Nobel Peace Prize is also an award for hope

To the Editor:

K-J. Saeger's column in The Tech ['Peace prize rewards useful effort,' Oct. 20] on the Nobel Committee's decision to award Costa Ricans President Arias their Prize for Peace is deeply disturbing. It is disturbing not because of other possible worthy candidates. Surely the history of the Nobel selections in the fields of physics, chemistry, and literature have left a hollow feeling among thoughtful people that some other worthy candidate was passed over.

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There's a smugness in the column which masks a vacuumness of the human spirit. The smugness with which Saeger dismisses the efforts of such noble people is profoundly wrong. Their efforts have brought the most desperately needed dimension to the human enterprise — hope.

There is hope, not the reason of El Salvador's death squads, Picado's police, or the Key Stone Corps world of Reagan, Casey, and North, which enables physicists in their labs and public servants such as President Arias to continue the struggle for human understanding.

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US only fired warning shots at Iran

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...such a threatening posture was faced with a belligerent pilot waving drum in the streets. Instead of shooting the drum between the eyes, the shootist instead shooters the gun out of the veteran's hand. No such harm has been done and the drum is now free to rethink his position.

In a similar analogy, this most recent event in the Gulf reminded me of an expert swordsman. Provoked to the point where any response is justified, Lady Liberty chose not to run Iran through with her sword, but instead quickly carved her initials in Iran's war bowed brow. Again, the los of life is minimal and Iran is reminded of the true caliber of its opponent.

In Julian West's world of cosmic concern ['Ariens deserves Nobel Prize,' Oct. 23], no need for the military would exist. I am sure that he and other like-minded liberals consider any use of force as a gross display of...