



Photos by Stephen Datnoff

## EAGLE EYES

"It's that time of the Year again," writes Hood River photographer and raptor observer Stephen Datnoff. "December through March 1, when in the past some 165 eagles winter-over in The Gorge. Don't know how many resident pairs there are, nor how many will be around this season, but I saw about 15 over in Home Valley near the mouth of the tributary; also a half of dozen on the White Salmon. They move around and congregate near the Balfour area in the Lyle Area."

## Heritage Commission meets in Cascade Locks Jan. 12-13

On Jan. 12-13, the Oregon Heritage Commission will gather in Cascade Locks, starting Jan. 12 at 1:15 p.m. to tour heritage sites in the area.

On Jan. 13, a public business meeting will begin at 9 a.m. at the Best Western Columbia River conference room at 735 WaNaPa St.

The agenda includes Oregon Heritage Tradition review, presentations by the State Library of Oregon and the Clackamas County Heritage Council, a discussion about Oregon Heritage Grant rulemaking history and reports by commissioners.

The Heritage Commission

is comprised of nine people representing Oregon's heritage and geographical diversity who have been appointed by the Governor. There are nine advisory representatives from state agencies and statewide organizations.

The mission of the Oregon Heritage Commission is to secure, sustain and enhance Oregon's heritage by ensuring coordination of heritage initiatives by public and private organizations; advocacy on its behalf; education of the public about its extent and value; and promotion and celebration of its diversity.

For more information,

contact coordinator Beth Dehn at 503-986-0696 or Beth.Dehn@oregon.gov.

Commission meetings are open to the public and their agendas include opportunities for public comment.

The meeting site is accessible to people with disabilities. Special accommodations for the meeting — including translation services — may be made by calling 503-986-0690 at least 72 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

For more information about the commissions, visit [www.oregonheritage.org](http://www.oregonheritage.org).

## Six Rivers Dispute Resolution Center training adds 12 new mediators

Six Rivers Dispute Resolution Center (DRC), a community non-profit specializing in interpersonal mediations, facilitations, and communication workshops, trained and certified 12 new mediators in 2019. Participants leave the 40-hour Basic Mediation Training prepared to address conflicts in their professional lives as lawyers, teachers, managers, counselors, government employees and more, according to a press release.

Six Rivers DRC has offered the foundational mediation training course since 2006. Said Executive Director Marti Dane, "Conflict intervention is complex, fraught with con-

sequence and ultimately one of the most salient needs in our society." Trainers are Dane and Training Director Nicolina Mehrling.

CENTRL Office, the Port of Hood River, Hood River Fire Hall, Riverside Church, and Windermere Real Estate provided the spaces to hold these trainings. Over a dozen community members volunteered to act as disputants in role plays so trainees could hone their skills. "The team at Six Rivers appreciates everyone who contributed time and effort to make this training possible," Dane said.

Six Rivers is dedicated to spreading these skills throughout the Gorge and is very proud

of the 12 new mediators who are now equipped to resolve conflicts, said a press release.

Mehrling said, "Mediation involves versatile skills and we are excited to see where they take what they learned."

**About Six Rivers Dispute Resolution Center:** Established in 2003, Six Rivers DRC is a non-profit 501c3 organization that provides low-cost conflict resolution and education services, said a press release. Six Rivers DRC mediators and facilitators are highly-trained volunteers dedicated to helping people work together to resolve family, business, government, housing, and neighborhood disputes.

## NED: Time to start truthifying, Mr. Jones ... and a tr3nd that must end

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A few years after that, Kinky Friedman wrote in "Sold American":

*"Writing down your memoirs on some window in the frost/  
Roulette eyes reflecting another morning lost..."*

Just heard the song for the first time, and I ask, "How is it other songwriters listen to lines like that and don't simply give up?"

Considering the Kinks' take on things, it's a good place to look way back to 2004, and the creation of Facebook, when the new online company's "handful of imperatives" included "Find exactly the right profile picture. Change it regularly. Consider carefully how you describe your interests."

And then there is academic Shoshana Zuboff, who wrote, "Social media marks a new era in the intensity, density and pervasiveness of social comparison processes especially for the youngest among us, who are 'almost constantly online' at a time of life when one's own identity, voice and moral agency are a work in progress."

She calls it a "psychological tsunami."

All of which raises a few questions, given the famous lines from that album's "Ballad of the Thin Man":

*"Because something is happening here  
But you don't know what it is  
Do you, Mister Jones?"*

By the way, what's with all these Jones?

Was Mr. Jones of Dylan's song married to lady in Marvin Gaye's classic, "Me and Mrs. Jones"?

Is that the same Mr. Jones Counting Crows talked about ("Pass me the bottle, Mr. Jones") and Talking Heads wrote about? ("Mr. Jones is calling.")

"Basketball Jones" is here to stay, of course.

Were any of these songs ever covered by the band Jesus Jones — or The Smiths?

End this TR3ND! The Tool song "7empest" ... D2REK J2TER hats and shirts reading "RE2PECT" ... a rapper named "6ix9ine"

Enough with numbers replacing letters! (How do you even pronounce "7empest"?)

Why don't we say "truthhood" as opposed to "falseness"? Why "falsify" but never "truthify"?

Time to start truthifying.

We have too many states. Let's merge some: Hawaiiola, Floridaho, and OklahoMaryland would do nicely.

In the 1960s, there used to be a product called "potato fudge." That's all I know about the topic.

I also learned in 2019 that America is a place where advertisers imagine hordes of truck owners climbing to the top of a hill carrying their tailgates.

And numerous ones show people driving vehicles in way-unsafe manners, but it's okay because they just flash the brief and tiny "Do Not Attempt" disclaimer.

Hacking ... hacking ... hacking. Hacking means too many things now! Makes me want to hack something alright ...

And what about the poor,

overworked symbol #? (No, %&!@, I am not swearing...)

The # sign: It means hashtag, pound, AND number.

You didn't know that # is formally called the octothorpe, did you? #%:\* No!

"I Don't Care If There's Cursing" — best song title of the year. The band Phosphorescence.

Are there such things as hash-tag hackers?

Church attendance is way down, though: People are pew and far between.

Except in Zimbabwe, where one church burned its pews to help keep tsunami victims warm.

The salad dressing biz is cutthroat: "Vinegar, vidi, vici."

Best names I heard all year: Lorenzo Nevermind (from "Garfield"); Butsay Underscore (a Scottish fellow's Twitter handle); Oholiab Nomad (I made it up) and ... these are real:

Jamaree Bouyea, a college basketball player; Zigaboo Modeliste, a drummer.

Early this year, I read a couple books by the brilliant and quotable Chuck Klosterman, who came up with the phrase "casino of his imagination."

He also described a character who "charged out the door like a black rhino with a bad haircut."

And this: "The room smelled like gin and tonic and violence, which transmutes to evergreen trees and ozone and uric acid."

No way I can top that.

Election year in 2020: Consider that "polling" means both unofficial gauging of opinion and final voting results.

That is confusing and weird, and part of what is wrong with our "democratic" system, in a nutshell.

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- Fair Board - 1 At-Large position
- Local Public Safety Coor. Council - 1 At-Large position
- Forest Recreation Trails Committee -1 Motorcycle representative
- 1 Citizen representative
- Forest Advisory Committee - 1 Citizen representative
- 1 Forest Industry representative
- Planning Commission -Commissioner District 2 rep.
- Commissioner District 3 rep.

Applications and additional information about the committees are available at the Administration Office, County Business Administration Building, 601 State Street, Hood River; phone 541-386-3970, and the County website. Application deadline is January 14, 2020 at 3:00pm. Interviews will be conducted January 21, 2020, time TBD.

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