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## Governor Mike Beebe campaigns at UAPB

By Brittney McBride and Marian Smith  
ARKANSAWYER STAFF WRITERS

Governor Mike Beebe made a campaign stop here at the University Arkansas at Pine Bluff on Thursday, October 28, to interact with students.

While here, he greeted students, answered questions, and took a moment to relate to the students.

At age 63, Beebe is running for his 2nd term as the governor Arkansas. Beebe is running against Republican candidate, Jim Keete.

For over two decades, Beebe has served in government as a state Senator, Attorney General and governor. "I've learned you can't do it all. You have to rely on good people," stated Beebe.

During Governor Beebe's first term, he had the theme of "Under Promise, Over Delivery." He selected this theme because he was frustrated with how people in politics promise many things, but never follow through. This year, Beebe's slogan is "Believe in Arkansas."



Photo/Brittney McBride  
Governor Beebe in the Student Union.

Valerie Webb, a sophomore at UAPB, asked Governor Beebe what he was going to do to create jobs in Arkansas. He explained that in his previous term, he created over 25,000 jobs in the state.

He has campaigned in a variety of collegiate settings throughout Arkansas in favor of Beebe.

He asked for a governor's quick action closing fund which allowed him to utilize \$50 million to expand or keep businesses. He also originated a plan to place institutions of higher learning with business establishments to help improve economic development.

In closing, Governor Beebe left the students of UAPB with words of encouragement. "You've got to believe. If it happened to me, it needs to be available to everyone else," replied Beebe.

Beebe has a broad range of people campaigning for him, and some of those people attended the event. One of those individuals was Ramon Stewart, with Arkansas Victory 2010.

"We've been touching a lot of campuses and stressing the importance of voting," said Stewart. According to Stewart, he is standing behind Beebe in this year's election because the governor has created jobs and kept most of the promises from his previous campaign in 2006.

A number of UAPB students came to support Beebe as well.

Darshun Cash, a graduating senior at UAPB, said that Beebe helped and supported him on a personal level. He says that he, "really appreciates him because he helped us get new uniforms for the inauguration parade." Beebe took time out to come and speak to students which gave Cash "more reason to vote for him."

Tiffany Macon, a sophomore at UAPB, also shared her views and previous experiences with Beebe. Macon met Beebe at UAPB's first home game and thought that he was really laid back and cool. She said, "It seemed like he was being real; having a one on one connection...I love Mike Beebe. I love how he reaches out!"

Elections are set for Tuesday, November 2.

## Union Programming Board hosts 'Sunday's Best' finale



By JOSEPH ESTER  
ARKANSAWYER STAFF WRITER

UAPB's Sunday's Best Finale was held October 24.

Sunday's Best is a singing competition that is like American Idol. But, the contestants only sing gospel songs.

Sponsored by Union Programming Board, the event began with a selection from Marquis Blake and Kingdom Generation.

All eight contestants rendered a final selection, "Thank You."

Host Devin Heggie announced that the Sunday's Best "Wild Cards," were Jayo Owens, and Sheila Ownie.

The "Wild Card" competition began with Shiela singing "Jesus, The Mention of Your Name."

Followed by Lauren Stewart singing "High Praise."

Jayo Owens sang "Yes Jesus Loves Me."

After Owens' song, there was a guest intermission of Christian Barnes who sang "He Kept Me."

Following intermission, Steven Howard opened with "The Great I Am," and Sherika Stewart with "How Great is Our God."

A second intermission took place, and, guest, Trenton Ware sang "All I Need".

When the intermission was over, Sherika Stewart and Steven Howard rounded out the competition with each contestant singing their final song.

"Encourage Yourself" and "No One Else" were the two songs.

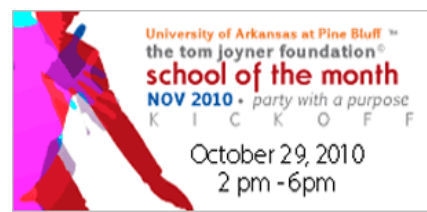
The contestants were awarded with certificates of appreciation by the judges.

Sherika Stewart and Steven Howard were announced as the winners of UAPB's first Sunday's Best competition.

## Tom Joyner School of the Month Fund-raising to begin

By Byrhonda Lyons  
ARKANSAWYER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The official kick-off for the Tom Joyner School of the Month (TJSOM) will be Friday, October 29 from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the Kenneth L. Johnson Health Physical Recreation Complex (HYPER) on campus.



"Party with a Purpose" is the official event before the university starts its month-long fund raising campaign with the Tom Joyner Foundation (TJF)--which begins on November 1.

This event will include food, games and other entertainment.

Money raised during the month of November will be used as scholarship support money for UAPB students.

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## Congressional Candidate speaks at UAPB Lecture Series

By Byrhonda Lyons  
ARKANSAWYER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

"It's just a jacket," said Kevin Powell as he threw his suit jacket to the floor and spoke to an audience filled with UAPB students, faculty members, community leaders and even local campaign workers.

Powell was the keynote speaker for the Student Government Association's lecture series and community forum.

Powell, a democratic congressional candidate for the 10th Congressional District in Brooklyn, New York, spoke at UAPB on Thursday, October 22 in the Student Union Ballroom.

He addressed the theme "Empowering the Next Generation of Leaders."

"It is a tremendous amount of work to be a student leader," he said. "[People] will hate on student leaders, but not realize how much work [student leaders] have to do."

Powell then let the audience know what was expected of leaders.

"Leaders have to be assessable," he said. "They must change the conversation, once and for all. And they must support businesses our community."

Powell added a 'Personal Touch' to his speech by discussing



Photo/Lorenzo Clark  
Kevin Powell speaks at Lecture Series.

his own life struggles. lege."

"I grew up in a single-parent household," Powell said. "My mother didn't have an education, but she encouraged me to go to col-

Powell then talked about the importance of voting.

"I just ran for Congress in New York City

about two months ago," he said, and maybe 20-25 percent of the people that could vote, did vote. Needless to say, I didn't win the race."

After using his own life experiences as a guide for leadership, Powell ended by giving listeners six steps for bringing an effective leader.

"An effective leader has a spiritual foundation, develops political awareness, starts a plan toward economically empowered, manifests their cultural manager, takes care of their physical health and moves toward mental wellness.

Once Powell finished speaking, the event transformed into a polit-

ical forum.

Moderated by Byrhonda Lyons, this forum addressed issues that specifically affect the Pine Bluff Area.

With a panelist of high school and college students, a city official, UAPB alumni and Kevin Powell, the panel discussion lasted over an hour.

Both events were sponsored by the UAPB Student Government Association.

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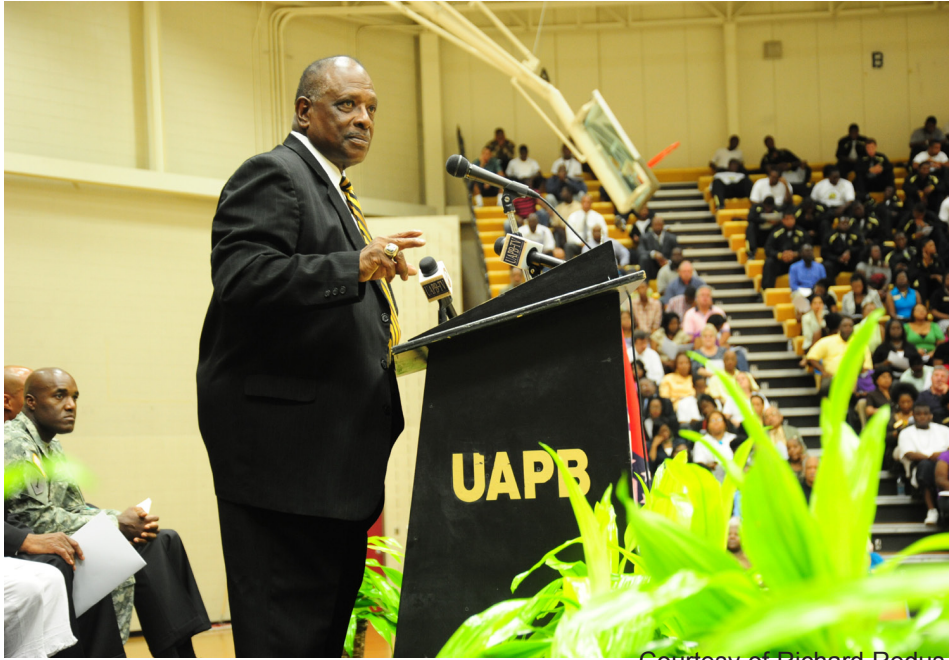
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Courtesy of Richard Redus  
UAPB Photographer

By Stephan Witherspoon  
ARKANSAWYER STAFF WRITER

On Tuesday, September 21, facing a crowd filled with students, faculty and members of the community, the Chancellor stressed the need for urgency at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB).

"If we are to insist an attitude of competency, we must go forth with a sense of urgency," said Davis

"A Sense of Urgency" was Chancellor Davis' theme for this year's fall convocation.

Davis used the convocation as a time to commend

the student body and faculty for the accomplishments of the University,

Chancellor then informed the audience of his plans for the year.

"We are under the microscope. We need to monitor our duties with integrity and dedication and without excuses," he said.

When the Chancellor mentioned his plans for improvements in the Financial Aid Office, he was met with a thundering round-of-applause from both students and the faculty members.

"I apologize for the problems in Financial Aid. We

will be adding more than stand in front of a class. They must better teach. Students, go to technology to class. You are not in St. Louis, Memphis or Chicago," said Davis. "Model yourself after successful people," he added.

As for the students, some felt like convocation could have been better.

"There is a sense of urgency around here but no one addressed it. I think the speech had good intentions but the presentation was lacking," said Adrienne Hatchett, a junior Biology major from Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

"He made good points, but next time, he should he should write a speech and stick to it," Hatchett added.

When asked if retirement was in the near future, he replied, "the university is in far better condition than when I started and my to-do list is nowhere near complete."

This was the Davis' 20th Convocation.

For most students, Financial Aid was their biggest concern.

"Financial Aid is a big problem at the university," said Erin Suggs, a junior English education major from Jacksonville, Florida. "I'm glad he mentioned it, "Now, we'll wait and see what happens," she added.

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communicate with them in a timely fashion."

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## UAPB hosts HBCU week activities

By Lauren Stewart  
ARKANSAWYER STAFF WRITER

UAPB hosted HBCU Day on September 16 to commemorate HBCU Week.

Themed "Emerging New Leaders with a Sense of Urgency," events began early Thursday morning with an assembly that featured a panel of HBCU students and alumni.

Discussing "How to balance academics, personal and social life at an HBCU," the panelists included Dr. Carolyn Blakely, Ledora Stribling, Greg Washington, Kent Broughton, II, Dr. Sederick Rice, and Dr. Freddie Hartsfield.

"The assembly provided vital information that all classifications could use, especially the freshmen," said Tamika Walker, a senior Biology major here at UAPB.

After the panel discussion, there was a Corner Chat at the Shirley Jacobs Lion's Den.

As students ate their lunch, they were able to talk to faculty about the university.

The day concluded with guided tours of the university museums and the aquaculture fish farm.

"The purpose of this day is to celebrate the experience of HBCU's and to recognize their contributions," said Alexis Skinner, a professor here at UAPB.

HBCU week was initiated in September 2009 by President Barack Obama.

## Howard group discusses being gay and Greek

By Kristen Briscoe  
THE HILLTOP

More than 100 students and faculty packed into Room 136 of Douglass Hall to listen to a panel discussion about being gay while in a Greek sorority or fraternity.

The event was hosted by CASCADE, which is the first gay/straight alliance on the campus of an HBCU. Theara Coleman, a sophomore English major and chair of the event, said, "The purpose of this discussion is to break down preconceived notions of Greek organizations."

The discussion consisted of six Howard students and alumni, all of whom are openly gay and part of a Greek sorority or fraternity. The panelists were asked questions dealing with their experiences in these organizations.

Valerie Jones, an alumna, said, "When I told my sorority sisters that I was gay, they were supportive and I wasn't harassed."

"It's because of the leader that I

am, that I was brought into the organization, not my sexuality," Jones said.

Charity Jackson, a senior Spanish major said, "My sorority sisters were really accepting, and I didn't experience any negativity. Some already knew, and I felt like it was my job to tell them, because they are my sisters."

Teron Stocks, a senior human development major, said, "I wanted to join a Greek organization because I wanted to have more relationships with heterosexual males. And being that my organization is co-ed, I've learned a lot from both the men and the women."

One of the more controversial questions asked to the panel was how they balance being a part of a Greek organization, while remaining true to their own identity.

"I don't fit into anyone's mold, but it's not about me, it's about the organization that I serve," Jones said. "You have to hold yourself accountable to your organization."

"What I do behind closed doors doesn't affect my ability to participate in my organization," Stocks said. "I shouldn't have to feel like an alien because I'm gay."

Kenyatta Hobson, community director at Meridian Hill Hall, said, "We must educate ourselves on the signals we are sending. There is a time and place for everything."

Although the discussion began to get heated, Coleman had to bring the event to an end around 9 p.m. Portia Herndon, a freshman computer engineering major, is not a member of CASCADE yet, but comes to the meeting regularly.

"I've been coming to CASCADE because it is a time and place to vent with, and meet, other people that are like you," Herndon said.

"CASCADE is a coalition of students celebrating and promoting the tolerance of diversity," Joseph Reaves, a junior political science major, said. "Our organization just celebrated our ten-year anniversary."

CASCADE holds weekly meetings on Friday in Blackburn, where it serves as a safe place for people to come out and discuss their sexuality.

Dominic Ripoli, a senior legal communication major and CASCADE parliamentarian, said CASCADE works closely with the Human Rights Committee and engages in phone banking to help legislation get passed, so workplaces will not discriminate against a person for being gay.

Ripoli said CASCADE was invited to attend the National Black Justice Coalition and the Congressional Black Caucus two weeks ago.

"It's important to have organizations like CASCADE on campus," Galen Williams, a sophomore musical theatre major and CASCADE member, said. "It's hard enough as it is to be gay, but it's nice to have an organization at Howard where you have people to support your sexuality."

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Each month, the TJF designates an HBCU to receive its support.

The scholarship support money is sent directly to the HBCU for the students.

The scholarships are awarded to the students through the Financial Aid Department at the HBCU based on financial need and other requirements from the school.

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Also, the Affordable Care Act will allow young adults to remain under their parents' health plans until they are 26 years old.

But the main point that Obama conveyed and said that students will play a major role in is "making sure that more students complete college." Obama said his administration wants to make sure that higher education creates a workforce that is prepared for the new jobs of the future.

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## Louis "Skip" Perkins leaves UAPB for Howard University

By Byrhonda Lyons  
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UAPB's Athletics Director, Skip Perkins, has been named Howard University's new Director of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Perkins will assume his position at Howard on January 1, 2010.



Skip Perkins  
UAPB Athletics Director

As Howard's Athletics Director, Perkins will head 19 varsity athletic programs, including Division I football and basketball.

He will direct soccer, swimming and diving, tennis, indoor and outdoor track and field for men and women; and four programs – bowling, lacrosse, volleyball and softball--- in which only women participate.

"It is a humbling and exciting experience for me to have the opportunity to return to the Washington, D.C. area to lead Howard University's Department of Intercollegiate Athletics," said Perkins.

"We sought a leader who is committed to academic and athletic excellence; we found that in Skip Perkins," said Howard's President, Sidney Ribeau.

Under Perkins' leadership, the UAPB athletic program won five championships in women's cross country (2007 and 2009), men's cross country (2009), women's soccer (2009) and men's basketball (2010).

Perkins also released at least seven faculty members during his tenure.

Prior to his appointment at UAPB, Perkins was the assistant director of Athletics at North Carolina Central University--his alma mater.

He has worked as UAPB's Athletics Director for three years.

## 10-year Golden Lion Sports Broadcaster fired

By Whitney Phillips  
ARKANSAWYER STAFF WRITER

Tim Stubbs, 10-year broadcaster for the UAPB Golden Lions Football team, was fired by Athletic Director Skip Perkins.

According to the Pine Bluff Commercial, Stubbs was not aware that he was no longer broadcasting the games.

He was under the impression that he was not broadcasting the Alabama game that took place on September 11, 2010 because of poor traveling arrangements.

Stubbs had a problem traveling eight hours to the game in Alabama and covering the three hour show that same day.

"To me, the whole thing just



Tim Stubbs

he never let Stubbs go.

"I didn't let Tim go, didn't say anything to him.

"There is no money in the budget to allow Stubbs to arrange alternate travel. You want me to do something special for you when we're a state school and we already have a limited budget," said Perkins.

got out of control and it turned into a personal attack," said Stubbs.

But according to Perkins,

In three years, there have been reports of at least seven faculty members that have been released from the University on Perkins' account alone.

For now, Stubbs is no longer calling any of the UAPB football games. Perkins' take on the matter is, "I'm in charge of a department and I hold people accountable. If Tim Stubbs works for me on game day, he's going to be treated like everyone else."

Tim Stubbs recently filed a grievance against the firing.

The *Pine Bluff Commercial* contributed to this story.

## Golden Lions Outlasts the Clark-Atlanta Panthers

By Porchanna Jones  
ARKANSAWYER STAFF WRITER

The Golden Lions defeated the Clark-Atlanta University football team 35-19 on September 25 with outstanding play from both starting receiver, Raymond Webber, and quarterback Josh Boudreaux.

Webber and Boudreaux put on quite a show for the UAPB fans that filled the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis, Missouri.

Webber caught 11 passes for 162 yards for the Golden Lions.

At half-time, the Lions were leading CAU by a point.

By the end of the third quarter UAPB starting to get back in its groove.

Webber had a 12-yard touchdown with 10:50 remaining on the clock, Webber caught a 43-yard pass to change the score to 28-13.



Porchanna Jones  
ARKANSAWYER PHOTOGRAPHER

Boudreaux was 16 of 24 for 212 yards, and Justin Billings rushed for 110 yards and a touchdown on nine carries for the Golden Lions.

After this game, Webber was named SWAC Player of the Week.

The final score was 35-19.

## MEAC Welcomes Savannah State and N.C. Central

By Paul Douglas  
THE FAMUAN

Savannah State University and North Carolina Central University athletic programs now call the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference home.

The MEAC had granted these two universities membership into the historically black conference this year, and their athletics are eligible to compete this season. These two programs mark the second expansion of the MEAC since the addition of Winston Salem State University back in 2007, which dropped this season to Division II.

Savannah State University will make its MEAC football debut against Bethune-Cookman University, at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18, in Daytona Beach. This obviously will be the ultimate test for the Tigers, who have not competed in conference play since leaving the Division II Southern Intercollegiate Conference in 2002. [Ed. note: Tigers lost 42-7.]

Last season, the Tigers were an NCAA Division I football program. That alone



should have muted critics, who questioned their stability in the MEAC; but apparently their previous Division I resume didn't amuse the doubters.

This season, the Tigers suffered their worst defeat at the hands of Division II Fort Valley State University in a 41-10 blowout. So maybe the critics weren't so misleading after all. Moreover, the second game against Division I Championship Subdivision's (formerly Division I-AA) Georgia Southern University ended in a 48-3 loss.

So it's quite evident that the Tigers might just be out of their league, and will have to obviously earn their respect out on the gridiron during their inaugural year in the conference.

However, joining the MEAC might not have been such a great decision for the Tigers after all

because last season they lost to Bethune-Cookman University and North Carolina Central University, who are both now conference contenders.

Furthermore, things aren't looking so great for other MEAC newcomer North Carolina Central State either, who also was a NCAA Division I program last year. The Eagles finished last season with a 4-7 overall record. The struggles for the Eagles have already started, as they were defeated by Division II Winston-Salem State in a 34-27 loss last week.

So the question that still remains is whether or not the Eagles can survive in the MEAC with conference powerhouse and back-to-back champion South Carolina State or FAMU? Savannah State or North Carolina Central State won't stand a chance matching up with the MEAC's premier teams if they keep performing in this fashion.

So what does this mean for the Rattlers? Will these two newcomers compete with FAMU in a MEAC showdown? Well, quite frankly, the answer would unanimously be no.

## FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

9/4/2010	Texas-El Paso	El Paso, Texas	L 10-31
9/11/2010	Alabama State	Montgomery, Ala.	L 31-38
9/25/2010	Clark Atlanta	St. Louis, Mo.	W 35-19
10/2/2010	Southern	Baton Rouge, La.	W 41-23
10/7/2010	Prairie View A&M	PINE BLUFF	L 6-21
10/16/2010	Alabama A&M	PINE BLUFF	W 21-14
10/21/2010	Alcorn State	Alcorn State, Miss.	W 39-35
10/30/2010	Grambling State	Little Rock, Ark.	1:30 pm
11/6/2010	Mississippi Valley State (HOMECOMING)	PINE BLUFF	2:30 pm
11/13/2010	Jackson State	PINE BLUFF	2:30 pm
11/20/2010	Texas Southern	Houston, Texas	7:00 pm

## HBCUs Are Failing in Financial Aid Accountability

By Jabari Payne  
THE FAMUAN

Historically, black colleges and universities have been the cornerstone of black education since the founding of the first HBCU in 1837, Cheyney University of Pennsylvania.

Black colleges offer black youth the opportunity to attend institutions of higher learning with individuals who look like themselves. However, HBCUs have had financial problems due to in-house theft and other corruption scandals for years. These low accountability standards tarnish the integrity of these historic institutions.

Corrupt practices have led to grave repercussions for involved institutions from the government and accredi-

ing bodies. However, these schools should still be held accountable.

Recently, there have been several cases of financial aid theft at Florida A&M University. The Famuan reported: "FAMU police report that the fraud occurred when the suspects gained unauthorized access to another FAMU student's information contained in their iRattler account and used this information for personal gain by diverting funds to another bank outside the state."

Although the suspects have been arrested, fingers should not only be pointed at the thieves, but at university administrators. If the systems were safer, there wouldn't be problems like students hacking into iRattler, the university online data

system where students' information is stored.

"This is not what I expected college to be like, late money being stolen," said Jamire Riles, a 19-year-old general education student from Miami, referring to financial aid checks that students often receive late. "It's things like this that make me think about transferring to Florida State."

Morris Brown College went through similar financial problems during the 1990s and the early 2000s. In the May 2006 issue of Jet Magazine, former president Dr. Dolores Cross "pleaded guilty to embezzling millions of dollars in federal funds that were intended to cover student tuition."

With the aid of the former

financial aid director, Parvesh Singh, Cross robbed Morris Brown of just over \$3 million. Cross' tenure lasted nearly three years, but her monetary hoarding forced the school into a loss of accreditation and turned the campus into a ghost town.

Alabama A&M University in Normal, Ala., is another black college with accountability issues. The school has been missing over \$1 million since 2008, according to an editorial written by John Beck of the Huntsville Times.

"The missing money was reported in 2008 by state auditors, who went so far as to name a half dozen people who had access to the money. There's been no indication so far that the attorney general or district attorney offices or even the university

itself has pursued the matter further," read the editorial. Huntsville's CBS Affiliate WHNT 19, reported that the students petitioned for their money.

An absence of liability for Morris Brown's and Alabama A&M's money is just another example of why students question the leaders and integrity of our HBCUs. There has to be more than one or two ways to keep track of all the money that is being stolen from the schools. If there isn't, then our schools are to blame just as much as the thieves themselves.

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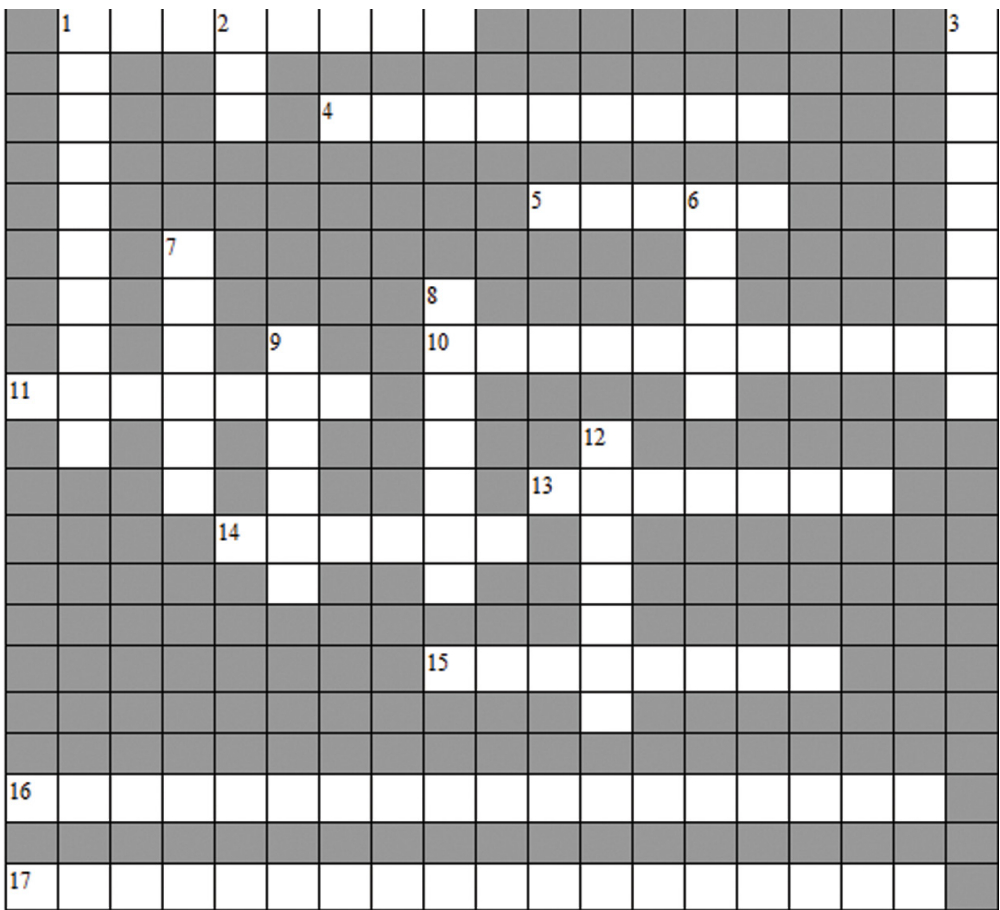
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## Halloween



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1. Where souls rest eternally
  4. Make sure you're not outside while this is above you
  5. Wise one
  10. The date of Halloween
  11. One, Two, Who's Coming for you?
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  14. The amiable apparition
  15. "It's close to midnight..."
  16. Metaphysical motion
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1. Candy vegetables
  2. Bad things happen on this street
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