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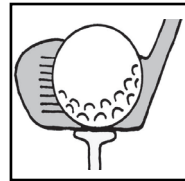
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# Millikan's Library Prepares for the War!

By Charlotte Shaw  
Staff Reporter

The Great War comes to Millikan's library on March 5 and 6. Hosted by history teachers Mary Massich (COMPASS) and Tiffany Alexander (Global Tech), as well as their modern world history classes, the exhibits will offer live music, education stations, reenactments, and art. Additionally, there will be \$50,000 worth of artifacts provided by Fritz Bronner.

He is a professional actor, who worked on War Horse and Militaria Heritage Foundation for over ten years. This a non-profit organization that does reenactments at special events and educates children about military history.

"Students are given the opportunity to express themselves in any form that they choose and become experts on areas of World War I that interest them," states Alexander.

The museum will be open to the public and featured in the Press Telegram. Students are encouraged to bring their friends and family and get a fresh new look into the world of propaganda, trench warfare and poison gas.

The displays are set in chronological order around the library: they begin with the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand and other causes of the war. Visit the Belgium exhibit as German soldiers march through the country, and feel the "rats" run across your toes, just as the trenches' defense force did.

"This is a great opportunity for students and the community to handle most of the rare artifacts which doesn't often happen in museums," says Massich.

Many people do not know what really went on during the First World War. Yet, WWI is part of everybody's past; everyone was affected in some way.



PHOTO BY CHARLOTTE SHAW

Mary Massich (middle) supports her students, "Stormy" Morrell (left) and Katelyn True (right) proudly display their pieces for the WWI Museum Art Show. Morrell's artwork, entitled "The Forgotten Soldiers of WWI" depicts the horses of the war. True's educational board describes love letters during that era.

## 17-Year-Old Discovers Cancer Miracle

By Jeanette Ramirez  
Staff Editor

Someone once said, "Some see a hopeless end, while others see an endless hope." In the case of Angela Zhang, the latter is certainly true.

Zhang, a senior at Monte Vista High in Cupertino, California, recently won \$100,000 for a potential cancer cure. The 17-year-old entered the Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology, which funds and recognizes outstanding achievement, and she won the grand prize.

Nicknamed the "Swiss army knife of cancer treatments," the gold iron oxide nanoparticle she designed to deliver chemotherapy could be used to treat patients in as little as 15 years.

Her theory is that the cancer-fighting technique would zoom in on cancer cells and leave healthy tissue unharmed. Rather than injecting the body with chemicals, Zhang's method targets individual or clusters of tumors without destroying healthy cells or causing side effects.

The actual process mixes cancer medicine in a polymer that

would attach to nanoparticles. Later, these nanoparticles would then fasten themselves to cancer cells and show up on an MRI allowing doctors to know exactly where tumors are.

To melt the polymer and release the medicine, an infrared light is aimed at the tumors that would kill the cancer cells. In mice, this method almost completely eradicated the cancer.

Junior Joseph Garcia said, "Discovering a possible cure for cancer is an accomplishment like no other. Zhang's discovery means saving thousands of lives and giving back hope to those who have already lost loved ones."

In a statement, competition judge Tejal Desai said, "Her work is an important step in developing new approaches to the therapeutic targeting of tumors via nanotechnology."

Using her research, she won the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair grand award for medicine and health science in 2010 and 2011.

"This is a Cinderella moment for a science nerd like me," Zhang told the Mercury news about her achievement.

## Poetry Out Loud Recites Successfully

By Libby Berry  
Staff Reporter

She walks in beauty, like the night, Of cloudless climes and starry skies..." This excerpt from the poem, "She Walks in Beauty" by Lord Byron, is what led Alyssa Scott to victory in the Poetry Out Loud contest held in Erin Hill's classroom on Jan. 10.

This event, brought to Millikan in 2006, includes participants from high schools in all 50 states and had 365,000 competitors last year.

Approximately 50 people participated in the contest at Millikan, which consisted of reciting a poem from a selected list in front of a panel of judges.

The contestants were judged based on physical presence, voice and articulation, appropriateness of dramatization, level of difficulty, evidence of understanding, and overall performance.

Three other semi-finalists

included, Alyssa Scott Sarah Komathy, Allison Michel, and Rachel Aichele.

Scott went on to compete at the country level on Jan. 25, and walked away with a second place win with a reading of "Lift Every Voice and Sing," by James Weldon Johnson.

Kristin Margolis, the California Poetry Out Loud Coordinator says, "In California,

connected through the magic of poetry."

Poetry Out Loud isn't just about standing in front of your teachers and reciting a poem. It actually requires a great deal more mental and emotional work.

Senior Neeki Ashari was a first time participant this year and says that the event, "doesn't just give you the opportunity to recite a poem, but allows you to be creative through your own voice and body language. It gives you a chance to truly express yourself in front of an audience, and then show what you're really capable of."

Event coordinator, judge, and AP teacher Erin Hill also believes that this competition goes beyond just memorizing a poem.

Hill says that the best performances "really embodied the spirit of the poem with their tone, physicality, and facial expression."

*"It gives you a chance to truly express yourself in front of an audience, and then show what you're really capable of"- Neeki Ashari.*

Poetry Out Loud 2011 brought together a particularly diverse group of brilliant students. Students accepted to Princeton, students with disabilities, students with 4.6 GPAs, students from juvenile justice facilities. All came to the state finals with their unique stories and became



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# Editorial

## Dear Editors

### Millikan Mourns Loss of Crystal Hammock

When I read this article, it approached me in such a way of sorrow. Crystal Hammock was such a strong representative for special education. I believe that her spirit will influence us to be strong, warm to others and also working hard every day. We Millikan students will always keep a warm spot in our hearts for her.

**Elektra Eliopoulos**  
Grade 12

### Strange New Years Traditions

This article immediately caught my eye because its interesting to learn about how other cultures do things. However, I think using the word “strange” isn’t the best word, to describe other cultures’ traditions. The way we do things could be considered strange to other people. Other than that I enjoyed the short article, its something fun to read compared to the other school related articles.

**Alexis Linares**  
Grade 12

### Why Do We Wear School Uniforms?

I like the idea of uniforms are trying to convey, but I don’t understand why students can’t have free dress once in a while. It is expensive to buy more uniforms. I would like to be able to wear what I want once in a while. Especially on cold days, when jackets are needed, I don’t want to have to spend money on a Millikan jacket if I have plenty to wear. Uniforms haven’t affected my learning in any way.

**Tyler Deverell**  
Grade 12

### Wrestlers Lock Up More Wins

Wrestling is a challenging sport, however it is one of the most successful sports. All of the wrestlers take wrestling so seriously it’s incredible. They have won CIF championship and Moore League. Coach Thompson is an amazing coach who teaches all of players about discipline and their full potential.

**Areli Navarro**  
Grade 12

## The Difference Between Love and Spring Fever

By Kaitlyn Smith  
Staff Reporter

Flowers, candy, cute stuffed animals, and excessive amounts of PDA. These are all the classic signs of spring, the season of love. It seems as though people are constantly coupling up, going out, and then eventually, breaking up.

So how long does a high school relationship usually last? There are varied survey results and statistics, but on average a high school relationship can last anywhere from two months to just under a year. In certain instances, some high school sweethearts will end up tying the knot.

When one is unfortunate enough to go through a breakup, it is often that they are left bewildered, asking themselves why the relationship ended.

“A good relationship is one where you always want to be together. I would want someone who could enjoy my voice as much as my lips,” said one male Millikan student, who asked to remain anonymous.

It is just this that seems to be the ending point for so many high school relationships. When there is lack of communication, and too much or too little time, spent with

or without one another, it often causes stress on the couple, which leads to fighting, and so on. So how can you prevent your relationship from going downhill? An anonymous female student said, “Communication is essential. We (she and her boyfriend) like to play a question game, and try and learn something new about each other. And we always try to make each other happy by being easy going. It never matters what we do, or where we go, as long as we are together.”

This kind of relationship is obviously ideal, and it can be easily achieved through communication and the willingness to accept your significant other just the way they are.

Another factor to keep in mind is, we are all still young, and high school is a time to explore different kinds of relationships and not be tied down to one person all four years.

The most important thing to remember is, relationships are not always going to work out or go the way that you want, but no matter what, you are one of a kind, and should never settle for someone you are not happy with, or feel that you can not maintain a healthy relationship with.

## Prop 8 Prompts Online Prejudice

Sasha Kobliha  
Staff Reporter

A federal appeals panel assembled in San Francisco and overturned California’s ban on same sex marriage on Feb. 7.

Stephen Reinhardt, U.S. Circuit judge, wrote “Proposition 8 serves no purpose other than to lessen the status and human dignity of gays and lesbians in California.”

The decision prompted varied reactions. In a flurry of clicks, we took to our keyboards and addressed the controversy via social networking sites, chat boards and online forums. However, some responses contained offensive, derogatory content aimed at the gay community.

“I was shocked [that] our generation could be so hurtful,” said Andrea Brooks, senior, who read the online attacks.

“Whether one thinks gay marriage is appropriate or not, they should at least grant them the respect they deserve as hu-

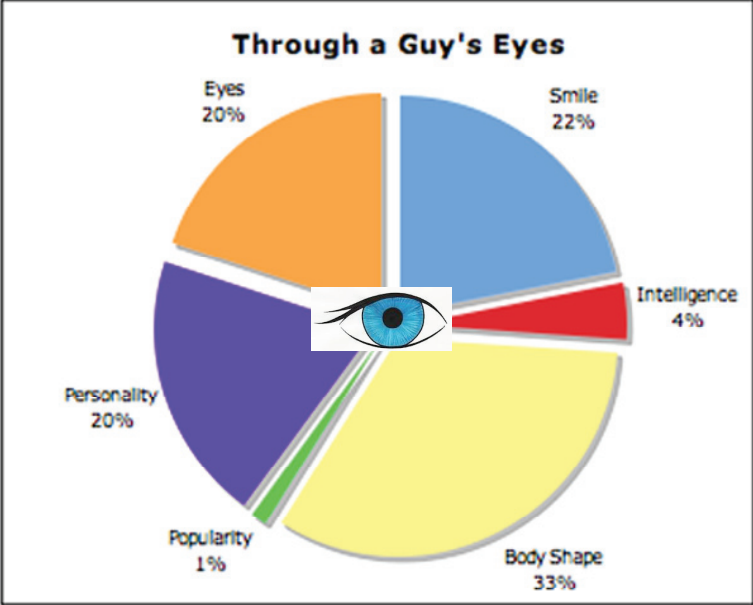
man beings,” said Brooks. Some argue freedom of speech dictates they have the right to broadcast whatever beliefs or material they see fit, even if it might be discriminatory in nature.

While the First Amendment protects this right, we have a personal responsibility to filter what is said.

“By posting something offensive, you brand yourself as narrow-minded and insensitive. Those comments are detrimental only to the author,” said junior Kevin Litman-Navarro.

Regardless of your individual creeds or ideologies, we each have a duty to use freedom of speech wisely. Statements of an aggressive nature are easy to make online; the perpetrator often isn’t confronted with the consequences they would be face to face.

Next time you think about posting an antagonistic comment, consider who might be on the other side of the computer screen and how they might take it.



GRAPH BY VICTORIA LAHNEY

In a recent survey, 230 boys from various grades and learning communities were asked about the first thing they notice in a girl.

## Cinnamon Challenge: A Recipe For Disaster

By Ariana Gastelum  
Editor-in-Chief

Recently, my friends and I gave into the peer pressure and participated in the Cinnamon Challenge.

The Cinnamon Challenge is where one attempts to swallow a spoon-full of cinnamon without water or spillage.

The second the cinnamon entered my mouth, my lungs inhaled the powder. A cloud of brown dust filled the air. My eyes watered, and I began to gag profusely. My reaction led to vomiting in my friend’s sink. Obviously, I lost the challenge and was left with a severe sore throat.

Swallowing cinnamon causes choking because the spice is a fine powder that soaks up saliva.

Junior Ru’Shell Lathom, who participated in the challenge, describes her experience

as almost fatal. “Once I finally swallowed it, I needed to drink water as soon as possible,” she adds.

The symptoms include a racing heart rate, high blood pressure, gagging, and vomiting. The cinnamon that enters the lungs is also dangerous for asthmatics.

If this challenge gives no benefit to the people who try it, then why do people do it?

Junior Omar Olea simply answers, “For fun.”

He was inspired to take part after seeing videos of others trying it. “After, I felt like throwing up,” he says.

This challenge increased in popularity in 2007. By 2010, people began recording themselves trying it and then posting it on Youtube.

The Cinnamon challenge may seem popular, but all who have tried it do not suggest anyone else should do the same.

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# Feature

## Madsen Fans Win Video Contest

By Sasha Kobliha  
Staff Reporter

The nationwide Madsen video competition, promoted and endorsed by the Goethe Institute, announced the winners, Millikan is proud to celebrate not one, but two victors.

Samantha Reynolds, junior and German 5-6 student, placed 2nd and won an iPad 2, while Sarah Neppel, junior and German 3-4 student, placed 3rd and won an iPod touch.

The criteria for the competition was to take a song from the German rock band Madsen and create a music video for it that

channeled creativity and originality.

German teacher Frau Peterie was thrilled to have multiple winners from her German classes. “I am really proud of them. I feel very blessed to have both as my students,” Peterie said. She emphasized the magnitude of the win.

“Madsen was such a good combination of the German language, culture and creativity,” she continued.

Reynolds and fellow junior Devon Decapua filmed and edited the video within three days, producing a series of unique shots and inventive angles that

ended up looking “pretty spiffy,” as they said.

“I feel like we took a more abstract, in-depth approach,” said Reynolds.

When asked where she drew her motivation from, Sarah Neppel responded. “My inspiration came from the band itself. When they performed at Millikan, they put on an amazing concert so I was determined to get my chance to see them again.”

While neither student received the first place prize—a trip to Germany to see Madsen in concert—both feel privileged to have entered and had the opportunity to enter.



PHOTO COURTESY OF DR. JEFFREY CORNEJO

### BYE-BYE, PEPÉ

A Millikan grounds keeper caught a skunk in the garden by the 800 Building on Feb. 15. Over the past couple of months, there have been numerous complaints from teachers and students of a strong stench and the sound of little feet pattering behind the walls. This past summer, the Kidettes even discovered a baby possum in a garbage can. These events led to a more in-depth investigation. Over the past couple of weeks, three possums and three skunks have been captured and released back into the wild. “We understand that these animals are threatened, so what we decided to do was call the Long Beach Animal Control and then they in turn, release them into rural areas,” Dr. Jeffrey Cornejo stated.

## Honor Choir Unites in Song

By Victoria Lahney  
Staff Reporter

Once a week for about a month, Millikan’s concert choir practiced new and challenging songs to be performed for honor choir. The final performance on Feb. 9, students showcased their hard work.

Honor choir is where the top singers in each school from elementary to high schools from the Long Beach Unified School District, come together in one big performance held in the Millikan auditorium.

There were a total of approximately 400 talented and deserving students.

The high school group sang the following songs: “Wana Baraka,” “Five Hebrew Love Songs,” and “Here’s to Song.”

“Honor choir is such a great experience,” said COMPASS sophomore Alicia Allen. “We get to work with new people and directors and we learn very challenging music.”

Roy Kitaoka, COMPASS sophomore, says, “My favorite part of honor choir was when we all united and sang one song together in the end.”

In preparation for this event, all high school participants meet in the Millikan choir room on Wednesdays from 4p.m. to 6p.m. They rehearse the songs in four different rehearsals before the big performance.

“A lot of effort and time was put into making this a great performance,” continued Allen. “In the end, all the hard work was worth -while. When I was up on stage doing something I love.”

## Visions Opens New Art Gallery at Millikan

By Jeanette Ramirez  
Staff Editor

A poem begins with a lump in the throat. [It] begins in delight and ends in wisdom,” Robert Frost once said.

Visions is known as the hot spot for those passionate about the arts, it allows students and visitors to read aloud poems or short stories of their own creation. This year, there was a new addition.

Feb. 17 marked the opening of Vision’s new art gallery. The mediums featured were charcoal, sketch, pencil, airbrush, mixed media, and self portrait. Most pieces connected to the themes of the night which were environmental, social, and media issues.

“This is so cool! I love this!” was the constant murmur as people strolled through the gallery.

## What to Do When You Are Seventeen Going on Eighteen

By Kaelyn Bruno  
Staff Editor

As seniors (and some juniors) begin their metamorphosis into legal adult age, they are presented with a whole new set of privileges.

Not all of the following choices are necessarily healthy to one’s lifestyle. However, as an adult, it is solely one’s responsibility to make his or her own decisions and be prepared for the repercussions.

**Get Tatted:** Respectable piercing and tattoo parlors will only lay hands on someone who is of legal age. However, think this one over before permanently marking your skin. Do you really want to have a dolphin tattoo on your ankle when you’re 80 years old?

**Buy Tobacco:** Check out the Surgeon General Warning on every tobacco product in America. “Caution: Cigarette Smoking May be Hazardous to Your Health.” The U.S. was the first country to require such warnings to be put on any tobacco product.

**Gamble:** In the state of California, there are Indian reservation casinos that permit 18-year-olds to play. While gambling can become very addictive to some, for others it’s a way to win or lose money in a carefree and fun environment. Just remember, all those quarters spent and lost in the slot machines can add up.

You can also legally buy lottery tickets. So save coins to scratch those scratcher tickets!

**Dance Clubin’:** There are a few dance clubs that are meant for the enjoyment of those who aren’t quite of drinking age yet. Not only can you have a good time with friends, but you can

also meet new people who are around the same age as you.

**Go to Jail:** If you break any law you will most definitely end up spending time in an actual adult jail. Also, in any judicial court you will be tried as an adult, which issues harsher sentences.

**Join Armed Forces:** Even though the government says the war in the Middle East is over, you can still sign yourself up for any branch of the military. Sometimes this is a wise route to take considering the government will pay for housing, benefits, and college education once you’ve served your time.

Keep in mind that if some sort of apocalyptic world war was to occur, you could possibly get drafted into the service. This is an involuntary commitment to our country.

**Get Married:** High school sweethearts, how adorable! Whether it’s going to city hall, eloping to Las Vegas, or going to a church, you and your longtime love can become a Mr. and Mrs. Right.

Notice: Be sure they *are* the right one before you say your “I do’s.”

**Support Yourself:** More high paying restaurant and retail jobs are available to those who are 18 and over. Also, with less than a full schedule, a student can pick up more hours and overtime at work, which of course brings in more money. And with more money saved up, you can move out and live on your own. You can put a down payment on a house or rent an apartment or condo.

However, if your parents make it comfortable to stay at home, there’s nothing wrong with leaving the nest when you’re 19 or 20 or even older.



BY JEANETTE RAMIREZ

The well-known Visions sign is ever-present on Open Mic Nights, which traditionally take place every month



