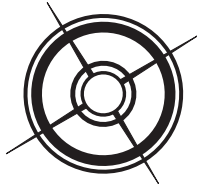


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"These are rich men in their expensive suits conducting foreign policy like gangsters. They care about our troops like Tyson Foods cares about chickens."

- Stan Goff, U.S. Army, ret.
August 2003, National Press Club

Military strategists have often said that the key to winning a war is capturing the hearts and minds of civilians and selling a war as just and necessary. Soldiers are a given. But what if you lose your soldiers' hearts and minds? What if they don't believe in the war? For U.S. soldiers in occupied Iraq, that's what's happening. And it's bad news for Rumsfeld and the Pentagon.



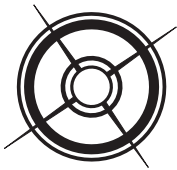
Since Bush declared the fighting over in May, U.S. soldiers have had more casualties than during the month-long Operation Iraqi Freedom. The body bags are

coming home for two main reasons: Soldiers are being killed by guerrilla attacks and "heat casualties." The former was not supposed to happen. U.S. troops were supposed to be welcomed with open arms—as liberators, not as occupiers. The latter because troops are not getting enough water and logistical support to survive the 120-degree day-time heat. Heat stroke, dehydration and unlisted "heat-related illnesses" have begun to take their toll on the 140,000 U.S. troops.

Soldiers are openly complaining that Rumsfeld and Company have no idea what they are doing. They are suffering from occupation blues. And occupational hazards. As Cheney's Halliburton works on pumping oil, their Kellogg Brown & Root subsidiary isn't showing up for work. They have been assigned the task of feeding and hydrating U.S. troops, not the government, and they're failing miserably. Soldiers are being limited to two 1.5 litre-bottles of water. The situation in Iraq is bad and getting worse.

In this issue of the Guerrilla **Deprogrammer**, GNN explores what secrets lie in the missing 28 pages of the 9/11 report, reviews two new books on doing business with the devil, examines a shocking French film, and we ask a retired U.S. Army Sergeant why the troops are so pissed off, and what that means for the American occupation of Iraq.

We hope you find it insightful and that you will read it, print it and distribute it widely...



Bush and the Saudis Sitting in a Tree...

Well, well, well. President George found himself in one hell of a bind when it turned out that Saudi Arabia funded Al Qaeda, not Iraq. Realizing we'd invaded the wrong country, Bush did the honorable thing: he came out against gay marriages.

This caused some real confusion in my staff where a gay member of our investigations team announced he was changing his allegiance from Howard Dean to George Bush. "Bush Saves Gays from Marriage! Bush Saves Gays!" he rushed around the office beaming. "Gay people exempt from going to in-laws for Thanksgiving dinner! Gay-mericans exempt from PTA meetings and hiring divorce lawyers!"

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But then I had to bring him down to earth. ('Had to' because, while Bush announced last month that our conquest of Iraq had made 'the world a safer place', our President recently mentioned there's now a 'real threat' of new Al Qaeda hijackings. So America is safer? As long as one stays indoors.)

But here's the real kick in the head. Turns out that unlike the 18 minutes missing from the Nixon tape, the 28 pages missing from Congress' publicly released report on the September 11 attack has been found. And it turns out to be a summary of Saudi Arabia's financing of terrorist fronts including the 'charities' supporting Al Qaeda.

And now, The New York Times tells us, the U.S. Senate has been embarrassed into holding hearings on those Saudi charity fronts including one named WAMY.

Of course, this is ancient news to those who watched my report on WAMY and Saudi funding of terror -- broadcast on BBC's evening news on November 9, 2001. (In the USA, that report earned me

the title of 'conspiracy nut.' In America, a 'conspiracy nut' is defined as a journalist who reports the news two years before The New York Times.)

And here's the ugly little punchline to the story you WON'T read in the Times. Why has the Bush Administration covered up for WAMY and the Saudi's other blood-soaked 'charity' operations?



Saudi Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal at the White House, Tues. July 27, 03

For the answer, let me take you back to Midland, Texas, 1986. A young old man, George W. Bush, seems to have trouble finding oil. But he strikes it rich when his flailing drilling partnership is bought out by Harken Oil. Despite the addition of the business acumen of Bush Jr., Harken faces collapse; but is pulled from the brink by a cash infusion from a Saudi, Sheik Bakhsh. The money from Arabia has nothing to do, we must assume, with Dubya's daddy at the time holding the post of Vice-President of the Free World.

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The Bakhsh booty continued a pattern of the young Bush being saved from his dire business decisions by a line of Sheik angels. His first oil company, Arbusto, going bust-o, was aided by the American financial representative of the bin Laden family.

And on BBC TV last month, I reported this: following the bombing of our embassies, the Clinton Administration sent two delegations to Saudi Arabia to tell their royal highnesses to stop giving money to the guys who are killing us. But Mr. Bush, once in office, put the kibosh on unfriendly words to the Saudis.

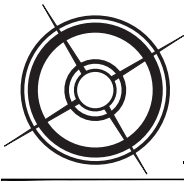
Furthermore, in the summer of 2001, Mr. Bush disbanded the U.S. intelligence unit tracking funding of Al Qaeda. What is it our G-men were uncovering? According to two separate sources speaking to BBC, the funders of Al Qaeda fronts include those who have previously funded Bush family business and political ventures.

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Now that's a wee bit embarrassing. Something you wouldn't want in a congressional report. Something you may not want the FBI to dwell on. (And you can unlock the women and children: the BBC reports will NOT be broadcast on U.S. television.)

And there's this: a document marked "Secret" and "1991" (meaning 'national security') which found its way out of the offices of the FBI into the office of our BBC/Guardian newspaper team. It indicates (and whistleblowers confirmed) that, prior to the September 11 attack, the Bush Administration held back agents of the FBI from tracking two members of the bin Laden family. According to the buried FBI report, the bin Laden lads were operating in the USA for "a suspected terrorist organization", WAMY.

But we mustn't ask too many questions of the Bush Administration's blindfolding the FBI, nor, Heaven forbid, discomfit the Saudis over their contributions to Terror-R-U.S. After all, in BushWorld, Saudi Arabia and America have shared values: we want our boys to kill, not to kiss.



ColIntel
of the month:

STAN GOFF, U.S. Army, ret.



Stan Goff, a Retired U.S. Army Sergeant, founded the [Bring Them Home Now](#) campaign, which is aimed at mobilization and coordination among military families and veterans who oppose the occupation and want to return the troops home. GNN recently spoke with him about the hazards facing U.S. troops in Iraq, and why they want to come home.

GNN: It appears that most of the soldiers on the ground were not only surprised by the lack of roses being thrown at them, they don't seem to

have been properly trained to be an occupier in a hostile land. How do you explain that?

Goff: I think there is probably a great deal of dismay inside the Pentagon to this day. But given the relationship between the White House and Pentagon this isn't something that's going to be aired out in public. Everyone knows that **conventional military forces aren't equipped to conduct an occupation** like this. Especially one with such a dramatic cultural divide between the occupying troops and the people they are trying to occupy.

The Pentagon has a lot of issues, not the least of which is **Donald Rumsfeld** is imposing a **crackpot doctrine** on them which is being paid for in blood. There is a lot of resentment. A lot of these military decisions have been taken away from the Pentagon. There are a clique of neo-cons that operate pretty much in secret. Rumsfeld has been known to be extremely dismissive of his generals and extremely arrogant and not very inclined to admit when he's made mistakes. So I'm sure there are plenty in the Pentagon right now who would love to see the fall of Donald Rumsfeld. I can't prove that but I think it's probably true.

This imperial arrogance, this hubris, that affects the National Command Authority combined with the anti-Arab racism, has a parallel in the way they view the military. They have a **profound disrespect for the working class people who are the soldiers in this fight**. They expect they can use and abuse them as much as they want and feed them the same line of horseshit that they feed the American public. But the fact is the soldiers are pretty critical thinkers and they tend to pay attention to politics, especially when their lives depend on it.

They not only underestimated the Iraqis, they underestimated the rank and file soldiers. It's really shocked them that there's been such a breakdown in morale over there, and I think there's a fundamental failure in the administration to grasp why the morale and discipline is beginning to slide. It's not solely because of the hardship that's being suffered. The history of the military is that when people truly believe in what they're doing they can face incredible austerity and hardship and still maintain a **fierce fighting spirit**. But when they go over there with the expectation that people were going to greet them with flowers like they were the liberators of Paris and instead find this really generalized hostility - they, more than anyone, know the **chicanery of this whole liberation narrative** which was fed to the public.

Now they are also seeing, along with the rest of us, that the weapons of mass destruction, the nuclear programs and the Al Qaeda connection have begun to collapse like a house of cards. The morale problems and the discipline problems are a result of people over there risking their lives for something they no longer believe in. As this thing stretches out, these

problems are going to get deeper. There is a real sense of urgency on the part of the National Command Authority to remove the **3rd Infantry Division** from Iraq. In fact, **my son** is on his way over there as we speak with the **82nd Airborne Division** to replace them. They were supposed to be replaced in September but they accelerated the timetable. The 3rd ID, you can infer from what leaks out from Iraq, has some serious problems, and they have been seriously degraded as a fighting force.

You've heard the dissent. One thing that it's important for people to understand is when you're in the military you internalize a profound inhibition in your official capacity as a military person to speak out against any decision of your commanders. That's a very risky behavior, and one that people instinctively understand can have some serious consequences. But not too long ago we had non-commissioned officers, which are supervisors, the backbone of the military, blurring out some pretty provocative things, like 'I have a deck of cards and my four aces are Cheney, Rumsfeld, Wolfowitz and Bush...' This is serious stuff.

GNN: Put what we're seeing here in perspective, in terms of the Vietnam War. This is happening in hyper-speed, isn't it?

Goff: The whole process is just phenomenal. The anti-war movement that was international in scope even before the war happened, and the rapidity with which these problems started to crop up within the military. I think part of it has to do with the speed of communications technology. But I think part of it is, this is an extremely stupid administration. They believe their own stuff. They have deeply misread the international community. They've deeply misread the Iraqi people. And they've also deeply misread the willingness of American troops - which are literate and well educated and critical - to indefinitely participate and risk their lives in this particular military adventure.

It was four or five years before the morale and discipline problems began to crop up in Vietnam. It's been six months now. A very short period of time.

The official narratives have collapsed; the credibility of the Commander-in-Chief is in ruins. And I think soldiers know that they are not only being exposed to hostile fire, to heat stroke, to all these things everyone understands, but to some serious **environmental hazards** as well. I am thinking particularly of the cocktail of untested inoculations that they are being subjected to over there. They recognize that up to **40% of those who participated in Gulf War I are in some way disabled**. That's an incredible figure.

The military and the Veterans Administration have spent millions of dollars to evade responsibility and liability for that. I can't believe that most soldiers are not vaguely aware of that.

GNN: What is the exit strategy?

Goff: That's not for us to decide. We are going to be confronted with that question by our opposition as a way of transferring everyone's attention into some sort of hair-splitting policy argument based on abstractions. We're not going there. We want a decision by the National Command Authority to end the occupation. Period. Once we get that decision then we can start having fights about how it can get down.

It's like the antiwar movement. We had a lot of people who were stone-cold anti-imperialists on one hand, and people who said they would support the war if we get a UN resolution. There were all sorts of ideological trajectories around that movement - but we made sure we all converged on one point: no war.

FILM Review: Irreversible

Gaspar Noé's controversial 2003 Cannes entry, "Irreversible," is out on DVD - controversial because it includes a horrifying rape scene with French actress Monica Bellucci (Matrix:Reloaded) in the dark underbelly of a Parisian street, followed by a revenge murder in a raunchy gay bar called The Rectum.

I don't want to play spoiler, but the man is literally defaced by the blunt end of a fire extinguisher in such a real way I found myself rewinding the DVD to try to figure out how they did it. I don't think I have had that level of fear or silenced awe since jumping out of a plane for my first skydive.

And not because I drew any perverse glee from the spectacle. But more because it was drawing something from me. It was almost as if the murder was created with complete consciousness of the sensory manipulation that it would exert on its viewer. I've come to understand just what kind of revolution the so-called European Nu Millennial filmmakers like Gaspar Noé and Michael Haneke are all about. Faced with a citizenry trance-formed into a zombified electorate, willing to accept the most egregious lies from the least humanistic leaders, they are creating works so horrifying and self-defeatingly unwatchable in order to pierce the thick layer of the collective coma.

When "Irreversible" screened at Cannes earlier this year, people walked out of the rape scene that, more than the revengeful murder, has come to symbolize the violent gratuitousness of Noé's project. There were many times throughout the scene when I simply wanted to shut it off. And almost did. But each time, I held back, thinking that the thing had to be almost over. And besides, where was I supposed to go once the lights were turned off? Noé had already taken me so far down the hole that I had no desire to sleep in it. Alone.

At one point during the rape, a person appears at the end of the tunnel. I actually felt myself praying for the person to come and rescue Bellucci - and me - from the scene. But, after a brief look, the person simply turned back and fled.

Obviously the pedestrian was a representation of the viewer. But in choosing to leave the scene instead of helping, their actions cast a powerful lens on us, since we had been able to do neither: help nor leave. We had decided to stay on. Helpless. Spectators. Accessories to the crime.

How like the viewers of FOX News Channel. Or CNN. Or the State of the Union address.

- Stephen Marshall



Spin of the month:

Pentagon Moves To Contain US Troop Complaints

"After several troops made some highly publicized negative comments to the media about the war effort in Iraq, the Pentagon has taken steps to keep the frustrations of both soldiers and their families out of reports," PR Week reports.

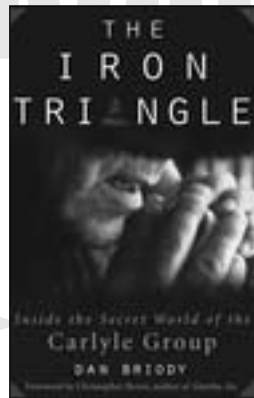
According to a story in the July 25 edition of Stars and Stripes, the military appears to be curtailing its much-touted embedded-journalist program, which has allowed reporters almost unfettered access to

military units throughout the war and occupation. The 3rd Infantry Division, from where many complaints have arisen, has expelled many of its embedded reporters, and its troops are no longer allowed to talk to the media outside of pre-approved news features... "Soldiers' families are also being advised not to complain to the media, according to news reports," PR Week writes.

Source: PR Week

BOOK Reviews

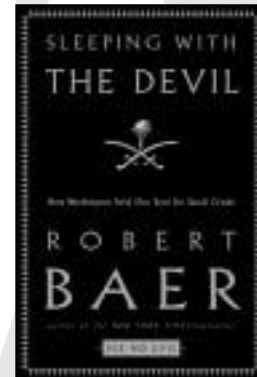
"The Iron Triangle: Inside the Secret World of the Carlyle Group" Dan Brody (Wiley)



This book gives you the real deal behind the infamous Carlyle Group, the murky private investment firm whose partners have included Bush Sr. and the bin Laden family. Thanks to its defense

holdings, for the first time in American history, a sitting president's family stands to profit directly from that president's foreign policy decisions. This is the secret history of the behind-the-scenes profiteering that has shaped this so-called War on Terror.

"Sleeping with the Devil: How Washington Sold Our Soul for Saudi Crude" Robert Baer (Crown)



"Fifty cents of every dollar you spend on gas goes to getting a Saudi prince laid." The real life Jack Bauer is back with a scathing indictment of the decadent Saudi royal family and the whorish DC

politicians they've bought along the way. Baer, an ex-CIA operative, writes the corrupt desert nation which holds 25% of the world's oil reserves is on the brink of collapse. Baer provocatively argues the U.S. has two choices to avoid global meltdown: develop alternative energies, or invade.

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