

THIS MODERN WORLD

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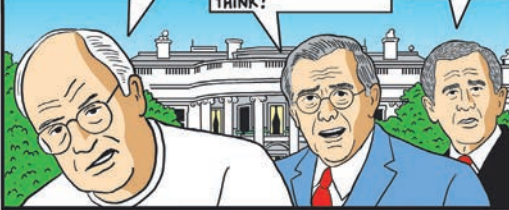
THE BAD INTELLIGENCE

ONCE THERE WAS A PEACE-LOVING ADMINISTRATION, WHOSE MEMBERS WANTED NOTHING MORE THAN TO REALIZE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL AS HUMAN BEINGS.

MY MEDITATION AND YOGA CLASSES ARE REALLY HELPING WITH MY ANGER ISSUES!

DID YOU KNOW WE'RE ALL LITERALLY MADE OF STARDUST? IT REALLY MAKES YOU THINK!

MAYBE I'LL LEARN TO PAINT CATS AND DOGS!

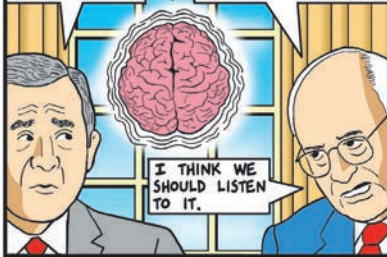


BUT THEY WERE SHAKEN OUT OF THEIR COM-PLACENCY ON 9/11--AND THEN--

SADDAM HUSSEIN WAS PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACKS...ALSO, HE HAS WMD'S!

WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?

IT CALLS ITSELF...THE INTELLIGENCE!

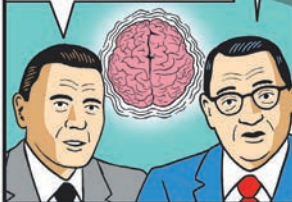


DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS WERE PERSUADED AS WELL. CLEARLY WE MUST SUPPORT THE ADMINISTRATION AS IT RELUCTANTLY EMBARKS ON THIS CAREFULLY CONSIDERED PATH.



NOT TO MENTION THE PUNDITS, THE INTELLIGENCE SUGGESTS THAT WE'LL BE GREETED AS LIBERATORS!

AND THAT THE INEVITABLE FLOWERING OF DEMOCRACY WILL TOTALLY BE WORTH WHATEVER NEGLIGIBLE PRICE WE ULTIMATELY PAY!



NOW, OF COURSE, EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS HOW BAD THE INTELLIGENCE REALLY WAS.

BUT WE WERE YOUNG AND NAIVE.



I'M SURE WE'LL NEVER MAKE THAT PRECISE MISTAKE AGAIN.



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The city did this repeatedly prior to 2007. The Lane County Local Government Boundary Commission rubberstamped nearly every one of these, public opposition be damned. Eugene wasn't the only city involved.

We worked with then-Rep. Bob Ackerman to draft legislation putting the skids on this practice. With the leadership of then-Reps. Chris Edwards and Arnie Roblan, HB 2760 was passed by the 2007 Legislature. With the help of then-Sen. Vicki Walker we also shut down the Boundary Commission, thus dismantling the most arrogant group of people I've ever encountered.

I can cite other examples along the same line with which we've been directly involved. Some "communities" have figured out that as long as they alienate only a small segment of their constituencies at a time in pursuit of their own interests, there's unlikely to be widespread fallout. Sometimes they're wrong about that.

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COMPASSION PLUS ACTION

Thanks to Dr. James R. Morris for connecting compassion and happiness and

reminding us of an opportunity to learn more on Mother's Day ["Fearlessness and Compassion" Viewpoint, 5/7]. This special day to honor mothers is also a time to remember the 289,000 mothers who die each year due to pregnancy-related problems. And to remember the grief of the mothers of the 6,300,000 children under 5 who die each year of mostly preventable causes. Even better, we can practice compassion and ask our senators and representatives to vote for forthcoming legislation that will help end these tragic deaths. So try this compassionate action and see if it adds to your happiness. It will certainly add to the happiness of millions of mothers in our world.

The Dalai Lama also said, "Compassion is not enough; you must take action." So honor mothers everywhere and take a few minutes to write or call your elected representatives to support this life-saving legislation.

*Willie Dickerson
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NOT SO STANDARD

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