

Bits & Bites

By Jacqueline Ramsay



Dorothy, didn't you know that Stoney Point Road is Not in Kansas?

Anyway, your house does look neat the way you dumped it. A good conversation piece.

You can see more of the Old Mill since they bulldozed out more of the berries around the lake. I still pray they are planning a play area among that group of trees left standing. If not – think about it, folks. Shadow is having a ball scouting out smells of who knows what in all that dirt and dug up plant life. I notice lots of folks are exploring the now accessible parts of the mill you couldn't see before. I do hope they realize if they stumble and get hurt it's their fault – Park folks maybe should put up "no fault fall" signs.

Going to Mist I had to stop for the county boys – cutting down overhanging trees from the high banks. Thank you – There are a lot more I can point out to you.

Enjoy the delays on our city streets. We will miss all those friendly folks when their job is finished, but not all the noise. Whee – it sure breaks into your concentration.

Oh yes – for those following my shopping saga. I went to the Dress Barn in Seaside. No blouses like I wanted but after one hour of looking I did buy a couple of sheer Big Shirt blouses. I guess I'm doomed to buy yardage and make what I want. Oh dear.

I do hope you voted for 9-1-1.

And, by the way – It is anatomically impossible for a person to lick his own elbow.

Author to discuss hiking in Oregon at Columbia Center in St. Helens

Douglas Lorain, the author of Backpacking Oregon, Backpacking Washington, and other books, will show slides and tell stories from his new book — 100 Classic Hikes in Oregon, an all-color photography guide to the best hikes in every corner of the Beaver State — on Tuesday, May 25, 7:00 p.m. at Columbia Center in St. Helens.

If you're looking for ideas on where to hit the trails with a virtual guarantee of great scenery and having a terrific time, then this is the book and the evening for you.

Lorain began hiking at an early age, and has hiked almost 17,000 miles in his home state of Oregon, plus about 13,000 miles in other states and Canadian provinces. Over time, he has been charged by a grizzly bear, stared down a mountain lion, been bitten by a rattlesnake, was shot at once by a hunter, nearly washed away attempting river fords, and served as lunch for countless thousands of mosquitoes and ticks. He has also seen some of the most beautiful scenery on Earth.

According to Lorain, his favorite quote was written by an anonymous person in a climbers' register on a peak in Nevada. It read simply: "I'll hire

this God. I like His work."

Columbia Center is located at 375 S. 18th St. in St. Helens. The Literary Arts Series is a collaboration of the St. Helens Public Library, the Friends of the St. Helens Public Library, St. Helens Book Shop and Columbia Learning Center. All events are offered to the public for no charge. For more information, call St. Helens Public Library at 503-397-4544 or St. Helens Book Shop at 503-397-4917.

PCC offers "Streamers", a drama

"Streamers", a play by David Rabe, will be presented at Portland Community College (PCC) at 7:30 p.m., May 20, 21, 22 and 27, 28 and 29.

The drama centers on a story of a young gay man in the straight world of the U.S. Army in 1966 and his discussions with his straight, very drunk, sergeants. The play contains adult language, situations and nudity.

This play marks the directorial retirement for Rick Mullins, theater and speech instructor

at PCC. Mullins has directed numerous plays in the Portland area. The cast features PCC students plus guest actor, Kenneth Dembo.

Tickets are \$5 for students, staff and seniors, and \$7 for general admission. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Sylvania Campus Bookstore, or by calling 503-977-4949 or at the door starting at 6:30 p.m. The performance will take place at the Performing Arts Center at the Sylvania Campus, 12000 SW 49 Avenue.

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