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Bizarro World: Bush Only Screws Up Baseball

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In a Friday NYT column about the reign of Bud Selig (a disastrous Commissioner of baseball that columnist Murray Chass extols as one of the best), there's a quick peek into what might have been for George Bush.

A failure at oil drilling, a failure at running the Texas Rangers, Bush was sittin' around looking for something to do.

"No wonder George W. Bush never got an answer when, as managing partner of the Texas Rangers, he told Selig he was willing to become commissioner if the owners wanted him. Bush kept waiting and asking, but the acting commissioner [Selig] gave no answer.

"Eventually Bush had to make a decision because the Texas Republican Party was pressuring him to run for governor, and he decided he could wait no longer for a reply from Selig.

"He opted for politics over baseball, and that's why today he is running for re-election as president of the United States."

Being commissioner of baseball probably sounded like a lot more fun and a lot less taxing than being President. And, my God, if Bud Selig had relented, Bush might have only screwed up baseball instead of the entire country! It hurts to even think about this for more than a minute, so don't try.



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