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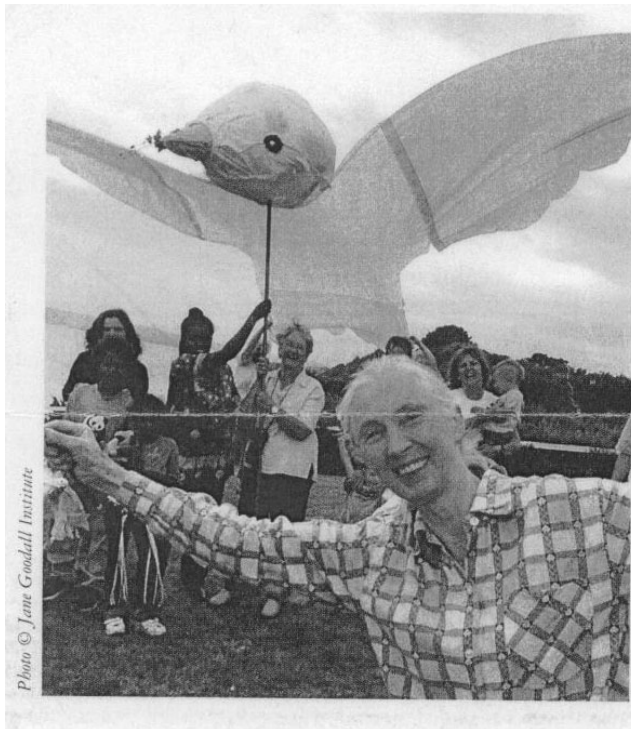


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Southland residents, including students from Sherman Oaks' Milliken Middle School, gathered in Griffith Park on Sept. 30 to celebrate Roots & Shoots Annual Peace Day. Commemorated around the world—from Taiwan to Costa Rica to the Great Lawn in New York's Central Park—the fourth annual event was created by renowned primatologist Dr. Jane Goodall in honor of the United Nation's International Day of Peace. To mark the day of worldwide peace, the celebration included a parade of giant peace doves puppets, created from recycled goods, flown by local students. The Griffith Park event included a processional of 60 peace doves. In 2005, the dove parade took place in 69 cities in a total of 22 countries.

Goodall, who was appointed by the U.N. as a Messenger of Peace in 2002, hosted the Griffith Park celebration this year. She is also the founder of Roots & Shoots, a worldwide environmental and humanitarian education program that encourages students and their families to take a role in promoting peace, both in their communities and the world. The organization also stresses the importance of care and concern for animals, the environment and the community. The Peace Day event included exhibits by local Roots & Shoots groups; inspirational speeches by Goodall and environmental activist Julia Butterfly Hill; performances by the Children's International Peace Choir, Turni and his African drummers and Dana Lyons and Green Power Girl; pet adoptions; face painting; arts and crafts; and environmental information booths.

Goodall says she believes worldwide peace is possible, and that she sees Roots & Shoots Annual Peace Day as a celebration of peace within ourselves, peace within our communities and peace around the world. "With these humble creations made out of recycled materials, we remind everyone that peace is possible," she says of the dove parade. "We celebrate all that is free and noble in the human spirit (and) we celebrate all that so many people have done throughout the year—and will do next year—to create a better world." For more information on Goodall's Roots & Shoots programs, visit [www.rootsandshoots.org](http://www.rootsandshoots.org).

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