#### american war boogie-woogie

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**ED'S NOTES:** the text for many of these poems have been gleaned off statements made on news programs such as abc lateline, sbs news and the jim lehrer newshour on sbs as well as abc newsradio and are either direct quotes or paraphrases. I wish to acknowledge that the sentiment of the b/rat and september 11 poems come from reading an article on john dean (the former white house lawyer who blew the whistle on president nixon's involvement in watergate) by paul sheehan in the smh's spectrum weekend edition may 8-9. the text of under new management is based on a statement by senator edward kennedy who was scathing of abu ghraib prison. Many poems were scribed on may 10-11-12 and many deal with the iraq prisoner abuse scandal. (However, evil eye was written about a week later). The poem - the midnight oil that warned us – uses lyrics from the well-known australian band midnight oil. The arab newspaper poem, most of the sorry poems and the final president poem were written around may 13 and 14 and come from a previous collection entitled The U.S.A Must Hold It's Nerve. nic\_nicola@hotmail.com

#### american war boogie-woogie: now has a R rating

everyone in america feels shamed

chief advocate for this war

torture school

an R rating war

environmental concern

the next september 11

defence-secretary rumsfeld finds it impossible to answer a

simple question

b/rat administration

the word is rape

an apologist talks about realpolitik

a democrat speaks

under new management

body count

the midnight oil that warned us

holy technology

the president assures us

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what some of the arab newspapers think

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unrequited satisfaction breeds dissatisfaction

the america the president knows

#### conventional text

all of the above poems written out in conventional text for decoding

#### main text

#### everyone in america feels shamed

# AMERICAN SHAME

#### chief advocate for this war

# RUMSFELD

#### torture school

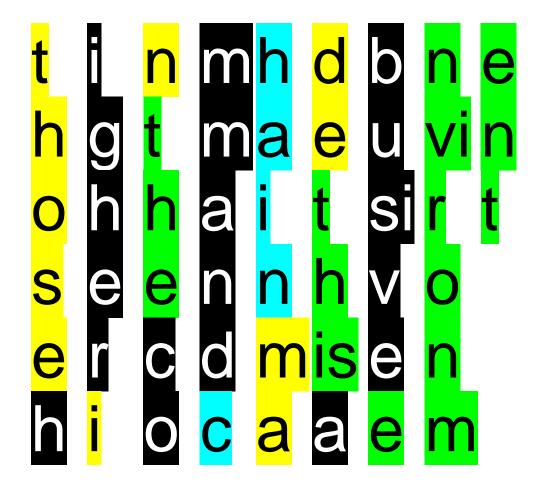
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# an R rating war

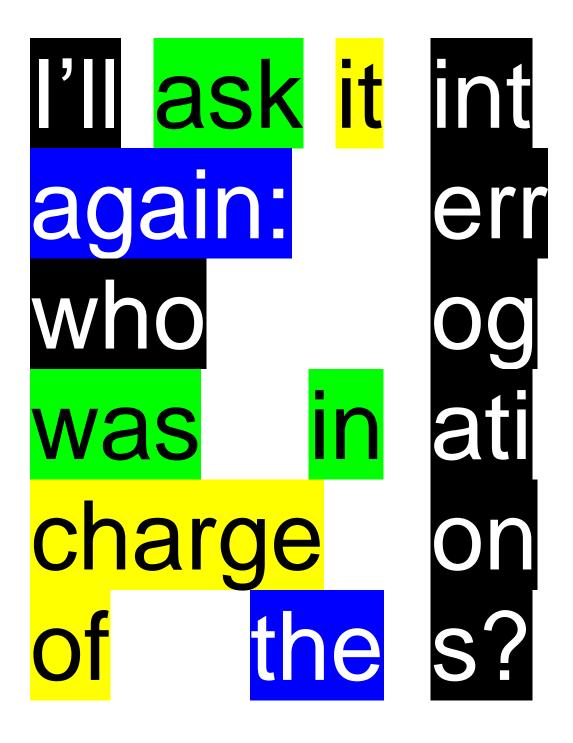


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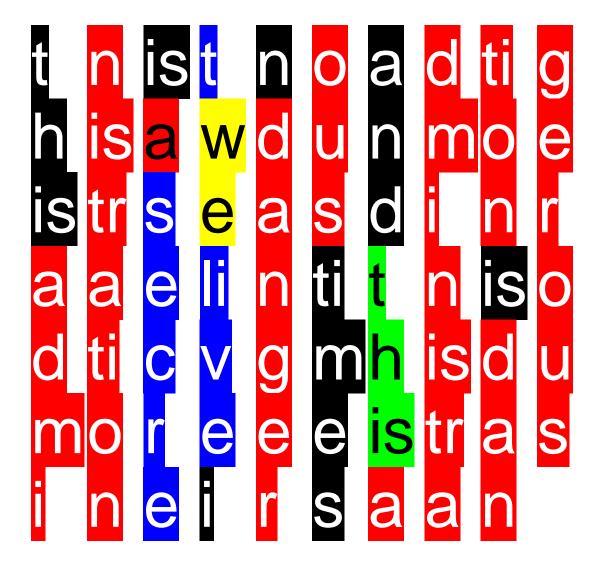




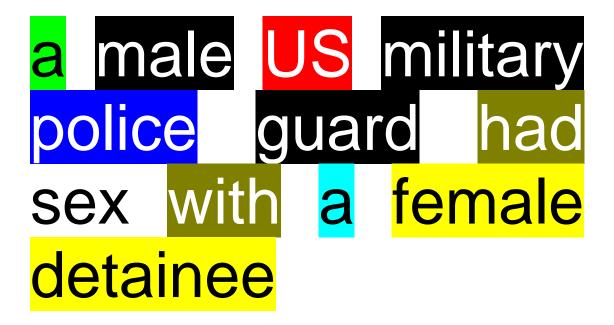
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#### the midnight oil which warned us



# holy technology

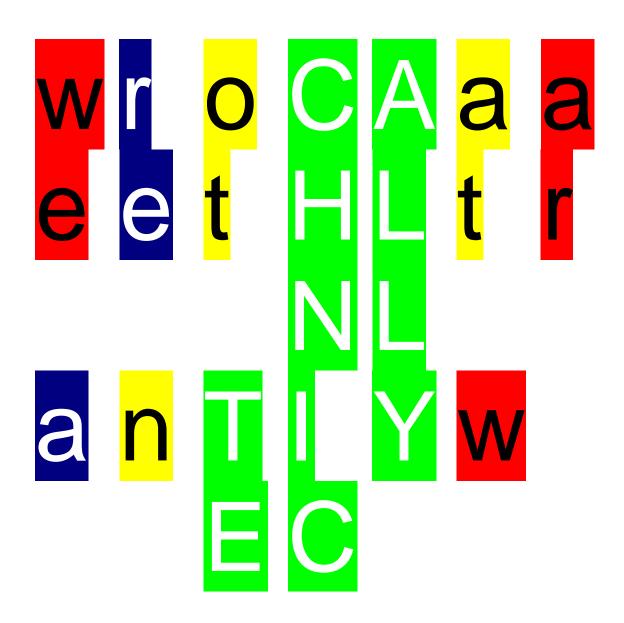


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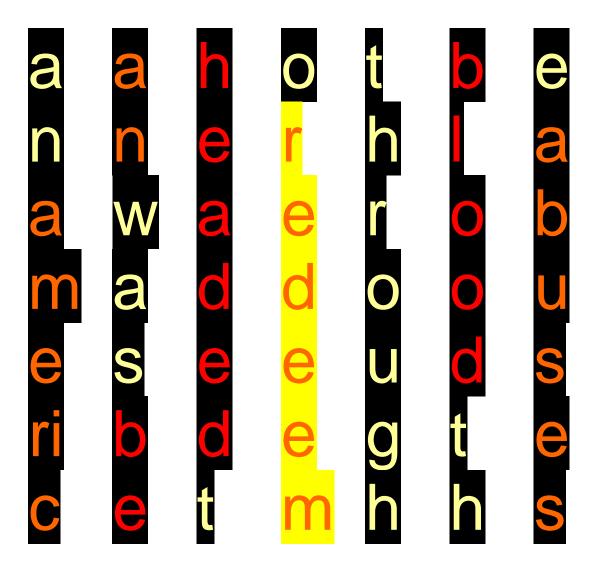




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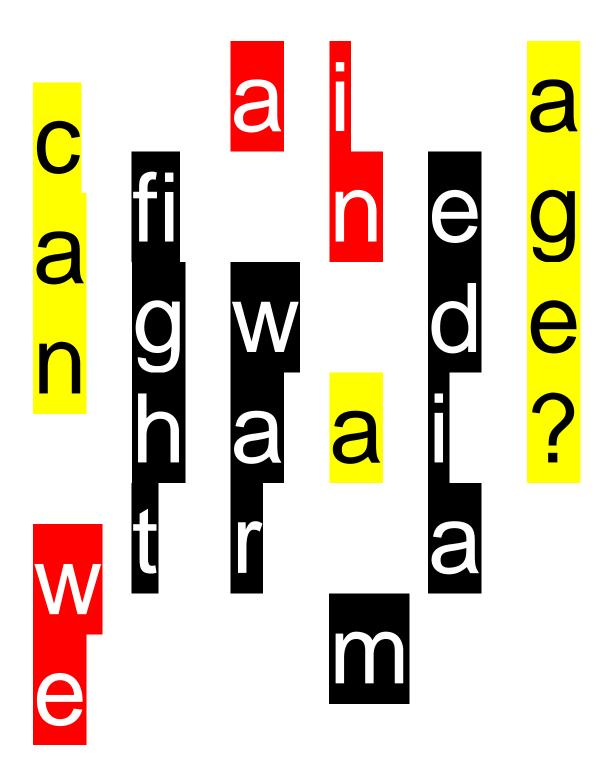
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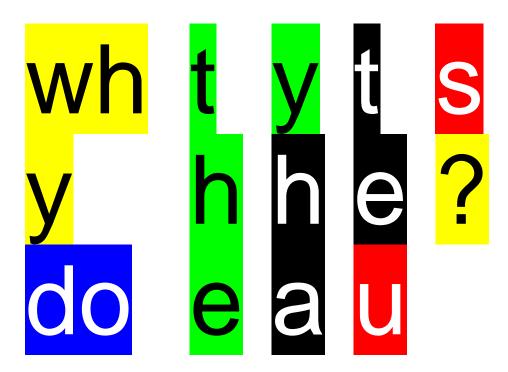
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# the president asks



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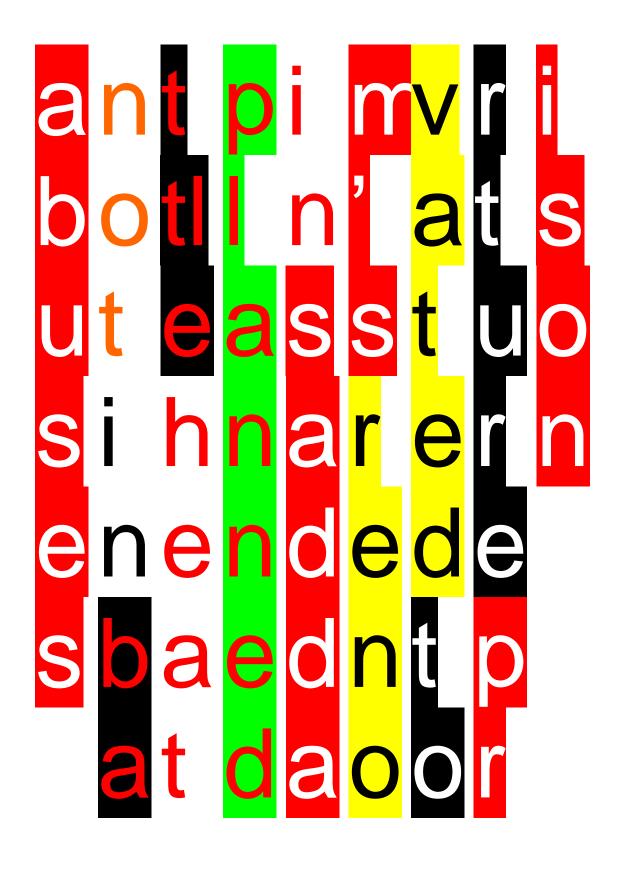


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wild dogs intimidate a naked detainee

this naked detainee is bitten by wild dogs

a rebuttal



#### dirty dozen churn president's stomach

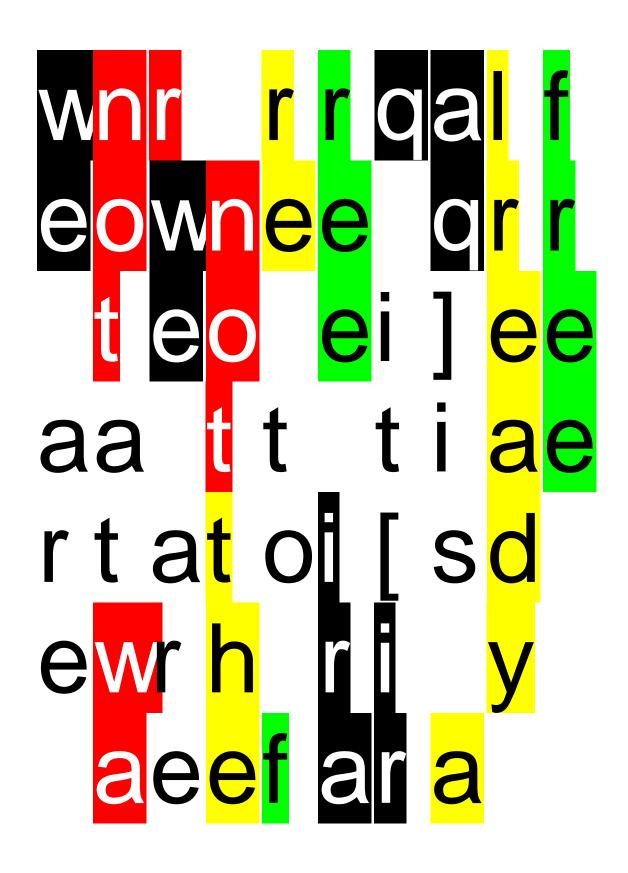
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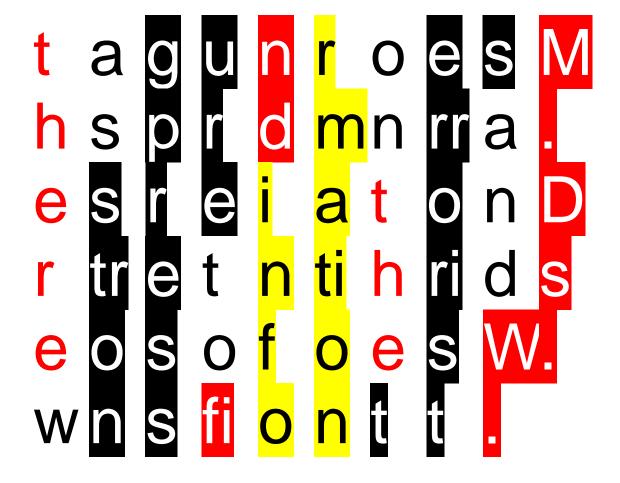
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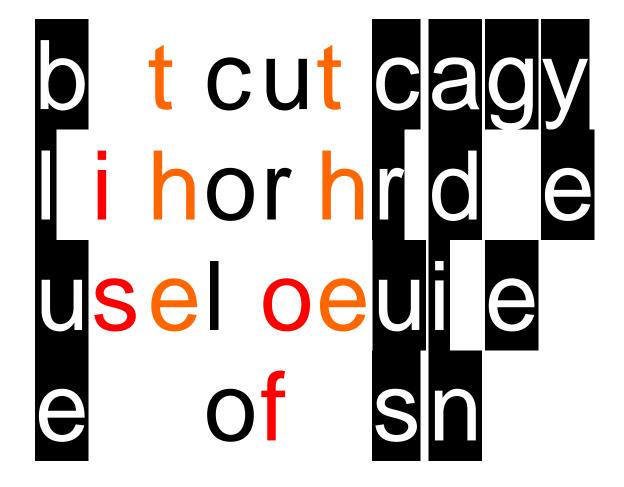


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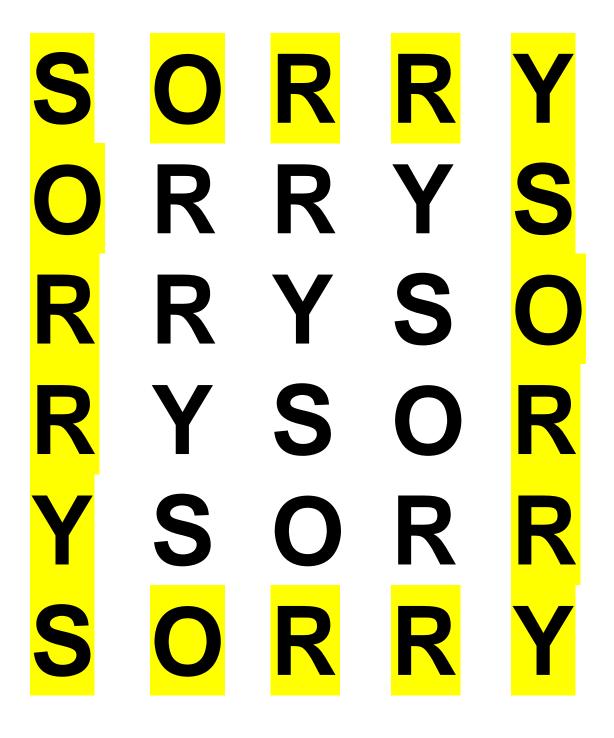


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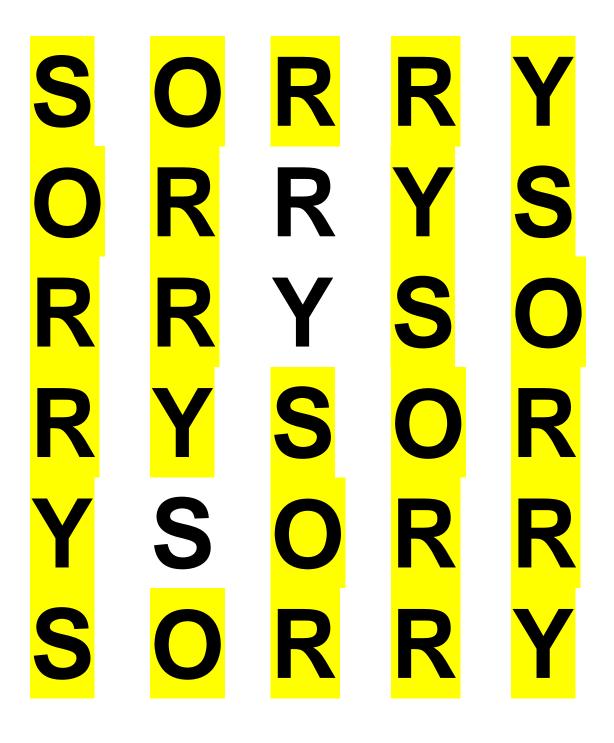




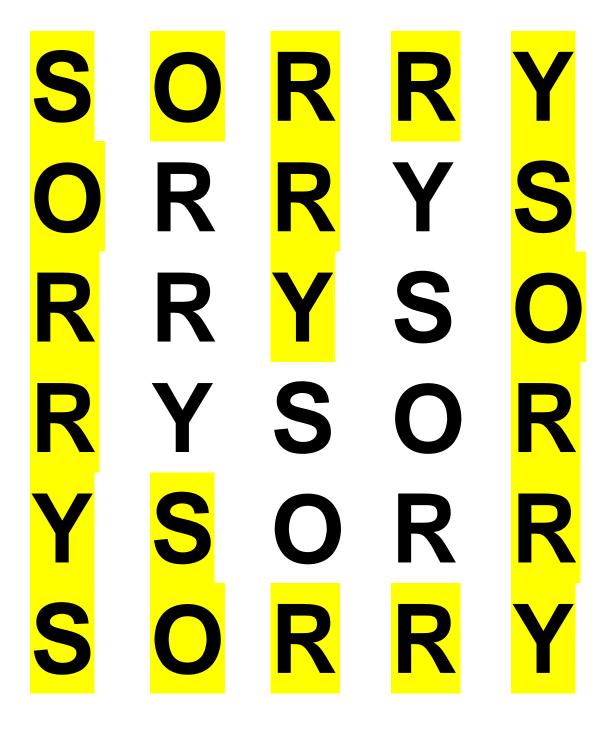
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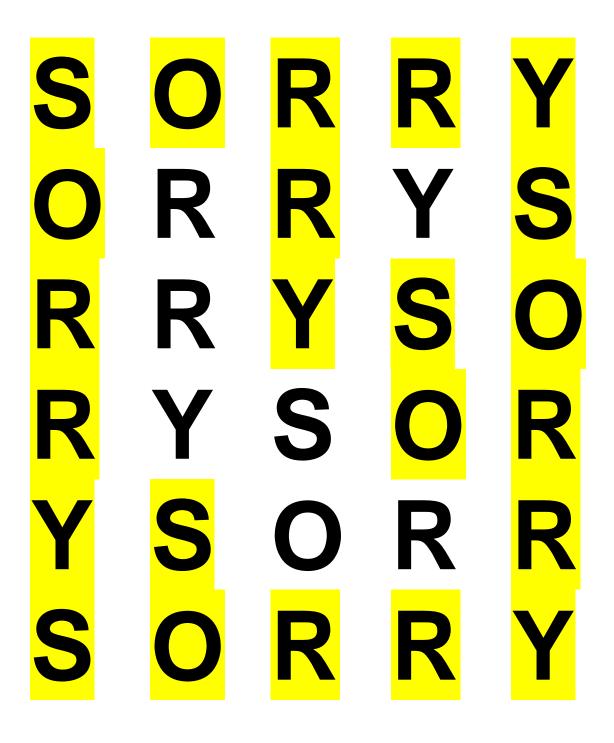
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### conventional text

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rumsfeld

torture school

someone in the administration has been teaching and authorizing these people how to carry out these torture techniques

an R rating war

this war is for mature audiences only it is morally pornographic

environmental concern

those higher up in the command chain made this abusive environment

the next september 11

the next september 11 will also be exploited

defence-secretary rumsfeld finds it impossible to answer a question

I'll ask it again: who was in charge of the interrogations?

b/rat administration

this administration is a secret we live in dangerous times and this administration is dangerous

the word is rape

a male US military police guard had sex with a female detainee

an apologist talks about realpolitik

there are always atrocities

a democrat speaks

senator kennedy said it was shameful

under new management

saddam's torture prison has opened to U.S. MANAGEMENT.

body count

90% of prisoners were wrongfully arrested

the midnight oil which warned us

U.S. forces get the nod a setback for your country

holy technology

we have forces that can fight in the darkness as well as in the light

the president assures us

we'll honour the rule of law

the president would never lie

we are fully committed to your national dignity you are a people of integrity

war is peace

we are not technically at war

redemption through blood on the video

an american was beheaded to redeem through blood the abuses

the writing on the wall:

keep fighting the americans!

a very modern question

can we fight a war in a media age?

the president asks

why do they hate us?

rumsfeld makes a vehement denial that this behavior was driven from washington d.c.

it's not how it works!

## george likes donald

you are doing a superb job the nation owes you a debt of gratitude

the wild logic of the dogs of war

wild dogs intimidate a naked detainee this naked detainee is bitten by wild dogs

### a rebuttal

abuses not happen in battle heat planned in saddam's renovated torture prison

dirty dozen churn president's stomach

the president was deeply disgusted by the dozen new unpublished photos

the president is ashamed

the president cannot believe these shameful activities were carried out by americans

war logic has it's own technique

we are not at war we are not there to free iraq it [iraq] is already free

steroid quagmire

if the marines leave iraq it will be like the lebanon on steroids

an apologist's pressure cooker

there was strong pressure to find information on the terrorists and W.M.D.s

rumsfeld boasts and sniggers to the troops at baghdad of whom some may die tomorrow

I am a survivor!

# evil eye

blue is the colour of the crusading eye

what some of the arab newspapers think

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the america the president knows

the america that I know is compassionate AMERICA IS COMPASSIONATE