



Trumpeteer

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

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My Family Vacations

by Nathan (and Sharon) Browatzke

Nearly every summer for as long as I can remember, my family goes to a lake in California. My grandparents rent a house on the lake and all four of their kids and their families join them for a week of water-skiing, wakeboarding, swimming, good food and hanging out. My mom is the oldest daughter and has five kids. I am number three of those five, but all together there are twelve cousins that come to join the fun.

We have stayed in a few different houses, but the one we stay in now is three stories and we sleep from top to bottom all over the place. The dock is one story lower, so on the top, there is an amazing view of the lake down three arms. Sometime during the week, we all load into boats and take the jet skis over to the cove where the rope swing will drop you about two stories into the water. It is really scary, a little dangerous and tons of fun. Letting go of the rope at the right time is the most important thing. No one has died yet, at least not from our family.



My favorite things are wake-boarding, jet skiing, swimming and hanging out. I have gotten pretty good on the wake-board since we go every year. This last year I was able to catch air several times by jumping the wake. I can't wait to do it again this year in July.

Another favorite vacation is traveling to Canada to visit my dad's family. We don't do this every year, but this year we are going. My grandmother has passed away, but my grandpa can hardly wait for us to get there. This year we are going in June, so it will be different because we usually go in the winter. I prefer the winter since I live in California because we get to ice skate on outdoor ponds and sled or snowboard down the hills in the neighborhood parks.

Since we are going in the summer this year, we will be bringing our bikes and doing a little camping along the way. My dad's sister lives on a farm so we may get to ride ATVs and their six wheeled gator this year too. This trip is different from the lake trip because instead of staying in one place, we are traveling around visiting lots of different people in lots of different places.

Most of the time I love my family and then there are moments when I want to pretend I don't know them. I would love to read about some of your vacations. They can be things you have done or have planned for this summer. So please submit your stories to the Trumpeteer!

TCS Annual Youth Banquet: A Life Unveiled

by Katherine Elder

I'm not afraid
I'm not ashamed
I'm not to blame
Welcome to the Masquerade



No, we won't be seeing Thousand Foot Krutch in concert, BUT we will be having a lot of fun at the Youth Banquet. Get your masks ready and we'll see you May 14th!

The Never Ending Story

by Katherine Elder

But, it was too late...

Madison and I were spinning, spinning, spinning. It felt like hours, but it was probably only a few seconds. Then, suddenly, my face met something that I was hoping to avoid ever meeting. It was the ground at what appeared to be a park.

I rolled onto my back, spitting out the dirt and grass that had entered my mouth. It sounded as though Madison wasn't doing any better. I heard her muttering something about that teaching her never to get distracted by a shiny object again.

I stood up and helped Madison up. I looked around more and I recognized it as the park that was about five blocks away from our house, or at least what would eventually be our house.

I saw a kid who looked about my age wearing all black sitting under a tree writing in a book. He looked familiar, but I couldn't place why. As I was watching, a girl wearing all pink walked over and grabbed the book from his hands and said something to him as she started looking through the pages. When he stood up, the girl was still a few inches taller than him. And what was up with his pants? They had huge bell bottoms! Madison and I looked at each other and then started walking toward them. As we got closer, we could hear what they were saying.

"You look like someone spilled pink paint on you!" the boy told her.

"Why are you wearing all black?" she shot back.

"I like to pretend I'm a Ninja because Ninja's are cool, like my new Apple II computer," he replied.

He started showing her his "ninja moves," but the girl just had a very bored look on her face. He pulled a bubblegum card package out of his pocket to show how a ninja would throw something, but a German Shepherd snuck up and grabbed the card, bubblegum and all, and ate it.

"Hey, dog! Is he yours? Get him to bring it back!"
"It's gone now. He swallowed it already."
"That could have been a Walter Payton card!"
"If you want to see cool, what do you think of these sunglasses? I made them myself." She held out a pair of sunglasses with one blue and one aqua green lens.

"Yeah, whatever Paddy May!"

"Well, fine Andy Ken!"

At that point, the boy and girl walked off in separate directions. Madison and I looked at each other and I suddenly remembered something. "Andy Ken and Paddy May! Their last names were Moon and Smith then, but that's the story mom and dad just told us about the first time they talked to each other! That explains a lot of what I was dreaming about!"

"It explains how messed up your head is, Luke!"

"Let's get back to the time machine and try to get back to our cruise," I said.

But little did we know...



Movie Review

by Jacob Pruse

Ponyo is an animated film by Hayao Miyazaki. He is very popular in Japan. The movie was inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale "The Little Mermaid." Ponyo is a goldfish and wants to be human, but her father lives in the ocean and won't let her. He hates humans for polluting the water. Ponyo is found by a boy who keeps her as his goldfish. When her owner gets a cut, Ponyo licks the cut and turns into a human.

It wasn't Hayao Miyazaki's best film; the animation seemed sloppier, and the storyline was slow during some parts. While most of the film was good, some parts seemed too childish. As usual with Miyazaki's films, there was a lot of magic, and it has a confusing storyline. There wasn't any violence or bad language.

If you're between age five and thirteen, and you like Japanese animation, you will probably enjoy this film.



Water Wars

by Katherine Elder

We are members of Tower Christian School. We have to follow certain rules, like always be kind to each other and have good manners. That is why we always look forward to the May Park Day when we can go to war! Friday May 21st is our annual Water Wars Park Day. And this year is a special treat, because Abigail, Anna and Amy Biggs will be joining us. So, bring your squirt guns and prepare to get wet!

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Top 15 Kid Names

from the 2009/2010 TCS Directory
by Amanda Fiske

There are 186 kids listed in the Directory. We tried to count just the Top 10 but 8 names tied for 8th.

1st	Joshua	6
	Sara/Sarah	6
3rd	Rachel/ Rachael	5
4th	Emily	4
	Hannah	4
	Jacob	4
	Jon/John/Jonathan	4
8th	Aaron	3
	Breanna/Briana/Brianna	3
	Cathryn/Katherine	3
	Daniel	3
	Elijah	3
	Emma	3
	Jared	3
	Jessica	3



And 40 kids not listed here (well obviously, Ha-ha) who share their name with one other (20 pairs).



The Biggs Girls

by Katherine Elder



L L L T G J O Z M T L P S S N
M T H R E E W E E K S A L O I
B J B I K E U E X A N S R C W
L E P T U O N N I N L T I U T
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D Y V E D A R D N S J S I C A
E F R K N L D D F C Y K N Q N
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Y M A T U T M D D Y N S F T I
P I R T H C A E B K N M I U G
R U H X N E A B I G A I L L G
V K W Q R O W A T E R W A R S
J J Z Q P N F B B F K Y C H E

ABIGAIL
AMY
ANNA
BANANA TWIN
BEACH TRIP
BIGGS
BLONDE

CALIFORNIA GIRLS
CAYUCOS
CURLY HAIR
IN N OUT
KANSAS CITY
LICENSED
MEXICAN FOOD

NORTH AND SOUTH
PASTORS KIDS
PHANTOM
TEENAGERS
THREE WEEKS
TRI TIP
WATER WARS

Lemonade Tasting

by Amanda Fiske



We all rated the drinks on a scale of one to five. Then I averaged them all up.

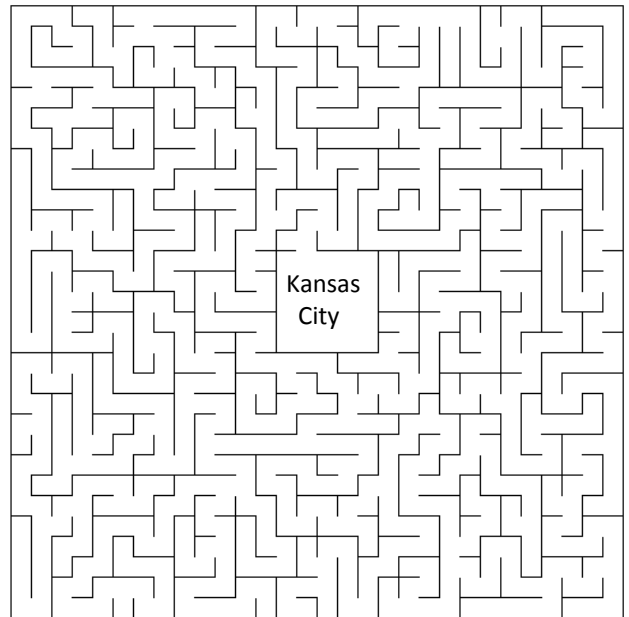
	Sweet	Tart	Bland
Paul Newman's	3	3	2
Country Time	2	1	3
Crystal Light	2	2	2
Fresh Squeezed	1	5	1
Minute Maid	1	3	1

One person chose Crystal Light as their favorite, while everyone else chose Paul Newman's.

The Biggs Maze

by Katherine Elder

The Biggs girls (Abigail, Anna, and Amy) need your help to get from Kansas City out to California. Can you help them?



Make it out here
to California!!!



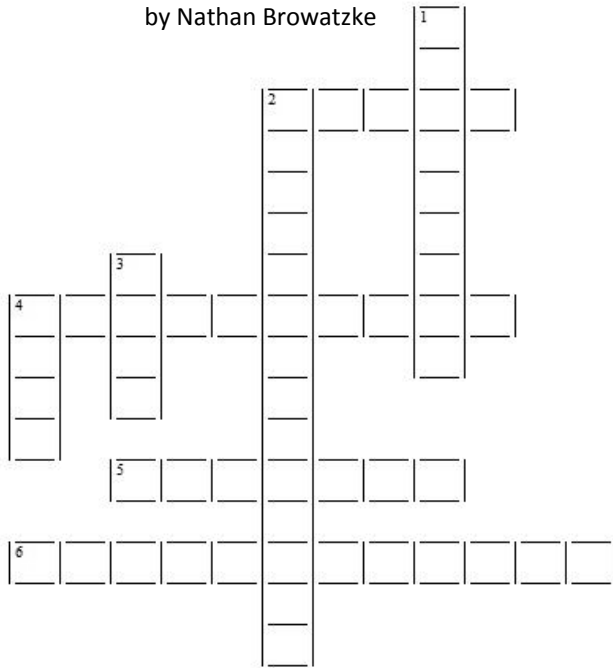
Answers to April's Guessing Games

Sarah Kruse, and Disneyland

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Why the Bible Is True: Clues at Right

by Nathan Browatzke



ACROSS

2 We know the Bible is true because God used at least ___ men to write the Bible - and yet it all fits together.

4 We know the Bible is true because the events that were ___ really happened.

5 We know the Bible is true because the Bible ___ people's lives.

6 We know the Bible is true because the Bible is ___ correct.

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1 We know the Bible is true because people ___ the events of the Bible.

2 We know the Bible is true because it was written over a time period of ___ years - and yet it all fits together.

3 We know the Bible is true because the Bible is ___ word?

4 We know the Bible is true because God says His Word is ___?

Dear Suzy Q,

What do I do if I'm bored? -Stiff

Dear Stiff,

Loosen up! You can always write something and send it to the Trumpeteer, or you can do chores around the house.

With those kinds of choices I am sure your imagination will kick right in and you can relax and have fun.

-Suzy Q

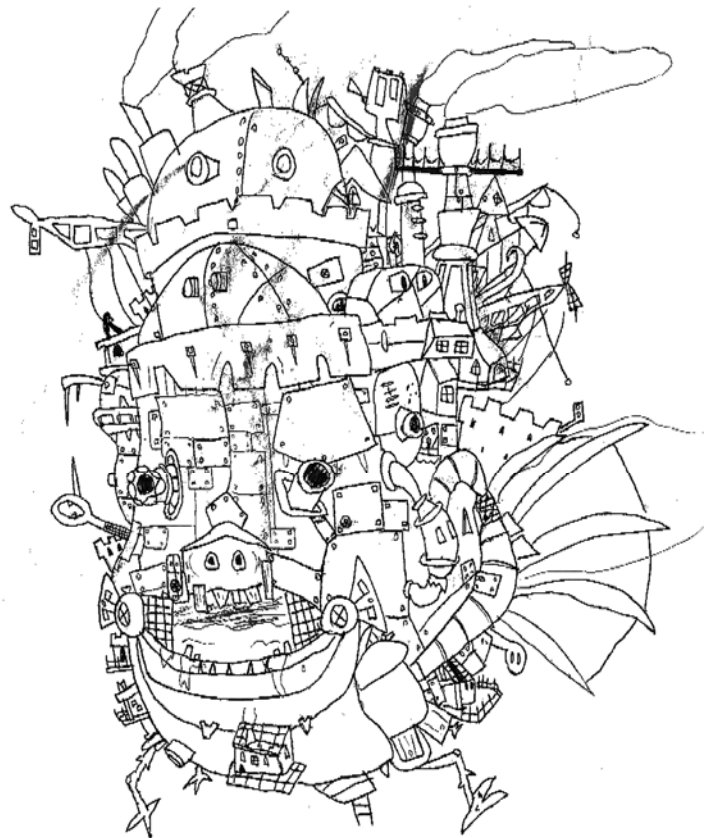
Student Art

by Taryn Baker



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by Jacob Pruse



Jacob Pruse
How's moving
castle