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Sage Canyon Elementary School built on the success of last year's inaugural school musical with this year's production of "Willy Wonka Jr." Students put on three sold-out performances in March, entertaining crowds of families, friends, teachers and community members.

The production was made possible by 40 drama club actors and Sorrento Valley's Junior Actors Company, hired by the Sage Canyon PTA to help stage the show.

Danielle Koelbl, Sage Canyon PTA's vice president of student involvement, said this year's show raised the bar with its choreography, student performances and meaningful message.

"Students brought to life the whimsical world of Willy Wonka's chocolate factory, but beneath the colorful sets and catchy songs was a message that resonated far beyond the stage," Koelbl said. "At its core, Willy Wonka Jr. tells the story of Charlie Bucket, a kind, humble child who, despite having very little, demonstrates gratitude, integrity, and selflessness. Charlie's character contrasts with the other characters who fall victim to excess, entitlement and lack of discipline."

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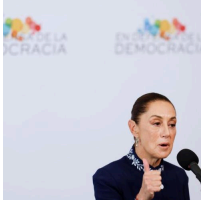
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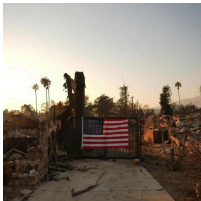
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