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STEA²M includes art, agriculture



Ariel Torres

Television science star Bill Nye demonstrates a fire and gas experiment during the second day of the annual STEAM event March 16 at the Fairplex Planetary Stage. His presentation was recorded for a new episode of his show, "Bill Nye Saves the World," available for streaming on Netflix. The three seasons explore important science issues with guests who help Nye test his theories.

Nye speaks on climate change

Nicolette Rojo
Social Media Editor

Bill Nye, host of PBS show "Bill Nye the Science Guy" and current CEO of the Planetary Society, spoke to younger generation on various ways to combat global warming during the STEA²M Fair on March 15-16 at the Fairplex.

Children and parents attended to learn more about the various fields offered, as well as to attend Nye's lecture which focused primarily on the importance of recognizing climate change and ways to protect the Earth — such as investing in solar and natural energy resources.

The intent of the fair was to educate the public about science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics, hence the acronym.

In previous years, the fair focused on traditional STEM fields such as engineering, information technology and the sciences.

However, this year's fair highlighted the importance of art and agriculture within the job industry, which was demonstrated by adding a square root to the "A" in the acronym STEAM.

Yasmin Cardona-Byrnes, University of La Verne alumna and professor of art at Mt. San Antonio College, said she attended the lecture because she was inspired by Nye growing up, which reminded her why she chose her career path.

"I come from a home where I was sheltered and didn't have access to museums, extra tutoring or learning-rich experiences," Cardona-Byrnes said. "Seeing Bill today made me remember why I do what I do today: to inspire others, be curious, learn and connect to the world around us."

Benjamin Lehan, professor of epistemology at the Cal Poly Pomona School of Agriculture, said that including agriculture in the fair helped demonstrate its role in science and impact in a person's daily lifestyle-- from eating to clothing themselves each day.

"No matter what crop we grow, there's always insects that attack that crop, so we need to find out efficient ways to control those pests," Lehan said. "On top of that, people don't realize that the clothing we wear is an agricultural commodity and with everything we do to produce them, insects are trying to stop us from doing that."

The arts section included schools in the Pomona Unified School District that advertised their various school programs, including Village Academy High School, a school dedicated to students looking to get a jump start in film and television.

Their booth displayed a slideshow of their award winning short films and an opportunity for children to fly drones in order to learn more about the usage of modern technology within the film industry.

Reese Sorensen, senior at Village Academy, said that seeing the kids' excitement on their faces was the most rewarding part of the STEAM Fair experience.

"I love to inspire a lot of people to do what it is that they want to do, along with being able to

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Palestinian debaters discuss teenage activist

Examining the women who resist

Stephanie Joseph
Staff Writer

Two ULV student debaters and two special guests from Palestine debated the actions of Ahed Tamimi, a teenage girl who rose to international prominence in 2017 after she was captured on a Facebook video kicking, punching and shoving a heavily armed Israeli soldier who was trying to enter her family home in West Bank, Palestine.

Robert Ruiz, chairman of the speech communications department, hosted the event Tuesday in La Fetra Lecture Hall in honor of Women's History Month.

Tamimi was arrested shortly after the altercation and received mixed reactions; opinions were split between thinking her actions were productive and thinking her actions hurt the Palestinian cause.

Decades of animosity and violence to stop the Israeli occupation, land seizures and an adjacent settlement that has taken control of the city has plagued and fostered extreme violence between Israel and Palestine.

Debaters Layan Malhees and Nura Qasrawi, members of the An-Najah University Debate Society, both flew in from the West Bank to participate in the event.

The debaters were split into two teams, with Malhees paired with freshman philosophy major Noor Tabba, and Qasrawi paired with junior biology major Hanien Samara.

Malhees and Tabba said that the media attention that she received helped bring light and show the strength of other female activists in the fight against the Israeli occupation in Palestine.

Samara and Qasrawi argued that because the media solely focused on her actions, other activists could not garner the attention needed to further their cause.

Ruiz chose which guest debaters to invite and determined which positions the teams would argue.

"I obviously wanted all women for Women's History Month to debate it and the two girls from Palestine agreed to do it," Ruiz said.

"I thought it would be perfect to put the four of them together. All four of them spoke Arabic to each other, so it was nice for them to just relax and communi-

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Harris' legacy of generosity lives on

Christopher Livingston
Staff Writer

Barbara Ellen Harris, mother, teacher, donor and wife of Board of Trustees member Ben Harris, died last month from complications following a stroke. She was 90 years old.

Ms. Harris was born Barbara Ellen Burton on June 17, 1928 in Des Moines, Iowa, the third oldest of six siblings.

Ms. Harris graduated from East High School in Des Moines before following her brother to McPherson College in McPherson, Kansas where she got her teaching degree and went on to become an elementary school teacher.

In 1977 she married her husband Ben.

As a married couple, they traveled extensively around the world, visiting almost every continent on the planet. They were happily married for over 40 years.

The couple moved to Long Beach where Ms. Harris went back to school to earn a certificate for interior design from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Ms. Harris and her husband work ed together to develop their own property development and management companies. The success of their businesses allowed the Harrises to give back to the community.

Ms. Harris, along with her husband, has made many generous donations to several institutions, including the University of La Verne, over the years.

"She was part of a dynamite duo with Ben Harris. The Harrises have been connected with the University of La Verne for years. They were always about trying to do what they felt was beneficial to students," said Emmett Terrell, University of La Verne Board of Trustees member.

Major contributions from the Harrises led the University to name and dedicate two notable landmarks. The Harris Art Gallery in the Landis Academic Center, and the Barbara's Place café in the Campus Center.

Ms. Harris was passionate about education and learning. Along with her career as an elementary school teacher, she was also a former president of the Parent Teacher Association when her children were in school.

"She saw (education) as a way to achieve the American Dream, through developing knowledge and a skill set that could be applied to a career," said Harris' daughter Kim Bowen, a current University of La Verne Board of Trustees member.

Harris created a scholarship program for sociology students. The Barbara Harris Scholarship has provided 60 students with financial resources throughout its existence.

Although she is gone, her legacy and memory will continue here

"She loved this University, and the University loves her, so her legacy will live on for generations," University President Devorah Lieberman said. "In student scholarships and in Barb's Place, and many other places.

"Part of her legacy concerns her involvement with the University of La Verne," Bowen said. "Apart from that, she also leaves behind a legacy of love and laughter through her children and grandchildren."

She is survived by her husband, Ben; three children, three stepsons, and 10 grandchildren.

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Debaters...

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cate with each other in their native language," he said.

Samara said the overall experience helped her become educated on both sides of the issue and set aside personal biases.

Each debater said they had their own opinions on Tamimi's activism and how they personally related to what was discussed.

Tabba said she enjoyed talking about Middle Eastern issues with the Palestinian debaters.

"I relate to that struggle and I relate to what it feels like to be an Arab, especially in America," Tabba said.

Qasrawi has participated in debate tournaments abroad before, but this was her first time in the United States.

"It's amazing here and it is really good to have the chance to talk about Palestine and the real conflict," Qasrawi said. "People around here probably don't know a lot about it and it was pretty interesting to hear what they had to say and their opinions on this matter."

Ruiz said he wanted this opportunity to broaden students' knowledge and understanding of issues that are otherwise distant from their lives.

"Research more about it and learn the history," Ruiz said. "Once they get that breadth of knowledge, maybe it'll focus them to be an activist that can be important to our history."

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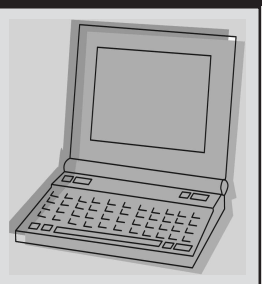
Kayla Salas

Palistinian debaters Layan Malhees (second from left) and Nura Qasrawi (second from right), join junior biology major Hanien Samara (right) and freshman political science major Noor Tabba (left) for a debate Tuesday in La Fetra Lecture Hall for Women's History Month. The debate focused on whether Ahed Tamimi's actions helped or harmed Palestinian women. Malhees and Qasrawi, members of the An-Najah University Debate Society, flew in from the Midlde East to participate in the event.

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Jaysin Brandt

Debate teams prepare arguements for the Women's History Debate Tournament Sunday in Founders Hall. The tournament lasted for three days during spring break. High school and college students from across the globe argued for their assigned positions on a variety of topics.

Davis considers career highlights

Resilience is her key to success

Destinee Mondragon
Staff Writer

Belva Davis discussed her life as the first African American newscaster on the West Coast and her journey as a journalist Tuesday in the Campus Center Ballroom.

Davis' television journalism career began in 1961, at a time when very few women were in the profession.

"The most important lesson that I have learned throughout my career is to believe in yourself," Davis said. "Now it may hurt, you may stumble, but you've made a pledge to keep it, nothing can stop you."

Davis covered protests on college campuses including UC Berkeley and San Francisco State in the 1960s and much more.

"Confidence in pitching my story ideas allowed me to go to places such as Cuba, Israel, Africa and so many others just so I could prove that I could survive," Davis said.

While traveling to these countries, Davis said she struggled to gain the trust of the local residents.

She had to explain that if they refused to tell her their stories, then others would not know what happens in the countries they live in.

She also talked about one of the projects she was most proud of: narrating for daughters of prominent civil rights.

She traveled the country moderating for the daughters of George Wallace, Martin Luther King Jr., and John F. Kennedy.

Davis said that although these women were very different, they shared a willingness to support and understand each other's differences while sharing the same passion as their parents before them.

"Her accomplishments are amazing, and for her to be able to share her story and struggle is truly a life lesson," said Suzanna Bratzler, an education graduate student.

Natalie Parra, sophomore business administration major, said Davis' lecture was inspiring.

"I related (and) I feel inferior at times, but it's those obstacles she discussed that made me realize that I could truly rise to the challenge," Parra said.

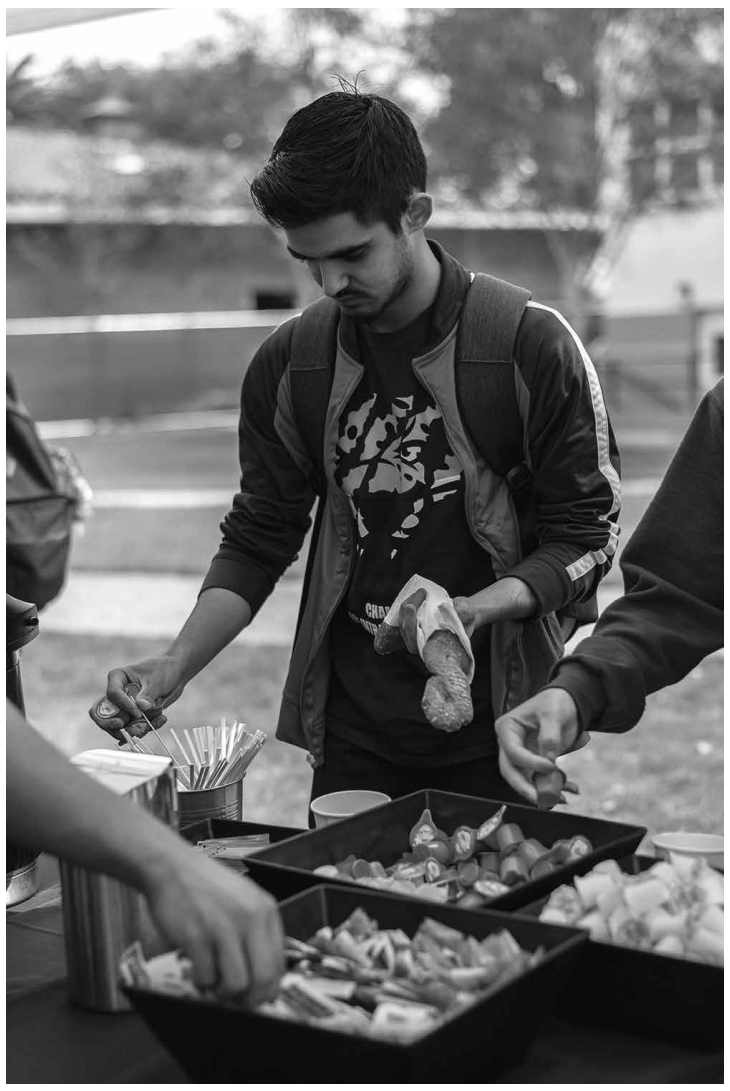
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Molly Garry

Belva Davis, the first African American woman newscaster on the West Coast, talks about how women need to abandon an "I am right and they are wrong" attitude in favor of expression of sisterhood, Tuesday in the Campus Center Ballroom. Davis said women should believe in themselves and reach for their goals, no matter how difficult that may be.

Donuts defeat stress



Nikky Huynh

Andres Camacho, freshman chemistry major, selects snacks Tuesday in Sneaky Park. CAB offered free donuts, coffee and tea for the Donut Stress event.

STOP HATE CRIMES ON CAMPUS

If you have any information regarding any hate crimes on campus, here is how to say something:

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Bill to lower alcohol limit for DUIs

Current limit is 0.08 percent

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Two years after losing his 15-month-old son to a drunk driver, mixed martial arts fighter Marcus Kowal is now spearheading efforts to lower the legal intoxication limit for DUIs.

Those efforts culminated in Assemblywoman Autumn Burke, D-Marina Del Rey, introducing Assembly Bill 1713 last month, which would reduce the legal blood alcohol concentration limit from 0.08 to 0.05.

Blood alcohol concentration, or BAC, refers to the percent of ethanol in someone's bloodstream.

The bill was nicknamed Liam's Law, after Kowal's son who died as a result of the crash.

"For every 0.01 that we lower it by, it will save about 800 lives," Kowal said, quoting research on the topic.

Liam's aunt Allison Bell took him for a walk, and crossed the street when Donna Marie Higgins drove through the crosswalk, ran over Liam's stroller, and injured both Liam and Bell on Sept. 3, 2016.

Liam was taken to the hospital, where he died from his injuries a day later.

"She lives today with survivor's guilt and anxiety," Kowal said of his sister-in-law. "Just trying to walk across the street is so difficult for her."

Kowal said that at the time of the arrest, Higgins had a BAC, of 0.12, but official reports said her BAC level was 0.09.

Higgins was charged and convicted of vehicular manslaughter.

Kowal and his wife Mishel Eder formed the Liam's Life Foundation to raise awareness about drunken driving fatalities, support victims and their families, and raise support for Liam's Law.

"We made that promise to each other that we would make sure our son didn't become a statistic," Kowal said.

The National Motorists Association opposes Liam's Law on the grounds that most DUI-related fatalities involved a driver with a BAC of 0.10 or higher, citing data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"The issue we are concerned about is setting the BAC limit so low that automatic arrests – and the lifelong stigma associated with a DUI conviction – are happening to drivers who are not impaired and have shown no signs of impairment behind the wheel," NMA president Gary Biller said in a statement. "Their crime is blowing too high of a number into a breathalyzer."

The World Health Organization recommends that the BAC limit for DUIs be 0.05 or lower, as the risk of a crash increases significantly upon reaching a BAC of 0.04.

A 2013 analysis conducted by James C. Fell, principal research scientist at NORC at University of Chicago, found that the risk of being involved in a single vehicle crash increased when a driver reached a BAC level of 0.05, and that the risk of being killed in a car crash with BACs of 0.05–0.079 is 7–21 times higher than for drivers with no alcohol in their system.

Fell studied the effect of BAC laws on rates of drunk driving since 1970.

He said that, despite that most drunk drivers involved in a car crash have BACs of 0.10 or higher, a proposal to lower the legal BAC limit will still have a meaningful impact.

"It's a deterrent," Fell said. "Anybody who drinks, whether they drink at low levels or high levels, will say 'I better be careful, they lowered the standard.'"

At a BAC of 0.05, a person loses control of their small muscles and experiences blurry vision, reduced coordination, impaired judgment, and slowed reaction time.

These effects are heightened at a BAC of 0.08, and a person may start experiencing short term memory loss.

At 0.40 or higher, one can risk coma or death, according to American Addiction Centers, Inc.

Arrests can be made for DUIs even if the driver's BAC level is below the legal limit, as long as the police officer can prove the driver was impaired, said La Verne Police Officer David Weaver.

"If I can smell the alcohol, see blood-shot eyes, and I hear their speech slur, that shows impairment right there," Weaver said.

Before testing the drivers' BAC through a breathalyzer, officers conduct three sobriety tests as standardized by the National Highway Safety Traffic Administration.

The first is horizontal gaze nystagmus test: the officer asks the driver to follow an object with his or her eyes, first to the left, then to the right. If the driver is not impaired, then his or her eyes will track smoothly. However, if the driver's eyes involuntarily jerk, then he or she has horizontal gaze nystagmus – a sign of impairment.

The second test accounts for the driver's sense of balance, fine motor skills, and focusing abilities.

The driver is instructed to walk heel-to-toe in a straight line.

If the driver cannot focus on the officer's instructions and on the task at the same time, or if the driver loses balance, then the driver may be impaired.

The third, the one-leg stand test, tests balance and focusing abilities again. The driver is required to stand on one leg and lift the other six inches off the ground.

If the driver lose balance or fails to keep track of multiple tasks – the driver has to count to forty while balancing – then the driver fails this sobriety test.

Weaver said he personally supports lowering the legal BAC limit.

"A lot of people don't realize it takes a lot to get to 0.08 percent," Weaver said.

According to the University of La Verne's Substance Abuse Prevention Program, alcohol leaves one's body at a rate of 0.015 per hour on average.

However, the number of drinks needed to reach a certain BAC level depends on one's height, weight and gender.

The website for the University's SAP program contains links to charts detailing BAC levels for men and women depending on height, weight, and number of drinks, and charts detailing the number of hours needed for one to reach a BAC level of 0.00.

Liam's Law is now being debated among the assembly committee for public safety.

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New law prohibits sale of puppy mill animals

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Pet stores are now prohibited from selling live animals that come from breeders, including dogs, cats and rabbits, according to Assembly Bill 485, which went into effect this year.

Approved by former California Gov. Jerry Brown, AB 485 allows pet stores to obtain live animals from shelters or rescues only, along with documents that identify the source of each animal.

Along with requiring such documents, the bill also mandates pet stores to always display these documents stating where the animal was obtained and who to contact for adoption questions near the cage or designated space for the animal in the pet store.

Animals that are available in pet stores can now only be obtained from a public animal control agency or shelter, society for the prevention of cruelty to animals shelter, the humane society shelter or a rescue group, according to the bill.

The Companion Animal Protection Society, or CAPS, the only national non-profit organization dedicated exclusively to protecting companion animals from cruelty in pet shops and puppy and kitten mills, laid the groundwork for the bill through various undercover investigations of breeders.

CAPS President Deborah Howard led the investigations and laid out the fundamentals for the bill.

"The intent of the bill is to help homeless animals find forever homes and to help decrease the euthanasia rate of California shelters," Howard said.

Before the bill, there were a total of 32 pet shops in California, Howard said. Every one of the pet shops went under investigation by CAPS. After the bill was passed, only 19 remained.

CAPS members went undercover and investigated all 19 remaining pet shops to check if they were following the new rules and regulations of the bill. The animals they saw in the shops confirmed their doubts.

"The puppies were all designer dogs, 8 to 14 weeks old and were sold for thousands of dollars," Howard said. "That is not the price of a rescue dog."

Howard said the highest a rescue dog could cost is $500 and the highest a shelter dog could cost ranges from $100 to $200.

After further research, CAPS discovered that the pet shops were obtaining their puppies from Bark Adoptions rescue and Pet Connect rescue, both of which were receiving their puppies from puppy mills, Howard said.

"We believe that these rescues, which are nothing more than fronts for dog brokers, are being formed to circumvent laws," Howard said.

Each year approximately 1.5 million shelter animals are euthanized, Howard said. CAPS strives to reduce that number and hopes to put an end to the puppy laundering scheme.

Petco stores are some of the pet shops included in the bill that will have to follow the new regulations when obtaining animals.

Amelia Diaz, a guest adviser at Unleashed Petco, said this bill could help the overall health of animals that are adopted and can reduce the establishment of breeders.

"Those dogs from mall stores have health and behavioral issues," Diaz said. "Breeders are all about making money more than anything and the animals they sell are the least of their worries."

Many breeders lie to potential customers about the environment they breed the animals in and the kennel licenses they own, Diaz said.

In order to own a kennel, one must obtain a kennel license and have the property approved by the animal services department.

"Anyone can get a kennel license regardless of the facility," Diaz said. "The property is rarely checked in detail and that is how many breeders get away with breeding animals in unsustainable places."

When obtaining an animal from a rescue or shelter, the customer's household will be checked for any hazards or dangers to the animal's health, Diaz said.

"Petco works hand in hand with rescues in order to provide prospective dog or cat owners a trustworthy place where they can adopt healthy animals," Diaz said.

Shaidyn Dezara, the assistant manager at Katie's Pet Depot, said that although the bill seems to be for the best, it does not work out well for everyone.

"For mom and pop shops like Katie's Pet Depot, the bill restricts us from taking in surrender animals," Dezara said.

Dezara said Katie's Pet Depot has housed over 250 stray dogs and cats.

Since the bill only allows pet stores to receive animals from shelters or rescues, stray animals will no longer be helped by pet stores.

"Shelters are not the best place for animals to be in either," Dezara said. "Animals from shelters tend to be isolated from social interaction, whereas in a pet store, it is much easier for animals to socialize with humans."

Dezara said shelters are already overcrowded with animals that do not get adopted and the bill will only increase that number.

Dezara added on that Katie's Pet Store would spay and neuter the animals they took in for free as well as provide any necessary vaccinations and grooming.

"We did chipping and cared for any animal that needed it in our animal hospital and now we unfortunately cannot do that as freely anymore," Dezara said.

Taylor Correas, freshman communications major, owns two dogs and said the bill could increase the chances for animals living in shelters to find better homes.

"Many animals who have remained in shelters for a long time will not have to be put down as often anymore," Correas said. "No one goes to the shelters because many people buy their pets from breeders, mainly because the animals are said to be 'pure.'"

Correas said she hopes adoption rates will surge for animals in shelters with the bill and hopes prospective animal owners will be accepting of animals that do not necessarily come from pure breeds.

"My dogs are of mixed breeds and it is the best thing

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What social class and money can buy

Nearly two weeks ago, a scandal brought to the forefront a prime example of what power, status and privilege can buy: an acceptance to the most elite colleges in the country like Yale, Georgetown and the University of Southern California.

Federal prosecutors charged 50 people, including top CEOs, Hollywood actresses, and a legendary fashion designer for apparently taking part in a scheme to get their kids into prestigious universities through a combination of bribes, fraud and blatant lies.

The government has indicted dozens of parents, college administrators and coaches involved in the scheme.

Those named in the lawsuit have also been charged conspiracy to commit mail or wire fraud.

Although the idea of the wealthy and privileged having an upper hand in the social and economic system is not a new concept, this shines a light on the disparities that had existed, in lesser, or criminal, ways for so long.

It is unfair to the qualified and hard-working students who were rejected from of these schools to give undeserving students who paid their way in a free pass.



editorial cartoon by Danielle De Luna

A huge part in the scandal included parents photoshopping their kids' faces on athletes or staging fake athletic events to claim their children participated in the sport, and even paying to have their children's' SAT answers manipulated by paying for an individual proctor session.

It is no secret that being wealthy comes with major perks.

And apparently for the price of up to $1.5 million, parents can buy a five-year, full-service package of college admissions consulting from a company in New York City called Ivy Coach.

According to Inside Higher Education, 42 percent of private colleges and universities and six percent of public schools take into account whether an applicant's family members attended that school.

The system is set up for the rich, white privileged families and proves that money can really buy anything. In this case anyway, until you are caught.

This scandal is a slap in the face to the millions of relentlessly hard-working students who have to persevere on individual skills, without the stepping stool of money, to gain the same opportunities as these privileged families who cheated their way into the system.

Newsom halts executions

On March 13, Gov. Gavin Newsom signed an executive order that will halt the execution of California's 737 inmates currently on death row. Newsom calls the death penalty system a human error and discriminatory toward defendants who are mentally ill, black and brown, or who cannot afford legal representation.

California has the largest population of death row inmates in the United States.

We should be better than to stand idle by as an inhumane act of execution occurs, no matter what actions these inmates have committed, if for no reason than the documented accounts of our faulty and discriminatory criminal justice system.

Under the state death penalty, California has executed 13 people since its reinstatement in 1977, spending $5 billion on the system since then. The order will grant a reprieve to all current inmates on death row in California.

Newsom's executive order will begin laying the foundation of new and potentially more promising solutions to a system that has perpetuated cycles of injustice.

In both 2012 and 2016, ballot measures have sought to make changes to the system. Proposition 62 in 2012 looked to repeal the death penalty in California and replace sentences to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole. Proposition 66 proposed changes in how death penalty appeal convictions are handled, with the intention of significantly shortening the time the total process takes. Both of these propositions were rejected.

Amid the various responses to Newsom's actions toward a reprieve of the death penalty, President Donald Trump shared his dissatisfaction.

"Defying voters, the Governor of California will halt all death penalty executions of 737 stone cold killers. Friends and families of the always forgotten. VICTIMS are not thrilled, and neither am I!"

The death penalty is inhumane no matter how it is carried out. By putting the brakes, California has the ability to make tangible reform.

This is an important step in opening discussion on the matter and fixing at least this part of the state's criminal justice system.

Alarming rise in hate crimes

Hate crimes in the United States have historically been a pressing issue that is an unfortunate part to our country. The hate crime rate has exponentially increased within the last three years.

According to the 2017 FBI Hate Crime Report, there was a 17 percent increase in hate crimes from 2016, which is the third highest rate increase since a 20.7 percent increase from 2000 to 2001.

The FBI defines a hate crime as an crime committed against another person based on their real or perceived racial status, national origin, religion, sexual orientation and gender identity. These heartless and cruel acts need to be acknowledged , addressed and stopped.

The Associated Press reported an incident in Orange County March 6, where students from Newport Harbor High School posted a Snapchat photo of teenagers posing around a swastika made of red cups with their arms raised in Nazi salutes. A student at a private Jewish school in Irvine posted a screenshot and got a mixed response, with some notably arguing that the students were just joking.

The Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany conducted a 2018 study, which showed that 22 percent of U.S. millennials have not heard of the Holocaust.

This is not the lone incident among California primary schools; last December students at Matilijia Junior High School in Ojai posed in a photo laying down in the shape of a swastika and shared a photo from a group chat that contained racist comments.

Our current administration is partly to blame for the rise in such incidents. In response to the riots at the Unite the Right Rally in Charlottesville, in which a white supremacist ran over a counter protester with his car, President Trump said, "There are good people on both sides." The Trump administration's passivity enables an environment in which hate flourishes.

It is crucial to voice our stance through peaceful protests and display acts of solidarity to all groups. We must express the value and importance of unity and togetherness in a time of outright division.

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Women share their own HERstory



Ashley Villavicencio

Misty Levingston, assistant director of the Center for Multicultural Services, participates in the celebration of Women's History Month at the second annual Herstories event on Monday in the Campus Center Ballroom. Levingston shared her ideas about celebrating women and other minorities throughout the year with events for Women's History Month, Gaypril and more.

Everyone is invited to the table

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Nancy Reyes, associate dean of learning, innovation and teaching, along with faculty and students shared stories of important women in their lives who have inspired others.

Reyes, who facilitated the event, said that holding events like HERstories is important because women should be celebrated all the time.

"I think the reason we have to have these types of events is because we aren't often celebrated the way we should be," Reyes said. "So we take that seat at the table when we can."

Reyes said that everyone should be a feminist because it is important to celebrate women's contributions.

She played a video of the 2014 Brave New Voices finals, in which a team shared a poem on feminism with the message of everyone, regardless of their background, should be invited to the table of feminism.

Many women shared stories about men in their families that told the women what they could or could not do.

Natalie Marquez-Solorzano, senior biology major, stood up and shared a poem about those who have inspired her throughout her life. In her poem she referenced her friends, grandmothers and mother.

"They're all women who I realize the reason that I idolize them is because they don't fit the tradition box of cute, clean and pretty women," Marquez-Solorzano said. "They're go-getters, and they don't fit the roles that were assigned to them."

Before Reyes began her speech, she asked the 30 people in attendance to write the names of women who inspire them on pieces of paper.

Alliyah Garcia, senior biology major, said she would have written her grandmother's name during the exercise.

"I just think about the machismo that goes on between my grandpa and my grandma," Garcia said. "It's not really an issue for her… but she's just like 'It's okay. It doesn't matter, and it doesn't bother me. It doesn't change who I am.'"

Garcia said that while she does not agree with her grandmother ignoring the issue, she finds it empowering to know that her grandmother is sure of herself.

Misty Levingston, assistant director for the center of multicultural services, recited the final stanza of Maya Angelou's "Still I Rise" in an impromptu reading of the poem to close out the event.

Levingston said that she gets emotional every time she reads it because she is a descendent of slaves.

"I get emotional because I am the reality of their dream," Levingston said. "I have a master's degree. I'm working in this university that wasn't made for me at its inception, and I'm here. I am the hope and the dream of the slave."

Levingston said that it is important to celebrate everyone, not only women, because we are all part of a larger community.

"I'm not male, but we can celebrate men," Levingston said. "I am not LGBT, but it's important to celebrate LGBT because our community is LGBT, our community is women, our community is black, our community is Latinx, our community is Asian, our community is everyone."

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Claremont's festival is as sweet as a slice of pie

Erica Rae Sanchez
Arts Editor

Thousands of people walked up and down the streets with pies in their hand for the annual Pie Festival held in Claremont.

The festival occurs every year at the Claremont Village, the date varies; but this year it was on March 23.

This festival was not just about pies; there were other baked goods, handcrafted jewelry, art and decor sold.

The Pie Festival was founded seven years ago when the owner of Claremont's I Like Pie Bakeshop, Annika Corbin, suggested that a number of merchants get together to host a pie festival, said Claremont resident, Sonja Stump.

"For the last five years we have had to shut down different blocks because it has grown so much," Stump said.

The festival had an agenda including what people can watch and participate in, with a bakers and makers stage where one can learn how to bake pie, a homemade pie judging contest and one of the most popular activities being the pie eating contest, Stump said.

"I really enjoy seeing people enjoy themselves and I love watching the pie eating contest," Stump said. "It's a hoot!"

Many of the pie vendors sold out of their pies due to the high demand, Sweetcie Pie Bakery was one of them.

"It has been an education[al experience], pie sells out really fast here," said Karen Uyeda, owner of Sweetcie Pie.

Sweetcie Pie is a bakery located in Irvine that has won two blue ribbons for their pies, the first being a cherry amaretto pie and her second is a strawberry pie. These pies won at the KCRW Pie Contest and at the Orange County Fair, Uyeda said.

Uyeda started her business when the Cottage Food law passed in 2015, which allows low-risk food goods to be made and packaged in one's private home, according to Environmental Health City of Riverside.

She decided to take advantage of it and came to the conclusion that she would bake pies because people would buy them, she said.

"It's nice to have a place where pie is so appreciated," Uyeda said.

Nicolette Inglese, owner of the Sweet Takes Bakeshop in Rancho Cucamonga, was at the Pie Festival for her first time to market her business.

The Pie Festival is a lot more busy with people who want to buy baked goods, rather than the Farmer's Market that happens in Claremont every month, Inglese said.

"Here everyone is excited about sweets than at the farmer's market; it's more about fruits and veggies and you can't really sell sweets because everyone is looking for healthy stuff, but you come to pie and you know

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First Person Experience

Yoga with goats brings people closer to nature

Erica Rae Sanchez
Arts Editor

As I walked through the doors of Hot Yoga in Claremont Sunday, I was excited and curious as to how I was about to perform "goat yoga," as I had never even been to a regular yoga class before.

There were around 13 people there, some experienced and some beginners, which did not matter because the place was welcoming to first timers.

Goat yoga is a fairly new practice. It started in 2016 and has been growing quite popular, according to Consumer News and Business Channel.

It is supposed to bring one closer to nature while also incorporating animal therapy.

The yoga session involved yin yoga, which is slow-paced and geared toward beginners. Though but the instructor had alter some of the positions to incorporate the goats.

The instructor, Neil, played nature sounds in the background and explained that this was because our minds cannot distinguish between a soundtrack and the actual sounds of nature, which brings our state of mind back to nature – naturally.

The positions required arching our backs forward so the two goats, Sequoia and Sedona, could jump on them.

This provided an extra weight that helped push my back to the ground. The goats were kept on a leash and persuaded with food as they were led to each of us 13 yogis in the class.

Throughout the session the goats – who are step sisters– would occasionally get into head butting fights with one another because they would both want to jump on one of our backs at the same time. One goat even pooped in the middle of the studio.

The session was cut so people could take pictures with the goats. A benefit of the animal therapy for me was when a goat jumped on my back, it was an exciting and calming experience to be able to interact with the animal. This resulted in a very calm energy throughout the session.

The soundtrack helped add an ambiance of nature that allowed me to realize how connected our bodies are with nature, and the lack of interaction humans receive with nature because of our lifestyles, Neil explained.

Overall, the experience was enlightening. The goats made the yoga more interesting and lighthearted. The instructor was great at incorporating the goats into yin yoga. He gave a thorough explanation of the terminology used, explained why the group was performing such poses, and was accepting of everyone's experience.

At the end I felt a calming presence over my body and mind because I was truly relaxed throughout the one session.

Hot Yoga Claremont is at 859 W. Foothill Blvd. It offers classes daily, and Goat Yoga monthly.

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Students create security systems

Students joined the Maker's Club at the Makerspace in Wilson Library to create miniature security alarms using the Arduino computer platform Tuesday.

Club president Tiffany Casillas began the workshop with a brief description of Arduino.

"Arduino is essentially a microcomputer that can be used as a controller," Casillas said. "It is an easy-to-use, hands-on kit used for building interactive digital objects."

Casillas demonstrated inputting code through the Arduino Integrated Development Environment, where code is typed and edited before being uploaded onto the Arduino board.

Once the code was typed up into the Arduino Integrated Development Environment, Casillas and the students began creating a security alarm by connecting the Arduino board to a sensor, a buzzer and a small bread board.

The students connected the colored jumper wires to precise locations according to the previously typed code.

Casillas worked one-on-one with the students at the workshop to ensure each security alarm functioned properly.

Maker's Club will host a summer robotics camp for students from third to 12th grade, Casillas said.

The club will also be fundraising to provide a free spot for a student, Casillas said.

"We will be teaching them the basics of Arduino, including coding," Casillas said. "They will also be creating a small robot using Arduino."

Online learning tools and premade codes make Arduino easy to learn, Sabrina Herrera, sophomore criminolgy major, said.

"Whether you're a criminology major like me or a business major like Tiffany, Arduino is an awesome program to learn," Herrera said. "You can apply it to almost anything."

The Maker's Club previously used Arduino to create a Halloween costume with color-changing lights for the makerspace director's daughter, Herrera said.

"Teaching Arduino to young students is a great introduction to the STEM field," Jessica Velazquez, Maker's Club member, said.

Instead of viewing robotics as something impossible, students get the opportunity to actually build one, Velazquez said.

—Natalie Gutiérrez

Pie...

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it's going to be sweets and everyone is really excited about it," Inglese said.

The estimated amount of people that showed up ranged from 10,000-12,000 people. All of the people were eating food, listening to music and walking up to the different vendors to see what was being sold.

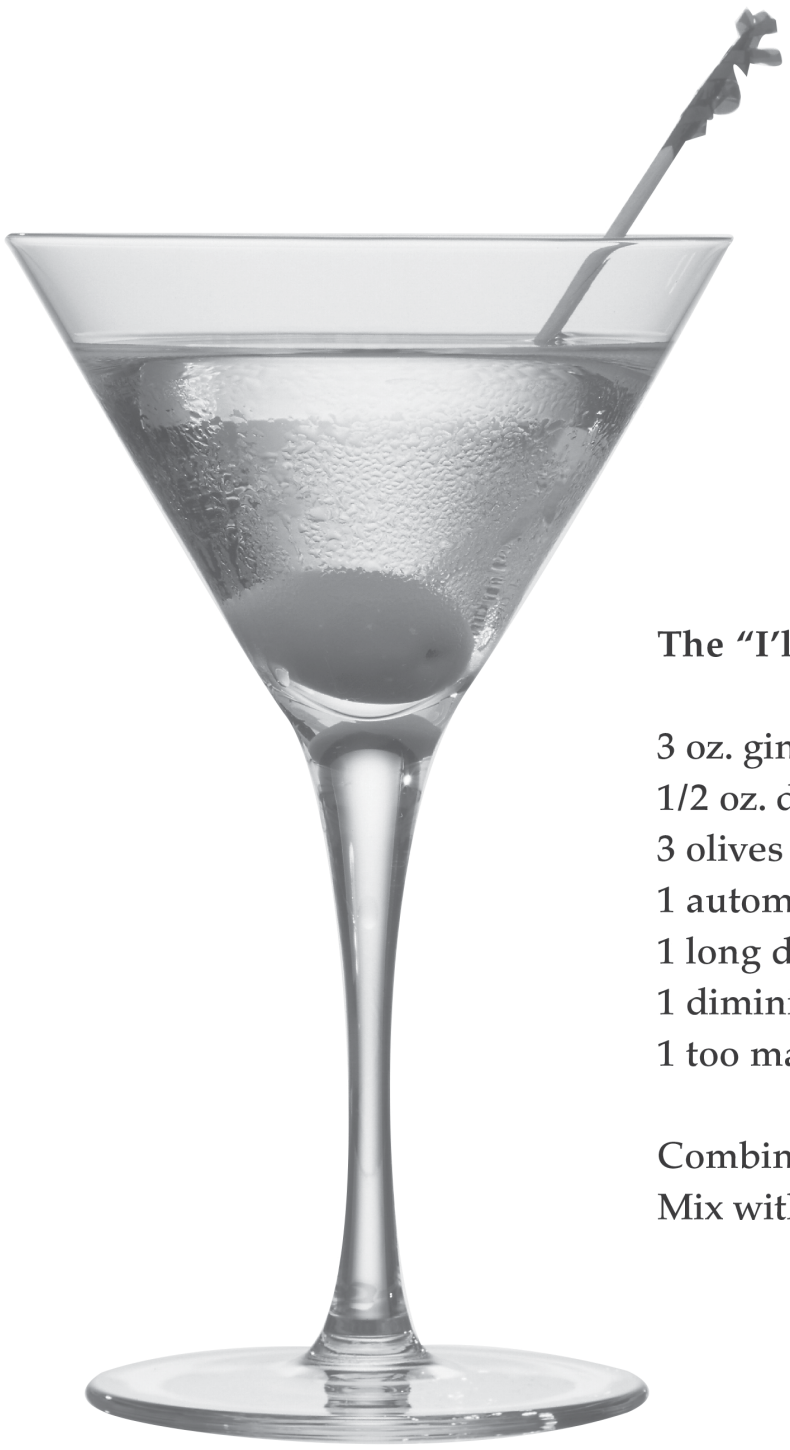
"The Pie Festival was a lot more than I expected, I thought it was going to be this rinky dinky little festival, but to my surprise it was a lot bigger and better," said Whittier resident Cecilia Sanchez.

"Pie seems to be such an integral part of our American way of life," Stump said. "Who doesn't like pie?"

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Happenings

Phoebe Beasley

The Harris Gallery presents "Unsung Requiem: Lost Then Found," a survey of works by acclaimed mixed-media artist Phoebe Beasley.

The artist talk and reception will be at 5 p.m. Thursday.

The Frights

The Frights, an American grunge rock band, will perform April 6 at the Glass House in Pomona. This performance will feature the Red Pears. For tickets and more information, visit **eventbrite.com**.

'Art Against Hunger'

The Skid Row Project and the city of Pomona are teaming up to help make a difference to those facing homelessness. They will host a benefit concert that will feature live music, art, vendors, food trucks and more.

For more information, visit **eventbrite.com**.

Norma Tanega

The art exhibit "Supernova" will feature work that spans over decades from the artist Norma Tanega. She was a lifetime artist and musician who now lives in Claremont.

"Supernova" will be featured from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. April 6 at the Ginger Elliott House in Memorial Park.

Admission is free.

Claremont Art Walk

Claremont hosts a monthly art walk that showcases local artists. This event will take place from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. April 7 at the Claremont Village.

Admission is free.

Silver Splendor Gallery

"The Art of Anna Silver" exhibit showcases her work from over 45 years. This work is predominately ceramic art.

This exhibit is at the American Museum of Ceramic Art, and a tour is offered at 12:30 p.m. April 7.

—Erica Rae Sanchez

Movie Review

'Us' redefines horror

Layla Abbas
Editorial Director

Jordan Peele, who has become a mastermind creator of modern horror films after his 2017 movie "Get Out," does not disappoint with his latest film "Us." The film depicts a horrific and gory view into people's worst enemies: themselves.

"Us," which debuted last weekend, shattered the box office, bringing in $70.2 million opening weekend, making it the biggest opening ever for an original R-rated movie and the biggest opening for an original live action movie since "Avatar" in 2009.

"Us" chronicles the personal trauma of Adelaide Wilson, played by Oscar winner Lupita Nyong'o, a woman returning to her beach side childhood home in Santa Cruz that reminds her of a jarring encounter she had as a child.

Adelaide feels her paranoia drifting to an unforgivable place as tension and signs continue to point to that traumatic childhood experience.

Her husband Gabe, played by Winston Duke, and their two children, played by Shahadi Wright Joseph and Evan Alex, are expecting a relaxing summer getaway, but instead are thrown into a multi-faceted battle for their lives in a terrifying world where their doppelgangers are out to murder them.

"Us" wastes no time jumping into thrilling and intense action; after a brief 20 minutes of minor thrill, the audience is thrown alongside the family as a silhouette of four figures dressed in red clothing and each accompanied by a sleek pair of long golden scissors greet the family in the driveway of their vacation home, signaling the end of their sweet vacation and the start of a terror fest.

The sharp, brash and sudden camera movements make for superb cinematography that is enough to send shivers down the backs of horror film fanatics as they witness the struggle of the protagonists fighting to stay alive.

The music also contributes to elevating the fear component; songs like "I Got Five On It" by Luniz, "Good Vibrations" by the Beach Boys and signature horror beats contribute to Peele's ability to heighten and capture fear in an unconditional way.

Peele, who earned an Oscar for best original screenplay for "Get Out," has earned himself the title of a riveting and fresh director that can create mind stimulating horror movies that blend racial undertones, comedic relief and utter fear in one.

"Us" is filled with twists and turns, gory and comedic scenes and a mind enhancing ending revelation.

Peele has mastered giving the audience a movie that makes them critically think and question their own self being. "Us" is a must see for all horror film fanatics.

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Symphony features classical pianist

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Staff Writer

Jeremiah Cossa, a Boston-based classical pianist, performed with the Claremont Symphony Orchestra on March 17, befoere a packed house at the Bridges Hall of Music on the Pomona College campus.

The program began with Cossa performing Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 1, a piece composed by Hungarian composure Franz Liszt.

Liszt's First Piano Concerto includes an application of the concept of "Thematic Transformation."

The concept involves the use of four different themes throughout the compilation.

Cossa's performance received a standing ovation.

Following this, the orchestra performed Gustav Mahler's Symphony No. 1, which describes two parts of nature, said Cecilia Cloughly, Claremont Symphony board president.

The first part portrays "the days of youth, flowers, and thorns (the second is) a human comedy in which the dark side of the world is exposed," Cloughly said.

"Mahler's first symphony, is a masterpiece that requires an extra-large orchestra, like Beethoven's sixth symphony," Cloughly added.

The Claremont Symphony Orchestra is an all-volunteer organization. Many of the musicians have been part of the orchestra for decades and consider it a family, she said.

Cossa, who received his bachelor of arts in music and piano performance from Azusa Pacific University, said he believes classical music has influenced much of the modern music people listen to today.

"When you listen to music from the 1800s, you can hear how it is still influences other music that we hear in cartoons, such as 'Tom and Jerry'," Cossa said.

"I like the selections," said Jesse Tucker, a freelance musician who attended the concert. "It is nice for the community."

The Claremont Symphony Orchestra will host its next concert at 3:30 p.m. May 5 in the Bridges Hall of Music.

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The art of thrift



Jaren Cyrus

Michael Decker hosts a pop-up thrift shop in the Main Museum Gallery at the Pomona College Museum of Art March 14. All the art for sale was found at thrift shops throughout Southern California. This event was held as part of the Museum's Art After Hours weekly event.

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Water polo drowns Panthers' hopes

Leos now fourth place in SCIAC

Rex Sample
Staff Writer

The women's water polo team defeated the Chapman Panthers, 11-7, in their first and only matchup for the season.

The Leopards now advance to 4-3 in conference, placing them comfortably in fourth in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

This game put the Leopards in a good position for the SCIAC postseason tournament at the end of April.

"This was a game making decision, winning today was super important game," junior center Ilene Guerrero said.

The Leopards were coming off a conference win over Occidental.

After taking the lead, it was evident they got comfortable in their game play and tried to play it safe.

Leopards senior attacker Victoria Mezack expressed her concern in regaining their momentum and converting more of their goals.

"Once Chapman started coming back, they kind of caught us off guard," Mezack said. "When we get the momentum, we need to take the lead and keep going and run up the score."

La Verne junior goalie Shelby Garcia was a key player for the Leopards holding it down in the cage – finishing off the game with nine saves.

After a big first quarter, the Leopards had a scoring lull, allowing the Panthers to tie the game going into the second half 4-4.

Guerrero converted a quick goal on the counter attack to give the Leopards the lead to begin the second half.

Regaining the momentum was key if the team was to secure fourth place.

"We are in sole possession of fourth and a loss we took early was to Redlands, so this means that this Saturday's game is so vitally critical and it's going to be a big game," head coach Pat Beemer said.

After the goal early in the third quarter, the Leopards separated themselves away from the Panthers, extending their lead to 8-5 going into the final quarter, where they would finish with a 11-7 win after quick goals by sophomore attacker Jassmine Kezman, Mezack and senior attacker Guarina Garcia.

Garcia recently returned to La Verne after playing at San Jose State for a year and is very happy to be back hard at work with the Leopards.

"It feels pretty good because now I get to be the position of taking girls under my wing and it actually feels really good to give back to a team that watched me evolve into the player I am today," Garcia said.

Coming off the victory, Mezack set her sights on the next match.

"Our primary focus is on Redlands and Brown. It's going to be more of a test," Mezack said.

The women's water polo team now looks on to their weekend game against SCIAC No. 5 Redlands (4-4) in a battle for fourth place in the conference.

The game will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday at the La Verne Aquatic Center at Las Flores Park.

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Baseball gets chewed up by the MIT Beavers

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Staff Writer

The La Verne baseball team took a heavy loss Sunday in their game against MIT, losing 9-3.

Despite a strong winning streak in two doubleheaders against Bowdoin and Caltech, the Leopards were unable to finish out their spring break series with a win.

"We just did not take care of business today," head coach Scott Winterburn said. "We didn't do our jobs."

The Leopards did not score until the eighth inning of the game.

"They had a lot of good hits in key situations throughout the game and we were unable to respond," Winterburn said.

Both teams were scoreless until the top of the third inning when MIT sophomore infielder Ethan Rolland got to walk with bases already loaded bringing in teammate sophomore outfielder Zach Roberts.

The next three scores came in the top of the fourth inning. The first, off an RBI double to right center field from sophomore catcher/infielder Andrew Krause to bring junior outfielder Matt Johnson home.

Krause then added his own score off an RBI from a double to right center field from MIT senior infielder Alec Kushner.

Kushner was then brought home off an RBI from freshmen in-fielder Cory O'Shea who hit a double to left center field.

MIT would cash in two more runs in the top of the sixth inning.

Alec Kushner was able to score a second time off a throwing error by La Verne junior shortstop Jacob Benson.

MIT senior utility player Jared Schwait then hit a single to left field to bring home O'Shea, putting them in the lead by six.

MIT senior pitcher Patrick Callahan commended his team on their performance during their trip from Cambridge.

"You could feel it right away, the energy on this trip was so much different," Callahan said. "We were ready to bring it."

The Leopards were able to put points on the board in the bottom of the eighth inning.

Junior third basemen Aaron Fong was able to bring two of his teammates home.

Freshmen outfielders Tanner Siffert and Brandon Shiota decreased MIT's lead to four with an RBI triple to right center field.

Senior outfielder Chris Ligot then hit a single to center field which allowed Fong to contribute his own score which helped the Leopards to only be trailing by three.

"We were just trying to keep competing" Fong said. "The game wasn't over yet."

Unfortunately, MIT shut down La Verne's comeback attempt with two more runs in the top of the ninth.

Sophomore infielder Ethan Rolland hit a sacrifice pop fly which brought home senior utility Jared Schwait.

The final score put the nail in the coffin when MIT junior outfielder Matt Johnson hit a home run down the in-field line which also brought home junior catcher Thomas Allison.

"I just wanted to battle it out at bat more and make the pitcher have to beat me," Johnson said.

The Leopards drop to 4-5 in conference and 14-8 overall going into their next contest against New Rochelle at 11 a.m. Friday.

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Men's golf team falls to third place at West Cup

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The men's golf team finished third, behind Claremont-Mudd-Scripps and Redlands at the 2019 West Cup golf tournament held at the Sierra La Verne Country Club on Monday and Tuesday.

The Leopards came into the West Cup ranked No. 14 nationally, behind Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference rivals No. 7 Redlands and No. 13 Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, making this a very competitive tournament.

Junior Jason Brown finished the first round of the tournament with a round best score of two strokes under 71.

"I hit the ball really well," Brown said. "I was in the fairways, I was hitting the right spots in the greens. For my first nine, I made nine straight pars. I was kind of knocking at the door the entire front nine."

Brown would finish the tournament tied for 10th with an overall score of 222.

Although the team played very well on day one of the tournament, day two proved to be a bit of a different story.

Junior Charlie Green, who finished the tournament tied for 53rd with an overall score of 239, feels that the team lost momentum during key points during the round.

"A lot of short putts were missed throughout the team, and just mental errors during big moments on the course." Green said.

Green credits holes 14 and 15 on the course as being two of the problem areas for the team during day two of the tournament saying that, the difficult shots and "quick greens" led to the slight collapse.

Despite the rough play from this tournament, there is still plenty of confidence within this team.

Senior Hisham Hussein, who finished the tournament tied for third with a team best overall score of 220, believes that the sky is the limit for this Leopards squad.

"I don't think anyone had their 'A' game this week, but we're still close to the top of the leaderboard." Hussein said. "Looking forward, I think we're in a really good spot."

Senior Conner Davis, who finished the tournament tied for 19th with an overall score of 227, feels that this tournament is a valuable learning experience for this team and that the team can build from what they've learned.

"Whether it's a win or a loss, we'll be able to learn from what we didn't do well and take it forward into the next practices and next tournaments with us," Davis said. "I definitely see us being able to get to a national championship."

The Leopards' move into conference play next with the SCIAC No. 2 tournament which will be April 6-7 at the Industry Hills Golf Course in the City of Industry.

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Puppy mills...

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because they love, play, and eat the same way as pure breeds," Correas said. "In the end, I hope people see this as an opportunity to help more animals out."

Alexander Rivera, freshman communications major, has had experiences with dog breeders and said that it is almost always a risk for prospective dog owners.

"I got my dog from a breeder and up to now he thankfully has not had any health issues," Rivera said.

"However, you never know what you are going to get from a breeder. For all you know, they could be lying to you about the health of the dog or the licenses they supposedly have."

Rivera said the bill could reduce common health problems for many animals that live in unhealthy environments as well as increase a chance of finding a happy home for these animals.

The next step for the bill is to ban pet shops from making a profit from the supposed rescue fees charged for dogs and cats, Howard said.

"We urge you to adopt, not shop," Howard said.

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have a relationship with them, whether it's being there to let them talk to me or to ask questions," Sorensen.

The fair featured various activities for children, including shows such as The Magic of Science and Discover Einstein, where both hosts shared scientific principles through magic.

Barry Cutler, or "Dr. C" during "The Magic of Science," said he enjoyed the audience's engagement throughout the weekend, along with the children's interest in science.

"Science is one of the great things in our world to be interested in," Cutler said. "It's wonderful seeing all of these intelligent people have an interest like that."

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Softball slips against No. 7 Williams

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After a season long series of hosting nationally-ranked programs, the La Verne softball team concluded non-conference play against No. 7 Williams College on Monday, dropping the doubleheader with the scores 4-3 in game one and 9-3 in game two.

With the losses, La Verne moved to 10-14 overall and 6-6 in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

They currently sit at third place in the SCIAC standings.

Interim head coach Henry Moranchel remains hopeful despite the losses and saw a silver lining in playing their fifth ranked team of the season.

"We played a well-coached team with a lot of depth," Moranchel said. "We showed that we have the ability to play at that caliber and that's something to build on and take into conference play this weekend."

Sophomore Jiana Rojo got the start for La Verne in game one. She entered the game ranked fourth in SCIAC in wins, 6, and second in strikeouts, 62.

The Ephs began the game aggressive on the base paths. After junior pitcher Rebecca Duncan drew a walk and senior first baseman Mackenzie Murphy hit a long single to advance Duncan to third, Murphy stole second base, allowing Duncan to score on a double steal.

On the pitching side, Duncan silenced the Leopards' hot bats and pitched a 1-2-3 inning to keep the Ephs' 1-0 lead after one inning.

At the top of the second inning, senior shortstop Jessica Kim singled and advanced after a sacrifice ground out by sophomore designated hitter Jenny Hickey that caused a chase down between the La Verne infield and Kim, whose speed beat the throw to third base.

Senior right fielder Jill Jenkin hit a single up the gut to extend the Ephs' lead to 2-0.

La Verne got a run back after a sacrifice bunt from senior left fielder Rachel Ogata, scoring senior catcher Melissa Garcia off a defensive error.

With junior shortstop Ashley Soto on third and two outs, senior center fielder Carly Condon hit a sacrifice ground out to second to bring home Soto, advancing Ogata to third.

Junior third baseman Kathryn Navarro brought in Ogata to give La Verne the 3-2 lead after two innings.

In the seventh inning, Ephs freshman third baseman Mara Kipnis, who entered the game first in New England Small College Athletic Conference play with four home runs, drew a walk and stole second.

Senior outfielder Kristina Alvarado followed up with a walk and both players advanced after a wild pitch from Rojo.

Junior Riley Salvo pinch hit for the Ephs, glancing a single off Soto's glove to score Kipnis and Alvarado, giving them the 4-3 victory.

Game two was a slug-fest for Williams, as their offense sparked early. Sophomore first baseman Casey Pelz hit a double to left center to bring home Jenkin from first to give the Ephs a 1-0 lead after two innings.

Junior pitcher Lexie Raasch got the start for La Verne, but could not contain Williams' offense. After Duncan reached on a fielder's choice in the third inning, Kipnis hit her fifth home run on the year, to increase the Ephs' lead to 3-0.

Murphy followed with a solo home run to right field to give her team a 4-0 heading into the bottom of the third inning.

Navarro reached on a fielder's choice after junior designated hitter Kayla Giannatasio was out at second after being hit by a pitch.

Sophomore first baseman Gabriella Underwood hit a single through the right side to get on base. With two on and two outs, junior shortstop Shelby Tevis doubled to left field to cut the Ephs' lead into half at 4-2 after three innings.

Underwood said the biggest takeaway from facing Williams was the importance of being a good teammate and coming together as a team.

"I think what I can learn is cheering my teammates on when they're struggling and getting on base to help my team out," Underwood said.

La Verne's defense hit a rough patch in the fourth inning, committing four errors, which allowed Williams to capitalize, scoring three runs and extend its lead to 7-2.

Navarro highlighted the importance of learning from each game, particularly from the many errors the Leopards made throughout the day.

"We're just going to have to practice really hard and learn from our mistakes," Navarro said. "It's not a loss, it's a learning process we have to go through."

The Ephs' bats heated up again during the fifth after Raasch gave up two walks and a double to load the bases with no outs. Freshman pitcher Amber Stewart came in and gave up two runs off a walk by freshman right fielder Rachel Neugart and a sacrifice fly from Kipnis.

Freshman pitcher Maya Hartman entered the game in the fifth inning and only allowed one run from senior right fielder Sienna Kendricks, who hit an RBI single in the seventh inning. Williams would pick up the victory 9-3.

With the loss, the Leopards drop to 10-14 overall and 6-6 in SCIAC.

La Verne will travel to Thousand Oaks for a doubleheader against Cal Lutheran at noon and 2 p.m. Saturday.

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