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City Council Honors Young Jazz Musicians

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The City Council, after hearing a few fantastic tunes from the Stanley Middle School Jazz Messengers, recognized each and every member of the band and proclaimed that May 28 will now officially be "Stanley Jazz Messengers Day" in Lafayette. "These are very talented musicians who happen to be middle school students," said Mayor Don Tatzin, who should know since he occasionally practices with the band.

The Jazz Messengers recently came in second place as best middle school ensemble in the country at the Next Generation Jazz Festival in Monterey. Conductor, teacher, jazz guru and music director at Stanley, Bob Athayde, was gracious and thanked everyone for their support of the arts.

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