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take up sticks to strike back. Angry and filled with our power to do as we please, we swing at the web. Its sticky threads cling to our hands, pulling the web and the spider towards us. Panic-stricken, we swing the sticks again and again until the web is destroyed. But did we kill the spider? Perhaps it is still clinging to a stick; or waiting on a nearby branch for us to drop our guard. Then it will climb upon us unnoticed and fill us with its poison.

We search for the spider, knowing it is there hiding. Our very size is a disadvantage. We are so big and it is so small and quiet; hiding in places we do not go. In desperation, we begin to smash nearby bushes with our sticks. Small bugs of all types flee our assault as we kill anything that looks like a spider. But there is no spider among the dead.

In our attempt to kill the spider, we have killed more victims than the spider. But their death does not move us. We want the spider.

How much better would it have been to have one glass jar, a tight lid, and two steady hands to catch the spider? But that would have demanded more patience, skill, and wisdom

than frighten children can muster. And with the spider's absence, how many nightmares will we have of it sitting in the darkness, waiting to strike.

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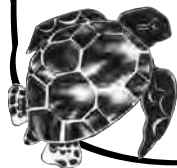
On Thanksgiving our fearless leader took an unannounced, blacked-out red-eye to Iraq, in total darkness and secrecy, even landing with windows covered to prevent any light escaping. Never leaving Baghdad Airport, he spent a total of two hours on the ground, did a song and dance for some selected troops, shed a few crocodile tears (I suspect he had an onion in his pocket), then dashed home to resume his vacation in Texas. I'm so not impressed.

Wouldn't a leader, a true commander-in-chief, have announced, "I am going to Iraq," and spent, at the very least, an entire day touring the combat zones and conferring with his generals and troops? He would have flown in broad daylight, not in the dark like a sneaking

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Dec 29 - Jan 2 Southeast Eugene
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Unimproved streets are normally picked up during this round.

It's Easy to Rake, Recycle and Reuse Your Leaves

- Use leaves for mulch or compost (call 682-5542).
- If you pile leaves in the street, don't mix them with debris.
- Put leaves and other debris in your yard debris container.
- Take leaves to local yard debris recyclers (Rexius and Lane Forest Products).
- If you want more leaves than you have, request a leaf delivery by calling 682-4800.

For the Safety of All, Keep Bike and Traffic Lanes Clear!

- Place leaves in a row at least a foot away from the curb so they don't block gutters and clog storm drains.
- Pile leaves at least 15 feet away from parked vehicles.

For leaf services outside city limits, call Lane County Public Works Hotline at 682-8565.

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