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Local Ghost Story CY CRUMLEY AND THE THREE GHOSTS

By Dan Crowe with assistance from Harold Lingerfelt
Candle light flickered. Weird shadows danced about the wails of Earl Hunter's general Store-hant story telling time. For a boy in Elizabethton around the turn of the century listening to ghost stories was a part of the ritual of growing up and Hunter's store was a gathering place for the story tellers. Old men who'd seen many a hant took turns relating their ghostly experiences. And just at the climax of each story a growed up man'd grab one of the boys by the shoulders and while vigorously shakin' the lad he'd yell some blood curdlin' sound and scare the day-lights out of the assembly-especially the boy who'd been grabbed. *Please see "Hant" on page 9*



Cherokee School Tests Johnson City

Constitution day. I didn't even know there was

such a thing. There is. Constitution day commemorates the signing of the Constitution. It falls on September 17. This year the 5th grade students at Cherokee Elementary School decided to put our area to the test. On Friday September 16 they split up into groups and sur-



Ms. Hoit's 5th grade class.

veyed the citizens of Johnson City to test their knowledge of the Constitution. I went along as a chaperone and an undercover reporter for Family Pastime Magazine. The students went to the Post Office, Lowes, Sears, Science Hill High School, Wal-Mart, State of Franklin Bank and other locations where people gather. On the way to our location (Science Hill) I had

By Chris Joker

the opportunity to find out what the questions were and (lucky for me) the answers. I discovered that being the chaperone also made me the de facto constitution expert to those being surveyed. In my own defense and since no one can prove me wrong I must say I actually only missed one. I thought John Hancock was one of the signers of the constitution. He's not. He signed the Declaration of Independence.

Interestingly there were many people who missed many questions and some who missed all. This includes children and adults alike. Before I reveal the survey and some of the more "colorful" answers lets look at what those taking the survey had to say. Most people agreed these are things we as Americans should know. One bright survey taker pointed out that many of these questions are required for immigrants to be-

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Trick-or-treat Safety 11.

1. Never trick-or-treat alone. Trick-or-treat in a group, or with your parents! Young children should always go trick-or-treating with an adult.
2. Plan your entire route and make sure your family knows what it is.
3. Make sure that you are wearing a flame retardant costume.
4. Wear reflective strips or light-colored clothes and carry a glow stick or flashlight (it gets dark out there!).
5. Pin a slip of paper with the child's name; address and phone number inside a pocket in case the youngster gets separated from the group.
6. Take a mobile phone with you if possible.
7. Walk, slither, or sneak on sidewalks, not in the street. Do not run, from house to house. Do not cross yards and lawns where unseen objects or the uneven terrain can present tripping hazards.
8. Walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic if there are no sidewalks.
9. Stick to well lit houses in familiar neighborhoods only.
10. Only go to houses with lights on.

Help your child pick out or make a costume that will be safe. Make it fireproof; If masks are worn, they should have nose and mouth openings and eyeholes large enough for good peripheral vision or Wear make-up instead of masks so you can see better. Costumes should not be so long that they are a tripping hazard. (Falls are the leading cause of unintentional injuries on Halloween.)

12. Bags or sacks carried by youngsters should be light-colored or trimmed with reflective tape if children are allowed out after dark.
13. Keep your pets inside, so nobody plays nasty tricks on them!
14. Make sure your costume isn't so long that you trip over it!
15. Be careful crossing streets. Follow all the regular rules!
16. Don't accept rides, even if the next house seems soooo far away!
17. Don't go inside anybody's house. Stay on the porch to get your candy.
18. Don't play near lit jack-o'-lanterns.
19. Wear a watch and establish a return or check-in time.

20. Be sure and say thank you for your treats.
21. Give trick-or-treaters a good meal before they head out to discourage tasting along the way.
22. Have a parent check all your candy before you eat any of it.
23. Don't eat candy that isn't in its original wrapper.
24. When in doubt, throw it out.

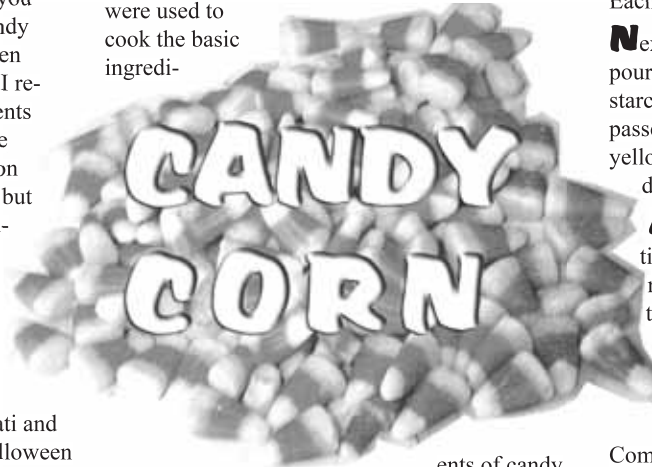
Tips for Adults

- If driving use extra caution
- Homeowners should prepare their home for trick-or-treaters by removing obstacles from the front yard, restraining dogs and other animals, and lighting the house well
- Provide treats that are individually wrapped candy or offer kids nonfood treats, such as stickers and erasers
- Artificial lights and candles are a safer alternative to real candles with a flame that can pose a fire hazard
- If going to an adult Halloween party, make sure that you don't drink and drive. Use a designated driver if alcohol is being consumed. FPT

For those of us over the age of 25, when you think of Halloween candy you think of candy corn, those sugary little spikes of Halloween cheer. They've been around for as long as I remember and even as long as my grandparents remember but did you know that they were invented in the 1880's? Who the first person to make these tasty treats was is unknown but the Wunderle Candy Company of Philadelphia was the first to go into commercial production. However, the company most closely associated with this wonderful confection is the Goelitz Confectionery Company. Founder Gustav Goelitz, a German immigrant, began commercial production of the treat in Cincinnati and is today the oldest manufacturer of the Halloween icon.

Making candy at the turn of the last century wasn't the highly mechanized, year-round activity it is today. Candy was manufactured season-

ally from March through November. Large kettles were used to cook the basic ingredi-



ents of candy corn, sugar, water, and corn syrup into a slurry. Fondant for smooth texture and marshmallow for a soft bite would be whipped in. When the right consistency was reached the hot candy would be

poured into hand-held buckets called runners. Each runner holding 45 pounds of the hot mixture.

Next, men called stringers would walk backward pouring the steaming candy into trays of corn-starch imprinted with kernel-shaped molds. Three passes were made, one for each white, orange, and yellow color. A strenuous job at best before the days of air-conditioning and electric fans.

All this strenuous labor wasn't lost on the tiny candy. It's tricolor design was considered revolutionary for its time and people flocked to buy them. Their shape was also a big selling point for the mostly agrarian population of the early 1900's. So popular was candy corn that companies tried other vegetable shapes including turnips. The Goelitz Candy Company even had to turn orders down for lack of production capacity.

Candy corn was originally sold in bulk containers like most foods products of the time. They were

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"Braggin rights" is a great place to brag on someone in your family or just a good friend or neighbor. So many people in our community do things "above and beyond". Its not for money or fame, they do them because, "that's what you do". Well we at Family Pastime would like to give credit where credit is due. If you have someone you would like to brag on, send us the story. You can send it to Braggin Rights at

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PFC Samuel Aaron Moon



Sam Moon graduated with honors from Daniel Boone High School this past year and just a few days later he was on a bus to Marine Corp boot camp in South Carolina. For 12 grueling weeks in the sun and humidity, he fought off the sand fleas and drill sergeants so that he could stand proudly on the parade deck and graduate as a United States Marine.

We are so very proud of Sam and the commitment he has made to be a responsible citizen. He is currently assigned to Lima Company 3rd Battalion 24th Marines 4th Marine Division. He is also a student at ETSU and plans on attending Law school. FPT

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packed in wooden buckets, tubs, and cartons to be delivered by wagon and train over relatively short distances. Perishability prevented widespread distribution.

During WWI, Herman Goelitz, son of Gustav, moved to Fairfield, California to start his own company, the Herman Goelitz Candy Company. Their product? Candy Corn! The fortune of the Halloween treat would rise and fall many times as recession and boom, war and peace, affected the humble confection. Throughout the hard times it

was the sale of candy corn that kept the companies afloat. In the sugar crisis of the mid 1970's when the price of raw sugar skyrocketed the company had to borrow heavily to buy sugar to keep production up. After the crisis the market plummeted. Many companies went out of business. It was demand for the candy corn that kept Goelitz from bankruptcy.

Today you won't have to look very hard to find candy corn. Computer and machine aided production have made them a plentiful staple no matter what time of year. So plentiful in fact that according to the National Confectioners Association, in 2001 candy manufacturers

sold more than 20 million pounds of candy corn. Roughly 8.3 billion kernels! Very impressive for a product that has remained virtually unchanged for well over 100 years best of all, everyone can feel comfortable about enjoying tasty kernel or two. According to the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, candy is no different than a slice of bread, bowl of cereal or a cracker when it comes to causing tooth decay. Any food that contains sugar or starch can cause tooth decay – especially if one doesn't brush and floss daily. So grab a bag of candy corn and enjoy. Just remember to brush your teeth after. FPT

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Halloween Spiders

INGREDIENTS:

2 tablespoons smooth peanut butter
2 tablespoons confectioners' sugar
2 tablespoons graham cracker crumbs
2 tablespoons coconut
Licorice or stick pretzels
Raisins, Chocolate chips or M&Ms

PREPARATION:

Mix peanut butter, sugar and crumbs together and form a ball. Divide the ball into 2 parts to form 2 balls, 1 slightly smaller than the other. Roll balls in coconut and place smaller ball on top of larger one. The smaller ball will be the head and the larger 1, the abdomen.

Add 8 licorice or pretzels for legs and 8 Raisins, Chocolate chips or M&Ms for eyes.

Makes 1 Halloween spider.

Multiply ingredients to make several

Brains on the Half Skull

Ingredients

2 medium-sized potatoes
1 (8-ounce) package thin spaghetti
1 (14-ounce) jar spaghetti sauce

How to:

With an adult's help, preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Wash the potatoes and cut them in half lengthwise. Place the potatoes cut side up on a baking pan and bake for 40 minutes.

While the potatoes bake, prepare the spaghetti in a medium-sized pot according to the directions on the package. Then, with an adult's help, carefully drain the cooked spaghetti in a colander over the sink.

A few minutes before the potatoes are ready, begin to heat the spaghetti sauce (blood) in a small pot. With an adult's help, remove the potatoes from the oven. Then, wearing oven mitts, scoop out the insides of the potatoes. (You won't need the insides for this recipe.) The empty shells will serve as skulls.

When the sauce begins to boil, remove it from the heat and combine it with the cooked spaghetti to make brains. Put a scoop of bloody brains in each skull.

Serving suggestion: Arrange your Brains on a platter of alfalfa-sprout hair!

Roasted Pumpkin Seeds

An easy and tasty treat that you can make after you have hollowed out your pumpkin.

Parental supervision is recommended.

What You Need

2 tablespoons Butter
2 cups washed, cleaned pumpkin seeds
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon seasoning salt

An oven

A Large saucepan

A Large cookie sheet

A Timer

HOW TO:

1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees
2. Melt butter in a large saucepan.
3. Add seeds and spices; toss to coat.
4. Spread seeds on a large cookie sheet
5. Bake 40 minutes, stirring often, until they're browned and crisp. Yield: 2 cups
6. Let cool the eat and enjoy!

Frozen Jack O'Lanterns

Ingredients

12 navel oranges
1 gallon dark chocolate or fudge ice cream
24 whole cinnamon sticks

How to:

Cut off the top of the oranges. Gently hollow out the pulp of bottom and top, leaving a thick shell. Pack scoops of ice cream into shells (avoid letting ice cream ooze out of eyes or mouth). Cut a small hole in the top of each orange cap. Set tops back on over the ice cream and insert a cinnamon-stick stem through the hole. Place in the freezer for at least 3 hours or until serving time.

Haunted trail mix

Thanks to Ms. Betty Carroll

Ingredients

peanuts or cashews or your favorite nuts
raisins
Candy Corn

How to:

Mix all ingredients in proportions you like in a big bag.

Enjoy!

Confessions from my kitchen:

By Laura Isolani

I'll never forget my childhood dreams. As a little girl, I would lie awake in bed at night, dreaming of the day when I would be a mother and have my own family. I envisioned tucking my children into bed at night, singing them sweet lullabies until their eyes slowly closed and they drifted off to sleep. I would always kiss them softly on their foreheads and whisper "I'll love you forever" before slowly backing quietly out of the room. I dreamed of creating beautiful family memories that would warm my heart and soul for the rest of my life.

One of my favorite scenes was always the family dinner table. The table was always perfectly set with gleaming silverware, crystal goblets (that would reflect the warm glow of candlelight), and beautifully matched china. I dreamed of passing warm, steamy rolls around the table as my family helped themselves to the wonderfully prepared meal I had lovingly created for them. My children and husband would look at me with adoring eyes as they tasted yet another mouth watering meal. The kitchen was never a disaster; the kids were never dirty; no one dared utter a cross word; and I was a picture perfect mother and wife.

So fast forward 20 years....okay, okay maybe 25 years....later. Here I am with the life I imagined. I have a wonderful husband whom I dearly love, three beautiful, healthy children, a dog, a cat, and a fish....I always tuck my children into bed at night, and I always whisper "I'll love you forever" before I tiptoe quietly out of their room. We are a young family; yet we have already created a lifetime full of wonderful memories that I will cherish forever. However, something is missing. I have a house; I have a kitchen; I have a kitchen table; I even have matching china, crystal goblets, and silverware that would be gleaming if someone took the time to polish it. But, alas, there are never steamy rolls being passed around the table, nor are there dishes upon dishes of home cooked food.

The sad truth is I hate to cook. It took me a long time to utter those words, but once I did, I felt as though a weight had been lifted off my chest. I think I finally screamed the words one Christmas as I unwrapped yet another cookbook

from yet another hopeful relative. I had to confess my secret...I was running out of room on the bookshelf. There simply was no space (or dust) for more countless pages of words that were like Greek to me. I'm ashamed to mention that the last few cookbooks given to me were so simple and basic that my seven-year-old son could master the recipes.

Once those words left my mouth, I felt like the sky was parting and heaven was shining its light down upon me. I could have shouted Hallelujah!! A large, dark cloud scooted its way out of my life. For years, I had lived with my own expectations that to be a great wife and mother, I must also be a great cook. My journey to this liberating admission was by no means easy. In fact, I had tried for years and years to become the cook I thought I should be

I had been to all the Pampered Chef @ parties and had purchased all the necessary cookware to prepare delicious meals. I had even come home somewhat hopeful that even I could become a good cook once armed with the right ammunition. I had listened quietly as all my fellow mothers gathered around the playground equipment and traded their favorite and best recipes. I had flipped through my magazines and even cut out a recipe or two. I even attempted to cook, which always became a debacle of epic proportions. I would stop breathing as I watched the forks make their way into my family's waiting mouths. I watched them slowly chew and heavily swallow. I then felt like a balloon deflated as they started swirling their food on their plate with downcast eyes.

I am now openly able to admit that I just can't cook. I don't like to cook; I don't want to cook; I have no desire to cook. Having admitted to this, I no longer have to hide under the excuse that I don't have time, or that my children are just picky eaters and its not worth my time or effort to prepare meals that they are not going to eat. Of course, I do know that my children are picky eaters because they are scared to death to put anything other than pizza, hot dogs, or hamburgers into their mouths. They were subject one too many times to my experiments in the kitchen.

Somewhere along my way to self-realization and acceptance, I stumbled upon the most important discovery of all. My family doesn't care if we are eating on mismatched plastic plates. They don't

need candlelight or crystal goblets. My family loves me because I am their mother, not because I'm their chef. We can laugh and talk as we eat out of the pizza box. We can share the events of our day just as easily over frozen lasagna. I am the one waiting with open arms when they walk out of school. I am the one waiting to kiss them goodnight and tuck them into bed. I am the one who kisses their tears away when they are hurt, and I am the one that makes one heck of a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Finally, I am a much happier mother and wife without the weight of my own expectations bearing down upon me.

Still, even I must present a dish every now and then. When invited to a cookout or gathering, I am ready with simple, easy recipes that even I can prepare. This particular recipe always brings many compliments, and I feel for a brief moment that I can actually cook something. I have found it to be a favorite amount both adults and kids. Oh, and I found this in some magazine years ago; I make no claims to have invented it.

Pizza Dip

- 1 package shredded Mozzarella cheese...
- 1 package shredded Parmesan cheese...
- 2 jars pizza sauce
- 1 package of pepperonis (chopped very fine)
- 1 large container of cream cheese (maybe more if you are using a large baking dish)

Italian seasonings

Preheat the oven to 350....take a baking dish of choice (I use my Pampered Chef lasagna dish) and spread cream cheese along the bottom until you have a layer approximately ¼ inch thick. I then sprinkle Italian seasonings over the cream cheese. Sprinkle the chopped pepperoni over the layer of cream cheese, and pour the jar of pizza sauce on top that. You may need to use a second jar, again depending on the size of your baking dish. Sprinkle your two cheeses across the top. Top with more Italian seasoning and a few whole pepperonis. Serve with breadsticks, crackers, or anything that can be dipped. Bake for 30 minutes until your cheese is nice and bubbly then.....ENJOY!!! For all you accomplished chefs out there, please feel free to grate your own cheese, make your pizza sauce from scratch, and gather the Italian herbs fresh out of your garden!!! FPT



By Chris Joker

Re-candyng

Halloween is just around the corner. Children love Halloween and why not? I mean you get to dress up like a ninja, a pirate, a prince, a superhero, a cab driver or whatever you wish and people give you free candy. When my daughter was 1 year old I bought a glow-in-the-dark Halloween pillowcase that had a picture of a black cat on the front I cut a head hole and arm holes in it for her costume. Halloween night she was a little skittish about putting on the costume but as soon as people started giving her candy she caught on real quick. In fact the next day she wanted to put the costume on and go get some more candy. She had a hard time understanding why we couldn't go get more free candy; after all, she had the get free candy costume on.

My son is the bubble gum king. I believe he would sleep with bubble gum in his mouth if I would let him. I remember a time he and his sister saved their money to buy a huge bucket of gum at Sam's club. The bucket held 360 pieces of gum. So I explained to him that would be 180 pieces of gum for him and 180 pieces for his sister. If he chewed 2 pieces a day it would last him 3 months and if he chewed 4 pieces a day it would last a month and a half. 2 weeks later we were out of gum. One day after grocery shopping he asked, on the way out the door, if he could have a quarter to get a piece of gum from the gum ball machine. I said, "I have some in the car. I will give you a piece there." "But Dad, I need a piece for the trip to the car."

Halloween is also harvest time. At no other time of the year is candy corn harvested. What is candy corn???? I mean it doesn't look like corn and it barely tastes like candy. A little research tells me that candy corn was first "harvested" in 1880. Honestly I think the same batch that was

harvested in 1880 is what is still around today. Now let me preface what I am about to write with the fact that if you tell anyone I wrote this I will deny it and claim some sort of computer virus changed my words around after I typed them. I am a closet candy corn eater. I will never eat the "corn" in front of anyone for then I would have to admit that I actually like it. I will state for the record that I stand by my previous tirade against circus peanuts. What are THEY???? They aren't really marshmallows however I feel they are considered in the marshmallow family. Probably like the out-of-work marshmallow brother-in-law who lies around in his underwear all day watching daytime television.

Children judge your house's Halloween prowess by the candy you hand out. Every year I have the best intentions. I find some fantastic candy on sale weeks before Halloween and I think this will be the year the kids will rave about the excellent candy handed out at the Joker household. Timing is everything. See when I say I have the best intentions what happens is, since this is excellent candy...I eat it. I make no apologies. Now I find myself in the position of "re-candyng". You know doubt, have heard of re-gifting? This is the practice of getting some odd gift and even as you are thanking the giver profusely and explaining how you have always wanted a flammable candle holder, you are actually planning how you will pass this gift on to someone else at a future gift giving occasion. I believe the average re-gifting of a gift is 7 times before you receive it again. I think this also applies to yard sales. If you are a neighborhood "yard saler" you may have noticed the same junk ending up at different yard sales. People see a great deal on something like a battery operated battery charger, they buy it and then 6 months later it ends up at their yard sale (most likely with the same price tag on it from the previ-

ous yard sale). Before you know it this gadget has spent time in everyone's garage in the neighborhood.

Here's how "re-candyng" works. I don't know if your children are like mine (I was) but after they get this huge amount of candy they save it. They don't eat it. I end up with a big bag full of candy that does not get eaten and this applies not only to Halloween but Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter etc. If you or your children trick-or-treat at my house you can expect to get Peeps, Jelly beans, Candy canes, Candy hearts with "I luv U" written on them, Suckers in the shape of a turkey and red, white and blue hard candies. Some years I have gotten so many trick-or-treaters I have had to hand out cans of beans and tuna. Sufficed to say the Joker house was not thought of highly on the cool candy house list. If you end up with any of these candies obviously from other holidays don't worry about whether it is past its shelf life or not; simply re-candy it and I'm sure within 7 holidays it will be back in my big bag of uneaten candy. Well I'm off to buy some candy on sale. I'm in the mood for some \$100,000 bars. You would have liked them. FPT

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Tuesday – Family Feast Specials

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Wednesday - \$.99 Kid's Meal (12 and under)

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For Cy Crumley, walking home after the stories were completed was the scariest part of all. He had to go through the Old Covered Bridge to get home.

It was a full moon night. The wind had blown the moon behind a bevy of clouds. A hoot owl with its Whooh! Hooo! Whooh! told the scariest ghost story of all; and in the gurgling of the Doe River Cy heard people a-drownin' and water dogs a-barkin' and

Out of the corner of his eye Cy kept lookin' for one of the groped up men to jump out and scare him. Twern't no need of them a-doin' that though. Cy, he's already scared more'n enough.

The Old Covered Bridge, it was so dark Cy could barely see the opening at the other end--just one thing to do. Cy closed his eyes and took a run-a-go and went a flyin' through the bridge. The echoes of his brogans crescendoed around about him filling the inside of the bridge with a thousand pursuing ghosts. And Cy's huffin' and puffin' and gaspin' for breathe became the anguish of all ghosts past. Just when it looked like the lad was a-go'in' to make it, he stumbled and fell and flapped all at once. Suddenly Cy found himself upside down a bein' jostled this-a-way and being turned that-a-way, Seemed like the feet of a hundred live ghosts were a tramplin' on his ribs.

Betwixt his flippin' and floppin' Cy finally landed right side up. And his legs, well they'd still been a-runnin' all the time. His legs carried him on out of the bridge faster than three shakes of a sheep's tail.

The boy's better judgment told him to keep a-runnin' but curiosity prevailed for a moment and he looked back to see if his tormentors were in pursuit.

Oink! Oink! Oink! three hogs, the three hogs who thought the covered bridge was a hog pen were a-standin' at the entrance of the Old Covered Bridge a-checkin' to see who had interrupted their sleep. The three hogs thought for sure it was the Gadarenes incident a-repeatin' itself. The three hogs thought for sure a demon had been turned loose amongst them. And Cy Crumley stayed away from the hant story sessions for a long time. FPT

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Candy Corn Quick Facts

- Candy corn has 3.57 calories per kernel
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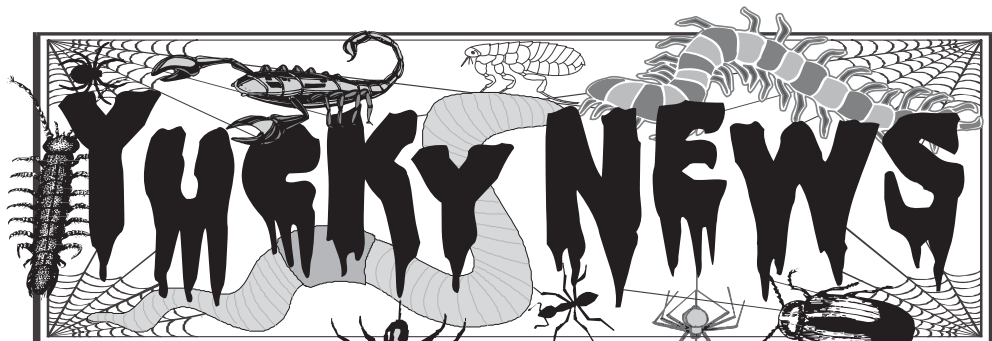
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Scary Job

For Yucky News in our Halloween edition we thought it might be fun to talk with someone who has a scary job. For my money there wouldn't be much more of a scary job than working in a dark, damp enclosed space with spiders, roaches, rats and snakes. Gary Cline of All-State Pest & Termite Control has been doing just that for 17 years. In the line of duty Gary has had bugs crawling all over him. He had one spider that bit him 7 times before he could get it. Gary says he wears a crawl suit and gloves when he goes in dark crawl spaces. After working the job a while he learned a few secrets like turning up his collar before crawling under a building "Spiders like to hide at the doorway and they will drop inside your shirt if you aren't careful."

One time Gary was trapped under a dark stairway with a giant rat. He was called to a college to deal with a rat problem. The rats had gained access to the kitchen so they weren't really interested in the bait traps Gary had set. One night he decided to poison some of the food they had been getting from the cafeteria and place it under the stairs where they lived. So at midnight (apparently Gary thought midnight was a good idea because that's when rats are active) he crawls under the stairs with his food/poison mixture, a flashlight and his

rat pistol. The area under the stairs got very low and tight. Imagine Gary in a very dark, cramped area. He shines his light ahead and staring back at him about 10 feet away, teeth showing, is a huge rat. For the record, rat pistols are designed for a distance of 7 to 8 feet. When you are in a cramped dark area with a rat staring at you from 10 feet, you go ahead and use the pistol anyway. This just seemed to annoy the rat (not a good sign). Before Gary knew what was happening this huge rat was coming right at him. Fortunately the rat ran right by him and into a pipe to escape. Unfortunately Gary had already closed off the pipe to prevent the rats from escaping (it seemed like a good idea at the time). The rat turns around and again comes right at Gary. Gary fires the rat pistol again and just as the rat is close enough for Gary to smell the cafeteria food on its breath...he hits it. The rat dies. Just another day at the office for Gary Cline.

On one house call Gary ran into the biggest collection of roaches he has ever seen. The roaches were so bad they completely filled the kitchen cabinets and the people were cooking supper at the same time. He explained to them they might want to cover their taters while he sprayed. Before he left there was not one square inch of space without a dead roach on it.

Early on Gary had a pest control job at a chicken

farm. The chickens lived in a house that had spaces in the floor for the chicken poop to fall through. It got so thick that rats would make burrows in the poop. One time Gary was crawling under the floor in the dark with his flashlight. He was staying on the side to avoid having the poop fall on him. As he walked he felt rat-tails rubbing up against his head as they ran by. He dropped his flashlight and it sank into the manure. Here he is now in the dark surrounded by chicken poop and rats. He thought, "This would be a good time to quit." His eyes adjusted enough that he saw the flashlight, reached down, grabbed it (he had gloves on) and continued with his pest control mission.

Cleaning your room or scooping the cat box doesn't really seem all that bad now, does it? FPT

Howl-oween howls

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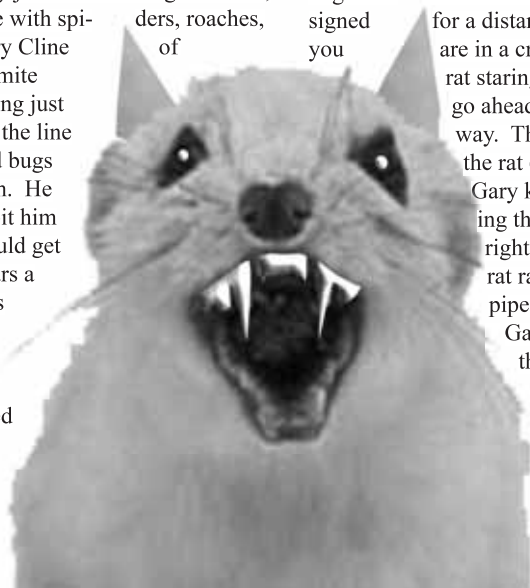
What do you get when you cross a vampire and a snowman?
Frostbite...

How do witches keep their hair in place while flying?
With scare spray...

What do you get when you cross a werewolf and a vampire?
A fur coat that fangs around your neck...

Do zombies eat popcorn with their fingers?
No, they eat the fingers separately...

Why don't skeletons ever go out on the town?
Because they don't have any body to go out with...



Fun Birthday party Adventure

When I was a kid, I would have given my eyeteeth for my Dad to say, "Come on Son, lets go play all day at the Arcade". I guess one of the reason he never said that is not because there was not a place you could go, but that you were broke and bored in the first half hour. As history has passed and games and fun have become a science, or maybe an art, we now have places designed to give everyone in the family hours of recreational fun and relaxation, all for a low cost.

There is a place here in Johnson City where kids



can romp and play, eat good food for reasonable prices and romp and play some more. Fun Adventure is located in the Kroger Shopping Center on Roan Street. Some folks may not know it but Fun Adventure opened up under new management several months ago and has not looked back. The owners are committed to helping families in our area have a wonderful place to spend a few hours watching their kids have a good time.

The big party rooms are a wonderful place to

have a Birthday Bash or even "Big Game" parties. Watching College or Pro Ball on the big screen while playing pool on the pool tables and all the while waiting for a nice pizza to come fresh out of the oven sounds like just the kind of party my family could get in to. Some of my kids could be availing themselves of the 75 arcade games or tumbling through the 48,000 square foot jungle gym. And if that don't beat all we could all enjoy a super duper, rip roaring, mind, bending game of miniature golf. But I have to tell you, the thing that makes Dad the happiest is that the wallet is not too empty when the day is through.

when the day is through.

It seems to me that if a family wants to Party, Party and Party some more or if they just want to give the kids room to run and play while they are comfortably sitting with a good book or magazine, a large size play room is just what the doctor ordered. FPT



Halloween Party Ideas:

A fun way to serve Halloween punch is out of a large hollowed-out pumpkin.

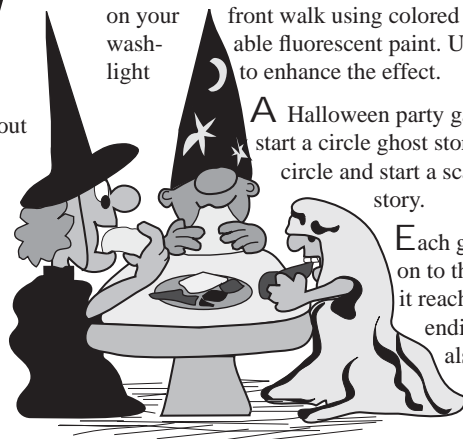
Old tree trunks or cut sections of thick limbs make great stands for your Jack O' Lanterns.

Hollowed out mini pumpkins make attractive votive candle holders.

Serve fresh veggies, fruit, chips or crackers using a hollowed out pumpkin as a bowl. Cut the top off and clean out the pumpkin. If you use the pumpkin for chips or crackers you should line it with a real bowl to keep them from going flat. Use mini pumpkins to hold dips!

Fill clear food handlers plastic gloves with water (not too much that they will burst) and freeze for ice hands in the punch bowl.

For an eerie effect, hang glow-in-the-dark bats, skeletons and spiders from the ceilings and trees! Write scary Halloween messages or body outlines



on your wash-light front walk using colored chalk or able fluorescent paint. Use a black to enhance the effect.

A Halloween party game is to start a circle ghost story! Sit in a circle and start a scary ghost story.

Each guest adds on to the story until it reaches a scary ending! You can also do this in the car on trips.

An alternative to bobbing for apples is to hang them by their stems with thread from the ceiling and let party goers try to bite them!

Hang long strands of thread on your porch to simulate spider webs. Make them long enough so that little kids will be able to feel them, too. Spray them with water to add an extra creepy factor.

Tie small glow sticks to string attached to helium balloons and let them float over your house

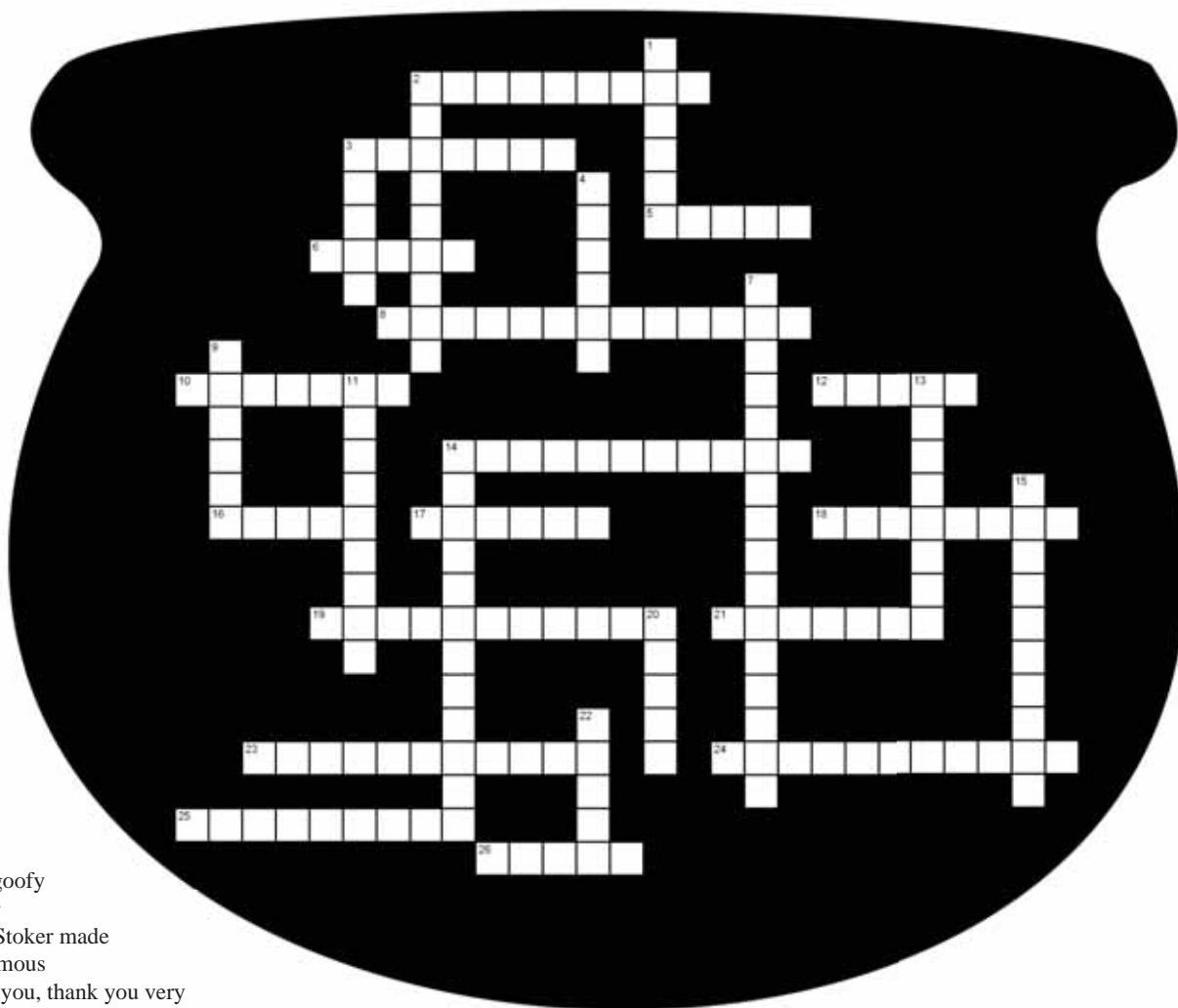
for Spooky lights in the sky. Make sure to tie the strings to something solid so they do 't get away!

Use a plastic cauldron partially filled with hot water, and then add some dry ice and a glow stick to create an eerie centerpiece for your table. Be careful handling the dry ice! It can burn skin very easily.

You can make your own pumpkin carving stencils from clip art and your printer. FPT

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Costume Puzzle



Across

2. I'm a goofy goober
 3. Bram Stoker made him famous
 5. Thank you, thank you very much
 6. Samantha Stevens
 8. On the beat
 10. Bovine female child
 12. Poltergeist
 14. Might own a Dalmatian
 16. Dick Grayson
 17. The Dark Knight
 18. Clark Kent
 19. Diana Prince
 21. Military dude

23. Rah, rah, rah
 24. Fuzzy gardener
 25. Peter Parker's alter ego
 26. Comes with a halo

Down

1. Alive again
 2. Frighten birds

3. Beelzebub
 4. Bovine male child
 7. All dressed up to go riding and no place to put my hat
 9. Helps you when you are sick or hurt
 11. Steal from the rich and give to the poor
 13. I ain't go no body
 14. Boris Karloff played him in 1931
 15. Luke, I am your father
 20. Silent but deadly
 22. I do

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Family Fun Events October

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Sunday 2	Monday 3	Tuesday 4 TEEN Movie Night It's Scary movie time at the JC Library! 6:00 pm. FREE popcorn	Wednesday 5	Thursday 6 3 Redneck Tenors Paramount, Bristol, TN 423.274.8920	Friday 30 Ghost Train, Tweetsie RR Blowing Rock, NC All Weekends in Oct. 877.TWEETSIE TWEETSIE.COM	Saturday 1
Sunday 9 Fort Watauga Knap-In ← Elizabethton tnstateparks.com 33rd National Storytelling ← Festival, Jonesborough www.storytellingcenter.com	Monday 10	Tuesday 11	Wednesday 12	Thursday 13 The Haunting of Krone House Thunder Valley Campground Bristol, TN Ends: 10/31/2005 →	Friday 7 First Friday D.T. Johnson City Every first Friday of the month 7:00 pm, arts, entertainment, food and more. 926-2931.	Saturday 8 Harvest Hoe-down Blountville 323-6628 Fort Watauga Knap-In Elizabethton tnstateparks.com
Sunday 16 ← Heritage Days Rogersville, TN 423.272.1961 www.rogersvilleheritage.org CSI for TEENs JC Library 2:00 pm	Monday 17	Tuesday 18 Mystery Night 6:30 pm Help solve a mystery at the JC Library. Registration required Call: 434-4458	Wednesday 19	Thursday 20	Friday 14 Heritage Days Rogersville, TN 423.272.1961 www.rogersvilleheritage.org 10/14-10/16	Saturday 15 The Haunted Fort, Elizabethton 423-543-5808 www.instateparks.com Spirit of the Harvest Rocky Mount, Johnson City rockymountmuseum.com Stories from the Pumpkin Patch Tipton-Haynes, Johnson City 423-926-3631 www.tipton-haynes.org
Sunday 23 Doggie Halloween Legion Recreation Center 111 Legion Street 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Admission: \$5	Monday 24	Tuesday 25 Pumpkin Contest/ Costume Parade JC Library Children of all ages may enter Call 434-4458 for more information	Wednesday 26	Thursday 27	Friday 21 Appalachian Carens Haunted cave, Blountville Ends: Oct. 31 → 423.323.2337 appalachiancaverns.net	Saturday 22 Appalachian Caverns Haunted Cave Blountville Ends: 10/31/2005 →
Sunday 30 Halloween Haunts & Happenings 6:00 pm Downtown Jonesborough, TN 423-913-0205 www.jonesboroughtn.org ← Witches Wynd Exchange Place, Kingsport	Monday 31 JC library double feature: The Witches & Beetle Juice 2:00 pm HALLOWEEN	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday 28 Scary Stories at the Carter Mansion Elizabethton 423-543-6140 www.tnstateparks.com	Saturday 29 Haunted Historic Inn Kingsport 423-230-0654 www.netherlandinn.com Witches Wynd Exchange Place, Kingsport 423.288.6071 exchangeplace.info/

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Constitution

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come U.S. citizens, which would mean those that recently came to our country and became citizens would know more about the constitution than many of us that were born here. Many survey takers felt the survey made them feel stupid and embarrassed. Several of the survey takers are currently taking government class. I was worried about this until I realized that several students in that class got them all correct meaning that some students are appar-



Science Hill students get "tested"

ently not paying attention in government class. We also heard a lot of survey takers promising to go look up the answers. Overall from the results I have seen Science Hill High School scored the highest. Everyone seemed to have trouble with the signers question. Everyone except those at State of Franklin Bank where 92% of those surveyed got it correct. This may in no small part be due to the fact that Benjamin Franklin was a signer of the Constitution. Here is the list of questions followed by the answers and a list of answers you do not under any circumstances want to give or admit that you gave:

Constitutional Survey

1. Name the three branches of the govern-

ment. Answer: Executive, Legislative, Judicial

NOT: "Army, Navy & Marines. Or "State, Local and Federal"

2. The first ten amendments to the Constitution are called. Answer: The Bill of Rights

NOT: "The 10 Commandments" or "Miranda Rights"

3. The amendment that grants us freedom of speech is? Answer: the First.

NOT: "causing a lot of controversy in the

world today." Or "the fifth"

4. Name two signers of the Constitution. Answer: John Langdon, Nicholas Gilman, Rufus King, Nathaniel Gorham, Roger Sherman, William Samuel Johnson, Alexander Hamilton, William Livingston, David Brearley, William Paterson, Jonathan Dayton, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Mifflin, Robert Morris, George Clymer, Thomas FitzSimons, Jared Ingersoll, Gouverneur Morris, James Wilson, George Read, Gunning Bedford, Jr., John Dickinson, Richard Bassett, Jacob Broom, James McHenry, Daniel Carroll, Dan of St. Thomas Jenifer, John Blair, James Madison, Jr., William Blount, Richard Dobbs Spaight, Hugh Williamson, John Rutledge, Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, Charles Pinckney, Pierce Butler, Wil-

liam Few, Abraham Baldwin

NOT: Tina Turner, Michael Jackson, Bill Clinton, Abe Lincoln, Britney Spears or Bob Marley

5. There are __ Supreme Court Justices. Answer 9

NOT: 7, 12 or 30.

I think the students had fun with the survey and we all learned a lot. Is it important for us to know? That is for you to decide. As you decide bear in mind it is our country and our system of government it might make sense for us to know how it is supposed to run. Much of this information we do learn in school but forget later in life but I guarantee I will never again think John Hancock signed the constitution. FPT



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If Stones Could Talk

By M.F. Bailey

A two hundred year old graveyard may not seem like much to some folks. But if you go for a stroll through one of the many around the Tri-cities, you might begin to wonder. "What might these stones say if they could tell all they have seen?"

What used to be a quiet pasture in the mountains is now a hustling, bustling intersection. East Springbrook Drive and Oakland Avenue in Johnson City is now a common cut through. Cars and trucks rumble through this intersection at an increasing rate and yet very few slow down long enough to notice the lonely cemetery up on the hill.

There are some here in town to which the little graveyard is ancestry. About eighteen years ago, Bernie and Helen Gray were told that Helen had a fifth Great Grandfather, named Peter Range, buried near the corner of East Springbrook and Oakland Ave. They took the time to visit the site and found a graveyard. At the time, the place had been completely neglected and overgrown. "The trees were twenty feet high and thorns and briars were up to my neck. The headstones had been broken and knocked over. The place was a mess!" Said Bernie Gray. It was at that time that Mr. Gray determined in his mind that he was going to take care of the place. He pulled down the scrub trees and chopped out the briars. Most of all, he carefully respected every stone. Mr. Gray said, "I have never moved a single stone." For the last seventeen years Bernie has kept the little graveyard, were his wife's fifth Great Grandfather and family are buried, neat and trimmed.

In the little graveyard is a wonderful part of Johnson City history. This family graveyard is



the place where the Range family buried their loved ones. If you are familiar with the Range House on Oakland you will make the connection. Mr. Gray also went about to compile a history of the Range family. He now

has over one hundred pages of information leading all the way back to a Range born in Germany in 1687. Peter Range, who is buried in the graveyard, was born March 26, 1749. He was one of the children of Noah Range, who was a resident of Berkeley County, Virginia. After having come to the United States from Germany. It seems that Mr.

Peter Range owned a large portion of what is now Bristol Highway and the "motor mile". In fact, records indicated that he owned all the way to the river (what we now call Boone Lake). His land holdings exceeded three hundred-fifty acres. Peter was evidently a Revolutionary War Veteran, a farmer, and gristmill owner. He and his wife, Elizabeth, built the house we call the "Range House".

The amazing part of this whole story is that of the graveyard. Peter died on October 10, 1817. His head stone, which was cut out of the shale hill across Oakland Avenue, is still standing today. Almost two hundred years later and you can still read the inscription, "P. Range

D OCT. 10, 1817" (see grave stone rubbing!). Records indicate that there were originally twenty-five graves at this site, however at best you might be able to make out fifteen locations where stones once were or where fragments are buried in the earth. Jacob and Susan, husband and wife, who

died in the mid to late 1800's, have marble stones with inscriptions, which are now lying flat on their backs. These were repaired at the expense of Mr. Gray. Their daughter Louisa is also buried there and has a marble stone that was badly damaged over time and is now pieced back together. The grave of a seven-year-old boy named Benn Harrison Shipley has a stone still standing.

All the stones in the Range graveyard speak of a great history of our area. In fact, every family graveyard around Johnson City has a story to tell. Stop by and visit one. Have a family discussion about those who made our communities and cities what they are today. Children need to learn from an early age to appreciate where they have come from and the contributions made by others that have shaped their lives. The stones cry out to tell us their story. The question is, will we slow down long enough to listen? FPT



Bernie Gray

Get the Rub

By Susan Lachmann

Looking for a lovely way to spend a sunny autumn afternoon with the family?

Searching for a creative, artistic outlet low on coast yet high on satisfaction?

Longing for some place quiet and slow paced that will still deliver a generous return? Relax! The quest is over. It's waiting for you at the nearest cemetery.

Bring out your drawing paper! We're not dead yet...we're just exploring one of the least often visited landscapes of our culture. I am talking head stones: granite, marble, polished, matte, you name it. They're replete with all kinds of designs, letter fonts, decorative embellishments, and endearing messages produced with grand artistic skill. You can find a world of history as well as a world of design ideas in this place of repose.

Tombstone rubbings have long been accepted as an art form as well as a manner of documenting history. This article is concerned with the former, but certainly encourages that latter along the way.

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- Equipment rental
- Regular or bumper bowling on request
- Pizza

- Soft drinks
- Cups, plates and napkins
- And a bowling pin for the birthday child
- Plus we'll throw in a custom birthday cake

We encouraged you to use as many of the following words as possible:

Jack-o'-lantern	Giraffe	Tongs
Ghost	Space ship	Vulcanize
Vanilla ice cream	Swimming pool	Tenuous
Origami	Skateboard	Toothbrush
Waffle	Bubble gum	Ham sandwich
Bicycle	Jowl	Sweat socks

Picking a winner was not easy we had some fantastic entries however because there can only be one win-

ner the judges finally chose: **Tyler Dobson**
age 10

of Johnson City

Congratulations!

Keep watching for more contests and chances to win from Family Pastime Magazine.

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The Attack

by Tyler Dobson age 10

One day there was a kid eating waffles. When he was digesting one something got on the waffle. It popped out of his mouth and made an army of ghost toothbrushes and ghost sweat socks. And the kids that did not wear socks got attacked by the sweaty socks. And the kids that didn't brush their teeth were attacked by the toothbrushes. Then a kid

who looked like a jack-o'-lantern, got the news and he was scared because he never wore socks or brushed his teeth. So he got on this bicycle and he went to the store to get some vanilla ice cream and bubble gum to shoot the toothbrush and socks. As he was riding back home a giraffe made from ham sandwiches picked him up off his bike and brought him to a space ship, then the giraffe put him in a swimming pool that was in the space ship. The kid noticed the waffle had also come from the spaceships. Just like the socks and the toothbrushes. Next the kid jumped out of the pool and pulled out a bubble gum ball shooter but before he could start shooting he found out that they only wanted to teach him origami.

The end

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Honorable Mention goes to:

Jacob Booth 7 years-old from Johnson City for his story:

Jack-O-Ghost

The Jack-O-Ghost was looking for a golden pumpkin he slipped on some vanilla ices cream and...fell into a swimming pool, Splish! Splash! He went down to the bottom of the pool and found a big hole in the big hole he found...a rocket ship! He got into the rocket ship and blasted off!

PHHISSHERRRROOOM! He found a...ham sandwich in the refrigerator of the ship but he found something else... frozen bubble gum that taste like...UGH! PLATHE! YUK! SWEAT SOCKS! In the space ship he met Dracula with the sharpest teeth he also met...Frankenstein with big wooden ears. He found a hole full of bats with red eyes a black cat named "Waffle" walked by him and gave him a..Toothbrush! He took the toothbrush and scared the bats out of the hole. In the hole he found the... Golden Pumpkin!

We have more fantastic prizes and contests lined up. If you have an idea for a contest or anything else you would like to see in Family Pastime Magazine Write us at ideas@familypastime.com or Family pastime P.O. Box 3161 Johnson City, TN 37604-3161

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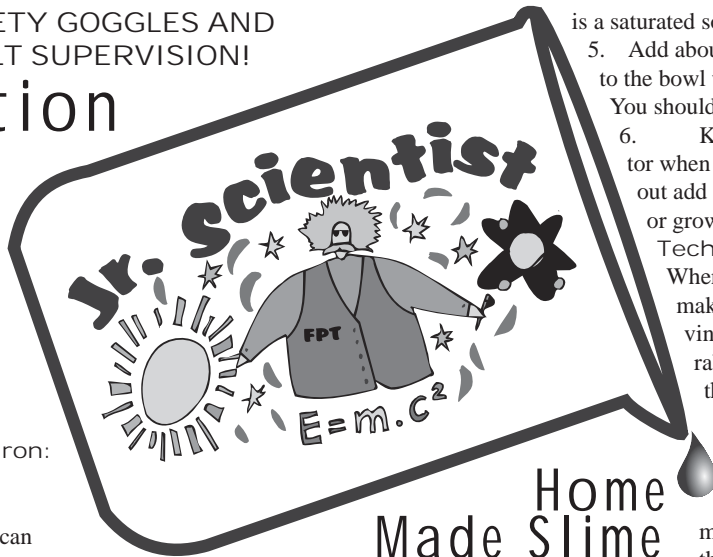
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 - 3 Large wooden beads
 - Black paint
 - Paint brush
 - Newspaper (not Family Pastime) (to protect work area)
- Do this:
- Remove the label, wash, rinse, and dry container.
 - Lay out Newspaper to protect work surface.
 - Paint container and beads with black paint. Let dry. You may need to apply a second coat. Let dry.
 - Turn container upside down and glue on beads, evenly spacing around the outside bottom of the container. Let dry.

How to Potion:

- Place the cauldron on a pan or tray (or you'll get potion all over the place!)
- Fill the cauldron with 2 tablespoons of water and stir in a tablespoon of baking soda until it dissolves.
- Measure 2 tablespoons of vinegar into a separate cup.
- Pour the vinegar, all at once into the water/baking soda mixture and watch your potion bubble up!

WHY'D THAT HAPPEN??

The bubbles that are created are filled with carbon dioxide. The carbon dioxide is a gas that forms when the vinegar (an acid) reacts with the baking soda (a base). FPT



Home Made Slime

Safety:

NON-EDIBLE for humans, animals or ghouls. DO NOT leave on carpet or furniture overnight. To keep almost indefinitely, leave in ziploc bag in refrigerator when not sliming! It's a good idea to wash your hands before (so the slime doesn't grow mold) and after (so your parents will let you eat dinner) playing with it.

Lab Equipment:

- Borax (sodium tetraborate) (look in the laundry detergent aisle of the grocery store).
- White glue (**not the washable-type**)
- Water
- Food coloring (optional)
- Ziploc bags can also be purchased at the grocery store.

Bowl

Jar with lid
measuring cups and spoons.

Do this:

1. In a bowl mix equal amounts of water and white glue (50/50).
2. Stir until mixed well.
3. If you wish colored slime mix in a few drop s of food coloring.
4. Make a saturated solution. In the jar combine a tablespoon of Borax (sodium tetra borate) with a cup of water. Screw on the borax lid tightly and shake until all dissolved. Then add a little more borax and shake again. Continue this procedure until no more borax will dissolve (this

is a saturated solution).

5. Add about 2 tablespoons of the saturated Borax solution to the bowl with the glue/water mixture and stir quickly. You should now have a bowl of slime.
6. Keep your slime in the sealed bag in the refrigerator when not playing with it to keep it longer. If it dries out add a bit of water and mix it in. If it dries too much or grows mold just throw it out and start again!

Technical explanation:

When you mix white glue with a bit of water, you make a substance that is known as a polymer (poly-vinyl acetate) and the borax solution (sodium tet-raborate) is a 'cross-linking' substance that binds the polymer chains together to make the glue solution thicker. So, as the polymer chains get more 'bound-together', it gets harder for them to move around, and your slime starts to be more like a "Slime". Experiment with adding more borax solution to see if this indeed makes the slime thicker or thinner.

Knowing just how much Borax solution to add is the trick to this experiment. If you add too little, your slime will contain excess glue (the polymer part) and it will be sticky. If you add too much, your slime will be very wet (too much 'cross-link-ing'). Touch your slime with your hands when it doesn't look like a liquid anymore. If your slime feels sticky, try adding a little Borax solution. If your slime feels very wet and slippery (but is not still runny), remove it from the container and kneed it in your hands. In a few minutes, any extra Borax solution will evaporate or be absorbed.

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DOUBLE TAKE

(1) Hanging jack-o'-lantern nose upside down,
 (2) Hanging jack-o'-lantern extra tooth, (3)
 Scarecrow moved, (4) Scarecrow missing a
 patch, (5) Scarecrow buttons different, (6) Witch
 in/out sign changed, (7) Shovel gone, (8) Pump-
 kin flowerpot exchanged for basketball, (9) Right
 Ghoul hands changed, (10) Right Ghoul sign
 hanging pieces different, (11) Hair hanging in
 front of right ghoul's face, (12) Missing pumpkin
 on background sign, (13) Bottom jack-o'-lantern
 eye changed (14) Words on swing frame dif-
 ferent, (15) Center Ghoul's eyes different, (16)
 Extra leaf on pumpkin in background sign, (17)
 Witches hat has extra stripe, (18) Bandage on
 middle ghoul's knee, (19) Rosy cheeks on Scare-
 crow, (20) They are on different pages.

Amazing "Maizes"

Mazes date back at least 4000 years to the time of Greek myths. In Roman times, mazes and labyrinths were found in artwork, in the design of floors in homes, public buildings and in the pavement of streets. It is believed that mazes were not considered puzzles, but were used for rituals and processions.

In the centuries that followed, mazes continued to appear in artwork and architecture such as inlays in the floors of the French cathedrals. In Scandinavia, over 600 stone labyrinths lined the shores of the Baltic Sea, with over half of them in Sweden.

Later formal gardens were developed throughout Europe and included puzzle hedges. The garden mazes were developed at the wealthiest castles and palaces to amuse kings and princes. The task was to find the center and then return to the beginning point.

The maze in the gardens at Hampton Court Palace, one of the finest examples in England, was planted by William III (1650-1702).

In the nineteenth century mazes became a popular entertainment in parks and other public places.

Since the 1970's, navigating through an intricate maze has become a popular form of recreation. FPT

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Rub *continued from page 15*

1. Tablet of large newsprint sheets (approximately poster sized)
 2. Graphite sticks (shaped like a chalk pastel, or you could say similar in size and shape to a fast food French fry, though non-edible (It is essentially a large solid bar of the same graphite material that we commonly know as pencil lead).
 3. Roll of tape – clear scotch, masking, whatever is on hand
 4. Paper towel or soft cloth
- Next, find a good cemetery. Any one will do.

Then, get out of your car and stand for a minute to acknowledge the humans who have left this life, and whose loved ones marked their graves with such beautiful works of art.

I like to read the names on head stones aloud once I have found a design I want to rub. It is a very simple way to express gratitude and respect for the deceased.

Now, start looking! You will be amazed by the lovely designs etched in stone: vines, flowers, birds, hearts, ribbons, symbols of faith, etc. Often there are clusters of flowers that frame the name, or simple graphic swirl under the life span dates or beside a scripture quote. Embellished letters are easy to find as well as nice variety in letter fonts.

Once you find a design you'd like to get, wipe off the headstone with a soft cloth or toweling so you won't be catching any mud splatters, bird poo or tree pollen. Tape the paper and/or get an extra set of hands to help hold it in place. This is actually the most challenging part of the process: holding the paper still so that you can get a good rub without a lot of smudges. It may take a few tries and a bit more patience, but there is hardly a way to fail! You will need to hold the graphite so that a large

flat area, not a point, is rubbing across the paper. You can use a light touch or a hard one, depending on how dark you want the grey. Generally speaking, though, pressing harder will get a better rubbing...just not so hard you tear the paper!

Now some folks like to get exactly everything lined up for a "perfect" picture on the first try. It can work this way; but it can also be frustrating this way. Personally, I am from the school of "get a whole bunch of cool stuff then take it home and see what you can make of it" AND "keep a few in the art drawer for a rainy day." In fact, this is what I recommend: get 5 or 6 rubbings of the things you like best and the letters you use most often. You can easily cut and paste - letters, numbers, designs - to create your own masterpieces. Use colored pencils to embellish if so desired. Use a spray fixative (find this at an art store like Artopia, it's in an aerosol can and it's called "spray fixative" costs only a few dollars).

You, the living, will be amazed by the designs you find among the deceased - proof that art is alive and well and living at your fingertips. For more on tombstone rubbings, you can always do a web search. FPT



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YUCKY Halloween party game

Object of the game: You pass around paper cups to your guests while telling the story below. Do it in the dark or in a semi-dark room and tell them they can't look in the cups. The cups are filled with "gross body parts" (food) and guests have to guess what it really is.

What You Need: Paper cups. Peeled grapes or olives, peeled stewed tomatoes, piece of uncooked liver or similar meat, wet corn silk or yarn, catsup, latex glove, gelatin, cold spaghetti, pickle, chicken grizzle or hotdog end. Papers and pencils.

What To Do: Ahead of time, prepare the cups described below. Have everyone sit in a circle, then shut out the lights and start the story. You have to have the room dark so that people cannot see what's inside of the cups. Hand out pa-

per and pencil at the beginning of the game and let them write down their guesses between each cup or you can have each player guess out loud between each cup. After the game, tell them what is in each cup, but wait until the end!!

Tip: Check out your local dollar store and pick up some festive Halloween paper or plastic drinking cups or glasses to add to the game!

Here's The Story: "Once in this town there lived a man named Hal O. Ween. T'was years ago, on this very night, that he was murdered out of spite. They say these are his remains.

Here is his brain, which now feels no pain. (a peeled squishy tomato)

Here are his eyes, still frozen with surprise. (two frozen peeled grapes or

olives)

Here is his heart. Be careful lest it start! (a large lump of uncooked liver)

Now we have his hair, which once was so fair! (a handful of corn silk or wet fur or yarn)

Feel these drops of his blood. All the rest turned to mud. (a little catsup thinned with warm water)

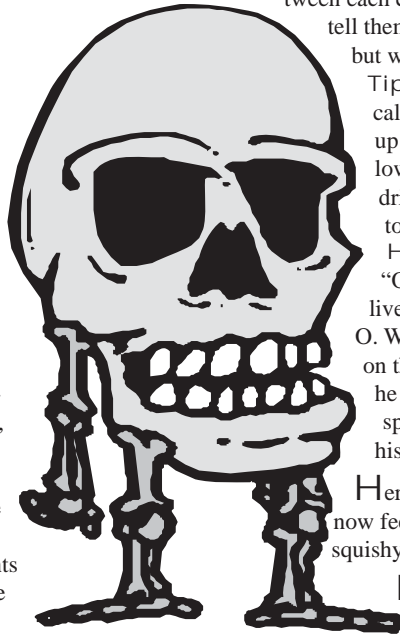
One hand all alone, just rotting flesh and bone. (a damp plastic glove filled with red gelatin or ice)

Now touch his ear. He nevermore will hear! (a dried apricot)

This is his nose. T'will never smell a rose. (a pickle, a hot dog or a soft chicken bone)

These worms are all that's left to feel. For them Hal O. Ween was a lovely meal! (wet spaghetti)

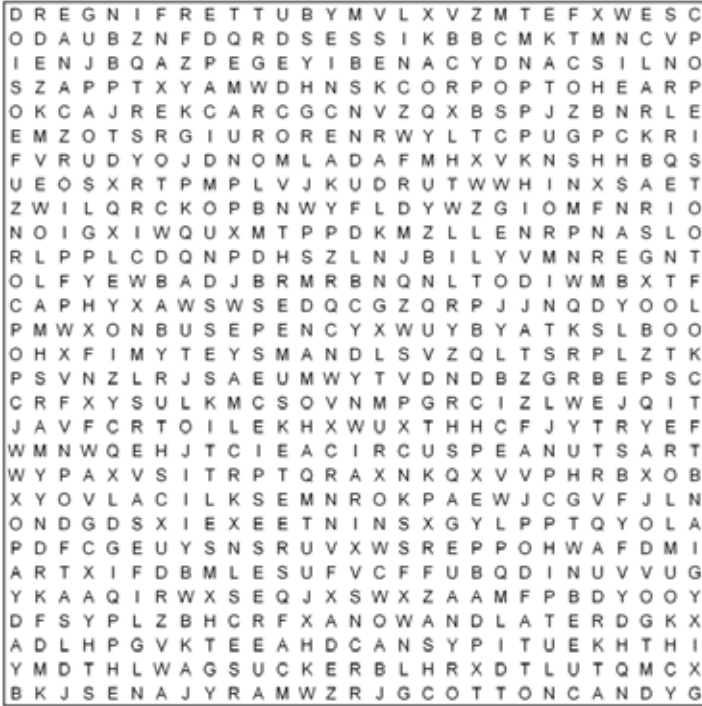
After the lights back on and everyone has finished writing down their guesses, collect the papers. As you check their guesses, you can show everyone what was really in the cups. Give a nice prize to the person with the most correct answers. FPT



DOUBLE TAKE

Here's how "double Take" works: on page 3 there is another picture very similar to this one except there are at least 19 differences. Your job is to find all of the differences. Somewhere in the magazine (if I didn't forget to put it there) there is a list of the differences so you can check your work. NO CHEATING!!!





Find and circle these words.

They may be diagonal and backwards too.

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|---------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| Payday | Tootsie pop | M & Ms | Junior mints |
| Reeses Pieces | Cotton candy | Sucker | Tootsie roll |
| Jolly Rancher | Candy cane | Skittles | Three musketeers |
| Lifesavers | Jellybeans | Circus peanuts | Almond Joy |
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Deviled Egg: Wear all white. Paint or attach a yellow circle to your stomach. Wear devil horns and carry a pitchfork.

Frank Einstein: Get a Frankenstein mask and attach an Albert Einstein wig, spray the wig with green hair color, wear a lab coat with pocket protector, pens, etc.

Kill the Ump: Wear an umpire outfit. Rip some holes in the clothes. Place fake scars, bruises and blood where skin is showing.

Runaway Bride: Wear a bridal gown and sneakers.

Castaway: Take an old pair of khaki pants and tear off the legs to create shorts. Wear a dirty white T-shirt, beard and long hair. Carry a volleyball with red handprint and face.

Grim Rapper: Wear a grim reaper costume, but accessorize with baggy pants, gold teeth, thick gold chains and a radio on your shoulder.

Static Cling: Wear any kind of mismatched clothes, pin one pant leg up, pin dryer sheets on you as well as socks, small towels, etc., and then use hair gel to make your hair look like it has static.

Cat with Litter Box: Dress like a cat (black clothes, cat ears and tail). Carry a new cat litter

box, filled with the following mixture: rolled oats and granola cereal mixed together, Tootsie Rolls (softened with water), and dabs of chocolate icing. Offer to your friends. Gross... but delicious!

Thanksgiving Day Parade Balloon: Get an appropriate costume, such as Bullwinkle or Snoopy. Attach long strings all around and then attach tiny plastic clowns at the end of each string. Then walk in slow motion humped over with the clowns just dragging the floor.

Beekeeper: Buy or make a beekeeper's hat, complete with netting all around it. Wear khaki clothing. Glue fake bumblebees all over hat and clothing. Carry around a fake beehive, which works well as a candy collector!

Table for One: Use cardboard or other material to make a round table that will fit over your head and rest on your shoulders. Cover with a red checked tablecloth. Make your head into a centerpiece with silk flowers. Put play dishes and play food on the table, and add accessories (candle, salt and pepper shakers, menu, etc.). Wrap a second tablecloth around your body.

Attack Dog Trainer: Take a stuffed dog and sew it to the arm of a long-sleeved shirt so it looks like it is biting you. Wear a name tag ("Frankie's Attack Dog School). Add blood and scratches all over your body.

Rambozo: Wear black or camouflage pants and a jacket, with combat boots or other heavy boots. Cover your face with black or camo paint. Paint your lips with bright red lipstick. Wear a red clown nose, a clown wig and wrap a black strip of cloth headband-style around it.

Sick as a Dog: Dress up in a bathrobe. Have tissues and medicine sticking out of your pockets, thermometer in your mouth, icepack for your head, etc. Make dog ears and a tail out of brown cloth and wear a dog collar.

Q-Tip: Puff up your hair and spray or powder it white (or wear a wig). Wrap your body in blue plastic wrap. Put cotton over your shoes.

Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer: Dress up like an old lady, with dress, slippers and a gray wig. Then put hoof prints on your back.

Dust Bunny: Wear a dirty old white bunny costume and carry a feather duster, or "dust buster" vacuum.

Little Dead Riding Hood: Wear the usual Little Red Riding Hood Costume and then use fake scars, wounds and blood to make it look like the Big Bad Wolf got you. Don't forget your basket!!

Chia Pet: Wrap yourself in duct tape so the sticky part is facing out, and then roll around on the lawn.

Not a Happy Camper: Wear a camp T-shirt and cargo shorts. Tear holes and burn the edges of the clothes, then attach leaves and sticks, burnt and melted marshmallows and fake bugs to the clothes. Tease your hair; add melted marshmallows and fake welts and insect bites to exposed skin. For more effect, attach a rubber snake to your ankle as if being bit!

Wicked Witch of the East: Design a large box to look like a house. Place it over yourself, cut holes so you can see out, and so that your legs show. Wear striped stockings and red glittery shoes. (Or wear black sweats and hang striped stockings with red baby shoes attached to look like the legs dangling underneath the house.)

Remember, Halloween is NOT just for kids. Spend some time with your family having FUN this Halloween.

Just Like Any Other Kid

Selecting Toys for Children with Disabilities

There are a Few things we know for sure about kids. Every child is unique. Each grows and learns in his or her special way. And pretty much all children love to play.

Kids with disabilities are no different of course. "Whether a child's disability is mild or severe, obvious or not, that child is first and foremost a kid says Diana Nielander Executive Director of the National Lekotek Center. A non-profit organization that provides toy libraries and other play-related services for children with disabilities "That means she will have the natural instinct to explore the world through play, just like any other kid" When it comes to birthdays and holidays and other special times, however children with disabilities all too often find clothing or other "safe" gifts waiting for them, notes Nielander Many time grandparents, other relatives, and friends want to do something special for the child, but they just aren't sure what types of toys will be fun and usable," says Nielander. "They don't want to take a chance on disappointing her with something that doesn't fit her abilities--something that ends up being more for the child If you have a child with disabilities in your life for whom you would like to find just the right toy, several resources are available to help you.

For general guidelines on what to consider when selecting toys for differently-abled children take a look at Lekotek's Top Ten Tim for choosing Toys, which you can find on their web site at <http://www.lekotek.org/resources/informationontoystentips.html> While you're there, check out the many other resources on play for children with disabilities, including downloadable information packets on many play topics. A sensible first stop for specific toy suggestions is the good to Grow web site at www.goodtogrowtoys.com

This resource is sponsored by locally -owned toy stores around the country and it offers a useful tool for quickly toys according to information the user enters about the type of disability age of the child, the kind of skills the toy helps a child develop, and the price range within which you wish to stay. The toys included in the database have been evaluated by occupational therapists who provide written reports on their experience with the toy, covering questions such as:

- How does the toy fit with various disabilities?
- Can the toy be used in a variety of positions, such as side-lying or in a wheelchair? How much space does the toy require How can it be stored?
- How long does this toy engage the child? Is the toy appealing over time as the child ages and develops?
- Will the toy provide a challenge without frustration?
- Are the different ways to play with the toy so it can fit with the child's abilities?
- How do kids seem to like it? Is there a WOW factor that attracts children to this toy?

If the child has asked for a particular toy, or if you already have an idea about a toy you'd like to get him, check out the Good to grow web site to see if that item has been reviewed. The evaluation can help you decide if the toy is the right choice another easy way to get personalized information is to visit the locally-owned toy store in your area like the Turtles Nest Toys here in Johnson City TN. These stores are generally very different from national chain toy stores and toy sections in discount stores because they provide significantly more personalized service along with a selection of products not usually found in big chains You can expect to find staff who are knowledgeable about a wide range of toys, how to use them in different and sometimes unique ways, and how to match up children with the toys that best suit their interests and developmental levels. "Small local toy stores are a great resource if you are buying for a child with disabilities" says Nielander of Lekotek "It's instantly easier when someone who knows toys and kids is right there to help you." If you need further or more detailed help, pick up the phone and call the Lekotek Toy Resource Helpline at 1-800-366-PLAY and arrange to speak with one of Lekotek's experts on toys and play for kids with disabilities. You can also email lekotek@lekotek.org with your questions for a personalized response.

"Years ago, the paradigm was to expect children to adapt to his or her environment notes Barbara McVeigh of Turtle's Nest Toys. "When it came to play. This meant that a kid with disabilities had to make do with whatever toys were around whether

they worked for that child or not Fortunately we now know a lot more about how to find the fit between what the child can do and what toys will help her have fun doing it-just like any other kid." And that is good news for kids of all abilities and the people in their lives who would like to ensure the magic of play is included in their childhood says Susan J. Oliver, Executive Director of playing for Keeps, a national not-for-profit dedicated to promoting healthy, constructive play for all children.

"Play is about learning and skill building. Play is about fun this is universal, regardless of your abilities your family income, the color of your eyes, or anything else," points out Oliver. "Play is part of being a kid with all the resources available today on selecting appropriate toys, figuring out what play materials will work for any given child is much easier than it used to be. In today's world, pretty much every child should be getting in on the fun" FPT

What is a vampire's favorite sport?

Casketball...

What is a vampire's favorite holiday?

Fangsgiving...

What did one ghost say to the other ghost?

"Do you believe in people?"

Why do mummies have trouble keeping friends?

They're so wrapped up in themselves...

What kind of streets do zombies like the best?

Dead ends...

What does the papa ghost say to his family when driving?

Fasten your sheet belts...

What is a vampire's favorite mode of transportation?

A blood vessel...

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Football schedule



Date	Opponent	Location	TV	Time	Outcome
* 09/03/2005	Alabama-Birmingham	KNOXVILLE	Jefferson Pilot	12:30 PM	WIN 17-10
* 09/17/2005	Florida	Gainesville, Fla.	CBS	8:00 PM	lose 16-7
* 09/24/2005	LSU	Baton Rouge, La.		TBA	WIN 30-27
* W 10/01/2005	Mississippi	KNOXVILLE		TBA	WIN 27-10
* 10/08/2005	Georgia	KNOXVILLE		TBA	lose 14-27
* 10/22/2005	Alabama	Tuscaloosa, Ala.		TBA	lose 3-6
* 10/29/2005	South Carolina	KNOXVILLE		TBA	lose 16-15
* 11/05/2005	Notre Dame	South Bend, Ind.	NBC	2:30 PM	
* 11/12/2005	Memphis	KNOXVILLE		TBA	
* 11/19/2005	Vanderbilt	KNOXVILLE		TBA	
* 11/26/2005	Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.		TBA	
12/03/2005	SEC Championship	Atlanta, Ga.	CBS	TBA	

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