

ing, no TV and minimal food, etc).

If one convicted was willing to do productive work replacing bureaucrats, the inmate may be transferred to a prison close to family with TV, better food, etc.; but they could be sent back to New Mexico if they goofed off. This should also apply to everyone receiving a life sentence without parole through state and federal convictions.

But the fact is that politicians do NOT believe in enforcing the law. The politician's philosophy is that crime is an industry and law enforcement is an industry. Both employ a lot of people. The fact that drug dealers are murdering thousands of people and causing untold misery is totally irrelevant. The economy is more important.

The failure of any legislature to pass a three-strikes-you're-out law until after the citizens did proves the above. And now the politicians are trying to get the three-strike laws declared unconstitutional by the courts.

So suck in your chest — take a deep breath — and get used to drug dealers being everywhere you go. These scumbags are part of our economy.

*Frank Skipton  
Springfield*

**NOT OUR ACTIVIST**

It breaks my heart to learn that I live in a community where Jeff "Free" Luers is put on a pedestal and praised as a "political activist." What are we teaching our children? That it is OK to commit a heinous act of vandalism as long as you are trying to convey a message? Eugene needs to think twice about who they look up to.

Jeff Luers is *not* a political activist. Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks and César Chávez were political activists. Luers is a convicted felon who openly admits to three counts of arson. Just because he claims it was done with a message does not give him the right to use that label.

Mr. Luers claims that he has sacrificed 22 years of his life in an attempt to spread the message of global warming. I say he threw away 22 years of his life for a senseless act of violence.

*Scott Wilson  
Eugene*

**HOW TO DO IT?**

I read with interest Dan Robinson's letter "Bridge Pork" (11/23). I agree with some of what he says, but I am very concerned about a statement he made towards the end of his letter. Mr. Robinson states that we should be looking at reducing the population. He does not state if it is just Oregon's population or the U.S. at large, but since the article was about bridges in Oregon I am assuming he means the population of this state. He does not mention how we should reduce the population.

Are we to reduce the population by forced

abortion, moving people out of Oregon to other states, placing some of the population in slave labor or re-education camps, euthanasia or exterminating the old and disabled? Oh, I forgot a couple of ideas for reducing the population: We could pass a state law banning any woman, single or married, from having babies, or allowing married couples to have only one child. This is working very well in communist China — except, that is, if you are a baby girl.

I do not know what Mr. Robinson means, but he does concern me. One thing we do not need, however, is more money spent on a public school system that is not working!

*W. Joe Lyon  
Eugene*

**LEIKEN EXPOSED**

Your spotlighting (Slant 12/8) Eugene writer George Beres' recent highly documented exposé of Springfield Mayor Sid Leiken's disturbing pattern of lying to the press and public alike is right on target.

While Leiken whines to *EW*, saying "Who is George Beres, I don't know him at all," he sidesteps Beres' overwhelming evidence of Leiken's lack of trustworthiness. Leiken lied to reporters asking about PeaceHealth's abandonment of Eugene for Springfield, cloaking in secrecy his absolute betrayal of Springfield's McKenzie-Willamette community hospital.

He totally betrayed Bill Dwyer by publicly endorsing him on April 7 this year, joining his Steering-Advisory Committee and then, within weeks, plotting secretly over six months to defeat him, while never, to this date, having the decency to tell him.

Leiken asked local Democrats to help launch him into office, then stabbed them in the back by switching to Republican in order to garner Eugene developer money and scheme for an eventual run at DeFazio's congressional seat. He serves on the Springfield Economic Development Agency and has personally represented interests eyeing land acquisition in Glenwood while sitting in on highly sensitive executive sessions.

Leiken is trying to re-make himself into a pro-sales tax, anti-abortion, anti-gay marriage and pro-Iraq War Republican loyalist. It's his characteristic, almost pathological, disloyalty and lying that Beres has exposed so brilliantly.

*Sally Nunn  
Eugene*

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