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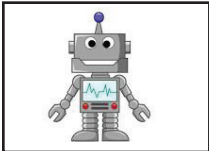
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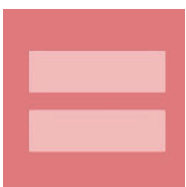
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Little Shop Of Horrors Astonishes Audiences



PHOTO BY MINDY NGO

The cast preformed the play from the nights of the 26, 27, and 28. On some nights they would preform until 930 at night, showing their devotion to the musical. This was the first time Drama has preformed the musical in 15 years, although due to the larger cast, more musical and dance numbers have been added.

See the full story covering the musical online at lbmillikan.schoolloop.com/Corydon

State Revolutionizes School Funding to Accomodate Needs

By Charles Blanchard
Editor-In-Chief

English classes were taken to the computer labs to complete a 100-question survey for the school district.

The survey was issued to gather information for the LCAP (Local Control Accountability Plan).

This new plan for financing school districts is a huge breakthrough in the way schools will be funded.

Previously, school districts received money from the state, and were told what to spend it on (a certain amount for books, teachers' salaries, etc.)

The new form of financing, developed last year, will be based on student demographics.

The LCAP will align with state priorities. These priorities include

making sure teachers are competent and have the proper credentials to teach the curriculum the state requires.

The State's priorities also include integration of Common Core standards in Eng-



lish, math, and arts, while also moving onto physical and social sciences, performing arts, and physical education.

Parent involvement in

their children's education is another priority of the state.

Improving student achievement, another factor, will focus on test scores and college readiness.

The state also wants to support student engagement through investigating attendance and determining which students are regularly absent.

They also hope to make the schools themselves better for students by targeting suspension and expulsion rates.

Students must also be prepared for college and meet requirements in physical education and the arts.

The new form of funding not only tries to focus on students' environment in school, but also tries to bring up the issue of homelessness and foster care, which many students in the state experience.

Millikan Keeps Up With the World

By Vincent Ngo
Athletics Editor

Largest Discovery of Gold Coins in Israel

Divers discovered 2,000 gold coins on the sea floor off the Israeli coast. Archaeologists hope to continue excavating surrounding areas in search for more.

Carnival Accident Leads to Death

An electrical shock from a float killed 16 people during Haiti's national carnival parade. Haiti's Prime Minister confirmed that 78 other people were injured.

Niagara Falls Freezes

Due to -22 degree weather, Niagara Falls has frozen over. Though some see it as a downside, statistics show that it has brought higher tourist rates increasing the

revenue for the tourist attraction.

Superbugs Cause Two Deaths

Two patients at the UCLA medical center lost their lives due to both victims contracting carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriac (CRE).

The super bug is spread by touching an infected wound or stool.

The Killing of Michael Brown Case Closes

Darren Wilson, a Ferguson police officer who was tried in court in front of a grand jury for the killing of 18 year-old Michael Brown, received no criminal charges. Since the opening of the case back in August, the Department of Justice has closed the case completely.

Dear Editor

Wrestling Team Pins Hope on CIF Individuals

I want to say that I am very proud of all the wrestlers this year. Everyone has endured the workouts, wins and losses. As a team you have all grown closer and developed in skill.

Don't take the loss as the most devastating moment of wrestling season. As Daniel Lopez said, "Embrace the moment for a lifetime of memories."

Hector Gonzalez
Grade 12

The Wait for College Is Almost Over

I felt like I, along with all of my fellow seniors, could relate to this article [about college acceptance]. After dropping pre-calculus, I thought my only hope to attending college would be getting into a community college.

Fortunately, one day I checked my e-mail and I saw that I got accepted to Cal State Long Beach, so I know that feeling of relief.

Kimberly Contreras
Grade 12

Zumba Club Will Add Jazz to Your Day

I am glad that the Zumba Club is being acknowledged. I've attended a couple of sessions and I was surprised. Lizeth Vazquez is a great teacher and it is obvious that she is passionate about this Latin dancing.

She makes it fun for everyone and I actually felt comfortable. It is a great thing to do for anyone wanting to get fit or just to bring friends and have fun.

Danya Melena
Grade 12

Frequency of Fast Food Lowers Academic Performance

As a senior going through countless tests and graduation stress, and living with a working mom who comes home at five everyday, I can say food is definitely affecting my academics. I am talking about the nutrition factor of food, not the supply.

I am sad to say that the most I can find is freezer food and reheatable noodles because my mom is tired after work.

Marc Martin
Grade 12

HEALTH NOTE

Rise in Depression Among College Freshman

By Fabiola Rojas
Staff Reporter

Staying caught up with school work and academics gives one satisfaction.

However, according to an annual survey by UCLA's Cooperative Institutional Research Program, more than 150,000 college students nationwide, increasingly feel depressed and "overwhelmed" in their freshmen year.

Depression is the second most commonly reported symptom among students, according to the survey.

The cause of such anxiety starts with the dedication that students display during their high school years in order to get into college and fulfill the expected image of being academic, social, involved, and happy.

The results released in early February reinforce some experts' concern about the emotional health of college freshmen.

"It's a public health issue. There's a sense of having to compete in a global economy, and they think they have to be on top of their game all the time," says Dr. Rostain, psychiatrist and chairman of the University of Pennsylvania.

Trends from the survey indicate that students dedicated more time to their academics and socialized less, resulting in higher levels of stress.

Another impact to students' emotional state is that their social media affects their self-esteem.

Suzanne Ciechalski, a freshman at St. John's University in Queens believes, "The pressure to try and make people believe you're the best is really high."

To overcome depression, mental health specialists encourage students with depression to get treatment or call a national depression hotline if they recognize a constant change in their personality or energy as this may endanger someone's life.



Journalists Employ Robots to Work While They Sleep

By Britney Atkins
Staff Reporter

Ever wished that you could have someone do your work for you while you slept? For Ken Schwencke, journalist and programmer for the Los Angeles Times, this is a reality.

Schwencke developed an algorithm called Quakebot over two years ago.

Whenever there is an alert coming in from the U.S. Geological Survey about an earthquake above a certain level, the Quakebot is programmed to extract relevant data from the USG alert and plug it into a pre-written template.

This enables Schwencke to respond to an alert faster without having to compromise an article to be sent out. It allows Schwencke to send it out within three minutes.

While the article appears under Schwencke's byline, the Quakebot deserves the credit.

The Quakebot's goal, according to Schwencke, is not to write

an insightful and compelling story, but to get straight to the point and let people know the key points of the disaster.

Schwencke goes on to say that even after the publication of the articles, they are normally revised and updated by online bloggers.

Though Quakebot isn't the first of its kind, Schwencke and his colleagues created a similar bot that makes automatic reports about homicides.

Many writers believe it to be a possible threat to their jobs. However, Schwencke believes Robo-Journalism, which is the usage of robots to do work usually done by reporters, can be beneficial by eliminating some tedious tasks so that journalists have time to report on other, more in-depth stories. This can be a positive pro because more news can get out at a faster rate.



Brian Williams Suspended

By Sophie Morrison
Feature Editor

Top NBC journalist loses Credibility with viewers

As many journalists will tell you, credibility is their most important quality, and for many, this trust is earned over years of honest reporting. Unfortunately for veteran newscaster Brian Williams, one small lie wrecked a reputation built up over decades.

On February 10 Williams began a six-month suspension after it came to light that he lied while recounting a story about being shot down while in a helicopter in Iraq in 2003.

The story, which began as a simple anecdote about Williams' time reporting during the war in Iraq, became exaggerated over time, with Williams telling David Letterman in 2013 that he had

been shot down in a helicopter. This account greatly differs from the story he told in 2003, and veterans he worked with came forward with their contradictions.

This led to other investigations into Williams' reporting, as well as an on-air apology to viewers. Weekend host Lester Holt is filling in the interim.

This may not be enough to satisfy most viewers, as trust is not something that can be reestablished easily. This mistake may also give viewers the impression that Williams values his celebrity over ethics.

A long suspension may also give way for new talent, however. Williams was once one of the most respected newscasters on television, with his nightly show pulling in an average of 9.3 million viewers every evening.

But in the Internet era, six months could be all it takes for viewers to change the channel.

No Snow Means No Skiing

By Kendall McCormick
Ass't Editor-in-Chief

California's lack of snow is causing major issues, and the drought-ridden state is showing no signs of improvement. 99.8% of California is in a drought, and the lack of snow in the Sierra Nevada Mountains will have devastating effects. 25 million people rely on

this area for their fresh water. Snow records have shown that the 2014-2015 precipitation records have been some of the lowest ever recorded. Not only is this bad news for California's water reserves, but also for snow sports. Big Bear is usually a popular tourist destination, but the lack of snow is turning away skiers and snowboarders from the fun.

Lucky Leprechaun Tells a Joke

By Alyssa Newkirk



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With a Little Luck o’ the Irish What Would You Do?

By Natasia Stillman
and Mindy Ngo
Staff Reporters

In a recent poll students were asked if they had magical luck for a day, what they would do.

Clemen Realubit, QUEST senior, “Lottery! Duh!”

Madison Cullen, QUEST senior, “Since I’m already Irish, I would use the extra luck to win the lottery.”

Erin Rivas, MBA senior, “Fight a bear.”

Franchezca Cruz, GREEN senior, “Win a lifetime supply of potatoes!”

Joel Lopez, COMPASS junior, “I’d meet J. Cole and take a picture with him.”

Emmanuel Torres, QUEST Junior, “Bump into Chris Pratton the street”

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Minkoff Amazes in Poetry Out Loud Competition



By Sophie Morrison
Feature Editor

QUEST Junior Riley Minkoff advanced as far as the county level in the Poetry Out Loud Competition, a National Competition in which students recite poetry from memory in front of judges. Minkoff recited two poems, “All This and More” by Mary

Karr, and “And Soul” by Evan Boland, which she chose because she likes that they could be “interpreted in many different ways.” Minkoff won our school competition here at Millikan, before advancing to the district and county levels. Although she did not make it past the county level, Minkoff says it was a rewarding experience.

Just Discovered: A Sequel to *To Kill a Mockingbird*

By Britney Atkins
Staff Reporter

Tonja B. Carter, Harper Lee’s lawyer and close friend, was doing some legal work for her when she found something interesting. Carter stumbled upon an old manuscript which she thought was part of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, which won Lee a Pulitzer Prize and made her a best-selling author of the 1960’s.

Carter told a reporter for the New York Times that she assumed it was from *To Kill a Mockingbird* because the characters were familiar. But in these passages, Atticus was much older and Scout was grown up. The story unfolded in Alabama during the racial turmoil of the 1950s, not the Depression of the 1930s.

Carter found a title on the manuscript, *Go Set a Watchman* and quickly sought the author, (now 88) to clarify what was discovered. Lee told her the unpublished novel was complete and even went as far as to call it ‘the parent’ of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Carter was thrilled, and encouraged Lee to sign releases to publicize the novel. The news sparked a controversy because some people felt that Lee was taken advantage of due to her age. However, Lee and Carter squashed those rumors and gave interviews to confirm the upcoming publication. Even without all of the recent controversy, after 55 years, *To Kill a Mockingbird* continues to be an influential classic taught in schools nationwide.

Standardized Testing Remains Controversial

By Mindy Ngo
Staff Reporter

Annually, from grades three to ten, students took mandatory tests to show the progress of their learning abilities in reading and math. Students from low income families have repeatedly earned lower scores than students from high income families.. Yet, these tests are still ongoing with the same results every year. Is standardized testing helping students reach their academic goals? “Well there are pros and cons for standardized testing,”

says Sean Genovese, chemistry teacher. “A pro is that it compares how well teachers are preparing the students. While the negative is that students can cheat or just memorize the material instead of learning it.” TIME magazine has recently written an article about eliminating standardized testing. The No Child Left Behind Law (1965) was to have all public schools be tested in reading and math to determine how race and level of income effect the students learning ability. As the student progresses onto the next grade level, the skills and knowledge from previous years fade away slowly, especially if

those skills aren’t used frequently. For instance, as a sophomore you must take the CAH-SEE reading and math test. If you do not pass your sophomore year, you take it again your junior year. You must pass this test to graduate high school. This pus a bigger deal of stress on students who struggle to grasp certain concepts of algebra, geometry, grammar, and reading comprehension. Without being able to graduate from high school, this creates a barrier for those who seek jobs that they would like to pressure in. They will find jobs, but it will be jobs that don’t pay as much.

Vegans Avoid Animals in Clothing Too

By Fabiola Rojas
Staff Reporter

Among new fashion trends is the return of wearing “pleather”, a texture of plastic, and synthetic fabric similar to leather. Popularized by pop stars like Michael Jackson, and other 80s-90s icons. Presently, with the help of science, the fabric substituting for animal leather has arrived with the hip new title of vegan leather. As textile technology evolves, vegan leather offers a wide variety of colors and patterns, fitting almost anyone’s taste. Leanne Hilgart, founder of Vaute Couture, made headlines

in 2013 as the first all-vegan fashion designer specializing in stylish outerwear free of leather, wool, and other animal products. Californians are able to get away with wearing classic leather all year- round, which is why major department stores

are increasing the availability of vegan leather products. In addition, vegan leather options tend to be cheaper and require less maintenance. The popularity of vegan leather is credited to the growth of Americans turning to veganism or vegetarianism- about one-eighth of the population over the age of 18, according to the Humane Research Council. Shoppers may think nothing compares to the smell and impressiveness of real leather, but it’s 2015, and the demand of guilt-free fashion is growing. This is especially true in Southern California, home to animal lovers who strive for animal protection.





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CIF Tournament Series

BOYS BASKETBALL

The boys basketball’s final game for the 2015 CIF Southern Section Boys Basketball Playoff Brackets - Division 1AA was on Feb. 27 against Tustin. Unfortunately the Rams lost 60 - 64. Millikan was unable to catch up to Tustin in score throughout the game.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The girls’ basketball team fell from their CIF throne on March 4 to Etiwanda. They played valiantly although in the end, they lost by 16 points. Millikan almost caught up in the fourth quarter although timely three-pointers from Etiwanda kept the Rams down. Junior Kaylin Ellis led Millikan with 19 points, including five 3-pointers, and added four assists and four steals. Sophomore Tyler Frierson had 12 points and 18 rebounds but was plagued by foul

trouble in the second half. Mia Belvin added 17 points for the Rams.

BOYS SOCCER

The most recent boys soccer’s game was against La Quinta, losing by one point. Millikan pulled within one when senior Jesus Vargas finished one of the seven second-half corner kicks earned by the Rams, but La Quinta goalkeeper Sebastian Ascencio made four of his seven saves in the last minutes of the game to preserve the upset victory.

GIRLS SOCCER

Girls’ soccer had their final game against Chino Hills High School, losing 0 - 2. “Reflecting on the season, we just came up short all year,” Millikan head coach Tino Nunez said. “Individually we didn’t do well taking care of the ball. And [Chino Hills is] a good team. They

were able to break us down on the dribble and deservedly they’re going through. We didn’t do our job.”

GIRLS WATER POLO

The waterpolo CIF career this year ended in their last game for Round One of the CIF SS Division II Playoffs against Murrieta Valley losing 3 - 16. Maddie Baker, Isis Vasquez and Sara Manganon scored for the Rams.

WRESTLING

After taking their 15th Moore League title, the Rams headed on to CIF individuals. Only team captains Zain Ali and Andrew Lane qualified for the masters meet, with Ali winning CIF at the 160 weight class and Andrew Lane taking second at 195 lbs. Through the difficult masters meet tournament, only Ali is moving forward taking eighth and moving on to the state meet.

Badminton Back on Track

By Fabiola Rojas
Staff Reporter

After a first semester without coaches the badminton team is are anxious to play again and smack birdies. The season started on March 3. With the news that their past head coach, Peter Hor, is back on campus, with assistant coach “Milky,” (doesn’t want real name published) the athletes made sure their schedules were open this semester for the team.

They had their first pre-game on Thursday, February 19 against Wilson and demonstrated that their mixed squad is stronger than singles. Varsity player Leah Boyer says, “It’s fun. We are all good friends and Milky sings to us while we exercise so we have a lot of motivation.” The badminton team played their first match on March 5 at Lakewood , but lost due to all the practice Lakewood received during the first semester.



PHOTO BY KENDALL MCCORMICK

Splash Zone is Millikan’s student section at the basketball games. They cheered on the team at all of their games, especially during CIF Friday.

Track and Field’s Throw Squad Get Ready for Spring Season

By Alyssa Newkirk
Staff Reporter

Millikan’s track and field team is made up of students from every grade level, some of whom compete in the “throw squad”. Frances Canales, GREEN academy senior, explains: “Shot put and discus are track and field events that involve throwing ei-

ther the shot put or the discus. The overall purpose is to throw farther than your competitors.” Canales adds, “Many people underestimate the throwers because they only see the final result. They don’t see the hours of hard work, weight lifting and technique we put in for a small second to shine.” “Not every student can be a great thrower.” Weston Ad-

ams, MBA senior, says, “In this sport you have to be strong, dedicated, explosive. And [you have to] have flawless technique.” Canales adds, “This sport is great at showing that hard work pays off and that the road to success isn’t always pretty.” Adamssays, “I love being a part of track and field at Millikan. The entire team is like a huge family.”

Spiking Up One Solid Unit

By Mindy Ngo
Staff Reporter

Millikan’s varsity boys volleyball team is expecting to have a great season. With their vigorous training and great teamwork, the players hope to take the Moore League title. “Our team has the potential. We have a great set of guys who make it possible,” says senior co-captain Tyler Moy. “I’m not saying this year will be easy, but we’re going to have to work for it.” Coach Matt Johnson feels that the team is “one solid unit.” He has been coaching volleyball on and off for about 17 years.

“The team is looking better than the previous years. We practice a lot longer than ever before,” he says. Senior Tony Arias says, “The season is looking strong for us because we have a solid team this year, full of talent.” The team includes upper classmen but there are two newcomers who qualified for varsity: freshman Tristan Cox and sophomore Jaylan Kimbrough. “To be honest, either join a club team or start playing volleyball now,” says senior co-captain Arthur Porter. “It’s a tough technical sport and athletes play year round if they’re serious.”

Dunking With the Rim Reapers

Natasia Stillman
Staff Reporter

From blocked shots to boxing out, the Millikan girls’ varsity basketball team knows just what it takes to dedicate themselves to a relentless sport. With long practices full of rigorous training, to challenging games, they have experienced what it is like to be called a “varsity” team. When asked what it takes for a team to make it to the CIF finals, varsity junior Esther Bomar-Franks states, “It takes

good team chemistry, focus, and a lot of hard work on the court.” They’re not only a team; they’re also a family of dedicated hoopers willing to do whatever it takes to succeed. Bomar-Franks also adds, “The moment I knew I made it to the CIF finals, I felt great but knew there was still more work to be done to win it all.” “If there is one thing that basketball has taught her, it is this: “If all else fails, your team will always have your back. It’s more than a team, its a family.”

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