



# The Crusade

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## Upcoming Events

- **Presidents' Day (No School)**  
Monday, February 17
- **Volleyball Season Begins**  
Monday, February 24
- **Graduation and Spring Pictures**  
Tuesday, March 3
- **Fine Arts Performances**  
Tuesday, March 10 12:00PM
- **Fine Arts**  
Thursday-Friday, March 12-13
- **SAT'S**  
Tuesday-Thursday, March 24-26

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## OBSCURER SPORTS: CHESS BOXING

Chess has been around for more than a thousand years. Some historians believe that chess was invented in the sixth century. Many have also said that it was born in Northern India. Others believe that it came from China, but it did become popular throughout Asia. The game of chess is very complex, and the chess that we play today is very different from the chess that was first made. It requires skill and concentration, and it takes patience because one game of chess could last hours.

Wait, but is chess a sport? No, according to dictionary.com chess is not a sport because it does not require "athletic skills," but chess boxing is a sport. Chess boxing is exactly what it sounds like: a combination of chess and boxing. Chess boxing was made in 1992 by Enki Bilal, who came up with this idea for his comic. And in 2003, Iepe Rubingh organized actual matches based on the descriptions of the sport.



The game of chess boxing consists of eleven rounds that are three minutes each. Each round the two players must alternate from boxing to chess. There are six rounds of chess leaving the remaining five rounds for boxing. The game starts out with the two playing chess. After three minutes, they play an intense match of boxing. The round then changes back to playing chess and so on and so forth.

The first game of chess boxing was played by Jean Louis Veestra and Iepe Rubingh, the guy who co-created the sport. Rubingh won the match. This match helped make chess boxing become popular, for it was watched by over a thousand people. He founded the World Chess Boxing Organization the same year of the match. And in 2004, he created the first Chess Boxing Club in Berlin, Germany. Since then, this unique sport has grown popular in countries like China, England, Russia, Germany, and many more.

Apparently, chess boxing is pretty well-known around the US, but I think I've only heard about it once before writing this article. On a different note, chess boxing is interesting because it requires the skills of both chess and boxing. So in order to play chess boxing you must have concentration and strategy; but not only that, you must also have strength and endurance.

## Mood for Food: New York

Along with the Statue of Liberty, yellow cabs, and skyscrapers, food is a quintessential component of New York City. Its status as a cultural melting pot means you can eat your way across the globe within the confines of one city, taking in some iconic dishes along the way.

Here are a few top foods that you should try if you plan on visiting New York:

Gnocchi	Joe's pizza	Chicken and waffles	East coast oysters
Hell's kitchen Ramen	Ropa vieja and plantains	Spumoni	
Freshly made bagels	Brooklyn styled hotdogs	General Tso's chicken	

I personally have never been to New York, but from what I hear it has a great variety of food. When going to a place such as New York, be aware that the food is very pricey meaning you have to be smart in what you buy. From street foods to chef made foods all can be found in the beautiful New York City. Stay hungry kids!

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## FIRES IN AUSTRALIA

For many weeks ash, soot, and blackened vegetation produced by raging bush fires have collected along the shorelines of New South Wales in Australia, clogging the waves and lapping in the tides. Originating in fires blazing into forested areas, the debris has been carried on the breeze along with a pungent bushfire smoke that blanketed Australia's largest city for much of December.



As of press time, more than 26 million acres, an area bigger than Portugal, have now burned, mostly in the continent's south east region. That includes areas such as: watersheds, dams, lakes and rivers. It is an ecological disaster unprecedented in Australia's history. And that spells trouble for drinking water supplies, coastal ecosystems, and the freshwater rivers that support the iconic Australian wildlife.

Officials in Australia are working hard to provide animals with food to eat amid the destruction of their environment. Thousands of pounds of sweet potatoes and carrots have been dropped from the sky across New South Wales as the National Parks and wildlife service scrambles to save the marsupials. The airdrop mission was the most widespread food drop ever done for wildlife.

With at least 28 people dead, more than 3,000 homes destroyed, and more than 100 fires still burning and a species known as the rock wallaby going extinct, we hope and pray that this will all be over and everything will all turn out to be ok.

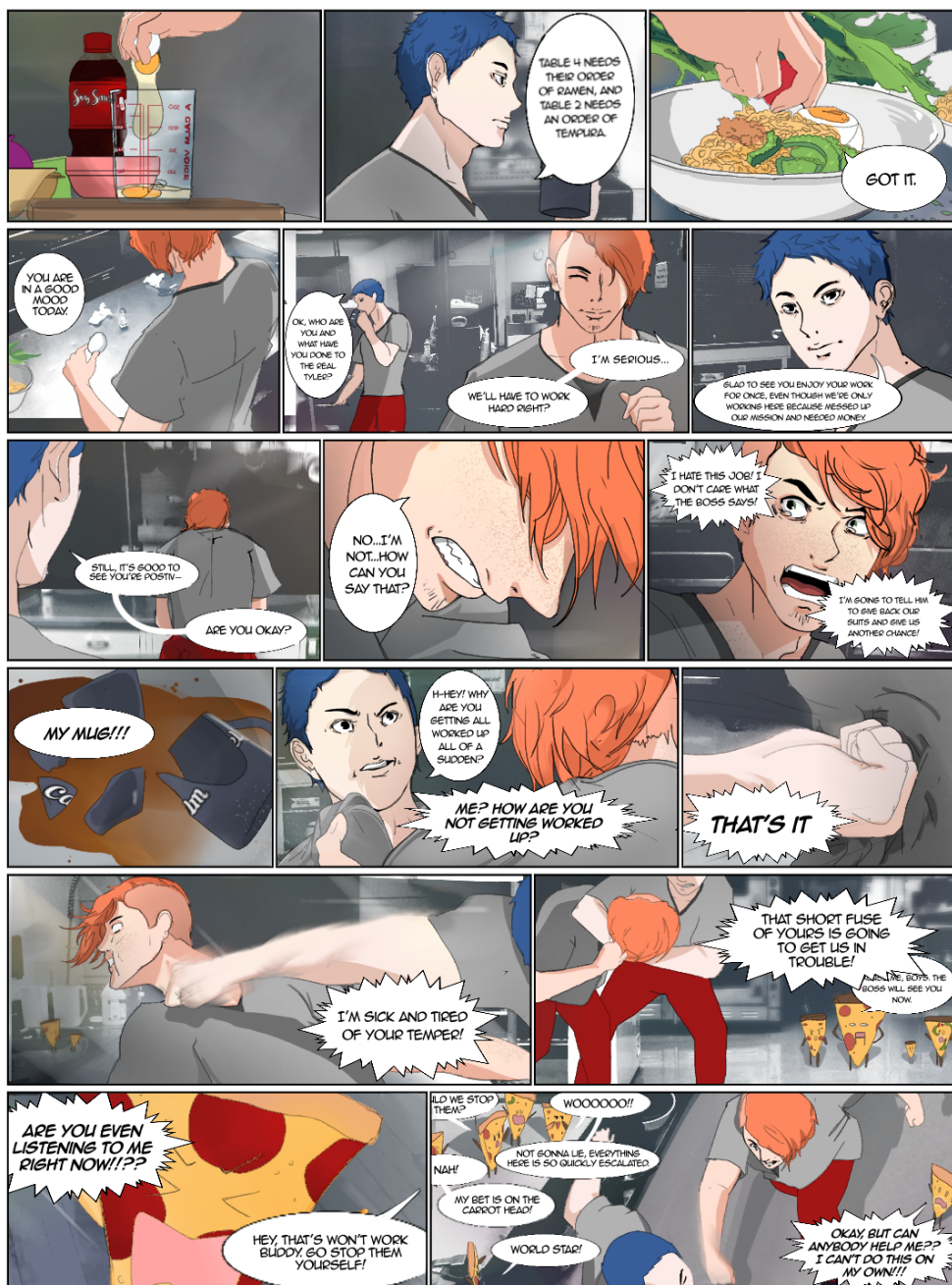
## UNCLE SAM'S PATRIARTICLE: ALEXANDER HAMILTON

Alexander Hamilton was born in England in 1757; however, it is unknown what exact day it was. He was one of the most famous founding fathers, and had a very large influence on the Constitution. His father abandoned him around the age of 10, and the very next year, Alex became a store clerk. Hamilton had a very combative personality, which he showed in his duel with Aaron Burr. He



Alexander Hamilton played a key role in defending the United States Constitution. He fought in many duels, around 10

or so; until the one in 1804 in which his life was taken. He and Aaron Burr had a duel. Hamilton missed on purpose to "throw away his shot," and Burr's bullet hit Hamilton and wounded him badly. He died the next day due to his injuries.



- How many times a day do six-year olds laugh on average  
a.100      b.200      c.300      d.400
- How many more times do women blink than men?  
a.2x      b.3x      c.4x      d.5x
- How much taller are we in the morning than in the evening?  
a.1cm      b.2cm      c.3cm      d.4cm
- How long is the average lifespan for a strand of hair?  
a.1-2 yrs      b.4-10 yrs      c.6-7 days      d.3-7 yrs
- How large was the largest snowflake to be recorded?  
a.10inches      b.15inches      c.18inches      d.20inches
- How many miles of blood vessels do you have?  
a.20,000      b.40,000      c.60,000      d.80,000
- processed cheese is what percent actual cheese?  
a.47%      b.51%      c.67%      d.89%
- How many burgers are sold at McDonalds every second?  
a.25      b.50      c.75      d.100
- How long would it take you to reach space if you traveled 60mph?  
a.1hour      b.2hours      c.3hours      d.4hours



# Corner

## MYTH BUSTERS: ORPHEUS AND EURYDICE

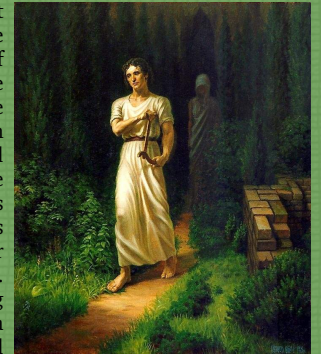
(Note: All the stories, myths, and characters that will be mentioned are completely FICTIONAL. None of them actually happened.)

Hey everyone, it's that time of the year again. That's right, it's almost Valentine's Day. A day where you can show your loved ones how much you really care. Basically it's Christmas but with a lot more candy and hearts. Honestly, I'm just excited for the Girl Scout cookies that will be sold this month. But we're getting off topic, and I'm sure you're all expecting to read a very romantic Greek myth with a happy ending. Sadly, myths about romance with happy endings are few and far between. They're also not that much fun to write about. That's why you will learn about the story of Orpheus and Eurydice.

Orpheus, the son of Apollo, was a very skilled musician. His father taught him how to play the lyre, which is like a small harp. Orpheus played the instrument so well that no one, not even the gods, could resist his playing. Even nature itself seemed to enjoy his playing.

The man fell in love with a woman named Eurydice, and they were happily married. But Hymen, the god of marriage, predicted the couple's happiness wouldn't last very long. The prediction came true when Eurydice was out in the forest and was bitten by a snake and died. Orpheus was heartbroken from the loss of his wife. Apollo came to his son and told him he should go to Hades, the god of death. Maybe he could convince the ruler of the Underworld to give back his wife. Orpheus went to the Underworld right away.

With his lyre, he was able to calm the three headed guardian Cerberus. When he met Hades, Orpheus played his lyre, hoping that his music might convince the god of death to help him. Orpheus played so skillfully it touched Hades's cold heart. Hades told Orpheus he can take Eurydice, but on one condition: he could not look back to see his wife until they were out of the Underworld. If he did look back, Eurydice would be gone from him forever. Orpheus agreed and started to leave the Underworld with his wife. As Orpheus was walking, he couldn't hear his wife's footsteps. Eurydice was following him, but she was a shadow. She would become a woman again once she exited the Underworld. Orpheus didn't know this and was starting to think the gods tricked him. They were almost out of the Underworld, but Orpheus lost his trust and patience and turned around. He saw Eurydice, but she was taken back to the Underworld.



### TRUST GOD

I know this story was a little depressing. But with all stories, there is always a lesson to be learned. Trust is very important. It's hard to gain, and hard to get back if you lose it. There are instances in our life where we have to trust God no matter the circumstances. Proverbs 3:5 says, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." I can't understand why some people think they know better than God even though He knows everything that's going to happen. This story reminds me of Lot's wife in Genesis 19. The angels told Lot and his family to escape Sodom and never look back. But Lot's wife did look back and turned in to a pillar of salt. She didn't trust the angels' words, and she was punished for it. When you're going through some trials, it may be tempting to do things your way. But trust me, God knows what He's doing. It may not be easy, and not what we expect, but it's God's way. That means it's the best way.

### Crusader Quips

- What's the difference between a poorly dressed man on a unicycle and a well-dressed man on a bicycle?  
Attire
- Don't interrupt someone working intently on a puzzle. Chances are, you'll hear some crosswords.
- I'm a big fan of whiteboards. I find them quite re-markable.
- I asked my French friend if she likes to play video games. She said, "Wii."
- All these sea monster jokes are just Kraken me up.
- What do you call a thieving alligator?  
A Crocodile
- What do you call an owl that does magic tricks?  
Hoodini
- Shout out to the people who ask what the opposite of "in" is.
- I'm only friends with 25 letters of the alphabet. I don't know Y.
- An atom loses an electron... it says, "Man, I really gotta keep an ion them."

### Random Facts

- Kangaroos cannot walk backwards
- Hippopotamus milk is pink
- Your fingernails grow faster when you are cold.
- Applesauce was the first food eaten in space by astronauts.
- Snails take the longest naps, some lasting as long as three years.
- The average person spends two weeks of their life waiting at traffic lights.
- Before 1913 parents could mail their kids to Grandma's – through the postal service.
- Don't like mosquitos? Get a bat. They eat 3,000 insects a night.
- Some fish cough.
- Goats have rectangular pupils in their eyes



# DEAR ABIGAIL: ABORTION

Dear Abigail,  
Is abortion wrong?  
Sincerely,  
Friend

Dear Friend,

I think this is a popular question that is asked often, so I'm very glad that you've asked this question. Abortion is **WRONG!** Having an abortion is taking someone's life and that isn't for us to decide. Each human being is special, even if they are still a fetus; God made them for a reason. People try to justify abortion by saying, "My body, my choice." However that is not a true statement. Our bodies belong to God and our bodies are a temple of God. In 1 Corinthians 3:16 it says, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" Another thing people say to defend abortion is, "It's not a real person, it's just a clump of cells," which is false. They are human beings, too.

In Jeremiah 1:5 it talks about how God knew you in the womb and He already has a plan for your life. When you were in the womb, you were already a person. God loves everybody and made everyone for a special reason. So yes, abortion is wrong.

## LEGOs: Highly Advanced Interlocking Brick Systems

Legos have always been a great childhood memory of many adults and children alike. They were created by a carpenter named Ole Kirk Christiansen in the year 1934. In 1947, he started using a plastic called cellulose acetate to create his toys. These were not the bricks we know but other types of toys. In 1950, his son Godtfred Kirk Christiansen became vice president of the company and took over toy production. It was then that they started making bricks that could connect together. In 1955, they became a world class company and started to export toys to other countries. After many decades and changes to the color and shape of the bricks, the LEGO company has expanded to the global company they are now. They now make over 19 billion blocks a year in 51 different colors. The largest LEGO creation was an X-wing that used over 5 million bricks.

## The Riddler

1. What has one head, one foot, and four legs
2. The more you have of it, the less you see. What is it?
3. Joe's father had three sons. Snap, Crackle, and...?
4. What do you throw away when you're using it, but take back in when you aren't using it?
5. What breaks when you say it?
6. If two is company and three is a crowd, what is four and five?
7. What two things can you never eat for breakfast?

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

## WORD SEARCH

APPLE  
GRAPE  
ORANGE  
BANANA  
KIWI  
STRAWBERRY  
CHERRY  
MANGO



## Tech Talk: The Oculus Quest

Is it possible to escape reality?

According to dictionary.com, Virtual reality is the computer-generated simulation of a three-dimensional image or environment that can be interacted with in a seemingly real or physical way by a person using special electronic equipment, such as a helmet with a screen inside or gloves fitted with sensors. For the duration of this article, I will be referring to virtual reality as VR.

VR is certainly no new concept since we have been trying to perfect it from as far back as 1995. Though there are many iterations you have always had a limiting factor such as wires or limited movement. Well not

anymore, because with the new Oculus quest you can take a true VR experience anywhere at anytime. It works by scanning the room you are in with a set of four cameras creating a virtual environment around you. It tracks your hands by two controllers with buttons like a Wii remote. You may be asking yourself "What can I do with it?" And the answer to that question can be stated in one word "experience." Oculus has developed these experiences which are basically game simulations you can experience first hand.

### Pros:

It is compact and portable. A lot of the experiences are free, and it's a blast to play.

### Cons:

It's basically got a phone processor running it so it lacks in the power department. It can cause fatigue in your head since the center of balance is in the front. Unless you get a rechargeable battery for each controller, you have to keep spending on regular ones.



"Yoooo, That's poppin"

- Samuel Flores



### Verdict:

To really fully appreciate something like this you have to experience it first hand and with a price point of \$400 it is not exactly accessible. But if you can shell out the extra cash and are looking for a fun time, you may want to consider this headset.

## Crusader Athletics

Tuesday, 2/18- CBAL Basketball Tournament  
Friday, 2/21- CBAL Basketball Tournament  
Monday, 2/24- GBCS @ Bible (Boys and Girls Volleyball)  
Monday, 3/2- GBCS @ Liberty (Girls Volleyball)  
Monday, 3/16- GBCS @ Montecito (Girls Volleyball)



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1. A bed  
2. Darkness  
3. Joe  
4. An anchor  
5. Silence  
6. Nine  
7. Lunch and  
dinner