

alization that "Wells started using drugs as a 12-year-old." Reportedly, "Wells' 13-year-three-month sentence will cost taxpayers more than \$326,000 — without calculating for inflation." The County Adult Corrections website says Shawn Jeffrey Whipple, the shooter, was sentenced to 15 years for attempted murder.

Concern that methamphetamine creates criminals and choosing education and drug prevention over expensive, unproductive prison terms is so progressive. Yet, six years ago Velure sentenced Jeff Luers to 22 years, eight months for a politically motivated crime — burning three SUVs to draw attention to environmental destruction; Luers refused to plea bargain. Clearly, Velure based his decision on Luers' politics, not on the crime of arson.

In 2000, Velure coldly sentenced Luers to an unreasonable period. Does he suddenly embrace proportional sentencing? Or, are attempted murder and kidnapping less egregious crimes than arson? Has Velure grown a heart, or does he simply want Measure 20-114 to pass?

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UNRELIABLE SOURCE

Eugene Weekly recently (10/19 endorsements) published incorrect information taken from an unreliable website. Sen. Floyd Prozanski stood up to special interests and voted to close tax loopholes. In the Senate Revenue Committee he voted against giving corporate lobbyists tax breaks. Our union's legislative accountability report accurately reflects his strong record on these issues as well as on affordable health care and workers' rights. This is why the members of our union voted to endorse Prozanski.

Our union graded legislators on how they voted on giving revenue away to the loophole lobby vs. funding services to our communi-

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ties; on how they supported workers' rights; and on how they fought for affordable health care for all Oregonians. Prozanski earned top marks. Members of our union have joined many other volunteers to help re-elect Prozanski. He is willing to fight for services that make Oregon a better place to live. It is irresponsible to use factoids from the Internet without checking the information. It is a disservice to your readers, to Floyd Prozanski, and to voters who deserve to know the truth.

Joe DiNicola, President
SEIU Local 503, OPEU

EDITOR'S NOTE: The source of the information was Project Vote Smart, which reportedly got its information from SEIU. The supposedly incorrect data on Prozanski's voting record on tax loopholes in 2005 is no longer on the Project Vote Smart website.

FELLOW LOOTERS

After Jim Torrey's eight years as Eugene's mayor, the city of Eugene is mired in \$100 million worth of transportation decay and the Lane County public safety service is near collapse. Torrey's giveaway policy on tax breaks for large corporations accounts in part for the mounting service debt in both systems of government. The rich corporations contribute a few thousand dollars to Jim's political campaign and obtain a tax break return which runs in the millions. One can imagine taxpayer losses if this person is elected to a governmental system where the budget runs in

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