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Oh, see? That's so cute!
Then of course there's the giant Jack-o-lantern he has for a head...
Okay, yeah that's a little creepy...
You had to go and tell her about my head, didn't you?

Beernuts by Rob Appling
I bought a deck of cards today...
Sure, there's nothing good on ANYWAY...
What do you want to play?
The game's called Vertigo... now the rules are as follows: first you turn over a card. If the card is red, you must drink the same number as your shoe size, unless it's red and a face card in which case you drink your social security number by the corresponding amount for a Jack, Queen, King or Ace... now if you get a black card, you must chug a beer while I sing the chorus of "Grand Marnier." If you finish before me, I drink the square root of the plus any bonus drinks for not using the word "buzz" for three and a half... unless of course you get a black face card which means we both have to talk in Irish accents...
I got the Queen of Spades... what does that mean?
20 hundred drinks better get to sipping ladde...
Man... they're playing the wussie version of Vertigo...

the Wuss Cookie by Adrian
Hey Dave! You want a ride to your next class? With this rain the bus will be late.
I "borrowed" a boat from the A&M sailing team to move around campus.
Hold it right there mister!
Your "vehicle" is not displaying a parking pass... that's unacceptable.
Who are you?
I should've known better...

Firefighters work to save more homes from blaze near border

TOPAZ LAKE, Nev. (AP) — Firefighters turned their focus Tuesday to the Sierra Nevada, where firebreaks had been bulldozed around homes threatened by an 8,600-acre wildfire burning amid the worst drought in 30 years. Nearly 1,000 firefighters, three air tankers and two National Guard helicopters were assigned to the blaze on the California-Nevada state line. The fire threatened 250 homes but was growing only slightly late Tuesday and was estimated to be 30 percent contained. "The wind is the biggest concern," spokesperson Laura Williams said from the Sierra Front Interagency Fire Dispatch Center in Minden, Nev. "It is very low humidity. The soil moistures are at the lowest level they have been for this time of year since Nixon was president." A Type I fire management team from Oregon, the highest priority federal firefighting team, was scheduled to take over control of the blaze Tuesday or Wednesday. The lightning-sparked blaze was given a top priority because of the number of homes nearby, said Mark Struble, a fire information officer from the Bureau of Land Management. A two-mile trench was bulldozed Tuesday around 50 homes in the Holbrook Highlands subdivision along U.S. Highway 395 just north of Topaz Lake. "They are digging in for big winds expected the next day or two," which could fan flames through the dry juniper, sage brush and pinon pines, Williams said. The estimate of the fire's size was scaled back from 10,000 acres to 8,600 after an aerial survey. That included about 1,400 acres burned during the night, officials said. U.S. Highway 395 remained closed from

Bridgeport, Calif., north to the Nevada state line, where hundreds of residents and staff and guests at the Topaz Lodge hotel-casino had voluntarily evacuated Monday. "It wasn't a question of whether. It was just a question of when," said Topaz resident Paul Tucker. At its height, fire whorls — small tornadoes of flame — sent firefighters scrambling for cover in the rugged terrain. The fire cut power lines south of Lake Topaz, blacking out residences as well as the firefighters' command post at a high school. Sierra Pacific Power officials said it could be weeks before power is restored to all of the area. The wildfire was just northwest of the site of a 22,750-acre fire last month near Walker, Calif., where three men died when their air tanker crashed. Elsewhere in Nevada, a 10,000-acre fire raged unchecked on the Nevada-Utah line 50 miles southeast of Ely, but no injuries or structural damage were reported. In Utah, crews were battling 10 wildfires, including a 4,500-acre blaze in the Manti-La Sal National Forest in the center of the state that was drawing close to 30 homes. Residents were told to prepare to leave. Meanwhile, the largest of 14 fires burning in Yellowstone National Park was 10 percent contained. The 9,000-acre blaze, sparked by lightning in late June, was burning on the east side of the Grand Canyon in Wyoming. The fires have not threatened any major Yellowstone attractions, but officials have closed several backcountry trails and camps. The National Interagency Fire Center said wildfires have charred 3.3 million acres so far this year, more than double the 10-year average.

NEWS IN BRIEF
Relatives of dead firefighters will get to listen to tapes
NEW YORK (AP) — Relatives of firefighters killed in the Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center will be allowed to listen to recordings of emergency radio transmissions, fire officials said Tuesday. The Fire Department of New York said the U.S. attorney's office had agreed to allow family members to hear the recordings on the condition that they sign confidentiality agreements. Until now, the U.S. attorney's office has not released the tape due to court rules that prohibit the disclosure of possible evidence to the public. The U.S. attorney in Virginia has cited the recordings as possible evidence in the upcoming trial against Zacarias Moussaoui.

Blood
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"I give blood so other people can use it," he said. "I started giving blood after Bonfire fell, and I just continued doing it. Also it doesn't hurt that they give away a free T-shirt and free juice and cookies."
Angela Clendenin, program promotion coordinator at St. Joseph Regional Health Center, said the shortage has not caused surgeries to be canceled so far. "As far as the blood shortage

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Architecture
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from a videotape or a textbook. Phillip E. Rolling, communications specialist for the College of Architecture, hopes to make its graduates more competitive in the increasingly more globalized marketplace. "Certainly one of the reasons we've expanded so much is because of the global importance of global architecture," Woodfin said. Rolling said A&M sometimes been known as attracting the "less traditional Aggies," or those more interested in artistic layouts and design than sciences. "Our student body over the years has attracted people from 29 different countries, and have former students living and working all over the world now, several in South Korea," Rolling said. "The level of international influence has always been high in our college."

Collaboration
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recognizable as supporting A&M. The new shoes are maroon suede with maroon laces; they have "Gig 'em" on the sole and on the back of the heel. The shoes also have the T-star design on the tongue and back, and the ATM logo on the side. "These shoes scream A&M," Eckhart said. The bookstore will be stocking more of the shoes that will be for sale starting the second week of August. They will have smaller sizes available for females and youth as well. The yell leaders will each be given a free pair of the shoes in exchange for promotion. They will take photographs for advertisements and make appearances at the bookstore during home football game days. Specific dates have not yet been set, Eckhart said. "I'm really excited about it," said junior yell leader Tim Bailey. "I'm happy about how this turned out and I think we'll (yell leaders) keep this relationship going for as long as we can."

Lightning
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lightning," Orville said. In addition, the increased aerosol loading in urban areas may result in enhanced lightning activity and may be responsible for the observed high flash density in the Houston area, Orville said. Lightning data is collected by a network of 106 sensors distributed over the 48 contiguous states. The sensors measure electromagnetic fields from lightning discharges, much like static on a radio. "When a thunderstorm near, you hear static on the radio," Orville said. "Static is a signal that has scientific value." Researchers use instruments to process recordings of the static and triangulate the location where the lightning strikes occurred.

goes, it hasn't affected us in any way where we've had to cancel any surgeries," Clendenin said. "We had to use two suppliers to fill our needs, but we haven't had to cancel anything." The blood shortage is affecting on-campus health care at Beutal Health Center, said Linda Lekawski, director of student health services at A&M. "If someone needs blood supplementation, that is not done at our clinic," Lekawski said. "They would go to a hospital. Blood shortages affect entire communities."

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