

## news Briefs

husband, traveling in Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Palestine and Israel. Tracy will be available to talk about her exhibit.

From 5 to 6 pm Friday, Zahra will be the guest on Inform Radio, KWVA 88.1, with guest host Aria Seligmann filling in for Amy Pincus Merwin.

## SMITH SAGS

The more Oregonians get to know U.S. Sen. Gordon Smith's votes, the more they disapprove of his performance, according to Marc Siegel of the Democratic Party of Oregon.

The DPO released poll results this week from SurveyUSA indicating Smith's disapproval rating has risen six points from May and 15 points from January. The Republican's disapproval rating is now at 45 percent, according to the poll. His approval rating is at 47 percent with 8 percent undecided.

"Oregonians will not stand for a representative who says he opposes the Iraq War, but votes more than 20 times to authorize and fund it," said Siegel. "Oregonians will not

support an elected official who votes with President Bush 90 percent of the time, earns a 15 percent score from pro-choice advocates and a 14 percent score from environmental advocates."

## WAR DEAD

Iraq War statistics as of June 25 include 3,562 U.S. military deaths, 153 U.K. military deaths, 111 U.S. military suicides, 25,549 U.S. military wounded, 403 military contractor deaths and 66,315 to 72,608 Iraqi civilian deaths due to warfare. Cost of the war is calculated this week at \$435.7 billion. Sources are IraqBodyCount.org and icasualties.org and CostOfWar.com

## EARLY DEADLINES

The Fourth of July holiday means *EW* offices will be closed Wednesday. Early deadline for reserving displays ads in our July 5 issue is 5 pm Thursday, June 28. Classified ad deadline is 5 pm Friday, June 29. Questions? Call 484-0519.

## Happening people BY PAUL NEEVEL

### JOHN MILLER

"Search is an emergency," says John Miller, coordinator of the Lane County Sheriff's Office volunteer Search and Rescue (SAR) program.



"It's a fallacy that

you have to wait 24 hours before reporting a missing person. You should call when you're concerned." The only full-time staffer at SAR, Miller is on call 24/7 for all but six days a month. He responds to 80 to 115 incidents per year. A Eugene native and Sheldon High grad, Miller saw combat in Vietnam, then went to work for El-Jay Manufacturing in Springfield. He spent his spare time hiking, skiing and especially mountaineering. "I volunteered with Eugene Mountain Rescue for 12 years," he says. "In 1994 I was given the opportunity to do this job." When a report comes in, Miller can call on any of eight specialized SAR units, including mountain rescue, water rescue, a dog search team and Explorer Post 178. He spends a third of his time training and testing volunteers, both within Oregon and outside the state. To learn about SAR volunteer opportunities, visit LaneSheriff.org and look for Search and Rescue.

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