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There has been no further contact from the “Husbands for Justice” and the whereabouts and well being of the bird-napped Crow is still unknown. A special CCSI Unit (Crow Crime Scene Investigators) have been going over the scene of the crime and examining the evidence, leaving no hair, print or rock untested. Expert Profiler, Linda Cunningham is working on the profile of the bird-nappers, using the clues and evidence already collected, in an attempt to narrow the long list of suspects.

After last weeks column, that “reported just the facts”, and listed Chatterton, Bryant and Meckel as person’s of interest, Roger Chatterton made this comment: *“ I am a victim of a vast left-wing conspiracy to create a wholly circumstantial case making it appear that I am the ringleader of this shadowy band of freedom fighters. I strongly suspect that the individuals behind this conspiracy to frame me are Jane Fonda and Hillary Clinton.”*

Chatterton has gathered a group of highly qualified men together to form a task force. Chatterton said the task force is to *“concentrate our considerable investigative skills, our objectivity, and our integrity in the single-minded pursuit of resolution of this heinous crime which is tearing at the very fabric of our community and our domestic tranquility”*. This reporter finds it very interesting that 6 of the 8 man task force have been recipients of the “Eat Crow Award”.

Chatterton claims a large support group behind him that believe him to be innocent of the bird-napping of Crow, and if he is guilty, he is their hero being responsible of the removal of Crow, mistakenly thinking this would take away the threat that they could be the next recipient of ‘the Eat Crow’ award. A husband earns this award by putting his foot in his mouth by saying something disrespectful or reprehensible to or about his wife.

The wives, while distraught and fearful for Crow, have no intention of retiring the Eat Crow Award. Should the worst fears come true, and poor Crow is never returned to us, the wives say, “a bigger better Crow will appear”. And the Husbands for Justice have one week left to return the bird-napped crow.

As soon as Crow is rescued, or replaced, he will be awarded to a first time recipient Clayton McCracken, who mistakenly thought he was safe because Crow was gone. Last Wednesday, May 18, Clayton’s wife, Bernice was driving to a Red Hat function during pouring down rain down 299 in their prized black Mercedes Benz,. Thankfully, Bernice was going slow as she rounded a curve and hit a wet air pocket that sent her car into an out of control spin. She had two choices, the bank or the cliff. Worst possible scenario would be a logging truck coming around the bend in either direction. She managed to control the “Benz” placing the passenger side of the car against the bank – going the wrong direction. In the process, the front lights and bumper were broken and dislodged, and damage was done to the tail end of the car, bending the frame.

Within a few minutes after the mishap, two more cars with and full of Red Hatter’s from the Robin Renton Chapter of Red Hats, in their full red hat regalia, including 3 EMT’s from Coffee Creek and Trinity Center Fire Departments, pulled in beside Bernice. Linda Cunningham rushed to take Bernice’s vitals, and the rest of the Red Hat ladies in purple clothes and red hats, got busy directing traffic.

They had things pretty well under control when a truck load of CDE workers in their orange jumpsuits came to their rescue and took over directing traffic, while every so often sneaking

peeks and the colorful group of merry makers wondering if they were tough or just plain nuts for being out in the pouring down rain ... and still laughing.

Bernice was not injured, but the insurance company opted to total the car and wrote the McCracken's a check to replace it. Remember the "Eat Crow Award"? Here it comes. When Clayton was asked if he was going to replace the Benz for Bernice, he said, "I'm going to buy her a bicycle, she needs the exercise".

The children at the Coffee Creek Church will be having a car wash June 11, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Coffee Creek School. There will also be a bake sale, hot dogs, and cold drinks. The cost of the car wash is \$5.00 for outside wash, and \$8.00 for inside and outside. The proceeds will go to help pay for camper-ships for Kidder Creek Camp. Donations over and above the cost of the car wash will be gratefully accepted.

Another successful Fish Derby sponsored by the Trinity Lake Lions. The first limit was filled in 20 minutes. All 12 limits for the day soon followed. I will fill you in on the names of the winners of the many prizes next week.

The TCVFD Auxiliary Fish Fry was a resounding success. Approximately 140 people enjoyed fresh fish fried by Joe Councilman, along with his wife, Debbie. Decorations, once again, was the creation of very talented Anita Pickard. The Auxiliary wishes to thank Anita, who not only decorated the I00F Hall for the Fish Fry, but also spent the morning working at the Fish Derby. That old saying comes to mind. "If you need something done, find a busy woman. A big Thank-you goes to the Yellow Jacket for donating ice and Norm Zeppa for his wonderful dinner music.