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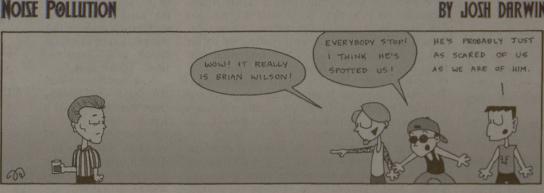








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By Laura Meckler THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Colin Powell sees the situation in Iraq "getting worse" as planned elections approach, and the top U.S. military commander for Iraq says he expects

In its latest report, the military said four Marines died in separate incidents Friday, adding to a toll that has topped 1,000 since the U.S.-led invasion began.

Powell said the insurgency is only becoming more violent as planned January elections near. "It's getting worse," he said on ABC's "This Week." "They are determined to disrupt the election. They do not want the Iraqi people to vote for their own leaders in a free, democratic election.'

Army Gen. John Abizaid, commander of U.S. troops in the Middle East, warned that voting may not be possible in parts of Iraq where the violence is too intense.
"I don't think Iraq will have a

perfect election. And if I recall, looking back at our own election four years ago, it wasn't perfect either," he said.

The goal in Iraq is to have suc-

cessful voting in the "vast majority of the country," said Abizaid, who leads the U.S. Central Command.

"We're going to have to fight our way all the way through elections," he said. "And there'll be a lot of violence between now Abizaid spoke of a major of-

fensive before the election, with U.S. and Iraqi forces doing "whatever's necessary to bring areas in Iraq under Iraqi control. U.S. officials have expressed

conflicting opinions about whether security will enable all Deputy Secretary of State Rich-

ard Armitage told Congress on Friday that the elections must be and something that will stand held throughout the country, including areas gripped by violence.

But Defense Secretary Dona Rumsfeld said if insurgent vent Iraqis from voting in areas, a partial vote would be

When asked about Rum comments, Powell repeated State Department's assertion all Iraqis must have the chance vote for the election to be cred

"But I think what we have to shooting for and what is achiev ty to vote in the upcoming el ty's examination,"he said.

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