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SAVE THE DATES!

GAA Family-Friends Picnic – September 28, 2013

Sports Hall of Fame Awards Dinner – October 25, 2013

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Late News

GAA donates \$1,500 to Galileo Sports Department, \$1,300.00 to the Physics Dept, \$2,500.00 to the JROTC. Look for a list of all donations on our website under grants in the near future.

Two new members added to Hall of Fame committee:

George DeLuca and John Quinn

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Through The Telescope. . .

Sisvan Der Harootunian



The best potstickers in town are at U Lee, a hole-in-the-wall Chinese restaurant at the corner of Hyde and Jackson. Six huge dumplings cost \$7 and can only be ordered with an entrée. The proprietor says he doesn't have enough to go around. I ate there recently. As I sat at my table I looked across the street at the window of the flat my family occupied in the late 1930s. This is where I grew up and went to grammar school a half block down on Jackson. In that 1939 kindergarten class were Ben Dito, Cliff Righetti, Frances Mazzaferri, Rosemary Ceccato, Betty Jane DeLemos, Alice White, Carlota Salazar, Rita deFlores and Tommy Warren. What a cosmopolitan class of nationalities. I passed Tommy Warren's (we called him Father Timothy) flat on Washington. The building is still there, but has a façade of vinyl tiles. Jim Steinberg lived directly across from Spring Valley School, the oldest elementary school in California, which recently celebrated its 150th anniversary. I was sitting having lunch at the very corner where I was a traffic boy 70 years ago. Where I learned of President FDR's death in 1945. Where I saw a young brilliant Japanese girl and her family ousted from their flat to be taken to the internment camp at Tanforan. Where the cable car ran straight past the car barn at Hyde and California (now occupied by Trader Joe's and CVS pharmacy and across the street from where Joe Scafidi's Dad's market was), then turned left on Pine to Jones Street, then right down to O'Farrell and on to Grant Avenue and Market. 1703 Hyde Street is where I have my first childhood memory. Some men were putting tar on the roof and a bucket of it spilled down past our window. I watched it from my baby crib as my mother shouted "*sarsach*" ("clumsy") in Armenian. There was the time Don Bragg stood up to some older boys from Marina who tried to upset our baseball game. We had handball tournaments from the 1st grade up to the 6th. We listened to the progress of our troops in Germany on Dwight Newton's Examiner schoolcasts and followed their advances toward Cologne. I walked with my Dad to his shop on Sutter Street, cracking cherry pits on the sidewalk (people ate a lot of cherries in those days). I remember jumping on and off cable cars in mid-block (prohibited today); hanging out at Helen Wills playground; shadow boxing with Bragg and Dito; fist fighting with Lin Lee in the schoolyard; Miss Shafer, the Principal, ringing her brass bell, signaling the end of recess; my teachers Miss Kelly, Miss Bramhall, Miss Kemp, Miss Forsythe, Miss Redwin and Mrs. Schultz. Carmela Lombardi was there as were Bill Dito, Ray Foppiano, Bob Gilardi, Naishus and Emil ("Boofer") Marinello, Eugene Iacopi, Rene Sartou, and Brent Jones. Soon we moved to 1720 Hyde Street, where I lived most of my elementary, middle and high school years. As I look out from my table at U Lee, I think of those days and those friends and realize I cannot return to those happy times, but I have returned physically to the place where they occurred.

And the winner is . . . KGO radio ran a contest recently to determine the California state food: Finalists were almonds, artichokes, avocados, crab, sourdough bread and wine. Advocates of each made a 30 second plea on the radio. The winner was artichokes and was declared the state food by Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom.

"You always pass failure on the way to success." – Mickey Rooney, age 92

Tony Compagno's Ramblings

Snippets From An Alaskan Journal

I offer the following as a way, I guess, of bolstering my courage to attempt a second ocean cruise in the near future. Fellow alumni, many of you retired and possibly in the travel mode, have been reading the news lately about cruise ships failing mid-journey and stirring the ire of a whole bunch of vacationers. Here go the snippets:

We start in Seattle. Tomorrow we sail inland to Alaska. We dine at the Daily Grille and chat with a chirpy waiter named Cory who, when discussing the specials and our imminent adventure, tells us about the best salmon coming from the Copper and Yukon Rivers. 'I'm sure we'll be learning a lot about salmon over the coming week,' I think. 'Maybe more than we ever desired to know...as well as about gold-panning, bald eagles, totem poles, loose women, bears, glaciers, whales, the personal grooming habits of Eskimos, and people who knew people who knew Jack London.'

Next day: A friendly Ethiopian cabbie rhapsodizes about his homeland as he drives us to Pier 91. He wishes us a happy adventure and we all agree that life is short and we're not getting any younger and you have to enjoy life when you can and that'll be 15 bucks for the three-mile transport from the hotel. Even though Ethiopia HAD invaded Sicily once upon a time, I tip him five bucks.

I sit in the ship's library on Sunday. It's a beautiful, well-stocked library, one end of it facing the wake left by the Dutch cruiser Westerdam as it works its way towards Alaska. Kathy's still in our room contemplating the safety of plugging in her hair dryer while I sit in a big leather chair reading from Melville's MOBY DICK. Ishmael talks about the "pursuit of those far mysteries we dream of."

Smooth sailing. Kathy dresses for dinner; we'll be eating in The Vista Room for one of the open-seating meals. In my white-and-blue terrycloth Holland America bathrobe I lie on the bed watching Joe Cotton and Teresa Wright in a Turner Classic about a banker who decides to steal a million bucks from his bank and fly to Brazil where there is an anti-extradition law in place, et cetera, et cetera. You can't believe what good reception you can get on the TV in the middle of an ocean. Not a hell of a lot of channels, though. We move towards our first stop, Juneau.

Rain in Juneau. Kathy has claimed the one umbrella; my Giants' cap, hardly a sombrero, is pretty ineffectual against the raindrops through which we peek at the Red Dog Saloon. Juneau's a cute little town, quaint, historic, with some good prices for things we don't really need but buy anyway.

Glacier Bay: Incredibly beautiful. Majestic glaciers, and turquoise-colored water. I'm a long way from North Beach and the Marina and Galileo High School. I find myself using the adjective "amazing" more often than the girls on The Bachelor.

Sitka: One boards a "tender" and joins shipmates traveling from the docked Westerdam to the little harbor in Sitka...We check out a museum which had once housed a Russian priest who'd become a very influential and iconic figure in 19th century Sitka before the U.S. purchased Alaska and the Russians had made quite a killing, literally, in the fur business, nearly wiping out the entire sea otter population. Later, we see a bear sanctuary where we observe the magnificent creatures close-up (but safely) and are warmed by the knowledge that young and orphaned bears are taught coping skills. Then a catamaran takes us to see wildlife in the waters just beyond Sitka: whales, female sea otters and their tots, bald eagles, sea lions, jumping salmon.

A day in Ketchikan: Potlatch Park, where replicas of living quarters and totem poles peculiar to native Alaskan tribes or clans offer a clue as to how the early inhabitants lived before Europeans invaded their chilly nest. Passing on a visit to a fish hatchery (Ketchikan IS the salmon capital of the world), my wife and I explore the town on our own, stumbling on the infamous red light district, now a collection of shops and eateries where once enterprising Madams ran successful brothels to accommodate the men who found themselves in the wilderness and needy of some female companionship when they weren't fishing or trapping.

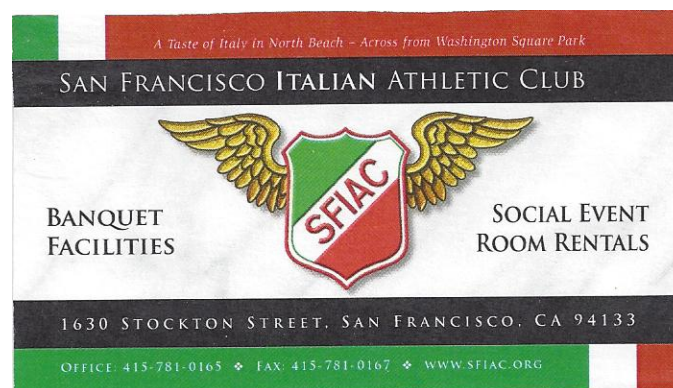
The "floating hotel" continues on its way. Good food and beverages to suit every taste. People of every conceivable shape, color, disposition and background somehow mingle harmoniously. Entertainment, a casino, a gym, library, swimming pool, promenade. If you can't find something to enjoy here, check your pulse.

Some time alone on the balcony as my wife does what wives do as husbands sit and wait in lounge chairs with freckling hands resting on thickening abdomens as the ship glides along the Pacific and through eternity. Peaceful...until some intestinal creaking summons me back to reality and my basic need for breakfast.

Last stop before heading back to Seattle is Victoria, British Columbia. Thunder and lightning mark our visit to the Empress Hotel for high tea. We're placed at a table with a South Korean family, six in all, who speak just enough English for us to share simple opinions of the little sandwiches and scones and tea and grandkids and LG washers and dryers.

Back at the Sheraton, downtown Seattle, our heads spinning with sights and sounds we've been blessed to experience, we actually look forward to getting back to the Bay Area. A fellow named William Cowper once said: "How much a dunce that has been sent to roam/ Excels a dunce that has been kept at home." I'm speaking of myself here, fellow Lions: don't go getting all indignant on me now...

Happy sailing!



Profile of an Alumnus by Renee Mau Wade ('51)

In the early 50's Galileo was host to three classes of students from China, here to learn English.

I just connected with one of these students. His name is Arnold Quon Fong, class of '54.

During Fong's three years at Galileo he won first prize in 1953 for his National School Safety Poster which was distributed all over the United States. In 1952 & 1954 he won second prize in the same contest. He also won an award from the San Francisco Advertising Club and the Bank of America Scholastic Art Achievement Award.

Fong's years at Galileo gave him the foundation to complete his AA degree at SF City College. He was drafted into the Army after he finished school and served as a translator in the Korean War.

In 1962 he moved to Texas where he met and married his lovely wife and started working in the family business. They have two sons and both have graduated from college.

Fong is now retired and is back with his art. I have seen some of his pictures, and he is truly gifted.

He is most proud of being a patriotic American. Little did our class realize how lucky we were that Galileo sponsored these gifted people in 1951 and that they have now become an important part of our history.

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Honor Class System

By: Kevin Zhu, Staff Writer

This year both, teachers and students had to deal with the loss of the American-Democracy honors course because of the University of California is enforcing a limit on the amount of honor classes that Galileo may have. This class change causes a huge difficulty jump in the class, between American-Democracy and AP U.S. Government, force students to either take regular American -Democracy or AP U.S. Government/Politics.

Just before the school year Galileo received a letter from the University of California stating, that Galileo exceeded the limit of the amount of honor classes in the subject Social Science, and was told to eliminate one honor class in Social Studies.

The school decided to take out American-Democracy honors because it was the best choice they could have done since colleges don't really look at senior grades compared to the other years. "This was the least amount of damage we could have caused," said Galileo Avid Counselor Ms. Marshman. American-Democracy honors isn't important since seniors already had to submit their college applications before the first semester ended. Although senior and freshman year grades are still important they aren't as important compared to the other four years of school when seen by colleges..

Many people are disappointed with this change including teachers and students who signed up for American-Democracy. "I wanted American-Democracy honors last year, but I was disappointed when I found out that American-Democracy honors isn't offered in our school courses this year," said Galileo Senior Leon Yen. Galileo Economics/American Democracy Teacher Ms. Ung said, "I think it's a shame people who are in the class or want the credits aren't able to get the credits. But as a teacher I think it's good because our classes become more diverse in ability."

The limit of how many honor classes a school can have isn't based on the school's decision, or even on the budget, but based on the size of the school. The more students a school has the more honor classes the school can have. This is the UCs regulations and other colleges don't do this. Though the limit on the amount of honor classes that schools can have is a main reason why the school chose to take out American-Democracy honors there are many other important factors.

Questbridge Accepted

By Brandon Lee, Staff Writer

For the first time ever in Galileo, two applicants, at the same time, were granted scholarships by QuestBridge, a program that offers a full paid tuition to one of the partner universities an applicant is accepted to. Seniors Anna Lei and Ching Li are both well-rounded students who attribute their acceptance to their exceptional grades, extra-curricular activities and all the hard work they put in at Galileo.

Galileo Senior, Anna Lei was accepted to Tufts University through Questbridge. She decided to apply because she suited the requirements and had a sufficient chance of getting in. She says, "It was a chance, so I took it. The consequences of actually being matched outweighed the tedious application... so I decided to go for it." Although she started her application late, a week or two before the deadline, she managed to finish it with the help of her friends' editing and support from the college and career counselor, Bai Zhen.

Although her first choice school was Columbia University, she was ecstatic when she found out she was accepted at Tufts and went around to classrooms to tell her teachers and friends. Anna applied to Tufts University because of its location near Boston and because it's a top research facility with a great student culture. Anna has declared Physics as her major, aiming to be an astrophysicist one day.

She has a few tips for people who want to apply to QuestBridge in the future. She states, "Work hard on the essays and research schools you might not have heard of before. Get other people, like your friends to read and edit your essay. Find what really matters and stay away from clichés."

Galileo Senior Ching Li was accepted to Haverford College in Pennsylvania through QuestBridge, ranked ninth in the nation as a liberal arts college according to U.S. news. Ching applied to Haverford because he wanted to attend college in California or New England and live near a city, which eliminated many other options. He also looked into the university's student-to faculty ratios, research opportunities and freedom in choosing classes. However, his interview contributed the most to his choice. He says, "My interviewer was a Haverford alumnus who majored in molecular biology and is now a Stanford medical student. Molecular biology was just the major that I had looked into when I was researching Haverford the night before the interview. He told me about the plethora of research opportunities and the ease with which students can ask professors to lunch and talk about lively biology ideas."

When Ching found out he was accepted to Haverford, he was at a loss for words, but he felt relieved about finishing with the application process, yet a bit regretful about the binding contract. Nonetheless, he was extremely happy about the match. He says, "I told my girlfriend, Connie, who has inspired me to major in psychology, my teachers, my parents, my uncle, my Summer Search mentors...I was running all around the school and my phone was running out of battery from all the calls."

Applying to QuestBridge was a tedious process for Ching, writing the one 800 word essay and three 500 word essays, submitting his rankings, and finding topics to write about that would condense his 17 years of life into 2300 words. Some tips he has for future applicants is to not let them tell you what to say, to look back at your long ramble and decide what you want to say. He suggests, "The essay prompts are really flexible, so don't match yourself to the prompts; match the prompts to you."

QuestBridge is partnered with many Ivy League colleges such as the Stanford University, Rice University, Princeton University, and several others private colleges. A benefit of being a finalist for QuestBridge, is not having to pay for the common app fees for any college you apply for. With the QuestBridge application, the colleges are given the opportunity to see a greater picture of the student.

In order to be eligible, you must be a graduating Senior planning to attend at a college in the fall. QuestBridge does not have many qualifications to meet. However, QuestBridge considers your GPA, class rank, the classes you take, your standardized test scores, essay and recommendation. Another aspect they take into account is your annual family income. QuestBridge seeks to accept students showing exceptional academic potential despite economic struggles.

NFTE Award

By Melissa Li, Staff Writer

For 5 years, no one has received the NFTE award, until Galileo history teacher Ms. Loan Ly was selected for this honor on January 11, 2013. She will be awarded at the NFTE 25th Anniversary Gala in New York City on April 23, 2013 and is receiving an all-expense paid trip to New York City for the April 23rd event, as well as an award and \$500 prize.

Ms. Ly won the award for teaching entrepreneurship, a large part in the field of hospitality and tourism, in the Economics class cored with AOHT. Students develop their own business plans and will compete against their classmates. Ms. Ly works in partnerships with different entrepreneurs and sometimes guest speakers visit the classroom to talk about how they started their businesses.

The Economics class also works with different organizations to give students a better idea of the different aspects of hospitality and tourism. Economics teacher Ms. Ly says, "I really enjoy teaching entrepreneurship because it forces students to be creative and thoughtful and it forces them to think not just outside of the box, but outside of the textbook because most of what we do in the entrepreneurship class, the answers are not always in the textbook. Students have to really think and whatever they create in the business plan has to come from them and it really makes them take ownership of what they do."

Teachers around Galileo are extremely proud of Ms. Ly's accomplishment. Her fellow AOHT teacher, Ms. Field said, "I think it is amazing. She is more-than deserving and I am glad she is being recognized for all of her work."

The NFTE Bay Area Staff selects the winner from teachers participating in each region. The criteria for selecting winners is based on the impact the teacher had on the NFTE Bay Area region throughout this past year, both in terms of students taught and other projects that moved the region forward. Ms. Ly did not apply for the award; she was selected by NFTE Bay Area staff. Every year, teachers who participate in NFTE prepares for a national business plan competition.

NFTE Bay Area represents the west coast region including schools in the East Bay and South Bay as well, such as Oakland, San Leandro, and San Jose. Several schools in San Francisco also participate in NFTE such as Balboa, Washington, and Ida B. Wells.

NFTE is a nation wide network of teachers and business people that teach about entrepreneurships. Ms. Ly teaches the NFTE curriculum of entrepreneurship: Owning Your Future. NFTE has a curriculum full of activities and tools for teachers to use, and they choose to implement it in the way that best meets the needs of their school and students. Teachers meet 2-3 times per year as a whole group and 2-3 times per semester with a NFTE program staff member to discuss the NFTE curriculum.





Between the Lions



by Bettie Grinnell

Greetings Mighty Lions! Here's what happening at Galileo these days.

WINTER SPORTS REPORT

GALILEO'S WRESTLING TEAM ARE THE CHAMPS!!

On February 23rd, 2013 the Galileo Lions wrestling team won 1st place in the CIF SFAAA Section All-city Wrestling tournament Championships. Led by Coaches Ronald Griffin and Allen Loretz, the Lions scored 133.5 points to take home the trophy, winning by the narrowest margin in San Francisco's history. The 2nd place team, Lowell High School, scored 133 points and the 3rd place team, Balboa High School, scored 126 points. All three teams finished the season with a dual meet record of 7-1, creating a three-way tie for the league championship. With no clear advantage of who would win the city finals, Lowell High School was considered the favorite due to the highest number of returning city placers from the year before. It was a clear upset that the Lions won the championships, considering that they had the youngest and most inexperienced members of the three teams that tied for first place in the league. Closely following all three teams going into the city finals tournament were Washington High School, who had won the year before, and Mission High School.

The Lions ended up with 5 wrestlers in the finals out of the 14 individual weight classes. Junior Team Captain Swain Wong led the team to the finals by taking 1st place at the 115 lb. weight class, upsetting the #1 ranked wrestler from Washington High School. Next at 140 lbs., Junior Yan Hakobyan won in a dominating fashion over his opponent from O'Connell High School. Freshman stand out Lavelle Johnson surprised everyone by making it to the finals of the 154 lb weight class and ended up taking second place on the day. Junior and first year wrestler Luke Hemingway also surprised everyone by making it to and winning 1st place at the 172 lb. weight class. Senior and team captain Max Friedman easily took 1st place at the 184 lb weight class and won by a major decision which scored the Lions the extra half point they needed to jump ahead of the Lowell Cardinals for the 1st place team trophy. Also bringing home medals and scoring serious team points for the Lions was first year wrestler Conrad Mo, who took 2nd place at 197 lbs. Junior Jeremy Chen took 3rd place at the 147 lbs weight class. But the true heroic story of the day was Senior and girl wrestler Bernice Fan. Bernice had already finished her season in the girl league, but dropped down in weight to fill the empty vacancy for Galileo at the 108 lb. weight class. Bernice ended up taking 3rd place for the day at the Boys Varsity tournament and scored the points Galileo needed to take home the overall city championship title. It was an amazing win by a very young and novice group of athletes, but through hard work and determination the Lions were able to overcome and be the SFAAA 2013 All-City Champions!

GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL

Girl's Varsity Basketball had a very successful year going 21-8, losing in the AAA semi-finals to Washington, 45-39. The team beat Washington for the 1st time in 20 years in a thrilling overtime upset, with our best player making a free-throw with no time remaining. The team started 4 sophomores and 1 freshman, with the remaining players all sophomores and freshmen, and 1 junior. Sarah Lim, was 1st team All-City, Cassidy Chan was 2nd team, and Kim Fung and Jane Gunn made Honorable Mention. The future looks good according to Coaches Don Papa and Kevin Adams.

GIRLS JV BASKETBALL

Girl's JV girls were fully committed as they fought to the play-offs and then lost a close semi-final game. Led by many players' efforts they competed in every game, only to be beaten by Washington in the play-offs. The talent is there for the future. Thanks, Coach Caldwell

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

The boys' basketball team finished the regular season with the best record in the AAA, amassing an 11-1 record, and earning a first round bye in the playoffs. However, in the semifinals, the Lions were defeated by Mission, 80-61, who went on to win the city title. Head Coach Jeremy Lee said, "I thought we had a very surprising season. I didn't think we would play as well as we did, but I attribute our success to the seniors and their experience that they gained, which led us to getting as far as we did." Four of the seniors from the boys' basketball team were also chosen to be members of the all-city team. Senior Brion Gregerson made the all-city first team, Senior Chris Lee made second team, and Seniors Nick Toy and Jacob Glasov made the honorable mention team.

GALILEO MARTIAL ARTS CLUB

The Galileo Martial Arts Club traveled to Arizona in mid-February to perform at the Chinese Culture Event at the University of Arizona in February. Galileo Martial Arts President Stephen Fong was invited to this event by the University of Arizona's Chinese Cultural Club President Raymond Fong, a Galileo Alumnus and a previous Galileo Martial Arts Club President. Galileo students performed both Lion Dance and Kung Fu movements. The group also performed at the Seven Cups Fine Chinese Tea Shop in Arizona as well. They were invited to perform at the Tea Shop by a worker at the Tea Shop who saw them perform at the University of Arizona. The trip cost each member about \$200.00, which they all willingly paid, and it was a long trip to Arizona and then back to San Francisco.

GOLDEN APPLE AWARD AND GOLDEN LION AWARD

The Galileo Associated Student Body (ASB) started the Golden Apple Award in 1979 to recognize outstanding teachers, counselor, deans, administrators, and other certificated staff such as the librarian. The Golden Lion Award for classified staff started in 1987, to recognize outstanding support staff such as Secretaries, Instructional Aides, Security Aides, Cafeteria Staff and Custodial Staff. Each winner receives a Galileo Medallion. Current rules mandate a three year interval between and individual winning either award. The nominations for the Golden Apple Award for this year were: Christina Tang (teacher), Celia Chan (counselor), Curtis Chinn (teacher), Loan Ly (teacher), Jackie Alarcon (teacher), Kevin Fanning (teacher), Benjamin Borrelli (teacher), Barry Barbour (counselor), Marcus Blacksher (principal), Kristy Morrison (teacher), Judith Barrett (teacher), David Zeeman (teacher), Mark Hyunh (teacher and Galileo graduate), and Wei Jian Lin (teacher and Galileo graduate). And the winner was: Curtis Chinn. The nominations for the Golden Apple Award for this year were: Thong Ly (computer tech), Rebecca Simpson (security aide), Mikal Hasan (security aide), James McLemore (custodian), and Bettie Grinnell (school secretary). And the winner was: Thong Ly.

WELLNESS CENTER

The Galileo Wellness Program, started in 2000, offers free and confidential health, mental health and substance abuse prevention services to students at Galileo. The program offers individual counseling, support and empowerment groups, case management, health education, medical case management, and school wide prevention activities to support the health and well being of our students. The Wellness Program is a collaborative and part of the San Francisco Wellness Initiative, which is a collaborative program offered by SF Department of Children Youth and Families, SF Department of Public Health and SFUSD. Here are three recent popular activities the Wellness Center has provided for Galileo students, faculty and staff.

LoveFest

The Galileo Wellness Program partners with the Galileo GSA to put on our annual G-House LoveFest. This event happens every year around Valentines Day and uses interactive activities to educate students about sexual health and healthy relationships. Students can get married, listen to our Galileo student DJs, play games and win prizes while learning about healthy love.

Drugs in the Real World - School-wide Assembly

Dr. Joseph Freeman, a 4th year resident in UCSF's ER department, has developed an interactive and unique presentation for teens about alcohol and drugs from the perspective of an ER doctor. Dr. Freeman and 40 ER residents came to Galileo on Thursday 3/21 to raise awareness around alcohol and drug prevention. This school-wide assembly was the first of its kind here at Galileo and surely made an incredible impact on teenage perceptions of drug and alcohol use and abuse.

Galileo Wellness Farmers Market

On Thursday 3/14, Galileo Wellness hosted the first ever Farmer's Market in the Galileo Courtyard. Our goal was to evoke the feel of a real city farmers market, complete with produce stands, food tastings, nutrition education and tangible strategies related to shopping locally and how farm-to-table can look. Nine classrooms participated in the event during 4th period, and hundreds of students and staff engaged with our educators and farmers during lunchtime. The event was a wild success thanks to produce donors, community partners, and our collaborators on campus. And our Visual and Performing Arts Department Chair Joseph Taylor, arranged for a musical group to perform during the Farmer's Market. This was an addition to all the Wellness Center does for us and mirrored what happens at many Farmer's Markets in San Francisco.

GRADUATION 2013

Galileo's seniors will graduate on Wednesday, May 29, 2013 at 1:00pm at the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium. The keynote speaker will be San Francisco Supervisor London Breed, a Galileo graduate, class of 1992.

SUMMER SCHOOL 2013

Galileo will be the Senior Graduation Summer High School. Summer school dates are June 10 – July 17, 2013. Summer School Graduation will be held in our auditorium. Students from all SFUSD high schools in the city attend Galileo's summer school and participate in the graduation ceremony.

BUDGET CUTS

Galileo will lose \$400,000 or more in funding for the 2013-2014 school year. We will lose teachers, staff and supplies.

Let me know what you'd like to hear/read about at Galileo. Bettie on the Beat will be happy to answer your questions and handle your requests.

Obituaries

Lawrence Feigenbaum M.D. 2/7/2013

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Lawrence Harris, age 101. 3/2/2013 <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=lawrence-harris&pid=163650248#fbLoggedOut>

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MISUNDERSTANDING

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE GAA PRESIDENT

I have heard from several alumni that they receive the Lions Pride every Saturday morning via email, thinking the GAA publishes this newsletter. I would like to correct this immediately. The Lions Pride published by Phil Kaiser is in no way related to the Galileo Alumni Association's *Observer* newsletter or approved by the Board of Directors. It is also not endorsed by the Galileo Academy. We do not feel that Phil Kaiser's Lions Pride represents the best interests of the GAA. We do not communicate with Mr. Kaiser or in any way support his criticism or negative writings. Our newsletter *The Observer* is published 4 times a year in January, April, July and October. I hope this clears the air for many of you and I hope Phil Kaiser will STOP harassing the GAA and put more energy in supporting Galileo.

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Reporters Wanted:

The Observer is seeking persons who are willing to gather and report news of interest to Galileo alumni. Writing skills are not necessary, just the ability to communicate and write legibly. We are accepting any bits of information about alumni, such as what they are doing now, marriages, births and deaths. If you have a photo of an event, a luncheon or small gathering, send it in. Send all submissions to the Galileo Observer (galileoobserver@aol.com) or the Editor, Galileo Observer, c/o www.galileoweb.org.

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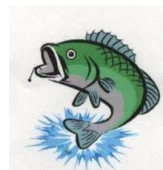
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RAFFLE

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