



Trumpeteer

“The Name of the Lord is a Strong Tower” Proverbs 18:10

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Apple Tasting

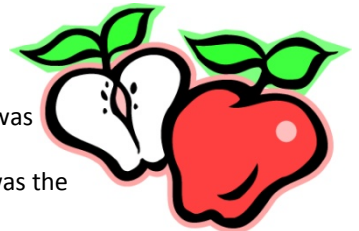
by Amanda Fiske

Are you a picky eater? I am. For your information, I am a picky apple eater. Gala apples, in my opinion, are yucky! What I wanted to know was what kind of apples my fellow writers liked. The taste testers were Nathan Browatzke, Katherine Elder, Amanda Fiske (me), and Jacob Pruse. We also invited Amanda Pruse to eat with us. So we tried various types of apples in search for our favorite one, testing every apple, munching every morsel! Praying that we’d find “The Perfect Apple” that we could eat for breakfast, lunch, dinner and dessert! Okay, maybe that last sentence was just me, but we learned (and ate) a lot. For example, we all bit into slices of Pink Lady expecting sweetness but were shocked when the taste was sour as lemons! Well, except they weren’t lemons, they were apples. I also learned never to put another Gala apple in my mouth again, they are too bland. This is what the Trumpeteer Staff thought:

The Sweetness Award: It was close but Jazz was one ahead of all the other apples. Sweet!

The Crisp Award: We had to hand it to Braeburn, it was very crunchy.

The Soft Award: There was no doubt about it, Gala was the softest!



Special Awards

The Pucker Award: The Pink Lady apple must be related to lemons because it was sour!

The Taster’s Pride Award: Way to go Fuji and Jazz! We liked these apples very much!

The Juice Award: If we ever want to make apple juice we’ll definitely use Fuji.

The Applesauce Award: Because of Gala’s softness, we think it would make a great applesauce.

	Gala	Fuji	Jazz	Golden Delicious	Pink Lady	Braeburn
Sweetness	9	9	10	9	1	9
Crisp	2	11	11	6	8	13
Soft	10	5	7	6	6	2
Sour	4	4	5	7	13	2
Favorite	7	9	9	4	8	6
Juice		15	5			
Applesauce	10	5		5		

Each taste tester could vote up to 5 stars per category. Not everybody voted on every category so the chart looks kind of weird.

Forum Corner

by Katherine Elder

This month, on the Tower Student Forum, there has been a Scavenger Hunt going on. While we have had our winner, there are still consolation prizes up for grabs. Maybe you are saying to yourself, "Why should I do it? I'm not signed on to the forum, what do I have to gain from this?" Well, being on the forum is a lot of fun for me! There are many different discussions going on, games, polls, and we can just talk about all kinds of stuff. How do I get rid of hiccups? There's a discussion about that and more. The most popular topic at the moment is the Who Am I? guessing game. And, to go along with this month's interview with the ByteMan actors, the full video of that interview is available there, including a Word Association session with the actors and the characters. There is also a Youth Events Calendar so you don't miss any Youth Group events. On the Tower Students Blog, there is the podcast of The ByteMan Episodes - the third episode comes out on October 15th. Along with the podcast, there are book and music reviews in the Youth News area, written by Tower Students. Also, new with this school year, the Trumpeteer is online in color. So, there is a lot of fun going on on the forum. And as for the gain, there are still those chocolate prizes available for people who submit what they found for the Scavenger Hunt!

ByteMan Villain Interviews

by Tower Students Web Players

If you've seen ByteMan Episode Two, then The Dutchess and The Qu1zster (yes, that's the way they spell their names) need no introduction. If you haven't seen it yet, then you should know that getting this interview with these two cyber criminal masterminds was both difficult and dangerous. Of course, the interview with the actresses playing those roles was much easier to set up. See ***The Rest of the Story*** on the Tower Student Forum if you want to see the complete video interviews.



While amusing, the interview with the cyber criminals was based on some very real truths. Consider their answers on why they do what they do, which

highlights why the internet is becoming a more and more dangerous place. The hackers don't do things just for the fun of it anymore. Instead, they are highly motivated:

Both: The money.

Qu1zster: Oh, the money is very good.

The Dutchess: It's great, the money is great.

Qu1zster: We love the money.

One of the things that made it so difficult to set up this interview is that no one knows the real identities of the two villains. I asked them why they hide their identities:

Qu1zster: Why does ByteMan hide his identity?

The Dutchess: Oooo! Think about that one!

When pressed, they finally admitted their reasons:

Qu1zster: It'd be a hassle if people knew who we were.

They wouldn't really like that we are stealing their money.

The Dutchess: It's ByteMan. He can't know who we are until we know who he is.

However, friendship is fragile amongst cyber criminals. Just look at this exchange about what is the least fun about their work:

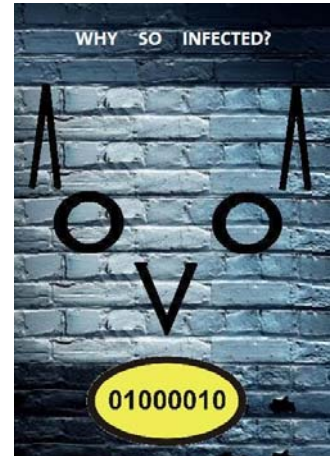
The Dutchess: ByteMan.

Qu1zster: You said his name.

The Dutchess: I'm answering a question. What do you want me to say?

Qu1zster: That person, maybe. I don't know.

The Dutchess: How are they going to know who "that person" is? It could be anyone.



I also got to talk to the actresses behind the characters. Both actresses have had extensive experience in the Tower Christian Theater Works. However, even with all that background, creating video podcasts has been a new experience for them. Actress D noted, "The whole thing is kind of interesting. How you make it and put it together. How we interact behind the scene. It is a little different than what you get on the video. I don't think [people] realize the repetitive nature of filming." Actress Q added, "We don't necessarily film in order of the way it goes. Sometimes we film a scene multiple times, sometimes only once."

When asked about the most difficult aspect of their roles, Actress D said, "Probably memorizing the really big chunks of lines, especially when they have technical terms in them that I'm not familiar with." Actress Q's role has taught her one very important truth, "Do not give out personal information over the Internet."

And what about the dangers from the two cyber criminal masterminds? Well, just look at their answer to my question about what's the most fun about what they are doing:

The Dutchess: The money, the power.

Qu1zster: Control. Making little girls cry.

Ouch!!! That almost worked right then! :^)

The Never Ending Story

Continued by Jacob Pruse

Then something happened that showed us that Pete was not who he said he was...

Mr. Won said, "Pete, good work getting Mr. Moon tied up, but I'm still not going to let you go."

"But I have done everything you told me to do. I have fooled everyone that I am their ally. Do you still want more?" Pete said.

Mr. Won did not say anything and just paced back and forth over and over again. "You have taken something very precious from me. No use hiding it from me because I already know what it is," Mr. Won said with a sly voice.

Pete then broke through the ropes and said, "You're right, I have the memory chip."

I was very confused, so I asked Nick, "What memory chip?" "Most likely the one you stuffed down the dog's throat," Nick added.

I could hear Pete saying, "Leave Mr. Moon tied up. We can't have him investigating us any longer."

Then Mr. Won said "Good work Pete. Now give me the memory chip."

"No way."

I knew Pete couldn't be trusted. He was leading my dad into a trap the whole time. So I said, "We have to get down there."

Nick answered, "It's probably way too dangerous."

"But they tied up my dad," I quietly exclaimed in fear. "We need to do something and fast!"

"But how do we get down without being seen or getting hurt?" Nick asked.

"I don't know, but this ventilator shaft is making me really claustrophobic," I said. "I can hardly breathe and I don't have my inhaler. I need help fast," I gasped, "or I'm not gonna make it!"

Scavenger Hunt Winner - Spyrius

by Katherine Elder

The winner of the September 10th Forum Scavenger Hunt was Spyrius (screen name, not an actual name :-). We had the opportunity to catch up with Spyrius and check into what helped win the contest.

- What was the most fun about the Scavenger Hunt?
"Reading the clues and seeing what I'd have to look for."
- What was the hardest part of the Scavenger Hunt?
"Going through every page of the forums, one by one."
- If you were going to add something to the Scavenger Hunt for other people, what would it be?
"I wouldn't have changed anything."
- What in your background prepared you for winning this Scavenger Hunt?
"Knowing the Student Forums Really well."

- Can you elaborate on whether you believe Christians have an unfair advantage on things like scavenger hunts because we celebrate Easter, and often do so with things like Easter egg hunts?
"I don't believe that has anything to do with this."

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- How did you prepare for the Hunt?
"By opening up multiple tabs of the website."

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- Any special exercise routines?
"Not really."

"Not really."

- More than 10 trips to the gym?
"No."

"No."

- Do you plan on eating your chocolate prize or having it made into a trophy?
"Probably eating it."

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- Is there anything else that you want people to know about your winning experience?
"It was fun and interesting going through all of those posts."

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Meet the Trumpeteer Staff

by Nathan Browatzke

Amanda Fiske has been in Tower Christian School for 5 years. She joined the Trumpeteer because she wanted to be on it last year, but she wasn't old enough. So she was more than happy to join this year. Amanda has been on the Trumpeteer for two months. She is twelve and her favorite ice cream is cookie dough. Right now her favorite animals are dogs.

Nathan Browatzke is starting his 7th year in Tower Christian. He joined the Trumpeteer so he didn't have to do as much *Institute for Excellence in Writing* and thought that he would have fun. He's 11 and his favorite ice cream is Oreo. Currently he likes owls.

Katherine Elder has been in Tower Christian for 8 years. She joined the Trumpeteer because she likes to write. She's been on the Trumpeteer for two years. She is twelve and her favorite ice cream is mint chocolate chip and badgers are her favorite animal.

Jacob Pruse is starting his 3rd year at Tower Christian. He is 11 years old and joined the Trumpeteer because he wanted to write articles. Also, his mom is the advisor. His favorite ice cream is daiquiri ice and snakes are one of his favorite animals.

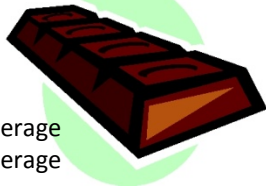
Habakkuk 2:2 Then the LORD said to me, "Write my answer in large, clear letters on a tablet, so that a runner can read it and tell everyone else."

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First Yearbook Staff Meeting

by Jennifer Elder

The Yearbook Staff had its first meeting of the year at the September Park Day. Present were four returning members, and 3 new members. After a short discussion on what we would be doing this school year, it was decided that the best way to start this new year off was with a chocolate tasting. We tasted five different types of chocolate, and then voted for our favorites by giving each chocolate up to five stars.



The results were:

Lindor Milk Truffles: 4.3 star average
Hershey's Special Dark: 4.1 star average
Hershey's Milk Chocolate: 3.8 star average
M&M's Dark: 3.6 star average
M&M's Milk: 3.3 star average

Our next meeting will be in November and we are still accepting new staff members. Check the November Trumpet and the Tower Student Forums for more information. And yes, chocolate will be served!

TOP 10 MOST POPULAR CANDY BARS

by Jacob Pruse

10. Hershey Bar
9. Oh Henry!
8. M&Ms
7. Baby Ruth
6. 3 Musketeers
5. Milky Way
4. Butterfinger
3. Kit Kat
2. Reese's Peanut Butter Cups
1. Snickers

Riddles

by Nathan Browatzke

What is more powerful than God, more evil than the devil, the rich lack it, the poor have it? Answer: nothing.

What gets bigger when you take away from it? Answer: a hole.

What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries? Answer: a towel.

What can you catch but not throw? Answer: a cold.

I can run but not walk. Wherever I go, thoughts follow close behind. What am I? Answer: a nose.

What goes around the world but stays in a corner? Answer: a stamp.

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Always remember you're unique... Just like everyone else.

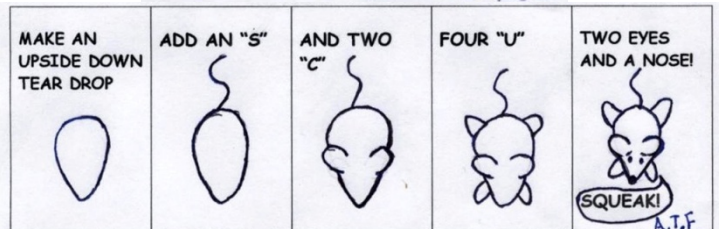
If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

Out of my mind. Back in five minutes.

Pixie Stix: The sugar high you'll never come down from.

HOW TO DRAW A MOUSE

by Amanda Fiske



Our 1st Student Submission

A Photograph from Toby Smith, age 6

Mom: What do you like about taking pictures?

Toby: I just like to do it because I can.

Mom: What is special to you about this photograph of your blanket?

Toby: I like how it is shaped and how it turns.

Mom: Why is this blanket your favorite?

Toby: Because it is so soft.

