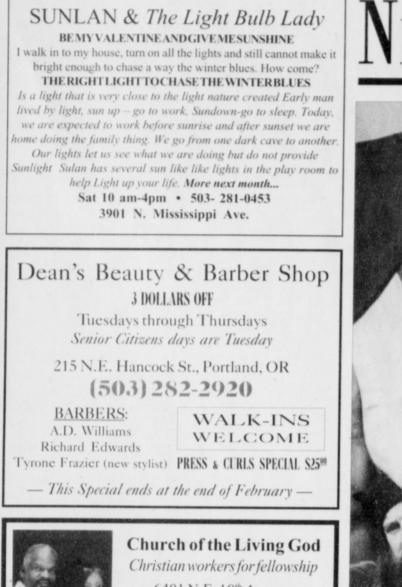
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Ibrahim Mubarak, the duke of Dignity Village, came out to protest a war on Iraq with other residents of Portland's homeless encampment. Thousands of peaceful protestors gathered in the south park blocks and marched in a circle around downtown chanting slogans like, "No blood for oil," — "While you're shopping, bombs are dropping," and, "Your SUV is killing me."

Peace Rally Draws Thousands

continued A from Front

Richard Armentrout came with daughter Anne-Marie. Armentrout has labored as a relief worker in developing countries and thinks American foreign policy is far too war," could be heard among drumaggressive.

ment to the world as well as our own thick with supporters that choose government," he said. "I believe in to watch rather than walk. the power of the rally.

became so large that as the first marchers returned from the loop through downtown, others were

just beginning. A simple chant of "Peace, not day because of our inaction." ming, supportive cheering and anti-"It is important we make a state- war singing. Sidewalks became war

Alex Ilica was among a handful Marchers gathered in the south of protestors who came out in de-

park blocks around noon. The crowd fense of the President's aggressive 30,000 marched in Washington D.C. stance on Iraq.

"We're here basically for the said. "Their people suffer every-

He cited those countries own

right thing to do," he said.

The rally was timed with other peace demonstrations nationwide

Nicholas Post was among many

parents who brought their children people of Iraq and North Korea," he to the demonstration. He and son David together held a sign that simply read - Never War.

"It's his future that is open to leaders as the real instigators of change," Post said of his son, now 5. "It's all about the America that "With guys like this, war is the we leave for our children."

Making a Difference for Children and Families

continued A from Front

Toran's position demanded She credits the steady support she said, "I felt like I had done she walk a fine line. Decisions of Gov. Kitzhaber and a steady what I was supposed to do and it In addition to her role as Presi-"You can survive contro- dent of VOA, Toran has continued to stay active in the political Toran not only maintained process. She campaigned tire-"It is a volatile, high pres- were removed from the home of her composure, but she suc- lessly for the Children's Initiative, which will provide funding for an expansion of preventionbased services. "This is one of the best things the agency's budget. Two years that has happened for kids in a tory. Like many before her, her from many directions. She was later a 19 percent increase was long time," she said. "We'll be able to intervene early enough to "I felt the five years I was there help the parents, and keep these



evidence is at hand? Can the delicately. The wrong decision community. child be left in the home? Or could cause an uproar, someshould the State of Oregon in- thing she discovered early in versy," she said. tervene?

be in," she said.

Toran stepped down from the run - the longest in state his- was spanked. Toran caught flak tenure was racked by contro- criticized by the state legisla- approved. versy and near constant media ture and in the press. attention.

her tenure, when five children tacted the press.

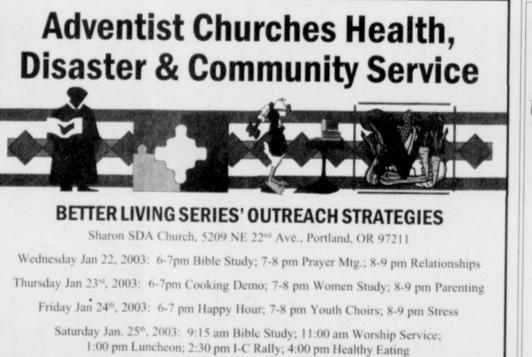
It was reported that the chil-

Is a child in danger? What had to be made deliberately and flow of positive letters from the was time to move on.

sure, controversial position to a couple who immediately con- cessfully lobbied the state body for additional resources.

In 1997, the legislature appost in 1999, after a five-year dren were taken after one child proved a 21 percent increase in

But she weathered the storm. were successful for the agency," kids safe."



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