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After 50 years of serving its commu-

nities, Mt. San Jacinto College will ask

voters in November to consider a \$295

million facilities bond, called Measure AA.

AA bond will generate funds that can only

be used for renovations of existing

buildings, construction of new classrooms

and labs as well as repair outdated

facilities and ensure that buildings are

upgraded for disabled accessibility. The

measure will appear on the Nov. 4 ballot,

and must receive a 55 percent approval to

college and our students, but the commu-

nity as a whole," said MSJC's President

Roger Schultz. "It will also allow for the

expansion of STEM related instructional

acilities and labs for high demand majors,

such as engineering and allied health

wage paying jobs.

"Measure AA is not only critical to the

pass.

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DOES MEASURE AA

JEANA ROBBINS, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

All this will help transform our local economy and elevate everyone's quality of life in our district."

MSJC is currently one of only eight community college districts in California that does not have a facilities bond.

"It is not just by chance that our region has suffered from a low college going rate, low wages and in this past recession, higher unemployment," Schultz told The Talon.

To keep up with growth rate in the district MSJC, with the help of the bond, hopes to build new facilities for our expanding communities in the I-15/I-215 corridor, including Temecula, Murrieta and Lake Elsinore, as well as meet the educational needs in the Bannina and Beaumont areas.

President Schultz continues, "Numerfields, as well as for transfer and high ous studies show that higher education the

helps attract businesses as well as elevates the quality of people's lives by making them more likely to be employed, healthier and less likely to rely on public assistance."

The measure would require tax payers of the district to pay \$13.20 a year for every \$100,000 of assessed home value, leaving the average home owner within MSJC's 1,700-square-mile district to pay about \$26 a year, or slightly more than \$2 per month.

For further information regarding the AA measure, please ao online to:

http://www.msjc.edu/MeasureAA

FOR OUR REGION."

-PRESIDENT SHULTZ

Be on the lookout for The Talon's Oct. issue, as we cover the benefits and drawbacks of Measure AA, and the effects the passing of a local bond, Prop M. has had on Palomar's community college

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THERE IS NO CURE.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ——UNION WIN——

BEST CAR THE SOAP BOX DERBY

International Students and Upward Bound



International Students, Upward Bound, and Alex Cuatok



A Soap Box Car by Upward Bound uses a restroom sign as a sterring wheel

The Valley-Wide Recreation & Park District held its 3rd Annual Menifee Soap Box

Derby on Saturday, Sept. 6. Adults and children of all ages were welcome to participate in the race. This exciting free public event promoted family togetherness, community involvement as well as

increased artistic expression through the design and creation of homemade gravity-powered soap box cars. PART OF "
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As the recreational supervisor at Valley-Wide Recreation and founder of the Menifee Soap Box Derby, Joe

Schnake was inspired by the television show "The Little Rascals" and "wanted to teach kids how to use their imagination with tools and to also get them out of the house and away from video games," he said in a previous interview. Event organizers also said the event had been

gaining popularity and the number of participants had more than doubled to over 40 racers.



Garuin Perryman (left) Noah Dauis (right)



Five club teams from MSJC – two Upward Bound teams, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), ISU (International Student Union), and SGA (Student Government Association) – participated in the event and competed in the adult division (open division, ages 18 and up) called Limo Wheels.

In its division, ISU proudly took home the award for best theme, due to its unique aerodynamic design and display of school spirit using the MSJC logo and colors.



Two at a time, racers charge down Menifee road reaching speeds up to 40 mph

Other clubs, such as Upward Bound, incorporated an abstract art theme and used uncommon materials as car parts. Jacob Riviera said

FOOK A ROUND BATHROOM SIGN AND USED IT AS THE STEERING WHEEL >>

Besides Limo Wheels, two other divisions were for participants under 18: Training Wheels (ages 8-12) and Big Wheels (ages 13-17).

Schnake and pit crew greeted racers at the top of Menifee Road as they raced two at a time down the steep paved hill. Each racer started his or her car on an angled board, hence using gravity to propel the car down to speeds up to 40 miles per hour. Crowds of people cheered at the bottom as the racers reached the finish line. Luckily, no serious crashes or injuries were reported, but one Training Wheels driver's small setback ended up winning the hearts of the community.

"The best part of the race was watching a young child give away his first place trophy to the boy who loaned him his wheels after he had crashed," ISU team member Benjamin Gordillo said. This display of sportsmanship and camaraderie brought tears to the audience and was a reminder of how important it is to share success and gratitude with those who helped along the way.

Give America a Raise

Minimum Wage Rally Cries Heard in Menifee

By Danielle Carter Tripp Staff Writer

People crying out, "Raise the Minimum Wage," "Give America a Raise" could be heard Saturday, Sept. 6, at the intersection of Newport and Haun roads in Menifee. A high-spirited group of local residents, volunteers and college students participated for nearly four hours, stressing support for increasing the minimum wage nationwide. The activists stood for ideas such as no individual being made to work two to three part-time jobs to make ends meet, and more family time being preserved by raising the minimum wage nationwide.

The state of California has already taken steps to improve the livelihood of its residents and increase business by raising its minimum wage to \$9 per hour in July. The California minimum wage will be further increased to \$10 per hour on Jan. 1, 2016. Nevertheless, rally participants pointed out that the United States as a whole needs to federally increase minimum wage to at least \$10 per hour.

Two candidates for the upcoming general election on Nov. 4 appeared at the rally to briefly share why they support increasing the minimum wage. Tim Sheridan, a California 42nd District Congressional candidate, believes in "people first." Sheridan said, "I support an increase in minimum wage at the federal level . . . at least what it is here in California, because it is likely to discourage California-based companies from relocating headquarters to neighboring states."



Congressman Tim Sheridan stands with supporters during a rally in Menifee

He adds, "Today's minimum wage is worth less now than it was in 1968, a benchmark year." The 1968 national minimum wage was \$1.15 per hour, yet the cost of living was significantly lower than that of today, according to U.S. Census data. Sheridan feels we should make sure the standard of living is at least the same today as it was in 1968. He said, "It's the right thing to do, and puts more money back into our economy." Conrad Melton, a California 67th Assembly District candidate whose motto is "People before corporations," agrees with Sheridan's statements on the minimum wage. Watch for future flyer postings of plans to peacefully rally to raise awareness of the need for raising the minimum wage at the national level.

Campaign information on Tim Sheridan is available at www.SheridanforCongress.com. Campaign information on Conrad Melton is available at www.conrad4assembly.com

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TIS THE SEASON TO GET MONEY FOR COLLEGE

BY ISABEL CATALANO

With the rising costs of college tuition, figuring out ways to pay for college has been a common struggle many students and parents have encountered. Many individuals have resorted to taking out massive student loans with the intention of immediately paying them off after graduation. Unfortunately, for many students, doing so might not be that easy.

It is estimated that the average student loan debt of recent college graduates in the U.S. is close to \$30,000 per year, according to projectonstudentdebt.org. Many financial experts expect this amount to increase in future years.

However, there is good news to report with corporations and foundations offering scholarship money to qualified students. The application period for many scholarships has already begun, and some deadlines are quickly approaching. Several local scholaship applications have an upcoming deadline of Oct. 3, 2014, including the MSJC Foundation Community Scholarship, the Agatha Baxter Scholarship, the Billy Warneke Memorial Fire Scholarship, the Honors Enrichment Program Scholarship, the Lena. T. Pond Nursing Scholarship and the Molly Adams Scholarship.



President Shultz congratulates Angela Mange on winnining a Motor Cycle Run Scholarship

The online MSJC Scholarship Home Page is a useful resource for further information about these scholarship opportunities. The Scholarship Home Page has direct links to these scholarship applications.

Thousands of scholarships are available nationwide to students each year. However, not all scholarships are designed the same way. There are scholarships for just about every type of student seeking to

"Always be yourself in the application. Outside eyes should only correct what one writes for grammatical errors," said 2014 Jack Kent Cooke scholarship recipient and former MSJC student Aaron Hansen. "The good people at JKC know a 'coached' essay when they see one," he adds.

further his or her education. These scholarships may originate from a wide range of sources and can be awarded based on various criteria such as academic achievement, community service and other categories.

Additionally, scholarships tend to vary widely in monetary award. Amounts can range from a few dollars to thousands of dollars. One example of such a substantial scholarship is the Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship available to students transferring to a four-year institution, which offers students up to \$40,000 per year.

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MSJC STUDENTS SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS WITH THE des AA-T AND AS -T DEGREE

BY ROYCE BUNYARD

What if community college students spent two or more years in pursuit of a degree, only to be denied the ability to transfer all of their units to a CSU or four-year university? The ability to seamlessly transfer units upon admission to college has remained a very tiresome process for many students and in a grand effort to boost graduation rates California is making changes. New trends are on the horizon as seen with the enactment on Sep. 29 2010 of the Student Transfer Agreement Reform Act 1440-Padilla. Community college students can transfer with ease as junior into the Cal State system with their earned units.

This reform offers Califonrnia's students the opportunity to earn a transfer associate (AA/AS-T) degree, which will ensure "junior standing and priority admission over all other transfer students when applying to a CSU baccalaureate BA/BS program that has been deemed similar to the student's community college area of emphasis." (www.calstate.edu)

Jaime Salazar, career transfer coordinator at the Menifee Valley Campus said "many universities are becoming very selective and/or are being impacted by the number of students applying. The AA-T and AS-T degrees are an excellent vehicle to guarantee students the ability to transfer" Many students at a community college are focusing primarily on transferring to a four-year institution in pursuit of attaining a Bachelor's degree. By utilizing the AA/AS-T path students

can avoid being told that they must repeat certain classes after transferring, or that their units do not all apply towards their desired BA/BS degrees.

Students are advised to check with course advisors, counselors, and transfer faculty to make sure they are taking the correct courses that match your potential universitiy's emphasis.

Take the example of Dr. Nance, a MSJC professor in the GIS department confounded by the inability to transfer her units from two years at Berkeley to a different college upon transferring. Dr. Nance tells the Talon, "without a transfer agreement between institutions, the problem I had when asked to retake a course at Northern Arizona University that was completed at UC Berkeley will not occur". Dr. Nance comments on the value of the AA-T and AS-T degrees offered to MSCJ students and said

"STUDENTS ENTRY INTO THE CAL STATE SYSTEM IS ENSURED WITHOUT ADDITIONAL TIME OR TUITION"

Schedule an appointment with your counselor today to find out if the AA-T or AS-T degree fits your plans for transferring and join thousands of students who will graduate with peace of mind and the satisfaction of knowing that their valuable time and money has been spent effectively.

For further information regarding AA-T or AS-T degrees, please visit:

http://www.calstate.edu/transfer/degrees/AAAS-TDegreeRequirements.shtml

http://www.msjc.edu/StudentServices/CareerTransferCenter/Pages/A.A.-T-A.S.-T.aspx



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WHY ONE SHOULDN'T DO THE ALS ICE BUCKET C H A L L E N G E

AN OPINION PIECE BY REBEKAH KRAUSE

Most people have seen the viral online videos of people in America dumping ice water on themselves to raise awareness and money for the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Association, better known as ALS. Sounds like a good thing, right? It is for a good cause after all, isn't it? Once I started seeing the ice bucket challenges, I decided to research ALS to see why people were actually volunteering to dowse themselves in ice water.

According to the ALS Association, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis is "a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord." In other words, people slowly lose control of their muscles, and some even become completely paralyzed in the latter stages of the disease. As awful as it sounds, it only gets worse: There is no cure. So why shouldn't we dowse ourselves in ice water? There are several valid reasons. For starters, water is a valuable

resource that shouldn't be wasted. Right now, California is in a horrific drought. In addition, there are many countries in the world that don't even have access to clean drinking water or access to water whatsoever. Yet, we have people dumping out gallons of water for the ALS ice bucket challenge.

Don't get me wrong, I think it's great to raise awareness for ALS, but surely there is a better way without being wasteful. Why not have a public purple pajama day instead, or plant an orange tree while wearing all orange clothing? Let's raise awareness, but in a way that conserves our natural resources.

Next, the ALS challenge is to raise awareness and money for the disease, via direct donations to the Association. However, the ALS Association, according to their website, supports research that uses fetal cells from aborted fetuses in their stem cell research.

One such organization that receives support from the ALS Association is the Northeast Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Consortium. On the website for this organization (alsconsortium.org) it is stated that "these stem cells [used in research] have been engineered from the spinal cord of a single fetus electively aborted after eight weeks of gestation."

Although most ALS research uses adult stem cells, if one is pro-life, it would be wise to carefully consider where one's money is being donated, ensuring that it goes to an organization, such as the Mayo Clinic, John Paul II Medical Research Institute, or Midwest Stem Cell Therapy Center, all of which do not support fetal cell research.

Let it be clearly understood that I am not by any means trying to downplay the urgency of this disease, or am I trying to dismiss the pain of those who have experienced the loss of a loved one through this disease, or know someone with this disease, or perhaps have this disease themselves. I believe we should do our part to help others with this debilitating disease, but in a way that supports our moral convictions and conserves our natural resources.



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he life of a college student! A fun one you might say, for it is a lot like high school. Chilling with friends, dress to impress, chasing the girls, you know the usual. We have chosen to be a part of a life, thrilling experiences in a testosterone filled environment with the possible outcomes of unknown success.

High school was fun but college is where it's at. The parties? Oh my Lord! The food?! ...ehh. The teachers? As expected. But the overall student experience can be one to remember for a lifetime, because this truly only does happen once. The choices we make are the choices that stay.

So what's it going to be? To be or not to be? Earn a degree or stay in between? To date one girl or two? So for those who have decided to seek inspiration and to pave a meaningful road in your life by accepting the challenge of college I say to you, Bravo! For this is not an easy task, trust me, I know the struggle. Paying for books and classes out of pocket (well I actually receive FASFA), trying to get to school on time but your car won't start (I don't actually own a car and I ride the bus for free), eating tacos for breakfast because you're in a rush to get to class on time (that one...was actually my choice from the get go...tacos rule).

You see? We all have similar problems and interests that can be overcome, we need to stick together. Help out the fellow classmates; if they need a pencil, give them one! If the teacher calls their name for attendance and they are running a bit late but for sure are coming, say, "Here!"

BREAKFAST Y: CHRISTOPHER LARA

ut don't just say it, say it proudly, because this is America and in America we do things with a little spice to it. We take pride in what we do and we do it pridefully...or something.

We will never give up, we are fighters! Did we give up when the Germans bombed Pearl Harbor? No! Because when the going gets tough, the tough get going! TOGA! TOGA! TOGA! TOGA! (clears throat) Sorry, I got a little too excited for a second. Well that's college for you, it's a little bit crazy with a dash of confusion, mixed around in a big bowl of reality. Stay true to yourselves and to others. Until next time we meet, stay sweet.



FACULTY FEATURE

READ YOUR SYLLABUS! BY BRETT SEALANDER

How many of you have actually read a syllabus from any class that you have taken?

Just what I thought, only three of you! What is the syllabus? A boring, long-winded, useless bit of nothing? No, it is not.

Well, it may be boring; however, the course syllabus contains a plethora of pertinent information. Do you ever wonder why your instructor gets so annoyed when you ask questions, especially when your teacher said to ask your questions? Come here...let me tell you why: **most of the questions that you ask can be answered by reading the syllabus**. For instance, all the following questions can be answered by looking at the first or second page of your syllabus: "So what books do I need to get?", "Ummmmm, do you have office hours?", "So, ahhh, can I email my homework?", or "If I turn in my homework late, can I still get full credit?". Your professor wants you to ask questions, but not ones he/she has already answered in the syllabus. The questions your professor loves to hear are those about the 1 hour lecture that he/she spent 3 hours working on because it shows that you were listening in class. Now is a good time to get onto Blackboard and read the syllabus from each course you are taking.

This is just a friendly note from Brett Sealander,

a concerned professor who wants to make your life and your professor's life much easier.

When writing an essay as part of the scholarship application process, it is important to produce thoughtful content in order to distinguish your application from the rest of the applicants. Remember, it is a chance to show the scholarship committee a more

personal side of you, the applicant, and why you would be a good fit to receive the scholarship.

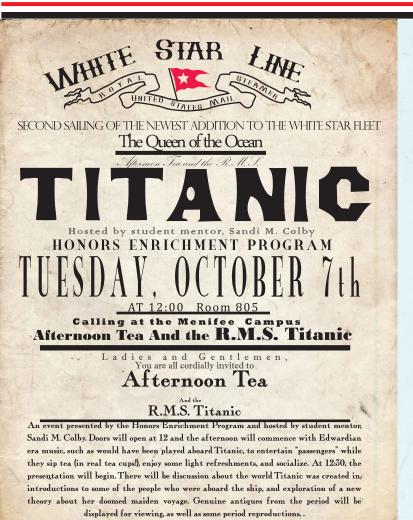
In addition, many scholarship applications require at least one letter of recommendation as a

component of the application process. It is vital to find a professor who can truly attest to your abilities, beyond your having received a good grade in the class. The more the professor knows about you, the better the letter will be. If you want a truly great letter of recommendation make sure to distinguish yourself For further information regarding the scholarship application process at MSJC, please feel free to contact Lesia Navarro at the Foundation office on the San Jacinto Campus at (951) 487-3170.

A few tips to remember when applying for scholarships include:

- Start doing research on scholarship opportunities as soon as possible.
- stay on top of scholarship deadlines
- Do not wait until last minute or you might miss some of the deadlines.
- Use a calendar to stay organized throughout the application process
- It never hurts to apply





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a.r.t.e.r.y. 2013-14 lost and found



The gallery invites quests to remove and read the introspective stories written by CFLC youth artists contained within envelope sculptures.

The primary goal of

a.r.t.e.r.y. is to provide at-risk youth opportu-

The a.r.t.e.r.y. exhibition, "lost and found," was opened to the public on Sept 4 and will remain on display until Oct. 9, 2014 at the Mt. San Jacinto College Art Gallery. The exhibition is free to the public, and visitors are encouraged to interact with the art on display.

nities for safe and positive self-expression in the visual and language arts. The letter "T" representing transition is one of the key components This component provides a smooth or less intimidating transition into higher education for CFLC students and is supported through the collaborative outreach between California Family Life Center, Mt. San Jacinto College's Art Gallery and Art department. of the program.

Hours are Monday — Thursday, 10:00am 4:00pm a.r.t.e.r.y. Instructors: Michele Worth, Worth Visual Arts, Jessica Burgess, Rachel King a.r.t.e.r.y. © curriculum developed by Michele Worth, Worth Visual Arts and Sarah Holbach. For more information about this topic, or if you would like to interview the participants, please contact Joe Posadas at 951-487-3585 or e-mail jposadas@msjc.edu.

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"Always question
yourself, these are contributions not only to
who you will
become, but
to what the
rest of humanity will

become. "

A poem by Akleema Bey

What is drive?

Is it just another word for ambition to fulfill ones sole purpose?

I mean really figuring out the soul's purpose and wouldn't that be nice.

Is drive the only symbolism left to twinkle in the wide eyes...

Of those who are still representations of what it is to live life.

Not lies prepared and polished into a prayer...
To hope to die, in order to reach the heavens.
Or does drive push you to be god and that times seven.

I ask what drive is?

Is it the pressure we create with the figments of our imagination that we have left?

Or is it the stress of a million deaths, of our soul that is too afraid of success?

Success, to be great.

They say with greatness comes great responsibility.

If I changed the world today, you would never need to question my accountability.

This pursuit, this action to be great.

What is drive?

Is it free will or is the origin embedded in the core of my existence?

Is drive merely a microchip they placed in all creation or a F you to failure and it's persistence? See even failure has to evolve despite its resilience.

Is it simply perseverance through what's not presented the clearest?

I want answer from to this subject in question. What is drive?

But a rapid heartbeat, and a lesson.

Is drive concerned about the betterment of humans or personal succession?

I can't seem to define what drive is today.

Is it contemplating using our capitalistic nature on those who show symptoms of a weak mind?

Or is it the very thing that limits our answers of time?

Is drive truly what makes the ego thrive? Or is it the determination to search for truth, the universal right?

So I guess when I question drive...
I question the reasons and intentions for which I live my life

I mean what's a driver in the dark without light? With peace Akleema Bey.



As Chief Editor of MSJC's student run publication, I hope that every student feels welcome to share their opinions and let their voices be heard (or rather read) in the colorful pages of our paper. The staff has worked diligently to bring together stories and articles of a wide variety, offering the readers current news, arts and creative content, blurbs about events and clubs to get involved with, even tips for getting through this hectic life as a student! The Talon is proud to proclaim that we are run entirely by the students, for the students. If you have any comments, concerns, or simply want to talk regarding the content of our September, 2014 Issue please email TheTalonSubmissions@gmail.com to speak with myself or a member of the fabulous Talon Staff. Hope to hear from you soon!

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