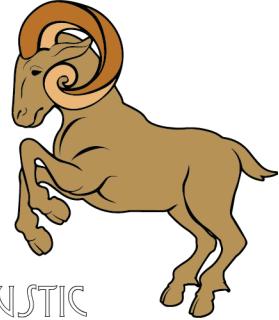


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Poetry Out Loud Winner Takes Millikan to County Level Competition



PHOTO COURTESY OF CENNEMI DIAZ

Cennemi Diaz won first place at Millikan as well as district wide in the annual poetry competition.

By Sean Isma
Front-page editor

Poetry is much more than words arranged in stanzas. It is an art form, as beautiful as the one reciting it for the annual Poetry Out Loud contest. Cennemi Diaz, a QUEST junior, won first place this year at Millikan and for the Long Beach district.

Diaz recited "Caged Bird" by Maya Angelou and "Obedience or the Lying Tale" by Jennifer Chang at the contest.

She also recently participated at the Urban Ocean Poetry contest that is held at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach and received third place honors there.

Along with her love of poetry, Diaz enjoys public speaking as well as writing her own poetry. She says that her strategy for writing is to just let her emotions take over and pour out onto paper.

Although she denies being the next Emily Dickinson, she plans on participating in more poetry competitions during high school.

'Thoroughly Modern Millie' Charms Audiance

By Melissa Sahlin
Staff Reporter

"Thoroughly Modern Millie" premiered on February 25 and ran through the 27th in the Millikan High School auditorium.

"Millie, a girl from a small town in Kansas, moves to New York in hopes of finding a job and marrying her wealthy employer," explains Natalie Gissel, a ninth grader taking part in the play.

It features Jisel Ayon as Millie Dillmount, Nathan Jimenez as Jimmy Smith, Graham Wojcik as Trevor Graydon, Emily LaSalle as Miss Dorothy, Alexis Hull as Ms. Meers, and Gigi Sierra as Muzzy Van Hossmere.

"She is really ambitious and going after her goal," says Ayon, QUEST senior who has been devoted to drama for the past four years, "Her and Dorothy go on a journey to discover who they are and what they want."

This cast is really great and very supportive of each other.

Feel the Love From ASB

By Britney Atkins
Web Editor

ASB has been working hard this year to raise school spirit.

It's evident in their successful Pennies for Patients drive recently when they collected nearly 100 pounds of pennies from Period 4 classes.

The winning class, Mr. McFarland's (with 40 pounds), won a pizza party. Ms. Grothe's class came in second with 25.8 lbs., Ms. Boyd followed with 13.7 and Ms. Davis with 12 lbs. The money is donated to childhood cancer research.

ASB was also responsible for all the bubble wrap on the outside of the 900 Building on Friday, February 19. Students enjoyed the surprise as well as the feel of popping bubbles as they walked across it.

As one student said, "Who doesn't like to pop bubble wrap?"

A week earlier, ASB decorated the campus with pink balloons and love notes to celebrate Valentine's Day.

There were only a few senior girls but I feel like they've left a good legacy. I know the underclassmen will push drama in a good direction."

A lot of work was put into to the play by actors, dancers, grips, and stage crew to perfect this outstanding production.

Jasmine Murray, QUEST senior and stage manager says, "The collaboration between the orchestra, drama, and stage crew has made for a wonderful production that I think everyone should see."

"Millikan's performances are high quality and the actors are amazing," says junior Georgia Westwood, member of ensemble. "The drama department is why I came to Millikan."

Sydney Gates, QUEST sophomore stated, "I'm really proud of this production and the cast and crew. Everyone has put a lot of hard work into this play."

Sophomore Eliza Zawacki shares, "This is such a big show, one of the biggest we've done. It's been so fun to work with everyone."

Even though the drama department has faced challenges in the past, they still have persevered.

Ayon says, "Well we took a big hit when we lost the black box and had to move and find space for everything. There's lots of new people and it's flourished."

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Ram Roving Reporter



Millikan Keeps Up with the World

By Hannah Torres
Staff Reporter

Presidential Race Sweeps the Nation

The presidential primary elections began on February 5 in Iowa. Candidate Ted Cruz won the G.O.P nomination with eight electoral votes. Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton won with 23 votes. On February 9, Republican candidate Donald Trump won in New Hampshire with 10 electoral votes along with Democrat Bernie Sanders with 15 votes. Trump also won

the primary in South Carolina.

History in the Making

Pope Francis met with Russian Orthodox leader, Patriarch Kirill this month. The historic meeting was the first between a Pope and a Russian Church head since the Western and Eastern branches of Christianity split in the 11th Century.

Sprinting Towards Victory

The 31st annual Los Angeles Marathon was held February 14.

Mens' winner, Weldon Kirui of Kenya, finished with a time of 2:13:07. Womens' winner, Natalia Lehonkova of Ukraine, finished with a time of 2:30:42.

Greatness at the Grammys

The 2016 Grammys were held on CBS on February 15. Performers included Lionel Richie, The Weeknd, Kendrick Lamar and many more. Taylor Swift accepted the award for Album of the Year for "1989." Record of the Year was awarded to Mark Ronson and Bruno Mars for "Uptown Funk."

Dear Editor

"A Teen's View on Social Isolation and Depression"

If mental health becomes a priority in society, those who suffer may gather the courage to seek help. Resources to combat depression need to become more widely available so that people can get a deeper understanding of what depression actually is.

Caroline Veliz
Grade 12

"AP Round-Up Coming Around the Bend"

Taking AP may be challenging, but it helps prepare students for college-level work. Even if a student doesn't pass the AP test, taking an AP class is a great learning experience and provides a sufficient amount of background knowledge for when it's time to take the same course in college.

Vanndearlyn Vong
Grade 11

When I decided to take AP classes, I had a few fears about my abilities. I thought it would be way too much work. After weighing out the pros and cons, I decided that I would work hard and I would be okay. I'm happy to say I'm doing well in all three of my AP courses.

Yessenia Popoca
Grade 11

"Domestic Abuse Surges on Super Bowl Sunday"

I just want to let every girl know you are not alone. You just need to speak up and be heard. It will not only help you, but it will also help reach out to other teenage girls in the same situation. Remember ladies, you have a voice that can be heard if you step up and seek help.

Kassandra Gonzalez
Grade 12

"Health Risks Rising in Rio"

Pollution has increased over the past few years and it has become a health hazard in Rio de Janeiro. It's not only affecting the Olympics, but everyone that lives there. Now is the time to start a change to try and solve pollution.

Melisa Quintana
Grade 11

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Vending Machine Consumerism**A Tasty Future**

By Rebecca Beltran
Staff Reporter

As vending machines become more common on campus, many parents think that their children will purchase unhealthy snacks. But is that really the case?

Schools are also concerned about the health and well-being of their students, therefore vending machines offer a variety of healthier options such as Gatorade, protein bars, and granola. The prices of snacks are reasonably affordable.

Vending machines are easy to access, and conveniently located on campus. They drew a lot of attention when they

were first installed this year.

Students can easily get what they want with just a few dollars in a matter of seconds.

Vending machines help keep kids on campus, especially when they have long days of classes and practice. This, for some student-athletes, is a major time saver.

Students no longer have to cross Spring Street to get a snack. For parents this is a huge relief. They don't have to worry about how safe their child is on the streets around Millikan.

As Millikan brings more vending machines on campus, consider the advantages that come with some loose change and the click of a button.

Oculus Rift Still Too Opulent

By Michael Malinski
Staff Reporter



A few weeks back, a company known as Oculus Virtual Reality (VR) announced that the Oculus Rift, a device similar to glasses that brings people into an interactive game, movie, or video, will be priced at \$599. However, some say it is overpriced.

The Rift has its own set of games and functions that make it almost an entirely new console, and with the gimmick of virtual reality, its price point is realistic for a launch.

It also allows users to watch movies in an interactive style, allowing them to experience a 'new world'.

A new invention with new patents are expensive to make. Oculus VR will experiment to mass produce the Rift in a more efficient and cheaper way than building them slowly one by one.

Sooner or later there will be a break-through which will lower cost.

Overall, the Oculus Rift has a price that isn't reasonable for the average customer, but reasonable for the technology itself.

Sex Ed Is Tough Topic for Teens

By Dayquan Moeller
Staff Reporter

Governor Jerry Brown's bill making sex education mandatory once again for all students is a milestone. Not only is sex-ed important for a student's education, but also includes subjects such as: same-sex attraction, gender identity, sexual assault, and sexual harassment.

The statistics of on-campus sexual assault are startling and unacceptable.

A recent CNN survey found that 23% of women will have experienced a sexual assault in their college career, and around 44% of sexual assault or rape

Food for All?

By Hannah Torres
Staff Reporter

Vending machines have been popping up around Millikan like weeds. For many students, the convenience of having food and water at their fingertips is long overdue.

Before students get too excited about this new addition let's take a closer look at the "healthy" aspect of on campus vending.

Snacks such as nuts, granola and protein bars are offered.

However, other merchandise includes reduced fat Pop Chips, Welch's fruit juice, and even Buzz Strong's whole grain chocolate chip cookies.

Even though the words "whole grain" or "reduced fat" is plastered on the front of a package, it does not always mean it's healthy.

A single serving of Buzz Strong's cookies has 15 grams of sugar. This is compared to the 12 grams of sugar found in a single serving of the popular cookie brand, Grandma's Chocolate Chip Cookie.

Also consider that Pop Chips are sold in vending machines at Millikan for \$1.25. These same chips are sold in a package of six at Walmart for \$4.96. This comes down to approximately \$0.83 a bag. That's a 50% mark-up, but we pay for the convenience of having food at our fingertips.

Flint Is in Deep Water

By Emily Cox
Staff Reporter

The city of Flint, Michigan is facing a sea of troubles, specifically regarding their water supply. Ever since the switch from Detroit's water system to the local Flint River, deadly toxins were found springing from many of the urban faucets. The levels of lead now attest to 27 times the legal amount.

The root of the contamination appears to be from the city's decrepit, lead-filled underground pipe system.

Flint residents now suffer from various ailments, such as skin rashes, nausea, and hair loss. What's even more disturbing is the effect this is having on the town's children, whose small bodies are

affected by the lead even more.

Celebrities have decided to step in and help after the town was declared to be in a state of federal emergency by Obama in mid-January. Cher, Meek Mill, Big Sean, Matt Damon, and the band Pearl Jam, among others, have all made notable donations of either water bottles or money to the cause. Both Cher, and actor, Danny Devito, have worked towards spreading awareness more publicly.

In the wake of this startling crisis, the Long Beach Water Department assures us that such a disaster simply couldn't happen here, due to proper corrosion tests as well as the fact that our pipeline systems are made out of copper or plastic, materials that are very resistant to lead contamination.

On This Day in History

By Alayah Fox
Staff Reporter

February 1960

In Greensboro, NC four African American students sat down and ordered coffee at a lunch counter inside a Woolworth's store. They were refused service. They refused leave and waited all day. Over the next few days, nearly 1,600 people were arrested for participating in the sit-in.

February 2003

Sixteen minutes before it was scheduled to land, the space shuttle *Columbia* broke apart in flight over west Texas, killing all seven of the crew members. The program was grounded until 2005.

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The Stars Align for Magical March

By Natalie Prestwood
Staff Reporter

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)

By now, your world will come into focus. Just have some quiet time to think. Go with the flow, and this month offers energy to push you in the right direction.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19)

You are in a fine social position, which makes you feel pleasant, and friendly. Dream big plans for the future. Work hard to achieve those dreams.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20)

Now is the time to make a power move toward upcoming achievements. Make adjustments to reach those goals.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 20)

March brings opportunities and new discoveries. Start something

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Actions Lead to Consequences

By Keyla Campos
Staff Reporter

Substance abuse is known to destroy families. This has been proven many times with stories are all over the news.

There is one family who has been affected by a person within their family, that has overcome this issue. The Davis family* is not well known -- in fact almost unknown -- but their story shouldn't be. It all took place here where you live, but far back into the past.

High school was different than it is now, and we all know this. Peer pressure to do drugs was everywhere because people wanted and needed something to do.

*Names have been changed to protect privacy.

A Not So Funny Story

By Hannah Torres
Staff Reporter

Believe it or not, Ned Vizzini's distinctive novel, *It's Kind of a Funny Story*, isn't all that funny. Vizzini writes through the eyes of ninth grader, Craig Gilner, as he tackles his first year of high school. Seems like the typical teenager novel, right? Not even close.

Craig works feverishly to earn his acceptance into the most prestigious high school in all of Manhattan but he quickly learns that with prestige comes great challenges and it's clear he's not made for the studious spotlight.

Through an unlikely turn of events, Craig finds himself in a mental hospital. Throughout the rest of the book, Vizzini sensitively tells

exciting and special. The time is now, but don't feel rushed.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)

Your life is complicated, but people will help you. Face fearful emotions and connect with others.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 22)

This month is all about partnership so spark up some dynamic duos. Make sure you balance your roles.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)

Start a healthier habit or perspective on life. This will help you learn more about yourself. And it won't be difficult since this month gives you creative energy.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

Be bold and creative. You may want to do more than time allows but by the end of the month cel-

ebrate yourself.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Recognize your blessings. Remember those childhood dreams and carry on with them. You have a good chance to be successful.

Sagittarius (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Just plan to have fun this month. Your jokes, colorful stories, and witty phrases will be appreciated. Little gifts, favor, and small surprises, are sure to keep your spirits up.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

March is your chance! Your charms will put you in a great position to shine in what you do best.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

This is your month! Step into the spotlight! Accomplish what you want to do. Take advice!

CAREER CORNER

Bravo for Classical Music



PHOTO BY DAYQUAN MOELLER

Bravo can often be found writing and working in the music room. There he often practices playing the piano.

By Dayquan Moeller

Staff Reporter

Composer Andrew Lloyd Webber, a huge patron and supporter of teaching the arts in school, once said, "You're the luckiest person in the world if you know what you really want to do..."

"Listen to a lot of music; borrow the style and then later develop one of your own."

-Nicholas Bravo, COMPASS freshman

The advice he gives to other aspiring composers is this "Listen to a lot of music, borrow the style and later develop your own."

Bravo is currently assembling a small orchestra to perform his work. In the past, he has written piano pieces, but this will be his first ensemble composition.

and can make a living out of it."

This may be especially true for Nicholas Bravo, a talented freshman who just might be on his way to conducting an original piece of music.

The COMPASS student stated that he always enjoyed music, preferring classical as he finds it to be the most interesting of music forms. His favorite composer is Mozart, who's Symphony No. 25 in G Minor is one of his favorite pieces.

After years of listening to music he discovered a passion for writing his own. He finds it fun to compose.

He would like the chance to conduct and perform the piece for a live audience.

He has expressed interests in going to the prestigious Juilliard, but states, "You always have to think about what will happen if your plan doesn't work." He plans to go to college, and major in music, conducting, and composing.

But who knows? Within a few months, the currently untitled piece in A Minor might find its way to a stage, and you could be the very first to hear a new piece of music from a talented artist at Millikan.

A Fresh Spin on Two Old Classics

By Chance Goetz
Staff Reporter

If you are looking for a unique spin on two classic treats, look no further than Afters Ice Cream.

Afters Ice Cream has taken two typical desserts and combined them into something magical that continues to draw queues on a daily basis.

Afters offers a vast array of different flavors and toppings, but what really sets them apart is their signature Milky Bun.

The Milky Bun is a warm glazed donut, fresh out of the

oven, which is made into a delicious sandwich with your choice of flavors and toppings.

The winning flavor among friends was cookie monster, but with 14 others to choose from there is bound to be something for everybody.

The flavors are not the standard vanilla or chocolate. They consist of new blends such as milk and cereal, peanut butter s'mores, churro, and many more.

Basic cones and bowls are available as well. The closest Afters is located right off of Bellflower and East 7th Street.

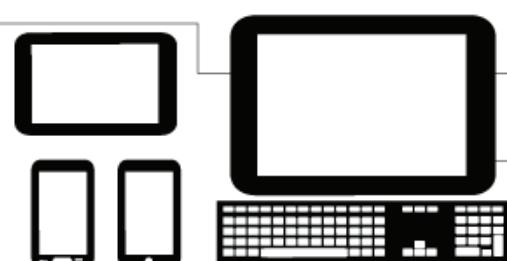
Amazed By Artfest

By Aaron Golden
Staff Reporter

Featuring bands California Roll, Good Times, Corbin Martinez, Cassette Culture, and Better Heroes, Millikan Artfest got the art community rockin' out under the bleachers on the night of January 29. Sponsor Matthew Vann and the Visions club organized this wonderful event.

Visions club is currently planning its end-of-the-year outdoor Visions Night event in June.

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Winter Season CIF Sports Results Are In

Many Millikan athletes and teams worked hard all winter to prepare, perform and reach the CIF playoffs.

Boys Basketball

The boys varsity basketball team ended their CIF season in the quarterfinals after playing against Poly on February

23 with a final score of 54 – 74.

Girls Basketball

The Lady Rams lost to the Culver City Centaurs in round two of CIF. They played on February 20, ending the game with a final score of 69-72.

Boys Soccer

The boys varsity soccer team played their last game for the season on February 24 in the second round of the CIF playoffs against the Santa Ana Saints, finishing with a score of 1-3.

Girls Soccer

The girls varsity soccer team ended their season in

the first round of CIF, losing against the JSerra Catholic Lions on February 18, finishing their

Wrestling

See below for wrestling results.

Ram Wrestlers Wrap Up Season

By Chance Goetz
Staff Reporter

QUEST senior and varsity wrestler Luke Del Pinto has given his all this season by practicing 15-20 hours a week in the hopes of helping his team take CIF in his final year.

After four years on the team, he recalls, "I remember the first practice I went to. I had never wanted water so bad in my entire life. I ended up throwing up halfway through practice, and I

was so sore that I lay in bed for the next two days. Having experienced that, I stuck with it as I believed it would be a good sport to develop character."

He credits the block schedule with helping him get his schoolwork done, though he says, "I often end up staying up late to finish assignments."

He says the sport has taught him the importance of committing time and putting in effort to reach his goals.

Despite his positive experi-

ence, he does not intend to pursue NCAA wrestling in college, stating, "The sport takes a toll on the body with weight cutting and its intense explosive movements. But I do plan on returning to Millikan from time to time to see the type of wrestlers the underclassmen have become."

Millikan had four wrestlers who placed at CIF, with Favian Real and Matt Saldana taking 3rd, Frank Carrillo taking 4th, and Christian Robledo taking 5th. The Rams placed 5th as a team.

Defending the Ring in First Round of CIF

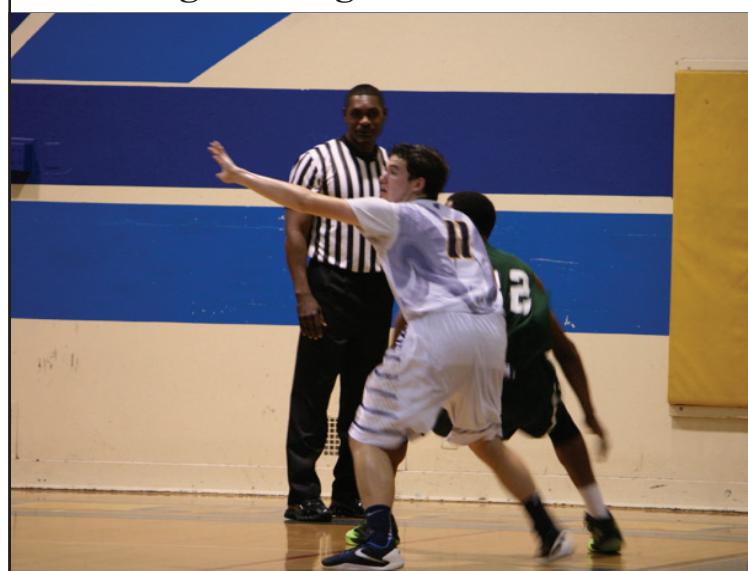


PHOTO BY ALYSSA NEWKIRK

QUEST junior Jackson McCombs defends the basket during the first round of CIF playoffs on February 17. The Rams defeated the Upland Highlanders in overtime with a final score of 65-60.

Eric Ross Jr. and Zach Weber Among Shooting Stars

By Alyssa Newkirk
Editorial Editor

Don't think coaches don't notice how the underdogs can influence the entire team. Being the best player on the court isn't always about who sinks the most shots or who spends the most time playing in the game.

Coach Chris Francis says, "On our team, both EJ [Eric Ross] and Zach [Weber] are good guys. They're both friendly and

always in a good mood. They come to practice every day, even if they don't see time on the court. And I respect them for that."

Having good character and a good attitude stand out to the coaches.

Zach Weber, a sophomore, says, "There is nothing lost when you have a good attitude towards learning. And I always try my best, that's really all I can do."

Similarly, senior Eric Ross says, "It's important to have

good character. In life you'll face challenges that you'll only be able to survive with a good attitude and good character."

Jack Ramsey, former NBA coach of the Portland Trailblazers once said, "Teams that play together beat those with superior players who play more as individuals."

And Francis says, "EJ and Zach both understand that basketball is a team sport."

Ross concludes, "You can't get a lot done on the court individually."

Many aspects of a student's character surface when they become dedicated.

Francis says, "EJ and Zach are never late. They are almost always the first in the gym and they never complain or have attitudes. They are definitely on their way to becoming leaders and playing professionally."

Francis continues, "EJ is the only kid I know at Millikan who has played on every team. Eric began playing as a freshman and he

eventually moved his way up the levels year by year as he learned.

Zach just needs to trust his skills, an ability he is coming into, and he's always been able to make adjustments."

However, Ross and Weber are not the only members of the team who exemplify good character.

Ross says, "The team is passionate, hard working, motivated and willing to learn --all characteristics that have been beneficial to us as a whole this season."

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500 Wins Is Not Enough

By Alyssa Newkirk
Editorial Editor

It wasn't just another win for the Lady Rams when they defeated the Warren Bears on February 18 in round one of CIF playoffs.

Besides allowing the team to move on to round two of play, the results secured Coach Lorene Morgan's 500th ca-

reer win with the Rams. PEACE junior Tyler Frierson says, "Coach Morgan pushes us hard to do our best. She always tells us, 'Pain is temporary, quitting lasts forever.'"

And it won't stop there any time soon. Coach Morgan confidently addressed the crowd after the final buzzer saying, "Let's go get the next 500!"

Millikan Cheer Competes in King of the Bleachers

By Vincent Ngo
Sports Editor

The varsity cheer team performed for a large crowd in the King of the Bleachers competition, an all-star and school regional competition, at the CSULB Pyramid on February 21.

Millikan won the WE Award (Warm-Up Etiquette), and placed 2nd in the varsity-advanced division, which qualified them for the Best of the West invitational.

"Before our performance, I felt conflicted," QUEST junior Amanda Glover said. "There were so many other performances going on, but I was excited to perform there."

Millikan's cheer team

performed with great enthusiasm while doing stunts, tumbles, and various cheers.

"Our performance was satisfying to us, but it could have definitely improved. We messed up halfway [through] and that threw us off," said QUEST junior Alejandra Campos.

PEACE junior Maia Wilson explains, "I think we'll be ready for Best of the West. There is always room for improvement, and within the next two weeks I think we can definitely get to where we need to be to come out on top. It's just a matter of giving it 110% of our effort."

Cheer's final cheer competition will be at the CSULB Pyramid on March 6.

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