

Almost everybody has the same dream, to drive the best looking car out on the market, but why can't that dream be different. Why can't people, especially teenagers, dream about saving the planet we call home instead of that shiny red Porsche?

In our society today, if a person has a license but does not own a car, they are considered "low class". Now, a person does not need to be "low class" to ride the bus or walk, but that is the way our society sees it. In order to save our dying planet, we need to change our perspective on things and attempt to help the environment one good deed at a time.

A car is supposed to take us everywhere we want to go, but what happens when it breaks down? Do you replace the car or try something new? The city of Montebello has an amazing bus service that can take family and friends anywhere in the city. By using the Montebello Bus Lines, one more car can be taken off the road, and gallons of oil can be saved. In this economy it is more efficient to pay the bus fee every time, than to pay for gas every week or for some cars, every three days. The city of Montebello has taken necessary steps to help save the planet by providing an exceptional bus line, but now it's up to us to help them, help the planet by taking the bus, not a car.

Another way to help the planet and ourselves is walking. Walking can help strengthen muscles, help a person breathe some fresh air, and ultimately keep that person alive and energized. If a person needed to get someplace that is not too far of a distance, walking can be a great way to get there instead of driving. We live in a beautiful place, but often we don't realize it because we zoom past it in our cars and don't really care to see the flowers on the side of the road. Yes, we should always look forward, especially when driving, but once in a while it's nice to look around and by walking you can stop and smell the roses instead of seeing them as a blur of color while passing by.

Cars are convenient, but really they are just another luxury to us. A person can easily go from point A to point B by walking, taking the Montebello bus, or even riding a bike instead of using a car. Gas emissions have polluted our air we breathe and increased the amount of people diagnosed with asthma, so it is time for change. The planet isn't the only one suffering anymore, we are too. The city of Montebello has provided us with an alternative way of transportation that will decrease the amount of air pollution, so we must use it. Instead of buying that red Porsche you've always wanted, invest in a sky blue bike and do your part to keep our home clean.