Chapman law professor John Eastman says he is one of the legal scholars whose work encouraged President Donald Trump to announce plans to sign an executive order that would end birthright citizenship in the U.S.

Eleven people were killed as they worshipped during Shabbat services held at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Oct. 27. In the days following the shooting, Chapman students, faculty and religious leaders have gathered to honor the victims, and Jewish students have spoken out about their faith. To read The Panther’s coverage, turn to page 2 in news and page 5 in features.

In remembrance of:
Joyce Fienberg
Richard Gottfried
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Jerry Rabinowitz
Cecil and David Rosenthal
Bernice and Sylvan Simon
Daniel Stein
Melvin Wax
Irving Younger

Bob Weir, one of the founding members of the Grateful Dead, performed at the university’s annual Chapman Celebrates fundraiser Nov. 3.

Helen Caldwell, the owner of Mr. C’s Rare Records in the Orange Plaza, aims to preserve music and family history through the store’s collection.
Community, students gather for Pittsburgh shooting memorial

Sandhya Bhaskar | Staff Writer
Dayna Li | Staff Writer

Sophomore Hanna Marcus, who is Jewish, felt the impact firsthand of the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting in which 11 people were killed at the Tree of Life synagogue last week. Her mother attended synagogue there on Saturday when she lived in Pittsburgh. The family worried that Marcus’ grandfather was there during the shooting.

Marcus was one of dozens of Chapman students and faculty who attended vigils that were held by Chapman Jewish student organizations Students Supporting Israel (SSI), Chabad and Hillel, as well as the Fish Interfaith Center, where candles were lit for the 11 victims.

Chapman’s religious leaders, including Cisa Pavyo, associate director of Church Relations, Rabbi Corie Yutkin, director of Jewish Life, and Jibrel Speight, director of Muslim Life, spoke at the event.

“This has had a huge impact on my mom,” Marcus told The Panther. “She called me and I heard about the news room after. She was really distraught.”

During the Oct. 29 service, which began at 8 p.m., attendees were given handouts with the words to a prayer from the book of Psalms.

“The only way to beat darkness from the book of Psalms. “The only way to beat darkness is with a light … one small candle can light a very dark room,” Chabad director Rabbi Gourarie told The Panther Oct. 29. The same goes for this event. By taking the dark time and translating it into light through unity and acts of goodness and kindness … we can combat the darkness.”

Daniel Levine, the director of Jewish Student Life at the Hillfail Foundation of Orange County, led attendees in a prayer, during which he listed the victims of the shooting by name. “Our community mourns the loss of our people as they were savagely killed as they prayed together and celebrated the arrival of a newborn into their community,” Dalia Vered, president of Students Supporting Israel, said at the memorial. “Our recent tragedy is yet another reminder that the age-old evil of anti-Semitism remains a uniquely dangerous and destructive force in our world.”

Vered was sent a message on Instagram Oct. 31 that said “Jewish nurse must be happy. (expletive) Halloween.” The direct message was sent with an emoji and a emoji. Vered doesn’t know who runs the account, and as of Nov. 4, the account “nyc.ru” was renamed.

Incidents of anti-Semitism, which can include physical assaults, vandalism and attacks on Jewish institutions have increased by nearly 60 percent since 2017, according to the Anti-Defamation League. These incidents are reported in all 50 states.

As recently as Oct. 31, someone spray painted the phrase “(expletive) Jews” on an Irving synagogue at around 1:18 a.m. The Irvine Police Department completed a “full sweep of the entire facility,” according to a Facebook post by the Orange County Jewish Life Magazine.

Marcus said that anti-Semitic acts like the vandalism at the Irving synagogue don’t discourage her.

“Jehovah, for me, is something that I am proud of. I’m proud to be Jewish,” she said. “I can’t let someone so insane change my pride for my religion.”

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Law professor may be connected to Trump birthright citizenship plan

Rebecca Glaser | Editor-in-Chief

He’s a Chapman law professor and constitutional law scholar. He ran for attorney general of California. And, he says, he’s one of the legal experts upon whose research President Donald Trump is basing his recent decision to potentially end birthright citizenship.

John Eastman, also who served as the dean of Chapman’s law school in the early 2000s, has studied the 14th Amendment, which courts and legal scholars have long said guarantees citizenship for anyone born or naturalized in the United States.

Eastman declined to comment when asked if he had been contacted by or spoken with the White House or the Trump administration about the issue of birthright citizenship. But, he said, he’d be “happy to provide counsel or speak on the subject if one asks.”

“My feeling is that if you ask, I’ll very likely weigh in if there’s a court battle over this,” he said.

In an Oct. 31 press conference, Trump said that he concluded that changing birthright citizenship through an executive order would be the best option after he met with “very talented” legal scholars.

“Now, I’d rather do it through Congress, because that’s the amendment,” Trump told reporters outside the White House. “But we can certainly do it through … I really believe we can do it through executive order.”

The basis for Eastman’s argument against the current interpretation of the amendment stems from a specific phrase in the 14th Amendment which in order to qualify for citizenship, those born here must be “subject to the jurisdiction of the United States,” which is widely understood to mean U.S. law.

While the Supreme Court ruled in favor of birthright citizenship in 1898, holding that even immigrants in America illegally are subject to U.S. law, some scholars like Eastman argue that the phrase actually means that at least one of the child’s parents needs to be a U.S. citizen for the child to be subject to U.S. political jurisdiction.

But there has been pushback on this interpretation of the constitution from other prominent legal scholars. Garrett Epps, who specializes in constitutional law, wrote in The Atlantic in July that this argument is “at best, scholarly malpractice” and equated it to flat-earthism.

Epps said that a British citizen is visiting here as a tourist, he’s subject to our territorial jurisdiction while he’s here. But he can legally drive on the right side of the road, not the left,” Eastman said. “But he’s not subject to our political jurisdiction … he doesn’t owe any allegiance to us.”

Eastman, who is on sabbatical from teaching in Chapman’s law school, said the topic has come up in some of his Chapman classes over the years – one student even worked on a brief for a birthright citizenship case.

Ian Barnard, a Chapman English professor, tweeted about Trump’s potential taking inspiration from Eastman Oct. 30, calling Eastman a “xenophobic, homophobic Chapman University law professor.”

Eastman serves as chairman of the board for the National Organization for Marriage, a group that has been described by the Southern Poverty Law Center as anti-gay. He also called homosexuality “barbarism” in a piece he wrote in 2000.

“How embarrassing for @ ChapmanU!” Barnard said in his tweet.

President Daniele Struppa wrote in an email to The Panther that while he’s a mathematician, not a legal scholar, he believes the 14th Amendment is “quite literal.”

“From this perspective, it seems to me that the amendment is clear: If you are born in the US and are subject to its laws, you automatically are a U.S. citizen,” Struppa wrote. “So I disagree with interpretations that would remove citizenship of persons who are in the U.S. illegally: It seems to me that the 14th Amendment cannot give citizenship to those who we have already been born in the U.S. and are not subject to its laws. I recognize and respect that other people may think differently, but to me, the reading is simple.”

Despite his belief in changing the constitution to eradicate birthright citizenship, Eastman said he hopes that whatever comes out of Trump’s executive order doesn’t retroactively affect children of immigrants who have already been born in the U.S.

“I’d like to see it done in a way that doesn’t pull the rug out from people that we have been, for too long, acting as if they were already citizens,” Eastman said. “When our own government is inditing people that they’re citizens, they ought to be able to rely on that.”

Gurary invited attendees at the Oct. 29 vigil to write down a mitzvah they would complete in honor of those who were killed. A mitzvah is performing any good deed, Gurary said. Antinor said that makes Jewish people a family is that we all come from the same root or the same beginning,” Gurary said. “We find this world to be a good place by doing a mitzvah.”

At the Oct. 30 memorial, Payuyo spoke to the audience of around 50 people and said that the nation has lost its moral compass.

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Students rally on campus to support LGBTQIA+ rights

Jade Yang | Staff Writer

On the breezy afternoon of Oct. 31, colorful pride flags for the LGBTQIA+ community decorated the steps to Leatherby Libraries, capturing the attention of passersby. Around 50 students gathered in the Attallah Piazza to protest in support of transgender rights and stand in solidarity with the LGBTQIA+ community a little over a week after the Trump administration announced it would consider defining gender as a biological condition determined by genitalia at birth. If this legal definition is altered, it would eliminate federal recognition of the 1.4 million Americans who identify as transgender.

Starting at around noon, Chapman students took turns sharing their experiences with discoveries of their identities and advocating for the equality of people in the LGBTQIA+ community.

Junior Melody Carey, who identifies as transgender, spoke to the audience about how she came out to her other female roommates during her freshman year at Chapman.

The response she received involved an intervention with the students’ Resident Advisor after Carey’s roommates claimed they were uncomfortable with her, Carey said. She then had to move into new housing.

“Housing has been a lot easier now since once you’re able to house with people you know – you know who’s going to be accepting,” Carey, a mathematics and computer science double major, told The Panther. “The school has sex- and gender-inclusive housing... I would suggest anybody who has any worries to use that.”

Carey also described how in a meeting with Dean of Students Jerry Price, he mentioned taking steps to add gender-inclusive bathrooms in new buildings on campus.

“It’s amazing... that (the Chapman community) is cognizant about these issues and that they train faculty members in sensitivity, create safe spaces on campus, have the cross-cultural center, have an awareness month for LGBTQ members, allow clubs (like) the Queer Student Alliance (and) they’re open to free speech,” Carey said. “It’s incredibly important they’re taking steps in the right direction and they’re open to listening to feedback.”

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Dayna Li | Staff Writer

Chapman’s Delta Sigma Phi fraternity chapter was put on probation after an unspecified incident involving intoxicated members at Boomers! Parks in Irvine, where the fraternity had its first date party Oct. 6, university administrators said.

Colleen Wood, director of Student Conduct, told The Panther that the fraternity’s national headquarters put the chapter on probationary status Oct. 26. The probation will last through the end of April, Wood said.

“This (incident) didn’t involve a lot of investigation. We talked with the (chapter) president in conjunction with the national office,” Wood said.

“There’s not much question about what occurred.”

Wood declined to go into detail about what the violation was, but she said there was some concerning behavior and that the event was planned poorly.

“There were overly intoxicated individuals who weren’t abiding by rules of the establishment,” Wood said.

The probation will limit the fraternity’s social events, especially those with alcohol, Dean of Students Jerry Price told The Panther. Delta Sigma Phi is also required to be supervised during its new member training.

The chapter is complying with the directives from their national office, Wood wrote in an email to The Panther.

“There’s always some training and education requirements for chapter leaders,” Price said. “During their probation, (members of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity) are expected to do additional things with training and education.”

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Chapman ‘Celebrates’ 38th annual philanthropy event

Chapman Celebrates is a night that typically brings in more than $1 million in donations. In the past, the university has budgeted around $500,000 for expenses related to the event, and it’s typically the university’s highest-grossing fundraiser of the featured year.

Grateful Dead founding member Bob Weir, who received Chapman’s Lifetime Achievement in the Arts award this year, performed an acoustic version of his song “Easy To Slip” at the Nov. 3 event, which is typically marked by its glamorous costumes, lightings and productions.

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**Features**

**Jewish students reflect after Pittsburgh synagogue shooting**

There was a 57 percent increase in anti-Semitic incidents between 2016 and 2017, including a significant increase in incidents at schools and college campuses, according to the Anti-Defamation League.

Zach Davis | Staff Writer

Early Oct. 27, another violent tragedy struck America as news broke of a mass shooting in a place of worship.

Eleven people were killed and six wounded at The Tree of Life synagogue in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The suspect, Robert Bowers, is said to have yelled “All Jews must die” before he began shooting at worshippers. Four of the seven handguns were police officers. Authorities are treating the shooting as a hate crime and have started a history of Bower posting anti-Semitic rants online, according to The Washington Post.

The shooting was described by The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and the Jewish Council for Public Affairs as “the deadliest attack against a Jewish community in U.S. history.”

“It’s hard for me to understand how someone could hate so much,” said Zose Pittler, a sophomore integrated educational studies major who is Jewish. “It’s scary to think that someone can take such drastic measures against a group of individuals that they have never met.”

Around 10 percent of Chapman students are Jewish, according to Hillel International, and although Chapman was recently ranked as one of the safest colleges for Jewish students, anti-Semitic incidents are on the rise in the U.S. In a 2017 audit, the ADL reported a 57 percent rise in anti-Semitic incidents in 2017, attributing this sharp rise partly to the increase in violent incidents at schools and on college campuses. These incidents, which occurred at business establishments, homes, schools and college campuses, went from 1,267 in 2016 to 1,986 in 2017 and included bomb threats, vandalism and anti-Semitic posters found on college campuses.

This spike is cause for concern for some Chapman students.

“I’ve always been the type of person who wasn’t afraid to tell people that I’m Jewish,” said Alexis Ribakoff, a sophomore integrated educational studies major. “But in light of recent events, I tend to rethink that confidence. Sadly, the world is not as accepting as I thought.”

Some Chapman students who were devastated when they heard about the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting. Both are members of Chapman’s Hillel organization, and they regularly attend university-sanctioned services, such as Hillel’s. This week, both Chapman’s Fish Interfaith Center and Hillel organized vigils for those who died at the shooting.

“How can someone hate a group just because of their religion?” Pittler said.

Some Chapman students have taken to social media to show their support for victims of the shooting, as well as support for the Jewish community. Ribakoff reposted a Star of David on her Instagram story on Monday in order to show her support for the 11 people killed in the shooting. Many of her friends posted similar images.

Although no anti-Semitic incidents were reported on Chapman’s campus in 2017, Orange County has had a hate crime as recently as Oct. 31. An Irvine synagogue, the Beth Jacob Congregation, was vandalized, with “[Expletive] Jews” written in red paint on the temple, according to the Orange County Register. This incident came two days after members of the Irvine synagogue held a vigil for victims of the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting.

“It hits close to home. It’s troubling to hear of events like this so close to where we are,” Pittler said.

Campuses are increasingly the scenes of anti-Semitic incidents, according to the ADL. There were 204 incidents that took place at college campuses in 2017, which was 108 incidents occurred in 2016.

“I need to be more careful about how to show my Judaism. I’m proud to be Jewish. But that is changing because of the hatred in the world,” Ribakoff said.

Bowers pled not guilty on 44 counts, including hate crimes and using a firearm to commit murder in a crime of violence. Possible sentencing could include the death penalty and up to life in prison. Bowers didn’t appear to flinch when he listened to his possible sentencing, according to the New York Times.

In the midst of mourning, some Chapman students are finding light. “I feel support from all corners of this campus,” Ribakoff said. “Everyone is supportive, and that makes me feel safer.”

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**Could a Democrat end Dana Rohrabacher’s 15-term congressional reign?**

Rebecca Glaser | Editor-in-Chief

Harley Rouda is clean-cut. He wears a casual but conservative checked shirt and sits with his hands folded neatly. His gray, closely-cropped hair is parted and arranged just so. Though Rouda looks like any other businessman one might see in the Orange County area — he’s anything but.

Rouda is planning a political takeover from a small but tidy Newport Beach campaign office nestled in a nondescript business complex just minutes away from sprawling oceanside estates and the well-to-do Fashion Island Shopping Center.

He aims to unseat prominent Republican Dana Rohrabacher for California’s 48th district seat.

Rohrabacher was nearly tied in the polls, but as of Nov. 4, the New York Times put Rouda 3 percent ahead. So what makes Rouda confident he’ll win?

His strength, he believes, is in attracting voters from both parties. He’s had “massive” support from independents and moderate Republicans, he said, and he may be right: There are dozens of signs that read “Republicans for Harley” on sidewalks of the major thoroughfares in Newport Beach.

“It’s due to the fact that the Republican Party has moved so far to the right,” Rouda said. “When I was a Republican, you had Republicans who believed in environmental stewardship, Republicans who believed in women’s rights … Republicans who believed that moderation was how you moved the country forward. It would appear now, based on the current Republican leadership, that all of those things I just mentioned are off the table.”

There’s another quality that differentiates Rouda from his opponent. Millionaire Michael Bloomberg’s super PAC has spent more than $4.3 million to oppose Rohrabacher, according to the Center for Responsive Politics, making this the most costly House election in the U.S. While Rohrabacher hasn’t self-financed during his 2018 campaign, Rouda has spent more than $1 million of his own money, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

“We did not have much advance notice,” said Rouda of the sudden influx of PAC’s funding. “The Congressional Leadership Fund, the super PAC on the Republican side, has spent millions of dollars against me. Having Bloomberg come in and help offset that — we’re greatly appreciative of it.”

Trends in Florida’s early voting for the 2018 election show a surge in younger voters, according to Time, and Rouda believes that keeping young adults politically engaged is key.

“We’ve got to continue to build the desire to vote and overcome any apathy for those who don’t feel it’s important,” Rouda said. “It’s not only a constitutional right, but it’s also your civic duty.”

He laughs. “Sorry, I was on my soapbox for a minute.”
‘You can’t get rid of us’: Students speak out about Trump gender memo

Talia Cutitta | Assistant Features Editor

When junior Melody Carey came to Chapman, her roommates did not feel comfortable living with her in a dorm room because she was transgender, she said. Carey said she had to go from door to door to find new roommates, outing herself as transgender to each person to prevent that from happening again.

The Trump administration wants to legally redefine gender as strictly biological and determined by genitalia at birth, in an effort to federally invalidate transgender and genderqueer community, according to the New York Times.

“We exist. You can’t get rid of us,” said Emma Barda, a sophomore news and documentary major, who identifies as trans.

The Department of Health and Human Services proposed the new definition of sex would be determined by the genitals that a person is born with, according to a memo from the department that was reviewed by The New York Times. Any dispute about one’s sex would have to be clarified through genetic testing.

“It’s just so detrimental to the community as a whole, and it’s detrimental to the safety of the community from other people,” Carey said. “The only good thing coming out of it is that we’re coming together."

Carey organized the Oct. 31 solidarity walkout on campus because fellow Queer Student Alliance (QSA) members wanted to speak out and protest against the memo.

“It’s taking away rights, civil rights and liberties that we all deserve as humans and categorizing people based off of things when we shouldn’t be categorizing people. We should be looking at humans and human rights, not transgender rights, not women’s rights, it should be everybody has rights,” Carey said.

Avery Roberts, a junior vocal performance major who identifies as trans, said she feels “troubled” and “saddened,” but not surprised by Trump’s decision.

“I hate taking steps backward,” Roberts said. “Every step forward is so hard-fought that it feels like we just got this recognition, we just accept us on a national stage for the first time.”

Conservatives believe sex and gender should be one and the same, which shows their lack of understanding of the trans community, Roberts said. The hatred against minorities comes from fear and this anger in their own lives that is transferred over to people who are vulnerable because of like Alex Jones and President Donald Trump, she said.

“It’s this idea that it’s OK to talk down and literally physically attack other people in order to make yourself higher,” Roberts said. It’s not a zero-sum game, though. We can have our rights, you can have your rights, we can all get along.”

Barda traditionally dresses more feminine, they said, but when the memo came out, Barda considered cutting back on the more feminine dressing a bit, afraid of the hate they might receive.

“If (this) gets passed, I’m not afraid of what the law specifically says it will do, but how other people will interpret this law existing and use this law to enable their own personal transphobia, and that’s the real problem,” Barda said. “If we have a president that says it’s OK, that means people will believe this is acceptable when it is not.”

Roberts said she wishes to live her life as a trans person and not be questioned, verbally attacked or physically attacked for that.

“It just baffles me beyond anything that there’s so much vitriol over the fact that I exist,” Roberts said. “I want to make music. I want to live. I want to write. I want to be (viewed as) a normal person because I am a normal person.”

The best thing students can do, as allies, is vote Nov. 6, Carey said.

Why some women are joining No-Shave November

Maggie Wright | Staff Writer

Freshmen Emily Hinton and Lauren Atkins didn’t know women could participate in No-Shave November, which is traditionally an event to raise awareness about men’s health. It makes sense for women to participate, they said, since women spend an average of $10,000 on shaving products throughout their lifetime, according to India.

“I think women should participate because shaving sucks and it takes so long,” said Atkins, a freshman history major. “Girls can support cancer too.”

Hinton agreed that women should participate, even if it’s just to try something different.

“It could offer some freedom,” said Hinton, a creative writing major. “It’s one less thing you have to focus on, it could free up more space in your life and in your mind.”

Harrison Lowe, a freshman international business major, is participating in No-Shave November this month with his scp, which he said he “100 percent” believes women should also take part. He and his friends plan on donating funds to the No-Shave November cause to support cancer research at the end of the month.

“Hopefully, our moustaches won’t look too bad,” Lowe said. “I might break, but I still donate.”

While November is focused on men, No-Shave November includes both men and women. No-Shave November was started by the Hill family in 2009, after Matthew Hill passed away from colon cancer. The organization encourages men and women to stop shaving for the month of November and instead, donate the money they would spend on shaving to cancer research.

Low and many others are unaware that there is a difference between Movember and No-Shave November. Movember started in 2003 when 30 men decided to grow out their moustaches in order to spark conversation about men’s health, while November focuses on prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide prevention in men and has raised more than $710 million since 2003, according to the website.

People can participate by “growing a beard, cultivating a moustache, letting those legs go natural and skipping that waxing appointment,” according to the No-Shave November website. While the statement is gender-neutral, the brand’s logo features a man with a moustache and goatee.

Camille Toomey, an undeclared freshman, took part in No-Shave November during her freshman year of high school. She wanted to see what it was like to grow out her hair, and said she enjoyed “making misogynistic men uncomfortable.”

“I think it’s so dumb that (women) have to shave, and that we’re seen as gross or unattractive if we don’t. It’s just hair,” Toomey said. "Women should feel comfortable to participate without feeling judged by other people.”

Toomey threw her razors away before November so she wouldn’t be tempted to shave. Because she lived in India in high school, she said there were the occasional stares, and she began to have regrets, especially when she wore sleeveless tops. “It was the beginning of high school, That’s when people form their impressions of you,” Toomey said. “But I told myself “You know what? We’re gonna do this. I thought, if people hold onto this little thing for the next four years, then they’re just dumb.”

No-Shave November isn’t the only time women can flaunt their body hair. YouTuber Leanne Ratchiffe, known as "Freelee the Banana Girl," stopped shaving around August 2017 and calls all girls to stop “conforming to a sexist standard set by the media.” Her controversial actions sparked comments from critics, calling her “disgusting” and “gross,” according to the Independent.

“This IS a gender issue,” Ratchiffe’s caption said on an Instagram post that showed body hair. “Let’s remind ourselves that men HAVE ARMPIT HAIR and don’t have any pressure or expectation to shave it.”

Some students think it would make sense for women to participate in No Shave November, as women spend an average of $10,000 on shaving products in their lifetime.

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Some LGBTQIA+ students are upset with the Department of Health and Human Services’ proposition that gender should be determined by the genitalia a person is born with, according to a memo reviewed by the New York Times. Fem left to right, Emma Barda, Melody Carey and Avery Roberts.
Helen Caldwell, who recently celebrated her 80th birthday, has been running Mr. C's Rare Records located in Old Towne Orange almost on her own since her husband, Everett Caldwell, died two years ago.

Students celebrate Dia de los Muertos away from home

Hayley Nelson | Staff Writer

The Atallah Piazza was decorated with bright tablecloths, candles and snacks ranging from sugar skulls to Cheetos. A mariachi band, dressed in traditional garb, played music as students gathered to celebrate Dia de los Muertos.

Anna Vargas, a sophomore screenwriting major, wouldn’t have celebrated the holiday without the event Chapman held on Thursday, Noche de Altare, which was held by MCHA, de Chapman in collaboration with the Latinx Staff and Faculty Forum and Chapman’s Latinx and Latin American Studies Department. In the past, her parents occasionally lit a candle to celebrate the holiday, she said, but this year she participated by creating an altar in the Piazza.

“I think bringing in different cultures and having events that help people understand other people is great exposure,” Vargas said. “It’s also important in my culture.”

More than 175 million Americans celebrated Halloween this year, however. Dia de los Muertos has gained popularity in the U.S., according to a study conducted by the National Retail Federation.

Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is a Mexican holiday that originated as a way to honor family members and people in the community who have died. Many people paint their faces to resemble skulls, and dress up in bright colors. At its core, the holiday is a celebration.

Gabriel Zavala, who is in charge of Rhythmo Mariachi Academy in Anaheim, which self-describes as “a mariachi program for boys and girls of all ages and nationalities,” performed at Chapman’s Dia de los Muertos event Nov. 1.

“The Latino community is increasing, and we bring with us certain customs that we share,” Zavala said. “(Dia de los Muertos) is a way of sharing our beliefs and our traditions, and we can celebrate it as not something weird, but something that belongs.”

Day of the Dead is traditionally celebrated in Mexico on Nov. 1 and 2, which are All Saints’ Day and All Souls’ Day in Mexico, according to NPR. Those who celebrate make “ofrendas,” or offerings, to the spirits of family members who have died and leave them at their graves or on makeshift altars at home.

Zavala has lived in Orange County for 53 years, and has celebrated Dia de los Muertos every year since he was born, he said. Though he used to celebrate in a small ranch town in Guanajuato, Mexico, he maintains his traditions wherever he goes.

“People get together with all the families, go to the cemetery and decorate the tomb of the deceased,” Zavala said. “They sing songs, eat food and place a picture of the departed one with flowers and everything. They also set up dishes they liked, hoping they will like it still. It’s symbolic. It builds family.”

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Helen Caldwell has been running Mr. C’s Rare Records in the Orange Plaza nearly on her own since her husband, Everett Caldwell, died two years ago. It hasn’t always been easy for Caldwell, who recently turned 80, to run the store, but she gets by through her love of music and help from her record-store “family.”

“Th e store brings back a lot of memories of my grandpa, so it’s really hard for her, but the merchants are great. It’s a whole other family that we wouldn’t have if it wasn’t for the store,” said Amy Whetsel, the Caldwell’s granddaughter.

People from all over the world visit the store with a list of records they’re looking for and spend days browsing the classic records, Whetsel said. The inspiration to open a store began when Everett Caldwell started coming home with records because the artwork was “really neat,” Helen said. Whetsel said her grandfather started to keep her mom and aunt, Everett and Helen’s daughters, listening to music at home instead of going out to parties. The collection got out of control fast, Helen said, and she had to start cataloging the records in a shoebox in alphabetical order.

“(Everett) wasn’t really musically inclined, but he learned a lot by opening the store,” Caldwell said. “Customers would come in and talk about how knowledgeable he was and said he was fun to talk to.”

Mr. C’s Record Store carries 45 vinyls, which have two songs on each side, and 33 and one-third vinyls, which have multiple tracks. Their inventory comes from purchasing peoples’ collections.

There are so many different records you can pick from,” Whetsel said. “You can listen to a new genre or a new person every single day that you’re there. It doesn’t ever get old, hearing the vinyl and especially smelling them.”

Helen Caldwell’s personal favorites are Johnny Cash’s “60s music, country western and surf music, like Dick Dale and The Beach Boys. She likes older music, she said, because it reminds her of a time when ‘a record told a story.”

Whetsel said that Helen Caldwell has “a mind of her own.”

“My grandma is a very unique person and she’s set in her ways. I get my stubbornness from her,” Whetsel said.

Curt Blevins, who volunteers at the store, said he noticed that Helen needed some help since the store has no official employees other than Helen Caldwell. He had wanted to work at Mr. C’s ever since he moved to Orange, so he asked if he could help out around the store.

There are some perks to being a volunteer at the store, he said, like finding a “cool” record from time to time that Helen lets him take home.

“This is a special kind of store,” Blevins said. “There’s nothing online and it’s all secondhand. When we buy records, we have to make sure they’re in good condition so we can actually sell them and keep up our name of ‘Mr. C’s Rare Records.”

Whetsel sometimes helps out her grandma at the record store on the weekends, usually Saturdays, the store’s busiest day. She loves taking out random records and put them on the record player at the store, she said.

Cesar Cortez, an Orange County resident, musician and customer of the record store, collects records and has been going to Mr. C’s Rare Records since he was in his early 20s, he said. Now in his 30s, the store is his go-to when shopping for The Beatles’ albums.

“They have first-edition records from back in the day,” Cortez said. “Mr. C’s is one of the few staples of Old Towne. Those record stores are hard to find.”

For Helen Caldwell, a typical day in the store is “fun” because she meets and talks with a variety of people, she said.

“Without music, life would be a mistake,” she said. “I think you need music in your life. If you’re down, music brings you up.”
Hate is not leadership

The Panther Editorial Board

Joyce Fienberg. Richard Gottfried. Rose Mallinger. Jerry Rabinowitz. Cecil Rosenthal. David Rosenthal. Daniel Stein. Melvin Wax. Irving Younger. These are the names of the 11 victims who were killed as they worshipped Oct. 27, in a sacred synagogue meant to be a safe place and refuge, by an anti-Semitic gunman with a history of hate-fueled and racist online rants.

We are just 309 days into 2018. As of Nov. 4, there have been 305 mass shootings in the United States, according to the Gun Violence Archive. Essentially, there have been almost as many mass shootings in the U.S. as there have been days so far this year.

The Pittsburgh gunman, who wielded a semiautomatic rifle and three handguns, allegedly shouted “Jews must die,” as he unleashed gunfire. This attack came just three days after a man was arrested in Florida for sending packages with pipe bombs to journalists and politicians across the U.S.

The main thing these two men have in common? Vitriolic, hateful and highly political rants on social media. Who do they have this in common with? President Donald Trump.

While anti-Semitism and hateful language are nothing new, Trump’s ability to consistently get away with spreading racist and xenophobic rhetoric sets a precedent that this type of thinking is acceptable – if not commendable.

White nationalists on Twitter mention Trump more than any other topic, according to a 2016 study on the social media networks of extremists. Online anti-Semitism surged after Trump’s election and around the time of the 2017 “Unite the Right” rally in Charlottesville, according to a September 2018 study by the Network Contagion Research Institute. The use of a derogatory slur referring to African-Americans also spiked around this time, according to the study.

One of the sites where this language increased markedly was Gab, the site on which the Pittsburgh shooter posted most of his anti-Semitic rants.

At Chapman, after a Jewish student spoke at a vigil for the Pittsburgh shooting victims, she was sent a message on Instagram that said, “Jewish must be die. Happy (expletive) Halloween.” The user, who was not identified, added a purple devil Emoji to the message.

While hateful rhetoric has existed for years, there’s something deeply unsettling about the recent, seamless transition of both of these men from social media vigilantes to real-life attackers. The internet has become a place for extremist, hateful people to grow, thrive and eventually strike.

Having a president who openly behaves erratically on social media and bolsters the behavior of those who misuse these platforms is disappointing to the American people. A 2018 PRRI survey of American values found that 54 percent of those surveyed believe that Trump’s behavior as president has encouraged white supremacist groups.

Violence and hate will always exist. But our country deserves a leader who will oppose this behavior and do his or her part to prevent it, rather than embolden those who seek to spread prejudice and anger.
Why fighting anti-Semitism shouldn’t be partisan

A t this moment, with 11 families mourning the loss of their relatives after the Pittsburgh shooting, with a community grieving, amid a world of Jews scared for what comes next, some Americans seem to be more afraid of one another than of the shooters. And yet, as we work to mend this country, we begin to witness the decay of unity. Whether it is the rise in hate crimes or the animosity on social media, the nation is divided. Over the past few years, it seems as if there has been more political polarization than ever in the modern era of this country. This hostility can be seen in a variety of ways: Recent acts of violence towards innocent civilians, unfair treatment of minority groups, animosity on social media, enmity between our elected officials and an over-arching sense of outrage that is present in this nation.

The unfortunate truth is that there is no single solution to mend America. This country is severely broken, and it will take time, patience and understanding to fix it. The first step is to vote. As soon as news of the events in Pittsburgh spread, people too readily associated the attack with Trump and Republicans, without recognizing that anti-Semitism has been around for thousands of years, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica. The Anti-Defamation League reported that anti-Semitic hate crimes have risen almost 60 percent from 2016 to 2017. This report has been out for more than four months, yet it takes 11 innocent Jews to be killed while worshipping for us to start talking about the severity of anti-Semitism. And while the right has begun to be at fault for spinning hateful rhetoric, this issue shouldn’t be made partisan.

Instead of trying to fix the inherent anti-Semitism present in the United States, we simply point fingers at our supposed conservative politicians and pass along the blame. Anti-Semitism should be recognized by everyone, regardless of background or of political party. Without this recognition, the problem will continue to worsen.

For three and a half years, I attended a Jewish day school in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Sheltered by my community, it wasn’t until high school, when my school received a bomb threat and my community synagogue was defaced with graffiti swastikas, that I began to notice the horrible realities of anti-Semitism. Jews are put down, demeaned and belittled every day, yet it is ignored and associated with the anti-Zionist movement. And worst of all, 11 innocent Jews are killed in a horrendous act of violence against the Jewish religion, we make it partisan, using the incident to spew hate against the right and “righteously” advocate for gun control.

By doing so, we push anti-Semitism aside. Instead of standing with the Jewish people in a critical time of need, we associate it with the Encyclopedia Britannica. But is it the reason why we no longer need the fire to check the law of firearms, gun control won’t change anti-Semitism. The upcoming midterm elections are an opportunity to vote out the “red” waves to fix this country, we must rely on the current administration, and many likely tired of the endless voting campaigns. But the call to get out and vote is warranted, and Americans need to respond by voting in a way that shows the world we’re not afraid to defy their party. Partisan politics are destroying this country.

We live in extremely tense times, and it is crucial that we send a message to our elected officials. We desperately need to bring respect and compassion into politics. To illustrate the lack of these values, we can look at the confirmation hearings of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh and the poor manner in which our senators conducted themselves.

Whether you approve or disapprove of Kavanaugh, we should all be able to agree that the lack of compound among our leaders was embarrassing for the country. Respect and compassion have been lacking since the foundation of this nation, and if present, they could change the world. We need to reflect on our val- ues, and if they do not exemplify dignity, then neither can we.

Not only do we need to elect considerate individuals, but we need to elect more moderate candidates who are not afraid to defy their party. Partisan politics are destroying this society. The lack of integrity on this path, will continue to be a divided nation.

Politicians are members of a large family, away from their parties, and these fears are reflected in their votes on recent tax and healthcare bills. We cannot rely on the “blue” or “red” filter to fix this country; we must rely on the cumulative power of the American people.

The next step in unification is controlling our emo- tions and developing open minds. Debating political issues is a vital component of our democracy. If we want to avoid the unnecessary suffering and sorrow, it is time to come together and discuss it. This unification will not happen overnight, but if Americans can recognize the situation and work toward a solution, we may one day have a truly United States.

Mimi Fhima, Sports Editor

How music can be cheaper than time travel

S uddenly, I’m back there. I’m sitting on the drum, my boots dangling off of the cliff’s edge, watching the sunset paint the city, Edinburgh, Scotland, golden. I feel the chilly breeze gently blowing the loose hair away from my neck, see the pink clouds collecting on the distant rooftops, the increasingly violet sky melting into night as the sun slips away. “Cadence to Arms” by the bagpiping band Dropkick Murphys blasts as loud as my wimpy iPhone speaker can manage. I wish the music would flare out in movie theater-grade surround sound, but nestled on this rocky crag, my iPhone has to do — and did. Every, time I hear that song, I remember that joie de vivre sunset, the intimacy of that moment as I sat there, just one tiny person in love with the great big world below.

I’m no longer in the United Kingdom, but occasionally “Cadence to Arms” plays when I shuffle my music library. I’ll be getting on the treadmill here in Orange, California, thinking of my Trader Joe’s shopping list when that slow, sweet bagpipe opening note from my headphones and I am transported back to Scotland, to my semester of traveling Europe, to the excitement and wonder that defined me during those four months, to that version of myself. How does music do that? How does it stop a passing moment and freeze it in our memory forever?

A new study from the University of California, Davis, discusses how this recall works. The study’s author, psychology professor Peter Janata, found that in the medial prefrontal cortex region (the part of the brain directly behind the forehead) familiar pieces of music (will trigger) a soundtrack for a mental movie” in our heads.

“(Music) calls back memories of a particular person or place, and you might all of a sudden see that person’s face in your mind’s eye,” Janata said.

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Neurologically, our brain has different ways of recalling memory. The first is explicit memory, or the act of consciously trying to remember something, the second is implicit memory, or that spontaneous, reactive form of memory I experience when I hear “Cadence to Arms.” While explicit memory is crucial, things that affect us from “outside of consciousness” (or implicit memory) can be equally powerful, Robert Snyder, an Art Institute of Chicago composer, told the BBC. This spontaneous recall affects us differently at various points in our lives. During the first two decades of life, memories related to music will be more meaningful, according to the BBC. But later in life, our experiences dull our ability to remember.

Research on the relationship between music and memory is being used today to study diseases like Alzheimer’s and depression. In both cases, music can potentially help patients restore memory, or see the past in a new light. Music, Jenkins said, may not cure, but “perhaps it can help heal.”

Maybe when I’m old and gray, I’ll still hear that song and remember that sunset, smiling at the thought of my semester gallivanting across Europe. For now, I’ll let these mini song-induced memory experiences. Spotify is way cheaper than time travel.

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Opinions
Goalkeeper leads men’s soccer to first conference championship

Mimi Fhima | Sports Editor

After 13 years of playing soccer, Chandler Siemonsma, sophomore men’s soccer goalkeeper, was ready to quit the sport during his senior year of high school. After recovering from a hand injury, Siemonsma said he missed soccer and decided to look for options to play the sport. Siemonsma transferred from Seattle Pacific University, and in his first year at Chapman Siemonsma has made more than 50 saves and has led the team to eight wins, so far.

Siemonsma made five saves in the second half of the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) semifinal game against Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Nov. 1.

With the game scoreless at the end of overtime, the team went into penalty kicks. After both teams scored on their first three penalty kicks, Siemonsma said he knew it was his time to step up.

"After the first three, I was just thinking ‘OK, I need to save one,’ because our team was converting our penalty kicks, doing their part," Siemonsma said. "Finally, on the fourth one, the guy seemed super nervous, so I read him and was lucky enough to get a hand on it."

After Siemonsma saved the fourth goal, freshman Aidan Wall scored Chapman’s fifth penalty kick, securing the win for the Panthers. Andrew Moreland, junior midfielder and Siemonsma’s roommate, said he was proud of Siemonsma.

"I always joke around with (Siemonsma) like ‘I’m kind of embarrassed to call you my roommate.’ We banter back and forth at practice,” Moreland said.

"He always comes up big in the big moments of the game ... I was very proud to call him my roommate after the game."

Siemonsma said Gerzon Blanco, the assistant coach, advised Siemonsma about the psychological side of soccer.

"My assistant coach told me before the game, ‘Stay mentally in it. If you can do that, then you’re really going to help us today,’” Siemonsma said.

Chapman moved onto the conference finals Nov. 3. With four saves from Siemonsma and an early goal from freshman forward Tobi Howe, the team took home the championship and advanced to the national tournament.

Despite the pressure of his first year, Siemonsma said he enjoys playing for Chapman and has fun with the team.

"Being a freshman on the team, there’s a lot of pressure to do my best for the team and to do my part,” Siemonsma said.

Siemonsma is well-rounded and his determination allows him to excel in academics and athletics, Moreland said.

"He’s a very determined player on or off the field, whether that’s studying for an O-chem test, or on the field watching and paying attention to what coach is saying,” Moreland said. "He’s an extremely hard worker, gets good grades and also does really well in the game."

Siemonsma also has a softer side, Moreland said, and enjoys making jokes and messing around with the team.

"(We) know that he’s going to do everything he can to make sure that we don’t get scored on,” Moreland said. "The lightheartedness takes the tension out of the game and lets us just play.”

This will be the team’s first time playing in the national tournament. Siemonsma was awarded Most Valuable Player of the Postseason Tournament, and said he anticipates playing in nationals.

“We have good momentum going into the tournament,” Siemonsma said. "The biggest thing for me as a goalkeeper is I always want to try to give my team the best possible opportunity to win a game. For me, that’s keeping a shutout.”

The Panthers find out who they play in the NCAA Tournament Nov. 5 during the selection show.
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Senior and freshman volleyball players reflect on end of season

Pri Jain | Staff Writer

Despite the women’s volleyball team’s loss in the conference semifinals Nov. 1, senior middle blocker Lauren Friend believes she’s had a successful volleyball career. Freshman outside hitter Jessi Lumsden has expressed desire to step up and lead the team going forward.

Though her volleyball career started off shaky, Friend said her persistence with training earned her the opportunity to play college volleyball. “The first year that I played volleyball, I went and tried out for a bunch of different club teams. I got cut from every single one,” Friend said. “I joined this training team … the year after that I made (teams) and started getting recruited by colleges.”

Like Friend, Lumsden said she struggled to find her niche when she first started playing the sport. After switching positions multiple times, Lumsden said she was able to find the playing style that fit her best. Lumsden first played competitive volleyball in eighth grade.

“I didn’t think they were ready to play … they were nervous or intimidated, Friend and the other seniors on the team have a calm mindset. “I think that it’s super nerve wracking for everyone,” Friend said, “the difference is that over four years, you develop different techniques to deal with it … my motto over the past four years has been that I play to win, I don’t play to not lose.” As the lead scorer this year, Lumsden said she hopes she can help the incoming freshmen develop their work ethic.

She was able to relieve some of the nerves going into the semifinal game against Cal Lutheran, Lumsden said. “I definitely put a lot of pressure on myself,” Lumsden said. “It was not my day that day … After the first two sets, we decided that we were here because we love the sport.”

Quarterback balances family and football

Jake Hamilton | Staff Writer

Chapman quarterback Ian Fieber has played Division I, Division II and, now, Division III football. After playing at San Jose State University, Riverside City College and the University of Sioux Falls, Fieber returned home to Southern California and gave up higher division football to play at Chapman for a special reason: his family.

“I have a daughter, so there was some stuff that I had to come home for,” said Fieber, a native of Corona, California. When he returned to Southern California, Fieber said he wouldn’t want to play anywhere else.

“I have a daughter, there was some stuff that I had to come home for.”
- Ian Fieber, senior quarterback

“I’d just rather be here, back home with all the family and support,” Fieber said. “I’m pretty happy where I’m at.”

Head coach Bob Owens said Fieber’s experience in football adds a sense of maturity to the team. “He and I meet quite often, talking about the things he wants to accomplish in life and the type of commitment and impact he should have for this program,” Owens said. “I think that’s a really good balance.”

Compared to Division I football, Fieber said playing at Chapman doesn’t carry as much pressure. “Coming from a Division I team, everyone is worried about themselves, trying to get in the league, trying to get money. It’s a way more a business,” Fieber said. “(At Chapman) everyone really enjoys being around each other. It’s an actual team.”

Along with his responsibilities on the field, Fieber juggles academics and his duties as a parent. Dividing up the time between spending time with his daughter, Sawyer, school and football can be a struggle, he said.

“You just got to work hard,” Fieber said. “Do what the coaches ask. They’ve been here for a long time for a reason.”

With the season coming to a close, Fieber said he is looking forward to life off the field. “When (my daughter) Sawyer was born, it was pretty exciting. Obviously, it was scary being such a young dad, but when she was born, everything just made sense,” Fieber said.