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**THIS ELDERLY** Iraqi woman sits near a road to the Imam Ali shrine in Najaf, a burning wreck due to firefights between American troops and insurgents, but agrees that if she had a chance to, she would register Republican so she could feel safe.

## SCHWARZENEGGER'S SPEECH ROCKS; AL QAEDA REGISTERS REPUBLICAN

Lida Candle

“He was so convincing. He was so sincere. We think the Republican party might really have a place for us.”

Al Qaeda operatives have difficulty explaining it, but ever since the Republican Convention in New York, more and more Al Qaeda operatives have switched loyalties and followed California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's path into the Republican Party's fold.

“It's a big tent,” offered one Republican party operative. “Arnold Schwarzenegger is a convincing man, and he's right that there's room for different points of view in our party.”

Critics scoffed that embracing the group that claims authorship on the most deadly attacks on American citizens in the nation's history is a ruinous course. Democrats offered a more tempered perspective.

“We're a little relieved,” ventured one Democratic Party worker. “We want to treat them with the respect all immigrants deserve, but we're delighted not to have to handle this hot potato in an election year.”

Republicans expressed concern that Al Qaeda's direct action strategies might be at odds with the conservatism for which the Republican party is best

known.

“Some of our members have blown up family planning clinics and assassinated medical practitioners, but there's no direct connection to the party and it's been pretty small-scale. We're not as far afield as people might think,” responded one Republican party operative.

Critics argued that the Republican's creative approach to traditional American foreign policy through the use of factually inaccurate data and preemptive



AL QAEDA'S new, post-convention logo.

strikes on sovereign states involving loss of thousands of civilian lives was still too distinctively American to warrant an alliance with Al Qaeda, no matter how diverse the Republican party wanted to look.

“We're not worried about our critics,” chuckled one state party leader. “We've got this part worked out. We put them in a room with Arnold, and a couple of cigars later everybody's happy.”

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## NRA UNVEILS PLAN TO HELP ADDRESS SURPLUS ELDERLY

Wanda Round

The National Rifle Association's support of the expiration of a federal ban on the sale of military-style weapons was explained recently when the organization unveiled a plan to use firearms to address the problem of surplus elderly choking roads, health clinics, and Wal-Mart aisles nationwide.

“It's a national problem, and it's only going to get worse,” commented Senator Larry Craig, a Republican from Idaho and NRA board member. “We designed the sunset clause for the assault weapons ban because we knew simple handguns were not up to the task.”

“We see it as a compassionate measure. The elderly are everywhere, whining about prescription drug costs and clogging up the aisles at movie matinees,” affirmed Republican Majority Leader Tom DeLay of Texas. “Military

exercises show clearly that even though semiautomatic firearms such as the Ruger Mini-14 are effective to a point against throngs of cane-waving old people, guns with large-capacity magazines with pistol grips and flash suppressors make the task of thinning the elderly much easier.”

“Ordinary guns are less effective,” agreed Sam Paredes, executive director of the Gun Owners of California. “Discriminating against weapons based on cosmetic traits is still legal in California, but we hope to follow the national trend someday. Cosmetic enhancements are quite common here in the golden state.”

Critics argued that the wholesale



**Oakland police explain that there are some people they love to chat with.**

## OAKLAND POLICE EXPLAIN PROFILING

by Paul DeOars

Oakland police officers dismissed the idea that there was any prejudice involved in their recently documented practice of stopping blacks more often than other racial groups.

“We've investigated the matter thoroughly, and found nothing wrong,” stated one police spokesperson. “We can't quite figure out what we're up to, but we know we're operating strictly within the law.”

Oakland citizens objected that it didn't make sense for the police to focus on one racial group more than another, and that there must be an explanation.

“Maybe they're just asking directions,” offered the police spokesperson. “Or chatting about the Olympics. Those volleyball gals are really something. That's probably it.”

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**THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION** knows that the impending explosion of elderly baby-boomers in the population will need to be addressed by trained experts.

slaughter of the aged was unfair considering that few of them were armed or trained in self-defense, but proponents of the surplus elderly reduction program pointed out that many elderly supported the program themselves.

“We have people calling, wanting to sign up or sign up their relatives,” asserted DeLay. “We think the program will prove quite popular and will improve target-shooting scores nationwide.”

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## ASK THE EXPERTS



**LENA DEETER** knows the answers to everything forwards and backwards.

**Dear Lena, what went wrong with the Genesis re-entry?**

A: Homesickness. The idea that the parachute didn't open was just a cover story. Even space capsules get lonely, and when they get really homesick they become impulsive and exhibit poor judgement. Nasa often fails to take into account the effect of an extreme distance on a simple piece of equipment, which would benefit from a few more cards from home.

**Dear Lena, what do you think of the new Cal fight song?**

A: I confess some small disappointment. I'm not a sports fan, but I loved the idea of using John Taverner's “Dum tranisset Sabbatum” with a full marching band as backup. I fear an opportunity has been missed.

**Dear Lena, which is worse, beheading someone on tv or sexually humiliating blindfolded prisoners on camera?**

A: Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld is correct; no amount of counseling can help someone who has been beheaded. On the other hand, infinitely worse than both is the continued unwillingness of either political party to address health care coverage and costs realistically, even in an election year.

**Dear Lena, is Michelle Malkin right? Should we have race-based round-ups and internment camps for people we determine are a threat?**

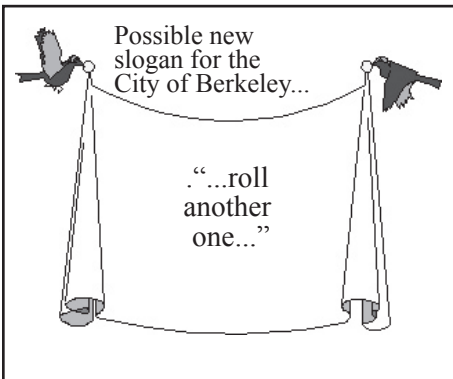
A: Honey, we already do.

**Dear Lena, what's the best way to boil an egg?**

A: Set the egg in a pot of water and turn on Zell Miller's presentation to the Republican Convention. You'll find that it's much faster than a microwave.

**Dear Lena, are we winning the war?**

A: Of course we are, we always do. People who claim otherwise are just a bunch of spoilsports. And the big victory party is only about six weeks away. Bring your party hat and your little nut cups.



# UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA TREATS STAFF LIKE DIRT

Frank Lee Speaking

A recent study concluded that the University of California is indifferent to the welfare of its workers, citing substandard pay, managerial disrespect, and constant subjection to annoying campanile music.

"I don't know how they stand it," stated author Barbara Ehrenreich, who assisted with the study and wrote the introduction. "The carillon has been known to cause the sturdiest workers to run screaming from the campus, and these people have to put up with it all day long."

Steve Lustig, acting vice chancellor at Cal, admitted that without earplugs or a very thick wig, the campanile bells can be excruciating, arguably creating a hostile workplace, but noted that working wages and conditions are set in systemwide contracts for all UC campuses simultaneously.

"Besides," Lustig added, "being able to put up with repetitive, pounding, degrading settings is almost a prerequisite for the job."

UC systemwide spokesman Paul Schwartz suggested that Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger had promised to restore funding increases beginning next year which could be used to im-



**UC EMPLOYEES are just lucky to breathe the same rarified air as the really smart people they get to hang around with on campus.**

prove wages, and that since Schwarzenegger had experience as an action hero he would most likely follow through.

"That's nice," replied one UC employee. "I really appreciate the effort. I just hope I make it til the end of the movie."

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# NASA DROPS LATEST TOY



**NASA SCIENTISTS are trying to figure out whether to make the crash site off-limits or turn it into a theme park.**

Luz Control

The Genesis space capsule hit the desert floor at 193 miles per hour at the Dugway Proving Ground in Utah, smashing Nasa scientists' dreams and a \$260 million effort to examine solar wind. NASA Scientists took immediate steps to address the situation.

"Our first move is to make a note to name future missions something that won't sound so ridiculous when they explode or hit the desert floor," stated one Genesis team member.

The second move was to enjoy the catered lunch brought by the Hollywood stunt crew which was scheduled to grab the capsule from the air as it floated majestically to earth.

"Hollywood really knows catering," commented one NASA team member. "We're a vending machine crowd," adding, "we hope we can dig the capsule up without setting off the parachute charge. Those Hollywood stunt workers may come in handy after all."

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"Smoke 'Em Out"

Smoke 'em out! Smoke 'em out!  
Roll 'em up and toke 'em out!  
Pass around another joint  
Till the team says what's the point  
Who cares what the score is  
Sing another chorus  
So what was the chorus?  
I don't know! Here we go!...(repeat)

"Nuke 'Em"

don't just duke 'em out  
nuke 'em out! nuke 'em out!  
victory will come when we drop the bomb!  
nuclear weapons  
stop them in seconds  
who needs brawn when we've got the bomb!  
we may suck at football  
but we'll be at the roll call  
after the ultimate nuclear touchdown  
all the little suckers  
will envy us in bunkers  
after our ultimate nuclear touchdown  
Hurrah for Los Alamos! Hurrah for Livermore!  
we can press the button and  
shut you down forevermore!  
don't be stupid  
nuke it! nuke it!  
nuclear waste, yeah  
we can make 'em puke it!



## VOICE OF THE VOTER...



**Am Stuart, fiddler:** I'm from Tennessee, and I know some people think that's makes me dumb, but I haven't

heard anything yet as important as the dead coming home on the big planes. I think about that, those young dead kids

and what you say to their children. It doesn't seem right. Meaning no disrespect.



**Banjo players:**

We have no opinion. We got the tar kicked out of us last time we said anything. We never intended to start trouble. Just thank the missus

for the pie, and please don't follow us home. Meaning no disrespect.

**Claude Venter, Berkeley soldier:**

On the twenty-second of June my best friend, Harry A. Broman, was killed by a shrapnel. It knocked his brains out and

hit him in the body in three places. He told me while we were ashore, "Joe I'm not coming back." I tried to cheer him but I could not. My best suit is ripped to pieces by shrapnel. It tore through my knapsack and spoiled my clothes.



6. PUSHING, CHARGING



7. ILLEGAL USE OF HANDS

**IF YOU HEAR inappropriate lyrics being sung to the new football anthem, please alert authorities with these simple signals so that they can take action.**

# CAL MARCHING BAND PICKS FOOTBALL FIGHT SONNET



**FOOTBALL PLAYERS were uniformly dubious about the new Cal fight sonnet.**

Les R. Offtweevles

The University of California Marching Band shocked the Bay Area and thousands of alumni when it chose an odd sonnet contributed by a local resident for its new fight song.

"It doesn't really fit the music, but we thought the provocative sentiment would confuse and confound the opposing team. Plus, it's gotten us a lot of publicity for the football program."

The sonnet, which suggests that budget cuts should be a higher priority than a focus on sports, outraged traditional sports enthusiasts.

"How could the band do this? I'll never trust a trombone player again," sniffed one Cal football supporter waving his foam finger. "My social life would be severely affected without these tickets to throw around, and they're not exactly cheap as it is."

Critics had a tough time arguing that there was any merit to choosing a football fight song that made fun of football.

"We're not sure what the thinking is here. The publicity angle, sure, football is an old, tired game without much of an X factor, but maybe they should crash the field again like they did a few years ago."

"It isn't like they didn't have some good alternatives," pointed out one Telegraph Avenue resident. "I was particularly fond of 'Smoke 'Em Out' as a choice. I thought it reflected a new, more compassionate attitude toward mind-altering substances, something I believe the team knows a lot about."

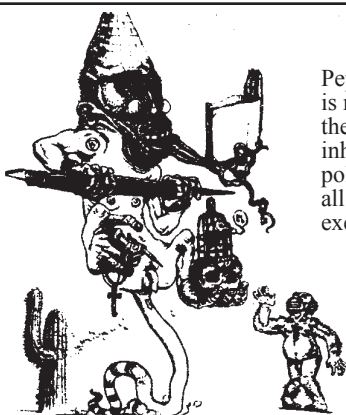
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## THE POETRY CORNER

...more submissions for the Cal  
fight song competition...

"Football Sonnet"

Why should we vex ourselves  
with games of skill  
When simple logic verities unveil  
It is not those who win  
who gain goodwill  
Black seas of deep  
resentment winners sail  
To trade the axe seems  
but pathetic sport  
More tragic for the  
backdrop budget squeeze  
Which strikes students in  
pocketbook and heart  
And brings the best  
departments to their knees  
Alas! Brave footballs sail  
and bounce about  
In sympathetic havoc-  
wanting out!



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