

## news Briefs

Main, Springfield 97477.

• Congressman Peter **DeFazio's Oregon town halls** in District 4 began in Cottage Grove this week and will continue with three gatherings Tuesday, Aug. 18. They are at 9 am at Junction City's council chambers, at 5:15 pm at Eugene Hilton and at 7 pm at Springfield City Hall. DeFazio plans to discuss recent congressional efforts to address the current economic crisis, transportation legislation and health care reform, among other issues of interest. Health Care for All-Oregon is urging supporters of single payer health care to show up a half hour early for rallies before each meeting. Call Ruth at 484-6145 for more information.



## WAR DEAD

Since the U.S. invasion of Iraq began on March 20, 2003 (last week's numbers in parentheses):

### In Iraq

- 4,330 U.S. troops killed\* (4,328)
- 31,460 U.S. troops injured\* (31,454)
- 185 U.S. military suicides\* (185)
- 1,123 U.S. contractors killed (accurate updates NA)
- 101,129 to 1.2 million civilians killed\*\*\* (101,006)

• \$672.5 billion cost of war (\$670.4 billion)

• \$191.2 million cost to Eugene taxpayers (\$190.7 million)

### In Afghanistan

- 773 U.S. troops killed\* (767)
- 3,238 U.S. troops injured\* (3,100)
- \$224.0 billion cost of war (\$223.5 million)
- \$63.7 million cost to Eugene taxpayers (\$63.6 million)

\* through August 10, 2009; source: icasualties.org; some figures only updated monthly

\*\* sources: icasualties.org, defenselink.mil

\*\*\* highest estimate; source: iraqbodycount.org; based on confirmed media reports; other groups calculate civilian deaths as high as 655,000 (Lancet survey, 2006) to 1.2 million (Opinion Research Business survey, 2008)

• The Pitchfork Rebellion is planning a **free concert and mock trials** at 2 pm Saturday, Aug. 29, outside the old Federal Building at 211 E. 7th Ave. in Eugene. On "trial" will be the "forest-ripping, climate changing, corporate eco-terrorists and the government agencies that are under their



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