

"Look everyone, I'm Frankenstein."

POPE BENEDICT XVI  
GOING TO THE ANNUAL  
VATICAN HALLOWEEN PARTY



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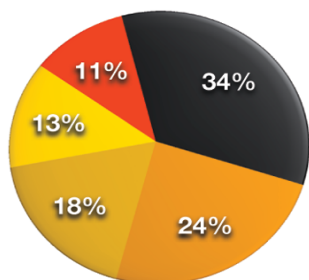
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DEMOCRATS RESPOND:  
What Will You Be Handing Out to Trick-or-Treaters?



- Obama/Biden Stickers
- Voter Registration Cards
- Health Care
- Pork
- Change

# George Romero named new Pirates manager



The Pirates today named zombie film guru George Romero their new manager, replacing John Russell, who lasted less than one year.

Team president Frank Coonelly said that "Romero was selected due to his proven track record for raising the dead."

Romero told a reporter he would transplant his proven methods for making zombie films to the baseball diamond.

"I am impressed with the current roster," Romero said. "Their lifeless, lurching, mindless movements on the field are very similar to the folks I'm used to working with in my films."

"But raising the dead? That's going to take some time — I'm a filmmaker, not a miracle worker."

# Palin touts foreign policy experience

Gov. Sarah Palin touted her foreign policy experience by recounting her numerous dealings with Russian president Vladimir Putin.

"Since Vladimir lives next door to me in Russia, I'm over his

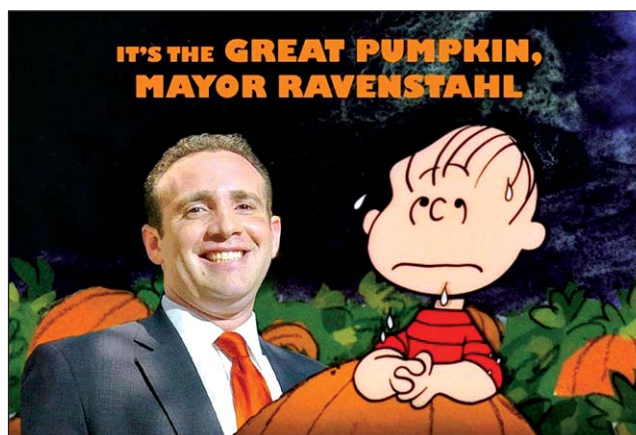
house quite a bit, borrowing a cup of sugar or his snow blower," she said.

As for her other foreign policy experience, she explained: "I was in New York City once — I assume that counts."



## HALLOWEEN SHOCKER

Chief of Staff Yarone Zober warns Mayor Ravenstahl not to make a fool of himself by waiting in a pumpkin patch for a mythical creature, like he does every year.



# Powell makes pitch at UN for Obama

Former Bush administration Secretary of State Colin Powell addressed the U.N. Security Council this morning in an effort to convince the international community to back Barack Obama for U.S. president. "Have I ever misled you before?" Powell implored the council.

One of the members reminded Powell about the 2003 presentation in which he claimed that then-Iraqi President Saddam Hussein harbored weapons of mass destruction.

"OK, I mean other than that one time," Powell said.



## Hear da JUDGE

By the Hon. Rufus Peckham  
Editor of Carbolic Smoke Ball

Dear readers: It's Halloween week, and thousands of you have written to ask me to run my safety tips for trick or treating. Here they are:

**Tip No. 1: Keep a detailed log of all candy.** Write down the name of the candy, its lot number and donor; retain all wrappers; ask the donor if he saved the receipts and staple them to the log; have the donor initial the log; have the log notarized first thing the next morning. Creating a chain of custody makes for a fun and safe Halloween!

**Tip No. 2: Only visit the homes of people you trust.** My test is foolproof: Before Halloween, ask the homeowners if you can borrow \$50. If they say "sure," it's a safe house.

**Tip No. 3: Create a DNA database of all candy donors.** If they're innocent, they have nothing to fear!

**Tip No. 4: Hire a taste tester to check out your candy.** College kids are always looking for work.

**Tip No. 5: See if there is anything good on TV, and skip the whole miserable experience.** Halloween stinks!