

formance of the Oregon Health Plan in Lane County, will be the speaker.

More meetings are planned March 26 and April 30 at the same time and place. Those agendas will include the insurance exchange concept, and delivery system reform.

The Oregon Health Fund Board itself will be sponsoring a series of public presentations this spring and summer. The board is expected to wrap up its recommendations by Oct. 1 and submit them to the 2009 Legislature.

GATHERING ON CULTURE CHANGE

The Whiteaker Community Council (WCC) and the Eugene Permaculture Guild are sponsoring a free community gathering at 7 pm Wednesday, Feb. 27, at Harris Hall, 8th and Oak, to talk about global trends in climate change, economics, resources, international relations and the environment.

These trends are "certain to increasingly affect the way we work and live in important and unpredictable ways," says WCC Board member Marcella Monroe. "What can individuals, families and neighborhoods do to adapt for a very uncertain future?"

The presentations and discussions will look at local examples of people making eco-logical changes in their lives and properties: turning lawns into gardens, reclaiming automobile spaces, looking closer to home to meet their needs, and building community, she says.

For more information, visit www.suburbanpermaculture.org or call 686-6761.



KERWOOD GETS VOLVO GRANT

Lorraine Kerwood was picked this week as one of three people nationwide to receive \$100,000 for her work to improve the environment (see *EW* story 12/3/07). The Volvo For Life Award goes to Kerwood for her exemplary work through NextStep Recycling, a Eugene non-profit that supports both the environment and a broad spectrum of underserved communities worldwide.

NextStep Recycling has helped keep about 3,000 tons of electronic and other equipment from going into landfills, while distributing more than 13,500 computers to disadvantaged people, families, communities and organizations worldwide.

She will be flown by Volvo to New York City March 19 to be honored at the Volvo For Life Awards ceremony. She intends to donate the award to NextStep to help "open some significant new doors, and expand our work in current and new areas."

Kerwood was a "Happening Person" in *EW*'s Sept. 8, 2005 issue.

WAR DEAD

Since the U.S. invasion of Iraq began on March 20, 2003

- (last week's numbers in parentheses):
- **3,963 U.S. troops killed*** (3,960)
 - **28,870 U.S. troops injured*** (28,870)
 - **135 U.S. military suicides*** (135)
 - **307 coalition troops killed**** (307)
 - **933 contractors killed** (accurate updates NA)
 - **88,784 to one million Iraqi civilians killed***** (88,479)
 - **\$495.5 billion cost of war** (\$483.5 billion)
 - **\$139.9 million cost to Eugene taxpayers** (\$140.91 million)

* through Jan. 21, 2008; source: icasualties.org; some figures only updated monthly
 ** estimate; source: icasualties.org
 *** highest estimate; source: iraqbodycount.org; based on confirmed media reports; other groups calculate civilian deaths as high as 655,000 to one million

Lane Area Herbicide Spray Schedule

• Near **Marcola Elementary School:** Weyerhaeuser (741-5211) will backpack spray 12 acres with 2,4-D LV6, atrazine L/WSP, Velpar DF, Oust XP/SFM, Transline, Clean Slate, and Accord herbicides starting March 1 (#55128). Call Tim Meehan, Oregon

Department of Forestry stewardship forester, at 726-3588. Express concerns for children's health to Bonnie Covell at Weyerhaeuser.

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Here's your next chance to get the latest updates on the Peace Corps and on all available Peace Corps assignments around the globe. A returned Peace Corps Volunteer will be hosting this information session. Anyone who is interested in learning more about the Peace Corps is welcome to participate. Please feel free to bring friends and family.

Wednesday, Feb. 27
 6 - 7 p.m.
 Downtown Public Library
 100 W. 10th Avenue
 Eugene, OR