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O&A / WARREN FARRELL, author

Warren Farrell is a leader in the men's movement who contends that the culture cares more about saving whales than males. James Sterba is a University of Notre Dame philosophy professor who believes that the feminist ideal of equality has yet to be realized but remains a moral imperative.

The two face off in a provocative new book called "Does Feminism Discrim-



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About those Iraqis. A World War II booklet for American soldiers in Iraq has gained new currency, the L.A. Times reports. The University of Chicago Press has just finished a third printing of the 44page manual. Among its many wise admonitions: "American success or failure in Iraq may well depend on whether the Iragis (as the people are called) like American soldiers or not. It may not be quite that simple. But then again it could."

Scream and scream again. A scream recorded for a 1951

housework to who gets custody of the kids in divorce.

The book is more a friendly skirmish than a war, with both men agreeing that discrimination based on gender is wrong. They disagree strongly, however, over which gender suffers the greater discrimination today.

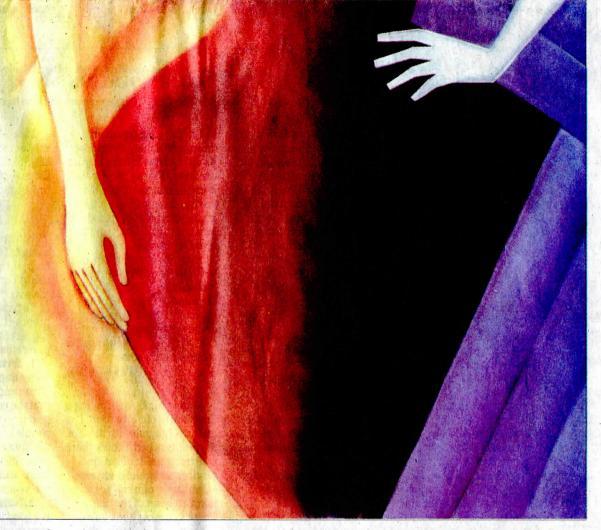
In a telephone interview with editorial writer Maureen Downey - who admits to siding far more with Sterba's position - Farrell shares his views on the gender divide.

O: In questioning women's assigned roles, didn't the feminist movement also question men's fixed roles? You seem to argue that feminism didn't try hard enough to answer those questions about men's roles, but was that the responsibility of feminism?

A: Historically, we taught women to row, metaphorically, on the right side of the boat, and men on the left. Fortunately, feminism taught women how to row on both sides. Unfortunately, no one re-socialized men to row on both sides. Until we do, we also limit women's flexibility, because when women row on the left, if men can't also row on the right, the boat goes in circles. And men and women are in this boat together.

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including "Star Wars," "The Green Berets," "Poltergeist" and "Them." ABC says the shriek, which may have been recorded by Sheb Woolley, was created for a scene in which a man is dragged under water by an alligator in the Gary Cooper movie "Distant Drums." The compilation video is well worth seeing. youtube.com/ watch?v=cdbYsoEasio

Freedom of speech. At least 64 people are in prison worldwide because of words they posted on the Internet, reports the advocacy group Reporters Without Borders, China has 50 behind bars; Vietnam has eight, the group says. And a young Egyptian has been sentenced to four years for blog posts that criticized the president and Islamist control of universities.

Whole Lotta Downloads. Led Zeppelin, one of the last super groups to hold out against selling music online, has finally logged in. The band's eight studio albums and other songs will go on sale on iTunes and through Verizon Nov. 13.

Look to Israel to learn how to handle Guantanamo detainees





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The United States holds 340 men in Guantanamo. Six of our clients from Yemen have been held there for almost six years.

These men, who have never been charged with a crime and are not classified as prisoners of war, say they are wrongly held. They have asked a federal court in Washington to hear their evi-

interests, you know, sorry for Israelis, killing 545 Israeli citthe inconvenience. The premise of the rule of law is that a person cannot be held without the blessing of an independent judge, but the Bush administration says that the threat of terrorism trumps that quaint notion of justice. But is that so? What is the experience of other countries that face threats from terrorism?

Israel, more than any

izens. During the same time period, 1,067 Israelis died in terrorist attacks overall, while another 6,333 were wounded. To state the obvious, the government of Israel faces constant attacks from terrorists. For perspective, if the same rates were applied to the population of the United States. these casualties would translate into approximately 49,000

