Coburg Road. I no longer wondered where mine might have ended up.

Yes, you too can make your donation. Just go and buy a bike trailer, lock it up in a public place and see how long it stays there.

Michael Milosevich
Eugene

AN APOLOGY

My brother was in the 4th of July parade, in uniform, in our small home town. Everyone is proud of him, and he's proud to go off soon to Iraq. I'm proud of him too, of his kindness, humor and sense of personal

honor. I love him dearly and want to say, Brother, watch your back, come home safe. Come home soon. But for my own sake I have to state that I do not willingly send my flesh and blood off to Iraq, sacrificing my family's peace of mind, as the occupation is not for any family's safety, but for our government's dishonorable purposes. (For the record, I put in my own full tour of military duty but retained the right to think my own thoughts.)

My brother has the heart of a lion and I want him here at home to augment our lives, not squandered in some unholy American bully's fight. This current bloody occupation, like so many, seems to me racist, nationalist and elitist, rooted in misperceptions and various types of imbalance.

We can't keep clobbering them, those disgruntled by American attitude; they are legion. Before they pass us up in height and muscle, we'd better talk this out. I couldn't wrestle my little brother out of going to Iraq when he was asked to go; but we have asked him to respect their culture, though it seems a hollow phrase when matters of culture go up against survival.

My brother is a good man. I'm sorry we didn't convince him he's needed at home, and I'm sorry we let this country become so deranged and voracious.

Kris Wolverton
Eugene

IGNORANT BLISS

The Woolleys of the world condescend Eugeneans as "uneducable" for their failure to take up the dogmatic belief in the benefits of a gentrified downtown. This we can live with in ignorant bliss because the present city council is responsive to the wishes of the majority of citizens who have a different vision for Eugene. The greater danger is that permanent city staff are themselves Woolleys and are in control of the information that our elected councilors receive. This amounts to an ominous and undemocratic threat to the majority of voters who have elected representatives that will lead the city in a direction un beholden to developer interests.