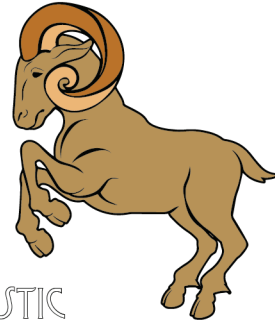


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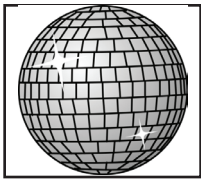
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'Apocalypse' Comes With Humor

By Taylor Ichikawa
Staff Reporter

Many people enjoy TV shows like The Walking Dead, movies like The Hunger Games, and books like The Maze Runner. What do they all have in common? Survival.

November 20 was the closing night of the Millikan High School play *Apocalypse*. Directed by Wendy Atwell and based on the book by Richard Bellamy, the play is about a normal family that gets caught in the middle of an invasion that quickly turns into an apocalyptic event.

Though Atwell stated that the play was meant to be a comedy, an Apocalypse doesn't sound like your typical humor candidate. But, the play begs to differ.

Yet Jenna Nhean, QUEST freshman, states some sort of

agreement, saying, "It was funny, but I was annoyed by the main character."



The Play, however, does leave us with some serious reflection.

It makes us wonder if we will eventually undergo some type of trauma. And as the play conveys through the aspiring main character, we realize how selfish we are and how much we must give up to keep your basic needs. We think everything we're given is for granted.

One of Millikan's Favorite Traditions



PHOTO BY BRITNEY ATKINS

The Mr. RAM 2015 winner is senior Judah Stinson. The annual pageant was held in the Millikan gymnasium on November 17. There were seven other runner up's who participated in the event.

Homeless During the Holidays

By Sara Steichen
Staff Reporter

This holiday season will be filled with delectable food, cozy nights, and wonderful memories. But for 610,042 homeless people in the United States it will be nothing of the sorts.

Imagine not going to your grandma's house on Thanksgiving. Imagine not having your favorite side dish or dessert. Imagine waking up on December 25th and not having any gifts under your tree.

Try to picture those things, and think about what you can

do. Consider the local charities you could donate to. Such as the L.A Food Bank. Also try to picture those things when you see someone asking for your change on the side of the road or when you are leaving a grocery store. Take a moment and buy them a take out meal or beverage.

No matter what amount you can give back it can make all the difference to someone in need. So this holiday season when you are making memories with your friends and family think of the other unfortunate people in the U.S. They need a holiday too.

Millikans Blood Drive Saves Lives

By Vincent Ngo
Sports Editor

The Red Cross's blood drive was held on December 14 inside the big gym.

You can find contracts around the school, 300 and 400 bulletinboards, and the ASBroom.

Sixteen year olds were able to sign up for the blood drive with permission from their par-

QUEST senior Edgar Lopez, the president of the Red Cross Blood Drive club, says, "This year we are hoping to get enough people to beat last years blood donations [240 donations] or a least enough to beat Wilsons this year."

The blood drive is important because each pint of blood saves three people, so the club tries to collect as



**American
Red Cross**

ents and a filled out safety form. Students who were seventeen and eighteen were able to freely join the blood drive after filling out the safety form. Sixteen year olds need to sign the contract with parent consent and fill out a safety form. If you're seventeen you need to sign the contract. If you're eighteen you're allowed to go freely to the blood drive.

many donations as they can.

"If you are going to be giving blood make sure you eat a good breakfast and expect to be at the Blood drive for about 30 to 45 minutes," says Lopez.

Individuals who weigh over 150 pounds were eligible to donate twice the amount of blood, two pints instead of one, saving more lives.

Interacts' Adopt-a-Family Right Around the Corner

By Britney Atkins
Webpage Editor

Every year Interact club's Adopt-a-Family is held around the holiday season. The sole purpose of this event is to give to less fortunate families who haven't had the privilege of getting the things they wanted on their wish lists.

The Rotary Club of Long Beach provides Interact Club with the families. The club's job is to work to raise funds for the Rotary Club to match what they raised; so

that the families can get everything they've wanted for Christmas.

This will take place on Saturday, December 12 at Target on Bellflower and Sterns at 2 p.m.

On Monday December 14, the Interact Club's members were hard at work wrapping the gifts. Distribution of these gifts will be on Friday December 18, right afterschool.

If anyone is interested in helping with any upcoming event or maybe want to join for the extra service hours, feel free to come into room 836 at lunch on Mondays.

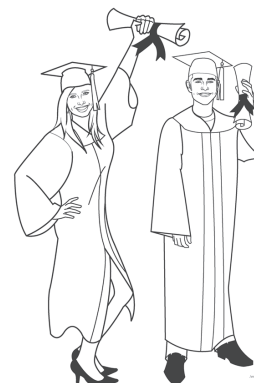
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Dear Editor

Millikan’s Haunted House
Draws Large Crowd

I believe that it’s people like Jacob Hicks that give this school some spirit. Events like this make school fun and exciting to attend. I appreciate the effort and extra time people put in to make these events possible. I attend because thats what gives us experiences in high school. It’s not all about the class room experiences.

Aldo G. Vargas
Grade 12

JV Water Polo Wins Moore
League

Being on Millikan’s JV team meant so much this year because all the excrutiating hours of practice paid off. Next year I won’t be here but I hope that our JV team will keep the momentum going.

Kristos Castaneda
Grade 12

Marching Band Competes at
SCSBOA Tournament

I absolutely enjoy marching band competitions. Yes, they are nerve-wracking but I am so elated once we are off the field. I am so lucky and glad to have Kai Bauer and Brandon Rhodes as our drum majors this year to lead us to success.

Jeremy Rodrigues
Grade 11

New Science Teacher

In my sophomore year I had Ms. Cox as a long-term sub. I personally enjoyed having her as a teacher because she was very welcoming, helpful and she made learning fun. She would always leave her door open just in case anyone needed the extra help. I am extremely happy she has been offered a full-time position at Millikan.

Alexis Delima
Grade 12

Carne or Carcinogen?

Most Americans are meat-eaters and probably don’t know the statistics Cox presented. This being said, I feel that students need to be informed about their diets by incorporating more articles pertaining to the subject, urging them to reflect on their eating habits.

Vanndearlyn Vong
Grade 11

ROVING REPORTER

Who Makes the First Move to Ask Someone to Winter Formal?



“I think the guy, because that’s the traditional way.”
Macy Onkman
Grade 9



“It doesn’t matter!”
Georgia Hilleshiem
Grade 10



“Either way, because a lot of people think it would be weird for the girl to ask the guy, but it’s fine.”
Zane Hastings
Grade 11



“The guy should make the first move since it’s the proper and chivalrous way to do it.”
Jake Moritz
Grade 12

Oxford English Dictionary Adds Emoji
as the 2015 Word of the Year

By Alyssa Newkirk
Editorial Editor

Let’s face it, many teenagers use emojis when texting friends and family. Some emojis have been replacing words in the day-to-day vocabulary for people with emoji-capable phones or other devices.

For the year 2015, the Oxford English Dictionary welcomes the newest addition to the giant book of words. That word just so happens to be the “laughing-crying” emoji.

According to the writers of the Oxford Dictionary, the emoji “best represents the ethos, mood and preoccupations of 2015.”

The “laughing-crying” or “tears-of-joy” emoji was used the most globally in 2015.

Oxford Dictionary paired with a company known as Swift-key to help determine the most used emojis throughout the year.



The emoji made it into the shortlist of potential words such as “dark web”, “on fleek” and “lumbersexual”.

Most teenagers have heard of the term “on fleek” meaning “the quality of being perfect.”

“Lumbersexual” roughly means “a man who lives an outdoor lifestyle in an urban

area while keeping a beard.”

Stephanie Mendoza-Jimenez, QUEST junior, says, “I think it’s interesting and kind of humorous that the “laughing-crying” emoji is considered the word of the year. I never could have imagined the possibility of an emoji being a word. It’s also symbolic though. It shows how much technology is influencing our language as well as the power adolescents have to cause change.”

I think that “dark web” is better suited for the dictionary environment and allows Internet users to know what else is out there.

Dark web is the part of the world wide web that is only accessible with special software that allows users and website operators to remain anonymous on the Internet.

The Tradition
of Stockings

By Emmanuel Evans
Staff Reporter

Stockings have been an essential part of the Christmas tradition for centuries.

The legend behind stockings began with a widowed man and his three daughters who went through hard times, barely surviving.

The girls finished their laundry Christmas Eve and hung their stockings to dry [by the fire with care].

While everyone in the house was asleep, St. Nicholas slid down the chimney and filled the stockings with gold coins.

The tradition has since evolved from actual socks into beautiful personalized needle-point stockings.

Shots Heard Around
the World

By Sean Isma
Front Editor

In the wake of the Paris bombings on Friday, November 13, lawmakers in the United Kingdom voted to respond to this act of terrorism.

At the meeting 620 lawmakers cast their vote on the subject. Three hundred ninty-seven voted in favor of launching air strikes against ISIS compared to the 223 who voted against it.

Four British fighter jets took off from Akrotiri air base located in Cyprus, and headed to Syria. Their goal: to execute

airstrikes on ISIS strongholds.

British Prime Minister David Cameron categorized ISIS as a “fundamental threat to our security”.

According to the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), there is no definitive timescale as to when these airstrikes will end.

However, some believe that the attacks should end soon, within months or even weeks, if their successes in the attack continue without larger opposition.

Cameron assures that his *only* goal is to eradicate ISIS and to help establish a new and better government for the Syrian people.

Oh, Christmas Tree?

By Michael Malinski
Staff Reporter

How can you have Christmas without a proper Christmas tree?

The tree is a symbol of joy and is a strong tradition throughout the United States. However, a new debate surfaces: Should the tree be real or fake?

Artificial trees’ most prominent advantage is the cost. Real trees can run up to \$200 dollars each year, but for the same amount of money, a fake tree is a one-time investment.

Also, real trees need to be watered and they are also a huge fire hazard.

However, there are a lot of

good reasons to get a real tree instead.. The main reason is that a real tree gives your home an aroma like no other. It just makes it smell like the holidays are coming.

Live trees are also grown in the U.S., and with the majority of farms committed to recycling programs that replace every cut tree with a new sapling, they are better for our economy than trees stamped Made-in-China.

Fake trees are made of plastic that can’t break down when they eventually land in the landfill, but real trees can be mulched.

In my opinion, real trees are better and worth it in the long run. Unless, of course, you’re allergic to them or if you have pets that are sensitive to the pine needles.

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Don't Twiddle Your Thumbs: Alternatives for Your Winter Break

By Hannah Torres
Staff Reporter

For some students, winter break can't come fast enough. Once that final bell rings it's the beginning of two weeks of pure tranquility. However, as the holidays quickly pass the boredom begins to set in immediately. The result is long afternoons of nothing but channel surfing. It's time that the high school students take charge of their winter break and explore new things to pass the time. Sometimes the best way to do this is by pushing beyond your comfort zone. Some people naturally love to stay home and that's

understandable. You'd be surprised at how many different things there are to do within the four walls of your humble abode. Some individuals consider themselves cookie cutter kind of people (literally). If that's the case, take a chance and experiment with a new recipe. There's nothing better than the sweet taste of a successful baking session. For the linguistic type, cuddling up and reading a good book can be a great way to spend the lazy days trying to escape the nippy weather. If you have the sudden itch to write, try drafting a letter to someone you care about. Not only will this brighten their day, but also

a certain satisfaction comes with rekindling long lost friendships. Those who are more artsy can redecorate a room in their house or spend time doodling the hours away. You never know what may come from a spontaneous art splurge. If none of these activities sound appealing to you, there is an endless amount of bubble baths yet to be taken, puzzles waiting to be solved, naps left to be enjoyed, and new movies eager to be watched.

When worst comes to worst, you can always begin working on homework that may have been assigned over break. It's always good to be one step ahead. People who find themselves bored may have the urge to get out and see past their front door. This is the perfect opportunity to take a leisurely stroll through your neighborhood and admire the holiday decorations. Sometimes the sight of Christmas lights can put a positive spin on your whole day. If walks aren't your thing, take your bike and pick up the speed. Your community has a number of exciting events taking place during the holidays. Some

cities offer free concerts that students can attend and holiday parades that are open to the public. Grab a friend, be adventurous and make some memories. Don't forget to give back to your community and offer help to those in need of a little love this winter. There's always a sufficient demand for volunteers and assistance during the holidays. If volunteering isn't your thing, round up some friends and gather some donations for a local organization. Make an effort to do something more with your winter break this year. There's so much out there beyond so take this opportunity to create some warm smiles and good laughs.

Pancreatic Cancer Receives a Well Deserved Voice

By Taylor Ichikawa and Emily Helms
Staff Reporters

Most sixteen-year-old students don't do extraordinary things. They don't meet Congress to discuss cancer organizations. They usually don't join lifesaving cancer charities. But 11th grader Emily LaSalle has. This QUEST student has done a lot more than just study. In her fifth grade year, her father died of pancreatic cancer. 10-year-old Emily had had no exposure to cancer before. Pancreatic cancer is the most deadly with a 7% survival rate. Soon after her father died, LaSalle and her mother got active in the pancreatic cancer support community, doing walks, fundraisers, and meetings. All of this led to the then 10th grader LaSalle going to Washington, D.C. "It was crazy, but super empowering." She recalls. She spent a day just about training to speak to Congress. The next day, the speakers



PHOTO COURTESY EMILY LASALLE
Emily LaSalle, second from left, accepts an award with her mother for her work toward pancreatic cancer.

from pancreatic cancer groups all over the country went to Congress. LaSalle was the youngest speaker there. She will continue her advocacy of cancer. "This year, we are going back to D.C. [to continue the community improvement]," she says, excited at the prospect. Last year she founded a club at Millikan called Lend a Hand, which meets in Ms. Davis's room. Her club helped Purplestride of Orange County, a walk for pancreatic cancer. "My goal," she says, "is to work towards more awareness [for pancreatic cancer]."

BOOK REVIEW "Career of Evil" From the Bestselling Author J.K. Rowling

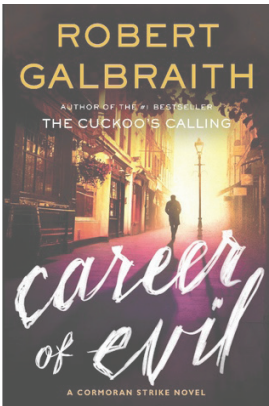
By Sophie Morrison
Head Reporter

In the third installment of her highly acclaimed crime fiction series, J.K. Rowling, writing as Robert Galbraith, explores a darker case for protagonist Cormoran Strike. As in her last two novels of the same series, Rowling follows

Detective Cormoran Strike and his partner Robin Ellacot as they follow up on a mysterious and disturbing package they receive. This package, a severed leg, leads them on a complicated search throughout all of Britain investigating culprits from Strike's past. Unlike the first two novels, Career of Evil delves deeper into

the mysterious past of Robin Ellacot, and Rowling allows the reader to feel empathy for the character previously unexplored. This book, although part of a series, can be read by anybody who is interested, as Rowling passes with flying colors when establishing the plot and the characters, without forcing the reader to have any background

knowledge about any of her previous books within the series. In my opinion, this series is one of the most entertaining and well-written works of crime fiction in recent memory, and demonstrates Rowling's unique writing style. Each book leaves the reader truly satisfied at the way each subplot combines together to create an entire, wonderful mystery.



December Visions Open Mic Night

By Jamar Moore
Feature Editor

This month's Visions Open Mic Night was filled with music, poems, comedy, and horrible Christmas sweaters. It was quite an entertaining night. The show was hosted by QUEST senior Emily Cox, who also recited a poem inspired by Allen Ginsburg with the help of her bongo boy, Isaac Palacios. There were plenty of other poems. A notable one was Mary Worthmans about her family struggles and hunger. There were also multiple musical acts, including Better Heroes Hunter Allen performing a solo with his voice and guitar combo. Another performance included Michelle Shinohara who wowed the crowd with her rapping. Cassette Culture played as well, aided by Kai Bauer on the drum chair. You can catch the next Open Mic after winter break.

CAREER CORNER What's It Like to Be a Lender?

By Emily Cox
Staff Reporter

Charles Cox, a regional manager at GM Financial, had a lot to say about lending. "Never co-sign anything as long as you live. I don't care if you owe this person your life, they will ruin your credit." This, among other gifts of wisdom, is just one of the perks of having manned his own branch of auto-loans for upwards of fifteen years. Not only does he have all the inside information on auto-loan do's and don'ts, he also has bragging rights, being among the few people to be able to say that they approved Caitlyn Jenner for a car loan on her very own black Escalade. Some of his other favorite work experiences include office picnics, Christmas parties, casual Fridays, and the intimacy he shares with each and every one of his employees, saying "I operate as not only a boss, but a confidante."



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They Live for the Applause

By Hannah Torres
Staff Reporter

Long Beach Unified School Districts’ 31st annual Band Spectacular is the final showcase for marching bands across the city. Nearly every high school in Long Beach participates in the event, bringing together approximately 500 musicians ready to entertain a crowd every year. This year’s Band Spectacular was held on November 17 at Cabrillo High School. By 7 p.m. the stands were jam-packed with friends, family, teachers and even a handful of next year’s incoming freshmen. Millikan’s marching band director, Rudolf Picanco, described this year’s Band Spec-

tacular as “a very strong show. Each ensemble gave the audience one of the best performances they had produced throughout the entire season.” The culmination of the evening was when all six marching bands took the field at once and played in unison. The finale included, “In Defense of Liberty” arranged by Jay Dawson, “Get Lucky/Happy” arranged by Gordon Henderson and “Everything is Awesome” arranged by Ralph Ford. Band Spectacular signified the end to a long field show season. QUEST freshman Julian Covarrubias says, “Band Spectacular was such an emotional night. We finally saw all of our hard work pay off.”



PHOTO BY ALYSSA NEWKIRK

Millikan Madness Introduces New Teams

PEACE junior Tyler Frierson shoots a freethrow during the coed varsity basketball game at Millikan Madness, held on November 19 in the gym. The event showcased the new basketball teams for this season.

Boys Soccer Gears Up for Season

By Hannah Torres
Staff Reporter

“Man, did you make the team?” chirped COMPASS soccer player Austin Tubbs from behind QUEST teammate Raul Melchor. They both stood in front of the list posted on the bulletin and scanned it in search of their names. This was the ongoing question being passed around the boys’ locker rooms during the month of November. Tryouts for the 2015-2016 season have been ongoing since the beginning of the school year.

The coaches made sure each contender was placed on the appropriate team according to his skill level: the perfect recipe for a successful soccer program. For every athlete, the start of a new season is the equivalent to a clean slate. This is their opportunity to improve their skills on and off the field from long hours of training and mental preparation. Millikan coaches have established that preparation is key in order to bring home the gold. QUEST sophomore Omar Lezma claims, “Frosh/soph is definitely ready. It’s a mentality game. We’re going to go

out there and do what we’ve got to do. It’s that simple.” Millikan’s boys frosh/soph soccer team won the Moore League title 25 out of 26 times. JV has built a new team from the ground up this year. “Everyone on the team is connected in one way or another. We all truly care about each other’s success and I think that’s what’s going to make us successful this year,” states freshman Raul Melchor. Captain Gaspar Garza says, “I’m really confident in this season for varsity. We have a great team this year, and each player is ready to work their hardest on the field.”

Fresh/Soph Volleyball Team Serves Up a Good Season

By Melissa Sahlin
Staff Reporter

Women’s volleyball team had six wins over four losses, but the season finally came to an end. Annaliese Guthmann, a ninth grader on the team, says, “We played best during our first game with Poly. Even though we lost, we worked together and played aggressive, offensively and defensively.” Annaliese also explains that being on this team brought her and the other players clos-

er together. She says, as they learned more about each other the team bonded stronger, which caused them to work harder together on the court. The volleyball team’s most memorable game for them was once again the Poly game, where the team worked their hardest. Annaliese says, “Although we lost this game, we held our heads high and had lots of fun playing against Poly.” Overall this was a successful season with more wins than losses, played by a team bonded tightly together with friendship.

Girls Soccer Strikes Again

By Taylor Ichikawa
Staff Reporter

The Millikan girl’s soccer teams began their season on December 1st, scoring three wins all against Downey High School. The Rams started off on the right foot with frosh winning 2-0, JV, 3-0, and varsity,

4-0. With these scores, the Rams hope to make it to finals. “Our team has shown great signs [of success] after just our first game,” says Nicole Gates, QUEST freshman and freshman/sophomore team goalie. “We will only move forward from here. I’m excited to see where the season takes us as a team.”

Girls Water Polo Ready to Dive Into Season

By Sean Isma
Staff Reporter

As fall sports come to a close, students and coaches are preparing for the upcoming winter sports. The Millikan girls water polo team is one of them. Senior QUEST varsity player, Annabelle MacDonald hopes that their improvement in ball movement, swimming, and speed can earn some wins, and

possibly a Moore League title. Vivian Garcia, a junior varsity player, believes that “Although we are the underdogs in the Long Beach Moore League, we plan on working, fighting, and playing harder than any other team in the league, in order to bring victories, pride, and a championship to our school.” These young ladies are looking to make the best of their final season.



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