



## Breaking News... Literally

Team Tornado

March/April 2014



March 24, 2014: a groundbreaking day for all Trinity-ites. The TCS parking lot, ground zero for our battle to build a fine gymnasium to serve the student body, was finally torn up with billowing smoke and loud construction machines, reminding all of the industrial revolution. Team Tornado touched down to document this historic lot on which the long-awaited gymnasium shall stand.

The excitement of the freezing crowd was palpable at the ceremony as Mr. Holcomb gave a speech. He introduced the six leaders of the project: Mr. Prol, Pastor Smith, Mr. Vandalen, Deputy Mayor Gallopo, Mr. Driesse, and Mr. Lee senior. Mr. Prol and Deputy Mayor Gallopo stepped up to slash the "red tape" with an oversized pair of scissors as the now-frozen crowd whooped and screamed into the sky. A prayer of deid-

cation was given by Pastor Smith. Afterwards our six leaders had the honor of digging the first six holes. The ceremony was a success, and the end of this long journey is finally almost in sight. Almost.

Team Tornado grabbed their microphones and interviewed several students after the event. They were asked to comment on their feelings now that the gym is finally being built. A Trailblazer who claimed the sanctuary of anonymity was absolutely bubbling with excitement, nearly shouting, "I am so excited that we were finally able to break ground after all these years! The gym has been every Trailblazer's dream and now it appears to be coming to life!" Mr. Holcomb said that he was very excited that the gym is finally here, and that it will be a "huge shot in the arm" for the future of our school.

The date for the completion of the gym is by no means set in stone, but it is estimated to complete by Fall 2015, a date that all Trailblazers should set down on their planners.

**Survey Question:** *What are you most excited for about the gym?*

*Gabriel Roberto:* "Not tripping in the parking lot and getting cut up by the pavement."

*Joshua Batista:* "The fact that we have a gym."

*Kelly Reid:* "That we will finally be able to play basketball while it is raining."

*Jackie Voigt:* "To have actual home games for basketball."

*Hannah Campbell:* "Being able to use an actual court to play basketball."

*Erick Justnes:* "That we might have more interest for the varsity guys team."

## If You Can Beat 'Em, Pie 'Em

John Aitken and Ethan Hastings



Pi day comes around once a year, appropriately on March 14. However, due to a clerical error and a surplus of excitement, premature celebration occurred on March 13. 2013 saw the great war of the primary colors: Blue, Red, and Yellow, and Pi Day was the date of the battle to end all battles. The sanctuary served as the arena for our young mathletes. The competition saw three contenders from the same grade level but different teams duke it out for glory. Under the pressure of the spotlight, high school contestants crumbled, leaving behind an intellectual graveyard.

While Teams Yellow and Red exhibited a classic case of stage fright, Team Blue clearly had gotten the recommended 8 hours of sleep the night before. Though elementary students showed true aptitude in mathematics, they could only do so much for the Yellow and Red Teams, and Team Blue emerged the clear victor.

**Survey Question:** *What did it feel like getting a face full of pie?*

*Charlie Mills:* I never knew whipped cream could be so unsanitary. It smelled of sour milk, and I couldn't fathom the populations of bacteria culminating on my face.

*Daletyn Harris:* On the one hand, it was kinda tasty, but then again no one likes smelling like sour milk.

*Kelsea Fleck:* Well, it was very muddy so my feet were covered in muddy water. And Luke decided to shove the pie upwards so it got in my hair. So it was great!

# Open Your Eyes

Samantha Yamasaki and Danielle DiQuattro

Slavery is often thought of as being a thing of the past. But did you know that there are perhaps more slaves in the United States today than ever before? This new form of slavery, known as Human Trafficking is one of the fastest growing criminal industries in the world and it's way closer to home than you may realize. It takes place in motels, neighborhoods and businesses all over the country and in fact, the Superbowl is one of the single largest incidents of Human Trafficking in the US.

What exactly is Human Trafficking you may ask? It is a form of modern day slavery where people profit from the control and exploitation of others. Traffickers are people who use physical and psychological tactics to recruit, transport, hide, collect, control and abuse others for their own profit. Traffickers make billions of dollars by coercing over twenty-seven million people (especially women and children) around the world

into different services against their will. Victims are usually people lured into the trade by predators taking advantage of their hope for a better life. They often promise the victims relationships, opportunities and benefits for them and their families. Before they know it, they are enslaved with no hope of escape.

As Christians we should especially recognize how sinful this trade is. Throughout the Bible, prostitution is spoken of as being immoral and those who pervert justice to foreigners, the orphans, the destitute and abused are condemned. Those passages definitely apply to Trafficking as these are often the types of people that are targeted as victims.

Wondering how you can get involved? There are many available resources that can help you better understand this worldwide problem that has been hidden from the public for so long. Talk to your parents and with their

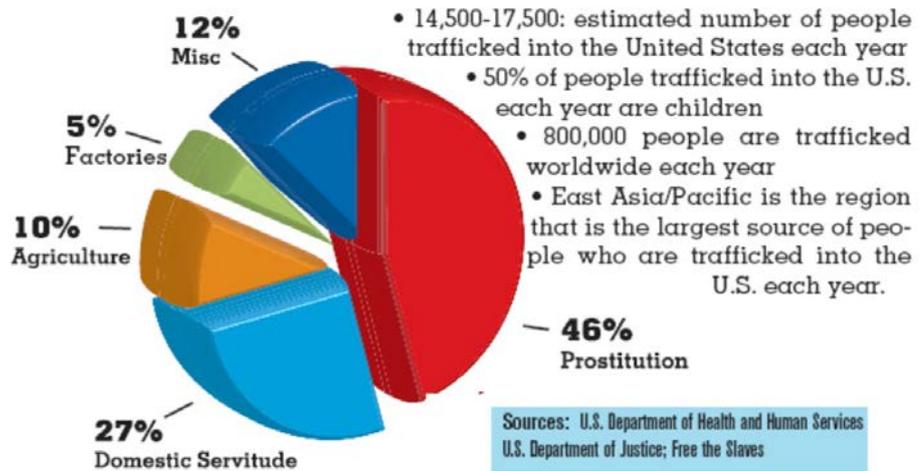
permission and guidance consider checking out the following websites, books and documentaries:

- PolarisProject.org
- sharedhope.org
- ijm.org
- lovetrue.org
- *The Scent of Water* by Naomi Zacharias
- *The Natashas* by Victor Malarek
- *Nefarious: Merchant of Souls*.

The first step to getting involved and stopping human trafficking is understanding the problem, sharing your knowledge and then acting. This problem needs advocates, not just bystanders and interested observers. Speak up and act today!

*We want to thank Rachel Voigt for her contributions to this article. Her senior thesis is about human sex trafficking, and if you want to learn more, go to her thesis presentation.*

The chart pictured here lists various statistics about Human Trafficking. The diagram shows the industries that victims are found working in. The source is the US Department of Health and Human Services; US Department of Justice; Free the Slaves.



## RoBOBtics

Mr. Messer

Trinity's 8th and 11th grade classes were plugged in to a special math/science event Thursday, March 20, courtesy of the Bob Jones University's Robotics Ministry Team.

The team of six Bob Jones students and alumni use Lego Mindstorms NXT kits as a way to model the creativity of God.

After a brief introductory presentation, students were divided into teams of three and given basic instructions to build and program their own robots. Groups programmed their robots to run on special maps, using sensors and motion



commands to avoid an "oil spill" on a highway or survey a circular "food court". Two groups had robots determine the difference between a red and blue ball before having their robots swing and hit the red ball.

Eighth grader Gabriel Roberto said the most exciting part of the day was when his group's robot, "finally detected a car crash after about 10,000 tries." Classmate Jacqueline Voigt noted it was exciting to see the robot actually work after doubting its functionality based on the programming screen.

The two-hour session concluded with a presentation of each group's robots, displaying an education in following instructions, solving problems, and working with a team. But junior Daletyn Harris also came to his own conclusion, "The school should invest in these!"

# Blazer Culture

Angela Martone and Jestira Mladenovic

## Stories

### Behold

*a contrived "boast" by John Aitken*

Wow! I am wonderful. What a legend I am!  
 My fame knows no frontier. For I am the great John!  
 Mortal felsh I may be, but my glory will never muddy.  
 Yesteryear past, I yielded kingly success.  
 In Dawson dominion under sun of the day  
 During famed Field Day, with fabulous team,  
 Composed of cravens, cubs and some women,  
 Where my brazen strength was bared in overwhelming barrage.  
 All marvelled at my muscle density as I mustered my strength  
 for the sit-up challenge.  
 Best of our band, I beat my teammates in dust.  
 The accomplishment instilled adoration amongst my humbled  
 allies,  
 For it was known that none could challenge my abdominal  
 nerve.  
 Though not coming even a little close to conquering all teams,  
 My winsomeness was wondrous for the non winner to behold!

### Some News For You

- One of the packing-tape sculptures has been sold at the banquet for a whopping \$1000! The money has been donated to the gym.
- Stay tuned for some cutting edge writing straight from the writing contest in the next edition.

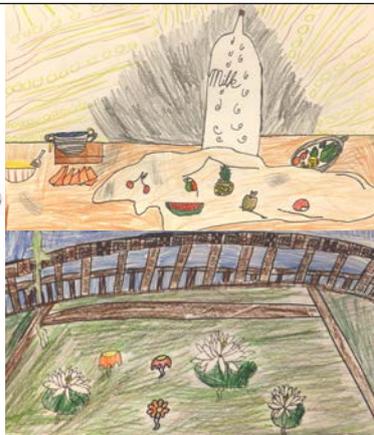
### Marty the Pigeon

*by Hannah Campbell*

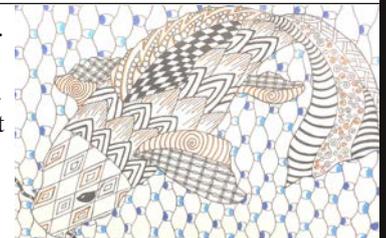
Once upon a time there was a pigeon named Marty. Marty was no ordinary pigeon. He had a special talent. Marty could pick up a toothbrush with his back claws and brush his teeth. When news got around of this remarkable pigeon's talent, many were interested in seeing Marty brush his teeth. He started touring the world, and soon he was a universal icon. He made the front page of every newspaper and was on the cover of the most popular magazines.

However, fame and wealth soon corrupted little Marty. To step up his game, he bought a gold toothbrush with crystal bristles. At his next stop in Guatemala, he was eager to show off his most recent purchase. As he stuck the electric gold toothbrush with crystal bristles in his mouth and turned it on, he heard cracking noises and felt great discomfort in his mouth. When he opened his mouth to smile, all of his teeth had been grinded, crushed, and mashed into into millions of little pieces. He was filled with embarrassment and his face turned beet red.

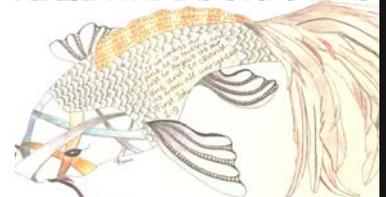
The audience felt as though they had been ripped off and threw very ripe Guatemalan tomatoes at him. He ran off the stage with tears filling his eyes. However, since he had become so rich with the tour, Marty got fake crystal teeth to replace his lost ones. Marty was never heard of again.



We would like to thank Mrs. Bonner and Mrs. Mladenovic for teaching art classes. Without them, we would not be able to hone the talents that many students now exhibit in their artwork.



**Clockwise, starting from top left:** Will Martone, Nabila Noury, Kate Carbone, Angela Martone, and Andrew Krug



## The Scarf Phenomenon

Chris Rumeau

Many students around the school have been concerned about the recent trend in Trinity uniform. Have we resorted to forceful sponsorship? Has the uniform taken a turn towards the couture? Has a small colony of extraterrestrial golden boa snakes taken hostage the majority of our school? The last theory certainly had me concerned.



I had no idea that I was even wearing one until I was told so. But there's no need to be alarmed, fellow student. This recent "addition" to our uniform was a result of an economic surplus and the generosity of the National School Choice Week organization. Simply put, this organization celebrates the opportunity among schools like ours to make crucial education choices for the benefit of the student. The week-long event had millions of Americans and over 3,000 schools participating in their country-wide celebration. The organization is designed to raise awareness for the many popular school choice options in America today, from public schools to online learning and homeschooling. So don the scarf and join the party today.

If you have artwork, writing, or any creative projects that you would like to contribute to the newspaper, talk to Jestira or email the Trinity Times at [tcsnewspaper2011@gmail.com](mailto:tcsnewspaper2011@gmail.com).

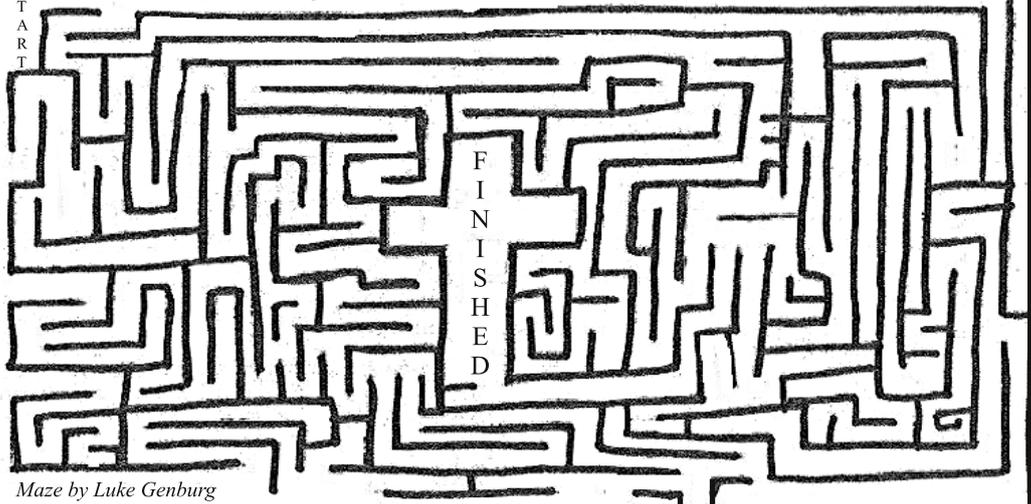
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Maze by Luke Genburg

## On Psalm 18:35

*Charles Spurgeon*

*Thy gentleness hath made me great.*

The words are capable of being translated, "Thy good-ness hath made me great." David gratefully ascribed all his greatness not to his own goodness, but the goodness of God. "Thy providence," is another reading; and providence is nothing more than goodness in action. Goodness is the bud of which providence is the flower, or goodness is the seed of which providence is the harvest. Some render it, "Thy help," which is but another word for providence; providence being the firm ally of the saints, aiding them in the service of their Lord. Or again, "Thy humility hath made me great." "Thy condescension" may, perhaps, serve as a comprehensive reading, combining the ideas mentioned, including that of humility.

It is God's making Himself little which is the cause of our being made great. We are so little, that if God should manifest His greatness without condescension, we should be trampled under His feet; but God, who must stoop to view the skies, and bow to see what angels do, turns His eye yet lower, and looks to the lowly and contrite, and makes them great. There are yet other readings, as for instance, the Septuagint, which reads, "Thy discipline"-Thy fatherly correction-"hath made me great;" while the Chaldee paraphrase reads, "Thy word hath increased me." Still the idea is the same. David ascribes all his own greatness to the condescending goodness of his Father in heaven.

May this sentiment be echoed in our hearts while we cast our crowns at Jesus' feet, and cry, "Thy gentleness hath made me great." How marvellous has been our experience of God's gentleness! How gentle have been His corrections! How gentle His forbearance! How gentle His teachings! How gentle His drawings! Meditate upon this theme, O believer. Let gratitude be awakened; let humility be deepened; let love be quickened ere thou fallest asleep to-night.

## Bringin' It to Blaze

*Ali Champagne*

Believe it or not, several people told us that they don't even know what "Bringin' It to Blaze" is (surprisingly enough, one of them also voted it as their favorite article). This is the article that you get surveys for every few weeks. You ask me questions; I do my best to answer!

### Advice for the fourth quarter:

**Danny:** "Never give in and never, never, never give up."

**Josh:** Study harder. At the end of a race you don't slow down until you cross the finish line.

### Does lifting stunt your growth?

I've always heard this, but I researched a little online and it seems that everyone agrees that lifting does NOT stunt your growth (some sources said that it actually helps growth because it makes you produce more human growth hormone). So as long as you keep correct form, lifting won't affect your height at all.

### If a turtle went to Trinity, what sport would it play?

For a turtle, I think track is totally out of the question. Basketball might be better, but I don't think he'd be a very good dribbler. Soccer would be the best option, although he might be mistaken for the ball... I think it's better that turtles stay out of sports!

### What happened to the comics that starred Mr. Lee?

I asked our talented comic writers about this, but to my (and the rest of the school's) dismay, they replied, "Too much of a good thing makes even the best of things bad." We're still working on them though, so keep your eyes out for more comics in the future!

### My favorite study halls are always the ones where I take these surveys. Keep on being inquisitive!

I'm so glad! The surveys will keep coming, so keep the good questions coming!

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