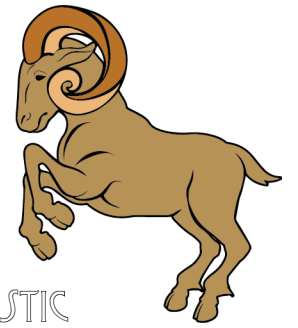


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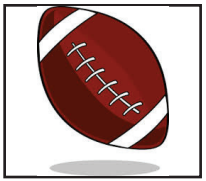
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AP Round-Up Coming Around the Bend

By Dayquan Moeller
Staff Reporter

Have you ever wanted to take an AP class, but decided not to? Maybe you assumed that it would be too much work, or you weren't sure which classes you wanted--or maybe even needed--to take.

These are some issues that prevent many students from taking AP classes. However, a series of events dubbed the AP-Round Up will attempt to break down these barriers.

According to AP co-coordinator Katie Hickox, the goal is "to help increase AP participation across all Small Learning Communities."

To begin with, AP Potential Night will take place in the auditorium at 6 p.m. on February 4 for parents and students. Additionally, from February 2

through February 5, there will be an AP Fair during lunchtime in the quad, where students can talk to AP teachers about their courses. Then on February 16 and February 17, AP students will visit selected classrooms to promote the program.

Students and teachers agree that taking AP classes are something all students should consider. "Research shows that participation in AP can increase a student's chances of graduating from a four-year college," Hickox states.

Also, don't give up too quickly if you feel AP classes will be too much work. "Our AP students and teachers provide a strong support system of study groups, study sessions, and Summer Bridge classes that make the courses accessible to newcomers," Hickox says.



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Millikan Student of the Month

Twenty-Four students were honored at breakfast before school. Students were chosen by teachers of each SLC for their outstanding qualities. This event was a first at Millikan, but will now take place every month.

Focus on Fast and Furious at Winter Formal

By Vincent Ngo
Sports Editor

Millikan Winter Formal 2016 crowned Taylor Rogers as queen and Cole Mathes as her king. The event was held on January 16 at the Marconi Automotive Museum in Tustin.

First runners up were Rubi Nunez and Gabriel Doriman; second runners up were Isabella Filoria and Vincent Ngo.

One main attraction of the evening was the DJ, who played throwbacks as well as some new wave songs to please the crowd.

Additionally, students could play poker at tables arranged in the front hallway or pose for caricature artists' portraits. Photo booths provided candid shots as well as poses with a Ferrari.

Beat the Beads!

By Emily Cox
Staff Reporter

The production of microbeads, the tiny plastic spheres found in toothpastes and soaps, are now banned from production in the US, and are in the process of being phased out by July 2017.

This is a godsend for Mother

Nature, as microbeads have been a menace to both the ocean and wildlife everywhere. The fact that the beads never decompose, combined with the tendency to attract toxic chemicals such as PCBs made for a deadly combination. This ban is a huge step towards the preservation of our sea.

Millikan Keeps Up With the World

By Hannah Torres
Staff Reporter

Wacky Walmart Fiasco

Wal-Mart announced it will close 269 stores worldwide after expected holiday sales plummeted due to competition with online retailers. This closure will affect 10,000 U.S. workers and 16,000 worldwide.

An Economic Endeavor

The Venezuelan government announced on January 15 that the country must manage a 60-day economic emergency. The decree brings a tax increase and difficulties for welfare services

and food imports.

Ski Trip Tragedy

Fourteen young skiers were killed in a bus crash in Japan after sliding off a mountain road on January 15. The bus swerved into traffic and went through the guardrail.

Film Icon Leaves Many in Tears

Alan Rickman, the British actor who played Professor Severus Snape in the "Harry Potter" films as well as "Die Hard" villain Hans Gruber, died Thursday at the age of 69. He had pancreatic cancer. He was known for being pale.

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Dear Editor

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

In my opinion, using an emoji as the word of the year is not only breaking a tradition, but I believe it is mocking the English language. I see it as showing acceptance to laziness by using shortcuts to express what you'd like to say, rather than using words.

Ricci Cofinco
Grade 11

“Boys Soccer Gears Up for Season”

I know every team at Millikan wants to know they have the entire school behind them and get a lot of support, but that just doesn't happen. So get out of the house and watch your peers compete in an activity that they care about and together we can all show the other high schools that Millikan is the best.

Gaspar Garza
Grade 12

“Frosh/Soph Volleyball Team Serves Up a Good Season”

Even though I wasn't on the frosh/soph team, I know how hard these girls worked. Day after day they had practice, sometimes without breaks. Even though they didn't win every game, they definitely deserved the wins they got.

Khamis Berneker
Grade 11

“Pancreatic Cancer Recieves a Well-Deserved Voice”

I'm sorry for Emily LaSalle's loss. My condolences to her and her family. I hope other people who are currently experiencing loss can look at what LaSalle has done and have a different mind-set or perspective on how to deal with situations.

Patricia Montecinos
Grade 12

“Homeless During the Holidays”

I am not from a wealthy family. My mom and I knew a homeless man who lived by Stanford Middle School and we would always help him no matter what time of year. He passed away recently, but he will forever be in my heart.

Sandra Mote
Grade 11

Domestic Abuse Surges on Super Bowl Sunday

By Alyssa Newkirk
Editorial Editor

As the biggest game of the NFL football season approaches, so does one of the biggest days for domestic violence and abuse.

Super Bowl Sunday is one of the most dangerous days of the year for females in abusive relationships; domestic violence is not limited to adult relationships.

According to the LoveIsRespect.org website, “Nearly 1.5 million high school students nationwide experience physical abuse from a dating partner in a single year.”

Many teens can easily become involved in an abusive relationship, even if that isn't how it

initially began.

It becomes worse when students don't speak up for themselves because they fear the repercussions from their partner. They may also feel embarrassed or humiliated by being in this situation.

LoveIsRespect.org also reports, “One in 10 high school students has been purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by a boyfriend or girlfriend.”

Teens should not be afraid to talk to someone about what they are experiencing. There will be someone in their life who can offer assistance in getting out of their abusive relationship.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline at (800)-799-SAFE [7233] is available at all times.

‘Appy Studying for Finals

By Melissa Sahlin
Staff Reporter

Every student experiences it: studying one minute then on your phone the next. [It doesn't matter if you're just texting your mom.]

While most of the time your phone can be a distraction, you can use it to your advantage as a study tool.

One great app--Quizlet--can be used to make flashcards and interactive study games with information you enter for any school subject.

Exam Time, another app, allows you to create thinking maps, flashcards, online notes, and quizzes.

This will help you to prepare for finals as well as any other exams in the future. Also with this app you can share your online study tools with your classmates, which means splitting the workload for more time in your day.

If you have trouble managing your study time, My Life Organized 2 is a great app that acts as a to-do list. It allows you to enter an event such as “Study for Finals”.

This app can even send the reminder when you reach a certain time of day, acting as an online planner to keep you on task.

So next time you reach for your phone when you're supposed to be studying, use it to your advantage with these free apps as study tools.

Same Holiday, Different Day

By Taylor Ichikawa
Staff Reporter

When people think of January 1, they often think of the New Year (and those pesky New Year's resolutions). On December 31, most people get together with friends and family and have big parties until midnight, when the ball drops in New York City. However, this doesn't happen in all countries.

Another popular event is Lunar New Year, celebrated by the Chinese. It occurs every year on the new moon of the first lunar month. The New Year happens at the beginning of spring; the exact date falling anywhere between January 21 and February 21 (February 8 this year). It is the most valued Chinese celebration.

Some New Years happen as

late as autumn. Hebrew people celebrate a two-day holiday called *Rosh Hashanah* (“head of the year” in Hebrew). It commemorates the Creation and God's renewal of the world. For this holiday, honey symbolizes a sweet new year, so Jewish people dip apple slices in honey and pray for a good year.

Diwali, or the Festival of Lights, is celebrated by Hindus. The ancient festival occurs in either autumn or spring and it signifies the victory of good over evil. People decorate their homes with thousands of lights for the new moon. Hindus clean their homes, dress up, pray, and light fireworks. They exchange gifts and eat sweets called *mithai*.

Although our holiday was celebrated on New Year's Eve, there are still people waiting for their “brand-new” start.

Secret to Achievement

By Hannah Torres
Staff Reporter

High achievers are depicted as the smartest in the room, the “buffest” on the team, or the most talented on the stage. High achievers are simply successful individuals. Everyone knows exactly who they are, the kid with

problem solvers of the world.”

Competitiveness can also be a key factor in their motivation to strive. Support systems also play a major role in high achievers' abilities and successes as well. Without the proper support and resources, it's easy for an individual to get discouraged or lost. “It's safe to say that high achieving students in

“High achievers are typically the kids who have plans for the future in mind very early on in their education.”
-Leslie Appel, Biology Teacher

high scores on every test and all the answers for questions in class.

Biology teacher Leslie Appel says, “High achievers are typically the kids who have plans for the future in mind very early on in their education. They're going to be the ‘go-getters’ and

any SLC are generally organized and are more goal oriented individuals,” explains GREEN math teacher Keith Ladd. “These kids don't always have to be self-motivated. They just have to be open to accepting help and gaining knowledge.”

A Teen’s View on Social Isolation and Depression

By Alyssa Newkirk
Editorial Editor

Imagine a scene in a movie where an older man is sitting alone in a wheel chair, staring off into the sunset or something, not seeming to focus on anything in particular.

The keyword in this sentence is *alone*.

Although the cinemas choose to shine the light on the older men and women in our communities suffering from the lack of social contact, isolation is not limited to them.

Many teens face social isolation as a result of depression or vice versa.

Often, teens will stop participating in events that they once enjoyed, lacking social connections. Many studies have proven these ideas.

Some teens may not realize they have purposefully taken themselves out of these social events and activities due to the influences of depression.

Some teenagers do not even realize they are depressed.

Does life seem pointless? A lot of teens have short periods of time when things feel hopeless, like when they realized on the last day of winter break exactly just how much homework they really had. But when it's persistently hopeless or negative and interrupts your

ability to socialize with friends, it's a more serious problem.

Does it seem like it's impossible to concentrate? Everyone struggles with long hours of reading assignments of dry textbook material, but if it's hard to concentrate when watching your favorite TV show, depression may be why you missed the climax of the episode.

Inability to concentrate often causes grades to fall. The passion you once had for basketball, band or the school newspaper may fade away when the feelings of depression set in, causing these trends.

Depression can be one of the many different feelings teenagers experience for short periods of

time just as they might experience the jubilee of scoring the game-winning touchdown for the team.

However, depression is a serious issue. If you think there is a chance that you're suffering from social isolation or depression, seek help from a family member, friend, or school guidance counselor. Even a favorite teacher can offer advice on how to get going in the right direction. Support is available to help you get back to being your old self.

If students don't feel comfortable seeking the help of friends, relatives or the school staff, they can contact the Suicide Prevention Services Depression Hotline at (630)-482-9696.

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8 Is Purple

By Mia McCain
Staff Reporter

Colors are just colors. Numbers are just numbers and letters are just letters. To most, they're just that and they don't have any other connotation to them. But there are a few who think differently. They might look at the number three and think it's green or that it sounds like trumpets. This is called synesthesia [sin-uh-sthee-zhuh]. It's a psychological phenomenon where one sense evokes another sense. There are over 60 reported forms of synesthesia. The most common one is "grapheme synesthesia", where people associate letters and numbers with colors. It's rare that synesthetics have the exact same colors for their letters and numbers, but it has been proven that some letters have the same colors. For an example, many people will say that the letter "A" is red. It also happens with sounds (sound-to-color synesthesia) and food (lexical gustatory synesthesia). Another interesting form is ordinal-linguistic personification. As the title implies, it's where random objects are given a personality. I personally experience this, and have for as long as I can remember. When I would go to restaurants as a child, I would play with crayons as if they were dolls. To me they had genders and personalities. It is reported that one in 27 people experience synesthesia. It's possible there could be more but many synesthetics are silent about this unusual ability. As children, a lot of them had no clue that this isn't typical until they observed other people not having the same experience. "I remember I was with my friend and we were talking about the genders of ice cream flavors and her mom was like 'What are you talking about?'" says COMPASS sophomore Samantha Hall. As of now, nobody really knows what causes synesthesia. A lot of people think it's neurological, and occurs when areas in the brain that deal with senses are crossed. It is also proven to be hereditary, and some individuals with synesthesia share traits such as a horrible sense of direction. There is still a lot to learn about this fascinating and uncommon condition.

Ready to Try a Chemical Confectionary Concoction?

By Chance Goetz
Staff Reporter

Creamistry is an ice cream parlor that stands out for its unique use of liquid nitrogen to produce a rich and creamy dessert right in front of your eyes. Who would have guessed that the use of liquid nitrogen means your ice cream is never freezer burned and always comes out fresh and delicious? This futuristic spin on the classic ice cream parlor really sets Creamistry apart from the rest of the run-of-the-mill ice cream joints. With their amazingly large selection of over 40 flavors and 50 toppings, even the most selective connoisseurs would

be hard pressed not to find something that suits their pallet. For those who are watching what they eat, yet can't resist such tantalizing treats, Creamistry offers premium, organic, non-dairy, gluten-free, and vegan options sure to satisfy their sweet tooth. Next time you get that craving for some creamy goodness, don't settle for the same old thing; take a chance on handcrafted ice cream with a touch of science! The closet Creamistry to Millikans campus is located at 4725 East 2nd St. in Long Beach. The store is open from noon-10 p.m Sunday through Thursday and noon-11 p.m on Friday and Saturday.

Pieology Takes Its Shot in the Pizzaria World

By Frank Carrillo
Co-Editor-in-Chief

The smell of freshly baked pizza overwhelms the senses. Pieology is taking a different approach to pizza lovers by giving the power to the people. You can craft your own pizza from the dough up. You start by deciding between wheat and regular crust. Then you decide on the primary sauce, which ranges between regular pizza sauce to BBQ. There are numerous types of cheeses to choose from, but maybe you want good ole' mozzarella with a bit of gouda. Now comes the most important part: the toppings. Taking a Subway-style approach, all the toppings are up-high on clear display and you choose what you want. There are the ordinary top-

pings like pepperoni, sausage and ham. However, they also have an assortment of exotic toppings that include tomato halves, spinach, seeds, beans and much more. Call me old fashioned, but I got a regular pepperoni and sausage pizza. It was hands down the best, most delicious pizza I have had in quite a long time. The fresh, crispy crust and fresh ingredients serve as a statement of quality. The price is \$10.95 for the personal pizza. If it seems a little pricey, just keep in mind that you get as many toppings as you want. Pieology in Long Beach on Bellflower Blvd. and Sterms Street near Sears. They open at 11 a.m every day, and close at 9:30 on Monday through Thursday, and at 10:30 on Friday and Saturday. They close at 9PM on Sundays.

Ridin' and Glidin'

By Cody Bey
Staff Reporter

Hover boards have been the big talk of this holiday season and are continue to be in the spotlight. The latest news on these two-wheel motorized scooters is that you must be 16 years of age to ride them. Many parents and kids are devastated due to this new law and other parents are changing their minds about buying their kids one. These scooters are also famous for catching fire. Many of the fires have happened while it is plugged in to charge, but there are several cases where the board

has just caught fire while the rider is mounted. The cause of these fires is because of the lithium-ion battery inside of it. Many of the scooters that have caught fire had very cheap batteries and were not approved by the government. Many businesses, airlines, schools and malls have taken notice to these things and are taking action to ban them. The major airlines that are banning these little vehicles are Delta Airlines, United Airlines and American Airlines. Many kids are inspired to have one because of their favorite celebrities have one such as Chris Brown, Justin Bieber, Wiz Khalifa, Migos, and Usain Bolt which are only few of many.

CAREER CORNER
A 'Grip'ping Job



PHOTO BY MELISSA SAHLIN

Michelle Sablin works on set as a camera assistant at Chapman Univeristy's football game.

By Melissa Sahlin
Staff Reporter

Get me two high-high stands, an 8x8 silk, and some grip clips. You have five minutes to set it up." This is a phrase Michelle Sahlin hears every weekend at her position as a grip on student film sets. A grip is a position on the production team of a movie or TV set, which helps maintain and set up all equipment for lighting and cameras. Michelle attended Millikan High School, and with her desire to become part of the TV and film industry she started the Corydon Plugged-In, a video version of the school newspaper. She is now a second year college student at Chapman University studying TV Writing and Production. In the future, she sees her-

self as a TV editor, but now she is working on TV sets and student films as a camera assistant, a grip, and also a script supervisor. In this field, making connections is a big part of finding more work. Advice she has is, "Many people are afraid of doing jobs for free, but if you don't intern you're missing out on opportunities to learn valuable lessons and gain experience in your field." Michelle also said that her unpaid internships have led her to paid work on TV production sets, such as Dream Works TV. Working in this field can bring 14 hour days, and hours working on one small scene, but Michelle reveals that it is an exciting industry and at the end of day the she has a much greater appreciation for the art of filmmaking.

Ride The Lovely Bones, a Tear-Jerking Mystery

Sara Steichen
Staff Reporter

Don't fool yourself into thinking you can read this book without a box of tissues at your side. The Lovely Bones, a novel by Alice Sebold, takes you on an emotional rollercoaster and once a reader is buckled up, its impossible to stop riding. It is written in first person in the afterlife of Susie

Salmon, a teenage girl, describes the events that take place after her rape and murder. She describes the intense grief, frustration, and turmoil that strikes her loved ones after her passing. Sebold did an excellent job at taking such a complex story and telling it so that time flies for the reader. You can get lost in the story for hours on end, and desperate to find a resolution for characters you've grown so attached to.

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Coach Francis Achieves Milestone

By Aaron Golden
Staff Reporter

Millikan’s head coach, Chris Francis, celebrated his 200th career win on January 8. With 30 seconds left on the game-clock, and Millikan down 87-86 against our inter-league rival, the Lakewood Lancers, the varsity Rams’ Moore League home opener was on the line. Senior Mason Dickerson, who throughout the game shot three three-pointers within a couple minutes, confidently pulled up for yet another three-point shot that deftly swished through the net. A series of missed free

throws led up to the climax of the game. Millikan forward Justin Chambers was fouled and sent to the free throw line for two shots with the score still 87-86 and only three seconds left. Chambers unfortunately missed both. But one play later, the ball was in Millikan’s possession with two seconds left, a sure sign of Ram victory. Francis certainly coached this game well. Despite losing a 12-point lead, he tactically led Millikan to defensive stops against Lakewood. Francis and the team’s performance should make us all proud to be a Ram.



Health Risks Rising in Rio

By Sean Isma
Front-page Editor

Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the water. Soon the best of the best from around the globe will compete in the world’s greatest sporting event – the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. However, a big problem arises from the depths of the ocean that surrounds the great city. It’s not an ancient civilization, or waves, or a great white shark. It is the human sewage levels, which have grown significantly in the past decade. Not only does this pose a publicity problem for the Olympic committee, it also presents

an issue for Olympic athletes who compete in these waters. Those who are primarily affected by the pollution are marathon and triathlon swimmers. These athletes are the ones who spend a great deal of the competition in the ocean. Rio officials are currently trying to eliminate the disease-causing viruses. If the sea is not safe for Olympic competition, Rio may have to move all the water venues to another part of the Brazilian coast. The move would be embarrassing to the city but safer for the athletes. Olympic spectators will have to wait and see if Rio de Janeiro can clean up their act.

Winter Guard Flags New Season

By Hannah Torres
Staff Reporter

Millikan’s color guard has built a strong reputation over the course of this year. They left crowds in awe with their participation in the field show “Classical Schizophrenia” this past fall, and showcased their unique skill in the 2015 Winter Assembly. But their hard work does not stop there. They are now preparing for their next show on February 26. Their theme will be dark and eerie, in hopes to stand out from the other teams. “This theme is sure to get the judges attention this year,” says sophomore Kidett Lilly Thomas. “Most teams choose to take a happier route. I like that we’re taking risks this year.” Winter guard brings the flag spinning and rifle catches

indoors. It’s an opportunity for the group to get up close and personal with their audience. Co-captains Nia Henderson and Rachel Roberts are prepared to lead this year’s Kidettes to victory. “We’re making sure to implement hard work and dedication in our team mentality this year. It should really help us improve as a whole,” says Henderson. There is a great deal of rigorous choreography planned for the show this season. “I’m still trying to get used to the idea of [fewer] drills and more dance, but I’ll get the hang of it over time,” says freshman teammate Veronica Gutierrez. For many freshmen on the team, this will be their first Winter Guard season. Kidette Adriana Villa reveals, “Going into my first season is kind of nerve wracking, but I’m equally excited because I get to be a part of a really close team. It’s really gratifying.”

Cheer Places First in Competition

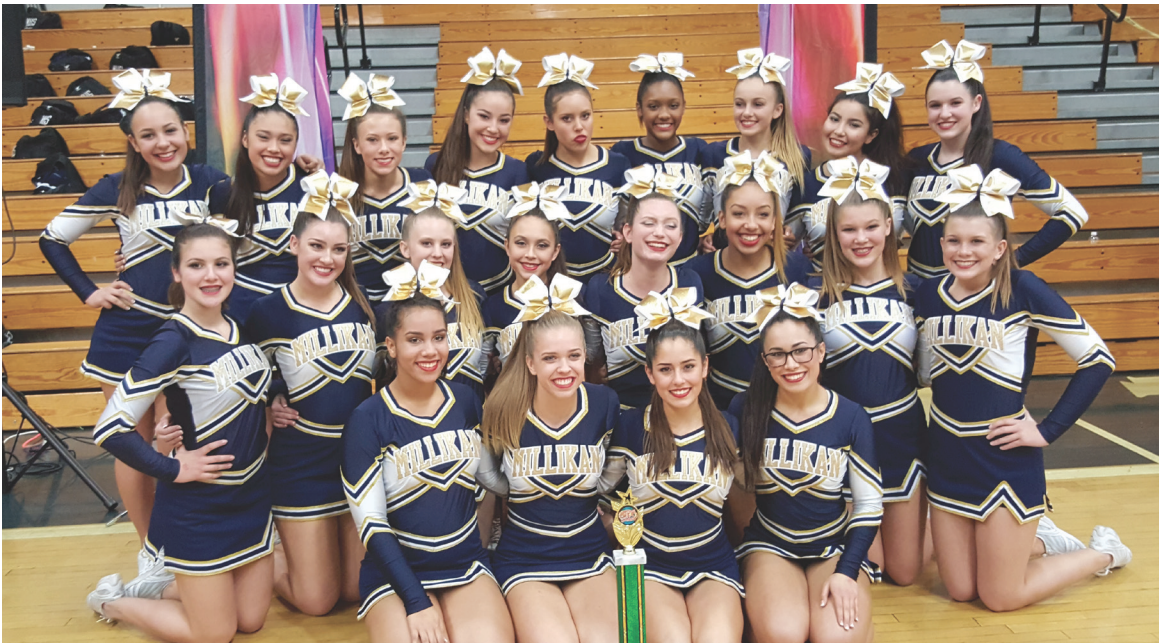


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On Saturday, January 23 the Millikan cheer competition squad took first place at Chino Hills High School. Additional competitions will be on February 6 at Tersoro High School and February 21 at the Long Beach Pyramid.

Ram Wrestling Defends Moore League Title From Lancers

By Frank Carrillo
Co-Editor-in-Chief

Cheers erupted from the crowd as Millikan took another pin. On January 7, the Millikan wrestling team defended their four-time Moore League title by defeating the Lakewood Lancers with a final score of 36-25. The duel was a hard-fought battle. The Lancers took the lead during the first match at the 132 pound weight class with a minor point win against

Millikan’s Andrew Flores. But that did not stop the Rams. Following the Lancers’ first win, Millikan took four pins coming from sophomore Alex Andrade at 120 pounds, senior Christian Robledo at 126, junior Ethan Johnson at 170, and senior Matt Saldana at 106. Although Lakewood secured a pin at the 220 weight class against Andres Aragon, it was not enough

to stop the Rams’ momentum. Millikan wrestling coach Marshall Thompmsen said, “I saw a lot of strong-willed, tough guys on both sides. They have a very good team and I feel our team is good as well. Honestly, I couldn’t have called the match before it started. I knew it was going to be close and it came down to the very end.” The Rams hope to have more Moore League championships at the end of the season and take some athletes past CIF.

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