

reveal the anti-war message to the cameras and those in the crowd who could see us.”

But security personnel at the event were checking people who appeared to be wearing two layers of clothing, and asking them to remove the outer layer to check for “unacceptable messages.”

Chabarek unbuttoned his shirt, displaying the message, “9/11 Families Against the War.” A security supervisor looked at the shirt and said, “No! No way are you coming in. ... Leave! Now! Or we’ll have you arrested for trespassing. This is a private event and we decide who gets in.” Melia’s message was “Stop Killing People.”

“Security had to walk us out along the line of people queued up behind us,” says Chabarek, “2,000 to 3,000 enthusiastic Bush supporters I would guess, and all of them were able to easily read what was written on our clothes.”

Later the two went to nearby Jacksonville and joined the protesters who moved downtown to gather on the sidewalks on both sides of the street. “People were waiting for the presidential motorcade to return from Jackson County Fairgrounds after it got dark, when the police dressed in riot gear appeared,” says Chabarek. “They lined themselves across the street, including the sidewalks, and started making announcements over a public address system. It was impossible to hear what they were saying clearly and people in the crowd were confused. They started advancing slowly on the crowd, stopping every three or four paces and repeating the announcements. ... At some point, probably about 5 to 7 minutes after they first ap-

peared, the police opened fire with pepper ball guns. The crowd was terrified by the sound of the blasts, which came in rapid succession, a total of perhaps 15-20 rounds fired. The first three rounds hit an elderly man who was standing about 10 feet from the police with his back turned toward them. The force of the impact knocked him down, and as he struggled to get up, a young man in the crowd jumped in between the man and the police,

with his back turned to the police, trying to shield the fallen man. The younger man was then hit at very close range (six feet or less I would estimate) with most or all of the other dozen or so rounds of pepper balls; he reported numerous bruises from the attack.

“Carol and I were close to the action and witnessed what happened, and we both inhaled a good dose of the pepper spray. An elderly woman was standing next to Carol and

also inhaled a big dose. People were choking and wheezing from the gas.

“The crowd was angrily expressing their outrage. Carol and I were carrying our portable amplifier, so we turned it on quite loud and started chanting ‘This is what democracy looks like.’ This seemed to have the effect of focusing the crowd and giving the police pause at what they were doing.”

A second group of riot police moved in to encircle a group of about 25 protesters in one area against a wall, and also penned in a second group across the street from the first group. No one was arrested, but the police did not allow anyone in the groups to leave.

Chabarek and Melia avoided the roundups and were interviewed at the scene by a crew from NBC News, including reporter Shane Bishop. “Off camera, he later told us that the Sheriff’s Department had recently acquired new ‘toys’ as he put it, probably from federal Homeland Security funds, and he thought it was outrageous, and he said ‘That’s what this is really all about — they have to try out their new toys.’” — *TJT*

**Happening people** BY PAUL NEEVEL

**CHRISTINA SALTER & CHRIS PECK**

“Pies for Social Change ... Step Up to the Plate!” Thus read the headline on the flier that Christina Salter and Chris Peck brought to their respective workplaces early last month. It continued, “We’re baking back America one pie at a time. For a \$25 (or more) donation to Moveon.org, the DNC, or United for Peace and Justice, we will deliver a home-made, freshly baked pie to your home or office.” A native New Yorker, Salter moved west in 1985 to study counseling at the UO. She met Peck in '88 when both worked at Harry’s Mother, a youth shelter in his hometown of Portland. Since '92, the couple has lived in Eugene, where she is now a counselor at LCC, and he works with youth and families through Lane County’s Developmental Disabilities Services. They brainstormed their pie project in response to a “fun-raising” challenge from Moveon.org. “Christina’s pie crust is great,” says Peck, who peeled and cut apples and peaches. “I rolled the dough out!” adds 3-year-old Caleb. Over three weeks, the family baked 15 pies. “It was a nice opportunity to connect with people,” Peck reports. “We raised more than we could have come up with personally.”



**CORRECTIONS/ CLARIFICATIONS**


Last week in our profile of Corvallis herbalist Harold Keith, we edited out the website of his family business, Zenith Advanced Health Systems, since the site ([www.zenith4thepplanet.com](http://www.zenith4thepplanet.com)) was not running, and continues to have technical problems. Zenith can be contacted by e-mail at [zenith4@peak.org](mailto:zenith4@peak.org)

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