



MARCH 29, 2012

Upcoming Events:

- **Ladies Retreat**
(1/2 Day Thursday; No school Friday)
Thursday-Friday, April 19-20
- **End 5 Week Period**
Friday, April 20
- **5 Week Progress Reports**
Tuesday, April 24
- **GBCS Sports Banquet**
Tuesday, May 1

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Annual Fine Arts Competition

Another two days of Fine Arts in the month of March and all is well. Our school is small with a limited number of students, but we did not do too badly, I think. Every year our singing groups do pretty well, and this year was no exception, especially the small ensemble who took first place. The problem with our groups is SMILING. We never smile unless Mrs. Weldon makes

one of her "funny" faces that make us laugh, except for Grace, she never smiles. All jokes aside, several of our students won ribbons in various areas of competition. I am also very glad that Elwyn was able to perform his guitar solo during the award ceremony, even though he did not find out ahead of time. Our school received plenty of awards and trophies. I am especial-

ly happy that the elementary Bible Quiz team got third place.

Now, a special thanks to Billy, the kid who gladly rode the elevators with us guys.

— Jacob Bernal



Easter



Easter's symbol, and its origin of being an Easter symbol comes from Germany. Now people make chocolate bunnies and eat them. I'm sure Easter loves that. Eggs were a symbol of rebirth in most cultures. German settlers

believed that a white hare would leave brightly colored eggs for the children on Easter morning. Now we also make chocolate eggs. Eat the symbol of rebirth, people! Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter, and it represents Jesus' last trip to Jerusalem, when people cut down palm branches and laid them out on His path. Even though I've researched the Easter bunny and Easter eggs, I still don't think that they really fit in with the holiday's theme. Oh, whatever, the more candy the merrier.

— Grace Campbell





Random Facts:

- If you were to spell out numbers, you would have to count up to 1,000 before you found the letter "A".
- Odontophobia is the fear of teeth.
- The elephant is the only animal with 4 knees.
- Night vision is displayed in green because it has the most shades distinguishable, of all colors, to the human eye.
- Mark Twain didn't graduate from elementary school.
- The first product to have a bar code was Wrigley's gum.
- Seaweed can grow up to 12 inches per day.



Staff Spotlight: *Mrs. Murphy, The Secretary*

Michelle Murphy was born on September 15, 1968, in Shelbyville, Indiana. A Christian family adopted her as a baby. She attended church faithfully and was actively involved. Her father worked in many ministries at the church one of which was the bus ministry. In fact, when Pastor Murphy was a little boy her father was his bus captain. Mrs. Murphy was saved at the age of seven in junior church. She said, "I had been raised in church and knew all the Bible stories and the Romans road, but I realized that Sunday I had never made the decision to accept Christ." She surrendered her life to God as a

teenager during summer camp.

From kindergarten to the time she graduated from college Mrs. Murphy loved school. Her favorite subjects were math and history. She loved sports. She played basketball, softball, volleyball, and was a cheerleader. Her favorite sport was volleyball.

Mr. And Mrs. Murphy met at church when they were teenagers in high school. They both attended Hyles Anderson College where Mrs. Murphy studied Elementary Education. They got married after Mr. Murphy graduated.

The Murphy's came to California to work on staff at First Baptist Church in down-

town Long Beach. She taught 4th grade, 5th grade, and a 5th grade and 6th grade combination class during the nine years she worked at FBC. In the year 2000, the Murphy's came to Gethsemane Baptist Church. Mrs. Murphy taught 5th and 6th grade and 3rd and 4th grade classes in the school. In 2006, she became the school secretary. She says that what she loves about this job is that there is no homework. She loves what she does. Her advice for the students is "Appreciate what you have, not just your possessions, but the people in your life." We really appreciate Mrs. Murphy!

— Jason Jones

Who's That Author: O. Henry

William Sidney Porter was born on September 11, 1862, in Greensboro, North Carolina. When William was three his mother died from tuberculosis, and he and his father moved into the home of his maternal grandmother. As a child, Porter was always reading anything and everything from classics to dime novels. In 1876, he graduated from his aunt's elementary school and then enrolled at the Lindsey Street High School. In 1879, he started working in his uncle's drugstore. At the age of nineteen, he was licensed as a pharmacist. As he grew older, he led an active social life in Austin by joining various music and drama groups. He even displayed his artistic talent by

sketching the townsfolk. Porter later met and began dating Athol Estes, who was seventeen years old at the time and from a wealthy family. They were married on July 1, 1887. Porter began working at the First National Bank of Austin as a teller and bookkeeper. In 1894 he was accused by the bank of embezzlement and lost his job. In February of 1898 he was found guilty of embezzlement and sentenced to five years in jail; he was imprisoned on March 25, 1898. He had fourteen stories published under various pseudonyms while he was in prison, but was becoming best known as "O. Henry". A friend of his in New Orleans would forward his stories to

publishers so they had no idea the writer was imprisoned. He was soon released from prison for good behavior, serving only three years. He later re-located to New York, where he wrote 381 short stories. He wrote a story a week for over a year for the *New York World Sunday Magazine*. His wit, characterization, and plot twists were adored by his readers, but were often panned heavily by critics. Porter was a heavy drinker, and his health declined dramatically in 1908, which began to affect his writing. He died on June 5, 1910, and was buried in the Riverside Cemetery in Asheville, North Carolina.

— Aaron A. Ramos

Aaron's Tall Tales: *Peace of Mind*



The quiet hush of the wind blew roughly against the tall redwoods. The sound was quite elegant to the ears, yet chilling to the core of the human body. The sun was vaguely visible, but it lit the forest so that the trees glowed with a perfect touch of peace. The damp ground reflected the sun's faint rays onto the trees creating a perfectly dim environment. All was quiet and still. There was not a single movement, not even from the squirrels and critters that may have dwelt within the forest. There was nothing but the sweet sound of God's handiwork. Despite this beautiful setting, however, a disturbance approaches.

A figure is running through the forest. He's running from what? His life? No, not that. From what? An enemy? No, not that. He's not running from any of those things. He is not in danger and is not in hatred of his life. Why, he is running from his own mind - the very organ that controls his existence. For his mind is threatening to kill him. His mind is invading his own living conscience so that he has no choice but to run, to escape from the reality in which we live. So, with this, he must run.

He ran for hours, yet the forest never ended, and the time never faded. It just continued on and on. But, look. He stopped. The figure has stopped. And now, someone approaches him - a peaceful glowing figure. His presence is almost heart-stopping, and his glow is blinding. He is somewhat of a redeemer, a savior. He approaches the fearful man.

"Stay back!" the fearful man proclaims.

"I do not wish to hurt you but to help you." the peace replied. "You don't mean what you wish to accomplish; it will only cause heartache and strife to the ones around you."

"Shut up you fool! You know nothing of me!"

"Oh? But I do...I do...and I've come to help you break out. I've come to change you. But you must first let go of your fear, your sadness, your frustration, your selfishness; just let it go. You don't want to do this."

The figure stared with blank eyes at the peace. He felt calm and relieved like a burden had been lifted. And with that, he took the peace's hand and woke up.

— Aaron A. Ramos

More Random Facts:

- Dueling is legal in Paraguay as long as both parties are registered blood donors.
- Walt Disney World generates about 120,000 pounds of garbage every day.
- Balloons used to be made out of animal's intestines.
- It is possible to lead a cow upstairs but not downstairs.
- Mel Blanc (voice of Bugs Bunny) was allergic to carrots.
- You inhale about 700,000 of your own skin flakes each day.
- There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
- Nepal is the only country in the world whose flag is not square or rectangular shaped.

GBCS Volleyball Schedule

- Lighthouse @ GBCS Friday, March 30 4:00 PM
 - Foothill @ GBCS Tuesday, April 3 6:00 PM
 - GBCS @ 1st Baptist Friday, April 6 12:00 PM
 - GBCS @ Grace Monday, April 9 4:30 PM
 - GBCS @ Montecito Monday, April 16 2:00 PM
 - Grace & Montecito @ GBCS (Double header) Monday, April 23, 6:00 PM
 - GBCS @ Lighthouse Tuesday, April 2
- * Home Games will be held at First Baptist church in Long Beach.

Tic-Tac-Toe



Tic-tac-toe is an addicting game played by two people who have nothing else to do. It is a turn-based game in which each player has a symbol (traditionally "X" or "O") and attempts to line three in a row before his opponent. The Egyptians were the first people to play this game. Chalk markings of tic-tac-toe have been found supposedly left by the ancient Romans. Tic-tac-toe was also the first video game played on early computers. Scientists have calculated a possible 255,168 combinations while playing. According to statistics the person who moves first is more likely to win. Tic-tac-toe is a simple game which you can randomly challenge people to play.

— Joshua Tecson

The New Owner of *MBE* Magazine



Barbara Oliver, publisher and owner of *MBE* magazine, (Minority Business Entrepreneur) is my aunt. She was born in Jamaica so she can speak English as well as Patois, the Jamaican dialect. She travels often to speak and represent the company at various meetings. She attended Gonzaga University for two years on a scholarship and finished her degree at Loyola Marymount receiving a Bachelor's Degree in English. She is married to Terrence Oliver and has two kids, Janet and Michael.

She started working for *MBE* magazine in May of 1989, so she has worked there for twenty-three years. She was promoted to owner and publisher of *MBE* this year. Her job entails setting the direction for the magazine, assigning articles and interviews to the staff, directing the advertising, marketing and handling the finances,

controlling the public relations of the company, working in the front and back offices, and, if necessary, writing articles. She has never wanted to be a journalist so she does very little writing. She says that she works behind the scenes. How can you do all that and work behind the scenes?

Yes, her job is a large amount of work, but it does have its perks. While traveling to different company functions she has met quite a few famous people such as "Magic" Johnson, Kareem Abdul Jabbar, Chris Carter, and Norm Nixon. She says she did not speak to any of them very long, but she did get to talk with "Magic" Johnson the longest.

My aunt is an extremely hard-working lady, but she does take time to enjoy herself. She loves to read. She especially likes reading mysteries and historical romance novels. She says that because her job is so serious she really



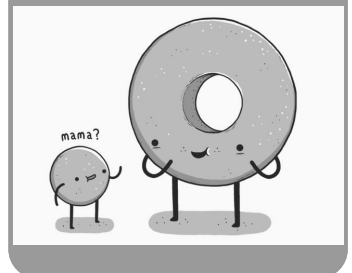
likes to read exciting books. She also enjoys singing. While she was in college, her college choir was invited to sing at Carnegie Hall. In Jamaica, she also played tennis and netball, and even ran track and field. When she came to the United States, she continued to play a little bit of tennis.

Not only is she publisher and owner of *MBE* but also she is a wife and mother. She declares her best decision to be marrying her husband, Terrence Oliver. She also takes time out of her schedule to help her family. She says that her mom and her Aunt Liz have influenced her the most. She is simply happy with her life and feels that she is incredibly fortunate to live life the way she does.

Her favorite part of her job is meeting different people (not necessarily famous people) from various corporations and businesses. The goal of her magazine is to bring the different minor and major corporations in government and business to work together. She does it all because she "believes in the publication." She leaves us with just a few words: "Life can be difficult, but if you enjoy what you do you'll be fine."

— Chika Okeke

Funny Photos



Keeping Up with the Joneses: *Metal Storm Technology*

The Lord has blessed the U.S. with a top notch military which protects our nation with the best war weaponry. An example of our advanced weaponry is the Metal Storm Technology. The concept of this technology originated in a dream of James Michael O'Dwyer, a successful food wholesale business owner. He gave up everything he had so he could work on a unique weapon system that would change military enforcements. The Metal Storm Sys-

tem became patented after years of work and research in O'Dwyer's laboratory/backyard. Metal Storm enabled systems are capable of local operation through a computerized fire control system. The following elements are what make the Metal Storm technology unique: increased lethality from conventional warheads, cumulative effect of firepower, simultaneous delivery of different munitions, instant selectable choice of muni-

tions, variable rates of fire, intense burst of repeatable firepower, scaled response, and remote operation.

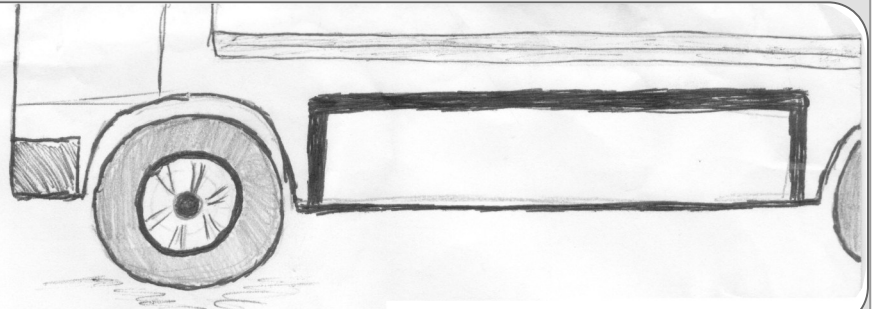
The Metal Storm Technology is another example of a big step into the future of warfare technology. A 36 chambered gun that can shoot 180 rounds per hundredth of a second; a 3 chambered grenade launcher that can hit 3 targets in less than a second; and a gun that can fire 1 million rounds in a minute—these are examples of

this insane technology. We are looking into the future.

— Jason Jones



Fine Arts Schedule— Meet at church at 5:00 AM



Bus ride



So, Porsha, What are you gonna do at Fine Arts?
Tony, Why are you talking to me? No, don't answer that. Leave me alone.

Not a morning person

10:30— Competition begins!

Hi, what's your name?

Read my name tag and you might find out



3:15 — Bible Quiz

I won't accept that.



How do they stand so quickly?

Not gonna accept it, eh?

grrrr

She's gonna blow!

I Love Fine Arts



24/7 — The Wind

At the Revels building



P-Dub! Where can I find judging sheets?!

5:00-6:30 - Dinner

They call this rice?!

They expect us to eat this?!

ew!

I doubt that anyone is enjoying this.

yum yum

Miss De Vera, Do your taste buds no longer function?



1st place in English - Chika Okekee

Closing Ceremony

It's been two hours already!



This is why I love Fine Arts— because I'm so smart.

Survey Says:

Apple or Banana?

Apple 63%

Banana 37%

Read minds or be invisible?

Read Minds 33%

Be Invisible 67%

Football or Basketball?

Football 25%

Basketball 75%

Would you rather have arms of jello or legs of wood?

Jello 62%

Wood 38%

Pizza Hut or Dominoes?

Pizza Hut 73%

Dominoes 27%

Nike or Adidas?

Nike 81%

Adidas 19%

Tangled or Princess and the Frog?

Tangled 68%

Princess and the Frog 32%

Food For Thought: *Peeps*

Just Born, a candy manufacturer in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, was founded by a Russian immigrant named Sam Born. In 1953 this candy company obtained another candy company called Roda Candy Company which happened to be a main producer of marshmallow "chicks" (baby chickens). Then they went from hand making their candy to mass producing it. Originally these candies were yel-

low and chick shaped, but eventually the company started making different colors, shapes, and sizes. In 2009 the company introduced Peeps Lip Balm in four flavors: grape, strawberry, vanilla, and cotton candy. In November of that same year they opened their first Peeps & Co. in Prince George's County, Pennsylvania. Two variations of Peeps are pumpkin shaped for Halloween, and heart

shaped for Valentine's Day. Ingredients include Marshmallow, corn syrup, gelatin, and carnauba wax.

— Jacob Bernal



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