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**DUNNBOYZ** by Will Lloyd

Mr. Weis, buses have almost hit students several times in the last few weeks.

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I don't know, sir... Wait, I know my son likes this singer named Ludacris.

**MOVE, BUS! GET OUT THE WAY!!**

Inconceivable! What has been planned to remedy this?

What do you suggest for this... jingle?

Excellent! Use this... Ludacris!

**NOISE POLLUTION** BY JOSH DARWIN

EVERYBODY STOP! I THINK HE'S SPOTTED US!

HE'S PROBABLY JUST AS SCARED OF US AS WE ARE OF HIM.

WOW! IT REALLY IS BRIAN WILSON!

**waffle cone** by M.D. Walters

WELL IT'S NOON, WHICH MEANS IT'S TIME TO PISS EVERYONE OFF BY SINGING BAD SONGS, INSTEAD OF JUST PLAYING THEM!

WOODOOSH!

WHAT THE... ISN'T IT A LITTLE EARLY FOR HALLOWEEN?

NO! AND BESIDES, WE ARE HERE TO STOP YOU!

NOT SO FAST!

ON AIR

FZZT!

TO BE CONTINUED!

**CRAZY JAKE: NEXT ADDITION** BY J.G. MICKEN

Man, I love sororities! The girls are so beautiful! Especially the Tri-Delta's and Alpha Chi's.

Am I right?

I dunno, man. It's all greek to me.

Oh that was original, Shakespeare.

Wait, who's Shakespeare?

**Iraq's upcoming election incites violence**

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 more violence ahead.

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 successful 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 and then."

Abizaid spoke of a major offensive 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 Iraqis to vote in January.

Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage told Congress on Friday that the elections must be held throughout the country, including areas gripped by violence.

But Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said if insurgents prevent Iraqis from voting in some areas, a partial vote would be better than none at all.

When asked about Rumsfeld's comments, Powell repeated the State Department's assertion that all Iraqis must have the chance to vote for the election to be credible.

"But I think what we have to be shooting for and what is achieved is to give everybody the opportunity to vote in the upcoming election to make the election fully credible and something that will stand the test of the international community's examination," he said.

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