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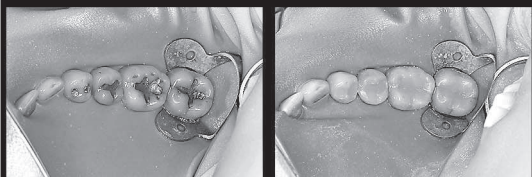
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This Modern World

by Tom Tomorrow

And so it came to pass that the terrifying Bogeyman who had haunted their dreams for so very long was slain in his lair.

NO LONGER SHALL WE COWER, FEARFUL THAT HE MAY BE HIDING IN THE CLOSET OR UNDER THE BED--



--WAITING TO KILL US ALL!
AND/OR IMPOSE SHARIA LAW.

"Emboldened by success, the leader confronted other problems bedeviling his land.

WE SHALL HALT THE MENACE OF GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE-- OVERCOME OUR ADDICTION TO FOSSIL FUELS--AND INSTITUTE A SYSTEM OF TRULY UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE!

BECAUSE OUR NATION-STATE CAN DO WHAT- EVER WE SET OUR MIND TO!

The leader of the nation-state recognized that a moment of opportunity was at hand.

IT IS TIME TO END THIS "WAR ON THINGS THAT CAUSE US TERROR"-- AND BRING OUR WEARY ARMIES HOME FROM THEIR DISTANT BATTLES!



SERIOUSLY, IT'S BEEN TEN YEARS.
ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

And they all lived happily ever after.

THANK GOODNESS THE DEATH OF THE TERRIFYING BOGEYMAN LED US TO RECONSIDER OUR COMMITMENT TO THE POLITICS OF FEAR!

HOW TRAGIC IT WOULD HAVE BEEN TO CONTINUE DOWN THAT ILL-CONSIDERED PATH!

The people began to re-assess their priorities.

NOW THAT WE NO LONGER SPEND UNIMAGINABLE FORTUNES ON PERPETUAL, POINTLESS WARS--



--WE CAN INSTEAD FUND SCHOOLS-- CREATE JOBS--REBUILD OUR CRUMBLING ROADS AND BRIDGES!

WHY DIDN'T WE THINK OF THIS SOONER?

--YOU'RE NOT EDITORIALIZING AGAIN, ARE YOU?

WHAT? OF COURSE NOT! IT'S JUST AN INNOCENT BEDTIME FABLE!
NOW GO TO SLEEP.
SO DID THE LEADER CLOSE GUANTANAMO?
UH--SURE HE DID.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

THE DIRT ON MEEK

I read with great interest Rick Levin's review of the film *Meek's Cutoff* (arts feature, 5/12). I had seen the film at a special showing in Salem earlier this spring. It was an artsy piece depicting the struggles of three wagons when Stephen Meek convinced the wagon train to hire him to guide the company away from the established Oregon Trail and to take a route south of the Blue Mountains to avoid hostile Indians.

My great-great-grandfather William Helm, his wife Martha and their 7 children were on this wagon train. The movie did not have any commentary and very little dialogue, so it was hard to get an overview of the trip. I have read several journals of the journey and think that your readers might be interested in some of the factual data.

William Helm, a Methodist circuit rider, was a member of the twelve-man executive committee. The wagon train consisted of 296 persons, including 57 females under the age of 14, and 68 males under the age of 16. There were 66 covered

wagons, 74 horses and mules, 624 head of cattle and 353 oxen. Captain Solomon Tetherow led the group together with six other officers and 61 armed men. There were 38 cattle drivers.

The wagon train left Platte County, Missouri, on May 6, 1844, and arrived at The Dalles, Oregon, on Oct. 6, 1845, five months later. At least 23 died during the long trip. The plan had been to follow the traditional Oregon Trail. Near Fort Boise a supposedly knowledgeable trail guide, Stephen Meek, met with the leaders and convinced them that the trail over the Blue Mountains was very dangerous and subject to hostile Indian raids, and that for 50 dollars he would lead them on a trail south of the Blue Mountains and then north to The Dalles on the Columbia River. He led them through the desert. They were running out of water and were exhausted.

After several weeks it was clear that they were lost and that Stephen Meek didn't know the way. They were very angry with Meek who, fearing for his life, took off on his own and made it to The Dalles. He did send back an Indian guide who was able to guide the company out of

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