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Senior biology major Jenieva Black, far left, facilitates the women's group for helpful dialogue and exchange at the Belongingness Series segment "Gender Identity and Sexism" Wednesday in the Ludwick Center. The weekly Belongingness Series is sponsored by the Center for Multicultural Services to discuss issues of diversity, equity and inclusion with students.

A lecture Wednesday titled "Gender Identity and Sexism" looked to help students contextualize and explore their struggles with gender roles and societal expectations.

About 20 University and community members attended the talk by Daniel Loera, the University's director of multicultural affairs, in the Ludwick Center.

It was the latest installment in the Belongingness lecture series.

After the half-hour talk, there was discussion and break-out groups.

One of the main points of the lecture was the struggle between expectations related to gender, and individual reality.

"Sometimes we have these breakouts, it is not unusual to do gender as a separate process," Loera said. "The focus of it is different, focusing on who we should be growing up. Perhaps what the rules and expectations were, and who you should be, in terms of your gender identity."

Loera opened the floor for discussion with questions for students about their relationship with gender roles and struggles with sexism. One of the main talking points came back to the messaging people are given throughout their lives regarding gender roles and what is expected of them.

"We give messages now to others about what they should be," Loera said. "A lot of the time we do it in terms of their gender."

Regarding messaging, Loera asked students to consider the messages they give out to others based on their gender identity and how they align with that gender identity in terms of masculine or feminine traits.

One point of consensus was that based on gender, a lot of students feel that they are supposed to give out the messaging society expects of them. There was also a sentiment that college can almost act as a timeline, with expectations for where someone should be in their life and how that should align with their gender's expectations.

"Our group, we were talking about the pressure for women to be mothers," Brooke Goode, an undeclared freshman, said. "Even if they do want kids, we still feel the pressure of what society wants us to do with all of the challenges of pregnancy and motherhood, and all these stigmas that come with it.

"I grew up very Christian, so one of the main things with women was being mothers, raising a family at a certain age and other things like that. It was very important growing up."

Students agreed with this sentiment, and that defying gender roles was incredibly important when it came to knowing their own identity. In contrast to the idea of motherhood and nurturing traits being expected of women, some of the men felt the opposite pressure, where they sought to be those things in resistance to the expectation that men should be them.

"I think for me, being caring, empathetic, or tender– all those things that are seen as 'not good' for men– is very important," Loera said. "In my life, I think all those things are good, but particularly for men to identify with because I did not get that messaging when I was growing up. I think it is important to be that, to share that in my life."

Other men felt that there was an expectation for them to follow traditionally masculine pursuits, such as sports instead of the arts.

"One thing that, in our dialogue is kind of a shared experience, is the notion or acknowledgement of the fact that, as men, there is a duality," Stacey Strickland, an adjunct professor at the University said. "I shared that even in my upbringing, being gay in my own way and growing up in the black community, it varies between cultures.

"Growing up, it was being hypermasculine, machismo, and now showing emotion. For me there was always that part that was always outside that norm in dance. There wasn't masculine or feminine, it was just us existing in the space of the art form."

Some people don't resonate with what is typically expected of their gender, and to encourage that different side of themselves can be as freeing as it can be scary. Regardless, students in the larger discussion agreed that it was worthwhile to explore those pursuits even with the struggles that may come with them.

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Ontario Reign goalie Pheonix Copley prepares to enter the ice Sunday night at the Toyota Arena. The team wore green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day while facing off against the Henderson Silver Knights. The Reign won, 3-2, in a shootout. / photo by Chris Rogers

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Students break Ramadan fast at iftar

Marina Bravo
Staff Writer

As the sun set on the University of La Verne campus on March 13, it was time for the celebration to begin. The University hosted a Ramadan Iftar Dinner to celebrate the ending of the day's fast together.

The event was at 6:50 p.m., open to all students, not just those of the Muslim community. About 50 students all joined each other in the Ludwick Center Skybridge.

Ramadan is so much more than fasting from food. It is a time where each individual strives to be the best version of themselves they can be.

"(Ramadan) is like a reset for my whole life," Omar Shilleh, junior biology major, said. "It keeps me on the right path."

Ramadan is considered one of the most important events in the Islamic calendar as it highlights community and unity. It is a time of fasting, spiritual reflection and devotion.

Ramadan is celebrated on the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar. It is to commemorate the first revelation of the Quran by the Angel Gabriel to Prophet Muhammad, the chosen one.

One of the main practices that happens during Ramadan is fasting from dawn to sunset.

It follows the Five Pillars of Islam: Shahada is the declaration of faith, Salah means prayer, Zakat means charity, Sawm means fasting, and Hajj means pilgrimage.

Shilleh also shared how for him, it is like a spiritual cleanse and allows him to reflect on his person.

Ramadan is also a very important time of community for Muslims. Many students share how important it is for them and for their families to be surrounded by community to break their fasts together at sundown.

Not only is it something special and sacred, but it is also an opportunity to learn about others. At the celebration, there were many students that were there to support their Muslim friends and classmates.

"(Diverse events) express belonging and inclusion and respect for our diverse reality," Zandra Wagoner, university chaplain, said.

There are many events on campus that take the time to celebrate and highlight all kinds of cultures and students.

When practicing attendees were asked about what it meant for them to have a sacred space like this on campus, and highlighted with an event like the Iftar dinner, many students felt seen.

"(The University) hosting an event like this is reassuring," Abdul Dennaoui, a sophomore computer science major, said. "I'm reminded that I am not in a hostile environment."

Cherie Atalore, senior computer science major and interfaith leader at the University, was the Iftar Dinner organizer. She spoke about how important it was to her to make sure each student on campus was represented.

Atalor said representation is important. "Everyone deserves to see themselves on campus," she said.

"It is the greatest way to move forward," Atalor said. "Events like this allow us to coexist and interact and to learn.

Ramadan will continue through next week with Eid al-Fitr marking the end of Ramadan on March 30.

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Vicente Rodriguez

Sophomore computer science major Abdul Dennaoui enjoys the food at the Ramadan Iftar dinner at the Ludwick Center skybridge March 13. During Ramadan, Muslims fast from dawn to sunset for 29 to 30 days. The main dishes served were chicken tikka masala and a few vegan op-



Vicente Rodriguez

The main dish was a chicken tikka masala at the Ramadan Iftar dinner at the Ludwick Center skybridge on March 13. The dinner featured plenty of other foods, including vegan options.

Market has fresh fare and eggs

Tati Foor
Staff Writer

Vendors offer fresh produce, natural goods, crafts and personal connections at the Pomona Valley Certified Farmers Market 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday at 145 West Pearl Street.

The market was started in 1981, said market manager Harry Brown-Hiegel

"Before 1977, it was against the law for a farmer to sell directly to a customer," he said.

Today the market hosts between 15 and 20 vendors during the cooler months, and 30 during the summer.

Vendors are carefully selected to ensure variety and quality. Brown-Hiegel ensures all fruits and vegetables are covered by sourcing from farmers across different counties.

This diversity provides security just in case growers in one county face challenges, such as pesticides, the market can rely on a different supplier from another area.

"They're fresh compared to the industry," farmer Edrys Sandoval who was selling fresh eggs said. "We don't have any problem with shortages because we have our own chickens."

Sandoval said he grew up in a farming family and loves to educate customers.

"Sometimes we have to explain to them how we grow vegetables and fruits," Sandoval said. "A lot of people eat produce, but don't know how it's grown."

Besides produce, the market offers hand-crafted products such sea moss, natural toothpaste and mushroom coffee.

"I teach people how to eat according to their own bio individuality, because there's no such thing as one size fits all," Virginia Fujiwara, a holistic practitioner and herbalist, owner of Riverside-based Vitality with V, whose stand was among those featured at the market said.

Fujiwara's business began with sea moss, followed by natural toothpaste, which was initially created for a customer with mouth cancer.

Customers seemed to appreciate the market's atmosphere and offerings.

"It's easier to talk and ask questions to vendors," Valeria Benavides said.

She added that she appreciates the market's quality fare. The market also has offerings for those on a limited income, it accepts EBT and SNAP government food assistance programs.

"We have a market match program so we can double that," Brown-Hiegel said.

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Event offers inspiration for women

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In honor of Women's History Month, the Campus Activities Board held a Women on the Rise event Wednesday on the Citrus Lawn.

Associate Vice President of Finance Xochitl Martinez and Chaplain Zandra Wagoner were the speakers.

Students lined up between The Spot and the Campus Center before the event was opened for guests.

About 50 in all attended the event.

Junior kinesiology Jasmine Armas served pan dulce.

"I like being a part of the community to put on something fun," Armas said. "The nice weather was a nice surprise."

The decorations, including pink and red tablecloths, were festive.

Specialty drinks provided by One and Only Coffee Bar included strawberry matcha, mazapan latte, tres leches latte and more.

Pan dulces, called conchas, which were pink and purple, the colors of the event.

"The vibe is great," freshmen e-commerce major Justine Prajitno said. "I love the colors they chose. I also love the coffee flavors. I love the matcha and coffee taste, it's so cool that they have them here."

Along the side of Citrus Lawn there was a table where students were able to pick up a free pillow. The design on the light green pillow was a side profile drawing of a woman outlined with flowers and its stems.

It contained words used to describe a woman such as strong, vibrant, beautiful, powerful, a queen and ambitious written on it.

There was another table allowing students to create their own bracelets. There were multi-colored strings that ranged from red, white, black or dark blue.

Alongside the strings there were different sizes and colors of beads to decorate, some colors were vibrant, such as red, blue, yellow, purple and green. Other beads were more softer purple, reds and blues.

There were even small charms that were offered to place on the bracelets.

Martinez was the first speaker. She talked about her experience in an immigrant family as a first-generation college student.

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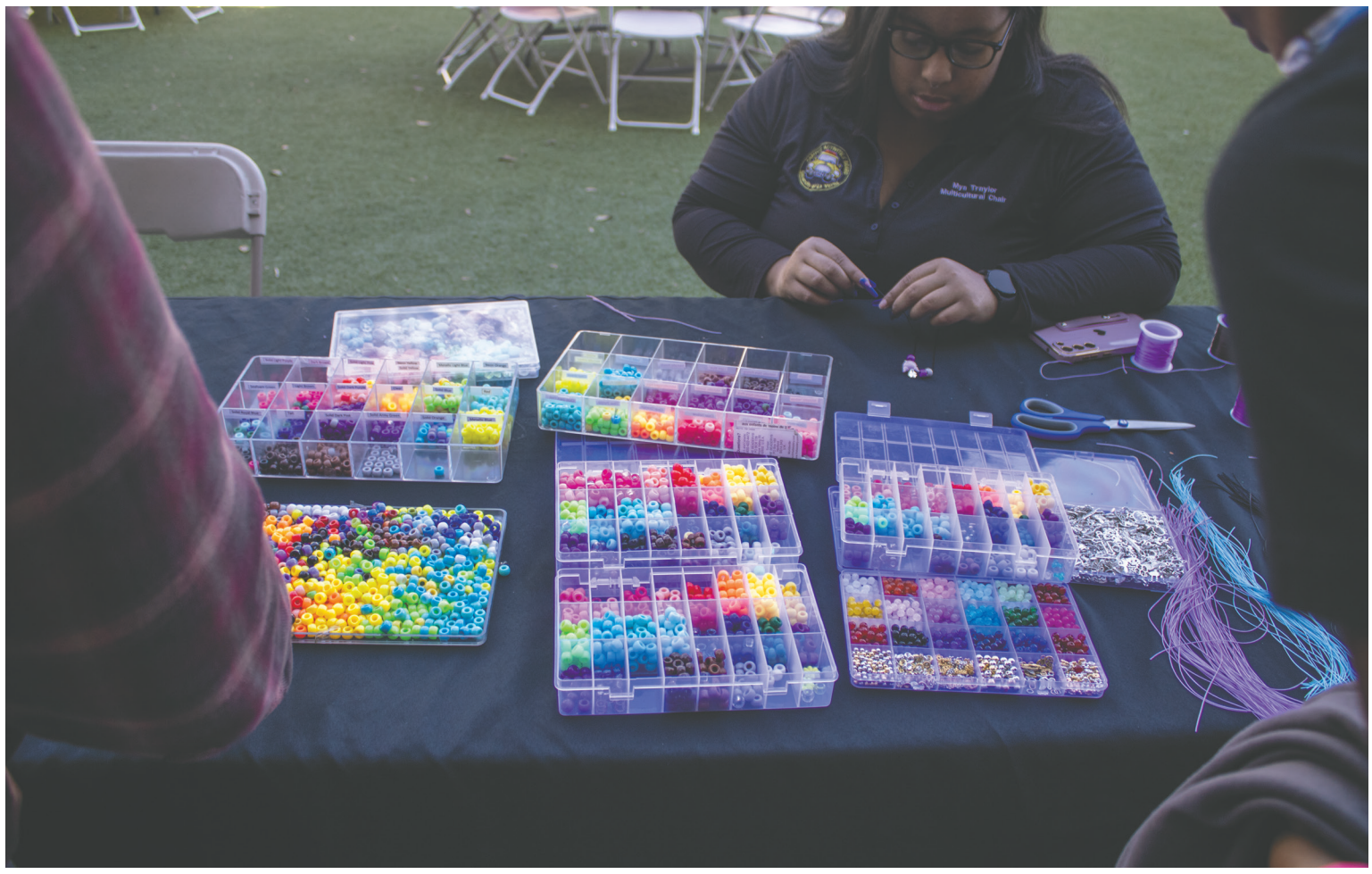

Jai'la Counts

Campus Activities Board Multicultural Chair Mya Traylor, junior business administration major, makes bracelets at the Women on the Rise event for Women's History Month on Wednesday on Citrus Lawn. Pop music played in the background as students wait for the speakers, Associate Vice President of Finance Xochitl Martinez and Chaplain Zandra Wagoner.



Jai'la Counts

The Campus Activities Board served pan dulce at the Women on the Rise event Wednesday on Citrus Lawn. The event was part of CAB's Women's History Month celebrations.



Treasure hunters flock to ThriftCon at the Fairplex

Over 140 vendors with vintage clothing, discounted collectables, vinyls and other products attended ThriftCon at the Fairplex in Pomona last weekend.

For the event in expo hall four, booths were set up around the perimeter of the space, with some in the middle.

Each had unique items, and most were reasonably priced.

There were lots of vintage clothing booths with T-shirts from the '60s through '90s including some one-of-a-kinds.

Levi's jeans ranged from dark to light to acid washes.

One booth, Mezclilla Para El Mundo, meaning Denim for the World, was run by Luisa Garcia.

"The main thing that we always bring in is vintage denim, specifically vintage Levi's," Garcia said. "We love bringing in a lot of fun and unique pieces that capture our eye (that) we know that other people will like and are actually wearable."

Some of the businesses were there for the first time, while others were long-time ThriftCon participants.

ThriftCon is a traveling enterprise with stops across the country.

"This is my first time at ThriftCon," said Gabby Edwards, owner of DreamyFairy. "I just really want everybody to leave feeling like they found something that's special to them."

As the building filled with people, the shopping experience was enlightening. There were businesses that were traveling from other states to come to the event since it attracts the most people.

"We have a lot of pieces… a lot of girl stuff ranging from Y2K," said Elda Martenez of Vintage Made Clothing. "We even have stuff from the '70s."

The all-day event proved rewarding for shoppers searching for finds from the past 50 years.

—CC Flaherty

Event brings dress-up game to life

Alicia Naranjo
Staff Writer

The Campus Activity Board hosted a "Leos to Impress" Roblox fashion show event inspired by the video game "Dress to Impress" Tuesday in the Campus Center Ballroom.

There were three rounds where students competed to impress the judges with their themed outfits. To participate the students filled out a Google form with their name and which competition round the world they competed in.

The rounds were mix-and-match, Y2K, bikers vs. surfers. Each of the first-place winners of all three rounds was rewarded with a $75 E-gift card.

The first-round winner was freshman psychology major Sarah Degbeh, with her mix-and-matched attire. When on stage, her jeans and top transformed into a black checkered gown.

"I have everything in my closet, from dresses to alternative to preppy," said Degbeh. "So I just put it all together."

The second-round winner was Mahyaldah Wayson, a freshman communications major, who competed with a Y2K head-to-toe look.

Wayson sported an early 2000s hairstyle with glasses, a fur-lined jacket, a mini cheetah skirt and heels, plus white leg warmers. The final round featured two first-place winners both decked out in surf attire, including wetsuits and surfboards.

After all rounds were complete they raffled off prizes which consisted of Beats, an Instax printer, and an iPad. In between each round, the original music from the mobile game was playing while the contestants had 15 minutes to get ready.

For treats, The Spot prepared brownies with whipped cream and berries, chocolate chip cookies, cheesecakes and mini muffins. There was also a fresh fruit platter as well as agua frescas both pineapple and watermelon flavored.

All tables were decorated with Y2K centerpieces that were paper flip phones along with colored tablecloths.

There was lots of cheering for all the contestants that participated and many laughs when they walked down the red carpet and posed for our judges.

"My favorite part was seeing everyone's outfits," said Isabella Rabelo dos Santos, CAB worker and criminology major.

There were two judges in attendance who scored and decided the winners of each round.

The participants were scored on their wow factor, confidence, how on the theme they were, and the appropriation of the outfit.

To get updates on upcoming Campus activity board events follow **@lavernecab** on Instagram.

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Olivia Russo

Sophomore digital media major Danielle Duplechan, junior biology major Wyntere Carr and freshman communications major Mahyaldah Wayson stand on stage awaiting the results in the second round of the Leos to Impress fashion show. This event was hosted by the Campus Activities Board on Tuesday at the Campus Center Ballroom, with three rounds with different themes.

Grand Slam Classic offers school spirit

More than 100 students gathered March 14 in the Campus Center for the Grand Slam Classic, an event hosted by the Campus Activities Board to build excitement for the Leopards' baseball game later that afternoon.

Attendees received free jerseys, enjoyed Costco pizza, played lawn games and created custom signs to cheer on the team.

The event was designed to promote school spirit ahead of the game. Students were encouraged to wear their jerseys and bring the signs they made to the game.

The limited-edition ULV jerseys, available in pink and green, were popular. The line for the pizza and jersey giveaway wrapped around the Campus Center lobby.

"The shirts were gone in the first 30 minutes," Bella Dominguez, junior business administration major, said.

The event also featured interactive lawn games, including a putting game, jumbo cup pong and a flag-making station where students could design custom signs to show their school spirit at the baseball game. The sign-making station was particularly popular, with students using cute stickers, markers, and colorful decorations to personalize their flags.

Some of the sticker designs included baseball bats, ULV Leopard mascots, motivational phrases and colorful letters to make each flag unique.

Students could also use various colored markers for their creations.

The jerseys were neatly displayed on one table, with CAB members assisting students in picking their preferred color and size.

The combination of food, interactive activities, and school spirit made the Grand Slam Classic a hit for sports fans and more.

—Erika Oceguera

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Happenings

'Hollow Flame'

The Eclipse Quartet returns to Harvey Mudd College with a concert that includes debuting composers Bill Alves and Boston-based composer Howard Franzin.

The concert will also feature two quartets singing compositions by Los Angeles-based composer Akyshaya Avirl Tucker.

The concert will take place at 7 p.m. on March 30 in Drinkward Recital Hall at Harvey Mudd College.

Admission is free. For more information visit **arts.hmc.edu/The-Eclipse-Quartet-Spring-2025**.

Han Na Park

Han Na Park performs ballads and nocturnes by Chopin at 7 p.m. on April 6 in the Drinkward Recital Hall at Harvey Mudd College.

Admission is free. For more information visit **arts.hmc.edu/Han-Na-Park-Spring-2025**.

'SoCal Critters'

The American Museum of Ceramic Art in Pomona is hosting a new exhibition of ceramic animals by artist Howard Pierce.

The exhibit and event aim to raise awareness of local wildlife and conservation efforts.

The gallery is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the exhibit will close on June 29.

Tickets are starting at $5 per person or $15 per group of four.

For more information visit **amoca.org/events/critters**.

Early Music Ensemble

The Harvey Mudd Early Music Ensemble will be hosting a concert featuring European Middle Ages and Renaissance music.

The concert will be at 7 p.m. April 20 in Drinkward Recital Hall at the Harvey Mudd Colleges.

Admission is free and it is open to the public. For more information visit **arts.hmc.edu/HMC-Early-Music-Ensemble-Spring-2025**.

—Zachary Grech

'Chicanx Art' collection honors history and culture

Talar Sarkissian
Staff Writer

There's a mix of history, culture and art at the Claremont Lewis Museum of Art, where "Home in Aztlán: The Garcia Collection of Chicanx Art" is currently on display.

Featuring pieces from some of the most influential Chicanx artists of the last 50 years, the exhibit has had many visitors who are eager to see the art that is on display.

Free admission has made the exhibit accessible to families and locals, making sure the community can engage with this collection before it closes on Sunday.

The Garcia Collection was put together by Claremont residents Frank and Kathy Garcia, whose passion for art has influenced the Southern California art scene for years.

"Frank and Kathy Garcia have been involved in the art scene for a long time," said Doug Pearsall, an artist and staff member at the museum. "They started an art show in Pomona, and that's where a lot of this began."

Pearsall mentioned that some of the artwork in the exhibit are prints rather than originals. However, this did not take away the beauty of the art pieces on display.

An untitled piece by Jaime "Germ" Zacarias has become a fan favorite for its size and use of bright, vivid color.

"Every angle of the painting captures your eye with a new detail," Pearsall said.

Another piece, "The Pleasure is Mine," stood out for its narration.

"You might not be able to understand everything he's saying, but you know there's something going on," Pearsall said.

The gallery had a mix of paintings and sculptures that all felt interconnected. The colors were bright reds, yellows, blues and greens all blended together but still stood out on their own.

Some pieces were abstract with random shapes and bold lines, while others showed city scenes or people just living life.

The sculptures on display were everyday items like a Bible, Hot Cheetos and Doritos all hand-painted. It made the whole room feel relatable.

Most of the pieces were influenced by Chicanx culture, which was shown through the lotería cards, lowriders, street signs and small nods to daily life in the community.

The colors and imagery gave off a strong sense of home and tradition.

Visitors from across the country have come to see the collection.

> 'Every angle of the painting captures your eye with a new detail.'
> *– Doug Pearsall, artist*

Julia Saldanha and Kasey Young, high school juniors visiting from New York, were drawn to the six panel Zacarias piece.

"It's a bunch of different drawings or paintings put together. I thought it was really cool," Saldanha said.

Young was interested in an untitled painting of a young girl by artist Sergio Rebia.

"It looks like a photograph, but it's actually a painting," Young said.

For Beatrice Royster, a legal services attorney and Pomona resident, the exhibit's themes stood out.

"It has a few different points of view – about war, family, and universal themes. The colors immediately draw you in," Royster said.

She especially liked the painting "Bolero Familiar" by Wayne Healy, which shows a chaotic family gathering with musicians, guitars, cooking and a child playing with a cat.

"A lot of musicians grow up in families like that, where music is just a part of life," Royster said. "It really illustrates how germs spread. It makes you stop and think about how interconnected everything is."

Younger visitors also enjoyed the exhibit.

Anna Espinosa, a fourth grade student from Montclair, described one of the larger pieces as feeling "like a movie" because of the way its images flowed together.

"There's a lot happening in one painting. It's strange but really cool," Espinosa said.

Those familiar with Chicanx art were surprised by the exhibit. Olivia Segura, visiting from Los Angeles, recognized several artists in the collection, having taken classes from Frank Romero and Margaret Garcia.

She was particularly drawn to "On the Balance Beam" by David Botello.

"I actually know several of the artists. It was a pleasant surprise to see their work here," Segura said. "That one was beautiful."

She also spoke about one of the pieces by Carlos Almaraz which was on display.

"His work is always so powerful. Seeing it here, among so many other important artists, just felt right," Segura said.

Through exhibitions like Home in Aztlán, it continues to uphold its mission of celebrating the community's artistic legacy.

The Claremont Lewis Museum of Art is open Friday through Sunday, welcoming artists, art enthusiasts, and local visitors. "Home in Aztlán" is an exhibit that will leave a lasting impression.

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Concert celebrates an 'Eternal Love'

The Garner House on Indian Hill Boulevard in Claremont hosted a concert titled "The Eternal Love Affair" on Sunday, featuring songs by Robert and Clara Schumann and Johannes Brahms.

The event, put on by the Musicians' Club of Pomona Valley, showcased performances by Chad Jackson on the viola, Albert R. Rice on clarinet, Agatha Hou on piano and soprano Shirley Wang.

Wang introduced each song with historical context and translated the lyrics into English before singing in German.

Her performance was emotional at times, and it let the audience feel her connection to the music.

She contextualized the concert by talking about the Schumanns and their friendship with Brahms, along with their struggles, including Claria Schumann's struggles as a woman in the 1800s with limited opportunity to pursue her passion for music.

Robert Schumann struggled with mental health issues.

After attempting suicide, Robert Schumann was placed in a sanatorium.

Brahms later fell in love with Clara Schumann.

"It was very moving, especially hearing about Clara and Robert's difficult life," said Sharon Algozer, who attended the concert.

The concert highlighted the romantic and artistic connection between Clara and Robert Schumann, as well as their close relationship with Brahms.

Guests, roughly 20 in all, were offered lemonade and an assortment of snacks to enjoy while listening to the beautiful music.

"The Musicians' Club approached us and we said we had a music balcony which could be appropriate," said David Shearer, executive director of Claremont Heritage.

The Musicians' Club relies on donations to fund its events, collected at the concerts to cover venue and performer costs.

The next Musicians' Club event, "The Singer as Storyteller, Part II" will be at 2 p.m. April 5 in the Trinity United Methodist Church in Pomona.

For more information visit **musiciansclubofpomonavalley.com**.

—Monique Arambula

Reign bring St. Patty's Day magic

Leila El Sabbagh
Sports Editor



Chris Rogers

Forwards Francesco Pinelli and Jeff Malott of the Ontario Reign fight off defender Mason Geertsen of the Henderson Silver Knights Sunday night at the Toyota Arena. The Reign won in a shootout, 3-2, and is in second place in the AHL's Pacific Division.

The Ontario Reign decked Toyota Arena out in green for their Hockey is for Everyone: Saint Patrick's Day Celebration on Sunday against the Henderson Silver Knights.

Not only did the Reign need the luck of the Irish, but they needed goaltender Pheonix Copley's North Pole magic to put away the Silver Knights in a shootout, 3-2.

"It doesn't feel like it but at the end of the day it's always nice to have two points," Reign head coach Marco Sturm said. "You gotta enjoy every one, but just the way that the game turned out we shouldn't be happy. We just have a different standard now."

Fans by the thousands sported green Reign jerseys to match the team. The special themed jerseys read "Inland Empire" with a gold crown in the middle.

The jerseys were auctioned off with the profits being donated towards the San Bernardino Humane Society.

There were plenty of activities provided out on the Toyota Arena patio for fans to get into the St. Patrick's Day spirit.

Stations for creating your own four leaf clover out of a cleaning pipe and beading were available at one table, and writing your own sign was available at another.

"Usually for the Ice Crew we're helping out as much as we can," Reign Ice Crew member Samantha Pahia said. "Sometimes we'll come up here to the patio and do little activities. This is my first year with the Reign and my first St. Patty's Day game so I'm really excited."

Bagpipe music was heard throughout the halls from live bagpipe players. Performer Mick Rose was invited to play during intermissions to continue the St. Patrick's Day experience.

As the Reign were playing their rival in the AHL's Pacific Division rival, many fans were ready to see a competitive and fast paced game.

"I'm working tomorrow so I'm looking to celebrate St. Patrick's Day tonight," Reign fan Savannah Garcia said. "I'm looking forward to seeing all the colors on the ice and what everyone decides to wear."

The first period was a great precursor to the entire game.

Nearly half way into the period, Reign defenseman Jakub Dvořák took a hooking penalty but Ontario was able to kill it off.

Shortly after, Silver Knights defenseman Joe Fleming took a slashing penalty that resulted in a Reign power play goal by forward Jack Studnicka assisted by forwards Samuel Fagemo and Martin Chromiak.

The period ended with another Silver Knights penalty killed off and a small scrum that needed to be broken up.

The Reign began the second period with a strong rally that was ultimately broken up by the Silver Knights.

Studnicka was a prominent player throughout the period, adding a couple more shot attempts to put pressure on Silver Knights goaltender Akira Schmid.

Copley was challenged a little more this period with Henderson putting up eight shots and all of them being strong chances.

However, Copley denied every shot taken.

"We feel very comfortable in front of Pheonix," forward Martin Chromiak said. "We know he's going to make those saves to help the team. He's always behind us, helping us and bailing us out."

Nearing eight minutes to go in the second, forward Andre Lee made a behind the back between the legs pass to Studnicka giving the Reign a two-on-one opportunity that Chromiak banked in, giving them their second goal of the night.

Ontario spent the rest of the period killing off a too many men on the ice penalty but were gifted a Silver Knights double minor penalty for high sticking to start the third period.

After a long possession in the Reign zone by the Silver Knights, they scored their first goal of the game. Forward Braeden Bowman was assisted by defenseman Robert Hägg.

In the final minute of the period, the Silver Knights pulled their tender to have even strength after a hooking penalty.

Henderson kept the game alive and sent it into overtime when forward Tanner Laczynski scored to tie it up after two empty net attempts by Ontario were unsuccessful.

The game was sent to a shootout where Copley shut down the Silver Knights.

Reign forward Glenn Gawdin and left wing Jeff Malott put their shot attempts past Schmid, sealing the game for Ontario.

This win updated the Reign's record to 34-19-3 with one shootout loss.

Their next home game will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday against the Tucson Roadrunners at Toyota Arena.

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Baseball dominates in 14-4 win



Rylee Fournier

La Verne sophomore center fielder Jake Ledford makes contact in Saturday's game against Franklin and Marshall. He delivered a strong performance, going 3-for-5 at bat with two RBIs and a stolen base. The Leopards won, 14-4, in eight innings to sweep the three-game series.

Women...

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She said as a woman of color it's important to be career focused – and to have work-life balance.

"Embrace your uniqueness… the source of your strength," Martinez said. "Leadership takes many forms… It's about influence and impact."

After Martinez's speech, Wagoner took the podium. She talked about the importance of finding hope in the community. She emphasized the importance of having and following your "heart dreams."

"I waited until I was 57 to explore a heart dream," Wagoner said. "Hopefulness and heart dreams are what fuel us."

Wagoner said she found a community of hope at an Angel City FC game that she went to with her partner.

The Angel City Football Club is a professional women's soccer team based in Los Angeles, which is part of the National Women's Soccer League.

"Hope is a communal effort," Wagoner said. "I happen to find my village on Sunday at an Angel City game."

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Leos win with strong defense, pitching

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La Verne senior right fielder Angelina Alderete slides safely into second base Saturday in the second game of the Leopards' doubleheader against the Washington University in St. Louis Bears at Campus West. After losing game one, 12-9, La Verne won game two, 7-1.

The Leopards blew out the Washington University in St. Louis Bears, 7-1, during the second game of their doubleheader Saturday at Campus West.

The win followed a 12-9 loss in game one.

"The fact they turned that around, the bats were less hot than in the first game," head coach Danielle Kaminaka said. "We only had seven runs, but the fact that defense held them to one, and that is the thing that I think got us really excited."

The Leopards started the game off strong by getting one run in the first inning from an RBI by senior center fielder Ashley Rodriguez, which brought home senior left fielder Sydney Diaz.

This led to a rally for the Leopards going into the bottom of the second inning, where most of the offense for the team.

Sophomore second baseman Julia Miramontes got an RBI which allowed freshman first baseman Reagan Hallet to score the Leopards' second run of the day.

This run set up senior right fielder Angelina Alderete for a key at-bat, where she grounded out.

She did get her fourth RBI of the season which brought home freshman third baseman Janelle Vega to score the Leopards' third run.

"I think we have a great group of girls and I think our team is young, but our team just has so much passion and we have so much competitiveness within us," Alderete said. "So I just think that's the main reason why we're being so successful because we're putting it all out there, no matter what the outcome is."

All of these key offensive moments led to the biggest moment for the Leopards offensively, when Rodriguez hit her fourth home run of the season to left-center field. The blast brought in two runs to give the Leopards a six-run lead early in the ball game.

> 'My mindset is that I am playing for my team and that we're all a family and I am very grateful to be out here.'
> *—Briana Vasquez, freshman pitcher*

"I feel confident, not only within myself but I feel confident with my team, and I think that's what matters the most," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez leads the team in six different offensive categories with a .500 batting average, 1.094 slugging percentage, four home runs, 21 runs batted in, 16 hits and 10 runs scored.

After a lengthy second inning, the last offensive spark came in the bottom of third inning when Miramaontes got her second RBI of the game which allowed senior outfielder Cassandra Gilbert to score.

"I just feel comfortable, I feel like myself and as far as having it all right now, I'm just playing loose. I love my team, I love the energy we have and that's what I feed off," Miramontes said.

The Bears only managed to score one run in the bottom of the third thanks to the performance of Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Week Briana Vasquez.

Vasquez pitched her second complete game of the season, allowing one run, two walks and five hits.

Consistency from the freshman pitcher was key in her performance from her very first pitch.

"My mindset is that I am playing for my team and that we're all a family and I am very grateful to be out here," Vasquez said.

Her record improved to 7-1 on the season and she is emerging as the Leopards' ace.

The team faced Cal Lutheran on Sunday and Monday to make up games that were rained out earlier in the season. The Leopards kept rolling with a 4-0 win Sunday, but lost, 12-5, in the first game of Monday's doubleheader. The second game was also rained out and will be made up later in the season.

The Leopards are 7-5 overall and 1-1 in SCIAC. They continue conference play at 3 p.m. Friday at Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, followed by a doubleheader at noon Saturday at Campus West.

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LEOPARD SCOREBOARD

AT THE BUZZER

Baseball, March 14
G1 **La Verne - 5**
Franklin & Marshall - 2
G2 **La Verne - 10**
Franklin & Marshall - 4

Baseball, March 15
La Verne - 14
Franklin & Marshall - 4 8 Inn.

Softball, March 16
La Verne - 7
Cal Lutheran - 4

Softball, March 17
G1: Cal Lutheran - 12
La Verne - 5
G2: Canceled due to the rain

Women's Water Polo, March 19
La Verne - 13
Redlands - 9

SCHEDULE

Friday
Men's and women's track and field at Westmont Classic with CE @ Santa Barbara, all day
Men's and women's track and field at UCR Spring Track and Field Classic @ Riverside, all day
Baseball vs. Pomona-Pitzer, 3 p.m.
Softball @ Claremont- Mudd-Scripps, 3 p.m.

Saturday
Men's and women's track and field at Westmont Classic with CE @ Santa Barbara, all day
Men's and women's track and field at UCR Spring Track and Field Classic @ Riverside, all day
Women's water polo @ Cal Lutheran, 11 a.m.
Baseball @ Pomona-Pitzer, 11 a.m.
Softball vs. Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, noon
Softball vs. Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, 2 p.m.
Baseball @ Pomona-Pitzer, 2 p.m.

Monday
Softball vs. Whitworth, 3 p.m.
Softball vs. Whitworth, 5 p.m.

BASEBALL STANDINGS

	SCIAC	Overall
La Verne	**3-0**	**15-1**
Cal Lutheran	3-0	12-4
Claremont-MS	5-1	14-3
Pomona-Pitzer	4-2	12-5
Redlands	4-2	4-2
Chapman	4-5	5-11
Caltech	2-4	3-9
Occidental	1-5	7-11
Whitter	1-8	4-13