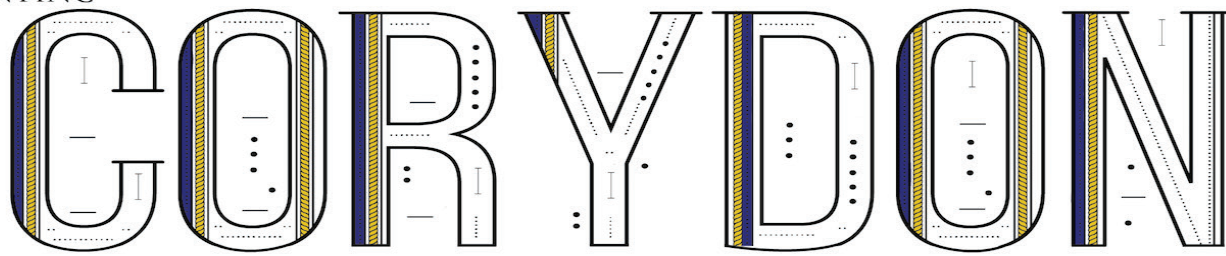
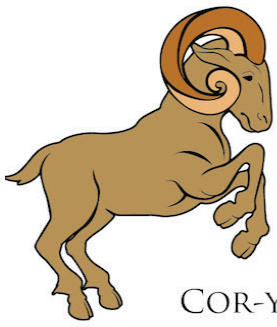




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Millikan Hosts Pathways Tours



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QUEST seniors (from left to right) Bianca Byrnes, Sara Steichen, Evan Coulter, and Lanna Jenkins were some of the many “*QUESTies*” who participated in *QUEST* Shadow Day on November 27.

By Nick DeLucca
Editorial Editor

Did you see all those 8th graders running around campus? Don't worry, they were not lost, rather they were learning valuable lessons about the high school experience.

Last month, Millikan welcomed eighth graders from all over the district to participate in pathway tours and a shadow day.

Each program held their own individual tours for the students and the parents.

The *QUEST* pathway, for example, held their very own shadow day on November 27.

QUEST brought in 200 students to participate in this event, with all slots filling up within 15 minutes of the link being released on-

line to 8th grade families. 8th grader Anthony DeLucca, who toured the *QUEST* program, described his experience: “It was fun to see the school's environment and how high schoolers interact with each other. I liked the classroom setting and it was all really interesting.”

QUEST coordinator Dr. Hawkins says that pathway tours are a way to “give potential eighth graders an insight into the great programs at Millikan.”

The other programs held their own tours for 8th graders to attend and gain a better understanding of what pathways are and what high school is like.

The *COMPASS* tour was held on November 28, the *PEACE* was held on November 30, and *MBA* and *MIT* both held their

tours on November 14. Site Night was also held on December 5. This event acted as a showcase to 8th graders and their parents and presented them with all the academic, extracurricular, and athletic opportunities Millikan has to offer future students.

Each pathway gave their own presentation along with the arts, athletics, Advanced Placement, and world language programs.

Millikan's pathway director Grant Robinson described site night as “a glimpse into what Millikan life is all about.”

Campus tours and shadow days are two opportunities for middle schoolers to get a feel for the high school setting and become comfortable before making a decision to attend.

12 Angry Jurors Takes Millikan Audience to Court

By Emma Sharman
Copy Editor

This year, Millikan's drama program produced *12 Angry Jurors* by Reginald Rose. The show depicts 12 jurors deciding the fate of a 19-year-old man of color who was accused of murdering his father.

Millikan *COMPASS* senior Annora Taylor, played Juror 11, an Eastern European immigrant character.

“This is the first show I actually had a bigger part in,” Taylor says, “it was also my last show at Millikan. I'm glad this show took place; it turned out to be really fun.”

PEACE senior Eli Howe played one of the 12 jurors. He says, “It was really fun getting to be around everyone in the cast and crew because

they're all awesome.”

Millikan *COMPASS* sophomore Braxton Bell took on the role of Juror 5, a socially awkward 23-year-old who was raised in a rough neighborhood.

According to Bell, this show was particularly unique because every character in it was present on the stage throughout the entirety of the performance.

“It was so much fun seeing everyone develop their characters.” In addition, he states, “It was also a lot of fun playing this role since it meant keeping to myself a lot, which is the complete opposite of my personality.”

Bell considers this production an overall success. Fellow cast mate Taylor adds, “[This cast] is a great family and I'm happy to [have] performed with them.”

Millikan Keeps Up With the World

By Andrea Prado
Front Editor

Meteorite Crater Found in Greenland

Migrant Caravan Crisis

Scientists have discovered a meteorite impact crater hidden under almost a kilometer of ice in Greenland. According to NASA, it is likely that the crater was formed when a half-mile wide iron meteorite struck northwest Greenland at the end of the last ice age around three million years ago. The crater is estimated to be larger than Washington, D.C.

The mayor of Tijuana has declared a humanitarian crisis after police threw tear gas and smoke canisters to thousands of migrants who marched to the US-Mexico border on November 25.

According to BBC News, the confrontation spiraled out of control when migrants were assaulting the American border patrol. President Trump has defended the agent's use of the chemical, declaring that the gas was “safe”.

Research teams are currently investigating how the meteor's impact affected the planet as a whole.

Letters to the Editor

“Inside the iOS Invasion”

The article updates students with the media along with connecting to all the benefits of the new iOS 12.1 in iPhones. It gave good insight into a new perspective, which is the advantages of every feature offered. It can make life easier and keeps people up-to-date.

Emily Vann
Grade 11

There was nothing that was creative with Apple. When Steve Jobs was still alive he wanted to revolutionize the world. Now their phones are just the same thing, but in different colors. There is nothing special; it just says iPhone X. There was no nine because there was no creativity.

Adam Mazariegos
Grade 11

“Millikan Keeps Up With the World”

I like how the Corydon writes about important news, even if it's not where we live. It's an important story that people should hear about and make sure people with racist intent don't go unnoticed and suffer for their crimes.

Renée Lee
Grade 11

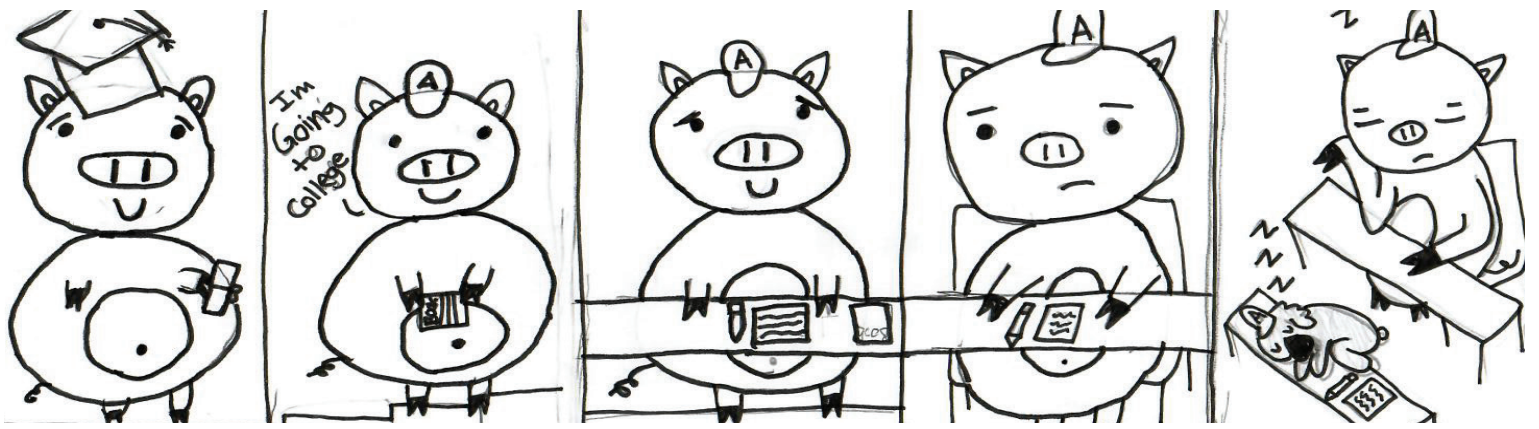
“Follow Your Money Before Voting With Your Dollar”

I enjoyed reading this article due to both its informative message and how it ties to something that affects people all across the nation. I myself did not have any knowledge of Nike's ties to the Republican party and am thankful to you for sharing this knowledge. This will influence my decision next time I choose to buy a Nike product.

Anthony Lane
Grade 11

College Can Be Such a Boar

By Chance Paxton and Madison Letts
Copy Editor and Staff Reporter



Making Memories but Only for a Profit

By Nick DeLucca
Editorial Editor

How come a one-day ticket to the “Happiest Place on Earth” is over one hundred dollars? How come sports fans have to pay hundreds of dollars just to get a decent view of their team in a stadium? Why do tickets to your favorite artist live on stage cost hundreds of dollars?

It's too hard these days for parents to give their children these memorable experiences with-

out taking a chunk out of their bank account.

I may just be bitter that my Green Bay Packers finally came to Los Angeles and tickets were going to cost over \$200 for the worst possible seats. I had to make the conscious choice that I was going to have a better view from my T.V.

It's understandable that in some cases, places need to charge a certain price to maintain a profit; however, big companies proceed to hype up the costs of everything from water

to memorabilia, then stop you at security if you try to sneak in a bag of M&Ms.

QUEST senior Eleni Eftychiou states, “capitalism convinces consumers it's necessary to our personal fulfillment to pay outrageously high prices for service that is only marginally rewarding. The extravagant costs imposed on the working class are a reflection of our societies prioritization of profit over ethics.”

I believe companies need to follow the example of Atlanta Hawks owner,

Antony Ressler, who established fan friendly prices in Philips Banks arena. All food items dropped to under \$6, including candy, bottomless soda, beer, nachos, and pretzels, which ultimately resulted in a 71% increase in sales. It's unethical to keep fans from gaining memorable experiences because the prices are unaffordable. By lowering the costs of admission and concessions, fans will have less financial stress and will further be able to enjoy the game.

PRO

By Dayquan Moeller
Copy Editor

Popular support has turned against ICE, with mainstream politicians such as New York representative Alexandria Cortez, who included the abolishment of ICE as part of their platform.

With recent footage of migrants being attacked with tear gas and toddlers locked up in cages, it's no wonder our country's border control methods are under worldwide scrutiny.

Still, though, there are those who criticize ICE's practices, yet maintain that it can be reformed, arguing that an agency which protects our border is necessary to America's security.

Attorney Katherine Yoo, of the Human Trafficking Project, expresses this in an editorial for the El Paso Times when she writes that “hyperenforcement by ICE has aggravated the fear of coming forward among undocumented victims of human trafficking.”

This is the inherent

problem with the practice of deportation. Even if one were to concede that illegal immigration is an act of injustice, is it not a crime which is overshadowed by the greater injustices which illegal immigrants are trying to escape?

Should we not help those who come to our country to get away from poverty and crime?

We already have a criminal justice system; deportation would be an unnecessary step in the judicial process.

Moreover, the bar for what counts as “crime” in America is extremely low, especially for those overpoliced for non-violent drug and theft related offenses. In these cases, deportation would be an expensive and cruel punishment.

While ICE's crusade is to protect and defend, the reality is one of abuse and violation of human rights.

If America really wants to hold the moral high ground, it should abolish ICE, and use that funding for those seeking refuge.

Abolishing ICE

By Julian Murillo
Web Editor

Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) is one of the most controversial federal programs to this day. While I believe that the program's intentions are good, this is not to say that the program is a perfect solution to the immigration crisis.

Efforts to completely abolish ICE can not be taken seriously, due to the impact of the program on proper immigration practices, deportation of illegal aliens and cross-border crimes such as terrorism.

Abolishing ICE would threaten the public safety of citizens of the United States. The Homeland Security and Investigations (HSI) branch of the program is solely dedicated to cross-border crimes such as human trafficking, child pornography and drug smuggling.

In 2017, HSI made 4,800 gang related arrests according to the National Immigration Forum (NIF).

CON

While these illegal activities continue to percolate across the border despite HSI, in the absence of the program, the rate of which this crime occurs on US soil would sky rocket.

The main issue many people have with ICE is their enforcement policies. However, I do not believe this grants the complete elimination or substitution of the ICE program.

ICE has made 143,470 arrests through the ERO (Enforcement and Removal operations), with 92% of those arrested holding a prior criminal conviction according to the National immigration forum.

The public must exercise their democratic rights to invoke change in policies they don't agree with; however, I do not believe abolishment of the program is a viable option.

As long as immigrants are patient and attempt to come to this country legally, the United States can enjoy a secure and safe flow of citizens with the remainder of ICE.

The Corydon would like to congratulate freshman **Natalie Paulson** on winning the Letter to the Editor raffle.

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 Mrs. Pircher's mailbox.

Letters to the Editor

Athletics Page

I strongly appreciated the sports articles this month, as they portrayed a realistic image of our teams here at Millikan. Reporting the losses, as well as the wins, made the newspaper seem more real and honest. I loved that. If we continue to do this, it not only lets all teams be heard, but also makes the times when they win that much more exciting.

Sage Salice
Grade 12

I feel like there should be a sports section featuring all sports currently in season. They should recognize some athletes or talk about how the team is doing in general. For example, you might want to talk about the wrestling team because we're amazing. With this addition no sport is left out and every sport can feel appreciated.

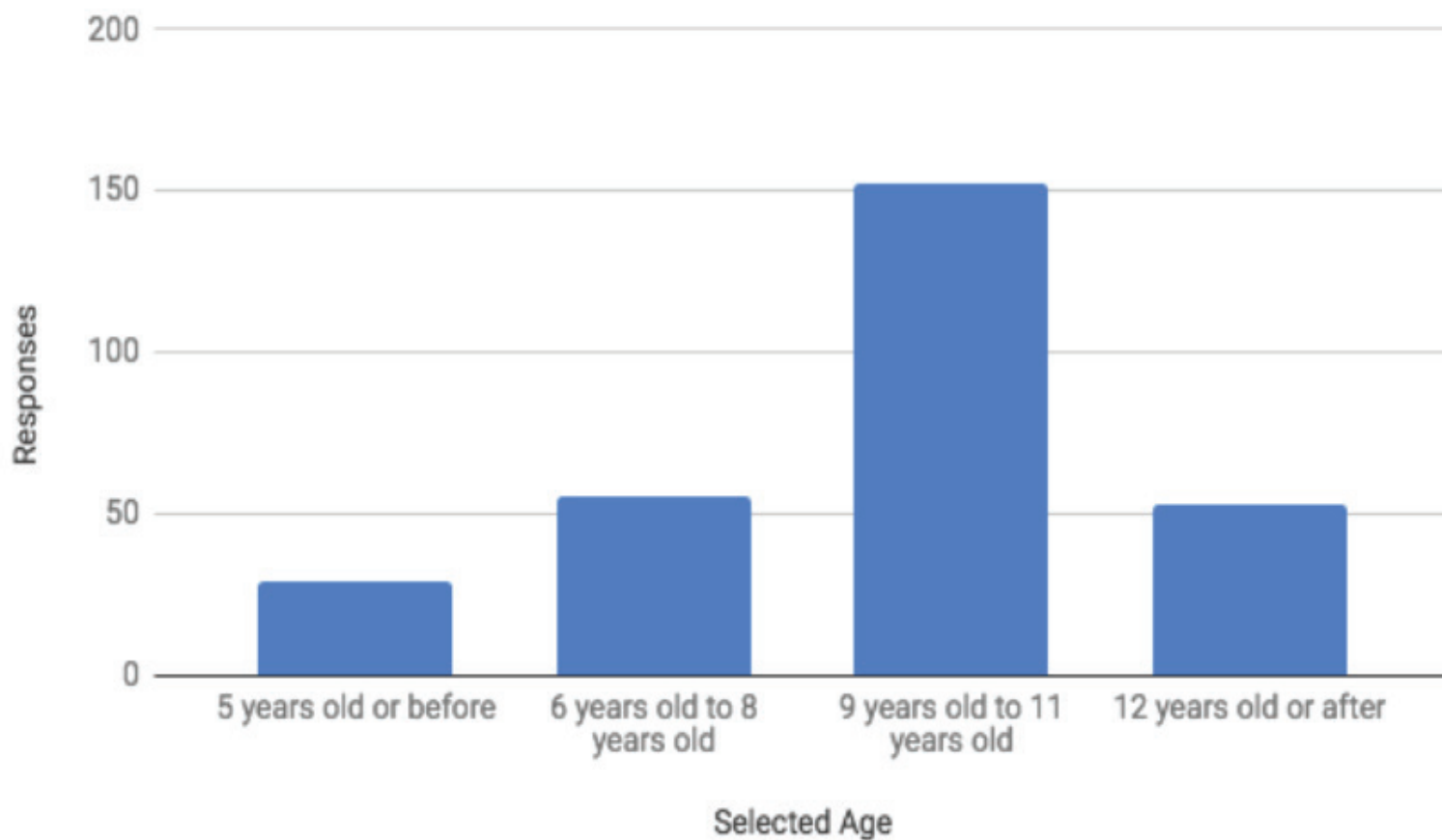
Tru Jones
Grade 9

"Marching Band Moves Up the Ranks"

I was glad to see the multitudes of people interviewed and it's nice to see that much representation. I am also in Marching Band so I can confidently say that what was said is 100% accurate. I did notice that colorguard wasn't mentioned, which was unfortunate since I LOVE my beautiful colorguard sisters.

Gabriel Scharn
Grade 11

When is the best age to tell a child that Santa Claus isn't real?



White Christmas, White Lies

By Hannah Torres
Co-Editor-in-Chief

I realized Santa wasn't real when I was 9 years old. I found all the letters my mom had asked me to write for almost a decade stuffed in a box at the bottom of a drawer.

Deep down, I was okay with the discovery, but my parents were really disappointed that the holiday magic didn't last longer.

Today I wonder when will be the best age to tell my own future children the biggest white-lie that most parents tell their kids.

I'm scared that if I ruin the image of Santa too early, I'll be denying my kids of the true Christmas experience. I also don't

want them to be the only high schoolers on Earth to still believe in Santa.

I turned to Millikan as a whole for their thoughts on this morally conflicting topic (and maybe even some future parenting advice).

The results were somewhat comforting: 52.4%

of the responses agree that 9-11 years old is the most suitable age for parents to break the news to their children.

When you're 9-11 years old, you're coming to the end of your time in elementary school and with that comes an endless sup-

ply of inquiries about the world around you. After hearing what everyone had to say, I realized that maybe my Santa discovery came at the perfect age.

The second most popular response came from 19.3% of survey participants who agreed that 6-8 years old was the most appropriate age to fess up to young children. I have a hard time agreeing

with these voters. Between 6-8 years old I was still playing with Barbies and watching Disney Channel. There wasn't a doubt in my

mind that the jolly man in the red suit would bring me my presents on Christmas morning. I don't think I would have wanted someone to take that away from me at such a young age.

I had a participant reach out expressing their own views stating, "The age depends on the child.

If a middle schooler still believes, let them have that magic because childhood is much too short. If a 5 year old is questioning [Santa], then have an honest conversation about the Santa tradition."

This point brought to attention is valid, as the Santa conversation varies from household to household. There is no "one size fits all" answer.



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Millikan's Upcoming Events

Dec. 20: Holiday Assembly-Odd

Dec. 21: Minimum Day-Even

Dec. 24-Jan. 4: Winter Recess-No School

January Saturday School-TBD

Jan. 15-17: Jeopardy Comes to Millikan

Jan. 16: PTSA Meeting-6:00 p.m.

Jan. 21: Martin Luther King Jr. Day-No School

Jan. 22: Finals Period 1 & 3-Minimum Day

Jan. 23: Finals Period 2 & 4-Minimum Day

Jan. 24: Finals Period 5 & 7-Minimum Day

Jan. 25: Finals Period 8 & 6, Period 2 & 4 Follow-Full Day

Jan. 28: First day of Semester 2-Green Minimum Day

Jan. 29-Winter Formal Contract Approval Ends

Feb. 2: Winter Formal-The California Science Center

Feb. 6: Semester 1 Report Cards Sent in the Mail

Feb. 8: Assembly Schedule-Odd

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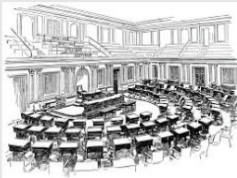
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- New Make-Up: 235 Democrats and 200 Republicans
- Democrats net gain: 40 seats
- Ended Republican unified control of Congress



2

SENATE

- Republicans expanded majority by two seats
- Retains unified control over confirmation hearings
- Creates a divided legislative branch

3

STATE ELECTIONS

- Democrats won control of seven state governorships
- Democrats gained 350 state legislatures
- Democrats gained control of seven state governments



4

STATE LAWS

- States voted to expand Medicaid coverage
- States established independent redistricting commissions
- States voted to end the practice of permanent felony disenfranchisement



5

VOTER TURNOUT

- Highest voter turnout in a midterm since 1914
- Turnout: 49.3% of eligible voters



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YEAR OF FIRSTS

- Ilhan Omar: first Muslim women elected to Congress
- Jared Polis: America's first openly gay governor
- Alexandria-Ocasio Cortez: youngest Congresswomen ever elected (29 years old)



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Jeopardy is Coming To Millikan!

By Nicolas Ramos
Page Editor

For the first time, Jeopardy is coming to Millikan. The event will be hosted in the auditorium from January 15th-17th, 2019.

The preliminaries and semi-finals between the students in their own grade levels will take place January 15th and 16th 2019. The grade level finalists and school-wide (between other schools) championships will take place January 17th in our auditorium.

Students in grade 9 will not be able to participate this year, but as this is planned to become an annual tradition, they will get their chance in the years to come. The competition is not affiliated with the actual show for its namesake on TV.

Millikan's Dean, Kyle Heinrich, says, "The goal is to bring friendly academic competition, and promote the intelligence of students." It is hoped that, "this will unite the school and become a part of our culture."

QUEST senior Ian Wiliford says "I did Jeopardy in middle school, and I liked it. I'm excited for it to come to this school too." MIT junior James Whitney adds "I think Jeopardy is cool. It is like Kahoot in real life."

Students that are competing will be selected from a Jeopardy Qualifier that took place November 27, which consisted of a 40-question questionnaire. The 18 highest scores in each grade level will be the competitors.

Be sure to attend this event and become part of our school's history!

Holiday Festivities in Long Beach

By Emma Sharman and Isabella Talavera
Copy Editors

Be sure to join the fun this holiday season, and come see the festivities available right in your backyard.

Long Beach is fortunate enough to have places throughout the city that highlight the magic of the holiday season.

Both the Aquarium of the Pacific and the Queen Mary have decked their halls for guests this winter. In the true spirit of the holiday season, the Aquarium of the Pacific is hosting a festive series of events.

During the month of December, the well-known home to a plethora

of fish and reptiles welcomes guests and employees alike to donate for the “Sparks of Love” toy drive.

“For the toy drive, [aquarium members] who donate a toy worth \$15 or more receive a free one day entry ticket, and non-members receive a coupon for a discount on an entry ticket,” explains the Aquarium Guest Service Supervisor.

Accompanying this toy drive is a long list of holiday-themed events and decorations scattered throughout the Aquarium, which include a snowy play area outside, scuba divers dressed as Santa, Hanukkah storytelling, a gingerbread display, showings of “How the Grinch Stole Christ-

mas” in the Theatre, and indoor snow in the Great Hall.

In addition to all the mentioned festivities, “We have the penguins march in front of the sea lion

“We call it the penguin parade, it’s the most adorable thing you’ll ever see.”

Consider stopping by the Aquarium of the Pacific during the entire month of December for a month of festive fun, and to help those in need.

The Queen Mary is hosting their annual Queen Mary Christmas event from November 23 to January 6.

The Queen Mary Christmas event has several wintery events to participate in. Grab a photo with Santa Claus and decorate a stocking in the captain’s quarters.

Ice-skating is available on the uppermost deck of the ship, where it’s of-

fered in 45-minute sessions and costs \$15 per person.

People can also go decorate a gingerbread house, sit in a 4D theater for a showing of The Polar Express, and enjoy the lights strung along the paths.

“The best time to go is past 4:30 when you can see all the bright lights,” says Ship Operator Shawnta.

On weekdays, hours are from 2PM to 8PM, and on weekends hours are from 12PM to 8PM. On December 31, hours are from 12PM to 6PM.

Tickets are \$22 for adults (12 years and older) and \$16 for children ages 4 to 11. There are plenty of jolly things to do this holiday season, so get out there and have a blast.



The *Ultimate* Fighting Game



By Michael Malinski
Co-Editor in Chief

It has been four years since the last Super Smash Bros. installment and it is hard to imagine what could be added to the large Nintendo fighting game.

A main attraction of the series is the unique character roster, which includes gaming icons Mario, Pikachu, Sonic, Pac-man, and Megaman from their respective namesake titles.

SSB for Nintendo 3DS and Wii U boasted a 58 character roster, which created unlimited possibilities and fighter matchups up to one’s imagination.

However, Super Smash Bros Ultimate, which released on Friday December 7, took it a step further, and brought back every veteran fighter from the series and added ten brand new fighters increasing the total fighter count to a whopping 75.

Not to mention, Ultimate includes a solo adventure mode, World of Light, that is about 15 hours of fighting battles, puzzles, and plenty of explorable worlds.

This is all Nintendo fans could ask for in a Smash game.

The game’s engine is an updated version from

Wii U’s and looks beautiful on the Switch hardware.

The game is also more fast-paced, similar to the widely acclaimed Melee, and is considered viable for the competitive fighting game community.

Millikan’s eSports club president, Drew Helms, endorses the new game and explains how “It will be a great new addition to our current game lineup, and will effectively replace Smash for Wii U at our club.”

For both competitive and casual fans, Ultimate is becoming a record-breaking addition to the Nintendo Switch’s catalog.

Model United Nations Brings Diplomacy to Millikan

By Elizabeth Dodd
Copy Editor

Since students have to be at school all day and do homework all night, it’s sometimes hard to find interesting things to do. If you are interested in politics, then Model U.N. is the club for you.

In Model U.N. Club, members represent different countries like America or Australia and have a mock United Nations meeting in these meetings you give a speech about your coun-

try’s position on a topic and offer possible solutions.

This club involves researching, public speaking, debating, writing skills, critical thinking, teamwork, and helps improve leadership abilities.

QUEST senior, Peyton Beeli states, “It’s a really fun way to learn about other countries and cultures while improving your public speaking skills and meeting new people.”

If you are interested in this club, they meet every Monday at lunch in room 206.

Ginsburg Gets America’s Attention

By Chloe Pullman
Sports Editor

Ruth Bader Ginsburg, 85, second woman appointed on the supreme court in history, has two movies dedicated to her this year. One came out May 4th, 2018, titled “the Notorious RBG”, which was a big hit.

This is a documentary about her life and her hard journey to get to the Supreme Court. Her story is inspiring to many because Ginsburg embodies a good attitude and intelligence beyond compare.

As time passes, more and more people are

paying their respects to her achievements.

Ginsburg received much praise after “Notorious RBG” was released as younger generations finally know who she is and how she achieved success.

Now, a new film starring Felicity Jones will reach audiences and tell Ginsburg’s story on the big screen in “On the Basis of Sex” planned to be released on December 25.

Ginsburg is paving the path for equality and peace in our country as she continues to make change, like she has while on the supreme court for the last 25 years.

Highlights from Winter Concert



PHOTO COURTESY OF ORCHA BAND

By Dayquan Moeller
Copy Editor

On Thursday, December 6, Millikan's Lab and Blue Jazz Band, String and Intermediate Orchestra, and Concert Band performed at their annual December concert.

In the realm of Ms. Bhatia's orchestra, String Orchestra performed a rendition of Rossini's "William Tell Overture".

This was followed by Intermediate Orchestra performance of an arrangement of the song "Popular," from the musical Wicked.

Violinist QUEST senior Carolina Salcedo, says that she was "very thrilled about our performance, we have grown together as an orchestra through the challenge of our pieces."

Similarly, a COMPASS junior saxophone player of Blue Jazz band

is proud of his ensemble's progress, stating that they "have practiced until we have gotten near perfect." Lab Jazz performed jazz standards such as "Fly Me to the Moon" and "Swing Machine".

Under the direction of Mr. Picanco, Blue Jazz Band and Concert Band played tribute to Leonard Bernstein, with both ensembles performing selections from West Side Story.

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Are Senior Projects Worth It?

By Sara Steichen
Feature Editor

In theory, a senior project sounds like a great way to end your high school experience. You can learn something new, and prepare yourself for college by tackling something big, and prove understanding with a tangible project to show off.

From sports or the arts, to challenging AP classes, seniors are very busy.

Not to mention there is also the big task of applying to colleges, financial aid, and scholarships.

There are many mixed reviews of senior projects, and each pathway has their own version.

An anonymous QUEST

senior completing Quest Senior Project states, "It feels like QSP is bringing a lot of extra stress to my life right now and I am sick of it. I understand the purpose of the class, but I feel like as a QUEST student, I was forced into something senior year that I am not prepared for".

QUEST students also have the option to take the two year AP Seminar and AP Research Capstone classes in place of QSP.

COMPASS students have to take a Capstone course senior year, which revolves around writing about everyday topics

and doing charity work.

Sean Sarmiento, a COMPASS senior stated, "I've really enjoyed being in Cap-



stone this school year...the units we study are related to everyday life and the class gives us the chance to give back to COMPASS, Mil-

likan, and our community."

PEACE students participate in a semester long project that will have them choose a United Nations Sustainable Development goal, write a paper and do a formal presentation on how that goal impacts humans in a specific region.

PEACE graduate Andrew Herrera stated, "Taking a class such as

Justice in America really gives the students a chance to look at what's going on in our world that we normally don't focus on."

In MIT, the Capstone class is Computer Forensics. At the end of the year, students complete a simulated foren-

sics lab where they use the knowledge they have gained throughout the year.

MBA's senior project is the Virtual Enterprise class where students run a simulated business to prepare them for working in the real world.

Senior projects add a lot of work to an already busy year, and students tend to vary on their opinion on the class.

Most students feel that if you do something you're passionate about, it makes the experience much more pleasant.

There are few ways to avoid taking the senior project, and that all depends on your pathway.

A Cheerful Goodbye



PHOTO COURTESY OF GRACE CULQUI

The Millikan Varsity cheer at Millikan's final home game.

By Sara Steichen
Feature Editor

The football season has finally come to an end at Millikan. This is a bittersweet moment for many football players, as they have had a very successful season.

The players aren't the only ones feeling nostalgic, the cheerleaders largely contribute to the morale in the stadium, and have their own thoughts

on the seasons close.

Grace Culqui, a QUEST senior on varsity cheer states, "I cried at the last football game, not because I was sad that they lost, but because I was sad my favorite season was coming to an end. I love cheering for our football team, and having friends on the team makes it that much more fun!" Emma Vergara, a COMPASS senior on varsity cheer states, "Football season has always been my

favorite. The team this season was great, which made it that much more fun cheering for them on the sidelines. I am happy we made it to CIF and the season was able to last a little longer. I am sad it had to end, but cheering at those football games will forever be one of my favorite memories of high school!"

Kloe Martinez, a MIT senior who is the team manager stated, "As football season came to an end

I was sad knowing it was my last season on the sidelines but I am so proud of how far our team has gotten and happy to end the season off the way we did!"

Even though the football season is over, cheerleaders still have a lot on their plate. They now begin competition season, and have basketball games to cheer for as well.

So, when supporting new sports this season support cheer as well!

Water Polo Dives Into the Season

By Nicolas Ramos
News Editor

Millikan girls water polo starts the season off strong, winning seven of the eight games they have competed in. Five were tournament games (losing only one), and the team won all season games they competed in.

With a winning streak in the season games, it places the team in a higher chance in being able to compete in CIF. "We are working better than we did last year." says QUEST senior Sofia Bouzarif, who plays set.

"I have confidence we will go on to CIF" Sofia adds. Water polo trains vigorously every day, from 1:30-4:30. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, they arrive early in the morning at 6:00 a.m. and train in the weight room until 7:20 a.m. Their next game is on the 18th against Pacifica, and the following day on the 19th will be their first Moore League game at Cabrillo. Be sure to catch the water polo team swim to victory!

Millikan Surf Rides Through Season

By Paris Blanco
Page Editor

Millikan Surf's season this year has had surfers crying out "Cowabunga!"

They have had nine competitions since the beginning of the school year. In one of those competitions, Millikan placed second overall with Los Alamitos taking first. For the other eight competitions Millikan took first place overall.

QUEST sophomore Ezra Erler states that, "This season has been a lot of fun and there are more contests to come."

With a competitive sport also comes training. For the Millikan Surf team, training is a crucial part in being prepared for a competition.

"We go out about twice a week to surf, boogie board, or swim," says COMPASS sophomore Mike Hickey.

According to PEACE senior Brook Swanson, "We have surf two to four times a week depending on individual schedules. This means we have to be on the beach at 6:30, which means waking up at 5:45. It's totally worth it once you're out in the water. We surf from about 6:30 to 7:45 on non competition days."

For those interested in going to watch surf, most competitions take place before school from 6:30-8:30am. However,

there are a few weekend competitions through the CCSA (California Charter School Associated). Good luck throughout the season surfers!

LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

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