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# BEESON'S – SERVING FREE MEALS – OPENS IN TALENT

It's a neighborly thing to do—eat together. Beeson's, a new place to gather and eat free meals, opened in Talent on Thursday, February 20 at 5 p.m. The chairs and tables are modest, but the spirit of caring is abundant and brings neighbors together for encouragement and support. The weekly 5-6 p.m. meals are open to all.

Beeson's is named for John Beeson, Talent's pioneer who championed the civil and human rights of Indians. During the 1850s, when the Beeson family farmed land on acreage including the corner where Talent Elementary School now stands, pioneers often fought Indians in order to claim land for mining and farming. Beeson noted that small bands of Indians living in the mountains were suffering extreme hunger. Berries and acorns were exhausted. People were fatigued and frost-bitten by unusual cold. They gathered by the Rogue River in order to fish, but pioneers stationed volunteers to cut off the Indians from the river, and battles between Indians and whites ensued. Whites also killed Chinese miners in Jacksonville and stole their gold.

Beeson knew that neither the Indians nor the Chinese wanted war. They simply wanted to be free to live. Beeson, a Methodist, believed that all people are to be treated with respect. For standing up for the rights of Indians and treating people fairly regardless of their religion or race, John Beeson was run out of town. Yet today people honor him.

In recognition of Talent's courageous advocate of human rights, of the right to food and the right to share the resources of the nation, Beeson's open its doors to the community.

Beeson's community meal is held in the hall at Talent United Methodist Church, 206 W. Wagner Street in Talent. The program is sponsored by Peace House, CERVS, Talent United Methodist Church, and Rogue Rock Ministries. The sponsors and are looking for volunteers who would like to help.

The dreamers behind the launch of Beeson's include Suzi Aufderheide and Tom Crimmins of Ashland, Ginger Rilling and Philip Yates of Talent, and Alice Knotts, pastor of the see "Beeson's...," pg. 5

# FEBRUARY 15<sup>th</sup> SHOWS BUSH THAT RESISTANCE IS GLOBAL

On February 15th, more than 11 million people world wide took to the streets to say just one word to President Bush, Prime Minister Blair, and others who clamor for war: "NO!" In no time in history has the world seen such a



Under the direction of "aerial artist" and environmentalist John Quigley, more than a thousand activists in Los Angeles form a "Peace on the Beach" message, inspired by Picasso's "Guernica", a painting depicting the horrors of war.

coordinated, global response to an international crisis. This is the protest movement of the ages, and as much as President Bush would like to ignore it, the cumulative effect of the demonstrations is apparent. Tony Blair is now "the beleaguered Tony Blair"; France, Germany, and Russia remain steadfast in their opposition to a U.S. military invasion of Iraq; and President Bush's approval ratings are dropping steadily.

More than 600 Cities around the world saw unprecedented numbers of demonstrators saying no to a U.S.-led attack on Iraq. In Rome, there were three million. In London, two million. 500,000 in Berlin. 300,000 in Paris. 100,000 in Sydney. Here in the States, the numbers were impressive also: 500,000 in New York, 250,000 in San Francisco, and

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From the Director

# Imagine ....



aradigm shift has happened..... We move quickly into all of the arenas that have been prepared for us during the past 30 years.

Water use goes down by 50 percent using low flow techniques and irrigation changes. Business use of water declines. With new technology, water use moves away from transporting water to desert areas. Water is not owned.

There is more open space as we move quickly into the understanding that the earth is our life support system and not 'property'. Unneeded roads are torn up and recycled so that the earth can breathe.

Home usage is changed. Large mansions are out of style many have been changed to housing for the homeless. This fashion follows that of Denmark: small domiciles with respect and longevity in mind. Landscaping has moved toward food and the needs of the bioregion. Windmills, solar panels, and bio fuels are the norm. Autos are small and seldom used; transportation systems have spread out as they began in the 30s. Air is better and life is slower.

Millions of trees are planted and cared for by all of us; we finally understand that trees are our oxygen. Most building is done with recycled and new material. Landfills are reconstituted. Pesticides and other soil destroyers are banned.

The oceans slowly recover. Pollution is stopped. The sea is no longer mined, but sustainably harvested by need. The air is cleaner than people believed was possible.

Swords are turned into plowshares. With the world — and the United States in particular — finally acknowledging the stupidity of war, thousands work on neutralizing nuclear, and other extreme dangers. Monsanto and other chemical corporations are disbanded. Manufactured herbicides are tightly controlled as to need. GMO'd seeds are still in the world, but are slowly eradicated. The U. S. is no longer 30th in the world in health.

WTO and other corporate organizations throughout the world have been disbanded. The United Nations and other worldwide groups have joined focus to share technologies. Teams go throughout the world in support of countries and areas in trouble. AIDS is on the wane and no child is left hungry. We have learned that population control is necessary; new ways have been found. Each child is loved and generations ahead will survive.

Community has been found. North American boundaries have changed to bio-region groups with councils that share in mutual needs. The federal governments have been disbanded as too unwieldy.

We can do this — where are you?

— Blessings, Justine

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# THE INTERNATIONAL VIEW

The world was stunned.

There really isn't any other way to describe it. Millions of people in countries all around the globe, all out in the streets, February 15, 2003, not making a plea for peace, but demanding it.

It started in Australia, spread to New Zealand, ran throughout Asia and Europe and Africa and the Middle East and the Pacific and South America and Central America and North America, spread all the way up to Antarctica. My personal favorite is Fiji, tiny Fiji, where protesters got together and sent flowers to all of the embassies inviting them to work for peace, to deny Mr. Bush his war, to join with the millions of others from all over who are not only dreaming of a different world, but stepping forward to make it happen.

And in Israel, Israelis and Palestinians linked arms and marched together, several thousand of them singing together, chanting together, calling for peace, an act that goes right to the heart.

This column is titled "International View," and after February 15, I think it is very safe to say that the international view is that war is not the answer, that peace is the path we must be on, that we can unite to disarm tyrants without murdering innocents, that the thinking of the Bush administration is the thinking of the past, and that the reply to the insistence that we give our blessing to a greed-fueled and fear-fueled war in Iraq is very simple and very clear—NO.

It was particularly striking that in countries such as Great Britain, Italy, Spain and Australia, countries whose leaders have come out strongly in favor of Mr. Bush's policies, the protests in the streets were the largest anyone had ever seen. The leaders of those countries are already showing signs of having heard the voices of their people. If they turn against the citizens of their land, they will pay the price with their political careers.

As usual, I'm writing this a good two weeks before it hits your mailbox. I have no idea if Mr. Bush will have ignored the wishes of the world and started his invasion by the time you read this. But if he has, or if he plans to, he does so in clear opposition to world opinion. There is no other choice for us but to build on the remarkable events of February 15 to find the path towards a world where men like George Bush or Saddam Hussein will ever have the power to unleash death and destruction again.

A new world is possible. February 15 made that as clear as day.

— Peter Buckley

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# **STONES**

Joseph Bornstein

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Flip on the television from your comfy couch, or even from mine
Sit back, and open a sack of potato chips
It's a portal into another world you know
Into a world of fright and destruction
We see the African child with her ribs poking through
We see the statistics of AIDS
The kids crying, the parents prostituting
But what is that but commonplace?
We see that every day
Those images have lost their color, their impact
They remain lifeless, and grey
And now, now our mighty foot must stomp with its power

And now, now our mighty foot must stomp with its power A conquest of blood paid for in oil

Fee-fi-fo-fum I smell the blood of an Arab man

We are the giant who intends to crush

Jack won't be climbing our bean stalk

In the askes of two towers the blood of Americans lies

In the ashes of two towers, the blood of Americans lies But much more is to be buried under those fallen stones

Joseph Bornstein, 18, is a senior at Ashland High School



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# DEPLETED URANIUM: A WEAPON OF MASS DESTRUCTION

n August 2001, The United Nations Sub-Commission on the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights designated Depleted Uranium weaponry (DU) as Weapons of Mass Destruction and outlawed its use on humanitarian terms. By definition, such weapons cause "indiscriminate effect, superfluous injury and unnecessary suffering." Only the U.S. and the U.K. voted against it.

During the Gulf War, Iraq did not use any chemical weapons; however, the United States did. It released nearly one million DU rounds, which, in addition to disabling hundreds of tanks and vehicles, contaminated the battlefield with more than 300 tons of DU dust and debris. The U.S. also used DU shells in Bosnia and Afghanistan.

#### What is Depleted Uranium?

Depleted Uranium is what is left over after enriched Uranium-234 and Uranium-235 are removed. The remaining Uranium-238 has 60 percent the radioactivity of natural uranium, but it is still radioactive. DU weapons are made by inserting an 8 or10 pound rod of solid DU inside the shell. At high speeds, it slices through armor, burns on impact and creates flying bits of toxic dust which are easily inhaled. It is an extremely lethal weapon which is why the U.S. was able to destroy 1,400 Iraqi tanks while losing none. (Six U.S. tanks were destroyed by "friendly fire" DU shells.)

# Too Effective a Weapon for the Pentagon to Take Chances

The military knew about the toxic health effects of DU for years, but did next to nothing to inform or train the troops as to its danger. They were afraid the "bad press" about the health dangers would cause them to have to abandon their use. In 1991 the pentagon issued the "Los Alamos Memo" to soldiers and medical personnel enlisted in the clean up operations in Iraq. The memo cited a growing concern regarding the impact of DU on the environment and instructed them to say little or nothing about DU because it "may become politically unacceptable and thus be eliminated from the arsenal (italics mine)." Consequently, Pentagon reports barely mention the extensive use of DU.

## The Cover-Up ("Agent Orange" Revisited)

When Jerry Wheat, a Gulf War Veteran, who had been wounded by "friendly fire" returned home in New Mexico, he mysteriously lost 60 pounds and experienced various physical disorders. He had brought DU contaminated gear and pieces of shrapnel into his house and his family got sick. He said he brought back the shrapnel "just in case." He had pieces of shrapnel removed from his body and tested. They were radioactive! When he brought this evidence to the military doctors, they dismissed any link between radiation poisoning and his illnesses and told him he had Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Approximately 186,000 Gulf vets were examined at a VA or military facility. Virtually all were eventually told that they suffered from "undiagnosed illness," or had "Post Traumatic Stress Disorder." Even though DU was identified as one of several suspected causes of illness affecting thousands of Gulf War veterans, Army Medical Command consistently denied that there was any connection whatsoever between uranium poisoning and the veterans' illness. They insisted that fewer than 60 veterans, those who had been struck by "friendly fire," had been exposed to DU. Not until 1998 after being pressured by the Veterans Affairs Administration did the Command finally admit that "thousands" of troops may have had "unnecessary exposures" to DU during and after the war. As one of the 60 "friendly fire" victims, Jerry finally got treatment, but no funding for a comprehensive study has yet been authorized.

#### Casualties of War

In spite of a growing international outcry, U.S. and NATO forces in Bosnia were not warned of the dangers of using DU. After the war, it took one and a half years before the US even agreed to disclose the locations of exploded DU so that relief personnel and civilians could take proper precautions. And only recently has the Pentagon shown videos on DU safety (which have been sitting on the shelf for years) to a "limited number" of troops now stationed outside Iraq.

Allied veterans of the Gulf War in Canada, France and the UK, where *The Ecologist* reports that Gulf War veterans are dying and committing suicide at a rate of one a week, are all still suffering the effects of the war. We can only assume that many more Iraqi soldiers and civilians were affected. Western observers in Iraq report a dramatic rise in cancer, and the U.N. Commission on Human Rights writes: "Thousands of children in Iraq suffer from illnesses related to DU. Children and animals are being born with serious congenital anomalies and disabilities associated with low grade radiation poisoning."

#### An Alternative to Weapons of Mass Destruction

It is not known if the U.S. will use DU weaponry if we invade Iraq. If we do, we will only be creating a more toxic and dangerous environment in which everyone in or near the theater of operations—military personnel, civilians, men, women, children, future generations yet born—are at risk. The unintended result of DU (as well as other chemical agents) let loose by the U.S. in three wars since 1991 has created a worldwide epidemic of radiation poisoning. It would be far, far better if the United States took the billions of dollars it will spend on this invasion and used the money to clean up our toxic waste and try to help the thousands of victims of our Weapons of Mass Destruction. (See: www.veteransforcommensense.org)

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100,000 in Los Angeles. The L.A. protest was the largest that city had experienced since the Vietnam era.

The State of Jefferson stood up as well. On February 14, organizers called a "general strike" and demonstrators gathered on Ashland Plaza for day of protest, culminating with 60 peaceful marchers taking to the street, chanting, "Whose streets? Our streets!" The following day, 200 people braved the rain on a twelve-mile march from Ashland to Medford. There, protestors gathered for a Convocation in Veterans Memorial Park. Later that afternoon, a concert sponsored by Peace House was held in Medford, featuring Michael Mish, Triphonics, and the SOU Nasu Drummers. In Grants Pass, nearly 500 joined in a Peace March, the largest of its kind in Grants Pass' history.

We can't back off now. On March 1st, International A.N.S.W.E.R. is organizing an emergency convergence on Washington, D.C. And, on March 5, organizers have called another general strike in defiance of the Bush-led attack on Iraq. We understand that by then, we could be looking at stopping a war rather than preventing one. That's all the more reason to not release pressure; a retreat now could mean the difference between life and death for thousands of Iraqis.

— Adrian Dorris



New Delhi, India February 15, 2003



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Talent Methodist Church is graciously offering the use of their facilities.

Knotts says, "These are hard times. Greed and violence are eating up our resources. We must help each other. People who break bread together find ways of helping each other. No one's good fortune is secure. No one's bad luck is permanent. Maybe some angels who have the means to do it will help us pay the utility bills. We're just stepping out on faith because it's the right thing to do."



With more than 100,000 protesters, the February 15th demonstration in Los Angeles was the largest that city had experienced since Vietnam.

# **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Mar. 9, 12 p.m.: Mediation Works' Imagine Awards Ceremony. Ross G. Davis, Kim Elmer, Meagan Lescher, Agnes Baker Pilgrim and Rabbi David Zaslow have been named recipients of the first annual Imagine Awards for Community Peacemaking by the board of directors of Mediation Works. The Award Ceremony will take place at the Rogue Valley Country Club. Tickets are \$35 per person. (Info.:770-2468.)

**Mar. 18:** Lobby Day in Salem to raise awareness of sexual assault. For more information, contact the Women's Resource Center at 552-6217.

**Mar. 18-23**: 2nd Annual Environmental Film Festival, presented by the Siskiyou Regional Education Project. More than 20 films will be shown over a five-day period. Location: Ashland. For more information, contact Barry Snitkin at 592-4459 or *barry@siskiyou.org*.

**Apr. 17 & 24; May 1 & 8, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.:** Basic Mediation Training, presented by Mediation Works in association with the Rogue Valley Public Service Academy. Learn communication skills, effective negotiation, and mediation theory and practice. Location: Medford. Tuition: \$425. To register, call Rachel at 664-6676.

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 7 p.m.: Wide Awake Film Forum at Evo's. For more information and film titles, call 482-2261.



# PEACE CONNECTIONS

www.endthewar.org: National Network to End the War Against Iraq. A nation-wide coalition of over 140 peace and justice, student and faith-based organizations united against the war on Iraq.

www.iraqpolicy.com: The Iraq Policy Information Project (IPIP). One-stop shopping for those seeking credible sources on the consequences of a precipitous US-led attack on Iraq.

www.iacenter.org: The International Action Center. Founded by former Attorney General Ramsey Clark, the IAC is dedicated to stopping an attack on Iraq and ending the economic sanctions.

www.epic-usa.org: Education for Peace in Iraq. Working to improve humanitarian conditions in Iraq through education and advocacy in the U.S.

www.iraqpeaceteam.org: Initiated by Voices In the Wilderness, the Iraq Peace Team sends affinity groups to Iraq to stand along side Iraqi citizens in their struggle for peace.

www.actsofkindness.org: The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation. Inspiring people to practice kindness and pass it on.

www.gandhiinstitute.org: Founded by Mahatma Ghandi's grandson, The Ghandi Institute promotes and applies the principles of nonviolence locally, nationally, and globally.



Manila, Philippines February 17, 2003

Peace—as in Peace House—is the goal we all share, but getting there is no easy task. Indeed, many of us can't even imagine that peace could work. Perhaps we'll have to build it for ourselves, step by step, from the bottom up. This month we kick off an exploration of those possible steps, everything from mediation to organic food to wind power to cooperative business, and how they all tie together. We begin with Ellen Craine's successful work teaching conflict resolution in local schools.

# JACKSON COUNTY STUDENTS SOLVE DISPUTES PEACEFULLY

ost of us probably remember arguments and misundestandings we had with our classmates when we were in school. We may also remember the way the adults in our lives handled these disputes. If you are like most people, your teachers, parents or administrators probably consoled you, punished you, ignored you or tried to solve the problem for you.

A quiet revolution is happening in schools across the country. Student disputes are increasingly referred to peer mediation. In peer mediation, specially trained students help their peers resolve conflicts peacefully and pro-actively. Instead of an authority figure telling the disputing students what to do, the kids themselves brainstorm ways of resolving their differences, facilitated by their peer mediators.

Most Jackson County secondary schools now have peer mediation programs in place. Mediation Works, our local community dispute resolution center, trains the specially selected mediators in communication, negotiation and problem-solving skills.

The benefits of peer mediation programs are legion. A school that institutes a peer mediation program sends a powerful message to the students that they are seen as capable and mature enough to resolve their disputes without adult interference. Such programs have been found to foster a peaceful school environment—an environment that is most conducive to learning. Peer mediation teaches life skills that will serve students far beyond graduation. In fact, parents report that their children, trained in mediation at school, have come home and mediated family disputes. It is our hope that students who experience the benefits of negotiation in their own personal lives will grow up valuing negotiation as the preferred means of settling international disputes as well!

- Ellen Craine

(Editor's Note: Ellen Craine is the Community Mediation Coordinator for Mediation Works and a Peace House board member)

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# RESISTING THE RHETORIC

#### March's Rhetoric: War

#### What Is this Thing Called War?

What is this thing we're preparing for? Moving toward? Demonstrating against? The media calls it *war*. What is proposed, however, is not just war; it's *invasion*. Speaking out of the Administration's civilian mouth, the White House absolutely never uses the word invasion. This one simple trick may be the most effective of all the spinspeak strategies that confront us today.

- War means "a state of open, armed, often prolonged conflict carried on between nations, states, or parties."
- Invade means "to enter by force in order to conquer or overrun."

War is bad enough, but invasion is both worse and different. Removing this word from the public dialogue has made it easy to ignore its devastating ethical and geopolitical implications. If nobody says invasion, we don't have to think about invasion.

#### The Pentagon Is Honest ... Believe it or Not

Speaking out of the Administration's military mouth, the Pentagon makes no bones about its plans to invade. Invasion is out of the closet, the louder the better, in a plan called Rapid Dominance, otherwise known as Shock and Awe. Shock and Awe goes back to China, 500 B.C., when Sun Tzu advised crushing the enemy's will to fight before the first battle begins. Today, the Pentagon plans a high-tech version based on saturation bombing:

- Day One Launch 300-400 cruise missiles, primarily into Baghdad. May include nuclear warheads.
- Day Two Launch another 400 missiles. And so on until the Iraqis are "physically, emotionally, and psychologically exhausted."

Planners say, "The sheer size of this has never been contemplated before ... There will not be a safe place in Baghdad." Experts estimate "tens of thousands of *intended* civilian casualties."

That we plan to subject Baghdad civilians to a Shock and Awe invasion is supremely ironic. It was there, 1,300 years ago when Islamic armies were the most powerful in the world, that a jurist named Abu Hanifa proposed the first known code for conducting civilized warfare. It specifically outlawed the killing, maiming and raping of civilian noncombatants.



#### Spin It Back to the Media

Words matter. While war is acceptable to many, invasion is so far beyond the pale that it is outlawed by virtually the entire international community. Let's be clear with each other: let's say invasion when we mean invasion. And let's be clear with the media. When a reporter says war in place of invasion, pick up the phone or send an e-mail. Make the wordsmiths accountable for their words.

— Nancy Golden

## SOU STUDENTS FORM PEACE CLUB

The new Southern Oregon University Peace Club had its first successful meeting on Thursday, February 13. Ten people attended, and interest on campus is growing rapidly. We have hopes of turning SOU into an active resource of involved students working towards peace. The Peace Club is currently discussing agendas and activities for the coming months. Any ideas or support is highly encouraged. The club meets every Thursday at 6 p.m in the SOU Stevenson Union, room 313. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Keith Quick at (541) 488-1452 or by e-mail at sou peace club@msn.com.



Bangkok, Thailand February 16, 2003



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# Good News Department

assive, pervasive anti-war activities may be delaying the start of an attack on Iraq, and have encouraged other nations to stand up to the U.S. war-mongering. Beyond the protests of February 15<sup>th</sup>, here are some of the many creative actions people are taking:

- From sunny California to frigid Antarctica, hundreds are forming peace signs and protest messages with their naked bodies.
- Thousands of packages of rice have been sent to Bush saying, "feed the people of Iraq, don't bomb them."
- Dozens of Americans and Europeans are in Iraq right now acting as human shields between the people of Iraq and an impending U.S. attack.
- In Lithia Park, tree-sitters brave the cold and rain for peace.
- Honk for Peace banners are being held on overpasses up and down I-5.
- Greenpeace members occupied tanks being loaded onto ships bound for the Persian Gulf.
- At least one soldier has refused to board the plane for the Gulf
- Nationwide general strike is called for March 5.
- Hundreds have signed the Pledge of Resistance promising to commit civil disobedience if war starts.
- War tax resistance is growing.
- Banners are being hung from schools, churches and hospitals saying that bombing such places is a war crime.
- Anti-war poetry events/web sites are springing up.
- Prayer circles, vigils and rituals are held in hundreds of small towns.
- Ongoing Women in Pink vigil and hunger strike on the White House steps since November 2002
- Counter-military recruitment activities are increasing in our schools

- Kayla Starr





# ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FEST TO HIT ASHLAND

Organized by the Siskiyou Regional Education Project, the Siskiyou Environmental Film Festival, featureing more than 20 films, will be held March 18-23 in Ashland. With the Bush administration at-the-ready to further degrade environmental safeguards, festival organizers hope to inspire local actions to protect the Earth.

Tuesday features three great films about food and genetically modified organisms, including *Not For Sale*. On Wednesday, two rainforest films will be shown. The first is *Disenchanted Forest*, a beautiful film about orangutans; the second, *Shaman's Apprentice*, takes a look at rainforest ethnobotany at the Havurah Sanctuary. On Thursday, at the Ashland High School Theater, we'll show the film *Ansel Adams* (a 2002 Earth Day PBS prime time special), and Colleen Pike and Joanie McGowan will perform *Rude Awakening*..

Friday is a free reception in celebration of Siskiyou Project's 20th Anniversary at the A Street Market. Special guests include Agnes Pilgrim and Thomas Doty.

Saturday morning at 9 a.m. (location TBA), award-winning producer Ben Saboonchian, will guide participants through the process of making a documentary. In the three-hour workshop, Ben will use excerpts from two of his award-winning environmental documentaries. Films continue on Saturday from noon to 9:30 p.m. in the Meese Auditorium.

Sunday films start at 2 p.m. in the Meese with a showing of *Bombies*, about the ongoing environmental and social effects of the illegal bombing of Cambodia and Laos during the Vietnam War. The festival ends when Mathew Dick, great grandson of the last Wenatchi Chief answers questions following the showing of *False Promises: The Lost Land of the Wenatchi*.

Pick up your festival passes at Northwest Nature Shop, Music Coop or at room 329 in the Stevenson Union. For more information, to volunteer, or to get your festival passes, contact Barry Snitkin at 541-592-4459 or <a href="mailto:barry@siskiyou.org">barry@siskiyou.org</a>. (Peace House is co-sponsoring.)



Montreal, Canada February 14, 2003

In London, more than two million protesters filled the streets on February 15th.

# **IMPROVISING FOR PEACE!**

Qupport Peace House and enjoy a fascinating evening of improvisational theatre when the Rogue Valley Playback Theatre presents: PERFORMING PEACE...in our Homes, Community and World, on Saturday, March 29. The event, a fundraiser for Peace House, will include entertainment, refreshments, and door prizes.

Rogue Valley Playback Theatre, the longest running improv troupe in the region, will offer its unique interactive, improvisational approach to real-life stories. Using sound, movement, music, comedy and drama, the troupe will spontaneously enact moments and scenarios shared by audience members of creating peace in the many ways we do, as well as explore visions for new approaches.

In addition to the show, the evening will include refreshments courtesy of the Ashland Food Co-op, and door prizes donated by Soundpeace, The Natural Cafe, Heart and Hands, and The Living Gallery.

The event takes place at the Ashland Community Center, 59 Winburn Way (across from Lithia Park). Doors open at 7 p.m., with the show starting at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for kids 12 and under. Available at Heart and Hands, 255 E. Main St. in Ashland, and through Peace House starting March 15. If there are tickets left, they will be sold at the door the night of the show.

Come celebrate the work of Peace House and peacemaking at this uplifting and one-of-a-kind theatrical event. For more info, contact Deb Holmes at 552-0359.



Bombay, India February 13, 2003



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# Peace House Events

**Mar. 7:** Women for Peace Concert. For more information musicians, location, and time, contact Peace House at 482-9625.

Mar. 29, 7:30 p.m.: PERFORMING PEACE ... in our Homes, Community, and World. A fundraiser for Peace House, the Rogue Valley Playback Theater will use improvisational theater to explore creative ways of making peace. Location: Ashland Community Center, 59 Winburn Way, Ashland. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children and are available at Hearts and Hands in Ashland and at Peace House. For more information, contact Deb Holmes at 552-0359.

**Every Monday, 7 p.m.:** Action Planning Meetings. Location: Congregational Church, 717 Siskiyou Blvd., Ashland.

Every Friday, 4:30-5:30 p.m.: Peace vigil. Location: Ashland Plaza (the bandshell in Lithia Park in the case of inclement weather).