



# The Crusade

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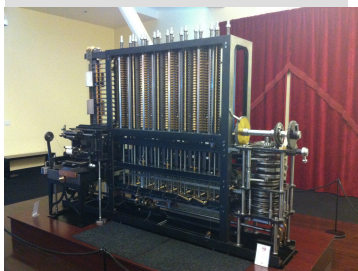
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## Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Lunch at the Park**  
(Candy Sale Award)  
Thursday, January 30
- ▶ **Knott's Berry Farm**  
(Candy Sale Award)  
Thursday, February 6
- ▶ **All Night Party**  
(Candy Sale Award)  
Monday, February 10
- ▶ **Presidents' Day**  
(No School)  
Monday, February 17

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Dear Abigail,  
How do I use social media wisely?  
Sincerely, Friend



## VIDEO GAMES

We all have been bored, and when we get bored, we could read a book or take a walk to admire the world in all its glory. Some people would prefer to play a game of football, basketball, or solitaire, but realistically, the majority of us turn to our phones for amusement. And on our phones we can do the exact same things. We could read books. Maybe we can't exactly take a walk in our phones and admire the world, but we can definitely play football, basketball, or solitaire. I mean, the amount of games you could play is pretty infinite.

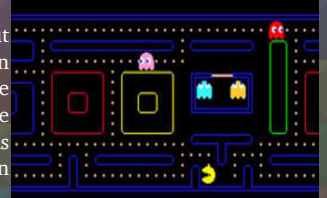
You have probably played a game on your phone or on some other device, but most of us have played a video game at one point in our lives. Video games can challenge our minds and bring out the imagination in us. They allow us to explore and create things in the comfort of our home. Not to mention they keep us entertained.

In October 1958, William Higinbotham designed the very first video game. Ladies and gentlemen, I present to you Tennis for Two. Tennis for Two is very similar to the world renowned game of Pong, which is pretty much the computerized version of ping pong. This iconic game Pong was created November 29, 1972, by Allan Alcorn, who worked for Atari. Atari also produced the game of Pinball in 1978. In the same year Pong was made, the Magnavox Odyssey was created.

The Magnavox Odyssey was the first game console of many. In 1980, Atari teamed up with Namco to generate Pac-Man, which was Namco's biggest selling and most influential game at the time. A year later, Nintendo released Donkey Kong, which welcomed Mario to the video game world, who was at the time called "Jumpman." Super Mario Bros. wasn't created until 1985, and a year earlier, Alex Pajitnov released the game of Tetris. Atari made another game console the same year Tetris was created. Unlike the previous console, the Atari 7800 had many games to choose from. In 1988, Sega created the Sega Mega Drive also known as Sega Genesis.

As the year of 1990 came, the vintage computer game Solitaire was created, but just the year before, minesweeper, another authentic computer game, was designed. On November 21, 1990, Nintendo made the Nintendo Super Famicom/SNES. It became popular in Japan, North America, Europe, and Australia. In 1994, Tetris became the first mobile phone game, and in that same year Sony invented the first PlayStation. As the twentieth century came to an end, the classic game of Bejeweled made its debut in 2001. That same year, the Nintendo GameCube and Microsoft Xbox were designed.

A year later in 2005, Microsoft created the Xbox 360. It became known as the fastest worldwide release in console history. Because of this, Microsoft was ahead of every other video game company. In 2006, the first Wii was created and became extremely popular. In 2009, Mojang added more sunshine to the world by creating the legendary Minecraft. I left out so many classic video games, and I could write a book about the entire history and how intriguing they are, but I would honestly rather be playing video games instead. I'm not gonna lie, while writing this article, I was actually playing some of the games I mentioned.



## The First Computer

The first computer was invented in 1833 by a British mathematician named Charles Babbage. It was not a programmable computer like the one we have today, and it was used for math problems, kind of like a calculator. Before that, someone would have to sit down and do all the math all by themselves (which is why I am personally thankful for it). This project was initiated when Napoleon wanted to convert from one system of measuring to another. Babbage accepted this task and started work immediately. After it was complete, he took his idea to England and there he perfected it and sold it world wide. In 1936, a German civilian Konrad Zuse created the first programmable computer. It could be programed with different units and time unlike the previous computer built. It has been decades since, and computers are still being updated and downsized for our convenience. It is a great credit to people like Babbage and Zuse who are making our world a more comfortable and convenient place to live.

## DEAR ABIGAIL: SOCIAL MEDIA

Dear Friend,

I'm so glad you asked this question, because many people have social media but do not use it wisely. Social media is a huge thing to our generation. It can put people down, and it can have lots of gossip. But there are good things about social media, like encouraging others and being a good example. Social media can also be a place to bully others which is wrong. It's called "cyber bullying" and it is a very big deal because many people have been hurt. So make sure to not post things that can hurt someone. Some people say things about others on social media that they would never say in person. Make sure you're not that person.

Remember the devil is always trying to tempt us, and there are many things on social media that aren't pleasing to God. Therefore stay away from the things that God won't want you near. People these days spend more time on social media than with God, so don't let social media distract you from your relationship with God.



## OBSCURE SPORTS: YUKIGASSEN

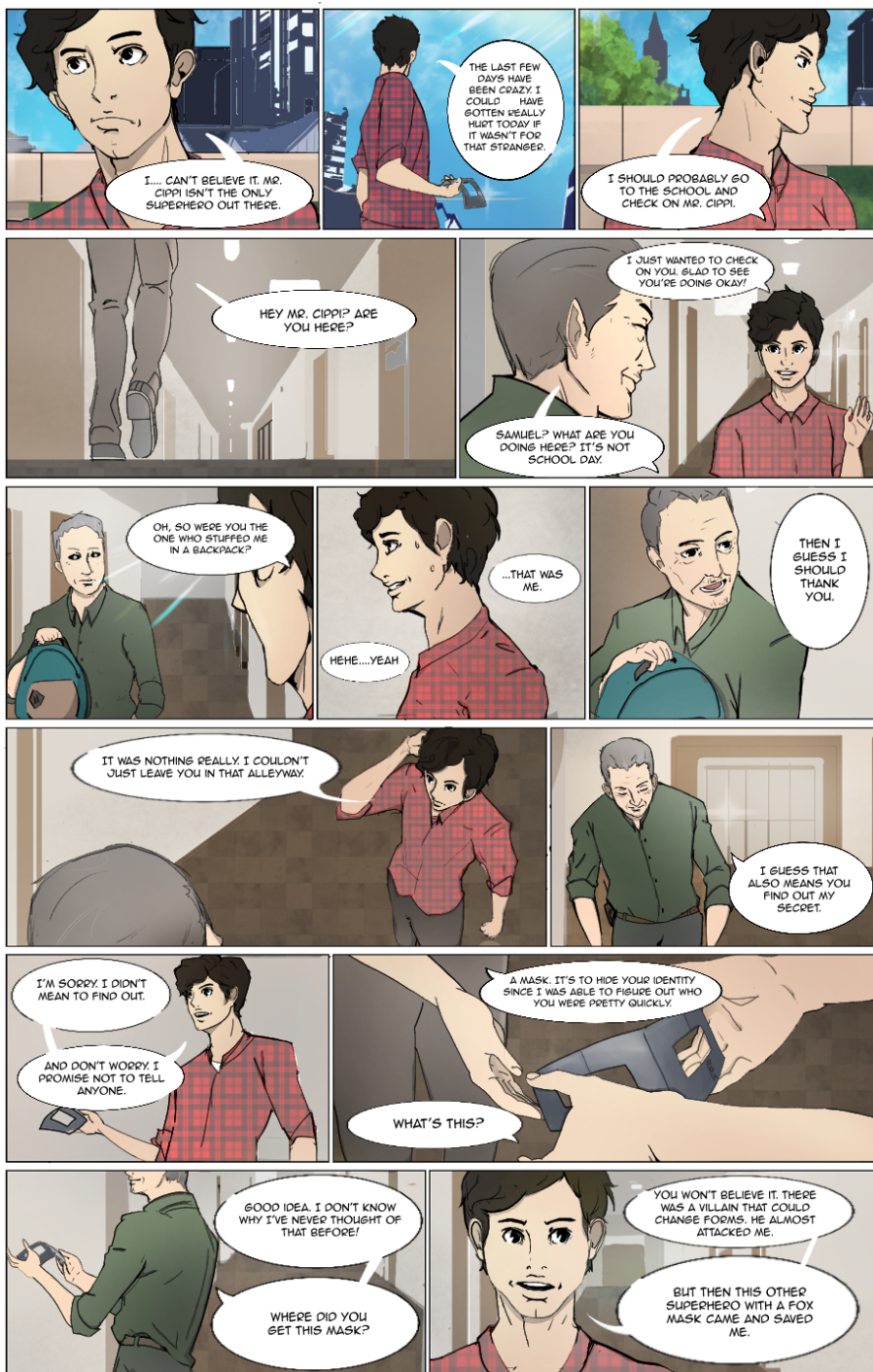
The chances of people being able to play this sport outside in Southern California are, unfortunately, pretty low. Why? you may ask. Well, if you threw Capture the Flag, Dodgeball, and snowball fights into a pot and mixed it together, you would have the sport called \*drumroll, please\* Yukigassen. Oh, and the reason for the unavailability of this sport being played by SoCal-ians is because this is a snow sport.

Yukigassen is a Japanese sport, created in 1988, that is pretty much a more organized snowball fight. It contains two teams of seven players. The entire match consists of sets that each last three minutes long. To win the game, you must either do one of three things: capture the flag of the opposing team, eliminate all the players of the opposing team, or have

more players than the opposing team left at the end of the game. In order for a player to be eliminated, they must be hit by a snowball even if it was thrown by their teammates. The exception is if the snowball bounces off of an object or player and hits you, you would not be considered out. The snowballs thrown, each team is given ninety in total, are all snowballs created before the game commences. If anyone is caught making a snowball during the match, they will be sent off the field.

The field is divided into sections. Like in most sports, there is a center line dividing the field. This is to distinguish the opponent's side from your side. During the game, only three people are allowed to cross into the enemy territory at a time. If this rule is violated, the other team would win by default. In Yukigassen, there are "shelters" or walls that can be used to avoid being hit by a snowball, but as mentioned before, if the snowball ricochets off the wall and hits someone, they are not eliminated.

When I first saw Yukigassen, I thought it looked like a bunch of astronauts having a snowball fight because of the way their uniforms look. The clothing is just clothes you would wear if you were out in the snow e.g. fluffy jackets, fluffy pants, gloves, etc. They even wear helmets. That's how legit this snowball fight is. This sport would be amazing to play, but like I said before, Southern California's weather wouldn't welcome it with open arms.



## ★ UNCLE SAM'S PATRIARTICLE: THE MIDNIGHT RIDE OF PAUL REVERE

In the spring of 1775, Paul Revere was employed by the Boston Committee of Correspondence and the Massachusetts Committee of Safety as an express rider to carry news, messages, and copies of important documents as far away as New York and Philadelphia. The British troops came out of Boston on a mission to take away guns from the Americans at Concord and Lexington, and capture the leaders Samuel Adams and John Hancock. To avoid the arrest, Paul Revere decided to warn them about the British. He first used his signal system and had two lanterns placed on the Old North Church steeple in Boston to alert those on the harbor that the troops had left Boston and were crossing the Charles River. Around 10 p.m. Revere set out on horseback to warn Samuel Adams and John Hancock about the British. About 5 a.m. on April 19, 700 British troops under Major John Pitcairn arrived at the town to find a 77-man-strong colonial militia under Captain John Parker waiting for them on Lexington's borders. Pitcairn ordered the outnumbered Patriots to disperse, and after a moment's hesitation, the Americans began to drift away. Suddenly, the "shot heard around the world" was fired from an undetermined gun, and a cloud of musket smoke soon covered the area. When the brief Battle of Lexington ended, a handful of colonists lay dead and several others wounded. The American Revolution had begun.

## GUESS WHAT

- How many calories does chewing gum burn an hour?
  - a.1
  - b.5
  - c.9
  - d.11
- How old is the oldest jar of honey?
  - a.1000 yrs
  - b.2000 yrs
  - c.3000 yrs
  - d.4000 yrs
- How fast does a sneeze exit your mouth?
  - a.5mph
  - b.10mph
  - c.50mph
  - d.100mph
- scientists can turn peanut butter into what gem?
  - a.diamond
  - b.ruby
  - c.emerald
  - d.sapphire
- How long does it take light to travel across the galaxy?
  - a.10 yrs
  - b.1,000 yrs
  - c.10,000 yrs
  - d.100,000 yrs
- What animal can be trained to detect bombs?
  - a.alligator
  - b.bee
  - c.cat
  - d.dolphin
- how many years does it take Pluto to circle the sun?
  - a.732
  - b.676
  - c.9000
  - d.248





Have you ever looked at yourself in the mirror and thought, "Wow, I'm so beautiful. I could look at my reflection all day"? I never thought people like that existed, you know, the ones who are always so full of themselves. But then I learned of the story of Narcissus and his reflection.

Out of all the ways a person could die, this has to be the most vain and most stupid. Proverbs 31:30 says that beauty is vain. What you see in the mirror is not important. Obviously, Narcissus was never taught this lesson. We should not care so much about our outward appearance, but instead focus on what's inside. Looks don't last, but the impact you have on other people's lives does last. God doesn't want our main focus to be on ourselves. He wants us to focus on Him and to focus on sharing His Word.

# Mood for Food: Sushi

Masayoshi Kazato has worked as a sushi chef for more than fifty years. At the age of twenty he travelled around Japan and settled in Hokkaido where he began his career as a sushi chef. He opened his first sushi bar at age 26, and his current establishment, Sakae-zushi, is highly regarded throughout Japan.

hungry by  
hope you guys  
month's sushi  
I personally  
California roll.  
So try it for  
yourselves 😊  
ray hungry kids!



Here are a few different types of sushi:

Tiger roll	Philadelphia roll	California roll	Spicy tuna roll	Spider roll	Vegetable roll
Shrimp tempura roll	Surf and turf roll	Volcano roll	Caterpillar roll	Dynamite roll	Dragon roll

## Crusader Quips

- Why is winter the least popular time of year for a wedding?  
Because the grooms always get cold feet
- What is Spider Snowman's secret identity?  
Peter Parka!
- When my ice house falls apart, igloo it back together."
- You don't like my puns? How cold.
- Those who experiment with thin ice will achieve a breakthrough
- I'm trying to break the ice with you, but you keep giving me the cold shoulder
- What does Frosty the Snowman do to combat his worries about melting?  
Take a chill pill!
- What kind of soup can you make with cool beans?  
Chilly!
- What do you call a dollar bill frozen in ice?  
Cold, hard cash!
- Why can't you depend on snowmen to hang around for long?  
They're too flaky

## Random Facts

- In Switzerland it is illegal to own just one guinea pig.
- Snakes can help predict earthquakes
- May 29th is officially “Put a Pillow on Your Fridge Day”.
- Cherophobia is an irrational fear of fun or happiness.
- If you lift a kangaroo’s tail off the ground it can’t hop.
- There is an underwater version of rugby, unsurprisingly called “underwater rugby”.
- Herring fish communicate by using flatulence.
- There is a punctuation mark used to signify irony or sarcasm that looks like a backwards question mark ؟
- Creating this article was super fun؟



# HOW DAVE RAMSEY MADE HIS FORTUNE

At the age of 26, Dave Ramsey was making a million of dollars a year and had a \$4 million real estate portfolio. Two years later, he lost everything.

His failure opened his mind which led him to Christianity. He began to read the Bible and discovered that God's word has lot to say about money. Ramsey uses God's principles to teach people how to improve their financial conditions. He often advises others to avoid debt because in Proverbs 22:7 says, "The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender". Ramsey then began to start his first counseling company called "The Lampo Group". His class started off with 37 students then gradually grew to more than 350 students few years later.

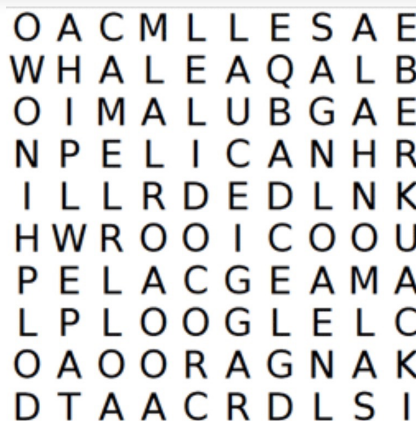
After the success of "The Lampo Group", Ramsey began his first radio show called "The Money Game" with his buddy, Roy Matlock. Around that time, he published his first book called Financial Peace. Ramey then launched a spin-off radio talk show, which everyone recognized, called "The Dave Ramsey Show." If you have never listened, let me briefly explain. In each of the episodes, people from all over the country call in to ask Ramsey questions about their own financial struggles and Ramsey will give them advice. It is worth listening because it can also benefit you.

Dave Ramsey has come a long way since filing for his personal bankruptcy in his early years. With his estimated net worth of \$55 million, he is the living proof anyone can turn their bad financial condition around. Today Ramsey is 58 and his radio talk show is heard by 13 million listeners each week on more than 600 radio stations, according to his website.



## The Riddler

1. What can go up a chimney down, but can't go down a chimney up?
2. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Monday, Wednesday, or Friday?
3. David's father has three sons: Snap, Crackle and \_\_\_\_\_?
4. You live in a one story house made entirely of redwood. What color would the stairs be?
5. Samuel was out for a walk when it started to rain. He did not have an umbrella and he wasn't wearing a hat. His clothes were soaked, yet not a single hair on his head got wet. How could this happen?
6. What runs around the whole yard without moving?
7. What's a lifeguard's favorite game?
8. Five apples are in a basket. How do you divide them among five girls so that each girl gets an apple, but one apple remains in the basket?



## WORD SEARCH

CROCODILE  
BANDICOOT  
DOPHIN  
CAMEL  
KOALA  
EABEL  
WHALE  
SALMON  
KANGAROO  
PILICAN  
EMU  
SQUIRREL



## Tech Talk: Bose Frames

Does glasses plus headphones equal the best of both worlds?

These sunglasses advertise the ability to add a soundtrack to your daily life to spice things up. You operate them by putting them on like

regular glasses and pair them to your phone via bluetooth. Once paired you can press play and your music will commence playing. These work by using a system of directional speakers in the two arms of the frame for clear and immersive music while still allowing ambient sound to pass through because there is nothing blocking your ear canals.

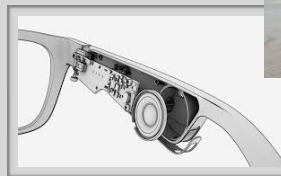
They use bluetooth 5.0 so the connection to your phone is fast and solid. You charge them with a magnetic cable that comes in the packaging, and you can store them with the included case. The price point of these glasses clocks in at about \$199.95.

**Pros:** They are lightweight and it feels just like you are wearing regular glasses so they aren't too noticeable. They come in a variety of designs so they can suit your style. They have a solid connection with that nice bluetooth 5.0. They leave your ears open so you can still have a conversation with the person in front of you or hear your order number at a restaurant.

**Cons:** Because they don't form a seal in your ear canal, sometimes people can hear your music playing pretty clearly while standing next to you. They don't have great bass. They only get about 3 hours of playtime on a single charge, but they do charge back up to full batter life in less than 2 hours.

**"Those are cool, I want those"**

**- Caleb Johnson**



**Verdict:** So, who are these for? I would say they are for the mail men who

can't necessarily have anything playing because they have to be aware of their surrounding on their routs or for anyone really who needs to listen to things happening around them, but still wants to add a little spice to their day.

## Crusader Athletics

Friday, 1/31- GBCS @ Montecito (Varsity Basketball)  
Tuesday, 2/18- CBAL Basketball Tournament  
Friday, 2/21- CBAL Basketball Tournament  
March- Volleyball Season Starts



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