Subject: Swarmer??
Posted by Manualblock on Sat, 18 Mar 2006 14:31:17 GMT
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All I saw on the news was twenty Blackhawks landing in an empty desert; then 100 infantry "Swarming" what looked like one small single family home stuck out in the desert all by itself with nothing else around for miles and miles. Matter of fact, I think I saw that same house in the movie Blackhawk Down. In fact; I'm sure of it. There was a guy with a clapboard in one scene calling "Cut".

Subject: Wag the Dog?
Posted by Eldragon on Sat, 18 Mar 2006 21:27:37 GMT
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For those 30%+/- they are approving Smirk/Chimp job prformance. Who are these idiots anyway?

Subject: Re: Wag the Dog?
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I got two words for you; Red State.What else could it be; if their local appliance repairman did this crummy of a job they'd fire him in a second.I post about that on here because I get to be amazed at the replies.I have a friend who is the Director of The Helen Keller Center for the Deaf/Blind. They're staff is known throughout the world for a level of professionalism at treating and therapeutic results for those people. They went to the State dept and offered their expertise in treating the returning vets with eye and hearing trauma for free. The military refused to even provide any kind of information about the casualties. Needless to say they were stumped until one of the vets parents contacted the hospital and spoke at length about the denial of treatment the military is supporting; why? because they don't want it to get into the press; the terrible wounds that these IED's inflict. They are afraid it will compromise the war effort and provoke anti-war sentiment.So much for supporting our brave troops. Have you ever seen anything reported in the news or on TV concerning the wounded coming out of Iraq? I mean other than feel-good stories about one or two positive outcome cases. So much for the myth of the "Liberal Media".

Subject: changes in the heartland
Posted by Eldragon on Sun, 19 Mar 2006 18:43:49 GMT
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Change of heartlandOn the third anniversary of the invasion of Iraq, many Indianians are no longer strongly behind the warBy Charlie Savage, Globe Staff | March 19, 2006SOUTH BEND, Ind. -- The third anniversary of the Iraq invasion unleashed a surge of pessimism at a local farmers' market here, where stalwart Republicans, standing amid aisles of produce and miracle cures, said President Bush has messed up a war that looks more like Vietnam every day.| Breaking News Alerts "It's chaos," said Roger Madaras, who voted twice for Bush. "How many more people are going to be killed? We were going in to free the people of Iraq, but as far as I'm concerned, a lot of them are worse off today than they were under the dictatorship."Madaras, the owner of a plumbing company, said he believed Bush when the president declared major combat to be over in May 2003, and is "disgusted" that Bush's rhetoric was hollow. And he is far from alone.Support for Bush and his handling of Iraq is sharply eroding across the American heartland, where the overcast skies and the muddy fields of late winter matched a sense of gloom about Bush and the war.This month, the Indianapolis Star released poll findings that Bush's approval rating among Indiana voters stood at 37 percent -- a drop of 18 points over the past year. The numbers echoed national polls, but were particularly shocking in a state that has not voted for a Democratic presidential candidate since 1964, and where Democratic presidential contenders often do not bother to campaign."A 37 percent approval rating in Indiana for a Republican president is unheard of," said Brian Howey, who runs a newsletter for Indiana state political insiders. "Those are Bill Clinton or John Kerry numbers in Indiana. So there is something seriously awry going on right now."In scattered rural diners and small-town restaurants adorned with 9/11-vintage American flag posters, support for the troops remains high. But many in Indiana also say the war has not turned out the way they thought it would three years ago, and they question whether Bush has what it takes to lead the troops into a happy ending.Standing behind the counter where she sells bird houses and seed at the farmers' market, Beverly Beisel said she is increasingly fearful that Iraq will inevitably fall apart as soon as US soldiers leave -- making a mockery of the deaths sustained until then."It's not going well, that's for sure," Beisel said. "I don't like that fact that we started it. I thought Bush was actually going after the terrorists, wherever they were. We thought they had weapons that they were hiding."Beisel said she doesn't blame Bush because "he can only deal with the intelligence he was given" and still supports him because she opposes abortion. But she added that plenty of her friends think "we should get out of there and they're probably sorry they voted for him."Continued...

Subject: Re: The Gotcha Press
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Good article. So long as the Republicans can shift the peoples attention from the things that really matter to all that psuedo-religioso propoganda as illustrated by the last quote in your article regarding abortion; then we will continue to be saddled with con men and shysters like GWB and Drunks and shills for industry like Cheney. Simple-minded bumpersticker mentality informs all of the media nowadays and with one-issue talking heads screaming the party line on all stations and the complete head-in-the-sand behaviour of most of the voters it seems we are stuck in gear regarding any kind of political change.Now we have so-called "Bloggers" who think that by linking their rants with some other propoganda outlet that somehow legitimises their point of view.

Reading these blogs you get the sense that no one is allowed to think or have an opinion; instead of carefull and reasoned political analysis they offer endless epistomelogical deconstruction of every word of every sentence complete with links and quotes from other epistemic blogs until the meaning and validity of the original thought is completely lost. And this constant re-defining of thought and dissecting of every syllable of an opinion looking to find flaws that appear to violate a set of pre-determined so-called "Facts" is what passes for political commentary and true analysis. I call it the: "Gotcha" press. When their sole purpose is to seek with determination tiny mistakes in data or reportage that; while adding nothing to the debate, appears to shake the reasoning and thereby any credibility the thesis of the article has as well as the speakers integrity. Now the mainstream media has begun to ape some of these stupid habits in order to comply with some notion of "Fairness" promoted by people with personal and unfair agendas.Until we as a nation begin to demand a return to opinion based commentary that provides a foundation of thought that can help to explain current events with logic and reason we will be stuck like hamsters in a caged wheel just endlessly repeating the same simpleminded bumpersticker rhetoric.Just like the moronic and endlessly repeated phrases of dubious meaning repeated ad nauseum during the last election.

Subject: Great Post!
Posted by Eldragon on Mon, 20 Mar 2006 02:59:33 GMT
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i hate to start the post with "check this out," but here we go:"Winning the hearts and minds" "According to the U.S. account, the house collapsed because of the heavy fire. When U.S. forces searched the rubble they found one man, the al-Qaida suspect, alive. He was arrested. They also found a dead man they believed to be connected to al-Qaida, two dead women and a dead child.But the report filed by the Joint Coordination Center, which was based on a report filed by local police, said U.S. forces entered the house while it was still standing."The American forces gathered the family members in one room and executed 11 persons, including five children, four women and two men," the report said. "Then they bombed the house, burned three vehicles and killed their animals."The report identified the dead by name, giving their ages. The two men killed were 22 and 28. Of the women, one was 22, another was 23, a third was 30 and the fourth was 75. Two of the children were 5 years old, two were 3, and the fifth was 6 months old, the document said.The report was signed by Col. Fadhil Muhammed Khalaf, who was described in the document as the assistant chief of the Joint Coordination Center.A local police commander, Lt. Col. Farooq Hussain, interviewed by a Knight Ridder special correspondent in Ishaqi, said autopsies at the hospital in Tikrit "revealed that all the victims had bullet shots in the head and all bodies were handcuffed." Efforts to reach hospital spokesmen Sunday were unsuccessful.This is a translation of the Iraqi police report obtained by Knight Ridder, including accounts of events not related to the Ishaqi raid.In the name of God, the most mercifulThis is the morning and afternoon events of 15/3/20061. Interior Ministry Operations:All forces belonging to the Interior Ministry will go on 100 percent alert status starting Wednesday 15/3/2006 until 1000 hours Friday 17/3/2006.2. Coordination Center of BejiAt 810 gunmen in a white vehicle, duck type (a reference to the local name for a Toyota model) kidnapped the child Mohamed (Badei Khaled) from Samaha school in Beji (map coordinates 617667).3. Coordination Center of DujailAt 730 a benzene truck burned near Gassem al Queisy fuel station after one of its tires caught fire. The incident burned the driver

(Hamed Abdalilah) and he was transported to the hospital (map coordinates 263519).4. Coordination Center of BaladAt 230 of 15/3/2006, according to the telegram (report) of the Ishaqi police directorate, American forces used helicopters to drop troops on the house of Faiz Harat Khalaf situated in the Abu Sifa village of the Ishaqi district. The American forces gathered the family members in one room and executed 11 people, including 5 children, 4 women and 2 men, then they bombed the house, burned three vehicles and killed their animals (map coordinates 098702).They were:Turkiya Muhammed Ali, 75 yearsFaiza Harat Khalaf, 30 yearsFaiz Harat Khalaf, 28 yearsUm Ahmad, 23 yearsSumaya Abdulrazak, 22 yearsAziz Khalil Jarmoot, 22 yearsHawra Harat Khalaf, 5 yearsAsma Yousef Maruf, 5 yearsOsama Yousef Maruf, 3 yearsAisha Harat Khalaf, 3 yearsHusam Harat Khalaf, 6 months(Signed)Staff ColonelFadhil Muhammed KhalafAssistant Chief of the Joint Coordination Center3/16/2006And then there's this little tidbit out of Haditha, reported in Time magazine:But the details of what happened that morning in Haditha are more disturbing, disputed and horrific than the military initially reported. According to eyewitnesses and local officials interviewed over the past 10 weeks, the civilians who died in Haditha on Nov. 19 were killed not by a roadside bomb but by the Marines themselves, who went on a rampage in the village after the attack, killing 15 unarmed Iraqis in their homes, including seven women and three children. Human-rights activists say that if the accusations are true, the incident ranks as the worst case of deliberate killing of Iraqi civilians by U.S. service members since the war began.In January, after Time presented military officials in Baghdad with the Iraqis' accounts of the Marines' actions, the U.S. opened its own investigation, interviewing 28 people, including the Marines, the families of the victims and local doctors. According to military officials, the inquiry acknowledged that, contrary to the military's initial report, the 15 civilians killed on Nov. 19 died at the hands of the Marines, not the insurgents. The military announced last week that the matter has been handed over to the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (ncis), which will conduct a criminal investigation to determine whether the troops broke the laws of war by deliberately targeting civilians."But that's OK, it's just a little My Lai.

Subject: Re: Great Post!
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The Soldiers are tired and sick of this and want out. Many are back-door draftees who joined the National Gaurd and were shipped over there instead of being here where we need them.The Iraqi forces are riddled with gangsters and criminals who joined in order to gain access to weapons and information.If you have ideas regarding whats going on over there; add a thread; I'd like to hear them.
