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## Boss's day is on the way

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You'd never know it, but Boss's Day -- Oct. 16 -- has been around for 50 years and really isn't a Hallmark Card invention. (Even though they make a line of cards to celebrate the day dedicated to warming the heart of your workplace overlord.) But 2008 just might be the year to start currying favour in a big way. Just look south for growing unemployment and general economic unease. Surely a little card or gift couldn't hurt your chances of still being on the job in 2009.

Online retailers are early off the mark suggesting a range of booty to make you look good -- or possibly desperate -- in the eyes of your very own big cheese. **CSN Stores, based in Boston, suggests the Offi Lamp** -- perfect for the boss with a big, hyperactive inner child. It's a large, bear-shaped, tabletop lamp that comes with washable markers for creating masterpieces over and over and ... At \$59 US, the hope is that it will keep your supervisor happy -- and occupied -- for hours. Gifts.com has a cheapy \$5.99 shocking pen for bosses who hate it when underlings steal their writing instruments. Wait. That might not be a good idea, even for a boss with a sense of humour. Unless that sense of humour has changed little since he was in the fourth grade. Other affordable items offered under their "novelty gift" section are the "I'm saving to quit" piggy bank (touch-and-go in our view) and toasted notes (advisable only if your boss is a snowboard instructor.)

