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Millikan Sweeps Competition at Heritage Festival

By Megan Honey
 Staff Editor

Millikan's music program is celebrating the results of this year's Heritage Festival that took place on April 11-12 in San Diego.

"This has been a huge milestone for our music program," said senior Kelly Fenninger.

Participating groups from Millikan included symphonic winds, symphony orchestra, jazz band, and concert choir.

The groups were judged on the dynamic balance between and within the instrumental sections, their intonation, and other factors. The groups were ranked within their division and judged on a 100 point scale: 90-100 points are equivalent to a gold rating, 80-89 points a silver, and 70-79 points a bronze.

Jazz band won 1st place with a gold rating in its division and received the outstanding band award. Daniel Coles (trombone) and Alexander Sabater (alto saxo-

phone) received soloist awards.

Symphonic orchestra placed 1st in its division with a gold rating and won the outstanding orchestra award. Symphonic winds received a silver rating and placed 3rd in its division.

Concert choir received a gold rating and placed 3rd in their division, and Ben Bond (baritone) received a soloist award.

Millikan won the sweepstakes for the instrumental program and the sweepstakes for the entire music program due to the success of these groups.

COMPASS senior and first chair cellist Alex Huezo calls the experience unbelievable.

"It was great to see the happiness on everyone's face," Huezo says. "It was one of those moments where you finally see all of your hard work pay off."

Huezo was very reflective of his last competition in high school. "Being a senior made it all the more special," Huezo says.



PHOTO COURTESY OF TIM SUTFIN

The members of symphonic winds, symphonic orchestra, jazz band, and concert choir display their awards after attending the Heritage Festival in San Diego during the weekend of April 11-12. Among those who took home the gold rating were jazz band, symphony orchestra, and concert choir.

World News Briefs

By Vincent Ngo
 Staff Reporter

Disappearing Glaciers in Africa

Glaciers in the African Alps are starting to disappear. This can result in higher temperatures around the world (permanently). The melting of the glaciers could spell danger for nearby villages, with increasing temperatures, floods, or longer droughts.

"My guess is by 2030, there won't be any ice left on the mountains," says Richard Taylor, a geology professor at University College London.

Fastest Flying Woman

Ellen Brennan, a wing suit flyer, recently jumped off the Alguille du Midi, a 12,605 ft tall mountain in France. Brennan, who has performed more than 600 jumps prior to this event, soared across the mountainous region at speeds of up to 120 mph, landing safely. She wears a special suit that has fabric between the legs and under the arms.

Once she jumps, she has only mere seconds to catch the wind and start flying.

World War II Bomb Kills Seven

A World War II bomb accidentally detonated on April 2 while Bang-

kok scrap workers tried to cut it open and turn it into smaller parts according to CNN. Seven people were killed and 19 injured. The workers believed that the bomb was no longer active.

Most Trafficked Animal in the World

The pangolin is the most trafficked animal in the world. It is an anteater that is 12-30 inches in length. It is estimated that thousands of pangolins are illegally trafficked every year. Poachers in Vietnam and China hunt it for its meat and scales, which are used for traditional medicines.

Scientists are unsure how many pangolins are left in the world, and are classified as an endangered species.

Clippers Crisis: Owner Fired Over Racist Statements

Now former owner of the NBA team Los Angeles Clippers Donald Sterling has been heavily reprimanded for statements that were obtained by TMZ and Deadspin. NBA commissioner David Silver, announced that Donald Sterling would receive the maximum fine of \$2.5 million, and a lifetime ban from all team-owning activities. NBA owners and players union unanimously want to force him to sell the team, and even have the approval of Sterling's wife.

How Dreams Lead Millikan Students to Success



PHOTO COURTESY OF JESSICA LAM

Jessica Lam (left) won first place for the annual Optimist Club essay contest. Lam and third place winner Art Porter (center) are both students in Pamela Cathcart's 11th grade AP English Language class. Second place went to Meagan Yuhashi from Lakewood High School (right). The Optimist club luncheon was held at the Grand Event Center in Long Beach on April 17. Each student submitted an essay following the guidelines for the theme "How Dreams Lead to Success." The annual contest is open to all Long Beach high schools. Winners receive cash rewards and medals, and may go on to compete at the county and state levels.

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Dear Editor

A Letter to the Editor: The Other "F-Word"

Since the beginning of humankind, there have always been taboos and ideas that are disapproved by the majority of society.

There is an "F-Word" that has eight letters. The word is feminism.

Feminism is the belief that men and women should have equal social, economic, and political rights and opportunities. Sounds pretty simple right? So why has it become a word that creates sweat on the brows of politicians and celebrities alike?

Political commentator Rush Limbaugh said, "Feminism was established to allow unattractive women easier access to the mainstream."

This word has been warped and misconstrued over time.

How can we help this cause? First, understand the word. If you believe that men and women should be treated equally, you are a feminist, my friend. (You too, guys!)

Get informed on issues that primarily affect women. Equal pay, workplace discrimination, and even rape are good points to start.

Together, women and men can spread a positive, feminist message throughout the world.

Annika Horvath
Grade 11

Wrestlers Make Rams Proud

As a wrestler who went to CIF, it's great to have recognition for something that you put effort into. It was a great experience to know that all the hard work is over and I can relax from here on out. I believe the wrestlers worked hard this season and will come back next year to do even better.

Martin Ramos
Grade 12

COMPASS Hosts World War 1 Museum

The beautiful mix of visual and performing arts. The actors' performance took the spectators back in time to experience it for themselves.

I'm glad this production is receiving the recognition it deserves.

Isaiah Martin
Grade 12

Should Banned Books Remain Banned?

By Jade Erin Hargrove
Staff Reporter

English classes across America read literature that has either been banned or challenged in a school's curriculum.

Leaders in Cuba, China, and North Korea have banned books like *Animal Farm* by George Orwell, but the tenth grade QUEST students read it.

Other literature, like *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *The Great Gatsby*, *The Catcher in the Rye*, *To Kill A Mockingbird* and *The Lord of the Flies* have also been banned in countries world-wide. And while most schools in America teach these books, other schools still refuse to teach these controversial novels.

Taking a fictional approach to real topics helps give perspective to modern day youth and may stifle future bigots. By exposing young people to matters such as racism, sexism, prejudice, and compromised morals, they, in turn, reflect on the reading and apply it to their own, everyday lives.

In Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*, one of the main

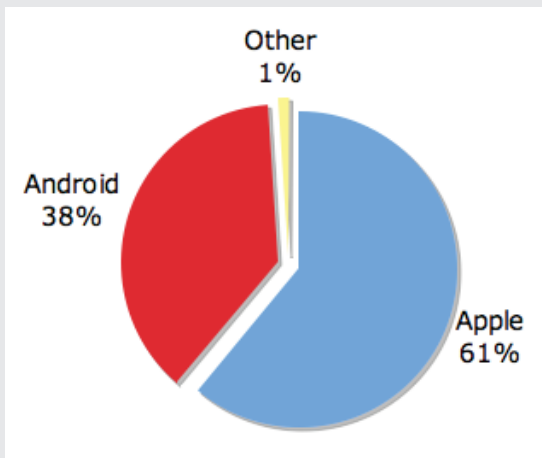
characters, Atticus, famously states, "You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view... Until you climb inside of his skin and walk around in it." This not only applies to circumstances of the South in the 1930s—where the novel takes place—but in modern-day situations as well such as religious, sexual orientation and political toleration.

While banned or censored literature is taught in schools, students and parents still have cited the First Amendment to argue that students should have the right to choose what they read.

Although banned books may cause temporary discomfort because of the diction or content, the lessons learned through these books are far more beneficial than momentary irritation because the "N-word" scares some people.

The question of whether or not banned books should remain banned or whether they should continue to be taught is no question at all. It is vital for these novels to be read by future generations.

Which Is Better: Apple or Android?



By Charles Blanchard
Staff Editor

Over 400 Millikan students were asked which type of phone they had: Apple, Android, or other.

The results showed that Apple was the preferred phone. Over 90 more students of the 400 surveyed chose Apple devices over Android devices.

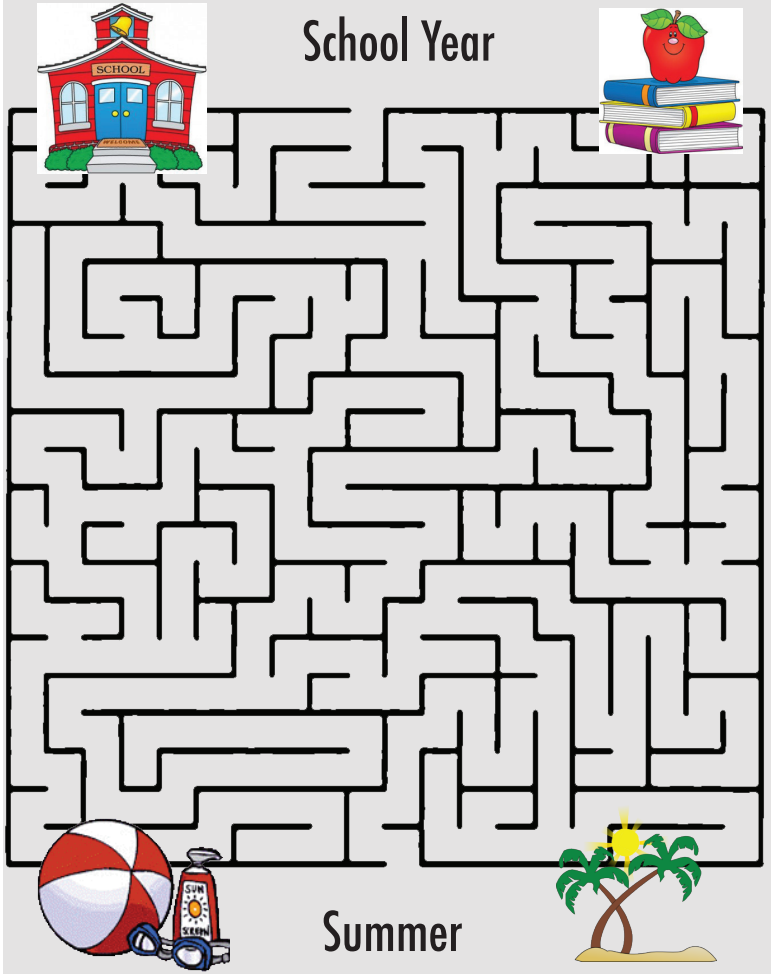
Apple devices were chosen among 72 percent of the females students. Around 63 per-

cent of Android users happened to be male.

The results show how comfortable Millikan's Apple fans are with Apple devices. Students have used Apple devices in schools since some of the seniors have been in the first grade, or even earlier. Apple devices are easy to use and great to work with. While there are more varieties of Android devices available, many by different companies, Apple devices are seen as status symbols.

Cat's Maze: Find Your Way to Summer

By Caitlyn Richard



The Downside of AP's

By Megan Honey
Staff Reporter

Now that scheduling for next year's classes is finished, many students, especially juniors and sophomores, have signed up for multiple AP classes, with some students taking up to six.

And while these classes are meant to help make the transition from high school to college easier, they are normally more difficult than a university-level general education class. AP classes have also made the admissions process for universities much more competitive, and the extra hours of homework puts too much stress on high school students.

The main goal of AP classes is to prepare students for college; however, they do not prepare students for the next step: the real world. Instead of teaching students how to apply the skills they are learning, the courses are based around one sole purpose: passing the AP test.

For many universities, the average high school GPA is above a 4.0. Straight A's are not enough anymore. Students are expected to maintain perfect grades and take AP classes and participate in as many extra-curricular activities as humanly possible.

The main argument for AP classes is that their accelerated

curriculum promotes good study skills and time management. And although this is true, it cannot be emphasized enough that these are college courses which many high school students are not prepared to take.

And while college students may be able to manage these classes, most high school students cannot. "AP classes are a big time commitment," said junior Wyatt Smeaton, who is taking AP US History and AP English.

Not only are those in high school less mature than college students, they also typically go to school for many more hours than those in college. These college-level classes put a strain on students who are trying to participate in activities outside of academics while maintaining good grades. Yet, this is exactly what university admissions are looking for.

The AP program should find more practical ways to evaluate students' knowledge besides standardized tests.

Instead, students should be able to get college credit for receiving a B or higher in an AP class. For liberal arts classes such as history, students could submit research papers instead of taking timed tests. This would allow students to expand their knowledge and think more critically about the subject.

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The Hottest Wheels at Millikan



PHOTO COURTESY WHEELIE FUN CLUB

HIT THIS UP: Wheelie Fun Club meets Wednesdays and Fridays in Room 555.

Julia Kowey
Staff Reporter

When the movie ‘Whip It’ hit theaters in 2009, thousands of teens became enamored with Ellen Page and her performance as a shy misfit turned derby girl. Not only was the movie entertaining, it was the first time many teens were exposed to roller derby.

But this fierce, hard-core sport does not stop at the big screen. This year, QUEST senior Valery Verdin brought the Wheelie Fun Club right to Millikan.

Verdin first began the sport two years ago after her dad took her to her first derby game. “It was crazy!” she recalls. “I was,

like, I need to do this! I need to be a part of this!”

The club teams up with Long Beach Roller Derby to help raise funds, volunteer, and enjoy the fast-paced, strategic game.

The Long Beach Roller Derby team, the Long Beach Banshees, plays against two other beach cities, the Redondo Riots and the Hermosa Hit Girls.

All of the club members are a close-knit group of friends who have built strong relationships in and outside of roller derby.

“Everyone here genuinely cares about each other,” Verdin states.

For more information about roller derby and the Long Beach Banshees, the club meets Wednesdays and Fridays in Room 555.

How the US Can Save Money: A Simple Fix for A Big Problem

By Sophie Morrison
Staff Reporter

In a country with a national debt of over 17 trillion, 14-year-old Suvir Mirchandani has come to the rescue with a simple idea that could save the U.S. \$234 million, simply by changing font and reducing the cost of ink.

In what started as a sixth grade science project, Mirchandani discovered that changing the font his school used could save \$21,000 annually. Using the font Garamond (used for this story) instead of Times New Roman (used elsewhere in the Corydon) would save money due to the high price of ink.

Ink costs more per ounce than designer perfume and has become a burden for school districts and students alike. Since Garamond uses thinner strokes, the school district would reduce their ink consumption by 24%.

After being encouraged by his

teacher, Mirchandani took his research to the Journal for Emerging Investigators, who challenged him to apply his research to a greater scale: The Federal Government.

The government, which spends 1.8 billion dollars annually on ink, was a much bigger challenge for Mirchandani.

He repeated his tests and got the same results. He concluded that if the federal government used Garamond they could save almost 30% of their budget or \$136 million per year. He also found that state governments could save an additional \$234 million if they changed their font.

Suvir is confident that these changes could help immensely and is willing to do his part to make them happen.

This incredible discovery may lead to other significant contributions from kids and teens that may have been previously overlooked.

AP Word Scramble

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| 2. PA STTE _____ | 8. SCUALCUL _____ |
| 3. TAR STORHIY _____ | 9. SICMU HORETY _____ |
| 4. SGELIHN _____ | 10. ISOTUD RTA _____ |
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| 6. OPGYSYCOH _____ | 12. ODGO KLUC _____ |

Capstone Arts Partnership Gives Back to Community

By Daniel Evans-Nakamura
Staff Editor

The majority of seniors partake in a capstone course, usually something based upon their smaller learning community that connects what they’ve learned throughout their four years of high school to the real world.

The most well known capstone at Millikan, QUEST Senior Project, has students create an individualized self generated, self study before a panel of judges. PEACE’s capstone is a course in philosophy, and Global Tech/MIT’s capstone is a computer course.

However, some COMPASS seniors go once a month to a preschool to play with children for their capstone.

COMPASS’ capstone is a little less defined. Students have the option of taking either an advanced course of the artistic discipline that they have pursued for the previous three years, or they can take Capstone, a sociology and current affairs course that analyzes and discusses human behaviors through a sociological lens, and uses field trips to aid the curriculum.

This organizes Millikan events like Beach Walk and Showcase. Capstone also conducts the Arts Partnership, an ongoing program between COMPASS and the Comprehensive Child Development Center (CCDC).

“Capstone students get to see what it takes to put together a quality partnership,” says Capstone teacher Mary Massich. “The students get to experience the fulfillment of being a mentor for the children.”

The CCDC operates in West Long Beach, and provides day-care and preschool services to children in impoverished families, who may be homeless, and/or who are domestically abused. Students go once a month to bring arts-based activities to the children.

“I am so happy to get this experience,” says senior Enrique Escobedo Jr. “Once a month, I get to make a kid’s entire day. No matter what is going on for me, I do my best to make sure my kids are happy.”

On their most recent trip, Capstone brought Easter celebrations to the CCDC, and set up spring-themed arts and crafts and an Easter egg hunt.

Massich feels that the experience is just as good for the seniors as it is for the preschoolers. The preschoolers are able to go through the artistic process, which is always rewarding to see.

“The kids are all natural artists,” Massich says. “Some like crafts, some like dancing, some of them sing. Allowing them to escape the harsh realities of their lives through art makes the partnership worthwhile.”

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD:

Good Reads at Gatsby Books

By Megan Honey
Staff Reporter

While most books are purchased from the Internet or from large corporations such as Barnes and Noble, Gatsby Books is a breath of fresh air.

Gatsby Books is a small, independent bookstore located about a mile from Millikan near Jax’s Bicycles. It mainly sells used books, and some are priced as low as one dollar.

They also sell books and poetry collections and other works from local authors.

In addition, they also host local authors and musicians, hold book signings, and have poetry open mic nights every last Thursday of the month.

What sets this business apart from other bookstores is its atmosphere. It’s calm and quiet, and the perfect store to get lost in a book.

Owner Sean Richard Moor opened Gatsby Books on August 1, 2010 and feels

privileged to serve the community of readers, writers, poets, dreamers, thinkers, musicians, artists, students, teachers, and book-lovers, all of whom make his store the ‘literary heart of Long Beach.’

If you feel a cat brush up against you, don’t be alarmed. It’s just Ruby, who belongs to the owner, and she is very friendly. According to the website, Ruby has read every book in the store, but don’t worry she will not spoil anything because she

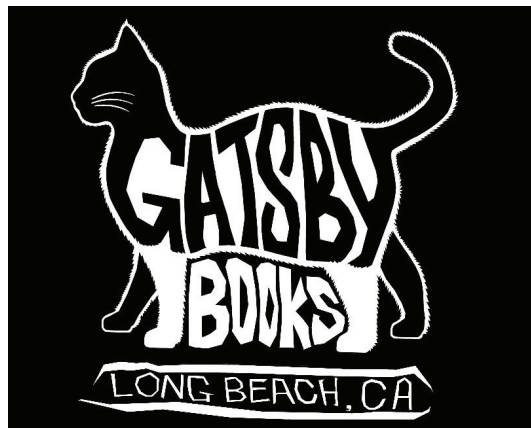
prefers to keep her thoughts to herself. Ruby even has a blog you can follow.

Don’t go into Gatsby’s looking for a specific book; instead, just take your time and see what title you might find. However, the books are fairly well organized by genre and alphabetized

by author.

Gatsby’s is very low-tech. They keep inventory of their books using paper, and they have a vintage cash register which appeals to those who seek to unplug.

Gatsby’s is located at 5535 E. Spring Street, Long Beach.



Boys Swim Conquers Wilson

By Charles Blanchard
Staff Editor

Millikan boys swim team has had the best season they could have ever asked for. This year they only lost one game to Poly. The next week, the boys came back strong and ended Wilson's 43-year winning streak at Wilson's own pool. This win put the Rams in a three-way tie for first place in Moore League.

Senior Garrett Arnsparger says, "I am so proud of our team. It is a huge accomplishment to be the only team in 43 years to beat Wilson, a hard fought battle is what we went through but we

accomplished just what we wanted."

Ryan Babbitt adds, "We finally showed up the Wilson Bruins in their own pool which was [such a relief] to accomplish and

"A hard fought battle is what we went through but we accomplished just what we wanted."
— Senior Garrett Arnsparger

experience. This is going to be one eventful meet and we are all very excited."

In the 200 medley relay, the team is one second off to beat the record time that was set in 1976.

The relay will consist of the backstroke Anthony Modica, breaststroke Alec Wiggington, butterfly Ryan Spaulding, and freestyler Garret Arnsparger.

"We hope to become a part of Millikan history by breaking the record," says Arnsparger. "Wish us luck in the relay."

Finals take place this week at Cabrillo and that is when the team plans to sweep all and take first.

Regarding the finals next week, Anthony Modica says he is "very excited to swim his best next week." Modica feels it is going to be a very intense swim meet and is confident in saying, "Wilson is going down!"

Volleyball Serves Up Some Stiff Competition

By Daniel Evans-Nakamura
Staff Editor

The boys volleyball team has put on a very solid year at the net, winning a total of 15 games throughout the whole season.

Although they fell short against Poly and Lakewood, they triumphed over Cabrillo, Wilson, and Jordan.

This year's seniors who climbed the ranks over their high school career include: Daniel Ciletti, Nick Cramer, Cameron Cannata, Taryne Chatman, David Murrell, Lucas Ng, and Aidan O'Brien.

"We really want to be our best," says Steven Galvez, a sophomore on varsity. "We're

definitely on our way. Our team is amazing this year."

They are working cohesively as well. Despite injuries, like Taryne Chatman's torn achil-



les tendon and Ciletti's sprained ankle, Galvez says that his team is still strong.

As for CIF, Ciletti is very confident. "We are definitely going," he says. "Not only do our

stats speak for themselves, but so does our skill."

On April 15, the team answered a series of losses with a win over Wilson in three sets.

In a game against Lakewood on April 29, Millikan fell short with a score of 0-3.

Ciletti plans to return from his injury for CIF. He sprained his ankle during a separate volleyball tournament. At time of writing, Millikan is in third place in Moore League.

Their final game was against Poly on May 6 at Millikan, and despite tons of energy and excitement, they lost 17-25. As the regular season comes to a close, Millikan is poised to play an intense CIF series.



PHOTO BY VICTORIA LAHNEY

Noah Quiroz, tenth grade JV player, serves against CAMS on April 29. As the number one singles player, he won all three of his games with scores of 6-2, 6-0, and 6-3.

Boys Tennis Ties for Third

By Victoria Lahney
Editor-in-Chief

As of May 1, boys tennis had their last league game against Lakewood. Both Varsity and JV tied with Lakewood placing both in a tie for third place for the whole season.

Varsity Coach Enrique Sanchez focused on making sure the team played to their strengths. During pre season, the team worked extremely hard and did bleachers almost everyday.

Sanchez explained that this year, Varsity is a younger team with few players who have experience playing on Varsity, and the players have made a huge improvement both as a team and individually.

"I wanted to set the bar higher for the tennis team in general, making sure they were mentally and physically stronger," said Sanchez.

In reflection of the season,

senior varsity player Roy Kitaoka says, "Like everyone, I had my ups and downs, but I had a trustworthy partner so we made a solid team."

Kitaoka added that after finishing his last game against Lakewood was bitter sweet knowing it was his last game.

"It was a good feeling knowing that we have improved by moving up in league every year since I have been on the team. But I think I have had my [turn] in high school tennis and it's time to let others have a chance to play," said Kitaoka.

JV coach Anthony Hean says, "Season went better than expected but I feel we have more room to improve. Two games we lost were tiebreaks and those are the moments a coach lives for to see your team overcome the opponent during close, suspenseful, teeth clenching comebacks, but my moment to shine like in dramatic movies didn't happen."

Reflection on Lady Rams' Journey to CIF

By Danielle Pulido
Staff Editor

The Lady Rams broke new ground for Millikan by becoming the first basketball team to win CIF.

Though the team was eliminated in the state championships, they ultimately contributed a lot to the Millikan community by bringing home the first CIF title.

Poly, however, went on to win the Open Division State Championships.

The Lady Rams are proud and ecstatic that they brought home the CIF title for the first time in girls basketball history for Millikan.

"The team worked really hard to get there and we left everything on the floor and took

care of business," says Briana Guillory, a player on the team.

Guillory also believes that the success of the team lay with their hard work and practice.

"Practice and staying completely focused [was] our goal," she says. "We competed against each other and [came] together to achieve this goal. It was on the top of our 'to do' list and we made sure nothing got in the way."

Coach Lorene Morgan led the girls team to victory and is especially proud to have brought her team to CIF.

"These girls played like champions," Morgan told the Press Telegram after the CIF game. "All of the players over the last 25 years are a part of this."



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