

TABOO OPINIONS #32

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2-6-05 It appears that the Iraq election vote counting is on hold for the weekend. Apparently the counters took the weekend off.

Last I read 10 of 18 provinces had been counted, total of 3.1 million votes. The Kurd votes not yet counted.

The Sunday Oregonian today had two stories of interest on one page: at the top they told of an Oregon National Guard unit being deployed to Iraq; some of the men in their forties, one in his fifties.

And the other story was about the funeral of an Oregon soldier recently killed in Iraq. Who can miss that message?

And in a news crawl on a cable channel the info that Sec. Of Defense Rumsfeld has said categorically there will NOT be a draft (of young men and women for military duty) in this country.

I guess he and Pres. Bush would rather take the easy way out of their manpower problems by resorting to sending fathers and grandfathers to the killing grounds as well as "catch-22" tour-of-duty extensions by tricks and fine-print clauses in enlistment papers.

Note that the military, as a result of this double-crossing and extreme use of the National Guard and Reserves, is having little success in persuading present-force soldiers to re-enlist when their tours are finally ended.

I think it's great that all these patriotic citizens are being raped by their lying, cheating government and are now learning their civics lessons, but alas the hard way.

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