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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

that brought the Palestinian situation back, intermittently, to attention. Among other reasons, because he had been a "terrorist," Arafat was in many eyes a persona-non-grata leader, and he was the majoritarian Fatah leader often blamed and at times even subjected to Israeli attacks because of militant Hamas retaliatory attacks on Israel. I am not prone to esteem rulers; Arafat has been called absolutist, he'd likely done some horrendous things, and effectively his death is already ancient history, but I render my tribute to a man who held firm through decades of often almost trench-warfare conditions to assert the rights of his also-embattled people.

The king is dead, long live the king, he being Mahmoud Abbas, Arafat's successor, elected easily this January. Abbas is apparently sufficiently laundered to suit that loathsome duo, Sharon and Bush. General Palestinian battle fatigue facilitated his election. Abbas' big election smile is unlikely to last long, and he is unlikely a politician's politician, but, whatever Abbas may or may not be, I wish the best for the Palestinians.

Paul J. Green
Eugene

page through our nation's streets preying on innocents. This must stop, for real progress to succeed. We need a new social contract, and a new united conscience!

At least some crime is based on poverty, despair, and lack of opportunity, but most is because criminals feel they can get away with it. Let's unite and declare war on both crime and human misery!

The war in Iraq and Afghanistan in the last three years has still has produced less deaths, on both sides, than just six months in our own streets! Our own home-grown rapists, child molesters, inner-city gangs, racist groups, murderers, and robbers represent more of a threat than any al-Qaeda terrorists could ever dream of. Let's demand action, and not let our governmental bureaucrats use the excuse of budget concerns to prematurely release repeat offenders from jail. Most average citizens can not afford electric fences and elaborate security for protection, yet we also have more taxes, however we also have more votes as well!

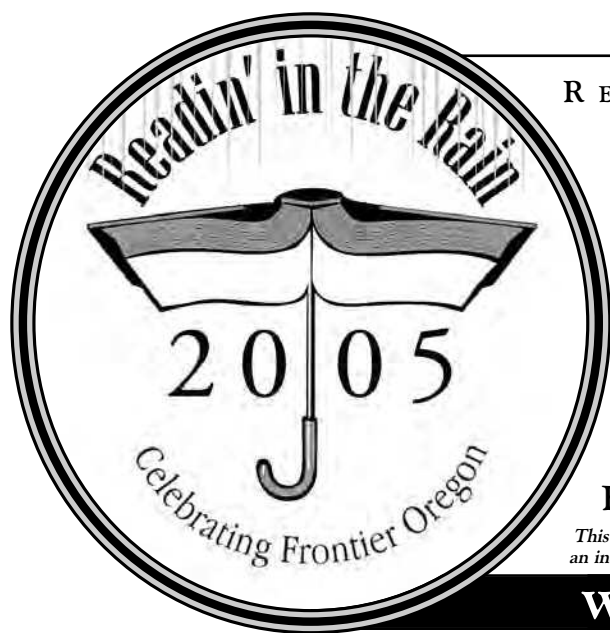
Let's create a better nation for ourselves before we attempt to revolutionize the world!

Tom Bush
Eugene

WAR ON MISERY

Let us as Americans improve our democracy. Freedom is a blessing, however absolute freedom can be like absolute power, it can corrupt absolutely. On one hand, we have limitless opportunity; the downside is less order, and more crime! The criminal element in this country has had a heyday. They ram-

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