

Tillamook County Democratic Party
Short Read of the Week
Article List for 2022-08-25

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Article Title	Article Date	Article Author	Original Link	Our Copy	Word Count	Discussion
Republicans Are America's Problem	2022-08-17	Charles M. Blow	Opinion Republicans Are America's Problem - The New York Times	Republicans Are America's Problem	906	I like the whole article, but these three paragraphs, Wow. "But Trump offered them an alternative, and they took it: Instead of running away from their bigotries, intolerances and oppression, they would run headlong into them. They would unapologetically embrace them. This, to many Republicans, felt good. They no longer needed to hide. They could live their truths, no matter how reprehensible. They could come out of the closet, wrapped in their cruelty. But the only way to make this strategy work and viable, since neither party dominates American life, was to back a strategy of minority rule and to disavow democracy."
Two Candidates for Governor Turn Over Their Tax Returns. Betsy Johnson Declines. Oregon gubernatorial hopefuls have historically disclosed their personal returns.	2022-08-17	Nigel Jaquiss	Two Candidates for Governor Turn Over Their Tax Returns. Betsy Johnson Declines.	Two Candidates for Governor Turn Over Their Tax Returns. Betsy Johnson Declines.	949	Not only is Betsy Johnson not being upfront with the voters on this issue, the article reveals she has led a life very different from her public image. She is a Portland millionaire worth 10's of millions of dollars. Did she not reveal her taxes because it could show that her vast business empire and stock investments might pose a conflict of interest as governor? Kotek and Drazen are upfront about their and their spouse's incomes. The article also shows they have far more modest incomes than Johnson.
These Cuties Could Help Save Oregon's Kelp Forests	2022-08-20	Sarah Trent	These Cuties Could Help Save Oregon's Kelp Forests –	These Cuties Could Help Save Oregon's Kelp Forests	1,075	This article shows the complicated decisions federal and local government agencies have to make. This one will take place in Oregon, in our coastal backyard. Bringing back sea otters will restore balance to vital coastal ecosystems; yet perhaps upend

			Mother Jones			Oregon's massive commercial crabbing industry. These decisions are not easy.
U.S. Political Party Preferences Shifted Greatly During 2021	2022-01-17	Jeffrey M. Jones	U.S. Political Party Preferences Shifted Greatly During 2021	U.S. Political Party Preferences Shifted Greatly During 2021	1652	Was it something we said?
Oregon's next Governor could be a machine-gun toting darling of GOP mega donors	2022-08-22	Tim Dickinson	Oregon's Next Governor Could Be a Machine-Gun Toting Darling of GOP Megadonors – Rolling Stone	Oregon's Next Governor Could Be a Machine-Gun Toting Darling of GOP Megadonors	1965	The author of this article points out that the reality of Johnson's values is far different than her public image. Johnson could easily play the spoiler to defeat Kotek and elect Drazen, a far right Trump supporter. This can only happen if Democrats refuse to listen to believe the truth about Johnson. Maybe this is the plan of the Republican mega donors contributing to Johnson- not to elect Johnson, but use her to defeat Kotek.
The Claws of the Morbidly Rich are Deeply Sunk into American's Body Politic	2022-08-24	Thom Hartmann	The Claws of the Morbidly Rich	The Claws of the Morbidly Rich are Deeply Sunk into American's Body Politic	3160	This is maybe long but I always like Thom Hartmann

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