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Karina Rodriguez
Staff Writer

A measure on the Nov. 5 state ballot would enshrine marriage equality in the state constitution.

Proposition 3 is designed to protect same-sex marriage in California, regardless of what happens at the federal level.

While the United States Supreme Court ruled in 2015 that no state may prohibit same sex marriage, the current Court, with its conservative supermajority, has indicated it may revisit the 2015 ruling.

The current ballot measure was authored by Assembly member Evan Low, D-Cupertino, and Sen. Scott Weiner, D-San Francisco, and is supported by Gov. Gavin Newsom.

According to the Proposition 3 text, "Proposition 3 would update our state constitution to align with existing law that allows marriage for same-sex couples, reflecting current court decisions and our values as Californians."

The Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California, American Civil Liberties Union of Northern Californian and Trans Latina Coalition are among the groups that support Proposition 3.

Anti-marriage equality groups opposing the ballot measure include the California Family Council, Freedom in Action, and Real Action.

Richard Gelm, professor of political science, said protecting marriage equality is about the right to privacy.

"We (should) have the right to live our lives and privately make decisions without interference by the government," Gelm said.

Professor of Political Science Jason Neidleman sees Proposition 3 as a preventative measure should the Supreme Court overturn the right, ignoring precedent as it did two years ago when it overturned all women's right to abortion.

Obergefell v. Hodges was the 2015 Supreme Court case that made marriage equality the law of the land.

The state measure is in response to the current Supreme Court, which despite tradition does not consider previous decisions as settled law.

"If Obergefell gets overturned by the Supreme Court, which again Clarence Thomas suggests, 'we should look at some of these cases including gay marriage' then California needs to be in position to protect all the same-sex marriages within this state," Neidleman said. "Which in order to do that you have to pass this proposition. So it's a good idea, it's like a preventative measure."

Amanda Bennett, co-pastor of the La Verne Church of the Brethren, believes that opposition to Proposition 3 comes from a place of fear.

"My perception would be that there's like a fear and control involved for wanting to oppose it," Bennett said.

Lotus Lancelot, member of the ULV LGBTQ+ Coalition and studio art major, believes that Proposition 3 will heighten California's LGBTQ+ sanctuary status.

"When Roe v. Wade got overturned, California's governor's response was to heighten its abortion access so people started to come to California for that … resource," Lancelot said. "So I believe the same thing can happen (with Proposition 3)."

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Professors consider new AI program's impact

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Open AI, the company that owns ChatGPT, is on track to release a sophisticated artificial intelligence model with "Strawberry."

With apparent enhanced reasoning abilities, Strawberry could solve math and coding problems with improved accuracy.

But no AI is without its serious pitfalls – particularly in education.

The emergence of artificial intelligence, and ChatGPT in particular has made professors, such as Professor of Political Science Jason Neidleman, rethink how they craft assignments for their students.

"Most of the assignments I've given historically could just be easily inserted into – typing the prompt into – AI," Neidleman said. "So I had to rethink the entire way I assess student work."

Neidleman also finds himself guiding his students on how to use AI as a tool for better comprehension.

"One of my students said, 'Oh I have trouble reading this text,' and I said 'Oh well AI is perfect for that, like as you're reading it you can ask the AI,'" Neidleman said.

Artificial intelligence is seen through many lenses and perspectives. Yousef Daneshbod, associate professor of mathematics and chair of the mathematics department, believes AI and Strawberry in particular will enhance what he is teaching.

"I am actually excited and I think it'll revolutionize the way we think of mathematics,' Daneshbod said. "I'm all for it."

Daneshbod sees artificial intelligence as a tool.

"I don't think of it as a tool for cheating," he said. "It's almost like you have a friend, a companion, that helps you understand things," Daneshbod said.

Artificial intelligence has proven to be powerful in helping professors with projects outside of the classroom.

Juan Rodriguez, adjunct professor of computer science, uses it for software purposes in his professional life.

He builds websites for his software company.

He uses it to get started on website projects, not create the whole website for him.

"(It) streamlines the process," Rodriguez said. "I usually have ChatGPT generate a starter code."

For many educators, however, there is a necessary adjustment. And no AI program should be seen by students or instructors as a shortcut or replacement for critical thinking.

Artificial intelligence misses the human element, which is incredibly important, said Shannon Mathews, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

"It is a technology," Mathews said. "How can we find ways to use it as a tool? I don't want it to substitute my human input."

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Local fires almost completely contained

The Line, Bridge, and Airport fires have been active since Sept. 6, with the Bridge fire the largest fire currently blazing in California. The three wildfires have burned more than 180 square miles, equivalent to the size of Scottsdale, Arizona.

However, due to cooler weather and much more moisture in the air the last couple of weeks, firefighters have had a much easier time battling the blaze and have been able to maintain control of the wildfires.

The Bridge fire has burned almost 55,000 acres of land in Angeles National Forest with its boundary line just a few miles north of the University of La Verne. As of Thursday, the blaze was almost fully contained at 97%. All evacuation orders have been lifted from nearby communities.

The Line fire, the longest burning of the three major SoCal wildfires, has been active for the last three weeks in the mountains of San Bernardino. Apparently started by arson, the fire has consumed over 39,000 acres of land with containment as of Thursday at 83%.

San Bernardino County has issued a forest closure in the areas surrounding the fire, including San Gorgonio Wilderness. The closure includes all trails and roads within the zone. Los Angeles County has also issued a forest closure in areas surrounding the Bridge fire.

The third fire, the Airport fire in Orange and Riverside Counties, south of us, has been burning in Trabuco Canyon for over two weeks. To date it has consumed 24,000 acres of land, and it is also almost fully contained at 95% percent as of Thursday.

Highway 74 has re-opened, but commuters should expect traffic delays due to infrastructure repairs being made in that area. Although these fires are close to full containment, fire season, and the danger of new fires continues.

If you spot smoke or a fire of any size, contact your local fire department to investigate or dial 911 if any smoke or flames are visible.

—Stephen Gilson Jr.

ON THE COVER

Fireball takes a right-legged superkick to the face from Marvelous Marv at the Luchadores at ULV event on the Ludwick Lawn. The Campus Activities Board sponsored the event to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. / photo by Liberty B. Garcia

Campus Center celebrates 15th year

Hispanic traditions observed

Olivia Russo
Staff Writer

Beginning with a blessing and ending with a party on the dance floor Saturday evening, the Abraham Campus Center, celebrated its 15th birthday in true Leo fashion.

The University of La Verne blocked off the street in front of the building, and made some room inside the building of honor for the momentous Campus Center Quinceañera.

The place came to life, with food stands and the history of the Campus Center outside, a dance floor inside on the third floor and some beautiful Quinceañera gowns on the first floor.

When checking into the event, staff were handing out free mugs with words of encouragement as well as tote bags with a graphic design celebrating the day. Other booths lined on the street for people to hear from and receive gifts from as well.

"The building was turning 15 and since we are a Hispanic serving institution, and it happens to be Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month," Julissa Espinoza, director of civic and community engagement, said. "We figured it would be a perfect way to celebrate the spirit of our campus and throw a Quinceañera."

Mariachi was played live outside to welcome everyone, while they grabbed food and talked with all of the other attendees.

Around 5:45 p.m., the official opening remarks began, with a blessing for the students currently at the school and the members of the community, then speeches with multiple faculty members.

"Tonight showcases the power of the Leo family," Sherri Mylott, vice president of university advancement, said during her speech. "So many Leos played a crucial role in establishing this campus center. It is a place for students to gather and be."

In committing to celebrating a Quinceañera, the final speech did some of the traditional things you may find: changing the shoes, the first dance, and a toast.

Once the speeches ended, attendees were invited into the building itself for dancing and a surprise performance. The Xpressions Dance Ensemble danced to "Quimbara" by Celia Cruz in a number that ended with school mascots, Leo and Lea, dancing with the group.

"I am feeling great. The energy is great," Stacey Strickland, choreographer and adjunct kinesiology professor, said. "It is such a great event, and it is lovely to see the entire campus community come out and just support. What we promote is the diversity and inclusivity of everyone on campus."

After the performance, a large table was wheeled in with both a vanilla and chocolate cake, with a flaming candle on top. Sara and Michael Abraham were invited out onto the dance floor to sing happy birthday and blow out the candles.

The dance floor lit up again, and participants danced the night away to their favorite classic Latin hits. Outside, people were still gathered outside grabbing food and sitting down at tables enjoying their time together.

"I think this is the first building that we were actually able to do something like this for," Veronica Ashcroft, director of events and scheduling, said. "So because it is our home, our living room on campus, that I think it was deserving of this building to have this type of dedication and celebration."

This event was not just about celebrating the Campus Center, but it made an impact on the attendees, including Jasmine Gutierrez, a sophomore psychology major, who saw this as a celebration of her culture.

"I am a Hispanic first generation, so being able to see everyone come together to support individuals like myself, was really amazing," Gutierrez said.

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Environment may help with therapy

Anthony Elizondo, assistant professor of educational counseling, spoke about "Impact of Spaces on Those Within Them: How Design and Decor can Impact the Therapeutic Environment," Tuesday in the Lewis Center Classroom for an audience of about 20 La Verne community members.

Elizondo's presentation considered how a proper, more personalized environment, can be essential for the therapeutic setting, and conducive for the work being done in that environment.

In relation to therapy and the potency of a counselor's work, Elizondo said that the environment can play a part in ensuring the quality of sessions. Though he added that while the research finds environment to be important, it does not pinpoint the precise reason why environment is so important.

"We don't know if the changes in that space are changing the impressions of the counselor, or if perhaps the changes in that space are making the counselor more comfortable,' Elizondo said. "And so they're actually better, they're just delivering better services because they're more comfortable."

Elizondo suggested that school counselors should be queried about how the spaces where they work affect their performance.

"The idea of space, how we navigate space, is so much part of who we are and how we function," said Kenneth Marcus, professor of history. "It has an impact on how we feel about what we do … whether it's counseling or teaching or functioning."

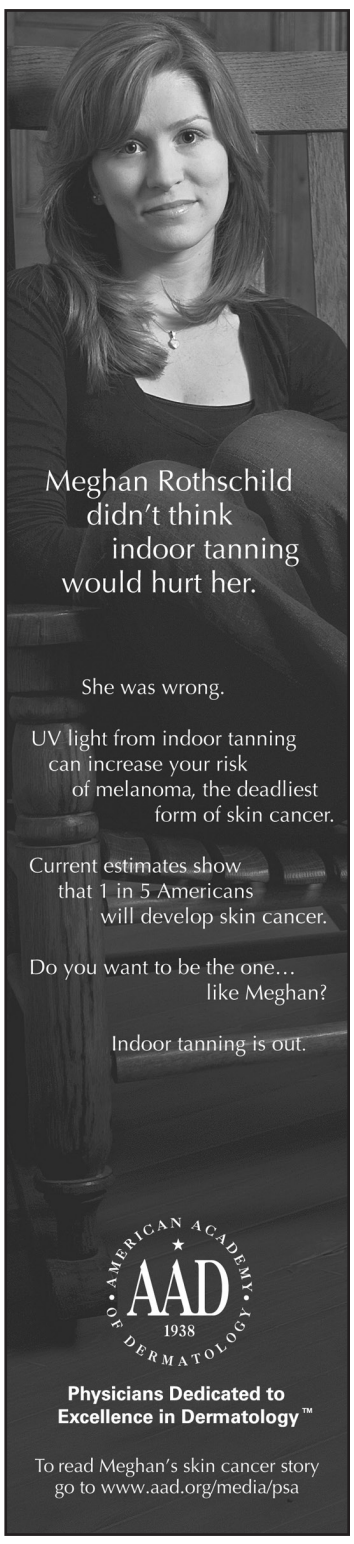
"I love sharing this idea with people because it really allows me to get a new perspective," Elizondo said. It's such a broad topic that speaks to a lot of people."

—Bryce Anthony Edwards, Jordan Alcasas



Camille C.Nan

Anthony Elizondo, assistant professor of educational counseling, presents his study, "Impact of Spaces on Those Within Them" on Tuesday in the Lewis Center Classroom. Elizondo's research focuses on the importance design and decor has on one's well being.



Baha'i lecture explores critical race studies

Lillian Barocio
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The first Pathways to Peace Bahá'í-inspired lecture for the academic year featured Derik Smith, associate professor of literature at Claremont McKenna College, who spoke on social transformation and peace-building. A crowd of roughly 50 from within and outside of the University community attended the Sept. 19 talk in the Ludwick Center Sacred Space.

Smith's research explores African American literary culture, critical race studies and the Baha'i faith. He is an author and acting director of the Wilmette Institute, an Evanston, Illinois-based organization, which focuses on social change based on principles of the Bahá'í Faith.

Smith introduced his topic by asking a series of questions about transformation, including why transformation is needed, and how it may be accomplished. He also asked how our vision of history influences our actions and attitudes.

He believes we need to build communities that are havens of peace and he emphasized that war is not a mechanism for achieving peace.

Smith finished his lecture by encouraging the audience to develop and conceive systems that emphasize cooperation vs. competition.

Audience members said they found the talk powerful.

"I was really touched by the topic of transformation, the need for peace in the midst of the disintegration that is happening in the world," said Hedyeh Golshan, a Rialto-based doctor, who attended the lecture. "There is hope for integration, peace and prosperity, which requires transformation."

"My biggest takeaway was hope and the steps we can take towards the change we would like to see in the world," said Michael Kuehlwein, professor of economics at Pomona College, who also attended the talk.

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Luchadores descend on La Verne

by Emma Gonzalez
photography by Liberty B. Garcia

The University held a Luchadores, a wrestling performance event, Tuesday outside the Ludwick Center. Around 200 people attended the Campus Activities Board-sponsored event to celebrate Latino heritage.

Wrestlers in masks and costumes put on a show for students with Mexican music in the background. Vendors offered esquites, a type of Mexican candy; paletas, icy popsicles; and bucket hats.

The event was part of the University's Hispanic Heritage Month celebration. Hispanic Heritage Month runs Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

Event coordinator Luna Cuevas, sophomore kinesiology major, said she was inspired by the movie "Nacho Libre" to put on this event.

The luchador wrestlers are actually paid actors in a choreographed show.

The event, and such wrestling in general, is more than people fighting, they explained.

Wrestling is also about the storytelling and the characters portrayed in the practice.

"A lot of people are like, 'Oh, it's fake,' and the stunts are real, that's one thing I love about it," luchador Tim Valdovinos, aka Timmy Handsome, said.

"You got good guys, bad guys, you got the tweeners, the people that are struggling with being either the good guy or bad guy," he said.

Wrestlers come from various backgrounds with a shared interest of telling a story.

"I've seen all kinds of people (wrestle)," Valdovinos said. "Anyone can learn how to wrestle,"

"I'm someone who didn't grow up going to Mexico," said Lucia Baltazar-Sanchez, sophomore biology major, who attended the Tuesday event. "I … always lived in the United States and never got to be in touch with my culture as much as other Hispanics (who) would tell me about the trips when they went to Mexico in the summer, and I couldn't have that growing up, so I hold on to small events like this."









Above: Camacho Man takes a leap of faith and delivers an elbow drop from the top rope to defeat his opponent Choke Hogan on Tuesday on the Ludwick Lawn. Their singles match was a highlight of the Lucadores at ULV event, sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.

Left: Camacho Man fires up the crowd from the middle rope with a grand entrance to face his opponent Choke Hogan Tuesday on Ludwick Lawn. Camacho Man pinned Choke Hogan and won the singles match at the Luchadores at ULV event.

Below: Wrestlers Cosme, Fireball and Marvelous Marv battle it out in a triple threat match bout inside the ring Tuesday on the Ludwick Lawn. Marvelous Marv won the pinfall and the triple threat match.

Far left: Rhed takes her opponent by the hair on the way to a win in her bout at the Luchadores at ULV event Tuesday on the Ludwick Lawn. The event also featured Mexican food vendors and live music.

Latino food highlighted at El Ocho

Justin Ries
Staff Writer



Vicente Rodriguez

Freshman biology majors Isabella Farias and Kayley Curry paint Jarritos cups at the El Ocho Market on Wednesday at Citrus Lawn. This event was presented by the Campus Activities Board in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.

The Campus Activities Board hosted El Ocho Market, with food vendors, crafts, music and more, Wednesday on Citrus lawn in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.

"I wanted to … praise Hispanic culture and have some different aspects of it like food, dessert and activities to go along with celebrating our heritage," said business administration major and CAB member Analise Espinoza said.

The event featured such local businesses as Ontario-based La Michoacana, which makes various frozen desserts and popsicles; Pomona-based Castañedas, which features tacos, burritos and other favorites; and Monrovia-based Lord Empanada.

The Munchie Spot provided 150 churros with maple, chocolate and strawberry syrups.

The drink table had watermelon, pineapple, cucumber and horchata drinks.

Besides the food and drinks, the event also featured crafts, including the opportunity to decorate ceramic pots.

Spanish music playing throughout the event had some students swaying along as they made their way from one table to the next.

About 200 students in all attended the popular event.

After checking in students received wristbands, which were marked each time they visited a vendor to ensure they got only one churro or empanada while supplies lasted.

"I enjoyed the food, especially the tortas," freshman psychology major Eman Akapo said.

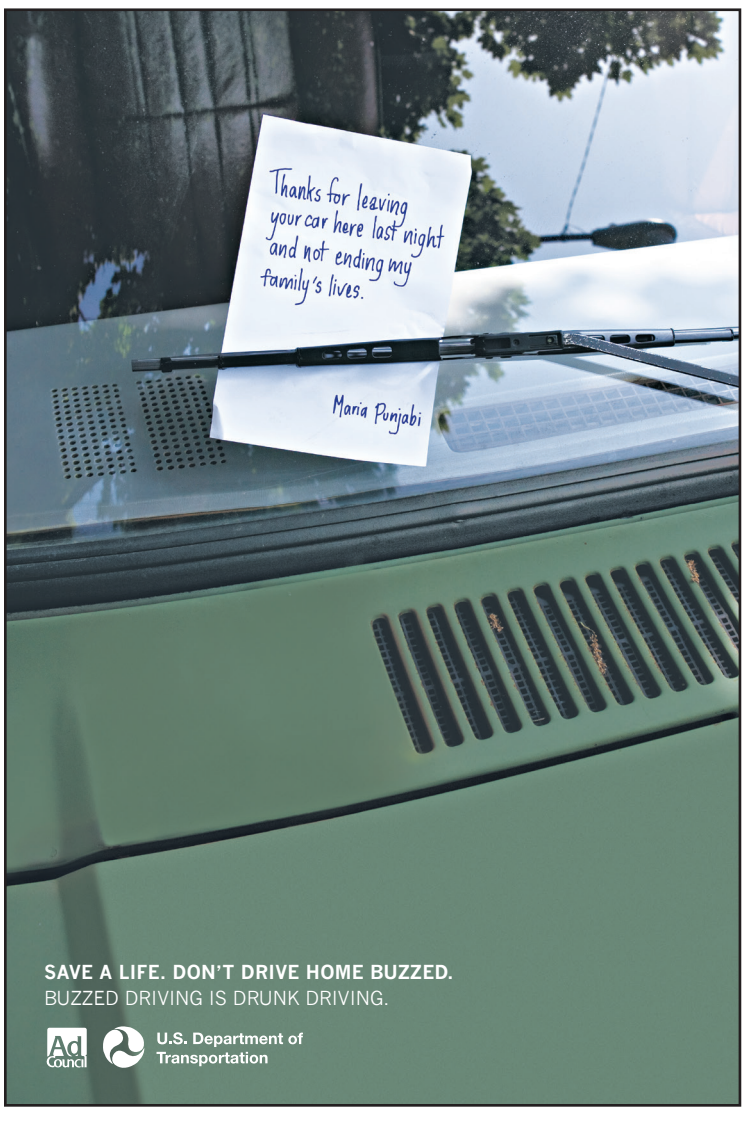
"I went to go get breakfast, and I ran into a ton of guys and met some new guys and now I am here making … friends," sophomore kinesiology major Michael Nystromn said.

The Latino Student Forum also hosted a table at El Ocho Market to talk about membership and promote their events.

"I really like the culture in it and I like how much stuff there was and the prizes that were here," freshman computer science major Raul Hernandez said.

The final event was the raffle, with prizes including AirPods, an iPad and a University of La Verne sweatshirt.

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Nambah highlights local small businesses





Above: A display put together by local artist Katie von Lützow at the small business event Saturday at Nambah coffee highlights the work she offers for sale. The poetry prints on her booth were made on a typewriter that is over 100 years old.

Right: Tyler Morgan shows off some of his artwork at his booth for the small business event Saturday at Nambah Coffee in downtown La Verne. Morgan is a local artist from Pomona.

photography by Anthony Eramya

Arts, *etc...*

Happenings

'Parallax'

The Harris Art Gallery is exhibiting the show "Parallax," featuring La Verne's own faculty, with watercolor and hand drawings by Professor of Art History Jon Leaver, and colorful sculptures by Professor of Art Keith Lord. The gallery is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The show runs through Oct. 10. Admission is free. For more information visit **artsci.laverne.edu/art/exhibition_tag/harris-gallery.**

Baroque Ensemble

The Cornucopia Baroque Ensemble will perform music by Handel, Krieger and Telemann at 12:15 p.m. on Friday. It will take place in Lyman Hall, Thatcher Music Building at 340 N. College Blvd. Admission is free.

For more information visit **pomona.edu/academics/departments/music/concert-calendar/friday-noon-concert-series.**

Sheela Bringi Quintet

The Scripps College Department of Music presents the Bessie Bartlett Frankel Chamber Music Concert featuring the Sheela Bringi Quintet from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, at 231 East 10th Street in Claremont. Sheela Bringi will perform on harp, voice, and the bansuri bamboo flute. Admission is free and doors open at 2:45 p.m.

For more information visit **scrippscollege.edu/events/calendar/sheela-bringi-quintet.**

Moonshine & Daydreams

The Claremont Chamber of Commerce will host live music from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday at the Claremont Village Plaza at 101 N. Indian Hill Blvd. The band highlights a variety of country, western, swing and jazz styles.

For more information, visit **friday-nights-live-music-45701.**

—Thatiana Gibbs

Mariachi faculty concert highlights love and longing

Melodic music enchants the audience

Leila El Sabbagh
Staff Writer

Pomona and Scripps college faculty collaborated for a mariachi concert on Sept. 20 in the Balch Auditorium.

Faculty from both colleges performed classic mariachi pieces, such as "La Llorona" and "Volver, Volver."

The echoes of mariachi music rang throughout the walls of Balch Auditorium as the melodies enchanted concert goers.

Cándida Jáquez, associate professor of music and director for this event, takes great pride in her heritage and honored her late uncle Frank Aguilar.

Jáquez shared how she felt being able to perform and dedicate the song, "La Malagueña," to Aguilar.

"It means a lot to me," Jáquez said, "It really brought together my family (and) colleagues."

"La Malagueña," composed by Ernesto Lecuona, is a Spanish folk song with many genre variations.

The song is about a man telling a woman from Málaga how beautiful she is.

Throughout the song he compliments her eyes and beauty. The song begins with the eyes under the eyebrows of the woman and how enchanting she is to him. The man describes the woman as bewitching with her beauty just like the beauty of a blooming rose.

The man shares he has no wealth and all he has to offer is his heart. In the song, he understands that if the woman rejects him because of his poverty, he does not blame her for it. However, he feels that her beauty is so great that he has no choice, but to continue to admire her charm.

Before the performance, Jáquez shared that "La Malagueña" was one of the last songs Aguilar was able to play in his retirement home.

> 'The man describes the woman as bewitching with her beauty just like the beauty of a blooming rose.'

Violin, vocal and trumpet solos were distributed throughout the performers.

Alfred Cramer, associate professor of music, had the part of playing a violin solo during "Amor de los Dos."

Cramer shared more about the group of the performers and his involvement in mariachi music.

"Professor Jáquez gets together a faculty group to participate in her class's end of the year concert that I've attended before," Cramer said. "Having that experience, she thought it would be a great idea to have a concert of our own."

Pomona College was lively with students roaming and outdoor activities set up. A few students even stopped by the Balch to watch the concert and support their professors.

Joti Rockwell, associate professor of music and vihuela performer in the concert, commented on personal connections with his students as a professor and performer.

"It's really important to me that students I'm teaching here, no matter the class, know that I'm active as a performing musician," Rockwell said.

"Everything that we're doing with this concert connects to what we're teaching in our classes."

The song to end the concert, "Volver, Volver," is considered a classic by mariachi listeners. The song was first written by Fernando Z. Maldonado and was popularized by Vicente Fernández.

Guests were welcomed to sing along to the classic, celebrating the song and the end of the concert.

"I always try to come to the concerts that are special to us," concert guest Irene Acedo said.

"It's good to see that other people are sharing and appreciating our Mexican heritage."

Although Hispanic Heritage Month is coming to an end, celebrating and embracing that heritage will live on in the Hispanic community through classic mariachi compositions and more.

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Beatles tribute band offers nostalgia

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The Acoustical Mystery Tour, an acoustic and electric tribute band to The Beatles, performed classics on Sept. 20 at Shelton Park in Claremont.

Unlike costumed acts, AMT puts all their focus on the music. Dressed in psychedelic and bright button ups, the group covered hits such as "Here Comes the Sun," "Something" and "Nowhere Man," among others.

The band consists of six musicians – Patrick Nais, Hai Muradian, Matt Snyder, Doug Brooks, Dale Brooks and Chris Maury.

Each musician has their own musical backgrounds ranging from performing and recording to touring and teaching. AMT's musicality consists of guitars, piano, bass, flute, percussion, and vocals.

"I love the Beatles and they sound really good." Alexa Turner, sophomore at Pitzer College, said.

The venue existed in the heart of Claremont as it neighbored the Claremont Colleges and the city's downtown Village shopping district.

The park's open layout and scenic backdrop made it an ideal venue for a casual yet engaging evening of music.

The stage sat at the center of the park, drawing people in from all sides.

Shelton Park is a space where locals and students alike can gather for events, often stumbling upon live performances while out enjoying the evening.

With an audience of around 45, the atmosphere was lively as people got out of their lawn chairs to dance, clap, and singalong.

"It's convenient to have events and a place like this so close to campus," Anna Wilson, sophomore environmental policy major at Pitzer College, said.

"We can kind of walk around and come across stuff like this, so I really like that."

Thanks to free admission, bystanders would stop by during their evening walks to join in on the concert.

The band's eclectic style paid homage to their predecessors, and provided a nostalgic opportunity to those who listened to The Beatles growing up.

"It's really nice," Phil Banks, an audience member said. "Claremont doing the Friday night thing was the greatest thing they've ever done. I mean it's been going on for a long time but it's so much fun."

All vocals and music are performed by the band with no backing tracks.

In between songs, the singers engaged with the audience and segwayed into the next one intentionally.

"We're so into it. All of us were raised with The Beatles, we love The Beatles, and so it's a blast to sing these songs." Muradian said.

With deep roots in the Los Angeles music scene, AMT's members have been performing for audiences for decades.

AMT got their start in 2011 after an impromptu jam session at a birthday party that consisted of Beatles only music.

The band has performed ever since, securing venues that range from audiences of dozens to thousands.

The band's approach has earned them a wide following, they've even played at events like Beatlefest.

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Men's soccer snaps losing streak

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Jonas Holt

Senior forward Adan Villarreal attempts a turn to split from Cal Lutheran junior midfielder Danny Rodriguez and senior defender Preston Fleming on Saturday at Ortmayer Stadium. The Leopards snapped a four-game losing streak as they beat the Kingsmen, 2-0.

The men's soccer team beat the Cal Lutheran Kingsmen, 2-0, on Saturday at Ortmayer Stadium to snap a four-match losing streak and open the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference season.

Over 100 people came to watch the match unfold under the hot afternoon sun. The excitement of the crowd from start to end was heard consistently for both sides.

The Leopards came out to fight on defense, setting the tone to compete with the Kingsmen in the first half of the match.

"It was a very complete game from start to finish," head coach Trevor Persson said. "I don't think there were too many hiccups in our performance, however there is always room for improvements."

Persson noted that the team plans to watch films and track errors to get to the solution.

"From preseason to now, we knew these guys had opportunities for success." Persson said. "We just didn't execute, gave up a goal late, or lost our mark. It is the little details that we have been working on."

The Leopards had 26 attempted shots with nine shots on goal and were able to convert for two goals. The Bastidas brothers, sophomore attacking midfielder Alexander Bastidas and junior center midfielder Anthony Bastidas, both scored their first goals of the season and senior goalkeeper Hector Duenas-Peña made five saves.

"The intensity to win was what drove us to succeed in today's match," graduate student defender Oscar Mendoza said. "We didn't have the best preseason, but coming into SCIAC everyone is on the same level. It was something we really took pride in and came out victorious. Defense wins games and I feel like as long as we are doing our job defensively, offensively things will come, even if it might take a while."

The Leopards' defense kept the Kingsmen under tight reins throughout the game. Alexander Bastidas scored the first goal with an assist from senior attacking midfielder Adan Villarreal midway through the first half at 26:07.

"We were trying to either press high and send long balls and stick to our man and I felt that it was well executed in the first half, but in the second half we died down a little bit because of fatigue," Alexander Bastidas said. "I was just really happy and excited when I scored, it was my first SCIAC goal as well, so it just felt really great to get the season opener for us, hopefully it's one of many."

After halftime, the Leopards were ahead of the Kingsmen, 1-0.

"We just talked about getting possession of the ball in different parts of the field and kind of breaking the field into three different zones and the importance of each player's role in those zones," Persson said.

He noted that the team needed to regroup and find strategies to plan for the season ahead.

"Being a smaller and not as physical presence up top, I felt that they were overpowering me in the beginning, but I just kept checking the ball towards my feet and playing to my strengths as a technical player," Alexander Bastidas said.

The turning point of the game came in the second half when Anthony Bastidas scored another goal in the 60th minute extending their lead to 2-0, which they held onto for the remainder of the match.

"When I scored the goal I was in disbelief. It was my first SCIAC goal and I was feeling good in the moment and celebrated with the team," Anthony Bastidas said.

Persson highlights the improvements the Leopards have made from their preseason games.

"We need to work on being proactive rather than reactive to the ball," Persson said. "On the flipside the team is feeling really good about what we have been working on and finally seeing our work pay off."

The Leopards are now 2-0 in SCIAC after a 2-1 win on the road Wednesday evening against the Whittier Poets, after putting up a record of 1-5 preseason.

They return home and look to make it three wins in a row at 7 p.m. Saturday against Caltech.

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Women's soccer holds firm against Elmhurst

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The Leopards silenced the Elmhurst Bluejays in a 1-0 shutout Thursday at Ortmayer Stadium.

The Leopards fought a tough battle against the Bluejays and were able to clinch a win before heading into the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference regular season.

Right from kickoff, the Bluejays were extremely vocal from the sidelines and on the field.

However, the Leopards were proven to be silent killers when senior midfielder Ana Preciado buried the one and only goal in the 12th minute of the first half.

"We wanted to come out with a win, so everyone kept a high mentality," Preciado said, "We're all excited and glad that we brought that win tonight."

Freshman defender Jordan Moody was credited with the assist for the goal off a corner kick.

Throughout the entire game the Leopards took every opportunity to drive through to the net with 14 shots and seven shots on goal.

> 'It feels really good to get that shutout win and the momentum going into conference play.'
> *—Abigail Macedo, senior goalkeeper*

Not only was the offense sound, but defense was as well with communication being at the forefront of their teamwork.

Senior goalkeeper Abigail Macedo was able to deny every shot that went her way, resulting in the shutout victory.

"It feels really good to get that shutout and the three point advantage going into conference," Macedo said. "I think we're really excited and really pumped. We're in a really good place and have had really good games leading up to conference play."

Unsuccessful corner kicks for both La Verne and Elmhurst were taken for the rest of the half as the Leopards kept the intensity up.

Heading into the second half, the Leopards did not fall on their heels. They picked up where they left off and put pressure on the Elmhurst defense, continuously driving to the opposition box. The Bluejays continued to bring the energy as well, seeming louder than they were in the first half.

Senior defender Miranda McGarry and senior forward Serenity De La Torre, were two prominent players for the Leopards on the field. McGarry was able to rack up four shots and one shot on goal, while De La Torre was hot in the shooting zone with three shots on goal.

"We're just looking to do the little things really well. We've had a lot of opportunities at goal, and I think that's due to our style of play," head coach Lauryn Pehanich said.

Before the match started, the Leopards were accompanied by the Los Angeles Girls Soccer Club for the starting lineup and National Anthem.

"It's nice for them to see the college girls play and relate to their positions," manager for the soccer club Kristine Luk said. "While they're watching, they learn from the older girls. It lifts their spirits."

The Leopards could not carry the momentum into their two conference games during the week, losing to Cal Lutheran on the road, 1-0, on Saturday, and losing to Whittier, 2-1, at Ortmayer Stadium on Wednesday.

The Leopards are now 3-4-2 on the season and 0-2 in SCIAC play. They return to the pitch at 11 a.m. Saturday at Caltech.

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Leopards fall in double overtime loss

Rumsey scores three touchdowns

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The Leopards hosted northwest foe Puget Sound in front of 1,246 fans at Ortmayer Stadium on Saturday night for their home opener.

Little did they know they were in for an exciting double overtime night, unfortunately ending with a 49-41 Leopards' loss.

"We came to fight. It turned into a shootout, and it didn't end up in our favor, but it shows we've got what we need to play," sophomore quarterback Brian Rudden said.

The Leopards opened their season with a 27-24 overtime loss to Willamette in Oregon on Sept. 7.

"With two back-to-back double-overtime games, you can't ask about the energy or effort," assistant coach Augustino Adams said. "We've just got to find a way to get the football gods on our side."

On the defensive side, the Leopards set the tone early. On the Loggers' opening drive, senior defensive back Vicente Zepeda penetrated the Loggers' line of scrimmage uncontested and forced a fumble during the handoff.

Senior linebacker De Lante' Moore pounced on the ball and returned it 52 yards for the first touchdown at Ortmayer this year.

"This is the best start to a season we've had in the three seasons I've been here," Adams said. "One break here and one break there, and it would be a different story."

Rudden posted 281 passing yards and three touchdowns. In the second quarter, he found junior Isaiah McNaught-Thornton for a 46-yard completion, setting the stage for a 32-yard field goal by sophomore kicker Jayson Lopez.



Chris Rodriguez

Sophomore quarterback Brian Rudden runs the ball through the Puget Sound defensive line with the help of senior offensive lineman Martin Almirantearena, junior wide receiver Isaiah McNaught-Thornton, freshman defensive back Ethan Pacheco and sophomore running back Elijiah Duckworth on Saturday at Ortmayer Stadium. Rudden ended the game with three touchdowns and threw for 281 yards in the 49-41 double overtime loss to the Loggers. The Leopards play against Pomona-Pitzer at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

The game was back and forth all night, with Puget Sound seemingly having an answer for every scoring play from the Leopards.

Following the entertaining halftime performance, the score was knotted up at 17.

The Leopards opened scoring first when sophomore wide receiver Jimmy Rumsey caught a 14-yard pass.

Loggers senior quarterback Mason Binning responded with a 67-yard pass to junior receiver Joe Gallagher.

"It really came down to what happened on the field," freshman defensive back Justin Mondini said. "On the sideline, we were communicating with our coaches very well, a lot of good things going on."

The Leopards entered the fourth quarter leading 31-24, but the Loggers tied the game with a 72-yard, 17-play drive, then took the lead with 1:25 remaining. Rudden and Rumsey maintained their connection and tied the game with a 31-yard passing touchdown, sending the game to overtime.The game was tied at 38 going into overtime, where the Leopards couldn't quite get back to the end zone for a touchdown.

"Battle, tough, and a learning experience," senior defensive lineman and long snapper Justin MacArthur said of the Saturday night loss.

A 36-yard field goal by Lopez put the Leopards ahead of the Loggers, 41-38.

The Loggers got within field goal range, tied the game, and carried that momentum into the second overtime quarter, scoring in just two plays.

"We are hoping to come away winning these close games," Rudden said. "It's two in a row, both in double overtime. We just need to finish."

Rumsey was the star of the game, posting 144 receiving yards on six receptions and a career-high three touchdowns, all on his birthday. His performance Saturday ties his touchdown total from all of last season.

Another offensive standout for the Leopards was freshman running back Arthur McCown, who ran for a career-high 110 yards on just 11 carries.

"We played very well at certain times, didn't play well at others," head coach Chris Krich said. "Both sides of the ball made plays and had opportunities to make those plays. We need more consistency in what we're doing,"

"It's hard to ask more of what these guys are doing. They're pouring their heart and soul into this program," Adams said. "We need a few more breaks to go our way, and I think we are going to do some special things."

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Volleyball struggles at invitational

The No. 7 Leopards faced some of their toughest competition of the season at the Washington (St. Louis) Bear Invitational this past weekend, finishing 1-2 after three matches.

The Leopards earned a 3-1 victory over Cornell College (IA) but dropped matches to No. 3 Wisconsin-Whitewater and No. 9 Washington.

A milestone moment came for Leopards' two-time All-American junior outside hitter Mya Ray, who surpassed 1,000 career kills during the tournament.

Ray entered the weekend needing just three kills to hit the mark and finished with a team-high 49 kills over the three matches.

The Leopards opened the tournament against Wisconsin-Whitewater Warhawks and put up a tough fight but ultimately lost 3-0 in straight sets.

Senior outside hitter/opposite Allison Whiteman led the Leopards with 10 kills and four blocks in the match. In their second match, the Leopards rebounded with a 3-1 win over Cornell. After dropping the first set, the Leopards regrouped and won three straight sets.

Ray led the match with 18 kills, while sophomore middle blocker Zacky Coaston added seven blocks, while freshman opposite Kimi Watanabe-Mayhew contributed a career-high five blocks.

The Leopards wrapped up the weekend against Washington and were swept in three sets. Ray's 24 kills and .420 hitting percentage were the highlight of the match against Washington.

Ray led the Leopards offensively with 49 kills over the weekend, followed by Whiteman with 33 and sophomore outside hitter Lauren Gott with 24.

Sophomore setter Malia Capistrano dished out 47 assists, while sophomore setter Sydne Humphrey added 36.

After the 1-2 weekend in St Louis, the Leopards dropped two spots to No. 9 in the AVCA Division III national rankings.

The Leopards are now 8-2 on the year and return home to face Caltech in their Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference opener at 7 p.m. Friday.

—Jonas Holt