

THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

THE ADMINISTRATION DID ITS BEST TO PROTECT THE COUNTRY FROM THE UNPLEASANTNESS OF THE TORTURE REPORT.

SORRY SIR--I TRIED TO STALL THE RELEASE, BUT NO LUCK.

WHAT PART OF "LOOKING FORWARD, NOT BACKWARD" DO PEOPLE FAIL TO COMPREHEND?



BUT A 500-PAGE SUMMARY* WAS FINALLY MADE PUBLIC--REMINDING AMERICANS OF THINGS THEY HAD CHOSEN TO FORGET.

APPARENTLY THE CIA WATERBOARDED DETAINEES--CHAINED THEM IN STRESS POSITIONS--AND DID ALL SORTS OF TERRIBLE THINGS!

YOU KNOW, THAT DOES SOUND VAGUELY FAMILIAR, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT.



*THE FULL 6000-PAGE REPORT REMAINS CLASSIFIED.

SOME TRIED TO PUT A POSITIVE SPIN ON IT ALL.

DOESN'T OUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE GROTESQUE AND SAVAGE ACTS COMMITTED BY OUR GOVERNMENT IN SECRET TORTURE DUNGEONS--

--PROVE OUR FUNDAMENTAL DECENCY?

IT'S AMERICAN EXCEPTIONALISM FOR THE WIN!



TORTURE APOLOGISTS DUSTED OFF THEIR FAVORITE TALKING POINTS-- WE DIDN'T TORTURE ANYONE--

--BUT IF WE DID IT WAS LEGAL-- --AND TOTALLY NECESSARY--

--AND COMPLETELY DEFENSIBLE--

--BUT IF YOU DON'T STOP TALKING ABOUT IT THE TERRORISTS WILL ATTACK AND KILL US ALL--

--AND IT'LL BE YOUR FAULT.



--AND ARGUED THAT THE TORTURERS ACTUALLY DESERVE THANKS FOR THEIR SERVICE.

WELL, TIME TO GO RECTALLY FEED THE PRISONER!

WHILE WE THREATEN TO RAPE HIS MOTHER!

GOD BLESS YOU MEN-- AND GOD BLESS AMERICA!



MEANWHILE, LORD OF DARKNESS AND ALL THAT IS VILE DICK CHENEY REALLY DIDN'T SEE WHAT ALL THE FUSS WAS ABOUT.

SO IT SAYS WE USED FALSE INFORMATION OBTAINED THROUGH TORTURE TO JUSTIFY THE WAR WE WANTED IN IRAQ?

WELL, I THINK THE LESSON IS CLEAR--

--TORTURE WORKS.



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disgruntled employee? A patriot for the Gang of Three? I am sure by now the staff knows the culprit and can't feel good about it.

It is really time for this board to get back the integrity and sense of purpose they were elected for. Ron Davis and Kathryn Schacht are the only board members I trust right now. I am more than looking forward to Lee Kelley coming on in January. Perhaps then they can get back to the business this board was elected to and behave with dignity, respect and decency. With Patti Chappel leaving there might be a chance for board members Kevin Parrish and Penny Jordan to set aside their differences and work together with the rest of the board.

Mary McNamara
Cottage Grove

THE FUZZY FRENZY

'Tis the season for hypocrites. Ever notice all the people who go around saying how much they hate the holidays? Well, their actions show something completely different as they happily do their Christmas shopping, unconsciously humming along to "Jingle Bells" or "Silent Night" playing over store speaker systems. Oh, and don't be late getting those Christmas cards out.

These people either really love Christmas, even though they say they don't, or I think in many instances they are pressured by family and friends to participate in all the warm and fuzzy Christmas frenzy.

We all have an individual choice whether or not we wish to participate in all the madness.

Allan Grossman
Springfield

NOT-SEE GOVERNMENT

The results are in from a long "investigation" into Highway 36 exposure to atrazine and 2,4-D. No surprise, our "responsible" government agency, the Environmental Health Assessment Program, (877) 290-6767, has failed to find any health impact, despite the outraged testimony of victims. I received this by email: "Concentrations of pesticides in drinking water, soil and homegrown foods in the spring of 2011 and other seasons and years are unknown."

The whole purpose of the investigation was to test for a poison known to disrupt hormones and an organochloride once used in Agent Orange. Timber companies have been spraying local farms with these two poisons, and severe symptoms have been reported.

Here's the punchline of the Health Assessment Program report: "That post-application sampling did not occur, for reasons that were beyond the investigation team's control."

What are the "reasons"? Certainly not a lack of manpower. I personally volunteered to assist in reaching remote communities for testing. I'm sure plenty of volunteer labor could have been drafted to assist. And it wasn't a lack of funds: During this investigation, the state of Oregon decided to build a new \$4-billion, 10-lane bridge across the Columbia River. How expensive would a couple of testing employees been?

And who did control the process? Has Big Lumber employed officials higher in the government to fix this investigation?

We should definitely find out specifically which officials made it impossible to test,

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