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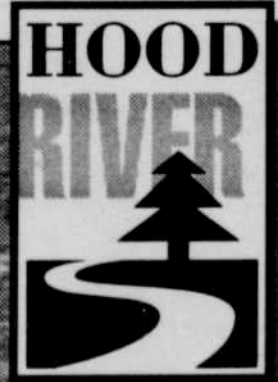


SMYRC settles into a larger facility in Southeast Portland

You laugh BECAUSE I'M DIFFERENT; I LAUGH BECAUSE YOU'RE ALL THE SAME!



STOP GENDER HARASSMENT



Take Me to the River

The secret is out about the Columbia Gorge

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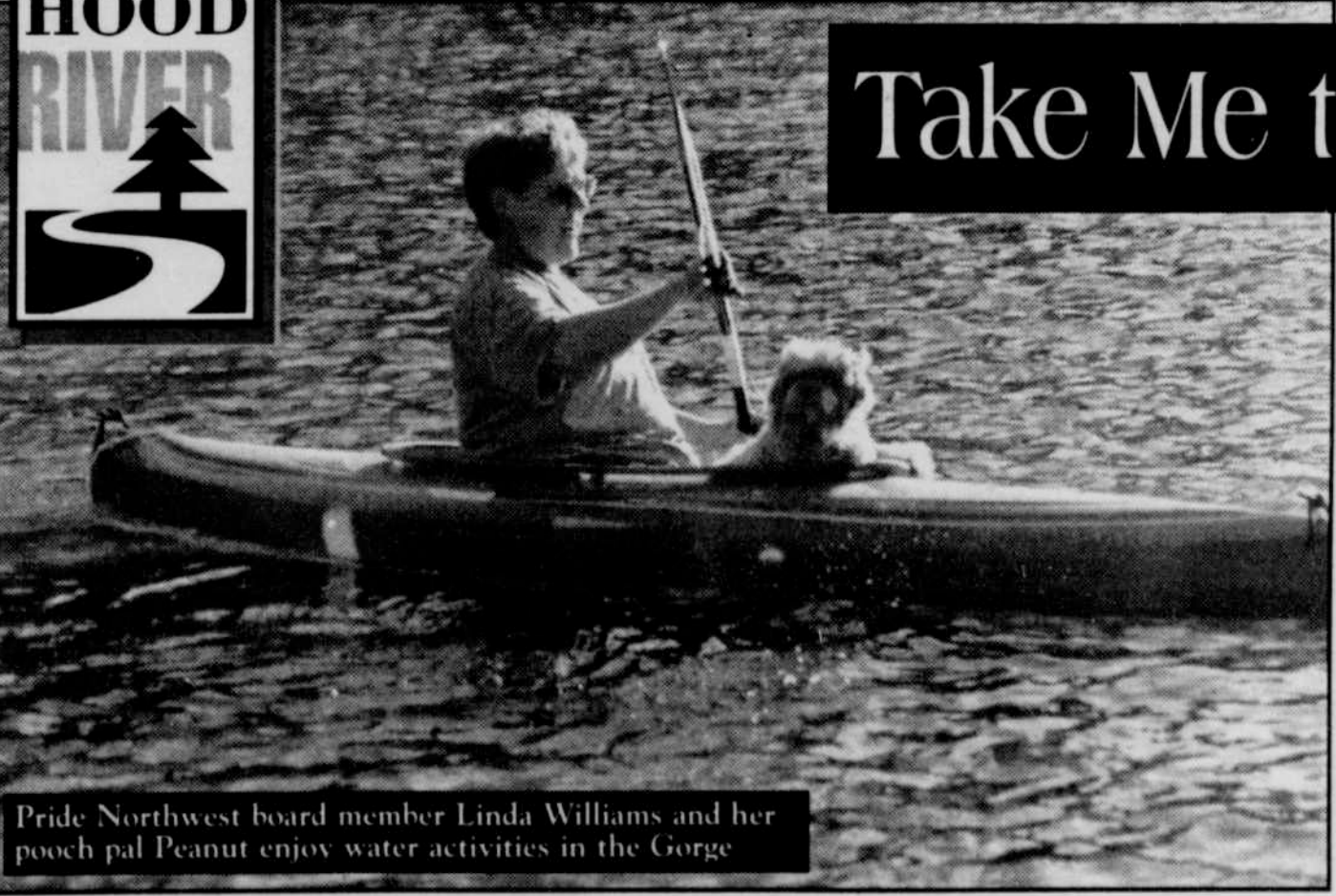
The Columbia River Gorge, with the city of Hood River at its center, is known around the world for its beauty, clean air, apples and, of course, windsurfing. But locals say most Portlanders have no idea what they are missing less than an hour east of town. "It's the best-kept secret in the entire Northwest," one lesbian transplant says.

Life might move slower out in the Gorge, but the region has experienced fast change during the past decade. A sort of renaissance has been taking place

ever since Hood River hit the international windsurfing scene, brought on by newcomers in the region from every corner of the country and many parts of the world.

Not only are athletes making the Hood River area their new home, Hollywood types, artists from New York and high-tech entrepreneurs who telecommute have moved in. Others have brought their trust funds along with their Range Rovers, buying up property and helping housing costs in the area skyrocket.

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Pride Northwest board member Linda Williams and her pooch pal Peanut enjoy water activities in the Gorge

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