



# Pumpkin Run



□ e City's third annual Pumpkin Run will take place Oct. 1 at Alhambra Park. In addition to the 5K and the kids' 1K, there will be a 10K for all.



Longtime Alhambra Woman's Club member Marijune Weisman was honored for her service to the World War II secret Manhattan Project at the City's Memorial Day ceremony at Alhambra Park. □ e Alhambra Woman's Club is one of the oldest clubs in Alhambra and has provided mature women with the opportunity to create new friendships and enjoy good food and entertainment. □ e club also donates to various charities.



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## Actor, activist George H. Takei receives honorary doctorate at Cal State Commencement

□The Star Trek actor encourages students to “boldly go where we have never gone before”

George H. Takei, the accomplished actor and champion for the arts and social justice, received an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters Friday during Cal State LA's Commencement. Students gave Mr. Takei two standing ovations during the ceremony.

□The 79-year-old Takei, who is best known for playing the character Mr. Sulu on the original, award-winning television series Star Trek, also delivered the keynote address during the undergraduate ceremony for the College of Natural and Social Sciences.

His address was a prism into the trials and tribulations that Americans have endured during the 20th and 21st centuries.

Mr. Takei recounted growing up with Mexican American families on Los Angeles' Eastside, not far from Cal State LA. But that life was interrupted when World War II broke out. He and his family were among more than 100,000 people of Japanese ancestry in the U.S. who were rounded up and sent to internment camps.

Living behind barbed wire at Camp Rohwer, in the swamps of Arkansas, and Camp Tule Lake, on a scrub-covered plain of northern California, left a lasting impression.

“Throughout my acting career, because of my childhood imprisonment, an unjust incarceration, I have always been mindful of the preciousness of my rights as an American as well as my responsibilities as a citizen.”

Mr. Takei was a former board member of the Southern California Rapid Transit District and helped establish the Arts in Transit program, which led to each Los Angeles Metro station having its own distinctive artwork. He was appointed by President Bill Clinton to the board of the Japan-United States Friendship Commission and received the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette, from Japanese Emperor Akihito for his contributions to improving relationships between the two nations.

“We, your generation and mine, have a challenge to boldly go where we have never gone before,” he said, referencing a well-known line from the opening of Star Trek. “Let us learn from the lessons of history, and, as the founding fathers did, shape a new nation to □fit the ever advancing, constantly innovating, dynamic challenges of the 21st century. Let us boldly go where we have never gone before.”

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