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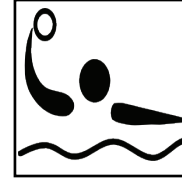
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GERMAN BAND PERFORMS AT MILLIKAN

After their final song, the lead singer of the German band Madsen raises his guitar in the air. The band played in Millikan's auditorium on November 8 for all German classes at Millikan, as well as for several other German classes in the district. Some schools as far away as San Diego also attended.

For Rives and His Students, Inspiration Was Mutual

By Ariana Gastelum
Editor-in-Chief

In his teaching career, he raised kids' self esteem. He's one of those people who were more than they seem," writes junior Gabrielle Ripley-Thompson, in her poem about Mr. Rives.

History teacher Robert Rives peacefully passed away on October 17 at the age of 53.

Rives came to Millikan seven years ago and loved every moment spent.

His favorite activities were surfing, fishing, snowboarding, camping, reading, traveling, and spending time with his family.

Many describe him as having been a generous individual, who believed in giving students extra chances to help them succeed. They were an inspiration to him.

Cindy Nguyen, a student

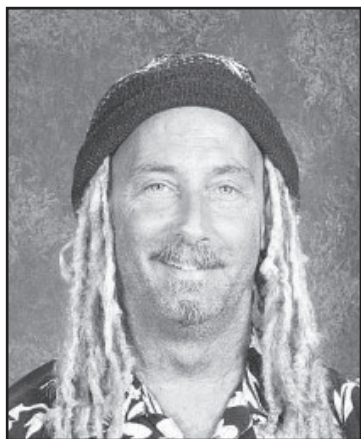


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of his, states, "He was always chill. He liked to just go with the flow."

He also touched the hearts of Millikan staff.

"I considered him a buddy," says Asst. Principal Jeffrey Cornejo. "He visited me everyday. We always had pleasant conversations."

Satinder Hawkins, social sciences department chair, taught Rives' son, Jeff when he

was in the seventh grade.

"I knew he was a great dad because he raised a great son," she says. "In fact, the last chat I had with him was [when he was] telling me about Jeff and how excited he was about his little grandson."

Tim Mulvehill, AP World History teacher, viewed Rives as a relaxed and stress-free individual.

"Every time I spoke to him, my blood pressure dropped," he says. "Our conversations revolved around the things we both loved, family, travel, music and history. He made living by the moment look so easy."

Rives had been looking forward to spending his retirement in Panama.

Bryan Mahan is Rives' substitute for the rest of the school year.

A Robert William Rives Scholarship has been established in his honor.

Walking the Extra Mile

By Summer Culbreth
Staff Editor

The annual Beach Walk took place this year on Saturday, Oct. 22 in Seal Beach.

Many students, teachers, and other participants collected pledges and walked the beach from 9 a.m. until noon, raising money for the Children's Clinic.

The Children's Clinic helps pay for hospitalization for children whose parents cannot afford it.

This year Millikan raised about \$10,000, which was far

less than last year's donation. Compass junior Vicky Karnes says, "Beach Walk was really fun. Everyone should participate because you get service hours and free hotdogs!"

Every year Millikan promotes Beach Walk with sweat-shirts, crew necks, and v-necks which sold for a reasonable price. All the money is donated to the Children's Clinic.

Even though the Children's Clinic was thankful to get the \$10,000 that we earned for them, students hope to raise more next year.

A Good End to Homecoming Week

By Santiago Landeros
Staff Editor

During homecoming week, all students were focused on free dress and the game against Jordan. However, not much attention was paid to the event after the game: The Homecoming Dance.

Ticket prices were lowered to \$3 as the event neared. The price drop helped sales as groups flocked to the dance floor.

There were balloons, a DJ, a smoke machine, and even a laser show on par with one of the big techno rave clubs. The music varied from new tracks to some of the older songs, such as Rick James' "Give it to Me." The evening ended with a little Latin flavor.

Sometimes a circle formed as a few talented dancers showed off their skills. Several shuffled and danced as if it were the 70's by doing some break dancing moves like the spinarooni.

PETA Sues SeaWorld for Animal Slavery

By Sydney Scott
Staff Editor

Imagine being kidnapped, confined, and forced to work for somebody else's benefit. Wouldn't this be considered slavery?

Representatives of PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) are advocating for the Orca whales of SeaWorld parks.

PETA filed a lawsuit against SeaWorld, claiming they have violated the 13th Amendment ban on slavery with their performing whales.

PETA's general counsel, Jeff Kerr stated, "By any definition, these orcas are slaves --kidnapped from their homes, kept confined, denied everything that's natural to them and forced to perform tricks for

SeaWorld's profit."

The lawsuit is asking the court to order the orcas to be released from SeaWorld parks to a legal guardian who would find a suitable habitat for them.

It may be difficult to extend the 13th Amendment to animals, but PETA argues that the amendment does not specifically say that the right is only applicable to humans.

This is especially true since, as the Supreme Court recently ruled, corporations have the same rights as humans: animals may indeed have them as well.

Representatives of the case make the point that captivity in tanks causes stress to the mammals. Humane Society's marine mammal biologist Naomi Rose stated, "They don't seem to adapt to captivity. I would say they're miserable."

Editorial

Dear Editor

Bye Bye French Fry?

The article had great descriptive language and really helped me visualize the lard being shoveled into my mouth day in and day out; but is it anything more than a visualization?

After four years of eating the free school lunches, I have never seen any type of fries being served.

I've actually seen baked potatoes a couple of times.

However, I would like to see the dreaded chocolate milk included in the next article, considering that it has more sugar than soda and is placed on every tray just like the tater tots.

Aldo Alcaraz
Grade 12

Appreciate the Most Amazing Years of Our Lives

Kaelyn Bruno's article really touched me.

She hit the nail on the head when speaking about how teens act as if we don't care, but actually we do almost everything to make these high school years meaningful.

We strive to be popular and to become outgoing so we can be involved in as many things as possible, from sports to clubs and off campus activities. We all want to have fun.

These are our last years of adolescence and this is time we must cherish.

Malachi Neal
Grade 12

Is Hugging Bugging Anyone?

In this article Summer Culbreth revealed a concern that is not obvious to the naked eye.

The fact that people are starting to view hugging as 'PDA' is simply ridiculous.

Hugging is used in cultures around the world as an expression of friendship, respect, and love.

For this action to be questioned, especially among youth, is disheartening.

I'd like to thank Summer for drawing attention to this important issue that, without her article, we would know nothing about.

Andrea Brooks
Grade 12

Keeping Your Hands to Yourself

By Jeanette Ramirez
Staff Editor

Three months ago, high school boyfriend, Abraham Lopez, fatally stabbed his ex-girlfriend, Cindi Santana.

Ortralla Mosley was stabbed to death in a school hallway by her ex-boyfriend, Marcus McTeer, in March 2003 at Regan High School.

The Los Angeles Board of Education just proposed a program to teach high school students to detect when a relationship becomes abusive. If approved, it will cost about \$2 million.

The Lindsay Anne Burke Act in Rhode Island requires school districts to provide a dating violence policy and train its staff to address incidents of dating violence that occurs at school.

Statistics show that 60 percent of girls ages 15 to 24 experience violence in a dating relationship and continue to date their abuser.

In fact, according to the Bureau of Justice, that group has the highest per capita rates of dating violence.

Many wonder why victims of abusive relationships keep quiet. For teens, the reasons may be in-

experience, peer pressure, independence from parents, and "romantic" views of love.

Some young men believe that they have the right to control their girlfriends.

Some feel they must show masculinity by acting aggressively to possess their partners.

A Millikan student, who chose

The worst part of dating violence is that teens have been brainwashed to believe that the abuse is normal.

to remain anonymous said, "I've seen dating violence on campus- a very aggressive boy with his girlfriend. He grabbed her tightly by her arms and was yelling at her. She was crying, but he didn't care."

Conversely, young women may believe that they are responsible for the abuse and the problems in their relationships.

Sometimes girls also believe that their boyfriend's jealousy, possessiveness, and even physical abuse, is romantic.

Kenya Hernandez, junior, believes, "women should say some-

thing immediately after the first assault; they shouldn't keep it low key for so long, because it causes serious damage."

"If you have realized that you are in a complicated relationship, get help as fast as you can," said Alitzel Aguirre, Millikan junior.

Teen girls face relationship violence three times more than

some do not realize they are being abused.

Teen victims of dating violence are more likely to abuse drugs, have eating disorders, and attempt suicide.

Some signs of abuse in a relationship are extreme jealousy, controlling behavior, sudden mood swings, substance abuse, and explosive anger.

"I have seen a few couples where the boy runs over to the girl, and talks to her like she is trash," an anonymous Millikan student said. "But the girl would be too scared to break up with him. I've also seen girls slapped, hit, and grabbed by their boyfriends."

Other signs are isolation from friends and family, force, threats, hypersensitivity, verbal abuse, animal or child abuse, and a history of abuse.

"My friend stopped talking to all of our friends and would only talk to her boyfriend. He would tell her not to eat, because she was fat. He verbally abused her," another anonymous Millikan student said.

If you or anyone you know is an abusive relationship, get help fast or call the National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233 (SAFE).

To Leave or Not to Leave?

By Libby Berry
Staff Reporter

Jeremy Davidson, an exasperated teacher at Manual Arts High School in Los Angeles, left his job two weeks into the school year because of the building frustrations within the school.

Davidson taught at this school for over 10 years. Pressure finally got overwhelming when a group of unruly students disrupted his class.

Frustrated with the lack of help, funding, support, and respect in the district, he left work and later requested a leave of absence from the school.

Davidson was completely within reason to leave his job because of the lack of cooperation from the students and administration.

In a school designed for 1,000 but actually holding 3,200 students, overcrowding is a frequent root of many problems at the school.

It should not be Davidson's sole responsibility to disrupt his class to accommodate for those students who do not wish to learn.

There is also a huge lack of support from the administration that seems to have given up on the school.

This is a big loss to the underprivileged students at Manual Arts High who actually care about their education.

Other students, however, do not care in the slightest about their education and are a continuous

problem to the school.

While Davidson was trying to give a lesson on shading, the troublemakers were "whacking each other with rulers, throwing paper across the room, getting up and walking around."

Teachers should not be expected to deal with students like these on their own.

To maintain a peaceful and productive learning environment, support from security and administration is required; something Manuel Arts does not have.

Perhaps this will awaken administrators to help find a solution to the endless amount of difficulties school districts face.

While some may argue that it was Davidson's responsibility to maintain order in his classroom and he was wrong to leave, we must also remember that it is not only the teacher's job to provide a learning environment for their students but the entire schools job as well.

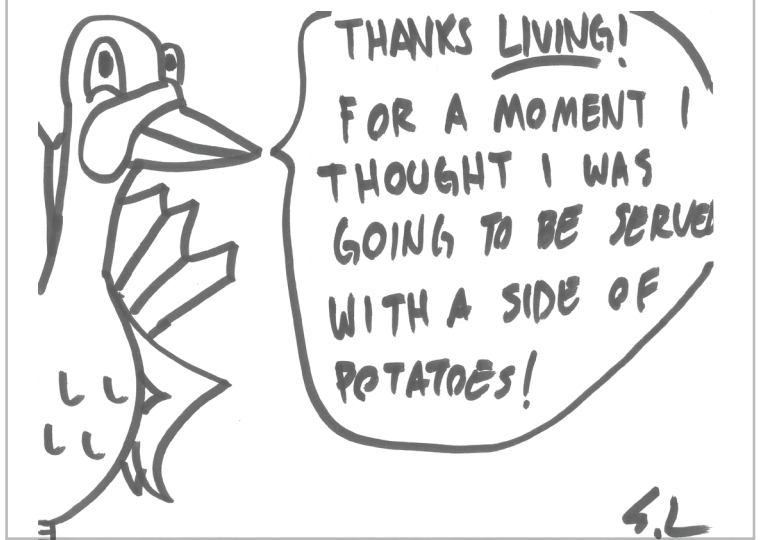
Teachers need support from the district because one person cannot control that many students by themselves. For Davidson to maintain order in his classroom, students need to realize their responsibilities.

Davidson's move to leave his classroom may be one that will attract change or attention from the district.

With this in mind, Millikan students should think twice before acting out in class and remember the effects their actions have on the teacher and the other students.

Ramifications

By Santiago Landeros



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Feature

Cyber-bullying Becoming a Pandemic

By Amira Latif
Staff Editor

Soccer star Alexis Pilkington, 17, took her own life on March 21, 2010 after being taunted on social networking sites.

18-year-old Tyler Clementi, who had just started college, jumped off the George Washington Bridge on September 22, 2010 after unknowingly being video-taped onto YouTube having an intimate encounter with a male classmate.

Incidents of deaths caused by cyber bullying are increasing. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention claim that cyber bullying is becoming the third

leading cause of death for young people in pre-teen and teen years. According to BullyingStatistics.org, "For every suicide among young people, there are at least 100 suicide attempts."

The web site explains that more than 14 percent of high school students have considered suicide, and greater than seven percent have actually attempted it.

It all starts with a post. The bully may be just teasing the person on the other end or may just be egging the person on.

But a bully doesn't know how that person will react to the verbal harassment or threats.

It can take just a second

for a person to decide that he or she has had enough, or to blame themselves for the bullying. In that moment someone can decide to take his or her life and forever alter the lives of those around them.

Millikan junior Alicia Yonan says, "Cyber bullying is more serious than what people make it to be. Bullying is growing to be the number one cause of suicides. They say 'sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me,' but that isn't the case. Words do hurt."

Take it from Millikan psychologist Todd Pruzek, "Bullies like to work in the dark, and what's needed is for light to be

shed on them. They need to be confronted, and when that isn't possible, they need to be reported." He continues, "What they are doing is not okay, and definitely not cool."

Mr. Pruzek explains that, "bullies are weak and insecure individuals who feel pain in their own lives. And the way they feel better about themselves is to inflict pain on others."

Don't keep quiet about issues like these. If you are being cyber bullied, a good thing to do is to stop, block and tell.

Don't cause a statistic and don't be a statistic. Stop not only cyber bullying but all forms of bullying.

Join SAT Club to Boost Your Number

By Amira Latif
Staff Editor

SAT tests are a crucial part of the college application process. They represent you as a number rather than a person.

That's why teachers, students, and parents were disappointed when scores fell last year.

Math and critical reading scores dropped more than 18 points in five years.

Millikan junior David Ly decided to do something about it.

"He has been doing a lot of SAT practice," said club secretary, Osvaldo Pena, "and he wanted to help others by teaching new skills and strategies to make the SAT seem much easier."

Club members analyze 10 questions from practice booklets during the 30-minute lunch period. These practice booklets are available to students at the Career Center.

Pena adds that the club is for people who are serious and committed to raising their score. It's not for socializing and talking to friends.

"I want people in the club to do well on the SAT so they're more competitive when it comes to college applications," Ly explains.

To take part in this club contact David Ly through School Loop.

Four Steps to Manage Time

By Victoria Lahney
Staff Reporter

Many students feel that they're too involved with school and don't have enough time to hang out with friends.

There are several ways to alleviate this problem.

1. Use a Planner

Write down homework and important dates. Planners are more useful than a notebook because planners have built-in calendars that allow you to organize the present and the future.

2. Remove Distractions

Get rid of any interruptions hindering your ability to get things done.

Instead of going home and logging on to Facebook right away, go onto School Loop and make sure you are up to date with your school work.

Try not to do your homework with the television or music on; you will get your work done a lot faster in silence.

3. Make Time for Friends and Family

Don't forget to spend quality time with your family and friends, especially, if all you do is sit around until seven.

Consider having a night out or just a family game time so you can bond together.

4. Prioritize Assignments

Create a To-Do List. Put the most important tasks at the top, and the less important ones at the bottom. Don't forget to mark down the due date by each item and cross out things as you finish them.

Atheist Club Welcomes Everyone

By Sasha Kobliha
Staff Reporter

Founder Rachel Minecki initially faced opposition last year when looking for approval for an Atheist club on campus.

After encouragement from sponsor Mr. Mullvehill, and willing friends, Minecki's proposal

for the Atheist Club was accepted.

"We try to include everyone," said senior Nicole Aichele. "We want to feel like a family--a dysfunctional, mismatched family."

Jacob Pedrosa, junior, tells how he came upon the club: "It was an accident. I came in one

[day during] lunch to retake a test, and they were meeting. After that, I just kept coming."

"If our charisma hasn't persuaded you to join yet, then our good looks will," said Kevin Litman-Navarro, junior.

The club welcomes all joiners, Atheist or not, every other Wednesday in Room 832.



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INAUGURAL YEAR FOR THE UKULELE CLUB

Seniors Matthew Angeles, Monica Chin, and Jacob Acosta hope to spread the love and skill of the ukulele throughout the campus. They will give out service learning hours and want to have a ukulele show later on in the year. The club meets every Wednesday in Room 314.

'Dracula' Strikes Millikan

By Ariana Gastelum
Editor-in-Chief

I am Dracula. I want to suck your blood!" recites Robert Agiu who is excited about Millikan's upcoming play.

Bram Stoker's 'Dracula' set in the 1890s is about a young lawyer who travels to Transylvania to seal an agreement with Count Dracula, a wealthy aristocrat.

In the course of the play, strange events occur, causing

characters to believe in the existence of the undead. The play is known to be packed with action and filmed with romance.

The character Lucy, played by senior Saffron Browner and junior Sara Towler, is a rebel following her own path.

When speaking of Browner and Towler, drama coach Wendy Atwell says, "They were cast for their fragility and spunkiness, along with their strong, British accents."

"Stage fright doesn't really affect me," says Towler. "I like to step into the shoes of my character."

Seniors Chad Adriano and Robert Agiu play Count Dracula.

"My goal is that the characters are aware of their motivation and subtext," says Atwell. "Of course, I hope they have fun and work together as a family."

A surprising finale is planned. It runs November 17 and 18 at 6:30 PM and on the 19th at 1PM.

Red Cross Club Is Back

By Rosanna Ly
Staff Editor

The Red Cross Club is back after a four year absence and members have already begun their traditional holiday project.

Red Cross Clubs—from LB Poly, Wilson, and CSULB—join together to provide 250 children and their families with safety kits, toys, and a festive holiday party.

The project is scheduled for the end of November or the beginning of December. Millikan's Red Cross Club is currently gathering non-perishable foods to donate.

"The club's goal this year is to have members get trained in hands-on CPR and have the ability to conduct our own blood drive," says club president Alexis Reyes.

Community service hours are granted for any Red Cross events. The annual membership fee is five dollars for the year. The club meet every Thursday at lunch in room 307.

Athletics

All Aces for Girls Golf

By Rosanna Ly
Staff Editor

Last year Millikan Girls Golf Team was in 2nd place with a GPA of 3.91 in the CIF Academic Award Championship.

When school was out for most of us the girls golf team continued practice at Heartwell Park all throughout the summer.

Aside from having two-to-three-hour practices at El Dorado Golf Course during the weekdays, most of the girls on the Millikan golf team practice on their own time during the weekends and have lessons to improve their posture.

Golf is a competitive sport and needs both focus and practice to improve.

Team captain Samantha Duran says that what she looks forward to most during the season is having fun with my teammates as well as improving. "I also am looking forward to having my team shoot in the 250s or lower."

There are 16 girls on the team this year including four freshmen, six sophomores and six juniors.

"A good practice session to me means that everyone is working hard and focusing on the areas of their golf game that need the most attention in order to get better," says Millikan golf coach of 13 years, Coach Tomlin.

Golf is one of those sports that get defined as "easy" to most people who have never touched a golf club in their lives.

"We don't run, we don't do push-ups or sit-ups, but we do carry golf bags which are approximately 15 to 20 pounds, and walk for about two hours and a half for each match we have. Therefore our practices and matches are just as hard as any other sport," says Jiju Kang.

"All the girls on the team work very hard and I am confident we will have many positive aspects this season," states Coach Tomlin.



PHOTO BY JOHN MATHESON

BOYS WATER POLO DEFEATS JACKRABBITS 7-6

Ram polo beat out Poly by one goal on Thursday, November 3. This game drew fans to the edge of their seat as senior Yassine Bouzarif, senior, prepared for a shot against the Poly goalie.



PHOTO COURTESY OF WILLIAM JOHNSON

PUTTING UP A FIGHT FOR HOMECOMING

At Millikan's Homecoming game against Jordan, Panthers took a quick 20-0 lead in the first quarter. By the second quarter, Jordan was still in the lead with a score of 34-0.

Cross Country Girls Run With Good Attitudes

By Michelle Lopez
Assistant Editor-in-Chief

Cross country is a wonderful experience," says senior Gloria Mendez, who is a first year cross country runner on the varsity team. "Everyone on the team makes you feel like you're family and you learn many new and wonderful things."

With her time of 18 minutes 26 seconds for three miles, Jocelyn Dominguez is the fastest female sophomore ever at Millikan, and seventh on the girls All Time list.

She has been on varsity since freshman year, yet is looking forward to running faster and moving up on the All Time list. "Positive attitude equals positive results," she says.

Her time at the first Moore League meet at El Dorado Park, helped bring the team into second place behind Polytechnic

High School.

Many exhausting runs, chore work-outs, ice baths, and weight training sessions later, the team faced the second Moore League race at Discovery Well Park, high in Signal Hill.

Despite the heat and difficult inclines, the girls team still placed a strong second again. Onlookers, including police and firefighters, were shocked that the runners were able to run as hard as they did despite extreme temperatures.

"People tell me that I'm crazy for running cross country, and all I can do is nod my head in agreement," says junior Brittney Salvador, team captain and varsity runner. "Cross country is a crazy sport, and harder than it looks. However, the rewards are worth the pain, sweat, and tears."

Salvador is also the ninth fastest junior to have ever run at

Millikan with a time of 18:37.

Emily Garcia, a sophomore on varsity, has also moved up—she is now, with a time of 18:55, the seventh fastest on the sophomore list.

Cross Country invitationals often take the team across Southern California, as shown by the Arcadia Apache Invitational, in which the varsity team ran a team time that is the fastest that the coach Pedro Ramirez has seen.

These girls, although they never enjoy the pain, don't regret having joined cross country.

"Cross country is my life! My teammates are my family! I love everything about it," says junior Erika Hansen, varsity runner.

On Thursday, November 3, the team ran their third and final Moore League race, and solidified Millikan's place as second, coming in close behind Poly.

Peter Hor Earns Spot on Dream Team

By Rosanna Ly
Staff Editor

For his outstanding play, Peter Hor has been named Press-Telegram Dream Team Boys Player of the Year.

The Dream Team is an award given to athletes who have shown great excellence in their sport.

Hor has been playing badminton since the summer of his freshman year. While in Moore League Hor was undefeated and ultimately won the singles title.

"I am a fast learner," says

Hor. In fact he is already preparing for Badminton Junior nationally.

Hor enjoys playing all types of sports, but when

"During his freshman season he thought he was going to be top dog," said Press Telegram.

it comes to his favorite, it is definitely badminton.

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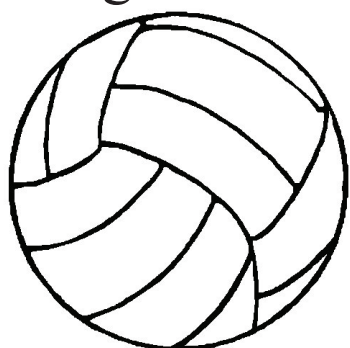
Telegram. Although he didn't achieve all his goals, he is thinking ahead for next year.

Hor continued with badminton and made it to CIF. "It was a goal I had for myself and to accomplish it was amazing, even though my team or I did not win."

Hor also enjoys hanging out with his friends and catching up on sleep during his free time whenever he has it.

Hor's plan for this coming season is to continue to try his best and have his whole team make it to the finals.

Congrats JV Girls Volleyball Moore League Champions



11 Wins-1 Loss