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## GUBERNATORIAL

# Candidates clash in SJ



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Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom speaks at the California Gubernatorial Debate Tuesday night at the California Theatre.

BY WILLIAM YAP  
NEWS EDITOR

Six candidates for California governor spoke on issues regarding the state during a debate at the California Theatre on Tuesday.

Decision 2018: The Race for Governor was hosted by the Silicon Valley Community Foundation (SVCF) and NBC Bay Area.

Supporters of California State Treasurer John Chiang and 72nd District Assemblyman Travis Allen held signs outside the venue. San Jose resident Ray Hinj said he believed Chiang was the best person for the position.

"For the Chinese community, we are concerned about education, equality and discrimination," Hinj said. "I found that John Chiang has the policy to deal with each one of them."

According to a press statement, six out of 27 declared candidates were invited because they averaged above 5 percent on two statewide polls.

The averages were based on a March 21 and April 11 poll from the Public Policy Institute of California and an April 19 SVCF poll.

The four democratic candidates invited were Delaine Eastin, former California State

Superintendent of Public Instruction in 1995, former Los Angeles mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom and Chiang.

Businessman John Cox and Allen were the two Republican candidates at the debate. Both candidates praised President Donald Trump during the debate and said they would have California work with his administration.

The debate was moderated by "Meet the Press" Host Chuck Todd, who started the event by asking the candidates questions regarding issues that mainly affect Northern California.

All candidates

acknowledged the housing crisis in the Bay Area, but had different solutions to address it. Another issue mentioned was current California Gov. Jerry Brown's gas tax.

According to the Los Angeles Times, California motorists began paying more for gas and diesel in 2017 in order to fund road and bridge repairs and expand mass transit.

The four Democratic candidates agreed with the tax and some wanted to expand upon it so it would cover more. Eastin said she wanted to expand the gas tax every 25 years to adjust

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## PROCLAMATION

# San Jose deems May as Lupus Awareness Month

BY ALEX MARTINET  
STAFF WRITER

In an effort to raise awareness for lupus, the city of San Jose proclaimed May to be Lupus Awareness Month.

Standing beside three people who suffer from lupus, Mayor Sam Liccardo made the declaration at a city council meeting Tuesday afternoon, just two days before World Lupus Day.

According to Healthwire, an online health website,

education and advocacy in order to help fund research. The foundation is a nonprofit organization with outreach programs available for patients.

Spandan Chakrabarti, communication manager interim operations for the Lupus Foundation of Northern California, said many of his close friends try to hide the pain from the condition.

"I've seen close friends of mine who look fine on the outside, but moments later have to go to the emergency

**"I've seen close friends of mine who look fine on the outside, but moments later have to go to the emergency room when lupus flares up."**

**Spandan Chakrabarti**  
Lupus Foundation of Northern California  
communications manager

lupus is when the immune system attacks and causes damage to healthy cells, tissue and organs.

It occurs when the immune system can't tell the difference between harmful viruses, bacteria, germs and healthy body tissues.

The Lupus Foundation of America implements programs of research,

room when lupus flares up," Chakrabarti said.

Lupus affects 1.5 million people in the United States and around 90 percent are women, according to the Lupus Foundation of America.

NBC Bay Area meteorologist Rob Mayeda found out his wife had

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## PEACE

# SJSU community reacts to inter-Korean summit

BY SARAH KLIEVES  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

It has been 11 days since the historic summit between the leaders of North and South Korea.

South Korean President Moon Jae-in and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un met along the demilitarized zone. It was the first time in more than a decade the leaders of the two countries met.

CNN reports Kim became the first North Korean leader to cross into South Korean territory since fighting in the Korean War, which ended in 1953.

The pair signed the Panmunjom Declaration for Peace, Prosperity and Unification on the Korean Peninsula. Though there has been a ceasefire since 1953, the agreement brings a formal end to the Korean War.

On the day of the inter-Korean summit, President Donald Trump was cautiously optimistic.

The president wrote in a tweet, "After a furious year of missile launches and Nuclear testing, a historic meeting between North and South Korea is now taking place. Good things are happening, but only time will tell!"

In another tweet, the president wrote, "KOREAN WAR TO END! The United States, and all of its GREAT people, should be very proud of what is now taking place in Korea!"

President Trump is not the only one excited about the peace talks.

Industrial design sophomore Jisub Song is from South Korea and said most Koreans are happy about the talks.

"The whole thing is a nice idea," Song said.

Song added that those

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## Panmunjom Declaration for Peace, Prosperity and Unification on the Korean Peninsula

- agreed to meetings between defense ministers
- plan to participate as one team in international sporting events
- work to eliminate danger of war on Korean Peninsula
- both sides will stop blasting propoganda at border
- joint liasion office in Kaesong region



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Koreans who aren't thrilled about the negotiations don't trust North Korea.

Despite the historic talks, Trump administration officials understand North Korea have previously made and broken promises.

"There's nobody starry eyed around here," National Security Adviser John Bolton said in an interview on Fox News Sunday. "We've all been called a number of things, naive is not usually one of them. I think the president sees there is a potential here for a historic agreement."

President Trump is expected to meet with Kim in the next few weeks.

"The trip is being scheduled," Trump said to ABC News on May 4. "We now have a date and

we have a location, we'll be announcing soon."

However, Bruce Reynolds, San Jose State history professor, expressed concern about a potential meeting between the president and the North Korean leader.

"Under normal circumstances, there would be lots and lots of preparation before a president would agree to go to a summit meeting with anyone, much less Kim Jong Un," Reynolds said. "But again, this is not a normal president and it just is not at all clear what his bottom line will be and how he will conduct himself in the negotiations. Whether he will listen to - which advisers he will listen to. It's just all a pretty big question. But again, it's a lot better to be talking than waring."

The proposed meeting would be the first between a sitting U.S.

“**There would be no winners if you have a serious war in Korea.**”

**Bruce Reynolds**  
history professor

president and a North Korean leader.

With the president making several headlines, some SJSU students choose not to follow the news coming out of Washington.

However, Reynolds advised SJSU students should be paying attention to the talks because if war were to break out, it would be "catastrophic" and "it would impact areas other than just Korea itself." Song echoed this sentiment.

"Except for certain students, most people don't really care what's happening outside of America," Song said.

He believes that because there are still thousands of American soldiers stationed in South Korea, Americans - including SJSU students - should know what is happening.

"America has been a police of the world," Song said. "Police should know what's going on, what's happening in its territory."

He also pointed out it is unlikely Kim will give up North Korea's nuclear weapons entirely because President Trump pulled out of the Iran Deal on Tuesday.

"How do you convince North Korea to sign a deal with the United States if the United States doesn't keep its deals that it's already made on this kind of a nuclear issue? That

certainly complicates the situation as well," Reynolds said.

Reynolds believes the president is "looking for victories in his administration," so it is more likely the talks will happen and go well.

However, no one can possibly know what is going on in the minds of President Trump and Kim.

"Who knows what's going to happen," Reynolds said. "We certainly should hope that some way is found to back away from this talk of war. There would be no winners if you have a serious war in Korea."

The number of casualties would be overwhelming. It would impact areas other than just Korea itself, especially if the war turned into nuclear exchange."

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lupus on their second date.

Mayeda didn't know much about her condition until he looked it up online and understood the severity of the disease.

"For whatever reason it gets overlooked as an autoimmune disease. But we find that a lot of the medicine that benefit lupus help with rheumatoid arthritis," Mayeda said.

"One day, when we find out what causes lupus or preventing it, we can

“**For whatever reason it gets overlooked as an autoimmune disease.**”

**Rob Mayeda**  
NBC Bay Area meteorologist

probably solve a number of autoimmune diseases," Mayeda added.

The main symptoms include tiredness, joint

pain and rashes. At times, lupus can flare up and make existing symptoms more severe.

According to a six-year study by the Lupus Foundation, 46 percent of more than 3,000 adults with lupus reported being misdiagnosed.

In the same report, more than half were told there was nothing wrong.

Marielle Ve a was six years old when her kidneys began to fail. It took doctors four months to correctly diagnose her with lupus.

"I was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis

and all I was given from the doctors was aspirin, but because that drug is a blood thinner I was bleeding from my lips," Ve a said.

Lupus and rheumatoid arthritis (RA) are both autoimmune diseases.

The biggest difference between the two is RA primarily attacks the joints and the antibodies can detect viruses.

It affects the fingers, wrists, knees and ankles, according to Healthwire.

Typically, inflammation of human tissue and lungs are not visible with patients diagnosed with RA.

In a 2014 American Journal of Medicine report, 10 to 15 percent of people with lupus will die prematurely due to complications from the disease.

The Lupus Foundation of Northern California holds fundraising events to help generate awareness.

The group will hold the Outrun Lupus 5K on June 9. It will be the 24th year the organization has put on the event.

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**California State Treasurer John Chiang and 72nd District Assemblyman Travis Allen participate in the debate.**

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to changing times.

Cox and Allen both said they would repeal it, claiming the gas tax hurt California citizens.

"The politicians have destroyed this state, they have run it into the ground," Cox said. "We need a business approach, we need somebody who is going to fix California."

Candidates were later asked about immigration and the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. Democratic candidates said they would support the more liberal view of protecting immigrants.

Both Republican candidates said they would end sanctuary city policies and follow federal law when it comes to immigration. According to CNN, a sanctuary city is a city that does not cooperate with United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The debate had two divisive moments, both involving Newsom and Allen. Allen blamed the murder of Kate Steinle on Newsom's policies when he was the mayor of San Francisco.

According to CNN, Jose Zarate accidentally shot Steinle at San Francisco's Pier 14 in July. Federal

immigration officials said Zarate had already been deported five times.

Allen also accused Newsom of being unable to run California because of an affair he had with an aide's wife in 2005.

"The question is very simple ladies and gentleman," Allen said. "If you can't trust Gavin with his best friend's wife, how can you trust him with your state?"

Newsom admitted he was wrong for participating in the affair and said he had learned from his mistakes.

In a press conference after the debate, all candidates said that they believed they had either won the debate or said it was successful. However, Newsom left the venue immediately after the debate and did not speak with the press.

Twenty-seven candidates for California Governor are on the primary election ballot, which will take place on June 5.

The two candidates with the highest number of votes will move on to the general election in November, regardless of party affiliation. Voters can currently mail in their votes prior to the official date.

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## EVENT RECAP

## Culture shared through sweet desserts

BY MEI SUZUKI  
STAFF WRITER

Neon purple light washed over the entrance of the San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art. Inside the gallery, people indulged in purple treats.

For the first Friday of the month, people came and shared their food-related stories with Filipino multimedia artist O.M. France Viana.

Her art expertise includes painting, photography, collage and installation.

For this event, Viana made desserts from the traditional Filipino purple yam called ube.

People wrote down their most memorable food story and shared it with her. In return, she served them ube pastries, cakes and ice cream.

"I meet this artist and talked to them about studio visiting," curator and director of the public program at ICA Patricia Carino Valdez said. "She had this great idea and we could transform the lounge into this very vibrant purple of space which would mix with the ube color."

The gallery was held in a small lounge of the ICA gallery and the whole room was decorated in neon purple.

"I think it's a good idea for the event because everybody is coming

together over a specific type food," marketing administration intern for ICA Audrey Woods said. "It's just a really great community event and to talk about Filipino culture."

The main purpose of the art event was to exchange food stories with Filipino desserts. Prior knowledge about art or Filipino culture was not required to enjoy the event.

Some of the stories shared were related to family traditions.

Woods shared a story about her Swedish family eating Christmas meals together made by her grandmother.

The conversation with Viana was filled with warmth.

"I think what ICA is trying to do is to create opportunities for people to stumble upon contemporary art," Valdez said. "And Santa Clara county has one of the largest populations next to Daly City. So I thought it's very important to bring her practice to ICA."

Viana believes people are hesitant toward other cultures, but this event made it easy for them to go for it.

She mentioned that food is a special part of the Filipino culture.

Viana asked herself, "What Filipino culture can I pick out and



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Filipino pastries were traded with participants after they shared a personal food story. These pastries included pastillas, polvorone, ube-filled bread and ube cake rolls on Friday.

illustrate and is our radical hospitality?"

This question led to the ube trading concept of the event when you meet up with Filipinos, they always try to feed you.

"It's in our culture to feed people," Viana said. "And food is a way for people to try another culture that is not intimidating. They are willing to try another culture through food."

The event introduced people to ube Filipino pastries and allowed Viana to explore guests' food stories.

Viana has been attending this art event every first Friday of the month at ICA for cultural exchanging.

She has collected more than 40 food-related stories from attendees.

Viana is considering publishing the stories into a short book or on the internet for people from all over the world to share.



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Roel Cabrera, left, an ice cream shop employee from The East Bay serves Fred Liang, right, a scoop of ube.

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## ALBUM REVIEW

## Bridges plays more than a 'Good Thing'

BY AMANDA WHITAKER  
STAFF WRITER

Warning, this album may cause an abundance of joy and is guaranteed to put you in your feels.

Leon Bridges' new album "Good Thing" dropped Friday.

The new album features 10 songs, each with their own story and significance that will bring you to a certain place. This album is rich in love, loss and heartbreak.

The first track, "Bet Ain't Worth The Hand" sets the mood for the entire album. In this song, Bridges sings about his yearning for a woman he met but can't commit to because of his fast-paced life.

"I can't commit, I can't make plans / Sometimes the bet ain't worth the hand / I think you're special, it makes me sad / Don't wanna wonder what we could've had / And I hope you understand."

When Bridges talks about how the bet isn't always worth the hand, he's relating it to poker and how sometimes you're dealt the perfect hand but it's not always worth giving up for a higher prize. In Bridges' case, he regrets that he gave up someone so great.

His next song, "Bad Bad News," has a great soulful jazz band backbeat with a choir of

voices that emphasize his lyrics. This song makes you want to pour a glass of wine and swing dance barefoot in the backyard with your best friend.

Aside from all the feel-good beats, this song sends a powerful message to its listeners.

"They tell me I was born to lose / But I made a good good thing out of bad bad news."

The song illustrates how society tries to bring African-Americans down because of his race, status and lack of education.

But Bridges has made a great life for himself and isn't a victim of society's stereotypes.

I mean it when I say every single track on this album is amazing and I could listen to it on repeat all day long.

However, if I had to choose my favorite song on this album would be "Beyond."

In this song, Bridges sings about meeting the love of his life.

Every time I hear it I get goosebumps. It is one of the sweetest and loveliest songs a person could hear. I cried the first time listening to it. This is the song going through a bride's head as she walks down the aisle toward her groom, I just know it.

The fifth track on his album, "Forgive you," is a song we can all relate to. "I forgive

you though my friends tell me not to / I forgive you even when it's so hard to / I had to, yeah / Maybe we can get together someday / But I want you to know we're okay, we're okay."

We've all had relationships where we put so much into it and were left heartbroken in the end. And no matter how bad they treat you, you still forgive them because you love them, even though you know you shouldn't.

Bridges really outdid himself with this album.

His music is something to be enjoyed by people of all ages, will lift your spirits and bring you to your feet every time.

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## GOOD TUNES

"Good Thing"

Artist:  
Leon Bridges  
Release Date:  
May 4, 2018  
Genre:  
Soul  
Rating:

★★★★★

EVENT RECAP



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(Above) Design senior and exhibition team leader Linh Nguyen cuts out a frame for a poster for "Unveil." (Right) The "Unveil" design team plans out the show and looks at different shirt designs and logos.



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# Design students prepare to 'Unveil' artwork

BY THOMAS SOARES  
MANAGING EDITOR

Confined to the humid, air-conditionless second floor design room of the Industrial Studies building, the 20 members of San Jose State's bachelor of fine arts graphic design program are currently working on the finishing touches for next week's senior showcase.

SJSU's BFA program, in graphic design, which takes two years to complete, culminates at the end of every spring

semester with a four-day event inside the Student Union ballroom.

At this event, student designers display their designs and artwork in a gallery setting open to the public.

This year, the designers have titled the showcase "Unveil." BFA design senior Timothy Duong explained that the name "Unveil" is meant to signify that the gallery will "reveal what the program has done."

Duong said it will showcase what those in the program have designed

over the last two years. "The point of doing the show is for people to see what graphic design can do," Duong said.

Viewers of "Unveil" will see many different pieces of design, from posters to books to logos to interior decorations.

"Design is visual communication. I think a lot of times design gets glanced over a little bit," BFA design senior Lena Yen said. "People think that 'Oh I can do that in a couple of minutes. It's not hard to do.' There's a lot of thought and conceptual

work that goes into it that people kind of gloss over at times."

The senior show also serves as the conclusion for the BFA students in the program, as the theme and groundwork for this project began at the start of this semester, according to Yen.

"The fundraising for it starts even earlier. Our fundraising goal is \$10K-\$12K," Yen said. "We had two class fundraisers where we were making stickers and buttons."

The 20 students were

divided into six teams, each with a different responsibility tied to the event.

There is a photo team, web team, exhibition team, brand team, book team and marketing team. All teams are involved with the fundraising, according to Yen.

Linh Nguyen is the leader of the exhibition team.

"Once the overall look and feel of the branding is done, that's when the exhibition team starts making everything for the

booths," Nguyen said.

Each of the 20 designers will have their own booth set up for the show. Nguyen is in charge of making sure all of the booths are finished before Monday.

"At first I studied interior design, but then I changed to graphic design because I felt that it fit me more," Nguyen said. "Because I was in interior design, I know how to work with space and how to construct all of this."

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SERIES REVIEW

## Show takes satirical approach on social issues

BY BRIANNA SHEATS  
STAFF WRITER

With a lot of issues rising these past couple of years, it's hard for some individuals to understand what's going on. There is still racism, cultural appropriation and sexism.

"Dear White People" has continued with a second season. If you felt uncomfortable in the first season, the second season will have you more uneasy.

The second season picks up a month after the protests on Winchester University campus. Season one looks inside the lives of a group of students of color and each have their own personal issues.

The protests started because information was leaked about the Hancocks, who are big donors to the university. The Hancocks made a plan of their own, to eliminate the black housing on campus because they believe it's "self-segregation."

The students deal with racism on campus and are belittled because they are studying at a predominately white Ivy League university. It represents issues currently happening in America such as police gunning down unarmed black men.

The second season continues by putting society issues in the spotlight. Internet trolls have become a serious problem in social media,

especially with the election of President Donald Trump.

There is an account that harasses Sam White, played by Logan Browning, who is the voice behind the radio talk show "Dear White People." She deals with criticism of her preaching black people aren't being too sensitive about the racist actions on campus.

I feel this is something that needed to be brought up because social media is huge and there are many trolls on social media trying to get a rise out of people.

In the first season, Reggie Green, played by Marque Richardson, is unarmed and threatened by a police officer at gunpoint. In this season we see a scene where a police officer is walking on campus and a group of white males pretending to shoot him with fake laser guns. He grins and gladly plays along and pretends to be shot.

A few seconds later, a young black male goes into his backpack and the officer loses his smile, becomes alert and mugs the young man. You could tell by the look on his face that he was ready to attack until the boy pulled out a book for his next class but the officer continues to look him up and down.

This was a powerful scene because it happens everyday to not only black people but to any person of color. It's been

said that police officers are scared for their lives everyday but it seems as if it's only when they are around people of color.

This show brings in real issues about people of color to light. It has satire which makes you feel uncomfortable but makes you think. It's edgy and a must watch of what's going on into people of color's lives everyday.

The actors do an amazing job and each of their stories are relatable and make you think twice about the actions you have made in the past. These stories are real issues happening everyday and need to be said.

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**WATCH NOW**

**"Dear White People"**

**Created by:** Justin Simien

**Network:** Netflix

**Starring:** Logan Browning, Brandon P. Bell

**Genre:** Satire/Drama

**Rating:**

★★★★☆

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# Women are plagued by unfair pink tax



**Brianna Sheats**  
STAFF WRITER

If you asked me what my favorite color was I'd tell you I have three: blue, pink and purple. If you walked into my room, you would see pink with hints of blue all around.

To the average consumer, pink is just a color. To many companies, things that are pink should cost more, simply because they are geared toward women.

This is called the pink tax. USA Today defines this as the color of products that are directly on the market for girls and women as well as the price difference for female products compared to gender-neutral goods or products for men specifically.

The "Ax The Pink Tax" movement aims to bring awareness to the issue. Women pay, on average, an extra \$1,351 every year for female products, according to their website.

"Women are already paid less in the workforce but they are expected to pay more when it comes to these products," business

freshman Yasmin Azar said.

The pink tax affects females their whole life. It starts with toys such as a teddy bear. Let's say your daughter is at a store and sees a cute pink teddy bear. She falls in love with it and you look at the price. You see an identical teddy bear but it is blue and the price is a couple of dollars cheaper. Only because it is blue.

Women are not forced to buy everything pink and of course it is not only meant for girls, anyone can buy it.

Here is where the tax gets obnoxious. As we get older, hygiene and body care becomes more important.

If you compare the prices of the Degree brand deodorant, the women's cost \$5.99 whereas men's deodorant is \$4.59. They are charging us more money because we would rather smell floral than like strong spices.

"The way you want to smell should not determine the price you pay for it," business junior Katie Nguyen said. "I think it is crazy

\$ **The pink tax refers to the extra price charge in products targeted for women. Here are some examples.** \$

- 13 percent more on personal care products**
- 7 percent more for toys and accessories**
- 8 percent more for adult clothing**

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## It is outrageous to make females pay an extra \$1,300 per year to take care of themselves.

that we have to continue to pay more for products because we are women."

This goes for all the hygienic products between men and women. Women have to deal with overcharged prices of tampons and

pads, but women do not choose to have a period.

Tampons and pads are something women need and making us pay ridiculous amounts of money is absurd. After all, condoms are free for everyone.

"If men don't have to pay for condoms for an act that is a choice, women shouldn't have to pay for products for something we have no control over," psychology senior Elizabeth Torres said.

"Even small things like female deodorant and razors cost more than some mens, it's dumb."

Women will always have to deal with the fact that they have their periods. So taxing pads and tampons as luxury items make no sense at all.

"I understand that tampons cannot be free because it costs money to make them," business sophomore Emily Dunn said. "But why are they taxed so much?"

The pink tax is not fair and women should not have to pay more money because it is a feminine product or because the item is pink. It is outrageous to make women pay an extra \$1,300 a year to take care of themselves.

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# Stop fetishizing mixed race kids



**Chioma Lewis**  
STAFF WRITER

If you date interracially for any reason other than love, you need to check your priorities.

I am tired of seeing the fetishization of mixed and biracial kids on social media. I've seen and heard too many people say they want to date someone of a different race or ethnic group in order to have mixed kids.

This seems to happen in many different ethnic groups, but usually in ethnic groups of people who don't fall under the western standards of beauty.

These standards include lighter skin, straighter hair and European features.

I can speak from the experiences of what I have seen in my own community.

In the black community, I have heard many people say they want to have mixed kids so that they will have good hair. The idea of good hair comes from a post-colonized mentality that kinkier hair is unattractive compared to straight hair.

It's sad some people's self hate goes so deep that they would purposefully go out of their way to have kids that don't look like them. This is in regard to those who date interracially simply for how their kids may look.

Not all mixed kids look the same. Depending on genetics, some kids will be lighter and some will be

darker. Some might even have kinky hair. I think that comes as a shock to some people when their kids don't look the way they hoped.

I think there are not enough people who are in interracial relationships that take the time to think about what it means to bring a mixed child into this society.

In my community, there are many people that want to have mixed kids then tell their kids they are black and no different from any black person who isn't mixed. I think it's dishonest and I won't be that type of parent.

I am in an interracial relationship and if I have kids with my boyfriend, I will explain to them that they have a multicultural background and it's perfectly fine.

My community likes to make mixed race children yet often pretend that they are not.

I think if you plan to have mixed kids you should prepare yourself with raising them in a world that often tries to make them choose a side to identify themselves.

According to an article by the The University of Dayton School of Law, many biracial children need to be prepared for the type of racism they may experience because of America's need to put everyone in a category.

"A second problem a biracial child may experience is that he/she could encounter an identity crisis because they embody two racial groups that are defined very differently in the category system of American racism."

My boyfriend is Latino and many people mistake him as European because of his white skin. When I started dating him, the last thing on my mind was how my kids will look.

I'm not dating him so that my children will have light skin or less kinkier hair. When I'm ready to have kids, I don't want to hear anyone commenting on how their hair may look.

I have also seen people who have kids with black people and then complain about their child's hair is too "nappy" or saying they hope their child isn't dark.

I think that is also a side effect of the mixed children fetishization. If you have any fear your child might inherit the features of your black partner, then you probably shouldn't be having children with that person.

This also goes for other ethnic groups as well. Don't have kids with someone if you are afraid they might have certain features.

The obsession of mixed kids needs to stop and anyone who participates in it needs to examine why.

There is nothing wrong with appreciating a child's natural beauty and multiculturalism but purposefully trying to create kids who are mixed race is problematic.

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COUNTERPOINTS

# Which is the better viewing experience?

## Binge-watching TV is preferable

Like a novel, you can keep reading without stopping at an individual page



**Alex Martinet**  
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I remember sifting through my Netflix queue where I found the first three seasons of "Breaking Bad" and was immediately hooked.

I watched four episodes each day after work, after class or on the weekend.

Like a good novel, I was able to read the full chapter, not a individual page cut as it was intended.

Sixty-one percent of users admitted to binge-watching television on a regular basis, according to 2014 Netflix survey.

The majority of respondents defined this as watching two to six TV episodes in one sitting.

I like binge-watching because it's like reading a novel. I get to live with the characters for a while.

When I'm watching "The West Wing" I get pulled into their lives, drawn into their friendships and get pulled for every "will they, won't they" flirtation that lasted for seven seasons.

It's a denser and more unified version of what the writers intended.

Not surprisingly, it's why a large majority of Netflix's Originals are inspired by books with shows like "13 Reasons Why," "Orange is the New Black" and "House of Cards," according to American independent book publisher Quirk Books.

Creators are designing shows to be binge-watched from start to finish.

Harlan Coben, author of "Safe," thought Netflix was

the best medium for his novel adaptation.

"For me, it's like a novel on the screen," Coben said in a interview with Market Watch. "It's not like the old days when Perry Mason would have the case solved in 47 minutes.

Hope will keep you up until four in the morning. I want to end each episode on a 'Boom!' moment, something that will hit you hard."

When it comes to dramas, most of them revolve around

do with weeklong gaps between episodes.

It's why I usually wait for new episodes of "Arrow" and "Flash" to be available because I want to get to the core conflict and struggle without having it spoiled.

However, one of the big problems with binge-watching is that you're no longer a part of the watercooler discussion if you don't finish the latest season.

By having to wait each week, each episode marinates longer, but it can get out of control.

Weekly shows seem to be susceptible to lunatic out of control fan speculation that end up ruining the show.

At first I didn't

**Weekly shows can make it hard to follow the story, but it really does depend on the type of show and how much free time is available.**

the traditional three-act structure—setup, obstacles and payoff.

This formula is so consistent that you can clearly note a tone shift a quarter or midway through the season.

There are a few outliers like "Bloodline" or "The Killing" that try to ditch this pattern by ending on a cliffhanger each episode, which becomes the structure of the show.

All shows require some suspension of disbelief and investment of their reality, which is hard to

mind it, but it was so prevalent that it ruined the season one finale of "Westworld."

Weekly shows can make it hard to follow the story, but it really does depend on the type of show and how much free time is available.

I have been saving FX's "Legion" for the end of the semester because right now I just don't have the time for it.

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## Scheduled TV is better than bingeing

In order to get the most out of a TV show, watch it while it is on air



**Ben Stein**  
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In a dimly lit room, last night's cheese puffs cover the floor with stale, orange landmines of gluten, while this morning's cheese puffs spread across the bed for future snacking, as you spend the day watching TV.

In the last week you've seen "Breaking Bad," "Dexter," "Friends," half of Will Ferrell's filmography, both "Bad Boys" films and "Moana."

This is a classic situation many people, myself included, have found themselves in, it is a dangerous rabbit hole to avoid.

Binge-watching can allow you to catch up on missed TV shows and continue to understand pop culture references in conversations with your peers.

Binge-watch, which was on The Oxford English Dictionary's 2013 shortlist for word of the year, is defined as "watch multiple episodes of (a television programme) in rapid succession, typically by means of DVDs or digital streaming."

While this may be relaxing and an entertaining way to pass time, if you actually care about the TV show, then binge-watching is not the best way to follow the program.

There is no better way to connect with a show and its characters than following the series live and throughout the entirety of the show.

The anticipation that goes into waiting for a new episode to be released each week, completely outweighs the enjoyment of watching an entire series

in a weekend. Waiting for a new season is even more intense.

My favorite part of watching a TV show is in between seasons when you are able to discuss potential twists and situations that will come up in the next season. Most of that gets lost when you watch the entire show at once.

Imagine following a podcast for five years. You understand the inside jokes, references and minor details that make that podcast special.

Now pretend your friend listens to all five years of material in one weekend and randomly alludes to the podcast in your next conversation.

It may be exciting to share a mutual interest in a podcast with your friend, but at the same time there is a bandwagon feeling involved.

The podcast may gain a follower, but the connection level is not the same.

According to a digital media trends study done by Deloitte, an audit service, "Ninety-one percent of Gen Z, 86 percent of millennials and 80 percent of Gen X binge-watch TV shows."

Streaming websites like Netflix or Hulu and even DVD box sets, have given people the ability to access entire series'.

Marathoning through an entire TV show in a weekend is not ideal. You need time to dissect what you're watching.

Additionally, binge-watching shows is bad for you. When you do something enjoyable such as binge-

watching, your brain produces dopamine.

"The neuronal pathways that cause heroin and sex addictions are the same as an addiction to binge watching," clinical psychologist Dr. Renee Carr stated in an NBC News article.

"Lost" is my favorite TV show of all-time. My family began watching the show when it premiered in 2004 and watched every week until the show ended in 2010.

Almost every Thursday morning during those six seasons, I would talk with friends who also watched the show to discuss what we thought would happen next and who our favorite characters were.

While this is obviously something you can do when you binge a show, it is a different connection.

Take "How I Met Your Mother" as another example. The series began in 2005 and it was not until 2010 when the mother first appears.

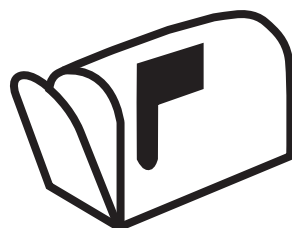
There were five years of rumors and theories that fans of the sitcom debated before seeing the eventual mother's ankle.

That gave viewers 37,800 available hours to debate the issues. It took an additional three seasons for the mother's face to be shown.

By bingeing the show, you might still receive some of the emotion that show produced, but it is not equivalent.

Once you finish a show, it's on to the next one. You may know the basic plot and understand some references, but there is not enough time to fully comprehend every episode.

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# Late-night comedy overdoes Trump jokes



**Alex Martinet**  
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President Trump has been a gold mine for late-night comedians because of how he acts in the White House and what he posts on Twitter.

This helped rejuvenate “Saturday Night Live” and Stephen Colbert’s “The Late Show” as both shows have had a 30 percent ratings spike, according to Nielsen ratings in 2017.

Comedians are starting to recycle the same jokes because Trump is on everybody’s mind, wondering what he might do next. However it has made the late-night format old, repetitive and bad for comedy.

This boom for political comedy has made comedians less motivated to innovate and seize upon the opportunity.

It has just been the same shallow, orange president impersonation people expect, yet somehow it works weekly.

The issue late-night is facing now is there is something new to joke about Trump’s presidency every day.

Writers probably don’t have to search the web looking for jokes, but instead wait 30 minutes before air to recap his wildly inaccurate Twitter feed.

I think most late-night shows would have been fine with this scenario had Hillary Clinton won the election.

During Colbert’s 2016 Election special, he discarded most of his monologue after the night didn’t go according to plan.

Colbert later confessed to viewers he drank too much of the political poison.

“How did our politics get so poisonous?” Colbert asked on his show. “I think it’s because we overdosed, especially this year. We drank too much of the poison.”

The only problem with Colbert’s statement, looking back on it now, The late-night cocktail is now filled with pornstars and FBI investigations on a daily basis.

The tables have turned and the hosts like Colbert, Seth Meyers and John Oliver are stuck with this charade



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**Comedy has a long history of discussing politics, but I think it’s gone too far.**

of exhausting political coverage from non-news events.

Even if Jon Stewart was still on the “Daily Show” today, I think he would still have the same issue other late-night hosts are having.

President Trump’s incapacity to see

humor in his flaws creates a cycle of redundant ridicule.

This is one of the main reasons why Stewart left the show in 2015.

“I’m going to with a scalpel go at the the crux of your identity as a politician and expose it for everybody to see

and then I’m going to have to make a joke about it and walk away and you’re going to laugh and it’s going to humanize,” Stewart said in an interview with CBS News.

At the 2018 White House Correspondents Dinner, Daily Show correspondent Michelle Wolf roasted the media for profiting off of Trump.

“I think what no one in this room wants to admit is that Trump has helped all of you,” Wolf said during

the dinner.

“He’s helped you sell your papers and your books and your TV. You helped create this monster, and now you’re profiting off of him.”

By making Trump the focus, late-night is struggling under the weight of unnecessary importance. Comedy has a long history of discussing politics, but I think it’s gone too far.

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## CLASSIFIEDS

### CROSSWORD PUZZLE



**ACROSS**

- 1. Gorillalike
- 6. Parental sister
- 10. Constellation bear
- 14. Slowly, in music
- 15. Get bigger
- 16. Deaden
- 17. Smooth brown oval nut
- 18. 53 in Roman numerals
- 19. Cain’s brother
- 20. A board with wheels
- 22. Whip
- 23. Ouch!
- 24. Put off
- 26. Outer covering of the eye
- 30. Throb
- 32. Egg-shaped
- 33. Tool for looking in tight spaces
- 37. Prefect
- 38. Walls
- 39. It was (contraction)
- 40. Recliners
- 42. Scoundrels
- 43. Kicks out
- 44. Spend time ineffectually (slang)
- 45. Curses
- 47. Hit on the head

**DOWN**

- 1. Austrian peaks
- 2. Glance
- 3. Ancient Peruvian
- 4. Immediately
- 5. Syrupy
- 6. Blushing
- 7. Murrers
- 8. French for “Black”
- 9. Twirls
- 10. Untouched
- 11. Russian currency
- 12. Besmirch
- 13. With competence
- 21. Type of snake
- 25. S

- 26. Musical finale
- 27. Not under
- 28. Wander
- 29. A stupid foolish person
- 30. Decants
- 31. Website addresses
- 33. Entice
- 34. Was indebted
- 35. Gloomy atmosphere
- 36. Being
- 38. Celebrates noisily (archaic)
- 41. Barbarian
- 42. Flower child (1960s)
- 44. To make a fool of (archaic)
- 45. Kuwaiti monetary unit
- 46. Girlfriend (Spanish)
- 47. Assault
- 48. Burst of wind
- 50. German for “Madam”
- 51. Kid
- 52. Protagonist
- 53. A Freudian stage
- 54. Cast a ballot
- 55. God of love

### SUDOKU PUZZLE

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TRACK & FIELD

# Brown breaks SJSU 100 hurdles record

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San Jose State broke a school record for track and field.

Economics junior Brittany Brown ran the 100-meter hurdles finishing with a time of 13.47 seconds. She broke senior athlete Makayla Webb's two-year-old school record of 13.58 by .11 seconds at the Bulldog Invitational track and field meet at Buchanan High on April 28.

"I've been trying to get into the 13's since last year obviously," Brown said. "So it's like pretty amazing to see that I can actually run that fast."

Brown was born in Berkeley, California but grew up in Pittsburg, California and has called it her home ever since. She has run track and field since her freshman year at Pittsburg High School. Her current main events for SJSU are long jump, triple jump and the 100-meter hurdles.

"I just started hurdling last year," Brown said. "All the events that I'm doing now I started taking seriously last year, so I went from a 14 flat to a 13.4 so I improved pretty much a lot."

Brown transferred to SJSU from Laney College in Oakland and competed for two seasons of track and field there.

When she compares



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Brittany Brown breaks Makayla Webb's 100-meter hurdles record by .11 seconds at the Bulldog Invitational in Clovis, California on April 28.

**She's kinda new to the sport and a lot of her skills are really raw, so it's been fun to watch her develop as an athlete.**

Jeff Petersmeyer  
SJSU track and field coach

her time at Laney to her first season as a Spartan, Brown notes competing with more teammates and getting more individual time in hurdles with coach Jeff Petersmeyer.

According to Petersmeyer, when he recruited Brown, her previous coach said she

had just begun triple jumping. Brown was jumping 41.3 feet in junior college. For someone who just started triple jumping with a record that good, Petersmeyer knew he had to have her on the team.

"She's grown a lot since she started," Petersmeyer said. "She's kinda new to the

sport and a lot of her skills are really raw, so it's been fun to watch her develop as an athlete. Makayla Webb had our 100-hurdle record, it was really good. To see Brittany break that is really awesome. Our goal is to make those harder and harder to break as the years go on."

Being an athlete and an economics major, Brown tries to balance the difficulties and stress of her studies with practices for track and field at the same time.

She claims at times it can be a little stressful. Her professors being

understanding and helpful are what help her manage both responsibilities at the same time.

Though stress can't get in her way when she is competing or practicing jumps and sprints athlete Destiny Longmire claims Brown brings liveliness to the team.

"She brought a different energy," Longmire said. "Not in a bad way. Her personality is just different and I really like it. I think that it enhances our team because we already have so many different personalities and hers is just another factor. She is also

very positive and uplifting to everyone regardless of how she did that day, she is still encouraging you to do good."

Longmire said she has watched Brown grow in a positive light after each meet, and has influenced her to be a better teammate.

The next track meet the women have will be the Mountain West Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Clovis, California taking place this week, from Wednesday to Friday.

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