



The Crusade

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Upcoming Events

- ▶ **School Pictures-**
Tuesday, September 17
- ▶ **Open House-**
Tuesday, September 17
7:00-8:00 PM
- ▶ **LA Zoo Field Trip (K5)-**
Friday, September 27
- ▶ **PSAT/NMSQT Test (10th-11th)-**
Wednesday, October 16
- ▶ **Parent-Teacher Conferences-**
Thursday-Friday,
October 17-18

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The History of Comic Books



Comic books are notorious for giving a cinematic feel without any actual movement happening, but did you know they date back all the way to ancient Egypt? The Egyptian hieroglyphics were actually one of the first instances where pictures were used to tell a story or an event.

Now fast forward to the first American comic strip. The first comic strip was titled "The Yellow Kid" and featured a

child and cataloged his adventures. The first comic book was titled "Famous Funnies". This was really more of a compilation of all the comic strips in one place more than anything.

In 1938 the golden age of comic books began. The golden age is a term referring to how good the comics are and how long they have been out. The age ranks are : Bronze Age, Silver age, and Golden age. The Golden age created heroes such as: Wonder Woman, Batman, Green lantern, Captain America, and Captain Marvel. During the Golden age these heroes became symbolic in WW2, and in some covers were Captain American was depicted fighting Hitler.

After comics had become more streamlined it became apparent that there should be standers and codes to what

people could write and depict. Some authors were going way too far with the content they were putting their stories. So the government put codes so that the kids would not become little criminals by attempting actions that they saw in the comics. So the stamp of approval was born.

After some time had passed and technology had advance digital comics became more popular. Then they wanted to adapt them into films. So the Marvel cinematic universe and The DC cinematic universe was made!

Timeline:

1938- the Golden Age of comic books.

1956- the birth of The Flash

1956- the Silver Age began

1980's- Stan Lee began to create heroes, most notably Spider-Man; Marvel and DC go head to head.

OBSCURE SPORTS: SEPAK TAKRAW

Imagine if in soccer whenever you scored a goal, you were required to jump 5 feet in the air and bicycle kick it in the goal. Or picture in volleyball if you were only allowed to use your legs to hit or block the ball. A sport called Sepak Takraw that originated in Malaysia, meets all these requirements.

In Malaysia, around the 15th century, the sport Sepak Takraw was born. This sport is pretty much a combination of volleyball and soccer. As in volleyball, a net divides the two teams, but this net is only five feet tall. The two teams consist of only three players, and these players are allowed to set, block, and hit the ball. As mentioned before, this must all be done with their feet, and this would make blocking and hitting more difficult, for it will require your feet to be above the net.

The name Sepak Takraw literally means "to kick a ball"; "sepak" meaning kick and "takraw" means ball. This sport is traditionally played with a ball made of bamboo or rattan which is stems of the palm tree. The court upon which it is played is roughly 44 feet by 20



feet. Sepak Takraw is popular in Southeast Asia and has been in the Southeast Asia Games since 1967. This sport will not be appearing in the 2020 Olympics Games but is expected in the Olympic Games in 2024.

In my opinion, I would enjoy if this became more popular outside Asia. It would be exciting to see its interesting rallies on TV. A typical Sepak Takraw rally would be the tekong or server serving the ball, the

opposite team receives the serve. The feeder or setter sets the ball ten feet in the air, all done with the feet of course, and the striker or killer would jump high in the air and swing his leg around to strike the ball down with brutal force. Who knows? If it did become popular in the U.S., maybe we could have a team for school.



LA COUNTY FAIR

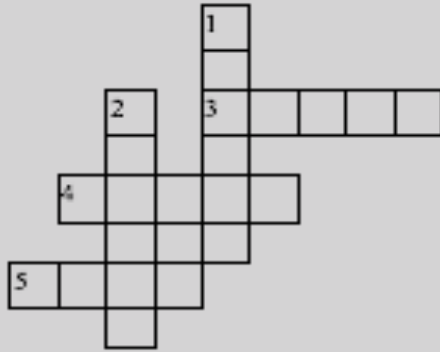


Another year of LA County Fair, we haven't missed this trip for years. This was probably considered the hottest field trip yet. LA County Fair always has what we want- from fried foods to delectable ice cream, thrilling rides, and the animal farm. It'll end up costing you a day at Disneyland by the time you're through.

the carnival games and deep fried food aren't what you're after, there's the natural beauty and serenity of the farm with two newborn goats. Near the farm there are rows of fresh growing vegetables. They offered us free milk and a tour. We got to watch farm animals live in peace. At the Hill, you not only get to see American pop culture icon Smokey Bear and his friends, but you get to explore exhibits, meet foresters, park rangers and learn about animals and their habitats. (They now have donuts at the Hill.)

At noon, we visited at E-sports Gaming World. Most of us came for the air conditioning; few people complete against strangers in an online game. There was small area for laser tag which costs \$15 bucks.

Overall, the choices are endless for all types of cultures of cuisine. This fair is a great place to visit with family. A bit pricey but it's to be expected.



Across

3. What kind of corn starts with the letter A ?
4. What is a snowman in summer?
5. What time of day is spelled the same forwards and backwards?

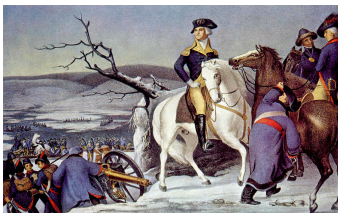
Down

1. What animal can predict earthquakes?
2. What begins with T ends with T and has T in it?

UNCLE SAM'S PATRIARTICLE: GEORGE WASHINGTON

President George Washington was not just the president of the United States of America. Before he became President, he was a political leader, and military general. He fought in the War for Independence, and led the Americans to victory against the British.

George was born on February 22, 1732, in Westmoreland County, Virginia. His father died when he was eleven years old, so he moved to Fredericksburg with his mother. At the age of fourteen Washington had planned to join the British navy but then reluctantly stayed home in obedience to his mother's wishes.



When George was twenty years old, he joined the militia. He fought in the French and Indian War, where shortly after, he was promoted to colonel. After this, he married his wife Martha, and returned to his life in Mount Vernon.

George Washington fought in the battle of Trenton, where he and his army had to cross the bone chilling Delaware River in order to surprise the Hessians at their fort. On December 26, 1776, General Washington and his troops had defeated the Hessians. George Washington was a hero.

Washington was elected to the Virginia House of Burgesses in 1758 as a representative from Frederick County. This was the start of George Washington's political career. Throughout the Revolutionary years Washington developed military leadership, administrative skills, and political sharpness. His wartime experiences gave him a sense of importance among the colonies. Finally, Washington led the proceedings at the Federal Convention in 1787 that led to confirmation of the new American constitution.

America had become an independent nation, but who would be their leader? So the people elected George Washington to be the first President of the United States.

DEAR ABIGAIL

In 1 Samuel 25 the Bible tells about a lady named Abigail and her husband Nabal. He had many sheep and goats and David had heard that Nabal sheared his sheep. David had sent ten men to go to Nabal and asked him to share what he had with David. Once they had reached Nabal he



refused to give them any food or help, once they got back to David they had told him what he had said. When David heard of this he was not very happy and had told his men to gather their swords to go to Nabal, even David himself was getting his sword to go to Nabal. Nabal refusing to give them the shears was a big deal to David so he himself was going down as well. Abigail was told by a young man that David and his men were going to go to Nabal, so she quickly gathered 200 loaves of bread, two bottles of wine, five sheep ready dressed, five measures of parched corn, cakes and figs. She had

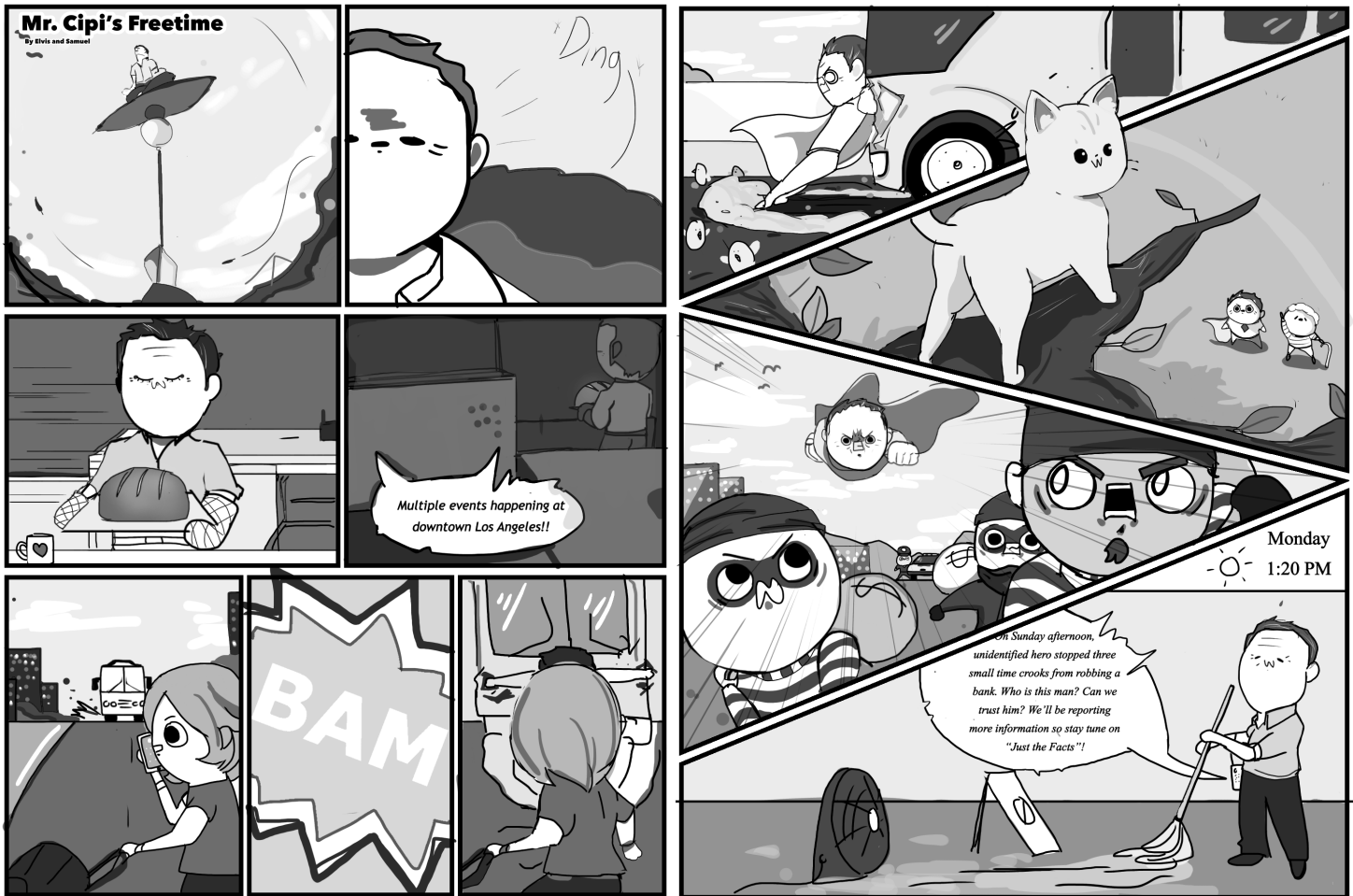
gone to David and his men to offer a peace offering and David respected her bravery and accepted the offering. Later in the story David takes Abigail as his wife after Nabal dies and she was very happy. What we can learn from Abigail as Christians is to be brave and to make sure to do the right thing, and at the end we will be blessed for doing the right thing and standing strong for Christ. Abigail had such wisdom to know what to do and she was definitely a peacemaker. Only God can give us wisdom, and all we have to do is ask.

In this article each month, we will do our best to answer your questions with wisdom from the Bible. On locker 209 there is a sign that has Dear Abigail on it. For this project we will need questions from you. You can write your question down and slide it into locker 209. We are using the name Abigail because she showed wisdom in the Bible. We look forward to answering your questions.

GUESS WHAT

1. Banging your head against a wall for one hour burns how many calories?
a. 100 b. 150 c. 200 d. 0
2. Pteronophobia is the fear of being ____?
a. Tickled b. laughed at c. tripped d. shocked
3. A flock of crows is known as a?
a. brood b. block c. migrant d. murder
4. A baby octopus is about the size of a _____ when it is born.
a. finger b. mouse c. flea d. worm
5. What is the twitter bird's name?
a. Larry b. Jacob c. Bob d. Jerry
6. Which president was once a cheerleader?
a. Donald Trump b. Abraham Lincoln c. Barack Obama d. George W. Bush
7. How many toilet related injuries occur in the U.S. every year?
a. 10,000 b. 20,000 c. 30,000 d. 40,000

Cartoon Corner



Pizza, the perfect meal. An open-faced pie using tomato sauce, cheese, and any manner of toppings. It is a delectable triangular shaped piece of dough as I call it. Foods similar to pizza have been made for thousands of years. Pizza is a savory dish with Italian origin. The term pizza was first recorded in the 10th century in a Latin manuscript from the Southern Italian town of Gaeta in Lazio on the border of Campania. Modern pizza was invented in Naples Italy, the dish and its variants have since become popular in many countries. A question a lot of people ask is, how many kinds of

IN THE MOOD FOR FOOD: PIZZA

pizzas are there? Well there are essentially two kinds of pizzas, the real one and the other nasty stuff from other parts of the world. Here are some popular styles of pizza in the US.

- The Original: Neapolitan
- California Style
- Chicago Deep Dish
- Chicago Thin Crust
- Detroit Style
- New England Greek Style
- New York Thin Crust
- Tomato Pie: New Jersey Style
- St. Louis Style



Maybe you're thinking woah, I have never even heard most of these before well that's because we are primarily stuck with the basic pepperoni or cheese pizza. I can agree with most of you right now that yes, I have never heard of these either. But for me pizza is a food that I can never get tired of. You can't go wrong with pizza unless it's terrible pizza. Better ingredients, better pizza-Papa..... it's not a slogan haha it's a way of life. Stay hungry kids!

Random Facts

- Instead of saying "cheese" before taking a picture, Victorians said "prunes"
- Dolphins Have Been Trained to Be Used in Wars
- Koalas Have Fingerprints
- Tornadoes Can Cause "Fish Rain"
- It Is Illegal to Sell a "Bounceless" Pickle to Somebody in Connecticut
- You Can Sneeze Faster Than a Cheetah Can Run
- Cows Kill More Americans Each Year Than Sharks Do
- The Man Who Founded Atari Started Chuck E. Cheese
- The Supreme Court has its own private basketball court with an amazing nickname. (the highest court in the land)

Crusader Quips

- Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off?
He's all right now.
- Need an Ark?
I Noah guy.
- I wasn't originally going to get a brain transplant, but then I changed my mind.
- What do you call the security outside of a Samsung Store?
Guardians of the Galaxy.
- I was addicted to the hokey pokey... but thankfully, I turned myself around.

MR. JONES

Jason Jones is an alumnus of Gethsemane Baptist Christian School. He graduated from Pensacola Christian College in May 2019 with a degree in teaching. This is a bit ironic because Jason did not plan to become a teacher. When he was younger, everyone expected him to be one since both of his parents were teachers. At first, Jason wanted to break out of that mold and get a job that would pay a bit better. But he wanted to make a difference in young people, and that's exactly what God wanted him to do. Trusting in God to provide for him, Jason decided to be a teacher. He had an internship at Pensacola to get some teaching experience. For one semester, he taught the 5th-6th grade class. This school year, he came back to the old school to teach history to the junior and senior high classes. This was a little out of Mr. Jones' comfort zone, considering he has a degree in elementary teaching, but he's doing a fantastic job. His teaching method, that involves Power Point and review games, is a new and fun experience compared to the other classes. He also teaches Bible to the 5th-6th grade class and teaches P.E. with Mr. Jared Delgado. Mr. Jones is really happy teaching at Gethsemane. We welcome Mr. Jones to our school, and are ready to have a fun and exciting school year with him.



3 clues, 1 word

The Riddler

1. What has two hands, a round face, always running, but stays in place.
2. Who makes it, has no need of it. Who buys it, has no use for it. Who uses it can neither see nor feel it.
3. What can travel around the world while staying in a corner?
4. I'm tall when I'm young and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?
5. You can drop me from the tallest building and I'll be fine, but if you drop me in water I die. What am I?
6. What has a head and tail, but no body?
7. What has an eye but cannot see?



CRUSADER SPIRIT DAYS



Class Color Day

Tuesday, September 24

Each class is assigned a color to wear. If 100% of the students in the class wears that color, they will win free pizza the following Friday. (school uniform doesn't count) Be as creative and imaginative as possible!

K5/1-2	Purple	7-8	Brown
3-4	Orange	9-10	Yellow
5-6	Green	11-12	Blue

The world is advancing and technology is growing, but is that always a good thing?

TECH TALK: THE WORLD'S FIRST FOLDABLE PHONE



The world's first foldable phone at first glance might seem like the future of technology, but if you look closer, you might find that its capabilities are severely limited. The phone has a few features that might be worth your taking a second look, but it also has a few questionable decisions by the designers.

The Pros: The screen is great for watching movies and relaxing entertainment. The screen folds in half allowing you to put it in your pocket for maximum portability. It is a phone but also a tablet that fits in your pocket making it very versatile.

The Cons: Even in its folded position it is still very chunky in your pocket. The screen is very fragile because it is made out of flexible plastic. Trash and dust can make its way through the hinge up into the screen.

"I wouldn't use it"

- Lizette Avila

The Verdict:

Homework
7. A needle
6. A coin
5. Paper
4. A candle
3. A stamp
2. A coffin
1. A clock

There are a couple reasons why I would not buy it: 1. This is a first generation product, and typically with first generation products you want to see where they lead. Keep in mind this is still new technology. It is not as refined or fine tuned. 2. The price point is way too high for what you are receiving. It cost well over 2,000 buckaroos. So I would just save my money and see where this idea leads.



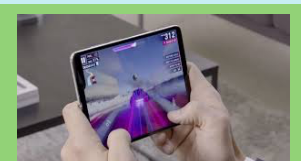
MODE ONE

The screen is closed like a book and is used to take phone calls.



MODE TWO

Screen folds open to reveal a 7.3 Inch display



REAL WORLD APPLICATION

It is still far from efficient, but as far as use goes it's great for videos and gaming.

Crusader Athletics

Sports Meeting- Thursday, September 19 3:00 PM
Basketball practices start- Monday, September 23
Basketball sports fee due- Tuesday, October 1



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