



CJSF Toy Drive



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During the holiday season, the California Junior Scholarship Federation (CJSF) in JMS organizes a Toy Drive, where they partner with the Torrance Fire Department (TDF) to collect new unwrapped toys for kids in our local community so that they can have p;]Christmas presents and gifts like a lot of us do. Some of the students here at JMS make and hold up signs and posters to advertise and encourage others to donate. After advertising, many help fill up Mrs. Aragon's (history teacher, CJSF staff) truck with all the toys collected!



A student holding a toy drive poster

Plus, it's not any normal students, it's students in the California Junior Scholarship Federation (CJSF)! By holding up signs and advertising the toy drive, they earn hours on their CJSF hour log. By holding up signs at a place where parents driving their cars can see, these CJSF students earn the most chances of getting their attention and effectively advise them to donate to the toy drive, so it may convince the parents and students to donate to the CJSF toy drive. These families donating to the toy drive donate toys that they don't need. Thanks to

these families, CJSF collected nearly 100+ toys this year! After Mrs. Aragon got all the toys into her truck, she dropped them off at the Torrance Fire Department.

Torrance Fire Department partners with a program called "Toys for Tots", which is a program for low-income households to register so that their children can also enjoy Christmas gifts without feeling left out, and this is the program which all the unwrapped toys from the CJSF Toy Drive went to.



The "Toys for Tots" program's logo.

The "Toys for Tots" program, founded in 1947 by reservist Major Bill Hendricks, and headquartered in Quantico, Virginia, is run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve to distribute toys to children who were unfortunate and their parents cannot afford toys to buy for them. This program has been included in CJSF since around 2018. Today, the Toys for Tots program makes a huge difference to children all around the United States, and we were a part of it for the children in our Torrance community!



The CJSF & TFD partnered Toy Drive poster.

Texas Loosey's Fire

By: Aidan O., Tim V.L., Anthony M., Harshil P.,

What are the best parts of communities? Lots of people would agree that it's the local restaurants. Their food is delicious, and there is such a good vibe there. Well in our community recently we lost a popular restaurant. On Monday, November 6th, 2023 Texas Looseys was burnt down. Firefighters rushed to the scene as neighbors passed by and watched the large fire get put out.



(Picture of Texas Loosey's before the fire)

Station 6 in the Torrance fire department was the one who was called to the scene. They arrived at around 2:30 am. It took 2-7 hours just to put out every hotspot in the restaurant. "This is a Torrance landmark," said local resident Maria Monroe. "A historic neighborhood Torrance landmark." One of the businesses in that same strip mall was also damaged.

Pedro the owner of Texas Loosey's said, "It will be another couple of weeks until the investigation will be done. Him and the workers will be planning some meetings to rebuild Texas Loosey's". The fire burnt the top of the restaurant and even spread out to other buildings nearby such as the Joe's Dentistry right next to the fire. From the facebook post of Texas Loosey's operators they said "A very devastating moment," "Luckily nobody was injured". This fire put most of the employees such as Bartenders, cooks, waitresses and dishwasher's out of a job. The owners asked if anyone was hiring so they could dm them. The case is still under investigation looking for if the fire was caused to gain insurance money or if it was by accident or was natural.



(Texas Loosey's After the Fire)

Texas Looseys wasn't just a restaurant or a bar for some people. Marcel Melanson stated "When I was in high school some 30 years ago, school teams would meet at the restaurant to eat before big games." "It was that for the neighborhood," Melanson said. "It was a community establishment, it was a meeting place. It was more than just a bar or restaurant." Texas Looseys was important to people, and the effect of it burning down left many people unhappy.

Texas Looseys is located in Torrance, CA, the address is 22252 Palos Verdes Blvd, Torrance, California. It is located in Southwood Village. Reports show that the fire did not spread beyond the block of Texas Looseys. Nobody was injured in this incident.

"It took firefighters several hours to douse the hot spots inside the burned-out shell of the restaurant," said the Daily Breeze. "The neighbors would get together and have family dinners. Lots of stories through the years," Maria Monroe had said. A neighboring dental office and other businesses were damaged. Firefighters were still dowsing hot-spots with water about two hours later. "The heavy smoke and fire conditions inside the unit prevented us from making good access and putting water on the fire early, it took some time, we called additional resources to respond in, to provide assistance, to provide station coverage." said Adam Brown.

Texas Loosey's was a beloved restaurant here in Torrance and will definitely be missed. The community is definitely looking forward to seeing what they rebuild into. Will they rebuild Texas Loosey's again? Or will they have a different restaurant? We'll just have to find out

[A link to the aftermath of the texas Loosey's fire](#)

L.A Lakers Struggling This Season

By David O.

The Lakers are starting to get worse and worse. They have recently been losing games more frequently. It got so bad they had a 4 losing streak but broke it by beating the Clippers. Their 3 point percentage is lower than most other teams but their 2 point percentage is good. Some players in the Lakers roster have stats that show that they are either not good offensively or not good defensively. They are currently 10th place in the western conference right now and have 20 wins and 21 losses.

Some people blame the Lakers performance on their coach. This is because of the Lakers offense relying too much on LeBron James and the Lakers defense relying too much on Anthony Davis. Others blame their defense on injuries. This is because injuries limit their playstyles. LeBron also is mad at his team's playstyle, creating controversy in social media. Recently though, the Lakers figured out their rotation (combination of the players on the court) and have been recently doing decent.



Lebron defending the ball from player from the Oklahoma City Thunders

After the Lakers won against the Oklahoma City Thunders, they confirmed their new lineup. Lebron claimed that this lineup would improve their offense and defense. Fans think that this change of the lineup is a last ditch effort before the trading deadline, being on February 8th. Teams want Austin Reaves with any possible trade scenarios, but the Lakers will not trade away Reaves. D'Angelo Russell has been mentioned in trade scenarios, but no teams are showing interest in him.

Rams Fight for a Spot in the Playoffs

By Ashley W.

For the last 8 games of the season before the playoffs, the Rams played the Seattle Seahawks, Arizona Cardinals, Cleveland Browns, Baltimore Ravens, Washington Commanders, New Orleans Saints, New York Giants, and the San Francisco 49ers. Then for the playoffs, they went against the Detroit Lions. The Rams won both games on November 19, against the Seahawks, with the final score of 16 to 17, and on November 26 against the Cardinals where they won 37 to 14. A week later, the Browns came here to Inglewood, California to play the Rams. During the game, Puka Nacua became the first Rams rookie receiver to reach 1,000 yards in a season and the Rams won 19 to 36.

The team traveled to the M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore, Maryland for their next match against the Ravens. Unfortunately, tight end Hunter Long was carted off the field with a torn MCL in his left knee and will have to undergo season-ending surgery. The Rams winning streak came to an end after losing the game 31 to 37. However, they had another chance at another home game against the Commanders. The Matchup Predictor on ESPN said that the Commanders only had a 24.9% chance of winning while the Rams had a 74.9%. As predicted, the Rams won 20 to 28.

Just 4 days before Christmas, the Rams had another home game against the Saints where they were greeted by Shohei Ohtani on the sideline. They won 22 to 30, their second straight win. On New Year's Eve, the Rams went to East Rutherford, New Jersey to play the Giants at the MetLife Stadium. They won by one point (26 to 25) and secured the sixth seed for the playoffs. Their next game against the 49ers had very little meaning since both teams were automatically going to the playoffs, but the Rams won 21 to 20.



The Rams celebrate getting their spot in the playoffs.

After their fourth straight win, the Rams went to Detroit, Michigan to play the Lions. Unfortunately, they lost 23 to 24 and will no longer be advancing.

The History Behind Martin Luther King Day

By Ashley W.

On every third Monday of January, the U.S.A. takes a moment to recognize the amazing life achievements of civil rights leader, Martin Luther King Jr. His birthday is on January 15th, 1929, which is why Martin Luther King Day (MLK Day for short) is celebrated on the third Monday to be as close to that day as possible. Coincidentally, it will be on the 15th this year. How this federal holiday came to be is a different story.

John Conyers who was a Democratic Michigan Congressman was the first to propose the bill to make MLK Day a federal holiday on April 8, 1968, just 4 days after King's assassination. He continued to reintroduce it every year with the support of the Congressional Black Caucus which he helped found.

Exactly 50 years after MLK was born (1979), the bill came to a vote in the House. However, the bill was rejected by 5 votes even with the petition of 300,000 signatures, backing from President Jimmy Carter, and testimonials from Coretta Scott King (King's widow). It was Republican Missouri Congressman Gene Taylor who led the opposition. He explained the cost of another federal holiday and traditions that would exclude people from receiving recognition with the holidays that were named in their honor.

After the rejection, people started pressuring the government to make MLK Day a holiday by marching down Pennsylvania Avenue on January 15, 1981, as well as having civil rights marches from 1982 to 1983.



People hold various signs to hopefully convince the government.

Motown singer and songwriter Stevie Wonder also joined in the fight and regularly appeared at rallies alongside Coretta Scott King (the widow of King). He also released an album in 1980 that featured the song "Happy Birthday" as an ode to King's vision as well as a

cry for recognition of his achievements through a holiday. Then, Stevie Wonder gave a free concert at the National Mall where King had his iconic "I Have a Dream" speech.

Once again, the bill for making MLK Day an official holiday made it to the House in 1983, 15 years after King's death. Coretta Scott King, the Congressional Black Caucus, and Stevie Wonder got 6 million people to sign the petition in favor of the holiday. The bill easily passed the House with a vote of 338 to 90.

A problem soon arose in the Senate when Republican North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms attempted to dismiss the legislation. He did this by submitting documents that stated the civil rights leader was hiding ties to the communist party.

Fortunately, it passed the Senate after 2 days of debate and moved on to the president. The King Holiday Bill was officially a federal holiday on November 2, 1983, when President Ronald Reagan signed it.



Coretta Scott King shakes hands with President Ronald Reagan after he signed the King Holiday Bill.

Even after the bill was passed, not every state was on board. The first state to make MLK Day a state holiday was Illinois who adopted it before the bill was even signed in 1973. By 1989, six years after the holiday became official, 44 states had adopted MLK Day, but that was only 44 out of 50. It took 17 years after it was signed for all 50 states to celebrate MLK Day in 2000, and a total of 32 years for it to be recognized by all 50 states.

After all that, we now celebrate by having the Monday of MLK Day off from school. Here in L.A., we celebrate by having the Kingdom Day Parade where marching bands, floats, drumlines, dancers, and a few surprises go down Martin Luther King and Crenshaw Boulevard. This year's theme is "Can't Stop, Won't Stop, Going To The Promised Land." Hope you had a great 3-day weekend!

Uses for Atomic Energy

By Mason W. Daksh P. Ali A.

BOOM! Is often the first thing people think of when they hear about atomic energy but it turns out that atomic energy may be very useful in ways other than destroying cities and countries.

At first atomic energy was discovered in an experiment with neutrons and uranium by Enrico Fermi. The experiment basically in some way propelled a neutron into a piece of uranium and then split an atom being the first time nuclear fission was done by humans. But there is so much more we can do. We are barely scratching the surface.



Picture of Enrico Fermi

Ever since that discovery, atomic energy has been used a lot. Near the beginning, it was used to make the world's first atomic bomb, a weapon of mass destruction. The first test was the Trinity test. When making the atomic bomb, scientists such as J. Robert Oppenheimer thought it could cause atmospheric ignition. That meant that the chain reaction wouldn't stop and burn the earth.

There have been multiple different variations of the atomic bomb like the hydrogen bomb and such. However, atomic energy is far more useful than some bombs. Well not measy because they can decimate cities within seconds but you get it.

Atomic energy can be used for a variety of different things. We have mainly used it for weapons so far but if you think about it, only nine countries have atomic weapons (United States, Russia, France, China, the United Kingdom, Pakistan, India, Israel, and North Korea), and on top of that, they rarely use them. Atomic bombs have only been used against people only two times, I am not saying that it is a waste but what I am saying is that they can be used for other stuff such as

agriculture, medical uses, water desalination, space exploration, and power sources.

We can use atomic energy for medical uses. This is possible because of nuclear medicine. Nuclear medicine is used to see inside the body. This is already in use. They are called CT scans and the machines used look like this.



A CT Scanner

Atomic energy could also be used for space exploration. Mostly for lift-off. Normally rockets utilize a fire ignition to take off from Earth, however, atomic energy could use a nuclear thermal engine which would require less material for more power. It would use the chain reaction of nuclear fission to relate the energy. However the radioactive objects that would be used for this like uranium or plutonium are costly, then again you wouldn't need much to achieve lift-off.

Along with that, it can be used for agricultural reasons such as plant mutation that is used to either help the plants or create different plants, kinda. The different plants are variations but they are still basically safe and useful, it is like slightly changing one plant to get a better version of it or a version that is overall the same in terms of positives but has different specific properties, such as higher yields, shorter cultivation times, resistance to diseases, pests and the effects of climate change, such as extreme weather events.

Finally, water can be purified as well, reverse osmosis atomic distillation is the process in which salt, germs, and minerals are removed from seawater by being used to cool down atomic power plants then after this they are put into a reverse osmosis filter.

In conclusion, instead of focusing on diverting most of our nuclear energy into weapons, we should take a bit of it and put it towards that but also take most of it for these reasons since they help society so much.

New Year's Resolutions

By Arya B. and Sophia A.

HAPPY 2024! Welcome back to another exciting year, we hope you all had an amazing time off. Have you ever heard the phrase, “*New Year, New me!*” As the clock strikes 12, New Year’s resolutions have become a tradition for many people around the world. It’s time for reflection and introspection. An opportunity to set goals and make changes. It’s a powerful tool for self improvement and personal growth.



New Year's resolutions.

I’m sure many of you all have thought and started doing them. Here are some resolutions from people you may know! Miley Cryus has taken on listening better. During an interview by *NBC* she said “..that would kind of be my resolution, to not just listen to myself, but listen to others,”

Another celebrity, Gwen Stefani has taken to getting better at farming with her husband, as she says, “I think my resolution's gonna be to make sure that I educate myself more on gardening because that's my new hobby with Blake.”

Megan Markle, the The Duchess of Sussex also reveals her list of resolutions. “Run a marathon. Stop biting my nails. Stop swearing. Re-learn French. These make my New Year's resolution list nearly (actually every) single year,”

Up next, we have Camila Cabello's resolution (according to *cafemom*): “A New Year's resolution, one of mine, is to play more sports,” the singer and cohost of *The Voice* told *E! News*. “It's not a joke. I really enjoy playing sports.”

Moving along, Liza Koshy’s resolutions are rather simple as she plans on, “Calling instead of texting and also putting away my laundry from the washer to the dryer to the drawer in the same day.”

Along with celebrity resolutions, we also have resolutions made by your fellow classmate, Diya. One of the goals she stated was, “My resolution is to not fat shame my cat.” Also adding that studying hard was one.

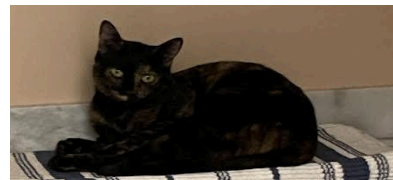
Upon concluding this interview our second interviewee gave us some great insight on their resolutions this year. The person interviewed would not like their name to be added but they’re a 6th grader.

Moving on, she answered with “Continue to maintain good grades and a positive mindset.” when asked why she also said, “a good mindset is good to shape your life for a nice life.”

Our third Interviewee is an eighth grader, Maryam Hadi. She answered, “My new year's resolution is to get better grades this school year.” When asked about her New Year’s Resolution in the past, she said, “My resolutions in the past were making more friends and being less of an introvert, and I did meet it.”

Moving on, we interviewed a staff member as well. You know her, You love her, Ms. De La Cruz! Her resolution seems to be, “.. to make the library more user friendly; categorizing the books by genre, so the students have an easier time finding what they are looking for.”

Thank you to all the interviewees!



Muffin, Diya’s cat: a Domestic Tortoiseshell

Aside from this, getting motivated to start your own can be difficult as you may not know where to start improvements. An article by *goskills.com* lists some common resolutions that can be started at any time. For example,

“Get organized, Learn a new skill or hobby...” They’ve also given tips on how to stick with them, “Naturally, your resolution may focus on areas that lack progress, but don’t forget to savor the progress made and find some small way to celebrate.



People taking on a healthier lifestyle.

With all these amazing resolutions and ways to start your own. For some, the phrase “New Year, new me!” will definitely not go to waste this year.

Alaska Airlines - Flight 1282

By Zara K.

Imagine you were casually sitting on your seat in a plane before powerful winds suddenly blew into your face. When you looked to the side, you noticed that your whole door plug had blown off! This incident happened to a teen named Jack, who had previously boarded the Alaska Airlines Flight 1282 with his mom.

A total of 171 passengers and six flight attendants, including 3 babies and 4 unaccompanied minors, had boarded the plane at Portland International Airport at 4:52 pm. The first few minutes were okay until a loud boom was heard shortly after they had started flying. A passenger had described it as a very unusually strong breeze, and the plane just filled with air. Jack had been next to the door plug that had blown off and all his stuff like his shirt, his laptop, his phone, and many other belongings had been sucked out of the plane, but luckily his mom, who sat next to him, was there to pull him back in. The flight attendants escorted them to new seats shortly after.



The door plug on Flight 1282 had flown off next to Jack minutes after they started flying.

Most passengers didn't realize the problem because the plane felt "under control". It didn't feel like they would crash when the oxygen masks were dropped, nor did it feel scary. The flight attendants helped everyone right away as they landed. Paramedics boarded the plane and checked to see if everyone was okay. All the passengers disembarked as normal.

Meanwhile, 109 other Alaska Airlines flights were also told to land. They were told that all their

planes would be under maintenance and once they were all safety inspected, they would be returned to service.

Later on, they found no concerning findings and were brought back to be flown. On Monday, Alaska Airlines and United Airlines said they had found loose hardware on many of their grounded planes. They were stopped once again to have more inspections on these planes. Boeing's CEO has also taken note of this and decided on a few inspections as well.

They also found four bolts that were used to keep the door plug in place were unaccounted for, and they don't know if the bolts were there when the plane started flying.



The door plug that fell off in the backyard of a Portland, Oregon-area home on Sunday.

A member of the NTSB (National Transportation Board), had said that two iPhones had been found, both being perfectly intact, regardless of the 16,000 foot drop, one found on the road and one found in a yard. The owners of the phones were located soon after.

Boeing 737 Max 9, the model of the plane in the incident, was grounded and is currently being inspected by the FAA until everyone is satisfied that they are safe and sturdy. They have grounded every Boeing Max 737 Max 9 with a door plug. More than 300 United Airlines and Alaska Airlines flights have been canceled. Alaska Airlines offered the passengers an apology, a full refund, and \$1,500 to assist with any inconveniences.

Boeing 737 Max 9 has also had a troubled history including two fatal crashes in a few months in 2019 and 2018.

Sources: [abc](#), [bbc](#), [cbs](#), [ap](#), [the guardian](#), [ap](#), [abc](#), [abc](#)

2023 Year in review

By: Mari Goldberg, Diya Sondhi, and Arya Bharad.

This year was full of sad, happy, and funny moments. Since 2023 has been a blast...let's wrap up 2023 with a year in review!

First up in January:

Lebron James passes a surprising 38,000 points in the NBA!

A player from Buffalo's bills collapses from cardiac arrest and is brought back by CPR.



Next up in February:

Tom Brady retires his 23 year football career at 45 years.

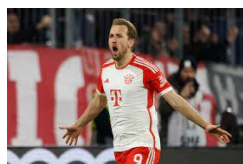
65th grammy awards.

Rhianna performs at the superbowl.



In March:

Harry Kane takes over Wayne Rooney to become England's all time best goal scorer with 54 goals.



In April:

Space X's starship rocket, the most popular rocket with 33 booster engines.

In May:

"The little mermaid" movie came out. Beyonce's renaissance tour starts going around.

The Met Gala was hosted.

King Charles coronation date was set on May 6th



In June: Andrew Lloyd Webber and

David Zippel's theater show

"Bad Cinderella" goes out.

Miranda Sings actually sings,

"Barbie" passed a billion dollars.



Canadian rapper, Tory Lanez got sentenced to 10 years in prison for shooting Megan Thee Stallion in the foot several times.

The submarine full of billionaires sunk.

In July: The "Barbie" movie got released in theaters.

Twitter officially became X Grande and Slater's relationship made headlines.



In August: Kim Jung-Un arrived in Russia.

Donald Trump was found guilty of fraud.

First day of school for JMS



In September: Joe Jonas Divorces Sophie Turner.

A Stolen Van Gogh Painting was returned.

In October: Simone Biles wins all round gold at the world championship in gymnastics.

Hamas attacks Israel.

Taylor Swift starts her "Eras Tour"

Madonna starts her "Celebration" Tour.

Five Nights At Freddy's movie aired.



In November: Iceland's volcano erupts.

NCAA women's volleyball championship (nebraska v texas)

Spotify wrapped comes out.



In December: Pope Francis allows priests to bless same gender couples.

Jefferson spirit week.

GTA 6 trailer release date was on December 4th.

In England there was the nutcracker ballet show.



Shout-Outs!

Stella Badillo: (8th Grade) -Im so glad you're in not one but two of my classes this year! Thanks for your positivity!

-Mr. Carri

Nagisa Kurata: (8th Grade) -Thank you for always staying on task even when class is crazy

-Mr. Carri

Aaron M.: (7th Grade) -We are happy you are back! I appreciate your effort in trying to catch up.

-Ms. Sapien

Madeline N.: (7th Grade) -Thank you for your participation! Your thoughts and ideas are a welcome contribution."

-Ms. Sapien

Zoey M.-Your effort is tremendous! Thank you for bringing such a positive vibe to class everyday!

-Mrs. Hagerman

Milana Dunayevskaya-Your writing is amazing. I can't wait to see what you do next!

-Mrs. Hagerman

Manney Gomez-Awesome effort in Study Skills! Thank you for working so hard.

-Mrs. Hagerman

Amie Honda-Awesome play reading! You really brought life into the play.

-Mrs. Hagerman

Shout out to **all the athletes** that made the Jefferson Middle School basketball teams.

-Ms. Swartz

Shout out to **Hank Thorpe** for being respectful and knowing how to make me laugh!

-Mrs. Chang

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-Mrs. Chang

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-Ms. Rubke

Godzilla Minus One Review

By: Mason W.

It has been eight years since the last Japanese made Godzilla film. This brand new Godzilla film was produced by Toho, the original company that produced the original Godzilla movies back in the fifties, and tons of other Godzilla films. The last time they made a godzilla movie was Shin Godzilla.

Shin Godzilla was good, probably the most terrifying Godzilla ever, but Toho's newest Godzilla movie, Godzilla minus one, is just perfect. This Godzilla may be the smallest, but he is an absolute menace.



Godzilla attacking boat in Japan

In the first ten minutes of the movie, we got to see a younger Godzilla just destroy a bunch of Japanese soldiers. He really woke up and chose violence. This movie takes place in 1945, Japan, after world war two. Can you imagine getting bombed, twice, and now you have to deal with a 164 foot tall nuclear lizard. After Nagaskid and Hiroshima, Japan was at ground zero, but Godzilla is what made them minus one.

When we see Godzilla again, he's terrorizing Japan, destroying all the buildings with just his footsteps. He uses his tail to break everything. But what is really cool is the atomic breath scene. In the movie they call it a heat ray. Throughout the years, Godzilla's atomic breath typically starts off by glowing at the bottom of the tail and makes its way up until... BOOM! Here is the link to the [atomic breath scene](#). It's just so cool, the best one yet.

This movie wasn't just about Godzilla, it was also about the humans. People cried at a godzilla movie. A Godzilla movie. I even teared up a little. The main character was a failed kamikaze pilot so he wanted to sacrifice himself, he wanted to complete his mission. At the end of the movie the people end up killing godzilla, but in the water he instantly starts regenerating. 100/10.