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## Millikan Cuts Down Its Roots



PHOTO BY TIFFANI POPE

Millikan lost one of many trees, this one being the centerpiece of the 500 bungalows. The termite-eaten tree was sawed down during fourth period on January 31. Teachers including Ms. Gloss and Ms. Wood are devastated by the loss.

## Williams Wins Community Champion Award

By Sara Steichen  
 Feature Editor

QUEST junior Isaiah Williams was presented with the Community Champion of the Month Award on January 9 during halftime in the Los Angeles Lakers game.

Williams received the award for his environmental achieve-

ments in the Grades of Green Youth Corps, which he has been apart of for three and a half years. The Grades of Green Youth Corps is a free, year long program, where students meet up to go on eco field trips and receive guidance and leadership training.

He was nominated by his youth corps advisor for

his project for in which he planted a garden at his middle school, worked with middle school kids, and created an environmental coloring book.

"I was really excited about the award" stated Williams, "I got to walk on the court and sit really close to the floor during the game. It was an experience I'll never forget."

## Amazing Achievement for Millikan High School

By Paris Blanco  
 Asst. Editor

Is it true that Millikan is amazing enough to take a spot on a national rankings list? *U.S. News* thinks so.

Millikan is currently ranked at 1,370 on the national list out of 22,000 schools and 256 out of 2,399 schools in California. Because of this ranking, Millikan received a silver medal.

Besides Millikan, six other schools in Long Beach were honored on the list. These schools include the California Acad-

emy of Mathematics and Science (CAMS), Avalon, Wilson, Renaissance, Lakewood, and McBride.

To receive this honor, schools are put through a strict judgment process. They were judged based on state assessments, graduation rates, and how well they prepare students for college.

Disadvantaged students are also judged on their performance and compared to the state average.

Finally, the student's preparedness for college level course work is considered, including AP participation and test scores.

## Summer Internship Connects Students and Careers

By Alexandra Galza  
 Staff Reporter

The Long Beach Career-Linked Learning (CaLL) is an organization that offers a rigorous education to Long Beach students through their 2018 [nonprofit internships] program.

Internships will run from June 18 until August 25. This work-based learning experience connects high school students to workplaces in Long Beach and surrounding areas.

In partnership with the Long Beach Unified School District, Long Beach City College and

CSULB, the goal of the program is to help young students from diverse backgrounds advance their personal and professional skills that will aid them in attaining success in their academics and in the workforce.

The benefits of this program include gaining a deeper understanding of the environment, expectations, and requirements of the workplace.

Applicants must submit an internship request form by March 31. In addition, they must be at least 16 years old and be able to attend a minimum of 60 hours over the course of six weeks.

## Millikan Keeps Up With the World

By Andrea Prado  
 News Editor

### Saudi Women Join the Workforce

Gender mixing is becoming more common in Saudi Arabia as more women are joining the workforce. All job sectors are now offering a safe working environment for females. According to CNN, the unemployment rate for Saudi women in the third quarter of 2016 was 34.5%, but government officials are planning to lower that rate in subsequent years.

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman has also established his Saudi Vision 2030 strategy, aiming to increase female participation in the workforce from 22% to at least 30% by 2030.

### Venezuela Attempts to Restore Its Economy

Venezuela's government mismanagement and corruption has crippled the economy from what used to be the wealthiest country in Latin America. The country's currency, the *bolivar*, lost 98% of its value in one year. At the end of 2017, oil production, Venezuela's major source of revenue, fell into "one of its lowest points in nearly three decades."

President Nicolas Maduro and the Venezuelan government are turning to a cryptocurrency in hopes of resolving the crisis. The money, called a petro, is similar to bitcoin and is supposed to be backed by oil and gas reserves. It hopes to bring in more than \$200 billion for Venezuela.

### Eastern Ghouta Death Toll Rises

According to CNN, over 580 people have been killed, another 1,000 people are injured, and 24 health facilities have been attacked in Eastern Ghouta in Syria as of February 24. The area, which is controlled by Islamic rebel groups, has been getting hit by airstrikes since 2013. Residents say that this is nothing new to them, but these attacks have never been this intense or deadly.

Eastern Ghouta was meant to be a "safe zone," where civilians would not be targeted by Syria's war. United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres says that the United Nations has repeatedly called for aid and "evacuation of the sick and wounded".

### Students March for Justice Against Firearms

Since the deadly shooting in Parkland, Florida on February 14, students throughout the country have participated in marches and walkouts to support victims of the shooting. Students are calling for communities and the federal government to take action to prevent school shootings.

Justing Gruber, a student affected by the Parkland shooting, says, "People should be able to feel like when they go to school it can be safe. Parents shouldn't have to go through the idea of losing their child."

President Donald Trump says, "We're fighting hard for you and we will not stop... to me, there could be nothing worse than what you've gone through."

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## Letters to the Editor

### “Dawn of a New Semester”

I am a serious fan of this cartoon. I cannot overstate my love for it. It exactly encapsulates what it feels like to enter the second semester. It speaks to me on an almost spiritual level.

**Mckenzie Goetz**  
Grade 11

### “Helmet Heads for Safety”

I loved the article because it showed a non-bias view of the new helmet rule. It provided straight facts and also opinions of students and teachers, even if they were against the change.

**Sage Salice**  
Grade 11

### “Behind the Scenes of Millikan’s Musical”

I’m really happy *Anything Goes* is being talked about on the front page. Everyone in the musical is working extremely hard so it’s cool to have the show being talked about.

**Sara Furlong**  
Grade 11

### “Cloud of Confusion Over Vaping”

The article pinpoints the repercussions of E-cigs as a “healthy” alternative that people, especially minors, are unaware of. I agree that the actual effects of e-cigs are not at all better than those of tobacco filled cigarettes.

**Liane Tiangco**  
Grade 11

### “How’s the Weather Down There?”

Hannah Torres’ article is something I can relate to. I, too, was considered tall in elementary school then ended up becoming one of the shortest people alive. Since seventh grade, I’ve been stuck at a lovely five foot three, and I, too, struggle with top shelves and clothing sizes. The BBQ tongs idea is a good idea. I should try that.

**Taylor Ichikawa**  
Grade 11

## Sirens After Super Bowl Rampage

By Nick DeLuca  
*Editorial Editor*

The Philadelphia Eagles defeated the New England Patriots by a score of 41-33 on February 3. The city of Philadelphia was ecstatic and fans went ballistic as their team won their first Super Bowl in history.

Eagles flags waived through the air and chants of “Fly Eagles Fly” rang throughout the entire state of Pennsylvania. The enthusiasm seemed endless and the whole city was brought together in celebration.

All was right in the joyful city, until things took a dangerous turn. As the clock hit double zeros and time expired, an estimated 70,000 fans flooded the streets. It began with fans climbing light poles and setting off fireworks.

They proceeded to flip cars and light Christmas trees on fire. Fans began to jump off the awning of a nearby Ritz Carlton Hotel, resulting in the awning collapsing and fans falling nearly ten feet to the ground. They fled into a Sunoco gas station and vandalized the entire store, causing \$4,000 in property damage.

In my opinion, the celebrating was taken too far. I understand the excitement, especially after winning their first championship, but there was no need to cause so much damage. A Macy’s window was shattered and bottles were thrown into the air by drunken fans. Even the commissioner of the Philadelphia police, Richard Ross was hit in the head by a bottle.

He expressed his frustrations stating, “I’m disappointed that some of these idiots ... chose to live up to a reputation that is not deserved on the part of 98 percent of our fans.”

Meanwhile in Massachusetts, 2,000 devastated Patriots fans gathered at the University of Massachusetts to chant inappropriate slurs directed towards Eagles fans. Fights broke out, six arrests were made, and 12 people had to be taken to the hospital.

Overall, Eagles fans in Philadelphia acted incredibly immature. My heart goes out to the city workers who had to clean up the mess and the owners of the destroyed stores.

It’s hard to imagine how bad the riots would have been if the Eagles had lost.

## How Homework Haunts Students

By Gretchen Becker  
*Staff Reporter*

Homework has been part of schools since the 1940’s and has both positive and negative effects on students.

Some positive effects of homework are its educational benefits, such as improving study habits, getting better at organization, and time management.

Although homework makes students think beyond the learning target and makes the student practice what is being taught, the average high school student is assigned over three hours of homework each night. That is 17.5 hours of homework a week. The average work week for adults is 34.4 hours, yet kids have 52.5 hours of schoolwork and class work each week: 18.1 hours more than the average adult.

Not to mention, Advanced Placement classes, tend to give even more homework. AP students can easily have up to five hours of homework each night.

Three and a half hours of homework each night can affect a student’s health, social life, and grades. According to a study done by Stanford University, 56 percent of students considered homework as a primary source of stress.

After being in school for approximately seven hours, students become burned out.

The time it takes to complete homework takes away from the time a student should be spending with friends or more importantly with their family.

Educators should reconsider how much homework should be given each night for a student’s well-being.

## Juvenile Justice for the Youth

By Cassidy Prestwood  
*Staff Reporter*

There is an ongoing debate on whether juvenile offenders should receive a chance to reform and granted a second chance.

In 27 states, prosecutors can charge 16--or 17-- year-- olds as adults when they commit a crime.

In six states (Georgia, Michigan, Missouri, Texas, and Wisconsin) 16-- and 17--year-- olds are automatically charged as adults for their crime.

It makes sense to let delinquent minors get a chance to reform. At such a young age, juveniles should be able to turn their lives around.

A study conducted by Kenneth W. Griffin and Gilbert J. Botvin shows that adolescents are more likely than adults to respond to interventions and

be able to reform and the skill of decision making doesn’t fully develop until your 20’s

Take Hernan Carvente for example. Two days before his birthday in 2008 in Queens, New York, he had shot a member of a rival gang. When he returned home, he broke down and realized that he had just thrown his life away.

He had served time as a juvenile, because he was only 15 at the time, and received counselling and support.

Due to his second chance, Carvente now has an earned bachelor’s degree and plans on going to graduate school.

We should give juveniles a chance to change and learn from their mistakes rather than lock them away and make it harder on their future.

They may just turn their lives around.

## Solving the Mystery of the Female Puzzle

By Hannah Torres  
*Co-Editor-in-Chief*

“It’s fine.” That is my go-to phrase when I’m irritated with my boyfriend.

But we both know it’s never really “fine.” I personally know deep down I’m upset, but for some strange reason I hardly feel compelled to tell him. There I go again saying one thing and implying something completely different.

He’s told me before that when I use that simple reply, he struggles to find a response. It puts us both in this awkward position that doesn’t necessarily have a solution.

The interaction between men and women is not limited to just a husband and wife. It can involve a father and daughter, mother and

son, even a brother and sister.

Though all these relationships differ immensely, all of my observations reach one final conclusion: the opposite sex can be frustrating.

I’m not going to sugarcoat it, women can be rather difficult to read at times. Sometimes they unconsciously say things that have a completely different meaning than what they intended.

Some males may think this is simply a plot to make their lives more difficult, but this miscommunication can only be blamed on a key factor: biology.

Author John Gray of the personal development guide, *Men are From Mars, Women are From Venus*, explains this topic in an extremely simple format that allows the reader to understand the opposite sex.

Gray breaks down the emotional needs for both sexes. Specifically, he compares the female emotional roller coaster to a wave, describing both the peaks and wells. The author explains that some men meet their female counterparts when they are at the peak of their emotional wave. They’re joyous and loving in the best possible manner.

Eventually, 28 days pass and then things begin to slowly go downhill. And the cycle repeats itself monthly.

According to Gray, the bottom of the wave can be a dark place for a woman. Her feelings are confused and blurred, as the world appears bleak. This is when tension can build in the relationship because she is

emotionally distraught and her male counterpart is discouraged.

As a man, the sole thing he wants to do is to make the female in his life feel loved, appreciated and cared for. To do this he feels the need to pull her up from bottom of her wave and encourage her to get back on her feet.

Gray explains that a woman’s thought process is far from logical. All she truly wants is for her man to listen, but sometimes this isn’t communicated in the clearest manner.

It’s important that males keep this wave in mind as he may begin to feel frustrated with the females in his life.

Guys, just remember when her wave goes down, it will come back up again.

The Corydon encourages its readers to submit letters of commentary on any school issue. We reserve the right to edit letters for content or space. All letters must be signed with the writer’s full name and grade level and sent to Room 833.

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## Mardi Gras by the Shore



PHOTO BY MICHAEL MALINSKI

Shoreline Village held its annual Mardi Gras parade on February 17 featuring dancers, marching bands, and performers.

By Michael Malinski  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

With dazzling colors and music, Shoreline Village and Rainbow Harbor held their annual Mardi Gras Parade,

which showered the area with beads and coins on February 17.

Mardi Gras launches as the fasting period of 40 days, which comes before Easter in the Christian calendar, also known as Lent. The first celebra-

tion in the United States was on March 3, 1699 by French explorers in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The free event showcased live Zydeco music and dance, circus acts, as well as the usual attractions Shoreline has to offer.

## AP Bio Begins with a Bust

By Hannah Torres  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

NBC's newest sitcom AP Bio aired for the first time on February 1. The show stars Glen Howerton, who portrays protagonist Jack Griffin, a failed college professor transitioning into his new career as a high school AP Biology teacher.

This show was filmed at Millikan over the past year, re-

sulting in a significant payment for the school. This is the latest show filmed on campus since 'Saved By The Bell' back in 1989.

AP Bio aims to amuse audiences with crude humor and outrageous stunts that seem unrealistic, even for television. However, this strategy falls short as the sitcom leaves much to be desired in terms of comedy.

The plot revolves around Howerton's character, Jack Grif-

fin, as he manipulates his class of AP students to plan an attack on his personal nemesis who stole his dream job as a professor.

There is little background knowledge of Griffin's past for the audience, which leaves the viewer confused in the first episode. It appears the producers were so focused on beginning the show with a bold opening scene, that they forgot to lay down the foundation for any story line whatsoever.

## Elon Musk Shoots for Stars With Falcon

By Julian Murillo  
Asst. Editor

Since the beginning of space exploration, the human race has always entertained the thought of inhabiting other planets. Now with the falcon heavy rocket system proving successful, we are closer to meeting the goal of exploring the rest of the solar system.

The rocket system was named after Musk's great fondness of the Star Wars universe, prompting him to name the rocket after the Millennium Falcon.

The name of the rocket is not his only personal touch: he has also sent his first ever Tesla harnessed on top of the rocket as well.

The uniqueness of the rocket is the technology incorporated in the launch. The rocket boosters store enough fuel to re-land on designated platforms after liftoff, which has provided a reusable and cost-efficient alternative for the SpaceX Corporation.

This is just the start for Musk, the CEO of SpaceX and co-founder of electric car company Tesla. He stated in a recent inter-

view that he plans to continue exploration of neighboring planets in hope of achieving the ultimate goal of human inhabitation. Putting a man on Mars is his next target in which he hopes to accomplish by the end of his lifetime.



## FLA Paves the Way

By Hannah Torres  
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Millikan's Female Leadership Academy, or FLA, is making a bold move on campus by being the first group to provide free tampons and pads in the girls' restrooms. This decision came after much deliberation from the group.

FLA Vice President Rosemae Kaiklian proposed the idea in an executive board meeting, after taking the idea to the administration, the project was officially in motion.

Donated tampons and pads will be placed in all fe-

male restrooms on campus after March 1.

If students are interested in donating tampons or pads, they are more than welcome to leave their donations in the girls' restroom, beginning during women's week. Students can continue to make these donations throughout the remainder of the school year.

In addition to this monumental project, FLA will be hosting the first Women's Week at Millikan this March in partnership with the Feminists in Action Club.

"A big part of Women's Week," says FLA President Esmeralda Sandoval-Olguin, "will

be the Women's March we will be hosting on March 16 at lunch."

Sandoval-Olguin encourages students who are interested in participating to pick up a contract and picture consent form in Room 401 as soon as possible.

Beginning in April, students are also encouraged to bring donations for the Women's Shelter of Long Beach to room 401. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Any students with questions about Female Leadership Academy or even questions regarding personal concerns are encouraged to stop by room 401 for assistance or guidance.

## Black Panther Proves Powerful

By Sara Steichen  
Feature Editor

*Black Panther*, the newest Marvel movie to be released, is the first superhero movie of the year. However, that's not the movie's only first. *Black Panther* is the first superhero movie to have a predominantly African American cast.

People find *Black Panther* progressive and a step in the right direction for social equality.

The film received a tremendous amount of positive reviews and comments from the black community that state this movie has made them feel included, respected, and powerful. Many people believe this movie could be the start of African Americans

and other minorities finally being able to be thoroughly represented in films like never before.

With that being said, negative reviews have been presented as well. Some claim this movie strains to accomplish too many things, and that the pacing is off. Others claim this is just another superhero movie, and one that follows many of the basic plot points you find in action movies. Also, people say people are viewing this film as a sort of revolution, but state that is not the case.

No matter how an audience member feels about *Black Panther*, they cannot ignore that the hype for this superhero movie is very different from its predecessors, and has attracted a large audience.

## All District Honor Band Holds Winter Concert

By Alyssa Romero  
Asst. Editor

On February 7, the all-district honor band had an intimate instrumental concert in Millikan's auditorium.

The atmosphere was calm and peaceful as the musicians took the stage, getting ready to perform the pieces they'd spent weeks preparing.

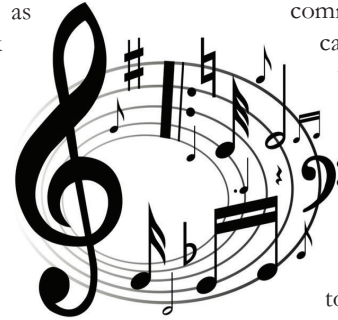
"I put in tons of practice to make the group," says honor band's second-chair flutist Madelyn Roberts.

It was evident through the ensemble's wonderful rendition of "Kirkpatrick Fanfare" that all of the members put in the effort to make the show a success.

The group continued to play "Courtly Airs and Dances" and "Corcoron Cadets", both pieces earning a hardy round of applause from the audience.

"Honor band is a lot different than a regular music group. All of us have put in the time and commitment, and you can hear that when we come together. Our sound is unbelievable!" continues Roberts.

Dr. Jermie Arnold, conductor of the band says, "It is important to allow young musicians the opportunity to perform in a professional setting. The honor band is a wonderful learning experience for those who participate, and can further prepare aspiring musicians for their career."



## Woof! It's the Year of the Dog!

By Andrew Ho  
Staff Reporter

The dog is regarded as man's best friend, having characteristics such as intelligence, lots of energy, and a playful nature.

This Lunar New Year is the Year of the Dog in most Asian cultures. Chinese culture believed that it was the dog's destiny to bring good luck to whomever was born in its year.

In Chinese culture, the order of the Zodiacs were as-

sociated with the Great Race which was a swimming contest in Chinese mythology.

The order that each animal placed in is their order in the Zodiac, this means that the dog placed eleventh. Despite the dog being seen as a very athletic and talented swimmer, he finished close to last because of his playful nature.

If you're born in the year of the dog, then the previous years in the cycle are 1982, 1994, 2006. The next year of the god will be 2030.

### RESTAURANT REVIEW

#### Grab With Your Hands at Boiling Crab

By Roxana Perez  
Asst. Editor

Dive into The Boiling Crab, a unique restaurant that offers fresh caught, boiled crab in a Cajun-style blend of spices. It is tossed with signature seasonings and served in a bag to preserve the flavors.

The Boiling Crab is known for eating with your hands, as the customer does not re-

ceive any utensils, nor plates.

The menu has blue crab, oysters, lobster, crawfish, clams, mussels, shrimp, king crab legs, and a great variety of other food to choose from.

The wait is usually one to two hours on the weekends, and on weekdays about 30 minutes to get a table.

The boiling crab has locations in Garden Grove, Burbank, and Los Angeles.

## Girls Wrestling Tackles Another CIF Title



PHOTO COURTESY OF STEPHANIE GONZALEZ

The girls wrestling team beaded out to El Toro High School to compete for the CIF regional tournament on February 3. These ladies have represented Millikan as CIF champions for the last three years, this year was no different. The wrestlers maintain their CIF title.

## Gymnastics Team Gears Up for Competition

By Cassidy Prestwood  
Staff Reporter

Gymnastic competition for Moore league, starts on Friday, March 17.

"I'm very excited for this season to start. Competing last year was so much fun," says QUEST 10th grader Christina Torres.

"The coaches prepared us by starting practices in the summer for a pre-season so we could come into the season strong

with routines already made. You should be expecting to see some pretty cool routines from everyone on the team," adds Torres.

"I'm pretty nervous because it's my first year ever doing gymnastics," says PEACE freshman Audry Lopez. "The new teams are ready to go and compete against the other schools to show them what we have."

"I love the girls on the team. Everyone's so encouraging, hardworking, and uplift-

ing. We have a good bunch this year," Torres adds. "We've all been working on bettering our skills individually so we can put out our best routines possible."

It's important for any sports team to work their hardest and work together to win Moore leagues.

The first meet at Millikan is against St. Joseph's on March 22 at 3:45 PM.

"You can help support the team this year by coming out to the gymnastic meets!" says Torres.

## Girls Softball Ready to Hit This Season Out of the Park

By Gretchen Becker  
Staff Reporter

Girls varsity softball has been practicing and preparing for season since September and they are now ready to take down the competition and win Moore League.

"I think this season is going to go really well," says QUEST freshman, Lily Romero, "We have been practicing and working really hard and I know we are definitely going to be able to

compete with the other teams."

Their season started Feb 24 with the Savannah Showcase Tournament.

"We may be a young team, but we have high energy and good attitudes about this upcoming season," says PEACE freshman Kara Bresnahan. "Hopefully we can take first in Moore League this year."

Girls softball first season game is against Jordan High School on March 15 at our home field.

## Boys Baseball Up to Bat

By Nick DeLucca  
Editorial Editor

Millikan baseball teams kick off their season last month. All levels have been training since November and look to make another run at the Moore League title.

Coached by Ron Keester, varsity they defeated Bellflower in a nonconference home game on February 24 4-3. The JV and freshman teams look to defeat Pacifica on February 27.

QUEST freshman Tyler Bermundo states, "I'm looking forward to [being able] to represent the school and get better as I go. My biggest challenge would be staying consistent playing at different fields. High school is the first time I have had to play in a new baseball field every week."

Last year, the varsity team finished as co-champions with Wilson. This year, they look to defeat Wilson and stand alone at the top of the podium.

## Big Basketball Shakeup

By Emmanuel Evans  
Athletics Page Editor

Chris Francis and his staff have all resigned from coaching basketball at Millikan.

The announcement came after a low season with Millikan going 10-17 overall with a staggering 4-9 record in Moore League beating Cabrillo (three times) and Jordan. Francis was currently in his sixth season as the varsity head coach.

Francis previously led Millikan to top three positions in Moore League the past four sea-

sons. According to the Press-Telegram, Millikan officials stated, "Coach Francis had resigned for urgent personal matters".

PEACE junior and varsity point guard Cameron Munford says, "We are going to miss them, however we look forward to the future and rebounding from this bad season next year".

The team is eager to find out who the new varsity coach will be. After a month of searching and interviews by the Millikan athletic department, an announcement is expected in the coming weeks.

## New Sport on the Block

By Paris Blanco  
Asst. Editor

This school year, lacrosse is being offered as a club sport. The team wants to start a winning lineage and encourage others to join the team and help grow the program.

Lacrosse is a sport where players use the head of the lacrosse ball to pass, carry, and shoot the ball. The object of the game is to score a point by shooting

the ball into the opponent's net.

At Millikan, lacrosse is open to both boys and girls. No prior experience is required. Although, skills in sprinting, distance running, throwing, and catching are helpful.

Coach Thomas Sutfin encourages students to participate. "Lacrosse is considered one of the fastest sports on two feet, it's one of the qualities it's been given...".

The teams first game is expected to be some time in April.

## Winter Drumline Prepares for Battle

By Alyssa Romero  
Asst. Editor

The marching band season has come to an end, except for the small group of percussionists who have dared to continue into the world of Indoor Winter Percussion.

Now entering their second year of the competition, the

group plans to debut a brand new show titled "Distracted". The performance puts an artistic twist on cell phones and modern technology through original composed music and choreography.

"Once I saw the percussion lineup for this season, I could tell this group would be something very special", says percussion coach Isaac Richardson.

## Dazzling Dancers Perform at Spectrum



PHOTO BY ESTHER QUINONES

The Millikan High School Dance Team performed along side other Long Beach high schools, at the Dance Spectrum on February 16 held at Lakenwood High School. The team performed two routines choreographed by Jennifer Waters, head of the Millikan dance program.

## Pom-Poms, Pyramids and Peel-Offs

By Andrew Ho  
Staff Reporter

Millikan's varsity cheer team led by Maizie Brown, Rakya Robinson and Morgan Gill came up a little short placing 2nd at the Best of the West competition.

Cheerleading isn't just about winning competitions though.

It is also about having spirit.

Ahnya Gurewitz, a QUEST freshman on the varsity team says, "I wanted to use my school spirit to encourage others to also show school spirit. We support our fellow athletes, clubs and organizations around the school. Just by wearing our uniforms it helps promote school activities."

There is also more to cheer than spirit. Helene Gurewitz, a QUEST junior says, "I think the stunts can be very difficult because you carry someone's life literally in your hands and must use all of your strength to keep that person safe. Still, hitting the stunt perfectly in front of a crowd makes it all worth it."