

DIRTY ARSON

In his Jan. 25 letter, Jeffrey Luers states he is "an incarcerated radical environmentalist." He then takes offense that an earlier letter compared him to a "right wing pro-life arsonist," an apt comparison. Mr. Luers foolishly and romantically claims that so-called eco-saboteurs are acting to save us from both corporate greed and the destruction of our environment.

Luers' claims are nonsense. I drove by the Romania arson the next morning because I had lived in the neighborhood. What I saw made it clear that the arson did horrific harm to the environment in that it released into the air and the Willamette River tons of toxins. Not only did the arson foul our environment, it resulted in the manufacture of new cars and trucks which replaced the ones destroyed in the arson.

If Mr. Luers wants to help in saving our environment, he should volunteer with the Willamette Riverkeepers or another of the local organizations which promote clean rivers.

David Jensen
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EDITOR'S NOTE: As we recall, the three vehicles damaged in the Romania arson were repaired and sold.

WHAT IS OBSCENE?

There appears to exist within Eugene a vast population of people simply aching for something to complain about. Take for instance the fervor ignited by EW's inclusion of Dan Savage's "Savage Love" column. Most detractors want to assure us that they're "not



prudes," as if that legitimizes their claims. And evoking your longstanding readership by referring to the paper by its original name does not make it *your* paper to the exclusion of those of us not at all bothered by Dan Savage or his opinions.

Me personally, I'm sick of hearing about the West Eugene Parkway or why I should have sympathy for a deluded arsonist or anything written by Sally Sheklow. My response is to not read those things that piss me off. But you others decide that threatening EW with the attorney general is appropriate. You idiots!

What I find obscene is your disgust with the details of real people's lives, people who might happen to need Dan Savage's advice since he speaks to a segment of our national community that you might prefer didn't exist at all.

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