



# SLANT

PHOTO: PAUL NEEVEL

• We note with sadness the death on Jan. 20 of **Edwin Coleman, jazz musician, professor of English and outspoken civil rights advocate** in Eugene. He died at age 84 from complications of flu. As a jazz guitarist, Coleman backed up such musicians as Ella Fitzgerald, Vince Guaraldi and Peter, Paul and Mary. As a civil rights advocate he met the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. As a professor at the University of Oregon, he stood for equality and tolerance, bringing his love of African-American literature, folklore and drama to generations of Oregon students. As professor emeritus, he argued against the renaming of the UO's Deady Hall, saying that to erase Deady's checkered history would be to throw out the good with the bad. The memorial begins at 2 pm, Tuesday, Jan. 31, at Willamette Christian Center, 2500 W. 18th Avenue.

• No matter your politics, or for whom you voted, telling **blatant lies is simply unacceptable**. And gaslighting the media, or anyone for that matter, is also unacceptable. Alternative viewpoints are a thing; alternative facts simply are not. Is the media sometimes biased? Yes, here at EW we have a progressive slant. Does the media make mistakes? Sometimes, and we own up to them. But real news sources don't lie. And real presidents shouldn't lie either.

• Here's a theory about David Reaves. He was the **offensive coordinator brought to the Ducks from South Florida** by new football coach Willie Taggart. Reaves lasted less than a week in Eugene before being arrested by the Eugene Police Department early on Sunday morning, Jan. 21, charged with DUII and several other things, and then fired for cause by the UO. The theory: This guy was out celebrating his great good fortune. A job with a football program and lush facilities backed by a benevolent billionaire whose blood runs green and yellow; a salary of \$300,000 a year (the Oregon governor makes \$98,600); a lively little city, albeit somewhat sunless, that loves Duck football and brews great beer. What's not to celebrate? But the next celebration, if there is one for this young new football coach, might include a designated driver.



## Leslie "River" Kennedy

JUNE 15, 1959-NOVEMBER 19, 2016

*A Celebration of Life will be held February 6, 2017 at the WOW Hall in Eugene. Check River Kennedy's Facebook Page for more details.*

Leslie River Kennedy, owner and president of Terra Firma Botanicals and longtime Oregon Country Fair crafter and Saturday Market vendor passed away peacefully at home at age 57 from complications of Multiple Sclerosis.

Raised in The Town of Rye, New York, she left at 17 in search of her "people". She lived on The Farm, an intentional community in Tennessee and studied midwifery. She later moved to Ruch, Oregon, where she acquired Terra Firma Botanicals in the early 1980's. She ran the business out of a small cottage on her land outside of Eugene while

raising her two children with their father Michael Kennedy.

River had an intimate and intuitive relationship to plants, understanding and honoring their essential healing powers. She was passionate about sharing her knowledge and dedication to our Earth Mother, as a medicine maker and teacher. This drive to help and bring harmony to people's lives also motivated her to become a trained mediator at Community Mediation Services.

River was a deep lover of music, a songwriter, a guitarist, and a wild hippy dance freak! Family, blood and chosen (and canine), were very dear to her heart.

She met her husband John at the OCF over 15 years ago and have been together since through thick and thin. John gifted River with his abiding love and support through all.

River fought MS for twenty-two years and refused to let the disease quell her fiery spirit. She worked at her business up until a week before she passed. River and Terra Firma Botanicals were avid supporters and gave generously to many local and environmental causes. Donations may be made in her name to Water Protectors, NCAP, Oregon Wild, McKenzie River Trust and the Cascades Raptor Center.

She is survived by her husband, John Brian Dowd, her two children, Hopi Aaron Kennedy and Shayana Dawn Kennedy, her brother Craig Olsheim and her dogs, Satchel B. Mooch and Pongo Mooch.

Fare thee well River, you are missed and deeply loved.

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## Coming up next at The Shedd

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| 2.22 Bill Mays at the Movies      | 4.15 A Night of Vocal Arts        |
| 3.1 Villalobos Brothers           | 4.20 Vasen                        |
| 3.2 Tommy Casto & The Painkillers | 4.22 Rumbles Rockin' Roundup!     |
| 3.3 Jake Shimabukuro              | 4.22 Alasdair Fraser/Natalie Haas |
| 3.9 Chuck Redd                    | 4.26 Helen Sung                   |
| 3.19 MTTA: Puttin' On The Ritz -  | 4.28-30 Siri Vik: Femme Fatale    |
| The Songs of Irving Berlin        | 5.3 Marc Cohn: 25th Anniv.        |
| 3.21 The Shedd Choral Society     | 5.4-7 Eynne Hollens Contem-       |
| 3.22 Dervish                      | porary Songbook Project           |
| 3.23 Keola Beamer & Jeff Peterson | 5.5 The Bill Charlap Trio         |
| 3.24 Davina & The Vagabonds       | 5.10 Chico Schwall: Song Craft    |
| 3.30 Ana Popovic                  | 5.11 The Hanneke Cassel Band      |
| 4.6 Carl Woideck: Miles Davis     | 5.12 The Frank Vignola Trio       |