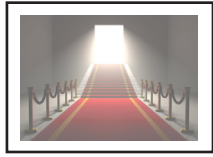




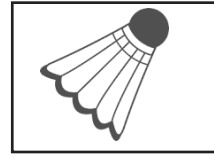
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## MILLIKAN KEEPS UP WITH THE WORLD

By Vincent Ngo  
*Sports Editor*

### US Troop Recall in Yemen

The U.S. State Department stated that the U.S. military will be pulled out of Yemen due to the deteriorating security system.

The evacuation involved about 100 Special Operations forces members from the Al Anad Airbase which is located at Lahij Governorate, Yemen. The State Department called it a temporary relocation.

### Lost City Discovered

National Geographic has discovered a lost city in the remote Honduran rainforest after an aerial light scan for man-made structures.

Archaeologists that ventured into this forgotten city were met with new-found culture that hasn't existed for thousands of years.

Many untouched sculptures were also discovered.

### New Nigerian President

Muhammadu Buhari won the Nigerian presidential election by two million votes.

For the first time in Nigeria's history, the opposition has defeated the ruling party in democratic elections.

Buhari says, "A new day and a new Nigeria are upon us. The victory is yours, and the glory is that of our nation."

### Thousands Come Together For the Armenian Genocide

In New York, thousands rally together to mark a hundred years from the Armenian Genocide.

The people involved demanded that the government classify the Armenian deaths during World War I as an act of Genocide.

## COMPASS Capstone's Gatsby Night

By Mindy Ngo  
*Staff Reporter*

As Nick Carraway said in *The Great Gatsby*, "Laughter is easier minute by minute, spilled with prodigality, tipped out at a cheerful world."

The fabulous flapper girls and the dapper men danced their way into the night as the music

PASS senior and Better Heroes lead singer, Hunter Allen.

"I thought it was amazing, a night I will never forget. It looked amazing and it made it even better spending it with my homies," says COMPASS senior Isaac Najera.

Inexpensive food and drinks served as a great energy booster after all the dancing. There was also a photo booth to cap-

*"I thought it was amazing, a night I will never forget."*  
-Isaac Najera

flowed out into the crowd.

Gatsby Night, sponsored by COMPASS Capstone, was created to raise money for Comprehensive Child Development and Millikan Giving Tree. The event raised over \$5,000.

Jazz band performed first to kick off the cheerful and exciting night followed by a performance done by COM-

ture the essence of the decade.

The event was located in the small gym and dance room on March 27 from 6 to 9 p.m.

"I like that we got to dress up and act how it was in the late 20's," says GREEN senior, Stevy Candari. "I think COMPASS did an amazing job setting the whole dance up and should throw more themed dances in the years to come."

## LAST BACKSTAGE BISTRO PERFORMANCE FOR SENIORS

By Fabiola Rojas  
*Staff Reporter*

Performing arts classes can be rewarding for all high school students. Through performing they create memories that last a lifetime. For the chorus members in the class of 2015, their last Backstage Bistro will be one to remember.

Backstage Bistro is an intimate performance the choir department puts on twice a year.

It offers three nights during one week in October and one in March when each singer courageously performs a solo with accompanist Chris Ring.

Backstage Bistro takes place behind the auditorium's main stage, where stage crew sets up tables and chairs and rows of chairs facing the stage and piano.

In the introduction and finale of bistro night, the whole group performs.

For the senior singers belonging in intermediate groups (Cecilian Singers, Concert Choir, and Vocal Ensemble), the Backstage Bistro event is a favorite.

Senior and four-year member of Cecilian Singers, Zoe Nixon, says, "There's always a lot of positive energy at the last Bistro. Everyone has such a great time."



PHOTO BY FABIOLA ROJAS

*Mickayla Prewitt, Annie Williams, and Rebecca Bybee enjoy their drinks and have a good time. Gatsby Night envisioned the 20s perfectly*

## Ghost Social Security Challenges Agencies

By Britney Atkins  
*Staff Reporter*

As weird as this may sound, deceased people up to the age of 112 are still seen with activity in their social security accounts even after their deaths.

According to the Gerontology Research Group, as of 2013 there are only 35 of the 6.5 million people that are 112 and up who are living. Only 13 of the 35 are collecting any social security money.

This exposes the fact that there is a lot of fraudulent activity going on in the system.

This is a challenge for agencies due to the costs of updating the systems. It would also require a hard copy of the person's birth certificate, which is hard to come by since many births weren't officially recorded.

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#### Quest Senior Project Night

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## Dear Editor

### Rise in Depression Among College Freshmen

I believe that majority of the senior class can relate to this.

Applying to colleges and waiting for admissions is one of the most stressful things that a senior in high school can experience.

Also, fulfilling the image of a soon to be college student is very intimidating and social media does not help either.

**Charlyn Sattore**  
Grade 12

### No Snow Means No Skiing

I know the feeling of the problems that we face in Big Bear. I have found that there is a chance that the pollution in California can be a great cause to the snow melting and the temperature rising.

The differences of the temperature has overall risen in the world, and the growth of the people overall has effected the natural resources, and our atmosphere.

**Alfred Arreola**

### The Need to Know About H2O

Lack of clean water is a world wide problem that affects people everyday. Due to this problem, many people are faced with poverty, hunger, education, and health problems.

A way we can improve on solutions would be to create a new filter system for cleaning water. Also, we can try to educate the citizens of the country so that they they can help the problem from the inside.

**Chris Brio, Lance Hazen, Thomas Pua, Dorianna Roberts**

### Research Based Editorial

Every two seconds, a girl is married before she is 18 years old. Child marriage is the marriage of children under 18. These children are usually girls and are moe often forced to marry older men, who frequently buy girls from their families by offering large dowries.

To make a change we must take an active role in protecting female rights. Starting with men and families speaking up against it.

**Melissa Uyehara, Angelica Venegas, John Garnreiter**

## Controversy Arises in AP U.S. History Course

By Mindy Ngo  
Staff Reporter

The teaching of AP U.S. history to American high schoolers across the nation has recently become a controversial issue. Many Americans argue that the teaching of United States history to high school students will promote anti-American sentiment

APUSH curriculum and the way it is being taught.

Fisher and several other states leaders from Georgia, Nebraska, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas believe that the curriculum of U.S. should revolve solely around the ideology of American Exceptionalism.

Though we should all have a sense of patriotic pride, the dark-



Many believe that the teaching of AP U.S. history should revolve around the ideology known as American Exceptionalism. American Exceptionalism is the belief that America is the best nation in the world. Oklahoma Representative Dan Fisher proposes to replace components of the

er aspects of our nation's history are vital for every citizen to learn. AP U.S. History should be taught in a way that will reveal the truth about America and its many faults, not shield the facts from students who are interested in learning the truth. APUSH should not be a one-sided course.

### HEALTH NOTE

## Pet Obesity a Common Phenomenon

By Fabiola Rojas  
Staff Reporter

It's human nature to casually rely on your pet to eat unwanted vegetables or scraps of leftovers, underneath the dinner table but owners may not be aware of what health consequences those careless habits can lead to.

Unfortunately dogs, cats, and other domesticated pets are just as prone to obesity as humans.

The 2011 studies by the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention (APOPOP) indicate 55 percent of cats and 53 percent of dogs in the U.S. were overweight or obese.

However, over 90 percent of pet owners have never been aware of pet obesity's growing problem since studies began in 2011, yet many owners don't acknowledge it.

The causes of pet obesity begin with careless overfeeding. Some owners fail to consider treats or commercial pet food as

a contributing factor, according to Dr. Ernie Ward of APOPOP.

For example, a typical dog treat is the equivalent of a human eating two double-stuffed fudge cookies.

The denial of owners of too-heavy pets lead to serious health dangers toward them, such as suffering from weight-related diseases including osteoarthritis, diabetes, respiratory problems, kidney disease, and even reduction in both quantity and quality of life.

The veterinary field also has great impact on the issue, since less than 50 percent of cat owners report to have never discussed nutrition or food choices with their vet, versus 90 percent of dog owners who report a discussion has taken place on the subject.

In order to turn around the continuing trend, it's important to take charge of a pet's diet and portions and to practice regular exercise. Pets are family and it is intolerable to allow them to become unhealthy.



## What We Learn in High School

By Jamar Moore  
Staff Reporter

Everyone wonders when exactly in life we're going to need to know the difference between a logarithm and a natural logarithm, or what part of the cell contains DNA, and I'm not exempt from this thinking.

But recently my biology teacher got me wondering. What we learn in high school isn't really about the content. Because chances are, unless we go into that line of work we're not going to remember any of it.

Even now I have a hard time remembering what lesson my algebra teacher taught, and it wasn't but two days ago.

Chances are what you learned first period will be 80 percent forgotten by sixth period. So why go to school? Well, before you think "He's right! That means I can ditch! Because the guy from the Corydon said so! WOOOOOOOO!"

Stop right there and think. Americans, contrary to popular belief, are not stupid. Ok, well, not *that* stupid. They wouldn't waste our usefulness by throwing us in schools for eight hours a day five days a week.

The purpose of high school, or rather school in general, is to learn A) How to socialize and work with others, B) How to work hard to achieve your goals and preserve, C) How to research and problems solve, and D) How to be responsible. Think about it.

Do you think dissecting a frog is ACTUALLY because everyone needs to know what the inside of a frog looks like? No, because not everyone is going to find that information useful. Some students might, and then will likely pursue a career in biology. But the purpose of labs in general is for collaboration among peers, working together to accurately and efficiently handle a task. THAT is essential in the real world, more so than that weird stick you found inside the frog you were dissecting. (true story).

And that hard math problem that you couldn't figure out? Well, if you weren't a good student (or a Jamar) you would've given up and moved on to something else.

But math teaches you that you can't just give up on a problem and ignore it, because there will be consequences. So since you're not giving up, you do research to figure out a solution.

You consult the textbook, you ask questions, you look up Internet help, anything that can help you solve your problem. This is also a skill needed in the big world. And if you just flat out ignore a n issue you can't solve, it just creates more problems.

In high school's case, it's your grade dropping. In the real worlds case, it could be much worse. So you need to be responsible for the problems you need to deal with, and for the problems that you created by not dealing with the first one.

## A Fat Cat's High Self-Esteem

By Alyssa Newkirk



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**ROVING REPORTER**

## If You Could Meet A Celebrity

By Natasia Stillman and Mindy Ngo  
*Staff Reporters*

In a recent survey students were asked which celebrity they would like to meet and where.

**Osvaldo Santiago**, GREEN senior: "I would like to meet G-Eazy at a concert."

**Keneysa McKinney**, MBA senior: "Meet Chris Paul at my house before prom."

**Weston Adams**, MBA senior: "I want to meet Kanye West in his home studio."

**Martin Sanchez**, MBA senior: "Cheech and Chong, and I would meet them at school."

**Yesenia Basulto**, PEACE senior: "Stephen Hawking in England."

**Issac Lorico**, MBA senior: "I would like to meet Sam Smith at Millikan High School."

**Michelle Shinohara**, QUEST junior: "I would like to meet Chris Pratt."

**Harmony Harp**, PEACE sophomore: "Sophia Vergara at school."

**Charish Lindsey**, PEACE sophomore: "I would like to meet the celebrity Jacques in Atlanta, Georgia."

**Chloe Ricks**, COMPASS sophomore: "Michael Clifford at a concert."

**Ashley Cortez**, PEACE freshman: "I would like to meet Beyonce at Starbucks."

**Vivian Chavez**, PEACE

freshman: "I would like to meet Norman Redus from The Walking Dead on the studio of The Walking Dead."

**Yocelyn Alvarez**, PEACE freshman: "I would like to meet Andy Biersack from Black Veil Brides in the quad area of the school."

**Tylie Johnson**, PEACE freshman: "Misty Mac-Traneor at my volleyball facility."

**Jackson Wilfong**, PEACE freshman: "I would like to meet Bob Saget."

**Rza Stewart**, MBA senior: "I would like to meet Kobe Bryant on the courts."

**Pricilla Garcia**, MBA senior: "Shawn Johnson, in the mall."

**CAREER CORNER**

## Steve Albin Creates Career With Surfboards

By Ryann Albin  
*Staff Reporter*

Steve Albin is a surfboard glosser and the owner of Aloha Glassing, a surf shop located in Westminster.

Albin first learned how to surf at the age of 14, which lead him to take an interest in surfing and becoming a glosser and surfboard maker.

There are many processes to making a surfboard, They include shaping, hotcoating,

airbrushing and glossing. A glosser is someone who applies resin on an already sanded surfboard.



Albin began his job when he was 20 years old. He apprenticed people in the field, working with many shapers and glossers, learning all the skills needed to make a surfboard.

After mastering his craft, Albin bought Aloha Glassing 16 years ago. He currently shares the shop with Robert August Surfboards.

Aloha Glassing is located at 14471 Edwards St. in Westminster.

## Interact Club, a Class Act in Service

By Alyssa Newkirk  
*Staff Reporter*

We're always told to join some clubs for our college apps but we are uninformed about what to choose.

One good club is Interact, which meets every Monday at lunch in Room 836. The club is headed by co-presidents Ellie Ng and Jessica Lam.

QUEST English Teacher Katie Hickox, club sponsor, says, "We adopt one local Long Beach charity every fall, plus we offer a way for students to meet and collaborate with industry experts from the Long Beach Rotary."

Interact participated in their annual Adopt-a-Family for Christmas fundraiser this past year, as well as raise money for the Ronald McDonald House.

Rotary International, a global service organization for adults and leaders in the business world,

offers scholarships as well as sponsor charities for students and deserving individuals worldwide.

Hickox says, "These valuable interactions between Millikan students and community business leaders are a powerful part of how Interact impacts the Millikan community."

Alex Drakoln, QUEST senior, says, "Being in Interact has been a very beneficial aspect of my time in high school. It's, for the most part, an interesting club that has a lot of fun helping the community. It was fun being able to work with the Long Beach community leaders." Why should you join Interact? Hickox says, "Most colleges consider community service, as well as the participation in clubs, on college applications."

The Rotary club and their student affiliate, Interact, offers a well-established service learning opportunity."

**BOOK REVIEW**

## Riordan Closes Epic Series With *The Blood of Olympus*

By Jamar Moore  
*Staff Reporter*

*The Heroes of Olympus: The Blood of Olympus* is the last book in the Heroes of Olympus series by Rick Riordan. Over the course of five books seven children of the gods must stop the Earth mother, Gaea, from rising and

causing chaos across the world with her army of monsters.

If you're familiar with Rick Riordan books, you'll know what to expect; witty banter, horrendous monsters, and descriptive fight scenes. For those who haven't read any books in the *Heroes of Olympus* series, it is a spin-off of the Percy Jackson series, a

## Youth Leadership Long Beach

By Charles Blanchard  
*Editor-In-Chief*

When it comes to participating in your community, there are quite a few ways to volunteer and help out. One in particular stands out to students at Millikan.

Youth Leadership Long Beach is a community-organized program, which has a goal to teach high school students leadership principles that they can apply to their own lives.

Youth Leadership has roughly 40 members, which include sophomores, juniors, and seniors, along with alumni and other members of the community who help on projects.

Some events that the organization has been involved in include the Long Beach Marathon, Robo Bowl, Martin Luther King Day parade, and the Martin Luther King Day of service.

Students typically visit places like Boeing, the Port of Long Beach, and City Hall to

apply their principles of integrity, teamwork, respect, compassion, vision, courage, service, and trusteeship that they have been taught.

Emmanuel Torres, QUEST junior, explained why he is happy he joined Youth Leadership, "You're able to make friends and open your eyes to certain aspects of Long Beach you didn't really know about."

Another member, Terrance Nance, PEACE junior says that he devotes roughly 15 hours a week to the organization, which is how much each student typically devotes weekly.

Nance shared why he thinks students should join Youth Leadership, "It's a great opportunity to get involved in the community and grow as a leader in more ways than one."

To apply for Youth Leadership students are required to be at least a sophomore, junior, or senior enrolled in high school, and provide a letter of recommendation and an application.

## No Joke, How Did April Fool's Day Start?

By Britney Atkins  
*Staff Reporter*

The first of April has become a day when people cringe at every corner waiting for that treacherous prank that is bound to happen. Or, for others, a day when they can't wait to wreak havoc on some poor unsuspecting fool.

Despite all the pranks, nobody ever talks about the origins of April Fools Day.

There are many theories as to why April 1 is celebrated, but the most common one is that, in 1582, Pope Gregory XIII declared a new standard calendar for Christian Europe.

Before the 15th century, Europe's nations and city states used the Julian calendar. The Gregorian calendar, however, moved the date of the new year from April 1 to January 1. Catholic monarchies were the first to adopt this new calendar and Protestant nations eventually followed.

Some Europeans continued to celebrate the New Year between March 25 and April 1, even after the change. They became April's fools because they still celebrated the holiday in spring, and were subject to pranks and ridicule by those who observed the New Year months ago.



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## Badminton Athletes Give Insight Into the Game



PHOTO BY FABIOLA ROJAS

Star varsity partners senior Marrion Lapitan (left) and senior Issac Lorico (right) during their first mixed round on Tuesday, March 31 vs. Lakewood.

By Fabiola Rojas  
Staff Reporter

As the badminton season continues the team practices hard to obtain at least a few wins.

Every week the team plays two games. Their most recent games were against Compton and Wilson.

The team showed improvement during the match against Wilson on March 24. They lost by only one point.

According to varsity player Leah Boyer, the coaches have required each player to write a reflection on their performance after their match against Poly, listing their positives and negatives in the match.

The March 31 match versus Lakewood was an unfortunate loss, but the team had a big audience in the Millikan gym.

Their latest match on April 16, was against Jordan at the Millikan gym. The Rams lost by one point after the final count of each match score.

Their away match on April 21, against Compton, resulted in a victory for the Rams.

The team continues to improve when it comes to skill. Key players, such as varsity senior Issac Lorico, dominated at singles.

Freshmen players are also common on the JV squad. Junior varsity freshman Parker Concannon says, "Badminton is a stimulating experience, physically and mentally, to each of us."

The final game for the badminton team was against Wilson, at Wilson on April 23.

They began Moore League during the week of April 27.

## Track Hits the Ground Running

By Alyssa Newkirk  
Staff Reporter

Many Millikan students converge on the track daily to improve their performance for the spring season through practice and track meets.

The runners at Millikan make up the core of the track team, most of whom participate in multiple events.

Dylan Zuelke, QUEST senior, says, "My goals for this season are based mostly on times. I hope to hit 4:40 or faster for the 1600m and 10:40 for the 3200m races."

Melanee Williams, COMPASS senior, says, "My coach always tells us, 'Fast doesn't happen by accident.'"

Zuelke says, "In the off season I do easy long runs and core workouts. It helps prepare me for the shorter distances compared to cross country."

"This past summer I went through intense weight training," Williams says.

Williams says, "I am just glad to be a part of a team that encourages one another and has coaches that believe I can achieve my future goals."

"As challenging and as frustrating as it may be to not hit a new PR [personal record], nothing compares to the moment when you finally do," says Zuelke.

## Men's Volleyball Takes an Unexpected Outcome

By Mindy Ngo  
Staff Reporter

The men's volleyball team had a rough start to their season and is currently 5-5.

"We may not get first, but we still have a good shot of making it to CIF as is," says QUEST senior co-captain Tyler Moy.

Coach Johnson knows the team can come together as one whole unit, but they need to play as one, not individually.

QUEST senior co-captain Arthur Porter says, "The team will improve when we all start playing for each other and not ourselves. Volleyball is truly one of the last

team sports because without all six players trying their hardest nothing can be accomplished."

"I am hopeful we can get back on track. It's been rough, but smooth seas never made a skillful sailor," says PEACE senior Josh Eddens.

"The season so far hasn't gone as planned, but we will continue to work hard and practice," says MIT senior Tony Arias.

Millikan played against Wilson on April 23. Millikan played well but in the end lost five sets to Wilson.

With only a few games left before CIF, the team hopes to finish off with a satisfying season.

## Ram's Baseball Team Dominates the Diamond

By Britney Atkins  
Staff Reporter

Millikan's baseball team is off to more wins than losses (17 to 7). Last year's record was 18-11-1, and the Rams were co-champions with Wilson in Moore League.

With high hopes to continue this winning streak, junior Griffin Keller, right fielder says, "We're off to a great start and we are the front-runners to win the Moore League this year. I also believe we will go deep into

the CIF Division 1 playoffs."

Millikan won their game against Lakewood on April 20.

Millikan began their Moore League season with a loss to Wilson, with the final score of 1-0.

When asked about how Wilson performed, Millikan's coach Scott Glasser said, "They made all the plays. It's a very simple story to write tonight."

Millikan will play in the Redondo Beach Tournament this weekend before resuming league play against Cabrillo and Poly next week.

## Millikan's Golf Team Goes to Knabe Cup

By Vincent Ngo  
Sports Editor

Millikan's varsity golf team played at the Knabe Cup Tournament on

Cruz's overall score was 85 strokes, Campano had a final stroke of 78, Henderson swung 73 strokes, and Sonoda scored 74 strokes throughout the tournament.

*"This tournament had some of the best players/teams from California, and managing sixth place was an awesome victory for the team."*

April 15, which was hosted at the Lakewood Country Club.

The Knabe Cup is an annual CIF sanctioned golf tournament for high school boys and girls teams in the Fourth District, which is hosted by Los Angeles Supervisor Don Knabe.

Though Millikan was strong in the tournament; Palo Verde took home first place.

The Millikan players who were at the tournament were; freshman MJ De La Cruz, sophomore Kyle Campano, junior Todd Henderson, senior Jack Sonoda, and coach Robert Tomlin.

These four students played with 35 other schools across Los Angeles, such as Wilson and Palo Verde.

Campano says that the tournament was a fun experience and that he enjoyed meeting new people.

"I felt that I played pretty well, and even though we placed sixth out of 36, we were happy to play," says Campano.

"This tournament had some of the best players/teams from California, and managing sixth place was an awesome victory for the team," says Sonoda, "Good job varsity squad!"



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