

**BALLOT SIDE 2**

**Golden Schnoz Award:**

*Best example of government sticking its nose in other people's business*

- Home Sprinkler Mandate:** Medford Fire Department is trying to force many new family homes to put in an entire water sprinkler system at a cost \$6,000 per home.
- Foster parent gun rule:** The Human Services Department tried to void second amendment gun rights for foster parents who had concealed gun permits.
- Politicians Pummel Payday loans:** The Legislature forced payday loan stores to lower their rates which immediately caused 60 stores to close and put several hundred people out of work. Many customers can now go on welfare rather than seek private help.

**Government Innovation Award:**

*Best example of a government cost-savings or successful program*

- Feds inquire on missing Oregon roads:** The Federal Highway Department made headlines when it criticized Metro's transportation plan. The plan ignored people who drive cars which was the primary purpose of the plan.
- Roseburg panhandler law:** Roseburg outlawed panhandler transactions at highway off-ramps to reduce traffic and accidents.
- Prison kickback scheme exposed:** Federal and State authorities worked together to uncover a half-million dollar kick-back scheme being run by the food service administrator of the Oregon Corrections Department.

**Excellence in Journalism Awards:**

*Not a voting category*

**"\$1 billion can't cut class size"**  
**Scott Learn & Steven Carter,**  
 The Oregonian

**"Truth And Consequences"**  
**Nigel Jacquiss,**  
 Willamette Week  
*(Measure 49 ballot title deception)*

**"95% of drivers buckle up, so why the tickets?"**  
**Ryan Knutson,**  
 The Oregonian  
*(\$1.5 million grant for non-problem)*

**"Are those cranes or an inventory glut on the horizon?"**  
**Ellen Lewis**  
 Brainstorm Magazine  
*(Continuing expose on Waterfront Project, for which Brainstorm accurately predicted in 2003 of its fallout.)*



**Oregon Presidential Straw Poll**

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Democratic Primary

- Clinton, Hillary Rodham
- Edwards, John
- Kucinich, Dennis
- Obama, Barack
- Richardson, Bill

Republican Primary

- Giuliani, Rudy
- Huckabee, Mike
- McCain, John
- Paul, Ron
- Romney, Mitt
- Thompson, Fred



**2007 Taxpayer Watchdog Award Legislative Winners**

Oregon lawmakers who are signers of the Taxpayer Protection Pledge



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**★ LIVE BROADCAST ★**  
 on the Victoria Taft Show

**KPAM-860**  
**February 6<sup>th</sup> 5PM - 8PM**



**Taxpayer Awards Ceremony**

**Wednesday Feb 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00pm-8:00pm**

**Portland Airport Shilo Inn**  
 11707 NE Airport Way, Portland

Free admission. A \$20 dinner is optional but encouraged.

**Oregon Executive Club Special Event**

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