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Keep It Clean and We'll Wear Jeans!

By Charlotte Shaw
Staff Reporter

Did you know that the Millikan population is being watched while at lunch?

It's called the Great Millikan Trash-Out, where select students check the school's high traffic areas and grade how littered the student body has left it.

After lunch, Trash-Out judges, dubbed "sector inspectors" by Principal Monica Daley, study their designated area—there are a total of 10—and give them a one through five rating.

Ratings are submitted to Martine Korach, a Global Tech biology teacher, who calculates the average. Korach was asked to fulfill the position of supervisor by ASB.

If, at the end of the month, the Trash-Out council members come out with a score of three out of five or higher, Millikan will have a Jeans Day the Friday after the tallies are published.

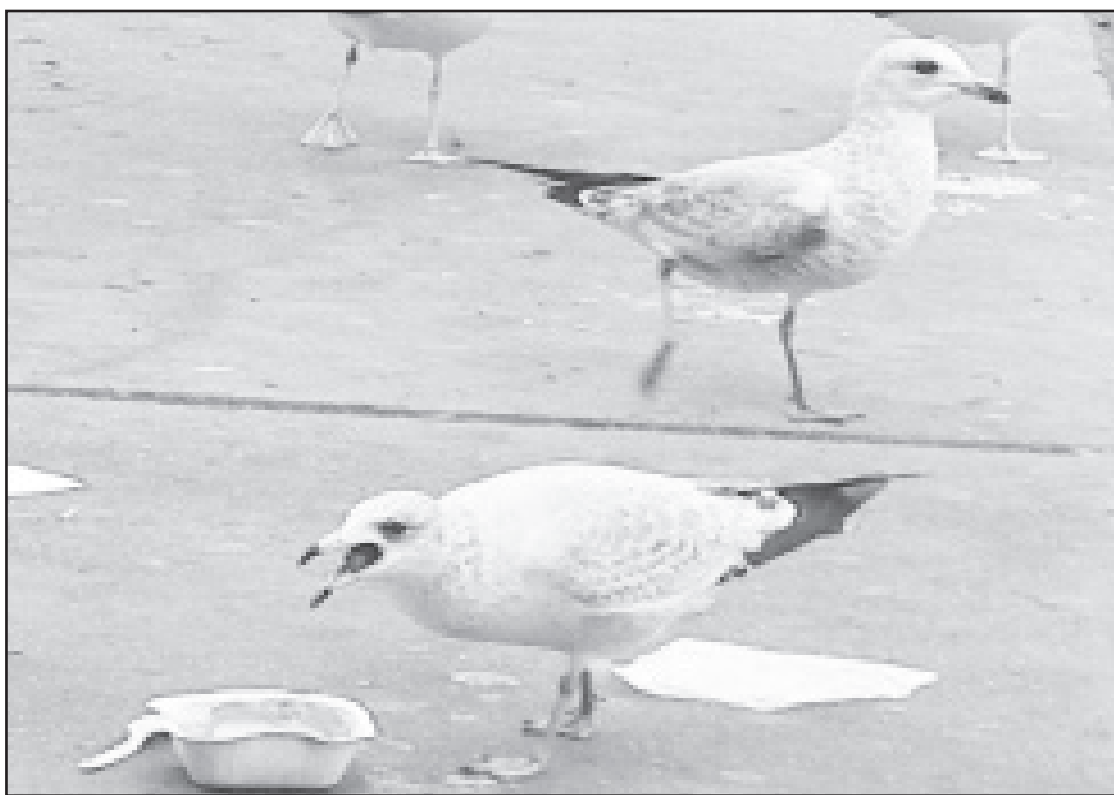


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Millikan Rams or Millikan Gulls? Our campus seems to have been conquered by birds. They're controlling our lunch periods and claiming every trash can around the school. But can we blame them? With the scraps of food that we constantly leave behind, Millikan has become their number-one food source.

"I think the Jeans Day is a great idea, because I'm sick of all the trash," says sophomore, Anthony Modica, "I find it disgusting to walk out on campus and be surrounded by other student's litter, while a trash can is right in front of them."

COMPASS English teacher, DD Wood, agrees. "I'm really glad they're doing this," she said. "It is extremely annoying to see trash piled up around the empty trash cans. It bothers me that people can be so lazy and irresponsible."

Student members of the Principal's Advisory second Wood, and decided that something had to be done about all the trash.

Students must take an equal part in keeping the campus clean and respectable. If students do so, then Millikan will be clean and they will get a reward of being able to wear jeans to school. It is a win-win situation.

Millikan Donates to Backpack Drive

By Anna León
Staff Reporter

After witnessing economic despair, Billy Pruden decided to spread holiday cheer to several families who couldn't afford to buy school supplies this year.

Pruden attends The Garden Church located in downtown Long Beach, where he connected with Millikan English teacher, Jim Hutchinson.

The economy has been rough. LBUSD cut budgets and even school. Yet it is easy to forget the financial woes of others.

At the Garden Church, Pruden learned that one of the active members was struggling financially. The member was a single mother with seven kids living in a one-bedroom apartment and Pruden thought, "How is she going to pay for seven backpacks?"

After helping this one family, Hutchinson approached

Pruden and asked him to do the same for Millikan.

Hutchinson knew there were students in need who would greatly appreciate receiving a brand new backpack and school supplies. Hutchinson and Pruden joined forces, and 150 backpacks donated to Millikan community.

"Hutchinson is the one who's running the backpack drive at Millikan," points out Pruden. The backpacks are being stored in Hutchinson's classroom, Room 203, and are being distributed as needs arise.

Some backpacks were also donated to the Bethune organization in conjunction with the PEACE Academy.

"It makes me feel good that we can extend God's love in a tangible way to those in need," says Hutchinson.

Hutchinson and Pruden plan to collaborate again next year for another backpack drive.

ASB's Canned Food Drive Feeds Needy Families in Long Beach

By Libby Berry
Staff Reporter

This holiday season brought the return of the annual canned food drive to Millikan High.

This sent many students scurrying to their cupboards to help out the local community.

According to U.S. hunger statistics, nearly one in four children live in homes that struggle to pay for food. That's 16 billion starving American kids.

Americans would be astounded by how a full feast can be assembled by canned food in homeless soup kitchens nationwide.

Many students were excited to compete for the prizes awarded to the classes with the top amount of cans. Classes were judged on the

weight of all their goods.

First prize was awarded to John Harvey's chorus class, who brought in a total of around 1,900 pounds of food. Second place went to Leslie Gombrich's Honors US History class, with a total of 1,300 pounds.

Prizes included winter for-

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Some classes went the extra mile to collect cans by asking businesses for donations for their classes. Gombrich's class went to grocery stores such as Albertson's to ask for donations.

Matt Deeter, a junior, in Ms. Gombrich's class, said, "We organized a whole committee in our class to collect donations.

I'm disappointed we didn't win, but I'm still glad we helped out a lot of families."

ASB organized the entire event. Matt Stevens, senior, was the head of the committee in charge

of the drive. He says, "It was stressful and ridiculous, but in a good way. I'm proud of all that my team accomplished."

All 4,882 pounds of food that was collected from Millikan was donated to the Salvation Army and will benefit Long Beach families in need.

Color Coding Students Sexting: Spreading Among Teens Today

By Amira Latif
Staff Editor

Parents and students were awe-struck when Kennedy High School in La Palma, California gave out ID’s and student planners in three different colors representing the results of standardized test scores. Students who scored advanced proficient were given gold ID’s, students who scored proficient received black ID’s, and students who scored lower than that (more than half of the 2400 student body) were compelled to wear white ID’s.

While the students who scored advanced proficient and proficient received special privileges and discounts at school events and at some local businesses, students with the white ID’s had to stand in a separate cafeteria line during lunch and were given no privileges. These acts may remind of the punishment given to Hester Prynne, from Nathaniel novel, *The Scarlet Letter*.

Prynne was an adulterer who was forced to wear a scarlet letter A on her clothing, identifying the sin she committed. mocking and humiliating her.

A punishment accepted in a 17th century mentality. Yet, a 21st century society is imitating it.

How could one justify the humiliation of students in such a way that would not only ruin self-esteem in an already self-conscience society but hinder academic performance?

This proposition which was meant to increase academic performance could potentially destroy it. A series of such unfortunate events could diminish self-worth so much and cause even more ill-fated events.

A student who is deprived of school activities could give up on studying and working to the best of their ability if they find no outcome from that work.

Couldn’t the high-scoring students be rewarded while the lower scoring students be tutored so that they could actually do better on the test? Why demean and degrade?

In a Millikan AP English Language class debate, some students actually supported this system. One student who supported

it said that such a system would in fact encourage students to do better.

The student explained that if kids were disciplined in such a way, they would learn enough from the punishment to study harder and do better next time.

However, this statement met much opposition. “I think that it would only make students who have white ID’s feel bad about themselves simply because they weren’t as up there with test scores as their peers,” Millikan junior Deira Lacanaria, claimed. “These poor scoring students could be working hard but just not understanding certain topics on the tests.”

We shouldn’t use backward tactics that didn’t even work well in 17th century society.

By Ariana Gastelum
Editor-in-Chief

As children mature into teenagers, they become more curious about exploring their sexuality.

One of the popular ways to do so is to “sex,”--have sexually inappropriate conversations and/or send revealing photos of one’s body through cellular devices.

A recent Press Telegram article states that only one percent of kids aged 10-17 admitted to sexting, but seven percent had received photos.

However, there are contrasting opinions as to what a photo reveals in order to qualify as a sext message. Some believe one must be completely nude; others

say even a bathing suit counts.

“It really depends on your moral values,” says an anonymous student at Millikan. “What people do is their own business.”

More than one third of 4,000 teen sexting cases in 2008 and 2009 resulted in arrest. Are police overreacting to teen texting?

“It may have been a bigger deal back in middle school,” says one anonymous senior. “But now, technology makes it so easy to access. People could upload porn on their iTouch if they wanted to.” Because of this easy access, sexting is speeding up the natural development of sexuality in teens.

“Throw in some sexting and you have interest occurring earlier and at a greater rate,” states

Thomas Lind, English 3-4 and QUEST Senior Project teacher, “Therefore, increasing the probability a teen will make a bad decision regarding sex.”

What many students do not realize is that once these photos are sent, they can turn up years later. These pictures could greatly affect his or her reputation with friends, family, and employees.

Tarah Marshall, senior at Millikan says, “It shouldn’t be taken as lightly as other people take it because it could result in a permanent impact on your life.”

Instead of arresting or reporting individuals that have participated in sexting, there should be more emphasis on teaching teens to be responsible with sex and technology.

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Resolutions or Wishful Thinking?

By Ariana Gastelum
Editor-in-Chief

I asked some Millikan students to write down their New Year’s resolutions for 2012. These were the responses I received:

- Get rich or die trying; make a mix tape with Drake; sing some corrodes with Gerardo Ortiz; meet the people from Dear Beats Up Dog; shave Obama’s hair; buy some new boxers; graduate high school

- Play college water polo
- Apply for scholarships
- Have more drive when it comes to school work and academics
- Save money for a road trip on the East Coast during the summer.
- Train flying squirrels how to juggle
- Save money to buy a car
- Become more attractive
- Eat healthier (more eggs)
- Become president of Libya
- Ask out Ariana Gastelum
- Be less shy
- Ship my sister off to Ger-

- many
 - Become Tumblr famous
- Out of 20, seven are based on body image, two are about academics, and the rest are miscellaneous. Some, such as aiming to become the president of Libya, teaching flying squirrels how to juggle, and asking me out are downright impossible. Although a New Year’s resolution is considered an important yearly goal, it seems to be taken less seriously as the years go by.

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Shopping in a Winter Wonderland

By Kaitlyn Martinson
Staff Reporter

cent of these children are American.

Sadly, many have forgotten the real meaning of Christmas which is the joy of giving and not receiving.

Statistics have shown that there are 16 million homeless children in the world and 25 per-

"The point is to help out kids. Not for our own good but for the kids who can't afford Christmas," states Sabrina Lopez, who is charge of the toy drive along with Madison Collin. The toys will be going to Bethune School and Memorial Children's Hospital.

PEACE Brings Holidays to Bethune Center



Shhh!" whispers PEACE senior class president, Michelline Yumul, as she scurries to her place at the front of the line.

She and a number of other students from Millikan's TLC (Tender Loving Care) Club stand in the front of the school, decked out in reindeer and Santa hats.

They are eagerly awaiting the arrival of the children from the Mary McLeod Bethune Transitional Center, a leading homeless education program in Long Beach.

For four consecutive years, Millikan has teamed up with Bethune to host an annual holiday party for a selected elementary school. This year, Yumul orchestrated the event.

“It’s become my life,” she says. “I want to have a career that focuses on caring and supporting

With the unwavering support of PEACE English teacher, Kristen McCluskey and other Milikan faculty, TLC transformed the school's cafeteria into an elves' workshop, complete with red and green streamers, an ornamented Christmas tree, and a realistic fireplace.

Each child received a goody bag and a gift that included hygiene products, toys, and school supplies donated by Millikan students, staff, and Garden Church in downtown Long Beach.

The kids helped themselves to a buffet table of sweets, pizza, and fruits and, afterwards, participated in a number of crafts and games, including cookie decorating, Twister, and card-making.

"I love helping kids, especially those in need. It's a great way of being involved here on campus and in the community," says PEACE sophomore class president, Leo Ruiz.

If you are interested in being a light to your community, join the TLC club every Thursday at lunch in Room 406.



By Amira Latif
Staff Editor

that list. People often get lost in holiday shopping without a list. They keep loading and loading gifts into their cart that they don't really need.

But, it is also a season for giving and getting. Although many have lots of wishes on Santa's list, the economy is making it harder and harder to give those gifts. So, for those shopping on a budget here are some tips.

Brand-names in a glorified, amazingly-ornamented, and popular department store could not look more inviting, but discount stores have the same brands at lower prices. Junior Deira Lacanaria claims that “discount shopping stores have great deals and good quality if you just look. I found Billabong jeans at Ross for \$7.10.”

At TJ Maxx, Juicy Couture shades can be found for \$30.00, but at department stores like Nordstrom, the same brand is priced at over \$70.00. Discount shopping stores basically give more bang for your buck.

Jan Brakefield, assistant professor of consumer sciences at the University of Alabama, says, "Credit card users typically spend twice as much money as others." It seems that credit card users feel that there is no limit to what they buy, but debit/cash users

ers do know their limits.

Look for deals throughout the year, buy, and save them for the holidays. Procrastinators also have a chance: stores often discount prices right before the holidays.

Some stores have good discounted products online as well as shipping deals. Plus, shopping online offers a greater variety, which means that you could look for deals without wasting time and gas. Beware, however, of shipping and handling

charges. Sometimes the product will be an amazing deal but will also have a shocking shipping price.

6. Make it yourself

This may sound “old school” but making a gift yourself takes more time and effort which adds more sentiment. The person you are giving it to will appreciate all the work put into it.

All in all, holiday shopping doesn't have to break your bank. It is possible to give and save. Just be a smart-consumer and don't fall for the traps of the season.

Rams Enter Surfing Finals

By Taitu Negus
Staff Reporter

Surfing is an aquatic sport in which the surfer rides a board made out of polyester, foam, and fiberglass on the face of a wave.

People usually surf at beaches, but other places have been recorded--places like man-made beaches and water parks.

Millikan's surf team is comprised of 41 students who compete in tournaments. "We are a serious competitive surf team," says Coach Woelm. Practice runs from 6:30 to 8:00 every morning except Wed. They meet at Bolsa Chica State Beach in Huntington Beach.

Most of the surfers use their first and second periods are for surfing, some the students that cannot make it to every practice, they attend every other day.

"I really enjoy being in surf. I like competing and just surfing before I come to school," says junior Leighton Pagay.

The team competes in short board, long board, body board, girl's short board, and girl's long

board. Millikan surf is part of Seaview League along with Wilson, Los Alamitos, Corona del Mar, Mater Dei and Estancia.

"Our team is currently filled with young surfers who are just starting, so we are in a learning season right now," says Woelm.

The surf team's last competition was Wednesday, Dec. 7 at Huntington Beach on Golden West Street. The team entered the Sea View League Finals which would've been held all day Dec. 12, but has been postponed to next month because they got rained out.

The top competitors in short board are Bryan Combs and Joanna Weeks. The top competitors in long board are Austin Cornell and Rebecca Seel. The top competitor in body board is Leighton Pagay.

Junior Rebecca Seel says, "It's nice to know that I'm good at surfing because I love it so much. And it gives me confidence when I compete because I know I don't have a lot of competition [in other teams]."

Girls Varsity Soccer Kicks off the New Season

By Chelsi Harris
Staff Reporter

Between practices that average about four hours a day Monday to Friday, to raising 15 new players and a new coaching staff, the girls of varsity soccer are hard at work making sure this upcoming season surpasses all the rest.

"The team will be making a list of goals before the season begins. Two that will definitely be on our list are consistency in our plays and coming out on top for the 2011-2012 season," explains PEACE senior and captain, Alex Palomino. The varsity team was the

back to-back-champs of the Ocean View High School Tournament December of last year, and they are looking forward to reclaiming the title again this year.

"Our greatest challenge will probably be the second half of the season; staying strong mentally and physically," states PEACE sophomore, Alex Karlowitsh.

The team plans on overcoming these challenges by keeping their eyes on the prize and staying in good shape for this physically demanding sport.

As Moore League games begin after the holidays, don't miss any of the action. "It should be an exciting season!" says Palomino.



PHOTO BY KAITLYN SMITH

Victoria Levin gains control of the ball during a varsity girl's soccer game against Narbonne on Dec. 7. Millikan won the game 7-0.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SIERRA WILCOX

Sierra Wilcox, a Millikan senior, rides a wave at an interschool competition in Seal Beach. As a first-year team member, Wilcox's few previous years of surfing experience has served her well in the water.

Surf Lingo: Here is a Crash Course for All You Hodads

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| Booger: body boarder | Pitched: getting tossed off the board while surfing a wave | ing wave |
| Face: the front part of a wave, where the surfer surfs | Shubee: a person who dresses and acts like a surfer but has never surfed a day in his or her life | A-Frame: a wave the breaks both left and right |
| Goofy-Foot: surfer that surfs with right foot in front of left | Hang Ten: when a surfer has all ten toes on the nose of the board | Aerial: to go airborne and land perfectly on the same wave |
| Hodad: a surfing beginner | Tube Ride: when a surfer surfs in the tunnel formed by a break- | Ankle Busters: small waves |
| | | Quasimodo: to surf hunch-backed |

Leadership on the Lady Rams Court

By Joyce Ramos
Staff Reporter

It's the last quarter of a game. The score is tied and the Lady Rams need to focus on making the tiebreaker.

When circumstance like these present themselves during a game, the Lady Rams look to their captains for guidance and support.

Captains Basha Bruleé, Erin Hagan, and Raneisha Duncan of the girls varsity basketball team knew they were prepared for the duty of being a leader.

These leaders recognize that demands implicates having a responsible mind-set and fulfillment of expectations.

If the role is not taken with utmost commitment, a captain can face removal by team vote. Athletic skill is a necessary trait for being a leader but setting the example and being a source of support to

"You can't get loud in the heat of the moment," says Hagan.

teammates are also essential.

"Being a leader means being a positive encouragement and leading the effort," says Erin Hagan.

Passing the ball through out a tournament earns the team a greater chance scoring points, which is why good lead-

ers collaborate and avoid trying solo victory shoots.

"Leadership includes cooperating and sharing," says Duncan.

When circumstances in a game do not occur according to plan, captains must display a high degree of self control, this in effect calms down the rest of the team. "You have to be able to talk to your teammates and understand in a calm way. You can't get loud in the heat of the moment," says Hagan.

The Lady Rams basketball captains are excited for the new season and hope to go undefeated.

"Our goals are to become Moore League and state champions and to--hopefully--beat Poly this year," says Bruleé.

Coach Diego Leaves Football

By Ariana Gastelum
Editor-in-Chief

Along with the senior football players, this year will be coach William Kirk Diego's last year with the team.

Diego coached at Millikan for 11 years. During this time, he became the second most winning coach in Millikan football's history. He also helped the team make the second most play-off appearances and defeat Poly for the first time in 25 years.

Junior Varsity kicker Tony Alcala is one of the many players on the team who is thankful for him.

"I appreciated him because he cared about each team member individually," he says. "It didn't matter if we won or lost."

In Diego's eyes, the wins were only secondary to his main purpose.

"Loving God and others, serving God by serving others, attempting to live as Jesus lived, and sharing

God's message became much more important," says Diego.

During his first five years at Millikan, coaching a team took a completely different meaning.

Toward the end of Diego's coaching career, the win-loss record combined from the last two years plummeted to 2-18. This drop didn't embitter Diego.

"God had a plan for me to be Millikan's head coach for 11 years, not 12," Diego states. Now, he looks forward to seeing what comes next in life.