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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

of Eugene and GEARS bicycling group's free classes on how to bicycle effectively and safely as a vehicle."

The next time this thoughtless, coldhearted writer decides to mix an obituary with "What's Happening," remember to check in with that thing most humans carry intrinsically: It's called a moral compass.

Mary Lavin
Eugene

CORPORATE WELFARE

When PeaceHealth, a not-for-profit entity that provides millions of dollars of free care to the needy in our community, chose RiverBend for the site of its second facility in our metropolitan area, they paid market price to acquire and develop the property and ample parking, plus they paid a generous portion of the cost of upgrading the roadways in the area including the I-5/ Beltline interchange.

How is it that the Eugene City Council is unanimous in generously subsidizing a multibillion-dollar for-profit corporation? The council is offering our taxpayer dollars to acquire and develop property, waive application fees, close alleys, expand the urban renewal district, plus build a 500-space parking structure for this formerly unknown gigantic corporation's use. In the process the council wants to displace several long-term local small businesses.

Where does all this money come from when the city cannot afford to maintain our City Hall, the streets and other vital

infrastructure and has so few jail beds it allows repeat criminal offenders to walk our streets?

What has the city offered PeaceHealth, a longtime contributor to the health or our community, to reduce their cost of expanding and remodeling their Eugene Hilyard Street Campus?

Ron Schmaedick
Eugene

WRONG FIELD OF DREAMS

I must admit, I was disappointed by the May 30 article in the *R-G* "Ticket" that estimated the Kevin Costner concerts will raise \$200,000 toward a new Duck baseball park. I'm saddened that this much money can be so easily separated from the citizens of Eugene and Springfield for a new athletic facility at the university when one already is available for use in Civic Stadium. If accurate, the money from this event alone would pay for two thirds of a new roof for Civic.

I admire Costner's art and dedication to sport. Unfortunately, his friendship with Coach Horton through his alma mater results in a misplaced effort. Lane County already has its "field of dreams," and spending millions on a new one wastes not only the cost of new unneeded construction, but it also wastes the historic character of what we already have.

This seems like just another example of the rich getting richer. SaveCivicStadium.org might be the last grassroots chance

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