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SOUTH SOUND

Project expected to affect traffic

Project expected to affect traffic in the coming week, according to the Washington State Department of Transportation and Thurston Coun-ty Public Works: Lacey: Curb, gutter and sidewalk removal will close the shoulder in hoth directions of Martin Way at 1-5 24 hours a day. Pedetarian access on west-bound Martin way is restricted.

LEWIS COUNTY

State Patrol finishes investigation of sheriff

State Patrol finishes investigation of sherifff The Washington State Patrol has completed its investigation into alleged missonduct by Lewis County Sheriff Steve Mansfield in July, according to the Chronicle of Centralia Mansfield dire has a state of the state of Mansfield after he alleged by harborder a minor, the mother of his sor's baby, in his home. The report won't be publicly available until the office has made its decision on charges, and more investigation might be needed. State Patrol spokes-man Bob Calification the Chronicle on Pfadya The information that Mansfield direct on the other that Mansfield direct and the origin of the Mansfield mission with the and his office her. Mansfield maintains that he and his office her.

report. Mansfield maintains that he and his office be-

Mansfield mantains una reason and haved appropriately. He also stated in August that he will start an administrative investigation following the scrutiny against him, to find out "what has happened and ensure that this doesn't happen again."

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OLYMPIA Tish and Wildlife Commission has vacancy the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission sees applicants to fill a vacancy on its advisory committee dorpeople with disabilities. The seven-member committee advises the com-mission on sissue of concern for hunters and fishers with disabilities, including special hunts, modified porting equipment, access to public land and rec-contained opportunities. Committee members are appointed by the com-mission, which sets policy for the Washington De-partment of Fish and Wildlife. Members server four-year terms and are required distilty and live in Washington. The opening is for an cl-arge position that represents the entire state. Members server four-year terms and are required disc a year Members arent piad but are rein-ling and the server four-year terms and are regulared for an application forms more information, For an application forms more information, but y'.vdrdwa year(commission/fwc_disability adv.com.pdf. Mender Server Mender arentment of Fish and Mender Mender and the submitted by Nv. 12 to San et the Washington Deartment of Fish and

Applications must be submitted by Nov. 12 to Kane at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, 600 Capitol Way N., Olympia, WA 98501-1091.

OLYMPIA

Hear the history of the Governor's Mansion A "Voices of the Mansion" lecture presented by Shelley Carr, president of the Governor's Mansion Foundation, issel for non today at the State Cap-tial Museum, 211 21st Ave. S.W., Olympia. Carrwill Giscuss the 100-year history of the man-sion in a talk illustrated with historical photo-graphs. The event is part of the "Discovering Northwest Heritage" lecture series offered by the Washington State Historical Society and State Capital Museum. The suggested donation is \$2 per lecture. The Olympian, news services

DEATHS

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Lessman, Ara "Chris" C., 47, Olympia, died Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009, at home. Mills & Mills Funeral Home, Oct. 10, 2009, at notine: numes Immwater; 360-357-743. Marvin, Georgene Jo, 83, Olympia, died Saturday. Oct. 10, 2009, at home. Funeral Alternatives of Washington, Turnwater; 360-753-7665. Soderback, Patricia "Tricia," 43, Lacey, died Saturday, Oct. 10, 2009, at Providence St. Peter Hospital, Funeral Alternatives of Washington,

Hospital. Funeral Alternat Turnwater, 360-753-1065. CORRECTIONS

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Police crack down on prostitutes

TACOMA: Federal grant helps law enforcement launch effort against persistent problem

BY STACEY MULICK

BY STACEY MULICK The News Thome TacOMA – Police in Tacoma have launched another crackdown on prostitution in the South End and other parts of the city. Commanders hope the effort has a long-term effect. "We have a serious prostitution problem and we are working on it," Assistant Chief Bob Sheehan said. "Our goal this time is to do some sus-atianability". Complaints from residents and citywide efforts fo fight crime prompt-ed police commanders to begin spe-cial missions, targeting working wom-en and their customers, and to look at

other ways to curb the problem. The missions, which use officers working their regular patrol shifts and others on overtime, began Sept. 21 and will continue indefinitely. Com-manders are using 550,0000 from a federal grant to pay for the overtime. So far, officers have run five mis-sions, arresting 28 teenage girls and women on prostitution-related charg-es. Stings aimed at customers are Janned but haven't yet been launched.

The enforcement activity - involv-

The enforcement activity – involv-ing about 20 department employee - is part of a broader plan to address prostitution in the city. Commanders are banking on the beefed-up patrols,

help from community members and new ideas from a coalition of city workers to stamp out the activity. Prostitution has been a long-stand-ing problem in parts of Tacoma, par-ticularly sections of Tacoma. Portland and Puyallup avenues, South Tacoma Way and Pacific Avenue in the south-ern end of the city. Over the years, the problem has ebbed and flowed. Police creakdowns quell the activity for a time, but it eventually returns. Two years ago, the Police Depart-ment used \$100,000 in federal grant money to pay for overtime patrols on highly traveled Pacific Avenue. Offi-cers arrested dozens of women and made even more contacts.

made even more contacts. The problem dried up for a time but has returned. Community members and business owners have reported

conspicuous prostitution activity on their streets. They say they've seen drug activity, found discarded needles and condoms and other track. "It has been (blatant), especially at night," said Gloria Ripola, owner of Gloria's Bar & Grill at 8201 Pacific Ave. "During the day, it's not as visible as it used to be." Police say many of the prostitutes

Ave. "During the day, it's not as visible sit used to be." Police say many of the prostitutes working in Tacoma are coming from other cities to earn money. Some are teenagers. Some operate alone. Many others work for pimps. While police make arrests, others are trying to send a message to those engaged in the activity. A group of city employees has been working to limit prostitution as part of Tacoma's Safe and Clean initiative.

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A day for pumpkin patch kids

NISQUALLY: A trip to Schilter Family Farm is an October tradition

BY VENICE BUHAIN

NISQUALLY – Allie Godwin, 8, of Shelton, has an idea of what she's

Shelton, has an idea of what she's looking for in a pumptin. "I sort of like the odd-shaped ones. They're unique? she said as she spent the day at Schilter Family Fam in Nisqually with her two sis-ters, parents and grandparents."] don't know what I'm going to pick before Igo? The trip to the Schilter Family Fam has become a Hallowen fam-tur Aution arine. Allie was 2. said

rammas become a Halloween fam-ily tradition since Allie was 2, said her mom, Shala. The family saves pumpkins until Halloween week, when it's time to carve faces into the squashee

"Our one rule is they have to have a pumpkin that they can lift," Shala Godwin said. "My husband and I, we just look for the biggest ones we

Godwin said. "My husband and 1, we just look for the biggest ones we can buy." The Godwins were among hundreds of people at the Schilter farm taking advantage of the sumny fall Sunday to find a pumpkin, shoot unough a com maze. Jeff Schilter Family Fam said the farm has about 10 to 12 different varieties, which gives people a choice in pumpkin color, shape and size, including a number of pale, warty pumpkins. "They also made sure to have a sumple for some that subcut to the sufficient fung in the said the farm has about 10 to some one that's the effect pumpkin ("he said." They are to have a number of soccer ball sized pumpkins available for those whose budjets might not allow for the biggest pumpkin, he said. But there are some visitors who set that 130 -pound pumpkin, he said. "Guya. And kids," he said. "Guya. And kids," he said. "

said. "Guys. And kids," he said. "But I don't like moving the big ones, so I don't grow too many of them."

Venice Buhain: 360-754-5445

LOOKING FOR THAT PERFECT GOURD?

There's still time to head to a local farm to get a pumpkin for Halloween. Here's a listing of Thurston County pumpkin patches:

HUNTER'S PUMPKIN PATCH

7401 Yelm Highway S.E., Olympia Hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Phone: 360-456-0466 www.hunterchristmastrees.com

LATTIN'S COUNTRY CIDER MILL AND FARM

9402 Rich Rd. S.E., Olympia Hours: Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Phone: 360-491-7328

PIGMAN'S ORGANIC PRODUCE PATCH 10633 Steilacoom Road S.E., Oly Hours: Monday-Saturday, 10 ar 6 p.m., Sunday, 1 to 6 p.m. Phone: 360-491-3276

www.lattinscider.com

SCHILTER FAMILY FARM 141 Nisqually Cutoff Road S.E. Olympia Hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Phone: 360-459-4023

w.schilterfamilyfarm.com

Riding in a tractor-pulled train with family friend friend Stephanie Balamiz, Abbie Lei, 2, 15 Abbie Lei, 2, gets excited as the group sets out on a quick tour around the Schilter Family Farm on Sunday.

Suspect in string of bank thefts caught

CRIME: Fingerprint led to arrest of 'River Rat Bandit, officials say

ociated Press

The Associated ress **PUYALLUP** – Police have arrested a man they believe to be the "River Rat Bandit," sought in a string of at least 18 robberies in Washington and Oregon. Puyallup police said Sunday that a Pierce County sheriff's SWAT team apprehended the man without inci-dent in a vehicle as he was leaving a

house near Bonney Lake, east of Ta-coma, at about 9:15 p.m. Friday. The 32-year-old man was arrested on war-rants alleging three counts of robbery and one count of attempted robbery, and was being held in Pierce County Iail. Jail. Police Deputy Chief Bryan Jeter said a man believed to be an accom-plice also was arrested Saturday in Portland.

Portland. The names of the two men have not been released because they have not been formally charged, Jeter said. The River Rat Bandit – so named because he was sought in holdups of

banks and cash-advance stores on both sides of the Columbia River – is believed to be responsible for at least 18 armed robberis from late [Jdy un-til early October. In all, police said, the holdups are thought to have net-ted close to \$100,000. Friday morning, police in the Se-attle suburb of Kent notified Puyallup detectives that they had identified a fingerprint from a robbery committed by the bandit in that city, Jeter said. That led to the address of the resi-dence in unincorporated Pierce dence in unincorporated Pierce County, just outside of Bonney Lake, he said.

The house was placed under sur-veillance, and officers positively iden-tified the suspect, arresting him after he left the home. The man confessed to some of the holdups attributed to the bandit and also was matched to surveillance pho-tos taken during some robberies, Jeter said.

Startlay an interview, the man im-plicated a possible suspect, Jeter said. Saturday afternoon, a Vancouver, Wash., police officer saw a man matching that description and fol-



IN BRIEF

STEVENS PASS Body of missing hiker found in North Cascades

Found in North Cascades The body of a Seattle hiker has been found in a remote part of the Glacier Peak Wil-demess about 10 miles north-eners about 10 miles north-eners and two search-ers on loos spotted the body of 42-year-old T.J. Langley on Saturday afternoon near Luahna Peak at an elevation of about 8,600 feer. Ohen soll the pears that Langley slipped and fell about 300 of eet. The search for Langley be-gan when family reported him missing after he failed to return Tuesday from a two-day solo hike.

hike. Langley, a Seattle actor, was an experienced backcountry hiker. Ten years ago he sur-vived a grizzly bear attack in Yellowstone National Park. **The Associated Press**

PUYALLUP

Advocates for homeless propose tent city

The Puyallup City Council will hold a public hearing on Oct. 20 to consider a proposed homeless camp in the commu-nity.

ty. Homeless advocates say the Homeless advacates say the city doasn't have enough tem-porary housing for everyone, despite help from churches. The tent city proposal would put a cap of 40 residents and a time limit of 90 days within a one-year period. The city cur-rently has a strictly enforced "no camping" policy. "We had considerable num-bers of homeless people who came to the City Council and spoke about the harsh reality of what they esperience every daw without any nalesc to nite

spoke about the harsh reality of what they experience every day without any place to pitch a tent, without any place to pitch a tent, without any place to co-founder of the Payallop Homeless Coalition. Churches open their doors and welcome the homeless during the falland winter when temperatures drop below 40 degrees, Brackman said. It's not enough, he and others be-lieve.

degrees, bricksmah suid. It's not enough, hean do thers be-lieve. "We have families with chil-dren that are hiding out at the Puyallup River and in the woods? he said. "That is inhu-mare and transtationg, and it simply has to stop?" City officials studied the is-sue and drafted a proposed ordinance similar to one used in Olympia, home of Camp Parcon.

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Tacoma has worked to keep Tacoma has worked to keep people from living on hillsides, in guilies and under the free-way, and has a goal of provid-ing housing and other help for all homeless people. **The News Tribune**

YAKIMA Man killed, 16-year-old wounded in shootings

wanded in shooting: Waalkina police said one man was killed and a 16-year-old by wounded in an apparent gang shooting. Police said the 20-year-old Yakima man suffered a single gunshot wound to his upper body early Saturday and died after being taken to a hospital. Officers said the boy was wounded in the legs, but the wounds are not considered life-threatening. Police did not-immediately relases names. They said the shootings were being investi-gated as gang-related. The Associated Press

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The team, working with police officers in the South End and South Side of Tacoma, created an anti-prostitution sign that com-munity members and business owners can display. "(Citizens) can put their own message out that they are not go-ing to stand for this," police com-

lowed his vehicle across the Co-lumbia to Portland, where he was taken into custody by the officer and backup police from Portland. The 35-year-old Portland man,

The slide, which grew during the day Sunday, diverted the Naches River, sending water over Nile Road that damaged several

Dam breaching lets Rogue River run wild

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LONG BATTLE: Irrigation pumps still will allow fish to pass

BY JEFF BARNARD The Associated Press

ROGUE RIVER ORE - The wild and scenic Rogue River, Ok. – I ne wild and scenic Rogue River has become even wilder with the demolition of a dam that had hindered pas-sage of salmon and steelhead to their spawning grounds for 88

Their spawing grounds to the years. A foulia of some 80 people in rafts, driftboats and kayaks cele-brated the breaching of the swage Rapids Dam on Staurday by float-ing through the remains of their Oregon. Among them was Jim Martin, rowing his own driftboat. His first job as a young fisheries biologist for the Oregon Depart-ment of Fish and Wildlife was monitoring how many salmon and steelhead were killed each year by the irrigation dam. "Forty-one-years ago 1500 don that dam as a young biologist fresh and thinking how this dam due to school watching the fish die, and thinking how this dam director of Pure Fishing. "People said, Jim, be realistic, it will never happen? And it's happening!" Since the dam was completed in 1921, the logging and mining that once sustained Southern Or-gon have faded. Farms that the Grants Pass Irrigation District that the there stringgle/with an estimated 58.000 adult salmon and steelhead have strongted homes that due that or the strings that do the stringsley, with an estimated 58.000 adult salmon and steelhead hab corked from spawning grounds each year. The battles to restore the water-way started in 1988, when the conservation group WaterWatch, which organized the celebration,

Dear EarthTalk: As I understand it, hair salons are pretty toxic en-terprises on many counts. Are there any efforts under way to green up that industry? Paula Howe, San Francisco, Calif.

Hair salons have long beer riticized for the pollution they

criticized for the pollution they generate. Traditional hair dyes and many shampoos contain harmful syn-thetic chemicals that are routinely used on customers' scalps-and then washed down the drain where they can accumulate in wa-terways, solis and even our blood-streams. While them doesn't amora to

urways, sons and even ourblood-streams. While there doesn't appear to be an industry-wide, coordinated effort to green up these open-tions, green-friendly salons are popping up all across the country, leading the charge by taking mat-ters into their own hands. A sim-ple Google search for "green hair salons" followed by your two-let-ter state abbreviation may well turn up one or several within driv-ing distance.

Not surprisingly, Southern California seems to be ground zero for the green hair salon movement. For example, Beverly Hills' Shades Hair Studio prides itself on its chemical-free atmosphere

sphere. Spurred on by her own health problems related to working with

unity liaison officer Dan Hens y said. "It really gives them es them a

driving down the road and they have these pirls half dressed valk-ing down the road," Ripola said. The city's Safe and Clean team also is looking at how other cities combat prostitution and how Ta-coma can implement a new state law that allows officers to im-pound the vehicles of customers arrested on suspicion of soliciting prostitutes. ley said. "It really gives them a voice." The signs, which Safe Streets paid for, were unveiled at last month's March Against Crime in the South End. Twenty residents have displayed the sign so far. Four businesses, including Glo-ria's Bar & Grill, covered the costs of larger, 4-by-4-foot versions to post on their properties. "It's not good when families are

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was arrested on a warrant alleging five counts of robbery and was be-ing held in Multnomah County Jail.

Jail. Jeter said the man is thought to be the driver in at least five of the robberies. Both he and the man arrested in Pierce County were expected to go before judges to-

homes. Washington State Patrol Sgt. Tom Foster said the slide appeared to be a result of earth shifting be-neath the hillside. Foster said the owner of the house hit by the slide had noticed his driveway heaving Saturday

day, he said. Jeter said he did not anticipate further arrests. "Right now, we think we've got our two people," he said. "Obvi-ously, we're going to keep inter-viewing them." Puvallup police was the lead

Puyallup police was the lead agency in the arrest. Other agen-

afternoon. The owner moved into a trailer as a precaution before the slide occurred. Foster said. The river worked its way around the blockage through pri-vate property, damaging several homes, then back into the river channel, said Robert Cunning-

gaged in the illegal activity. Ripola said she's optimistic this latest city and police effort against prostitution will stick. "I really think we will discour-age them from being in this area," she said. "If we all stick together and keep fighting then we really will clean up this area."

hat they could easily datastom Contacts: Shades; Nori's Eco-Salon; Descends alson; EcoColors; Aveda; Innersense. Send your environmental ques-tions to: Earth Talk, P.O. Box 5098, Westport, Conn., 06881 or earthtalk@emagazine.com. Read past columns at www.emagazine. com/earthtalk/archives.php.

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cies participating include the FBI, sheriff's offices in Pierce and Clark County, and police departments for the cities of Auburn, Bonney Lake, Kent, Portland, Vancouver and the Puyallup Indian tribe.

ham, a Bureau of Reclamation foreman who surveyed the area Sunday. "The water is not backing up. It has rediverted over the Nile River Road and is taking its own course around the slide," he told the newspaper.

steadily dwindled... "I have been rafting the Rogue for 35 years," Funk said. "Taking the dam down to have a free-flow-ing river is exhilarating." Another old diversion dam, Gold Ray near the city of Gold Hill, is likely to join Savage Rapids

ENVIRONMENTAL BRIEFS Green Business workshop to be held on Oct. 21

The next Thurston Green Business workshop is set for 7:30-9am, Oct 21, at the Puget Sound Energy office, 2711 Pa-cific Ave. S.E., Olympia. The benefits of buying and selling sustainable products will be discussed by representatives from Thurston County, Provi-dence Health & Services and The Artisans Group. To register for the workshop, go to www.thurstonchamber. To register for the workshop, go to aww.thurstonchamber. The next Thurston Green

Native plants workshop offered free in Shelton

A free workshop to learn about landscaping with native plants is set for 6-8:30 p.m., Thursday, in the Mason Conser-vation District conference room, 450 W. Business Park Road,

Shelton. Topics covered include how to improve wildlife habitat,

to improve wildlife habitat, proper pruning to maintain trees and South Sound sources of na-tive plants. For more information or res-ervations, contact Stephanie Bishop at 560-427-9436, ext. 13, or stephanie@masoned.org.

You can help with salmon habitat restoration project

The Nisqually Stream Stew-ards seek volunteers for a salmon habitat restoration project on Tanwax Creek off state Highway 702, 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

HOLIDAY CLOSURES The Columbus Day holiday today means changes in some schedules and services. ■ Post offices will be closed and no mail will be delivered. ■ Most banks and credit unions will be closed. Call your bank branch for information. ■ Federal offices will be closed.

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The Thurston County
 Waste and Recovery Center will be open. For more information, call 360-786-5494 or www. co.thurston.wa.us/wwm.

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THY BULLARD Two channels of the Rogue River in southwest Oregon meet Friday after two berms w from the north side, on left, allowing free flow for first time in 88 years. shed Enhancement Board pledged \$3 million, and a year later Con-gress started approving funding that would eventually cover the rest of the \$39 million cost. "One reason this project took so long is people had to adjust their notions of what progress was," said John DeVoe of Port-land, executive director of Water-Watch. "There was a lot of opposi-tion to removing the dam because it was viewed as a symbol of prog-ress." ed Enhancement Board pleds Rogue Fly Fishers and the Ameri-can Fisheries Society filed a protest to stop the irrigation dist from drawing more water fr

the Rogue. **PURPS TAKE OVER JOB** The U.S. Bureau of Reclama-tion took a look and decided the cheapest and best solution to pro-vide water efficiently without daming fish was to remove the dam and replace it with pumps. The irrigation district initially went along, but later flip-flopped and fought to save the dam. Law-suits were filed. Battles flared in the state Capitol. The Rogue's coho salmon were declared a hreatened species, and more law-suits were filed. By 2001, after losing every law-suit and spending more than S1 million on legal fees, the dis-trict agreed to remove the dam. The next year the Oregon Water-

Where are eco-friendly hair salons?

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FATAL ACCIDENT

FATALACCIDENT The good ice/lngs were marred by the death of a man running a jetobat through the remains of the dam on Friday. He hit a rock downstream and lipped. Three others in the boat survived. The Rogue, one of the original rivers to get federal wild and soc-ic protection in 1968, has given up its steelhead to such names as

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roundings for an overall healthy experience. Then there's the granddaddy of them all, Aveda, which in addition to operating some 200 of its own spas, supplies natural hair care and personal care products to 7000 professional hair salons and spas in 29 countries. Another way to get a greener hair treatment is to search on the websites of green hair care prod-uct makers such as EcoColors, Aveda, Modern Organic Products or Innersense for salons that use their products. Of course, Home gone green, take in upon yourself to encourage them to make the transition. You can start by showing them this trice and suggesting they begin to cary some all-natural products, Modern Organic Products or In-resense to see what's out there that they could easily transition to. Contacts: Shades; Nori's Eco-

Western writer Zane Grey and movie star Ginger Rogers. This section is miles above the wild section of the Rogue, where peo-ple come from around the world to float the whitewater, camp and fish. Here the irver is hemmed in on all sides by houses - some with docks no longer reaching the wa-ter - Interstate 5 and U.S. High-way 07. way 97. That didn't stop Roger Funk, a

carpenter from Talent, from Join-ing the celebration. He recalled sitting on the banks of the river as a child and watching for hours as the salmon moved upstream. But over the years, the numbers of fish steadily dwindled.

soon. The NOAA has offered fed-eral stimulus money to help with the cost. Another small diversion dam at Gold Hill has already come out. And a half-built dam on a major tributary, Elk Creek, has been potches.

"This is the greatest number of significant dam removals in the country," said WaterWatch spokesman Jim McCarthy.

TROUBLE FOR FISH

TROUBLE FOR FISH It wan't always so. Martin recalls seeing adult spring chinook salmon throwing themselves against the dam be-cause they couldn't find the poot-dusigned fish ladders, and those that did jumping out of the laddes and dying on the rocks. The more insidious harm from Swarge Rapids and other dams on the river in reservoirs, allowing the size to raise average tempera-tures 1 degree, to the point that fish die from warm water many years.

tures I degree, to the point that ifsh die from warm water many years. "Those things aren't a big deal when the river is plenty cold," Martin said. "But when the river is starting to get marginally too warm as it is with more develop-ment and climate change, those things can be crucial." Construction crews built a cof-fer dam and started jackhammer-ing half of the dam to picces last April, and on Priday removed the piles of rock and gravel holding the river back, allowing the river to flow freely. The rest of the dam is to be removed by December. The river quickly cut through the huge accumulation of sand and rocks that had built up behind and rocks that had built up behind and and the starts are apable of backing up a little bit and doing someithing differently." Martin said as he pushed off from the down the newly freed section of river.

Volunteers will plant native vegetation along the tributary to the Nisqually River. To volunteer and receive directions to the site, contact Don Perry, 360-438-8687, ext. 2143, or e-mail dperry@nwifc.org. Ecofeminist from India will speak at SPSCC

will speak at SPSCC An evening with India eco-feminist and author Vandana Shiva is set for 6:30 p.m., Thurs-day, at the Minneart Center for the Arts at South Puget Sound Community College. The author of hundreds of ar-ticles and books on such topics as biodiversity and sustainable agriculture. Shiva has received numerous awards and appeared before the United Nations, World Trade Organization and World Economic Forum. The minimum donation for the eventis \$10. For more infor-mation, contact Allen Zimmer-man at 350-754-3978. **Talk today to focus**

Talk today to focus on carbon dioxide in air

on carbon dioxide in air Olympia Climate Action and Transition Olympia will offer a presentation from 7-9 p.m. today in the MIXX 96 meeting room at 119 Washington St. N.E., Olym-na, on a grassroots movement to reduce atmospheric concentra-tions of carbon dioxide to 3500 parts per million. A number of global warning scientiss have said 350 ppm is level required to avoid cata-strophic climate change. The event is free to the pub-lic.