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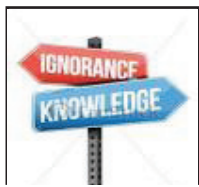
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# COMPASS Hosts World War I Museum

By Victoria Lahney  
*Editor-in-Chief*

During the school day, the library was just an ordinary building filled with books, but on March 3, it was transformed into a room full of World War I artifacts, student paintings, and performances.

The event began at 4 p.m. and ended at 7. The tour began with a display board about the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand and continued in chronological order.

This night demonstrated the talent of Millikan's tenth grade COMPASS class with a variety of performances featuring singers, actors, and band members.

"It's a pleasure to be a part of something unique like the World War I Museum," said sophomore Dylan Brekke, who sang several performances of "Over There" by George M. Cohan.

"My favorite part about this project was transforming into the character before performing," said Brekke. "I had the chance

to experience what it was like to wear an authentic uniform, and when developing my character I got a taste of what it might have been like to be in the war."

Honoring the 100th Anniversary of World War I, the Model T Club of Long Beach displayed classic cars from the time period, along with the war horse that comes every year.

"Bringing the war horse in allows students to be fully immersed in the World War I experience and lets them see and interact with an animal that they would never have been able to be close to normally," said COMPASS senior Kaitlyn Smith.

"I love the way our COMPASS teachers have infused a love for the arts into their instruction," said Dr. Cornejo. "Never have I seen such a rich mix of memorabilia and student artwork that depicts what life must have been like during the era of this World War."

Additionally, the annual Media Manipulation Gallery displayed projects that incorporated all of their core classes.



BY VICTORIA LAHNEY

*Daniel Coles, Brandon Rhodes, Dawson Mills, Todd Henderson, Kai Bauer, and Jacob Sams perform "Sweet Georgia Brown" at the World War I COMPASS event.*

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## Be Brave and Shave for Charity

By Charles Blanchard  
*Staff Editor*

The annual St. Baldrick's Foundation event took place on March 14 in the Millikan quad. Over 50 students shaved their heads to support children suffering from cancer.

The St. Baldrick's Foundation funds childhood cancer research. The foundation has raised over \$127 million in research grants.

Since 2000, more than 230,000 people have shaved their heads at 5,500 events for the charity, according to their official website.

This year, the event honored Kayleigh Scott, a Millikan student who passed away from cancer last year at the age of 16. She was diagnosed with Synovial Cell Sarcoma when she was 10 years old and lost her hair multiple times.

Students participated in the event by shaving their heads and raising money.

The Vietnamese Club and the baseball team decided to participate and had their heads shaved.

QUEST sophomore Jake Watts-Squires, who participated in the event, said, "I've never personally lost anyone [to cancer], but it's still a horrible thing a lot of people have to deal with."

Among the students who shaved their heads was QUEST junior Annika Horvath. She participated in the event in honor of her friend Patrick Green, who passed away from cancer last month.

Although she was nervous, she feels incredibly grateful for the opportunity to participate in St. Baldrick's this year.

"[Shaving my head] was one of the happiest moments of my life," Horvath said.

In addition to shaving her head, Horvath raised \$800 for St. Baldrick's.

Overall, Millikan raised over \$29,000 for childhood cancer research.

## Millikan Keeps Up With the World

Vincent Ngo  
*Staff Reporter*

### Oldest Piece of Earth Found

The oldest piece of Earth, a 4.4 billion year old crystal, was found in Perth, Australia by John Valley, lead study author and professor in the Department of Geoscience at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The crystal is said to be made from the element zircon, making it the earliest confirmed piece of the planet's crust.

### Bamboo Bikes

Ghana plans to bring their bamboo bikes to the public worldwide in June, according to Bernice Dapaah, the executive director of Ghana Bamboo Bikes Initiative. They are durable, shock resistant, and ready to use.

### Stabbing in China

29 people were killed and 143 people injured in a stabbing at Kunming Railway Station in Kunming, China. Ten terrorists,

dressed in black, started stabbing people at random in front of the station. Police say that the stabbing was an act of terrorism, planned by the separatists in China. It ended when the police shot four of the attackers.

### Ukrainian Invasion

After weeks of resistance, Crimea was seized by Russia. The day after, signs of tension between pro-Russians and pro-Ukraine members hinted that a bloody conflict might ensue.

Crimea seceded from Ukraine soon after, and on March 17, President Vladimir Putin declared it an independent state.

### Airplane Goes Missing

A Malaysian airplane went missing mysteriously on March 8. It disappeared en route from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing over the Gulf of Thailand, somewhere between Malaysia and Vietnam.

The Malaysian government reported that the plane was intentionally diverted.



## Dear Editor

### Karlowitsch Leads Girls Soccer Team to CIF

The recognition for Alex Karlowitsch is great, not only for representing herself, but representing the women's athletic department.

To see a woman athlete in the paper, it gives other girls in the school confidence and inspiration to be able to do anything that they want to do.

**Julie Santiago**

**Grade 12**

### What's Better, Paper Books or E-Readers

In high school classrooms, most teachers do not let you bring an E-reader to class. When there is free reading time they prefer that you bring a hard back or paper book.

Teachers should look at all the advantages to E-readers and consider letting their students bring them and use them in class. This could increase the popularity of E-readers.

**Amanda Perkins**

**Grade 12**

### Coles Leads the Way for All-State Band

This article is very inspiring. It shows that passion, devotion, and effort can really pay off in the long run.

Being in symphonic winds with Daniel Coles is truly amazing and eye opening. There is never a moment when he is not trying to enhance his musical knowledge and skill.

**Haley Fenninger**

**Grade 12**

### What's Better, Paper Books or E-Readers

I like the idea that E-readers are being used. It allows you to have so much variety. It allows you to take it anywhere you want.

There is also the argument that there is nothing like a book but I believe that once people give E-readers a try they will fall in love with them.

**Albino Acosta**

**Grade 11**

# Let Us Vote With Intelligence

By Kenya Rendon  
Staff Editor

**G**overnment of the people, for the people, by the people, shall not perish from this Earth, said Lincoln in his Gettysburg Address.

But as AP Government and Politics teacher, Russ Rudman frequently says, "America is the best at being the worst when it comes to voting."

Evidence continues to show that many people are amazingly uninformed about the basic workings of government despite rising education levels and increased availability of information.

To go about our daily life, we don't need political knowledge, so most people have little interest in doing the hard work necessary to stay informed.

Also, many people believe that their votes are unlikely to change the outcome of an election; the number of voters is so large that it barely matters to the outcome whether any given individual casts his ballot. Therefore, they believe, the value of voting is incredibly insignificant. "It's bad to think [not voting] is harmless," says Rudman.

We have become, then, a nation of people with little political knowledge. Voters who lack

political knowledge may be manipulated by the agenda of elites that contradict the majority's own interests.

Americans use shortcuts to learn about government and politics. Most get their news on the television, watching channels that barely touch upon issues due to time constraints. Most of these networks also have biases. Yet most Americans think they are informed citizens.

The government and news networks are too large for citizens to get accurate information and stay informed.

News channels like PBS and FOX News are very one sided:

while PBS is liberal, FOX is extremely conservative.

However, channels such as BBC America and websites like lvv.org (League of Women Voters) give citizens a wider view on both sides of the issue. They are nonpartisan, they don't support or oppose candidates for public office.

These resources give accurate information on both candidates and what they stand for, pros and cons of both candidates and what the bills are, word for word.

So seniors, in 2016, our next presidential election, make sure to check these places first.

## Girls Sports Yet to Reach Equality

By Megan Honey  
Staff Editor

**M**illikan's girls basketball team won their first CIF title. They are just starting to receive the attention that they deserved months ago.

Last month, I attended a girls basketball game at Millikan, and noticed the half-empty stands. I heard someone say, it doesn't matter, it's just a girls game. And I noticed how those same stands filled up when the boys basketball game started a few hours later.

Although girls sports have grown in both size and popularity over the past few decades, the

gender gap in the sports community is difficult to overlook. It is a chasm that needs to be bridged.

The social inequality among sports teams is probably the most apparent. At a typical high school, male athletes are considered prominent figures of the school's community: a icons of masculinity and strength. And while female athletes are by no means unpopular, they typically do not carry the same kind of social status that their male counterparts do.

Inequality is not only a social distinction. Male athletes earn \$179 million more in college scholarships, according to the Women's Sports Foundation.

If a girls game and a boys game are on the same day in the gym, the boys will almost always get the prime-time spot. This scheduling further enforces the societal construct that boys sports deserve more attention.

Discrimination against female athletes needs to stop. Female athletes dedicate just as much time to their sport as males do. They do not work that hard just to be overlooked because of their gender.

However, this problem is not completely out of our control. We can support our female athletes by attending their games and showing as much interest as we do for our male athletes.

## Clean More Than Closets This Spring

By Jade Erin Hargrove  
Staff Editor

**S**pring is here and, this year, along with the closet, garage and space behind the TV, diets are being cleaned up as well.

Clean eating is a new and highly effective way to turn a sluggish metabolism into a fat-burning machine.

Contrary to popular belief, eating clean isn't dieting. Dieting means is large quantities of lettuce (without Ranch) throughout the day accompanied by weight loss pills, lots of water and maybe a sugar cube for dessert.

Clean eating means removing chemicals, syrupy sodas and processed foods from your meals. In other words, eliminating fast-food and salty, sugary, greasy snacks.

Lean proteins, healthy carbs

and fats, and fresh fruits and vegetables are essential in a clean diet. The eat-clean philosophy is that "nutrition is more important than exercise or genetics in shaping our bodies."

Eating clean not only aids in weight loss, but it can increase energy levels, strengthen the immune system, and improve skin, and brain function.

Cases of clean eating have been known to even clear acne, stimulate nail and hair growth and help with focus and memory.

Now, just because the diet is clean that does not mean it's time to wave goodbye to Taco Bell. You can still go there but in moderation.

Deprivation of "treats" or indulgences will turn clean eating into a diet. However, having a treat

more than once every two weeks and in large amounts, defeats the purpose of eating clean, so feel free to have the occasional Baja Blast.

Instead of several small meals every two to three hours, recommendations are to eat every four hours, having three meals a day and one snack. But a common question is what do I eat?

Don't worry about having to take the Oregon Trail to find something healthy to eat. Just like normal food, clean recipes are plentiful on websites such as Cleaneatingmag.com, Eatingwell.com and Pinterest.com.

This spring, make the decision to change what is on the inside as well as the outside it will show in your health, skin and your intellectual performance.

## Is Reading Literature a Waste of Time?

By Allison Davis  
Staff Reporter

**N**on-fiction books provide valuable information that can be used in reports and can provide facts about the past.

Fiction can weave elaborate tales from imaginary or far-off places.

But is reading fiction a waste of time?

The answer is no. Novels are amazing. They take your imagination to places of great fun, they tell tales of grand places people have only dreamed of, and they provide an escape from stressful everyday life.

Novels even help develop the mind at a young age. The Theory of Mind, suggests that your brain develops faster at a young age when exposed to certain things, such as novels or problem solving.

Reading novels not only is proven to develop the mind according to social scientists, but it may even reduce stress.

Books are wonderful. And novels are truly fascinating. So the next time you're reading a novel, remember that, just for awhile, you're in another place, another time, and allow yourself to relax.

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## BOOK REVIEW: *DIVERGENT* Find Your Faction in *Divergent*

By Sophie Morrison  
Staff Reporter

The widely-anticipated movie ‘Divergent’, which is directly based on the book by Veronica Roth, reaches theaters on March 21, many readers are turning to the book for the whole story.

The story takes place in a dystopian United States, and is told from the point of view Beatrice Prior, a 16 year old girl faced with an important decision.

In Beatrice’s world, (Tris, as she is later known), society is divided into five factions, each representing different qualities or values.

At 16, people have to choose the faction where they want to spend the rest of their lives, which may not be the faction they were born into and raised.

Before they choose, they are given an aptitude test to see what

faction they are most suited for. This test gives Tris a result she wasn’t expecting and a new perspective on the system she was raised in.

The first in a trilogy, this book will resonate with teenagers because of Roth’s skill as a writer. She convincingly creates a character that all readers can connect with. She pulls us in from the start, and will persuade even the most skeptical of readers to turn the page.

I would definitely recommend not just this book, but the whole trilogy to readers who look for characters to love, and a story to fall in love with.

For fans of books like *The Hunger Games*, this small series is a perfect, new escape for adventurous readers.



## Meet Kevin Cortez, Mr. Ram 2014



BY JULIA KOWEY

Kevin Cortez, a COMPASS senior, was crowned Mr. Ram 2014 by last year’s winner Matt Lane. Cortez and the other participants were judged in categories of formal wear, talent, flexing, and question and answer. Taking a “selfie” with the audience, performing an original song, impressively flexing and responding to the question about how freshman can be successful at Millikan earned Cortez the title.



BY OSCAR SALINAS

**GERMANY ROCKS MILLIKAN:** COMPASS junior, Kassie Howard (middle) stands between sisters Sophia and Isa Poppensieker, Ole Specht and Jakob Sudau of the band, Tondandgerat. Howard won a chance to spend time with the band backstage for creating a band slogan, “Tune into Tonbandgerat, tune into German.”

## CLUB OF THE MONTH: From Page to Stage

By Julia Kowey  
Staff Editor

Every Thursday, the From Page to Stage Club meets to rehearse lines, discuss costumes and determine props to use in their newest project, ‘The Emperor’s New Clothes.’ The club chooses, rehearses and performs short productions for children in hospitals.

Last year the club, led by Camille Romero, preformed “The Bird that Couldn’t Sing” at Millers Children Hospital. The 25 character play was impressively pulled off by only five club members who had to frequently change roles throughout the performance.

Romero says that it was such an enriching experience for her and the children who watched. “I felt bad for the kids in the hos-

pital who couldn’t go out, so I said, ‘I’ll bring theater to you!’”

A production is a lot of responsibility, but the members all share the work. “The club is nice because everyone is a part of every aspect of the show: costumes, props, sets, and writing or revisions of the scripts,” Romero states.

Romero chooses scripts specifically for young children that are light and humorous. This year the club hopes to perform ‘The Emperor’s New Clothes’ not only for the pediatrics ward but also the cancer ward of Miller Children’s Hospital.

All students are encouraged to join From Page to Stage, which is a fun, creative and rewarding experience. The club meets on Thursdays at lunch in Room 565 and is the perfect opportunity for enrichment.

## Good Night at Open Mic

By Kenya Rendon  
Staff Editor

Open Mic is a no-judgment zone where everyone can express themselves openly through their own original art or by sharing the work of other artists they admire.

An open mic is a live show where audience members can perform at the microphone or just sit back and enjoy the show.

Christmas lights are the only light source, so the atmosphere is both calming and intimate.

Rows of chairs are set up and blankets are placed where they provide a great view of all

performers.

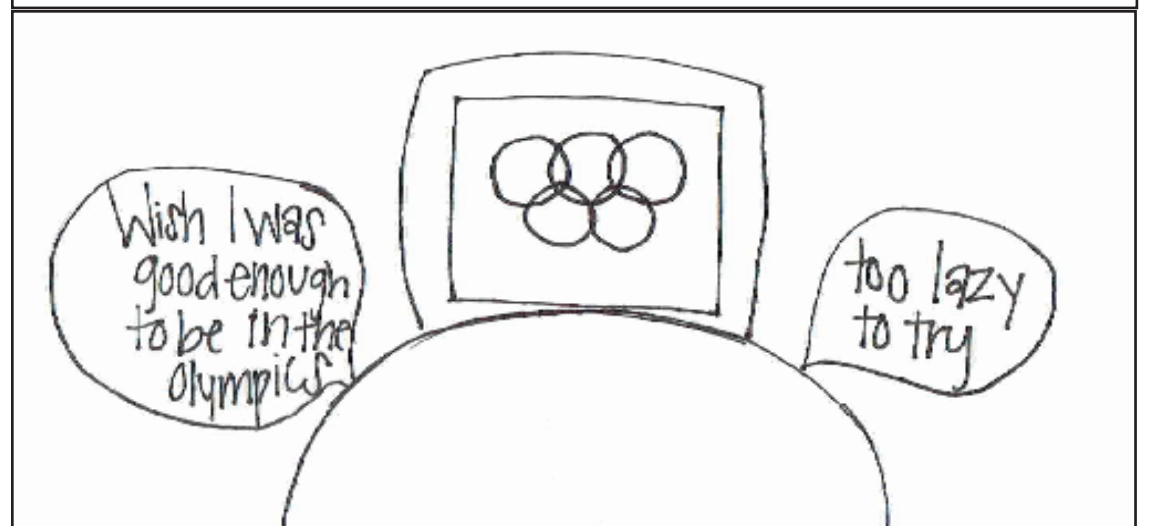
On March 7th, Matthew Vann, the master of ceremonies for Open Mic, stood in front of the four big poster boards with the word Visions painted across them and a pair of big eyes that bleed black are painted on the backdrop as well.

The room erupts with applause, whistles and laughter. There are serious people, funny people and people full of life who perform.

Open Mic is one of the few events that let’s Millikan students express themselves in a fun and personal way that people love.

## The Scratching Post

By Caitlyn Richard





## Girls Basketball Takes CIF



PHOTO COURTESY OF PRESS TELEGRAM  
QUEST senior Briana Guillory shoots the ball while two Brea players try to block her at CIF on March 8.

By Caitlyn Richard and Danielle Pulido  
*Staff Editors*

The Lady Rams defeated Bonita High School at Azusa Pacific University on Saturday, March 8, making them the CIF champions for the first time in Millikan's history.

The lead went back and forth throughout the game. Millikan had a good rhythm in part of the first half when they got their biggest lead of the game 26-18 from Bonita turnovers. At half-

time the teams were tied 30-30 and in the very last minutes, Millikan pulled out a win with an incredibly close score of 56-53.

One player capturing attention on the court is senior, Briana Guillory, who is excited to have won CIF.

"I was really proud of what we were able to accomplish for not only our coach but for the Millikan Lady Rams program as a whole," says Guillory. "No one will ever forget 2013-2014 Lady Rams basketball team."

Guillory attributes the

success of the team to focusing and making self-sacrifices.

"We all sacrificed something in order to make it happen," she states. "It was on the top of our to do list and we made sure nothing got in the way. Focus was key."

Guillory goes on to describe how grateful she is to have gotten to play basketball.

"Basketball has just been a huge part of my life and I can't imagine being without it," she says. "I love this game."

Basketball has come with its struggles and Guillory knows how hard it is to face those challenges, since she is on both the basketball and track teams.

"I do enjoy track," she says. "Both sports challenge me mentally and physically so it is not like one is less work than the other. Basketball is just where its at for me."

She looks up to NBA player Kevin Durant as a guide because of his humble and effective leadership skills.

"He plays with a lot of heart and gets his team involved as well," Guillory says.

She also looks up to her parents for guidance as well.

"A lot of credit goes to my family and I would not be the player or person I am without them."

Guillory also hopes for a successful future in the sport.

"Saying basketball means a lot to me is almost an understatement," Guillory says. "It has been a part of me since the fourth grade. The journey doesn't stop here though!"

## Boys Basketball Bounces Back

By Michael Goldstein  
*Staff Reporter*

Although the Rams basketball team fell short of reaching their ultimate goal of winning a CIF championship, they have nothing to hang their heads about this season. They brought the whole school together and made Millikan students proud to be Rams.

"These students, man, they're unbelievable," says

the semifinals of CIF for the first time since 1989.

The Rams unfortunately fell short in the semifinal game against Mission Viejo. They battled back from being down by 17, but it was too much to overcome and the Rams fell 75-59.

"Their players showed up and ours didn't," said coach Chris Francis.

"I'm humbled and blessed for this season and I'm happy that I am a junior and I can play

*"We're going to play harder, work harder, and train harder."*

*Josh Clarke, Freshman*

Rams second year coach, Chris Francis.

The Rams were rooted on by a group of boys and girls that go by the name Splash Zone. The Splash Zone was at every Millikan game and was behind them every step of the way with their loud chants and enthusiasm.

"They're crazy, but they were a big key to our success this year," says junior Will English.

With all the support the Rams had behind them they made history a couple times this year. They beat Compton for the first time since 2006. They also beat a very good Rancho Cucamonga team to advance to

for Millikan next year and we can go get that championship," promises English.

Freshman standout guard Josh Clarke, on his expectations for next season says, "We're going to play harder, work harder, and train harder. I feel like Millikan is the right place to be right now. Our coaches really guided in the right direction. I know that next year is the year we win the championship."

Junior guard Thomas Pua states what he expects from his team next year: "We will be unstoppable next year. We wont go down easy."

Clarke simply says, "I'm ready to step up."

## Wrestlers Make Rams Proud

By Frank Carrillo  
*Staff Editor*

As the whistle blew and the hand was raised, cheers erupted from the Millikan coaches.

Messerchmitt, senior, took first place at CIF on Feb. 22 in Ontario for the CIF individual tournament.

He beat his opponent from Mater Dei High School 8-2 in a breath-taking match.

Messerchmitt got a defensive take down and received near-fall points as he was pinning his opponent. Though the last period ended, his win was secured with his five point move and was able to move on to the Masters Meet the following week.

Martin Ramos, senior, and Christen Robleto, sophomore, both placed fifth at CIF and moved on to the Masters Meet as well.

Masters took place on Feb. 28 and Mar. 1. On the first day, Ramos was eliminated in his last match, with two wins and two losses.

"Going to masters was incredible," Ramos says. "Being able to wrestle in an arena goes to show how far wrestling can

go."

Robleto also had two wins and two losses at the end of the day, but that didn't bring him down.

"I try to follow Dan Gable's quote, 'I shoot, I score, he shoots, I score.'" Robleto said.

Messerchmitt had one loss on the first day and was able to move on to the second day of the Masters Meet.

Unfortunately, he lost his last match and was unable to move on to State.

Assistant coach Daniel Lopez is proud of the teams hard work and wants to focus on getting guys to state next year.

Messerchmitt has a total of 40 wins, 20 of them being pins, and only 10 losses.

Marshall Thompson, the head wrestling coach, says "I am very proud of Chris and the entire team for playing hard to win."

Winning Moore League for a third consecutive year, totaling at 30 Moore League titles also proves to show the dedicated hard work of our Rams.

"I believe our team is going to be stronger next year," Thompson says. "Many of our guys had great years and there are many more to come."



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