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COMPASS Shows Off Talent at Annual Showcase



PHOTO BY DANIEL EVANS-NAKAMURA

COMPASS dancers command the rally stage to entertain the audience. These are just some of the dozens of performers that took the stage during COMPASS Showcase this year. on Tuesday, May 21

By Daniel Evans-Nakamura *Ass't Editor*

With AP tests finally over, homework nearing completion, and finals ahead, COM-PASS students and staff celebrated yet another fantastic year with a party for all things COMPASS.

COMPASS Showcase occurs every year in late May and gives students an opportunity to perform music, display art, or just hang out with the many eccentric personalities within the smaller learning community.

This year's showcase featured jazz band; various singers including Roy Kitaoka singing "Valeray" and Yahira Barragan with "I Feel Good!"; Millikan's alternative band, The Really Really Goods. The dance team performed throughout the evening as well.

Students within the COM-PASS community look forward to Showcase to see their friends' talents on display.

Lauren Smith, COMPASS sophomore and dancer, enjoyed preparing for Showcase. "There's a lot of talent with the people I work with," she says.

COMPASS teachers organize the event to make sure the various students talents have a chance to be shown during COMPASS Showcase.

Musicians, singers, and dancers get to perform on the quad in front of an audience of COM-PASS students, parents, and staff. Those in the visual arts can display their work in the art gallery.

"I enjoyed it!" said COM-PASS junior Sean Suarez. "It's fun to see my classmates perform in front of everyone else. I always look forward to this at the end of the year."

"I was really impressed with the performances that I saw," said COMPASS junior Daniel Yoho. "It makes me want to try out next year."

Great

Millikan Named One of Nation's Top Schools

By Hector Renteria

Ass't Editor

It's official, Millikan High School has been named by US News as one of the top schools around the nation. Millikan is ranked at 1,632, a silver ranking.

As for the state of California, Millikan ranked 379.

Millikan also ranks number three in the Long Beach Unified School Distict, just behind by Renaissance High School of the Arts and CAMS.

The US News and World Report ranks schools by their test scores, and how the district ensures the academic performance.

The API is a measurement of the academic progress of each individual school in California and as well as other states.

Millikan was awarded a silver medal this year by US News.

US News awards Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals.

A ranking of Gold is awarded to the Top 500 high schools based on college readiness.

A silver medal is awarded to high performing schools with lower college readiness, and a bronze ranking is awarded to high performing schools based on state exam performance.

Of all the schools in America, 78 percent were not awarded with medals, 13 percent were awarded bronze medals, 7 percent were awarded with silver, and 2 percent of schools were awarded with gold.

In addition to US News, The Washington Post also ranked high schools.

The Washington Post ranks high schools by dividing college tests taken by the number of graduates.

The Post gave Millikan a ranking of 1,179 out of 21,000 public high schools. Only about 200 California high schools made the rankings.

AP testing is a huge target for those who rank schools. The higher the test scores, the better the ranking which will raise school's college readiness.

Millikan continues to be one of the top schools in the United States.

Female Leadership Academy Leads to Success for Millikan Young Women

By Rachel Perry Assistant Editor Alyxia Beasley Staff Reporter

Each year, Female Leadership Academy (FLA) strives to empower young women to fulfill leadership roles on and off campus

It also provides young women with a nuturing environment that promotes self-empowerment

Members of the Female Leadership Academy receive social and academic support through tutoring and mentor-

The motto, "Girls with dreams become women with visions" guides this philosophy.

FLA members become confident, strong, and socially responsible as they are equipped with necessary skills to make positive contributions—locally and globally.

Three students are chosen from each grade level for the program every year.

Loretta George recruits

about 28 students to participate each year.

Students are chosen through nominations by teachers and student interest.

The program was started as a response to Male Academy and was started by then-superintendent Maggie Webster.

To be recognized as members of FLA, students must meet graduation requirements, complete at least 60 hours of community service learning, and attend all FLA sponsored events and meetings.

In addition, they must maintain a 2.0 GPA, apply for post-secondary education, and apply for at least one scholarship each

Each grade level in the Academy has a focus. Freshmen and sophomores focus on academic excellence and performance.

Juniors emphasize preparation needed for senior year and college applications take priority for seniors.

This year, there has been an additional overall focus of "channeling energy to give constructive wisdom to peers, not damaging criticism," according to Loretta George.

Aside from numerous fundraisers, this year some of the field trips were to bay area colleges, college night at CSULB, the Cleopatra exhibit, and assisting with Principal for a Day.

This year, all 14 of the seniors graduating from Female Leadership Academy will be attending college next year.

Four are attending community college.

Ten have chosen to attend CSUs, UCs, and out-of-state private schools.

In total, the students were accepted to almost 30 schools.

Due to their increased fundraising efforts, the seniors will also wear stoles and medalions at graduation.

It is clear that the program strongly supports Millikan's students and those involved have bright futures ahead of them.

Those interested in joining Female Leadership Academy should contact Loretta George in Room 401.

EDITORIAL

Dear Editor

Morality and the Rap Game: Is It Worth the Boycott?

You explained the controversy with women's rights protesters against the famous rapper Rick Ross' endorsement deal with Reebok. This article was very informitive due to the fact that I was unaware of the issue. I definitely agree that the morality of the rap game and the music industry are very inappropriate. Promoting "Molly" dust goes to show that our society is being corrupted.

Amy Keith Grade 12

Transportation Cuts Affect Students at Millikan

I would like to tip my hat to you for writing this article. A little overdue but what matters is that you have found the source of a lot of people's anger. Everything about this article is spot on, but the only thing I would fix would be the typo and the people you ask for statements. Why ask a freshman something when you can ask a senior with more insight and experience?

Fernando Gutierrez Grade 12

It's Time for You to Sleep

I definitely agree with this article. It's so crazy how technology can distract us so much. My normal time to sleep is 10 p.m. and sometimes even then I feel like I don't get enough sleep. I think we need to balance our time with homework, social life and sleep. We're in high school, almost on our way to college, and we need to take advantage of the hours we get to sleep because afterwards we won't even have enough time to sleep. Sleep will soon be sacred to those who won't have enough of it.

Judith Vazquez Grade 12

The Corydon encourages its readers to submit letters of commentary on any school issue. We reserve the right to edit letters for content or space. All letters must be signed with the writer's full name and grade level and sent to Room 833. The Corydon is also available on the Millikan website: www.lbmillikan.schoolloop.com

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Through the Looking Glass: The Real Issues With Google Glass

By Daniel Evans-Nakamura Ass't Editor

ver since the computer was Linvented, we've wanted to make it more and more powerful. Once we did, we wanted to shrink it so we could actually bring that power with us, and not be confined to a large room filled with circuits.

With the advent of the laptop in the early 2000s, and with the modern smartphone in the late 2000s, we've been able to make technology more powerful than ever, and smaller than ever. Our latest first-world problem with our technology is that now it's in the way.

Technology is more portable, which is awesome in theory, but it leads to texting while walking, texting while driving, getting one last tweet in before bed, sneaking an awkward Ins-

tagram "selfie" while eating your lunch, and using Vine to document the latest nonsense you call art and sharing it with others.

We do all of this while holding an obtrusive, \$600 piece of imported glass, metal, and plastic in our hands, and it's now an inescapable part of our culture.

Google Glass is an attempt to get technology out of the way by obstructing your field of view with a high definition screen inches from your eyeball.

Glass connects to your iPhone or Android phone wirelessly, sharing the phone's mobile connection with the glasses. The glasses then allow you to answer incoming calls or messages with your voice, to make Google searches, and even record video without reaching for your pocket.

Glass uses a stripped-down version of the Android software, with an interface similar to that of a Samsung Galaxy phone.

So, has our robot overlord future come, with flying cars and Google Glass for everyone? Not quite. Glass is only available in an "Explorer Edition," which is a pre-release version meant for developers, and costs \$1,500.

Early adopters are complaining that Glass doesn't always respond well to voice commands, and having a geeky metal gadget with a camera over your eye can be distracting to both the user and their friends.

The real issues with Glass aren't in the buggy software, which TV shows like SNL have parodied. It isn't a completely flawed product; Glass has some real advantages to a normal phone. And since it is only a test model, most glitches will be fixed soon.

But the world is not ready for Google Glass. The main issue is privacy. It is true that in 2013,

we have surveillance cameras in our skies, we have mobile phones in our pockets, and privacy is becoming more abstract. But at least these cameras generally aren't hiding. If someone is holding their obtrusive, \$600 piece of imported glass, metal, and plastic in your face, you at least have a chance of stopping them.

However, with wearable tech such as Glass, you don't know when someone is recording you. This potential for misuse and mischief creates concerns, both legally for Google, and socially for Glass users.

Glass is expected to be available to consumers within the next year. Whether consumers are receptive to the technology, or prefer other forms like smart watches, the existence of Glass is sure to effect popular culture and the way we view technology going

Don't Forget About Summer Homework

That's nothing! My

parents *love* Twitter!

They named me

HASHTAG.

By Charles Blanchard Staff Reporter

Chool will start again be-Office we know it and summer vacation will be over. This means everyone will be trying to finish all of the homework that was assigned during break.

Unfortunately, most students struggle with procrastina-

tion, especially when it comes to completing their summer assignments. They either finish everything in June or finish it just days before they need to turn it in. It's important to remember what homework you have and find a way to complete it throughout summer break.

First off, find out what books you have to read or assignments you have to do by going to your SLC's link Millikan website. the

example, incoming For PEACE sophomores must read "Lord of the Flies" while incoming juniors must complete a mock trial preparation. Both of these tasks can be done in part over summer.

QUEST sophomores have to read "The Three Mus-

#whatdidmyparentsnameme?!

By Jeanette Ramirez

keteers" while juniors read "Elements of Style" Grapes of Wrath." QUEST seniors have to begin planning their senior project.

Lastly, use a study habit you enjoy to complete the work over the break such as writing down all the assignments you need to do. Once you get into the flow of doing your work it should be easier.

My parents really like

Facebook! They

named me after the

like button

It's All in the Name

By Sasha Kobliha Staff Editor

defines Tothing permanence more than a name. You can change your hair color, eye color and with progressive bounds in cosmetic procedures, even reconstruct your appearance. However a name, even if changed, will follow you.

There's a reason hundreds of thousands of baby name books are sold every year: recent studies indicate a baby's name can have a profound effect on the child's character that persists well into adulthood.

"We're always trying to think about the first bit of a child's identity...if we as a society pay a lot of attention to names, it makes a lot of sense that people's names might influence how they think about themselves and the way in which people might think about them," said David Figlio of Northwestern University, a leading research-

Recent trends show highly unusual baby names to be on the rise. This is actually a tactical approach to naming. It was found that with names you encounter more frequently, you are likely to develop certain prejudices that would otherwise taint your perspective.

er in the study.

Sav vou were bullied by a boy named Michael in school, you are more likely to hold resentment toward that name which

might alter your perception of someone else named Michael.

However, the chances of you ever being bullied by an Ajax, much less making contact with one, are much slimmer.

Oftentimes a child's name can also suggest parenting style. "It ends up building on itself," said Jean Twenge of San Diego State University.

"The type of parent who would give a really unusual name is often going to parent differently from a parent who says, 'I want to give my child a name so they fit in," continued Twenge.

For this reason, children with noticeably more distinct names often possess greater confidence than your run-of-the-mill Jim or Jack or John because they were raised in a more embracing environment.

The correlation between one's opinion of their name and selfesteem has been illustrated in other studies as well. It was found, overwhelmingly so, that those who like their names exhibited more confidence than those who dislike their name.

The question, "Do you like your name?" can serve as a litmus test to discretely evaluate insecurities one's

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FEATURE

Optimistic Millikan Student Wins Essay Contest

By Rachel Perry Ass't Editor

If she wasn't optimistic before, she certainly is now! QUEST junior Dillan Cellier recently won 1st place in the Long Beach Optimist Club's annual scholarship essay competition.

The theme or prompt she responded to was, "How can I help my friends realize their full potential?"

Cellier wrote about the damaging, negative self-image teens develop because of the messages found in mainstream media.

She said she's seen "so ceived a medal a many people take whatever her positive essay.

they perceive their flaws to be and project them as a representation of their whole self, so all they can see are the flaws."

Her personal strategy to reform this negativity is to be supportive of her friends and others by discouraging the negative comments they make about themselves and by pointing out all of the positives.

"It's important for them to see the qualities in them which made me want to be friend them in the first place, and show them the importance of loving themselves," explains Cellier.

Cellier won 1st place in the essay competition, and received a medal and \$500 for her positive essay. Cellier entered the competition with little expectation of winning, but figured it was worth a shot.

Outside of school, she is a volunteer in the Long Beach community, including working at the El Dorado Library, and with special-education students on Millikan's campus.

She also enjoys reading and writing, which contributes to her essay-writing skills.

She is incredibly grateful for the support from her Millikan teachers, especially Pamela Cathcart, her AP English Language teacher.

Cathcart encouraged her to enter the contest and offered writing advice.



PHOTO BY PAMELA CATHCART

QUEST junior Dillan Cellier reads her winning essay at The Grand Event Center on April 18 after winning the contest. Her essay about optimism won her special recognition at an awards luncheon.

Wearing Denim for a Cause: Clean Water

According to the Water

for South Sudan, their

crews have drilled 31

wells this year. Added

up, there have been 158

wells drilled for clean

water since 2008.

By Amira Latif Youssef *Co-Editor-in-Chief*

Imagine this: You get up in the morning, turn on the faucet, and muculent, muddy water runs out. Your throat starts to burn, your hands start to crack, and your body begins to decline on a torturous journey to dehydration.

Imagination is a reality

to those living in South Sudan. In absence of clean water, millions of South Sudanese trek the land, gathering water from marshes, ponds, or handdug wells. It is an impossibility

to find safe water here and the result to those consuming is sickness or even death.

QUEST's Interact Club is contributing to change this. On Friday, May 3 the club sold bracelets that would allow students to wear jeans to school that day. The bracelet sales, which were \$3 pre-sale and \$5 on the day of the event, raised around

\$500. All of which went to Water for South Sudan, a non-profit organization.

Shawn Abbate, club coordinator comments, "Each year students in Interact complete an International Service Learning Project. Clean water has been our focus for the past two years. Last year we raised over \$700 for The Water Project, which also builds

wells and helps provide clean water to third world countries."

According to the Water for South Sudan, their crews have drilled 31 wells this year. Added up,

there have been 158 wells drilled for clean water since 2008.

"46,500 more people now have access to fresh, clean water with these new wells," the organization explains.

With this women don't have to walk miles to find water, schools and markets begin to spring up, and lives are lengthened.

Boost Your SAT Scores This Summer

By Jeanette Ramirez *Co-Editor-in-Chief*

Summer break may be two months long, but time flies by when you're having fun. This is why you should take advantage of the long days.

Once the school year begins, you will have less time to prepare for necessary exams like the SAT and ACT.

While most of summer should be spent basking in the sun, splashing in cool water, and sleeping in, you should also take into consideration what's to come in September. When the summer is gone and your

nights are filled with homework, you won't have time to prepare for the SAT.

How can this scenario be avoided? The answer is to begin SAT preparation over the summer. You can probably study 1-2 hours a day. If you don't want to study every day, try planning to study every Tuesday and Thursday instead.

Just make sure you get that study time in between the mov-

ies and out-of-town trips.

For some students, one-onone tutoring is the most costeffective; others do better in a classroom setting. And for many, a test-prep book or free online tests is all they need.

SAT preparation classes like Revolution Prep or Kaplan or Princeton Review may be worth a try for those who lack motivation to study on their own.

"[Studying for the SAT would] help, because it would be taking advantage of those extra hours in the day"

- Joaquin Mercado, QUEST Sophomore

Students, however, can master the skills taught in a professional preparation class without

spending hundreds of dollars.
Buying books for \$25 rather than paying \$600 for their is a better bargain.

A 2006 review of 10 online websites providing SAT test-prep services by Consumer Reports revealed that eleventh graders who used the sites saw their scores improve by an average of 38 points or a 1.6 percent gain.

It is important to remember, however, what you put into SAT prep rather than how you prep.

With that in mind and the books and CD-ROMs, take the summer to begin preparing for the SAT and whip out a study schedule out by the pool.

The best advice for preparing for your SAT exams is not

to procrastinate. Know how and when to sign up and do so as soon as you can. Be proactive in planning times to study with friends and when you can study for yourself. Make flash cards, songs, or anything

else that helps you remember the material.

Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, don't stress yourself out": it will be over before you know it.

Joaquin Mercado, QUEST sophomore believes studying is a good idea. She says that studying for the SAT during the summer would "help, because it would be taking advantage of those extra hours in the day."

Better Phones, Bigger Prices: The High Cost of Being Connected

By Danielle Pulido *Ass't Editor*

With technology on the rise, most people own more technologically advanced phones such as the iPhone and, according to recent studies that has increasingly added to higher phone

bill

High costs can be attributed to cellphone companies offering faster data speeds and new usage-based data plans. Anton Troianovsky in a Wall Street Journal article says, "[The lure of new technology competes with cellphone owners' more basic

needs and desires."

Spending on phone services rose by over four percent last year as more people paid for \$200 smartphones and bills that ran around \$100 a month, according to the Wall Street Journal.

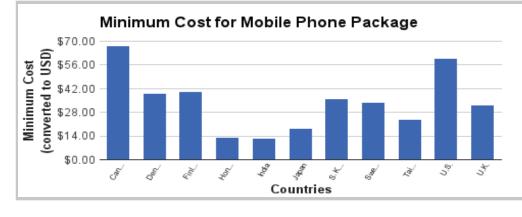
CNN reports that "the rising prices are intended to help

the networks offset the increased costs of delivering apps, the mobile Web and especially mobile video to a rapidly growing number of smartphones."

Cellphone companies have stated that as smartphones continue to advance, so too; will the demand for them, and prices will continue to escalate.

Due to the rise of high phone bills, some families have had to cut back on purchases such as eating out and entertainment.

The need for more data and faster speeds has cellphone users budgeting themselves in order to pay for their cellphone bills.



Americans on average pay \$59.99 per month for their mobile service, the third highest average bill in the world, behind Canada and Spain. According to The Verge, the price for an individual to buy an iPhone costs anywhere from \$2,260 over the

course of two years on T-Mobile, to up to \$2,840 on AT&T. For a family of four to buy iPhones for each person over the duration of the standard two year contract costs \$6,140 on Verizon, \$6,320 on AT&T, \$6,640 on T-Mobile, and \$10,640 on Sprint.

Chart data derived from the website New America.

ATHLETICS

Gymnastics Soars for 4th Year in a Row

By Danielle Pulido Ass't Editor

The JV and varsity gymnastics teams snagged another victory this year at Moore League making this the fourth year in a row they have won the championship.

The teams, headed by Coach Ashleigh Ferguson, took the championship for both the JV and varsity teams.

"Both teams have worked very hard and have committed many hours to make the four-peat a reality again this year," says Gayle Braun, girls athletic director.

Noteworthy gymnasts from the varsity team include Larissa Fielder, who took first all-around, Evelyn Chen, third all-around, and Annina Cooper, sixth all-around.

Fielder, of the varsity team, also won Gymnast of the Year at Moore League, winning four meets there.

Victors on the JV team include Maritza Martinez, who won first all-around, and Marissa Heart, who took second all-around.

Coach Ferguson says that the girls "worked as a team, pulled for each other, and really led as examples for the other teams."

Coach Ferguson also states that the team battled through injuries but worked hard to come out on top and that four years in a row was quite an accomplishment for the teams.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ASHLEIGH FERGUSON

The Team's Fourth Straight Year in Moore League: The JV and varsity gymnastics team patiently wait as they watch their teammate, Melanie Lim (pictured), perform a layout on floor excercise. Coach Ashleigh Ferguson led the team to victory earlier this month.

Over the Net: Looking Inside the Motivation of Daniel Ciletti

By Daniel Evans-Nakamura Ass't Editor

Being awesome comes naturally for Daniel Ciletti, who spends an average day challenging himself in advanced placement and honors classes, exercising more than perhaps anyone on campus, and playing volleyball.

Ciletti, sporting team jersey number six, is on the position of outside hitter and boasts having been one of the youngest on the varsity volleyball team when he was first moved up to the top of the Millikan team.

"It's a team sport," Ciletti says about volleyball. "I like the camaraderie, quickness, and intensity of volleyball. But it's very competitive."

The competitive style has always paid off for Ciletti and his teammates, for example as they defeated Cabrillo 3-1.

Ciletti and his team achieved an overall season score of 8-9 and

a Moore League score of 6-4.

Despite the success that Ciletti has achieved along with his team, volleyball wasn't always his focus.

"I took a volleyball class in fourth grade," Ciletti said. "It was at a summer camp and I was very good at it. I was the best in my class," he explains.

Ciletti only picked up volleyball again recently. "I hadn't played since that summer," he says. "In the second semester of ninth grade, my friend and teammate Nick Cramer encouraged me to join volleyball with him, and so I did."

Under the watch of Coach Greg Kautz, Ciletti and the varsity volleyball team has won their past three games against Wilson, Cabrillo, and Jordan.

Ciletti enjoys training in martial arts when not in action on the court. He loves Bruce Lee in particular, and aspires to be a personal trainer later on in life. Being on varsity volleyball can be attributed to Ciletti's incredibly active lifestyle.

His active life has shown him that he must pay more attention to his physical and mental wellbeing.

"I've learned to respect my body more," Ciletti says after playing volleyball. "I'm much more health conscious. I've formed these healthy habits that I plan to continue," Ciletti goes on to say



Sports Highlights of the Year

By Amira Latif Youssef *Co-Editor-in-Chief*

Millikan's 2013 athletic teams slam dunked, cartwheeled, and scissor kicked their way to championships, honors, and scholarships.

There were many awe-inspiring and heart-rattling moments throughout this year and it is only fair to recollect and highlight some of Millikan's most memorable athletic achievements.

Millikan's lady golfers not only proved that they knew their way around the golf course, but also their academic course. The girls golf team was honored at Angel Stadium for making it to the CIF's with the highest grade point averages. The team had a 3.84 combined average GPA.

During the winter season girls varsity basketball led by Coach Morgan maintained 24 wins and only 3 losses.

Athletic Director Gayle Braun comments, "This is one of the best overall win-loss records up until CIF playoffs." The team was invited to the state playoffs to play against Clovis-West High School. There Millikan won 46-44.

Coach Morgan was then named Coach of the Year again as she won the award last year also.

Water polo and soccer both went to the CIF play offs. Under Coach Rey, the girls soccer team won two rounds of the playoffs but lost a close game to Sunny Hills High School, 1-0.

Girls softball has accomplished some great feets this year. According to Athletics Director, Gayle Braun, never in her 24 years at Millikan has she seen two Moore League teams in the CIF's compete against each other (Millikan vs. Lakewood). In a tough game, Lakewood ended up winning with a score of 8-1.

In track news, Destiny Talalemotu became a Division One champion in the discus (145'00") and earned a silver medal in the shot put (44'07.25). Misana Viltz attained a silver medal in the Division I, 110 hurdles. The two track stars went on to the Mater's Meet at Cerritos College.

Millikan's varsity baseball team defeated both Wilson and Cabrillo in back-to-back games, leading their total number of wins this season to 18. The team is tied with Poly for 2nd place in Moore League.

Hikaru Furuya, baseball player says, "It's been hard work every step of the way, but it has all paid off."

In the Moore League, Millikan boys swim has an overall win record this year of 4-4. The girls swim record this year was 5-4.

All of the teams have received numerous amounts of praise from their coaches and fans for their hard work and dedication this year.