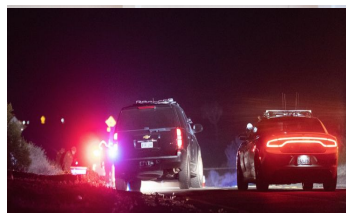
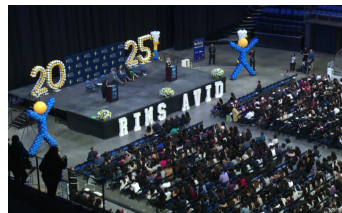


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Victorville Hit-and-Run Crash

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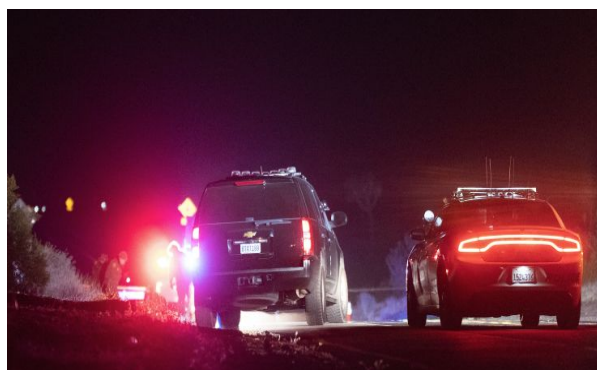
A fatal hit-and-run crash occurred at around 12:56 a.m. Saturday April 19th on Bear Valley Road west of Mesa View Drive, in Victorville. A pedestrian was struck and killed while crossing the street, and the driver fled the scene (vying.com).

William Castro Vargas was crossing Bear Valley Road in Victorville when he was struck by a 2013 Chevrolet Impala driven by Eugene Shynovik. Shynovik, who was under the influence of alcohol, fled the scene after the collision. He was later arrested and charged with murder in connection to the fatal hit-and-run crash (vvdailynews.com).

This tragic incident underscores the critical importance of responsible driving. As senior student driver Alejandro Lopez advises future student drivers: "Be calm, remember the laws of the road." Lopez also emphasizes the dangers of impaired driving: "Drunk driving is one of the worst crimes that you can commit because driving is a huge responsibility."

California reports that each year, fatal accidents involving drivers aged 15-20 range from 326 to 448 statewide. In Victorville, there's an average of 13 deaths per 100,000 people in 2022 involving a driver under the influence of alcohol. Teen driver fatalities account for about 13% of all traffic fatalities in California over the past decade (maisonlaw.com).

Teen drivers are also nearly three times more likely to be involved in a fatal accident than drivers aged 20 and older and there are over 27 million drivers in the state of California itself (Statista.com). Lakeview, let's be the new generation of responsible drivers!



Mind Over Matter

By: Diamond Lynch

May 1st through the 31st is Mental Health Awareness month, a month where awareness is raised concerning behavior health conditions and highlighting the different ways mental illnesses can affect us.

Mental Health Awareness Month was formed in order to educate people across the world on the importance of mental health. It's also dedicated to eliminating the stigma that tends to be around mental health and promoting mental wellness.

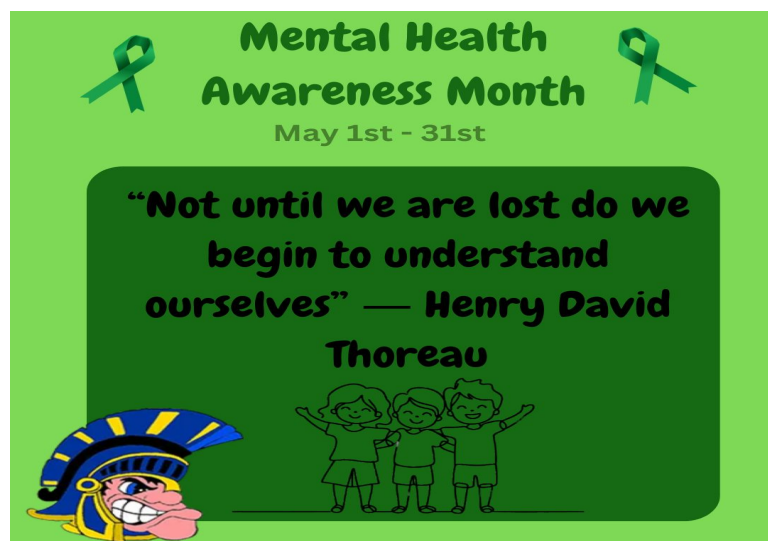
Anything can affect our mental health at school: friendships, having a lot of work in classes, and even partaking in sports. But, during this month, it's important to recognize some of the ways we can get involved: participating in school events, supporting a friend, and even learning about mental wellness.

From hanging out with friends to listening to your favorite music are even ways to actively get involved with your inner self. "I think what helps me the most whenever I feel stressed about school is listening to Wake Up Call by NBT" says Yanett Jimenez, an eleventh-grade student.

"Hanging out with friends and family gives me a break from school stress and helps me feel supported," 10th-grader Charlotte Robertson.

"Taking time out to say what you're thankful for, spending time with your community, and even exercising and taking care of your body can be ways to take care of your mental/physical health", says Ms. Sjulie.

At Lakeview, there will be a series of workshops throughout Mental Health Awareness Month, including sessions on coping with anxiety and building awareness, all hosted in the Spartan Wellness Center P-102.



SCHOOL LIFE

Cinco De Mayo

By: Riley McDonald

Cinco de Mayo is a day that celebrates the Battle of Puebla in 1862 where Mexico defeated the French (indianahistory.org).

Cinco de Mayo, commonly mistaken as Mexican Independence Day, which is on September 16th, honors a completely different battle. Cinco de Mayo isn't an official holiday in Mexico, but is celebrated here in America.

Some Americans like to celebrate this day by throwing parties and such, but on the other hand, majority of Mexicans think of this day as a regular day with barely any celebration. Mr. Mendoza, a math teacher here at LLA, stated, "I don't celebrate because I'm a true Mexican American."

Alejandro Lopez, a student at LLA, says that he, "normally [goes] to other people's parties, you know, to celebrate Hispanic Heritage." He celebrates because, "It honestly represents something beautiful and great about Mexico's fight for independence."



AVID Senior Night

By: Michael Alvarez

On May 6th all Lakeview Leadership Academy AVID seniors attended the RIMS AVID Night, dedicated to all AVID seniors across Riverside, Inyo, Mono, and San Bernardino Counties at the Toyota Center in Ontario.

All 40 AVID seniors at Lakeview attended the event wearing their honorable sash and received a medal to show their AVID pride. All AVID students received a medal for their participation in AVID. Our very own, Alexandra Fuentes, delivered a heartfelt speech, representing our school's AVID program.

"Thank you to all our AVID

Senior Movie Night

By: Ivy Tovar

On April 25th, the seniors had their last movie night, and it was super fun! They watched "Are You There Yet" and "Toy Story 3" while munching on some really yummy food.

Big Daddy's Snack Shack provided all-you-can-eat snacks. They had carne asada fries, cheese fries, and chicken with fries. For drinks, there was Coca-Cola, Sprite, and water.

There was also an inflatable basketball hoop for everyone to play with, and at the end, the gym opened up for some basketball games. Mr. C said his favorite part of the night was being able to "dunk on the kids," plus he really liked the food!

Alejandro Lopez said he loved the food the most, but he thought the movie choices weren't great and wished there were more options. Still, he was happy with how everything turned out and said, "Next year's seniors are gonna have a blast!"

Overall, I'd give the experience an 8 out of 10. The movie choices weren't that great, and nobody really paid attention to them. But if I could do it again, I totally would!



teachers, especially Ms. Rojero who has always pushed us to want better for ourselves and who has made our highschool career an amazing and successful one. Thank you goodluck to everyone and congratulation class of 2025," stated Alexandra.

Principals, superintendents, assistant superintendents, district liaisons, teachers and parents also attended the event to celebrate the class of 2025 AVID seniors.

Mary Catherine Swanson, the founder of AVID, also made a guest appearance at the event, giving a speech praising the accomplishments done by

AP Testing

By: Stephanie Vaughan

As the month of May approaches, students enrolled in AP courses need to prepare for one of the most important tests of the year: AP testing.

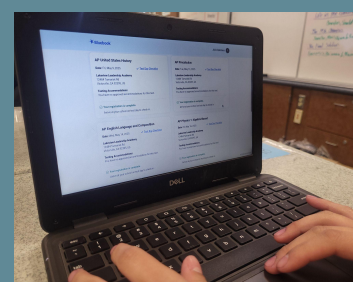
Students who are enrolled in AP courses are taught at a higher level, assisting them for college.

Tyler Jarvis, a student enrolled in four AP courses, said that "some benefits from taking multiple AP classes this year is that it really improved my work ethic and rigor when it comes to how I approach myself at school".

AP classes are designed to challenge students with college level material; they are equivalent to first-year university classes.

AP exams are scored on a scale from 1 to 5 with 5 being the highest. While a score of 3 or 4 is accepted by many colleges for credit, students are encouraged to strive for a 5 to further their opportunities in college.

Test day students are required to arrive at school before 8am. The test will be held in the school's computer labs, students can expect the exam to last about 3.5 hours.



all AVID seniors. "Just look at what you have accomplished. 100% of you are graduating on time... 95% of you completed your A-G requirements, making you eligible for four year colleges, and 94% of you completed your FAFSA or Dream act applications ensuring that your future possibilities are wide open," stated Ms. Swanson.

Ms. Swanson concluded the event by reminding all students that they "have proven that through individual determination, AVID via individual determination, anything is possible with the AVID family support behind you."