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## Fourth Annual Torrance PD Awards and Appreciation Lunch



On March 30, the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Torrance Police Department, recognized and honored contributions by police personnel as well as members of the community. In this photo, honorees S. Kim, M. Wessels, T. Besse, E. Bernier and Sgt. Ahmad pose with Chief Matusda, Deputy Chief Anderson and other members of the TPD Awards Committee. Photo by Torrance PD Social Media Coordinator Christina Ortiz.

## Local Spelling Bee Winner Headed to Nationals Competition

By Cristian Vasquez

When Calle Mayor Middle School's Jennifer Lau correctly spelled "ursine" at the Los Angeles County Scripps Regional Spelling Bee, she earned more than a place in the National Scripps competition during the week of Memorial Day. The win made Jennifer the second member of her family to represent Torrance at the nationwide competition hosted in Washington, D.C.

"My brother [Timothy Lau] grew up watching the national spelling bee, so I kind of grew up watching with him," said Jennifer. "I finally got to go [Nationals] when I was 11 to watch my brother compete and that's when things kind of clicked and I wanted to do it as well. That is when I felt motivated."

Jennifer beat out fellow Torrance Unified School District (TUSD) student Navneeth Murali from Victor Elementary School, who recently won the TUSD Elementary Spelling Bee and earned the opportunity to compete in the Los Angeles County Department of Education competition--part of the California State Elementary Spelling Bee that began in the 1980s. The Scripps National Spelling Bee started back in 1925 when nine newspapers gathered to host a spelling bee in an effort to promote literacy. It has since grown into the national spelling bee, with an estimated 11 million students participating each year.

With a first-place finish in her school's spelling bee, Jennifer went to Los Angeles County Scripps regionals where she was the best among the county's top spellers. Having both siblings win and compete in the same competition is unique for the spelling bee competition, as much as it is for the Lau family. "It's a little surreal--there are 25,000 contestants from all over Los Angeles County that participate in their school bees and the top 110 compete in

the regional bee," said Jennifer's father David Lau. "Both times, it was quite an experience and we were shocked that they did so well. We didn't have any expectations. We simply told them to try their best and they both did great."

As Jennifer prepares for the national spotlight, she isn't looking to change much in her preparation and plans to keep her approach consistent. On a daily basis the eighth grade student loves discovering new words, stemming from challenging reading materials, television and her general surroundings. "You don't know what words you are going to get, so you have to be good at finding patterns in words--especially from certain languages," said Jennifer. "That helps you take an educated guess. So if they give you a certain word with its origins in

French, then you need to know that there are certain spelling patterns for certain sounds. There are also root words and that helps."

However, Jennifer has found an additional resource as she prepares for the main event in her brother Timothy, who has taken it upon himself to act as a non-official coach for his younger sister. "He is very good at motivating me and shows me new things to learn--he opens my mind to new ways to learn or different ways to approach words," said Jennifer. "He'll highlight details that I might have missed and make me realize it's not as intimidating or difficult. It feels less intimidating when he is around."

As one of the nation's oldest and most recognized competitions, the Scripps National

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## Former School Board Member on Mission to Collect Shoes

Story by Cristian Vasquez

When Dr. William Blischke, President Emeritus Professor of Sociology, CSU Dominguez Hills and former Torrance School Board Member, read that through Soles4Souls, Manhattan Beach residents were able to collect 1,500 pairs of shoes, he became determined to do the same. In late March Dr. Blischke attended the Torrance Unified School District's Board meeting, as well as one of the regular City Council meetings, to extend an invitation to the Torrance community to join the Soles4Souls cause.

"I got a call from Shery High School [in Torrance] where we have three groups competing with each other to see who can

collect the most shoes," Dr. Blischke told the School Board. "What I would like is expand to the other schools if possible."

Last spring Dr. Blischke launched the pilot program CSU Million Shoe Campaign, which sought to collect shoes for Soles4Souls at Cal State Dominguez Hills. Within a week and a half, \$100 was collected, along with 195 pairs of shoes.

"The CSU is the largest public university in the country with 470,000 students; CSU-ERFA [California State University Emeritus and Retired Faculty] is the largest organization of its kind, so one of my goals as their president is to collect a million shoes from students, faculty, staff and the

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## Weekend Forecast

### Friday

Mostly  
Sunny  
66°/53°



### Saturday

Mostly  
Sunny  
67°/54°



### Sunday

Partly  
Cloudy  
66°/54°





# Calendar of Events

Deadline for Calendar items is the prior Thursday by noon. Calendar items are \$1 per word. Email listings to [marketing@heraldpublications.com](mailto:marketing@heraldpublications.com). We take Visa and MasterCard.

- THURSDAY, APR. 13**
- Biography and Memoirs Book Discussion Group, 10:30 AM. – 11:30 AM., free, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5959.
  - Propagation Society – Planting Seeds for the Future, 10:30 AM., Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve, 3201 Plaza Del Amo, free to public, Call: 310-782-3989.
  - Awesome April Author Showdown!, All Day, free, El Retiro Library, 126 Vista del Parque, Call: 310-375-0922.
- FRIDAY, APR. 14**
- Free Advance Directive Workshop, 10:00 AM. – 11:00 AM., 5315 Torrance Blvd. Suite #B1, Call: 310-543-3402.
  - Friday Fun, 10:00 AM. – 12:00 PM., free, Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve, 3201 Plaza Del Amo, Call: 310-782-3989.
  - CITY HALL CLOSED – All Day
  - Toddlertime, 10:15 AM and 11:00 AM, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, Polly Watts Story Theater, 3301 Torrance Blvd, Call: 310-618-5964.
  - FUN-tastic Fridays: Fantastick Patrick, 4:00 PM., free, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5964.
- SATURDAY, APR. 15**
- Torrance Certified Farmers’ Market at Wilson Park, 8:00 AM. – 1:00 PM., 2200 Crenshaw Blvd., Between Carson St. & Sepulveda, Call: 310-781-7520.
  - Mini Train Rides (Public Run Days), 12:00 PM. – 3:00 PM., donations accepted, Wilson Park, 2290 Washington Avenue.
  - Breakfast and A Visit with the Bunny, 9:00 AM. – Noon, Tickets: \$20, Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-781-2720.
  - The 19th Awaya-Kai Koto Concert, 2:00 PM., Tickets: \$25, James Armstrong

- Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-781-7171.
- Awesome April Author Showdown!, All Day, free, El Retiro Library, 126 Vista del Parque, Call: 310-375-0922.
- SUNDAY, APR. 16**
- Katy Geissert Civic Center Library Open, 1:00 PM. – 5:00 PM., 3301 Torrance Blvd.
- MONDAY, APR. 17**
- Cultural Arts Commission Meeting, 7:00 PM. – 9:00 PM., City Hall Council Chambers, West Annex Commission Room, 3031 Torrance Blvd.
  - Awesome April Author Showdown!, All Day, free, El Retiro Library, 126 Vista del Parque, Call: 310-375-0922.
  - Pajama-rama, 6:30 PM., Walteria Library, 3815 W. 242 St., Call: 310-375-8418.
  - Babytime, 10:30 AM. and 1:30 PM., Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5964.
- TUESDAY, APR. 18**
- City Council Meeting, 7:00 PM., City Hall, 3031 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-2780.
  - Torrance Certified Farmers’ Market at Wilson Park, 8:00 AM. – 1:00 PM., 2200 Crenshaw Blvd., Between Carson St. & Sepulveda, Call: 310-781-7520.
  - Momentum 2017 (Peninsula High School), 7:00 PM., Tickets: \$13, James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-781-7171.
  - Awesome April Author Showdown!, All Day, free, El Retiro Library, 126 Vista del Parque, Call: 310-375-0922.
  - Family Storytime, 10:30 AM., North Torrance Library, 3604 Artesia Blvd. Call: 310-323-7200.
  - Family Storytime, 10:30 AM., Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St., Call: 310-371-2075.
  - Family Storytime, 11:00 AM., Southeast Library, 23115 Arlington Ave., Call: 310-530-5044.
  - Pajama-rama, 6:30 PM., Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5964.

- WEDNESDAY, APR. 19**
- Wayback Wednesday, 10:30 AM., free, Katy Geissert Civic Center Library, 3301 Torrance Blvd., Call: 310-618-5959.
  - Momentum 2017 (Peninsula High School), 7:00 PM., Tickets: \$13, James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-781-7171.
  - Awesome April Author Showdown!, All Day, free, El Retiro Library, 126 Vista del Parque, Call: 310-375-0922.
  - Toddlertime, 11:00AM., El Retiro Library, 126 Vista del Parque, Call: 310-375-0922.
  - Craft Delight, 12:00 PM., free, Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald Street, Call: 310-371-2075.
  - Pajama-rama, 6:30 PM., Henderson Library, 4805 Emerald St., Call: 310-371-2075.

- Pajama-rama, 6:30 PM., North Torrance Library, 3604 Artesia Blvd., Call: 310-323-7200.
- THURSDAY, APR. 20**
- Check It Out @ the Southeast Library, 3:00 PM. – 4:30 PM., free – teens only, 23115 Arlington Avenue, Call: 310-530-5044.
  - Propagation Society – Planting Seeds for the Future, 10:30 AM., Madrona Marsh Nature Center & Preserve, 3201 Plaza Del Amo, free to public, Call: 310-782-3989.
  - Momentum 2017 (Peninsula High School), 7:00 PM., Tickets: \$13, James Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Call: 310-781-7171.
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## Spelling Bee

Spelling Bee provides an opportunity for students from all types of backgrounds to participate in one of the largest academic tournaments in the country. “They have a lot of different activities for the spellers—it is a very incredible event that they put on,” said David. “They have a barbecue, educational tours of our nation’s capital, and an awards banquet with a formal dinner and entertainment.”

Jennifer enjoys reading fiction for pleasure and considers nonfiction similar to living life, which in turn sparks her interest in history. In particular she enjoys colonial American history, which makes going to the nation’s capital that much more exciting. “It is where it all started. It’s where the United States came to be and I get to go back to its birthplace and capital where our founding father laid down the foundation,” said Jennifer.

Jennifer also expressed her gratitude to the PTA for organizing her school bee and feels it is an honor to represent Torrance at the National Bee. “I want to meet new people and make new friends,” she said. “This is probably the only week where I will be able to meet spellers from

from front page

around the nation, so I will do my best to stay in touch with them and build relationships.” •



Jennifer Lau.

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# Community Briefs

## Muratsuchi’s AB 1649 Passes 6-0 in (ESTM) Committee

In a 6-0 bipartisan vote, the Assembly Committee on the Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials (ESTM) passed Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi’s (D-Torrance) Assembly Bill (AB) 1649, which codifies and makes permanent the existing Interagency Refinery Task Force created by Governor Jerry Brown. The bill is part of the California Refinery Jobs and Safety Action Plan, which includes five Assembly bills that will improve public safety at all California refineries.

“The Torrance Refinery, and all refineries across California, must make public safety their number one priority,” stated Muratsuchi. “When the refinery exploded in Torrance two years ago, my wife, daughter and I lived just a few miles away. Since then, I have worked with local residents to develop a six-point Torrance Refinery Safety Plan. Now, I am introducing a legislative bill package to carry out my plan.”

In addition to AB 1649, Assemblymember Muratsuchi’s “California Refinery Jobs and Safety Action Plan” includes the following

- important Assembly Bills:
- AB 1645 will phase out the use of hydro-fluoric acid by California refineries.
  - AB 1646 will require the maintenance of a publicly accessible community alert plan which includes notification to residents for emergencies (reverse 911, text, email, PSAs, etc.) and public alerts (alarms, sirens, etc.). How far that notification has to be heard, ways by which the community must be notified, and a number of other community alarms will be included.
  - AB 1647 will require refineries to install and maintain air quality monitors at the refinery fence line and in the community, and require that the governing air quality agency publicly report the readings from the monitors in real-time.
  - AB 1648 will increase the number of state refinery inspectors at the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal OSHA). A budget request has been made in conjunction with this bill.

## El Camino Football Coaching Legend Joins Hall of Fame

Legendary retired ECC football coach John Featherstone was recently inducted into the California Community Colleges Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame. The award honors those in the California Community Colleges who show exemplary participation and dedication to their chosen sport.

Featherstone joins a prominent group of coaches and players who have contributed to California Community Colleges football programs. Past inductees include Pete Carroll, Bill Walsh, Dick Vermeil, John Madden, Jackie Robinson, Hugh McElhenny, Ollie Matson, Keith Calkins, Joe Perry, Tom Dempsey, Steve Smith, Aaron Rodgers, Brent Carder, and Herman “Herm” Edwards.

After more than 30 years leading the successful ECC Warriors football program, Featherstone retired at the end of the 2015 season. A legend in community college football, Featherstone had the highest winning percentage of any active coach in the southern section of California at the time of his retirement.

A South Bay native, Featherstone’s affiliation with the El Camino College football program began as a student-athlete (1967-1968), and includes his ECC coaching career, which began in 1985. Since then, he built the Warrior football program’s long tradition of producing scholar-athletes who have continued to the university level; some even made their way into the professional ranks.

Under his leadership, the Warriors earned a national championship in 1987, two state championships, 11 conference championships and appeared in 19 bowl games. Five consecutive Southern California playoff appearances were made from 2004-08 and the team has 21 nationally ranked finishes, including seven straight from 2003-09.

Featherstone’s influence as a community leader is far reaching, with numerous athletes, students, alumni, colleagues and friends all over the country supporting his work through the years and remaining dedicated to football and El Camino College.

## Providence Dedication and Blessing Usher in World-Class Facilities, Expanded Medical Team

A \$4.8 million state-of-the-art electrophysiology laboratory, a signature element of Providence Little Company of Mary Medical Center Torrance’s \$35 million Cardiovascular Center of Excellence Heart to Heart campaign, will be named in honor The Maureen and Stanley Moore Family Foundation.

The tribute was announced last week at a dedication and blessing ceremony at the hospital. The Moore Family Foundation has long supported the hospital. The electrophysiology lab is a room, similar to a surgical suite, designed to conduct electrophysiology studies to test the electrical activity of the heart to determine the cause of an arrhythmia - an abnormal heartbeat; provide information to help decide the best course of treatment: medication, a pacemaker, an implantable cardioverter defibrillator (ICD),

cardiac ablation or surgery; and treat cardiac arrhythmia through intervention such as cardiac ablation, where the heart is mapped by sophisticated software to assure the highest degree of accuracy and safety during the procedure.

In addition to new technology, Providence Little Company of Mary is welcoming two new cardiologists to the program. Jashdeep Dhoot, M.D., a cardiac electrophysiologist, recently practiced at St. Luke’s Hospital at the University of Missouri and Murrad Abdelkarim, M.D., an interventional cardiologist with 11 years of experience, has joined the team from Oconomowoc Memorial Hospital in Wisconsin. Our new physicians join an expert bench that includes Rishi Kaushal, M.D., Nazanin Azadi, M.D., and Michele Del Vicario, M.D., medical director of the Cardiovascular Interventional Program.

## PV Students Play Surgeons for the Day with daVinci® Robotic Surgical System at Torrance Memorial

As a way to interact with robotic technology outside of the classroom, Torrance Memorial Medical Center will host a daVinci® Robotic Exhibition on Friday, April 14 at 10:20 a.m. for students of the STEM (science,

technology, engineering and math) program attending Palos Verdes Intermediate. The selected group of 40-60 students have been studying engineering and robotics through

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# Sports

## Up and Adam

## Tartars Baseball Begins to Dominate

By Adam Serrao

Anyone who follows high school baseball knows that the Torrance Tartars are headed into this year’s season with a chip on their shoulders. After a second place finish in the Pioneer League standings one season ago, first-year head coach Terry DeWan has taken over a roster that is ready to win and ready to win now. Behind returning seniors Noah Ishikawa and Travis Martizia, along with the solid play of sophomore first baseman Neil Feist, the Tartars are finally beginning to hit their stride. A victory at home against the Palos Verdes Sea Kings last Tuesday afternoon not only gave Torrance its fourth win in a row, but also accounted for the pitching staff’s third shutout in its last four games.

Shutouts aren’t easy to come by in high school baseball, especially when you’re facing off against an opponent like Palos Verdes. The Sea Kings had won 10 of their last 11 games heading into a matchup with the Tartars. Torrance starting pitcher Alex Gallegos certainly made things look easy enough, though. The senior ace of the pitching staff had all of his pitches working at Kendall Field against the Sea Kings, which, needless to say, was much to the liking of his head coach. “He’s totally dialed in,” DeWan said with a small smile on his face. “He’s a fiery guy, but he’s learning how to be composed. He was in control of himself, which is all you can control. You can’t control the umpires or anything else.”

Gallegos pitched a complete game, going the entire seven innings while allowing just two hits and striking out four batters. The win marked

the pitcher’s third victory of the season and his second straight shutout. Despite all of his singular success, however, the entire Torrance team has been catching fire as well. Junior Brad Kong specifically has been exploding on offense and proved that fact with his production against Palos Verdes. Kong delivered an RBI single in the bottom of the sixth inning to basically put the game out of reach. It was also Kong who manufactured a run by stealing second base in the bottom of the fifth. Kai Hershberger later singled to left, allowing Kong to come around and score the first run of the game.

Torrance has enjoyed success behind an explosive offense at the plate. What makes the team so scary, though, is the efficiency of its defense. Gallegos, for one, certainly doesn’t hesitate to voice his pleasure with the protection that he has behind him. “Our defense was good—they had my back,” he explained. “I threw a lot of first-pitch strikes and a lot of ground balls.” The Tartar defense was able to scoop up all of the ground balls that came its way, except for one slight fielding error by Jacob Villareal. Villareal (who also had three put-outs on the day) and the Torrance defense were good enough, however, to hand the Sea Kings (11-3, 1-0) their first shutout loss of the season and only their third loss of the regular season. The Tartars (12-6) will get league play started this week with back-to-back matchups against their inner-city rivals from South High.

**South High**

The South High Spartans and head coach Grady Sain have been struggling in preparation

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### Metro Seeks Input on 2018 Fiscal Year Budget

Metro’s annual budget sets transportation priorities across LA County for the coming year. Metro will gather comments on the 2018 fiscal year budget at the Regional Service Council Meetings in May, and a public hearing on May 17th, before formal adoption by the Board of Directors. For meeting information or to provide your comments, go to [metro.net/budgetcomments](http://metro.net/budgetcomments).



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# TerriAnn in Torrance

## Easter Celebrations in Torrance

Story and Photos by TerriAnn Ferren

This year, Easter Sunday falls on April 16. The most important celebration in Christianity is a movable feast, so to speak. Every year the date is different, but Easter always falls on a Sunday between the 22nd of March and the 25th of April. Why, you ask? Simply put, the date is set by marking the first Sunday following the full moon after the vernal equinox on March 21. Got that? Long ago, Christians turned the ancient ritual



Donna Duperron.

of celebrating the spring equinox and the worship of Ishtar (Easter), and reclaimed it to celebrate and commemorate Jesus Christ rising from the dead.

I have loved Easter since I was a little girl. Because Easter falls during springtime, I think of all the flowers, such as daffodils, calla lilies and tulips blooming in gardens all over town. When I was young, Easter was a very special time and my mom worked hard getting everything ready for the big day. Waking early Easter morning, my sister Linda and I would run to the front door where the “Easter Bunny” had dropped off our baskets, which were usually covered with either yellow, purple or green cellophane tied with a big bow. Inside our baskets were all sorts of wonderful treats and I admit we always ate some of the candy before breakfast. We would get ready for church in our matching Easter dresses with our new white patent leather shoes and little white socks--then after church, we would all

pile into the car and visit all the relatives. I also remember watching epic movies on television at my Aunt May and Uncle Millard’s house, like *The Robe*. It was always a big, special, eventful day filled with love and celebration of all that Easter means.

This year, the citizens of Torrance seemed busy with their Easter preparations too, so I asked some residents what they had planned for Easter Sunday. John Kalinsky told me he was looking forward to Easter because he had



Happy Easter.

given up so much for lent, he couldn’t wait to have some treats. “Normally for Easter I go to church at 8 a.m. mass, and after church, I am going to CVS and get a candy bar, and then get an ice cream from Handel’s on the way home. I will have Easter dinner with my uncle and might see my cousins,” said John. John told me he hasn’t received an Easter basket since he was little, but does hide eggs for his nephews and his friends’ children. Later that day, Gail Shota told me she and her husband Rodney and their daughter Samantha are driving down to San Diego to visit her brother and family. Everyone I asked seemed to have plans of some sort.

Later that night, while waiting for my Chinese takeout, I spoke with Michelle Alferts, who was also waiting for her order, and she told me, “For Easter, we go to church as a family and then we spend the day typically at my parents’ house and we have our extended family come over and we do an Easter egg

hunt for the kids and for the adults as well. We do Easter baskets as well. You know, it is funny, my parents never did Easter baskets for us when we were little, but they do them ever since they got grandkids.” Michelle told me they usually have a potluck dinner so no one person has to cook everything.

The next day, I spoke with Suzie Rather, who said in her charming, smooth Texas accent, “I am going to serve the snacks at church and be at my church which I love. They are my

then the entire family will be coming over later in the afternoon for an Easter party. “We are going to have the entire family over, even my mother from Hemet is coming to celebrate Easter with the two little grandkids. We are going to color eggs the old-fashioned way, we are going to have an Easter egg hunt, and I went online to ‘Current’ and actually have all different kinds of games that we are going to play. The ‘funnest’ one is an Easter Bunny that you put up on the wall and there are Velcro



Carol Floersch.

Nerf balls that you throw at the Easter Bunny,” said Donna, beaming.

There are traditions we hold close to our hearts and new traditions we make every year that one day are memories for our children. On Saturday, April 15 in the Toyota Meeting Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., the Torrance Community Services Department is hosting its annual *Breakfast and a Visit with the Bunny* where adults accompany children and enjoy Easter music, a yummy breakfast, egg hunt, cookie decorating and a special performance by Buster Balloon. All for \$20. Registration is a must. Make reservations at 310-618-2930 or access [www.Recreation.TorranceCA.Gov](http://www.Recreation.TorranceCA.Gov). Happy Easter! •

### Up and Adam

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for their Pioneer League opener against the Torrance Tartars. After beginning the regular season by winning four of their first five games, the Spartans have recently tumbled. Dating back to last Saturday morning, South has now lost five of their last six, including a matchup against Chatsworth in the Chatsworth Tournament.

South failed to score a run in the 6-0 shutout as Nathan Critchett struggled from the mound. The senior gave up four earned runs, all in the bottom of the sixth inning, and allowed six hits and four walks, with four strikeouts in three innings of work. The Spartan offense has been struggling to get anything at all going lately. The 6-0 loss at the hands of Chatsworth marked the team’s fourth shutout loss in its last five games. Coach Sain will have to find a way to get something going at the plate before the red-hot Tartars come to town this week for a two-game set that will mark the beginning of league play for both teams.

#### West High vs. North High

If there is any team that is going to give the Torrance Tartars a run for their money this season, it may just be the West High Warriors. Last year’s Pioneer League champs showed again last Wednesday afternoon that they simply have a knack for coming through in the clutch and pulling out close victories. The team’s latest close victory couldn’t have come at a better time. An extra-inning 3-2 win gave head coach

Juan Cueva and West their first Pioneer League victory of the season. What made the victory even sweeter was that it was over their hated rivals from North High, the Saxons.

It wasn’t until the fifth inning that either team was able to get any offense going when junior Shea Estrin tripled to centerfield for the Warriors. Estrin would later score on a sacrifice fly to give West a late 1-0 lead. Rivalry games never end easily, though. The Saxons, led by head coach Mike Neily, battled back in the very next inning. A sacrifice fly by Arturo Alvarez quickly tied things up. West would score again in the top of the seventh inning, but the Saxons never-say-die attitude was on full display when Kyle Hatai doubled in teammate Mitchell Mashiko to tie the game once again.

In the end, Sean Whorley was the hero for the Warriors. Not only did Whorley save the game for his team on the mound, but he also knocked in the game-winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning with a single to left field. North eventually went on to lose to the Saxons in the second of the back-to-back games. Kyle Hatai pitched a 1-0 shutout to split the series between the two teams. Both North and West will take a brief break from league play before the Saxons (9-4, 2-1) take on the Torrance Tartars in the beginning of May. West (13-5, 1-0) will take on the South High Spartans at the end of April.

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people--it is a new church called Captain’s Wheel, and I feel such a connection there. It is like a small group of maybe 30 people, and then I will cook my husband a nice meal and relax in the backyard.”

Carole Floersch told me, “Usually, my boyfriend and I host a dinner for his family, and [especially for] his 100-year-old mother. He hasn’t brought it up yet, as he is kind of a last-minute person.” Across the table from Carole, I spotted Donna Duperron, who told me she and her husband Gary have a special Easter planned this year. Their son Luke and his wife Shatera and their young son Hezekiah will be joining the family along with their church in their backyard for an Easter Service, and



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#### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: BETTY JO SHOREN CASE NO. 17STPB02684

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A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by CYNTHIA JO MURPHY, in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that CYNTHIA JO MURPHY, AKA CYNTHIA JO FRAUMENI be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
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**Nina**

the "only." This gorgeous girl is an adorable delight! She is very social and friendly with everyone. Nina is also easily adaptable and curious. She will come running to the door when you enter the room. Enjoying attention, she likes her independence too. Nina prefers to be the only pet. When you tell her "no," she understands and listens. Our fabulous Nina is a fantastic cat for someone looking for an adorable playful companion. She would love a peaceful home with cool people or would be content as an office kitty.

**Duchess** is a compact cat who lives up to her name. She is truly royal and will not hesitate to let you know! She may be small, but she is mighty! Also incredibly sleek, she

Wheel. She would love to be adopted with her foster sister Figaro. Her sensitive stomach requires a strict raw food diet.

**Figaro** is a silky-soft, long-haired tuxedo with a silly and sweet disposition. This little goofball is mellow, quiet and inquisitive and has more fluff than she knows what to do with. Figaro is downright adorable and very loving. She likes to be close (especially if you've got snacks), but prefers to sit with you rather than on you. She may be low-energy, but she loves her toy mice and her little fishing pole toy! She would love to be adopted with her best friend Philippa. Her sensitive stomach requires a strict raw food diet.

**Abba** was rescued with his four siblings and another litter of kittens from a storage facility. He was a little shy at first, but is now a loving, rambunctious little boy who loves to sit on laps and give kisses. He may still be a bit shy when he first meets someone, but quickly loses that shy side to let out his playful and loving nature. He would love to be adopted with one of his siblings or cousins.

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**Duchess**

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**Lucie**

people-loving playmate. Fidget sleeps on the bed and loves to hang out with you on the couch. The remainder of his day, he is busy exploring the house and playing with his other feline friends.

**Lucie** is an adventurous little kitten looking for her forever home. Her adorably inquisitive nature makes her an instant hit with everybody she meets! She's fun, friendly and super sweet! Equal parts cuddly and curious, Lucie is the purr-fect kitty combination! A little love bug, she's always purring and loves to shower you with kisses and affection. When she's not taking a nap on your lap, she's excitedly exploring and playing with her foster brother. As much as Lucie loves spending time with you, she's overall very low-maintenance and independent. This adorable, happy, healthy girl can't wait to become part of your family!

**Nina** is a sweet girl who loves attention and loves everyone. She likes to play and is curious, confident and opinionated. Nina is looking for a home with no other animals--she wants to be

is the picture of elegance. Duchess likes to run the show, but this sweetheart also loves to cuddle and sit next to you on the couch. She's very chatty and as most duchesses, she is very well-spoken. She will tell you all about her adventures throughout her day. Duchess will be a great companion for a single person or a couple. Although she does well with other cats, she prefers to cuddle and play with dogs. This charming girl will be the perfect addition to a great home!

**Philippa** is a slim, sleek, and an oh-so-dainty calico who has enough energy and charisma to rule a kingdom. At first, she may seem wild and carefree, but as soon as you hold her she melts into a puddle of purrs and pure love. Little Philippa loves romping, kisses and heights! She has a high metabolism and must live in an environment where she is allowed to climb. Her favorite pastimes include getting piggyback rides on her foster parent's shoulders, bird watching, and running on a One Fast Cat Kitty Exercise



**Figaro**

**Abba**

**Philippa**



Shoes

community," said Dr. Blischke.

Following the success of the pilot at CSU Dominguez Hills last spring, the program has expanded to the Cal State Los Angeles, San Diego State University and Cal Poly Pomona campuses. By the fall of 2017, there will be an effort to spread the shoe drive to the remaining Cal State University campuses.

"It's one thing to ask people for money, but it's a bunch of shoes that people will throw in the garbage which you can give to people who are shoeless," said Dr. Blischke. "So we have synagogues, churches and clubs and all types

of organizations hear about us and know that they can do that, so they contribute."

Founded as a disaster relief group when philanthropists and shoe executives provided footwear for people impacted by the tsunami in the Indian Ocean in 2004 and Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Soles4Souls has been a non-profit since 2006. In that time, the organization has collected more than 30 million pairs of shoes. Half of those have been distributed to people in the United States who are poor, as well as to people affected by tornadoes, earthquakes, floods, fires and other natural disasters.

"The other half go to 127 foreign countries and the shoes are given to people," said Dr. Blischke. "Out of the seven billion people estimated to be on this planet, it is projected that one billion are shoeless or they wear discarded trash items that are converted into footwear."

This non-profit also encourages people to donate money, as it costs \$1 to ship out one pair of shoes. Those shoes not given away are sold very inexpensively to small businesses, which then resell them at a low cost in an effort to stimulate the local economy. Shoes that are no longer viable to wear are taken

apart and recycled into other footwear such as sandals.

During last spring's pilot effort at CSU Dominguez Hills, Dr. Blischke shared that Torrance's Madrona Middle School caught news of the program and reached out to join the cause. Within two weeks, students, teachers and staff at Madrona collected \$195 and 100 pairs of shoes. "Now it has spread to the other middle schools in Torrance and they have been able to collect 1,000 shoes," said Dr. Blischke.

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9. TV doc  
12. Mind image  
13. Rainbow \_\_\_\_  
15. Discontinue  
16. Learning areas  
18. Lighten  
19. "And I Love \_\_\_\_" (1964 tune)  
20. Guard  
21. Occur  
23. Bakers' wares  
24. What a bark can be worse than  
25. Bring in  
28. Folks  
31. Iced, green  
32. Play group  
33. Polka or micro  
34. Off  
35. Aspirations  
36. Molecule part  
38. End  
39. Wallet bills  
40. Stripped  
41. Two-wheeler  
43. Common allergen

45. Lichee and filbert  
46. Zero  
47. "The \_\_\_\_ strikes back"  
50. Accustomed  
51. Strong joe  
54. Money disc  
55. Unmoving  
58. Put up, as a picture  
59. Midafternoon  
60. Border  
61. Back to square \_\_\_\_  
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63. Unwanted plant

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2. Lazy  
3. In the vicinity  
4. Driver's need  
5. Jim Cramer's dot com with The  
6. Fetters  
7. Saintly  
8. Noise of an engine  
9. Tin foil, e.g.  
10. Water carrier  
11. Accessible  
14. Short sleeved under garments  
15. Reliable

17. Going \_\_\_\_ crazy  
22. Porked out  
23. Putting off  
24. Bottoms  
25. Belongs to something  
26. Track competitions  
27. Go to pieces  
28. Mill output  
29. All-out  
30. Mall  
32. Objects having circular bases and points  
35. Most popular  
37. "Of mice and \_\_\_\_"  
42. "\_\_\_\_ Town"  
43. Horses  
44. Able to see right through  
46. Renowned  
47. Repercussion  
48. Gripe  
49. Durable wood  
50. Caution  
51. Fabricated  
52. Press  
53. Not the original color  
56. Everyday article  
57. Recently produced for the first time

Last Week's Answers

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