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## news Briefs

blogs about big bikes that can haul up to 600 pounds — or your toddler — and adds up executive salaries at UO. Molly posts twiterings on Sci Fi vs. Syfy.

## CORRECTIONS CLARIFICATIONS

• In response to a letter last week from Jeff Harrison ("Ideology vs. Science"), Oregon Toxics Alliance challenges several of Harrison's statements. OTA says Executive Director Lisa Arkin has never introduced herself as an assistant professor at the UO, and she was not "let go" from UO. She resigned after a federal lawsuit settlement in which she was granted tenure and promoted to associate professor. Tom Kerns is not from Portland, but rather Yachats, and he's considered an international expert on Btk and the ethics of aerial pesticide spraying.

• We heard from Beverly Biehl about some errors in the "Here comes the Neighborhood" article in Swizzle last week. She says Bruce Biehl has never been manager of King Estate. He owns Eugene Wine Cellars, b2 Wine Bar, and AREA (his vineyard management company). And she says she is still teaching at Corridor School, but "plans to retire sometime in the near future to help with my family's wine businesses. Other than that we loved the article and are so appreciative that you did one on our wine bar!"

## WAR DEAD

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

(last week's numbers in parentheses):

- **4,259 U.S. troops killed\*** (4,256)
- **31,118 U.S. troops injured\*** (31,102)
- **177 U.S. military suicides\*** (176)
- **1,123 U.S. contractors killed** (accurate updates NA)
- **99,500 to 1.2 million civilians killed\*\*\*** (99,433)
- **\$605.3 billion cost of war** (\$603.3 billion)
- **\$172.1 million cost to Eugene taxpayers** (\$171.6 million)

\* through March 16, 2009; source: [icasualties.org](http://icasualties.org);

some figures only updated monthly

\*\* sources: [icasualties.org](http://icasualties.org), [defenseink.mil](http://defenseink.mil)

\*\*\* highest estimate; source: [iraqbodycount.org](http://iraqbodycount.org); based on confirmed media reports; other groups calculate civilian deaths as high as 655,000 (Lancet survey, 2006) to 1.1 million (Opinion Research Business survey, 2008)

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