



OFFICIAL BALLOT: 13TH ANNUAL TAXPAYER AWARDS

WORST POLITICIAN OF THE YEAR - Vote for One



Dr. Do-nothing!

John Kitzhaber, Governor

In the middle of Legislative Session he left Oregon to go to the Himalayan Mountains so he could attend a Happiness Index conference. He could have stayed there for the past three years because what else can you point to that he has done?



Oregon's vacation king!

Rudy Crew, Education Czar

If you didn't know Oregon had a new position of Education Czar it is because the czar spent 32 days on vacation and 63 days out of Oregon on 17 trips (New York, Santa Fee, Las Vegas). Despite his \$280,000 salary & \$1,000/mth car costs he still missed 50% of his scheduled meetings with lawmakers and soon left Oregon for a better job.



How to use government power to impress a date!

Jeff Cogen, Multnomah Chair

It's not a good idea as County Chair to have an affair with a county employee, yet it was made worse when he saw her job being eliminated, so he saved it & nearly doubled her pay to \$225,000. He then tried turning her unrelated Health Dept. job position into his personal assistant requesting that she work inside his office, travel together & then repeatedly undermined the authority of her boss they didn't like. (He was later rebuked by his fellow Commissioners & resigned).

PORK BARREL PROJECT - Vote for One



Actual ad



\$20 million for Oregon "ObamaCare" ads

Your tax dollars are paying for "Cover Oregon" TV ads & billboards trying to get people to use the health exchange. In total, \$684 million has been spent nationwide in advertising & promotion of ObamaCare since 2009.

\$175 million studying Oregon's bridge to nowhere

Taxpayers paid \$175 million for 84 various consultants (one consulting firm cost \$37 million) including \$7 million to one firm to build websites, social media and community promotions for the Columbia River Crossing (CRC) bridge that is not going to be built.

\$40 million for public employee travel

Highlights included sending a State Lottery official to Europe, a Psychologist Board member to Disney World, and sending Portland's mayor to Brazil, Spain, Germany, Japan & China on questionable "official" mayor business.

BUREAUCRATIC BUNGLER AWARD - Vote for One

Overtime cheaters cause accidents

Tri-met let bus drivers run wild with overtime pay by allowing 22 hour shifts (one driver alone got \$64,000 in overtime bonuses). Yet the obscenely long overtime shifts had the disastrous effect of contributing to nearly two dozen accidents directly related to sleep-deprived drivers.

Portland Art Tax Blunder

The Portland Income Tax for Art has been delayed twice due to mis-management. Politicians never told voters that government employee retirement income is exempt until well after it was passed.

GOLDEN SCHNOZ AWARD - Vote for One

Keizer "Tax-n-Take" property:

Keizer needs \$24 million to build a fancy shopping mall, so they taxed a nearby property \$6 million (despite that the property is only worth \$300,000) for the cost of improvements that were primarily for the benefit of the mall owners and not the landowner. The landowner now faces foreclosure.

\$2,000 Farm Stand Permit:

Washington County is working on charging farm produce stands a \$2,000 land-use permit to operate on farm land. *(doesn't include building permit)*

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