

that once Saddam is removed, Iraq will become a democracy and welcome us with open arms. After many thousands of deaths and trillions of dollars, none of this proved to be true.

In September, Alan Greenspan said: "It is politically inconvenient to acknowledge what everyone knows: The Iraq war is largely about oil." It seems this same politically inconvenient truth is driving the current Iran rhetoric.

President Bush said anyone who wants to prevent World War III should want to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons. In reality, to prevent World War III, the Bush administration must be

prevented from bombing Iran. That my friends, is up to We the People.

*Todd D. Johnson
Eugene*

FREE EDUCATION

Having worked my way through eight Pacific Northwest and Denver universities while employed over 65 years, since 1988, I've enjoyed more education at the UO and LCC, two of my most favorite colleges to date. Tuition-free education is available for 62-year-old and older adult students at most U.S. schools, especially here in Oregon. All three presidential candidates favor free or reduced-cost education for returning

U.S. Iraqi war veterans. Both Democrats and Republican candidates advocate more reasonably priced education, especially for returning wartime veterans. All Iraqi war veterans can look forward to these benefits in years to come.

*J.J. Albi
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PEACE IN THE EAST

I can understand Israel's reluctance to opening the border between Gaza and Egypt, but maybe the Hamas peace offering is real because you won. They are hungry, sick and maybe tired of getting bombed by missiles every time they shoot their pop

guns at you. Give peace another chance. If they blatantly break the truce, the whole world will be behind you. (Well, almost the whole world.)

In Iraq the problem is we have a president who has stated he hears voices and claims they are from God. I suggest he beware in case history repeats itself. If my memory serves, Joan of Arc was burned at the stake for hearing voices, and she won her war. Since we live in a somewhat civil society, we could just send him to Texas and make him eat burnt steak.

*Vince Loving
Eugene*

EUGENE '08 TRACKTOID

The U.S. Olympic Committee established the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame in 1979 to recognize the top American Olympic athletes. Almost 200 athletes have been inducted since 1983, but there is no actual "hall" to honor them. There was a plan to build a hall but it has been suspended due to lack of funds.



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