



THE MUSTANG TIMES

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Raymond Central Football

by Ian White

I went to a Raymond Central football game. Raymond Central was playing the David City Scouts. It was a close game.

At first the football players were ramming into each other so hard it looked like a car hitting a truck. Then the other team kept scoring touchdowns over and over again.

The first quarter score was 0 to 6. When the second quarter started, the other team was on fire. They kept making more touchdowns while Raymond Central still had zero.

At the end of the second quarter, the score was 0 to 20 and the teams hustled into the locker rooms. When Raymond Central came back out, the crowd was cheering.

Then the 3rd quarter started. The other team kept scoring more and

more touchdowns, but after the talk with the coaches, Raymond Central was improving.

Our defense was doing great and so was our offense. The whistle blew; the third quarter ended.

Finally the fourth quarter started and both teams were ready.

The whistle blew and then a wide receiver for the Mustangs ran out to catch the ball. The quarterback threw the ball to the wide receiver who caught the ball and scored a touchdown.

The crowd was on its feet, and the score was 8 to 63, Scouts in the lead. Then the final whistle blew and the game was over.



Photo by Mrs. Hayward. Ian White and Nick Boyd with Raymond Central Football players.

Thanks to Glenn and Susan Ledder!

Special thanks to Glenn and Susan Ledder of Lincoln for donating an e-machine computer and monitor to the paper. It is being used to type articles and soon will have internet access. We thank you very much for your gift!

Sincerely,
The Mustang Times Staff

Special Persons' Day

by Brooke Williams

The Raymond Central PTO sponsors a Grandparents/Special Persons Day every year.

This "GRAND!" event has been going on for 7-8 years.

We have it because our grandparents/special persons love to see what we do at school every day.

Also, some students don't get to see their grandparents/special persons that much, so when they do, it's a great feeling.

Each student can invite 2 to 3 grandparents/special persons. We make each one an invitation, too.

This year, the special day was on Friday, November 12, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Close to 300 grandparents/special friends attended. There were treats and drinks and all sorts of different activities and places to visit.

Speaking for the Student Council, we hope everyone had a wonderful time with your grandparents and special persons.

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Curt Tomasevicz Visits School

by Ian White

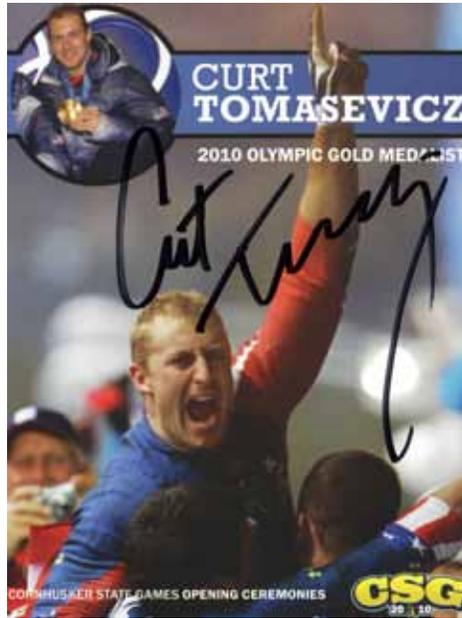
Curt Tomasevicz, a USA Olympics team bobsledding gold medalist from Shelby, Nebraska, came to our school October 12 to talk about how to follow your dreams.

All Kindergarten through 6th grade kids in the RC District came to the Valparaiso school gym to hear Curt.

The crowd was excited to see him. They were cheering so loud, I couldn't hear a thing.

Then the principal came in and silenced everyone and said, "We would like to welcome Curt Tomasevicz!" The crowd went crazy.

Curt talked about how he met a girl named Amanda who was train-



ing to be on a bob sled team in 2003.

The coach came to him and said, "This girl is getting lazy. She is showing up later and later every day." The coach asked if he would train with her, so he did.

Curt then decided he wanted to be on the bob sled team. He kept working hard and now he is a gold medalist for the United States. He told us we should keep working hard to accomplish our dreams.

I asked Curt some questions after the assembly. He said he had to train 5-6 hours a day, and getting a gold medal was a feeling like he hadn't felt before. He said he might try for the 2014 Olympics in Russia.

Holiday Class Parties

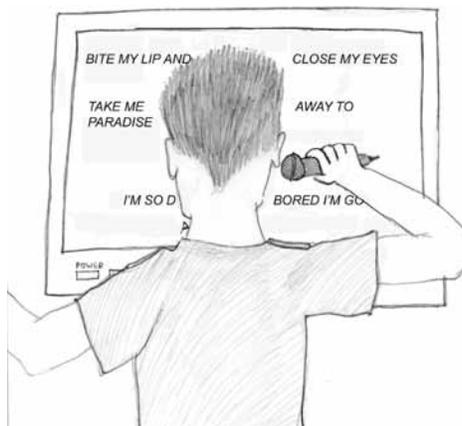
by Jonathon Herroon

My class had a Halloween party on October 28. The kids wore lots of different costumes.

One kid was Michael Jackson, and another was Bille Joe Armstrong. Costumes were anything from a whoopee cushion to a Twister game!

Two activities went on. One was a game similar to "Brownies and Fairies." It was called "Zombies and Pumpkins."

Above right, Kareoke Singer, by Alex Schon. Below, Costumes, by Jonathon Herroon.



Another activity was kareoke. A lot of songs (mostly country) were sung. And one kid (me) brought his guitar to school and played a little bit.

Mustang Staff Welcomes Brooke

by Jonathon Herroon

The Mustang Times welcomes Brooke Williams to our staff.

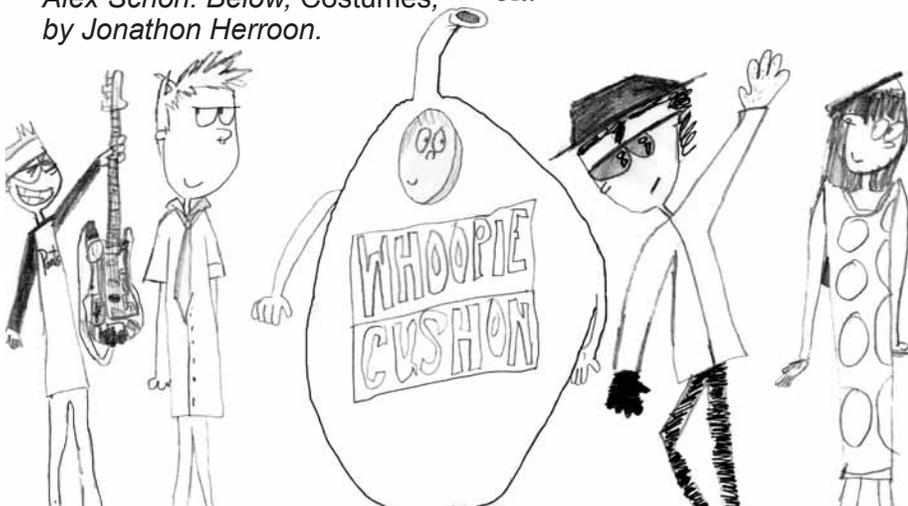


photo by Frances Holley

Brooke is in the 6th grade at Raymond Central Elementary in Valparaiso and is in Mr. Trembly's homeroom. She will work as a reporter, writing articles, typing, and taking photos for articles.

Brooke likes to play volleyball, basketball, write stories, hang out with friends, and take long walks.

Welcome, Brooke, to *The Mustang Times*. We will appreciate your good work.



Red Ribbon Week

by Frances Holley

Red Ribbon Week has been fun. It started with a banner being passed around the school. All the students signed the banner. There was also a poster contest for the best t-shirt design.

On Monday, we got dog tags to wear all week. Tuesday we got a pledge to sign. It says:

Be a HERO--Live Drug Free!	
I pledge to never smoke or chew tobacco, and to never take any illegal drugs. I promise to stay drug free and say, "I will be a HERO--Live Drug Free."	
_____	_____
DATE	NAME



On Wednesday we got ribbons. They say "My choice...DRUG FREE." They make good book-marks.

On Thursday we got bracelets and had an assembly. The bracelets say, "RC IDDD," which means, "Raymond Central, I don't do drugs."

Our Student Council members visited the classes every day. They gave speeches and handed out the

ribbons, dog tags, pledges to sign, and bracelets.

The assembly on Thursday was about heroes in our community, like mentors, officers, deputies, and people that served in the war. Heroes also can be your parents and grandparents. Everyone dressed up in hero costumes.

Two people from each class in 4th-6th grade are on the Student Council each semester. They had to go to all the classes, K-6th grade. I thought that was a difficult thing to do.

Miss Schiefen said, "It took a lot of hard work to put together Red Ribbon Week. The Student Council worked really hard during lunches and recesses."

Turkey Trot

by Brooke Williams; photo by Mrs. White

On Friday, Nov. 5th, the 4th, 5th, and 6th graders and special guests gathered in the Valparaiso Elementary Gym, setting up for the 26th anniversary Turkey Trot.

We have been having fun and staying fit with this event for that long!

First, we stretched out to get ready to run a mile. Then we lined up in reverse class order, 6th to 4th grade. Miss Lovitt shot the starting gun and

we took off! We ran all the way from behind the school past the Tornado Park and the Church and back to the gym.

Back at the gym, we checked off our names so that all of the teachers knew who was there. We checked the score board for our running times, walked around the gym a few times to slow down our breathing and heart rates and cool ourselves down, and sat down.

We lined up in class (4th to 6th) and alphabetical order for the treat

line. Everyone got two snacks and punch and then everyone could have one more thing from the leftovers for seconds.

After we cleaned up the trash, we sat down and Miss Lovitt picked several 6th graders to pass out the awards. Parents, guests, and anybody who helped out that day received an award, which was a red certificate. It read, "Thank you for helping on this wonderful day" and listed the person's name.



Spotlight on . . . Dani Jo Munderloh

story and photo by Ian White

Dani Jo is talented in many things. Dani is in the 6th grade in Miss Schiefen's home room.

Dani is very musical. She has been in the school talent show, singing "Girls Just Want To Have Fun" with Nicole Allington.

Dani has played the piano since the age of five. She plays classical and other types of music, like seasonal songs.

Dani also likes to make cakes. She recently made a cake for Mrs. Crouse's birthday with a jungle theme. The cake was vanilla and it

had frogs and a snake made of Rice Krispies.

Dani said she also thinks sports are lots of fun.

Dani likes to play basketball, volleyball, and softball. She plays on the Valparaiso fast pitch softball team. She also loves to swim.

Other students really like how kind Dani is. We love to hear her laugh.



Spotlight on . . . Two New Teachers

story and photos by Frances Holley

Mrs. Enevoldsen

Mrs. Enevoldsen is our new kindergarden teacher. She came to Raymond Central because she needed a job and she liked the curriculum. She was married when she came to Raymond Central.

Mrs. Enevoldsen's favorite subject is social studies and she likes teaching social studies and science. She also likes the Junie B. Jones series.

Mrs. Enevoldsen likes to watch football and volleyball. She says she likes old movies better than new ones.

Mrs. Enevoldsen likes to shop, to play with her dog Harley, and to have a good time. She is a very fun person to be around.



Above, Mrs. Enevoldsen in her classroom. At right above, Mr. Trembly outside the school.



Mr. Trembly

Mr. Trembly is our new 6th grade teacher. He moved from southern California to go to college. He did not go to the college in California because, Mr. Trembly said, "My grandparents lived in Nebraska all my life. Coming for vacation and seeing the University of Nebraska made me want to be here."

Mr. Trembly came to Raymond Central because he wanted to stay close to Lincoln. He was not married

when school started, but he got married at the end of October.

Mr. Trembly likes teaching math but he doesn't like teaching fractions much. Math and social studies were his favorite subjects in school. He plays sports including water polo and was on a swimming team in school. He loves surfing and going to the beach.

Mr. Trembly's favorite movies are *The Dark Night* and *Inception*. His favorite book is Dan Brown's *Angels and Demons*.

Who do you think we should feature in our "Spotlight" next issue? Email us your suggestions, or talk to a staff member about them!

Town News

Library News

by Jonathon Herroon

Coming Events

The Library's current main display features the books from the ALA/NEA "We the People" Bookshelf grant for 2010, which awarded books and a film to both the library and the elementary school. The materials all involve the theme "A More Perfect Union." Everyone is welcome to come enjoy these books. They are available to check out.

During the school year, the library will sponsor several events featuring these materials. Watch for announcements of dates and times posted around town.

The film *The Civil War: A Film by Ken Burns* will be shown as a series of daytime and evening viewings, followed by discussion, at the Senior Center.

The Woman's Club's Book Club, members of the Library Board, and others will lead discussions of groups of the books at the library and other locations.

Some of the books are for younger readers. The school book club will discuss them and also may present a public program about what they have read.

Style Show Luncheon

On Saturday, October 9, over 300 people attended the Valparaiso Woman's Club's annual Style Show Salad Luncheon and Quilt Raffle at the Valparaiso American Legion.

This event is the main annual fund raiser for the Valparaiso Public Library. People attend not only from Val and the surrounding area but from many other towns, as well.

Ticket sales for the luncheon and raffle ticket sales for the quilt raised over \$2400.00, after expenses, for the library.

Club members furnished a huge

What's Val's Oak Creek Valley Bank up to?

by Brooke Williams and Frances Holley; photo by Frances Holley

According to Mark Blazek, President of our local bank, Val is a lot better off because the bank is here. The bank provides checking and savings accounts, CDs, safety deposit boxes, an ATM, and many kinds of loans. The bank also provides all kinds of insurance, for cars, houses, motorcycles, businesses, crops, and pretty much anything else that you can insure.



On average, 50 people a day come into the bank and another 50 people telephone. People are putting money in and taking money out of their accounts. The farmers are coming in to pay off their loans; Mark says the bank serves an average of over 200 different farmers a day! Other people come in to borrow money to buy a house or for a business.

Mark says it's important for bankers to be involved in the town. He tries to be a good source of help for things like the Val-Ball association, our parks, the library, the grocery store, the bars for after the ball games, the school, and all of the other great things that our town has to offer.

When Frances and I interviewed Mark, we saw that our newspaper is available at the bank for you to take and there's a donation jar. The bank also has advertises in our newspaper.

Mark Blazek, President of Oak Creek Valley Bank, was happy to talk to The Mustang Times about the bank and community.

array of salads and other foods—from tossed salads and fruit salads to pasta salads and meat and other protein salads, as well as breads, coffee, and tea.

Individual members also decorated one or more tables, each reflecting a different style or theme.

Twelve of the members modeled



Library Trustee Sheila Isaacson decorated the library's table for the Style Show Salad Luncheon.

clothes from The Vickerage, featuring jeans, slacks, tops, sweaters, and jackets.

The program also featured drawings for the quilt and for many door prizes.

The big quilt winner was Jean Harpeneau from Wahoo. Vernie Masek from Valparaiso, Darlene Niday from Ceresco, and Barb Clement from Crete won the small quilted runners.

Local businesses and the bank and individuals (even some from Lincoln!) donated the 87 door prizes, including a \$50 savings bond, watches, floral designs, restaurant gift certificates, bags of apples, pizzas, a car wash, barbecue sauce, a blanket, Halloween decorations, t-shirts, a mini donut maker, a frame, and cookbooks.

Opinions

Movies

by Jonathon Herroon

Movies. Most people like them. But the 3-D takeover is a bit annoying! I like 3-D movies, but unless headaches feel good to you, they aren't SUPER great.

Also, movies are losing storylines! Like *Avatar*. That movie won lots of awards and it had the most completely dull, predictable, bland -- blatantly put, the most unsatisfying story EVER!

It had great special effects, but the storyline! They're trying to get a rock for some fuel. The rock was called "unobtainium." How much effort do you think went into that name?

Now there are some good new movies, like *Despicable Me* and *Toy Story 3*, but 3-D isn't necessary for them to be good. I saw *Toy Story 3* in 3-D, but I was really pulled into the storyline, so I didn't notice any 3-D effects.

Also, almost every movie now has computer effects. Movies like *Big Daddy* and *The Goonies* had no effects.

But something like *Toy Story* rolls around and almost every movie after that has CGI. (CGI stands for "computer-generated images.")

I love *Toy Story* but it sparked a "CGI movie phase" that we still haven't come out of.

We want to hear your opinions on movies. E-mail us at ValMustangTimes@gmail.com.

Letters

Let us know what you think! Contact Alex or Jonathon, or e-mail us at ValMustangTimes@gmail.com.

Say What You Think -- Politely, Please

by Brooke Williams

For all of you Justin Bieber fans, I'm with you. I like him, too.

But for the people who don't, I'm not in any way mad at you. I am not obsessed with Justin, but I do like his music.

Feelings are being hurt both in and out of school because things are being said rudely. So, yes, you can tell people your opinion, but don't hurt them by saying something like "Justin Bieber stinks, and you are stupid to like him" or "Justin Bieber rules, and you are very wierd not to like him."

So please spread kindness.

Mustang Times has WEBSITE!

by Ian White

Finally *The Mustang Times* website is up.

The website has a place where you can leave comments or questions for us.

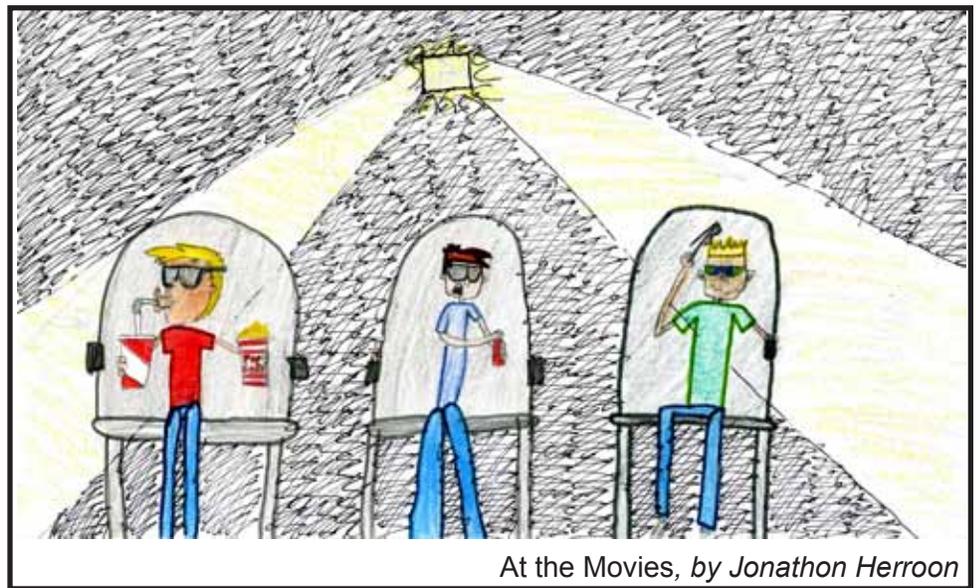
You can check out the newspaper. You can even check out our staff page.

We have links to the library, the school, and other fun links just for you. We also have blogs by us.

Come check it out.

Go to

<http://www.wix.com/ValMustangTimes/Mustang-Times>



At the Movies, by Jonathon Herroon

Word Find: Celebrate the Holidays

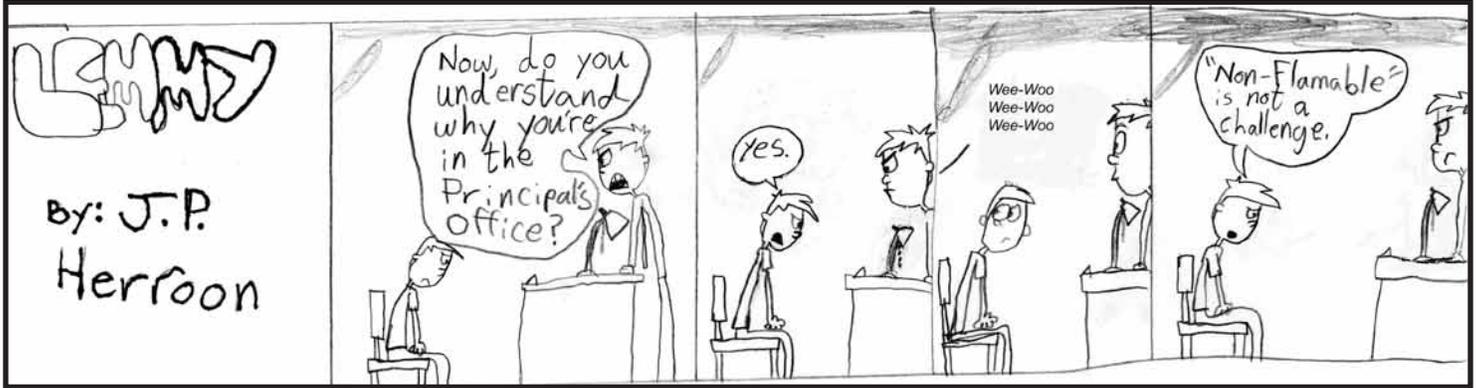
by Frances Holley

Find these words, which may be written left-to-right, right-to-left, top-to-bottom, bottom-to-top, or diagonally:

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- Candy Candles Turkey
- Family Fun Music
- New Years Foods

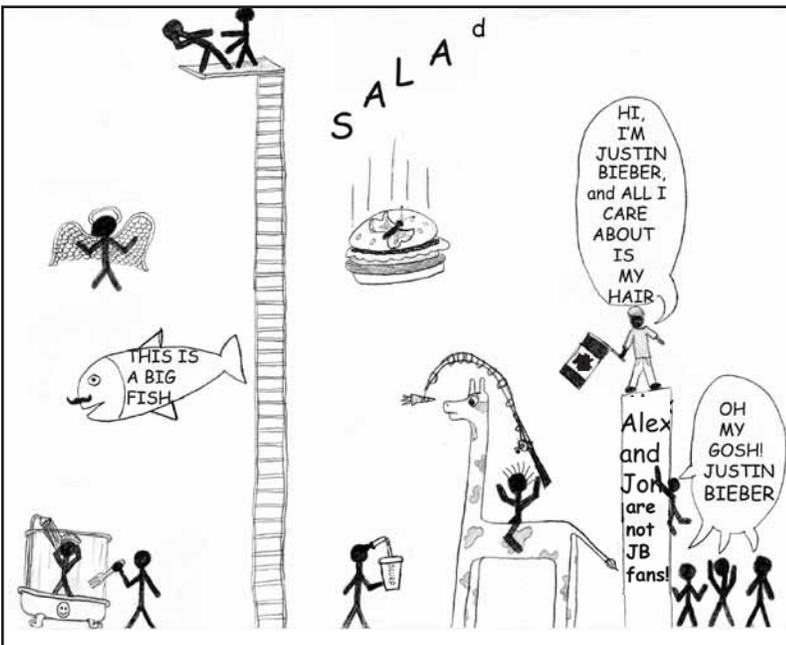
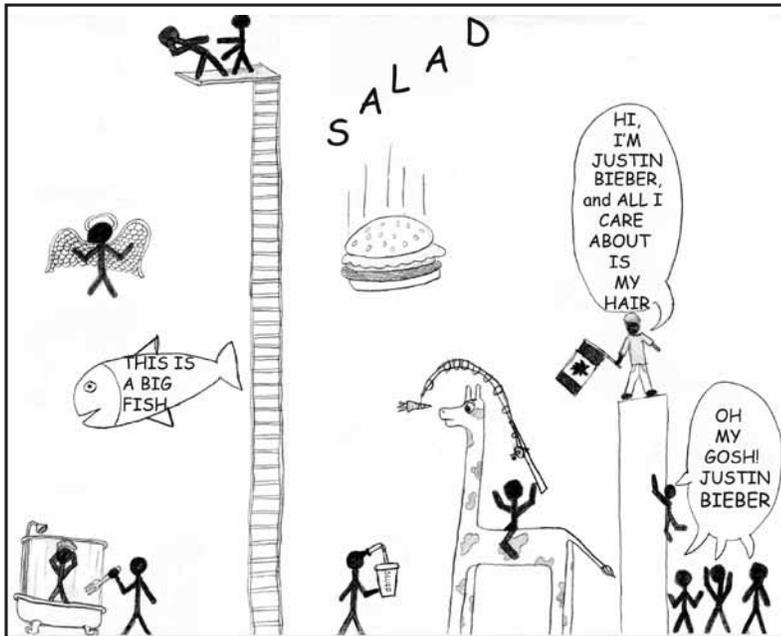
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COMIX and other cool stuff



Find the Differences

by Alex Schon



ANSWERS: SALAD, pickles, Canadian flag leaf, hair, butterfly, water, fishing pole handle, smiley face, mustache, Alex and Jon are not JB fans.

Jokes and Riddles

Monster Boy: Look, mom! I brought home a jogger!

Monster Mom: How many times do I have to tell you - NO FAST FOOD!!

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Q. Three men jump off a boat into an ocean. They all go in head first. One guy doesn't get his hair wet. How did he do it?

A. The guy was bald!

Q. What do you find under pumpkins?

A. SNAKES!!!!!!

Q. What do monsters eat for dessert?

A. Baked Alaska!

Q. Why did the monster eat the North Pole?

A. He was in the mood for a frozen dinner!

Q. How do monsters like movie stars?

A. Medium Rare!

Q. What did the tree say to the squirrel dog?

A. Bark.

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