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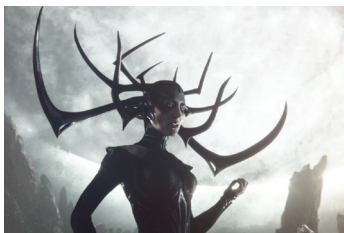
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## W. Kamau Bell Enlivens Campus



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**SERIOUSLY FUNNY:** On Nov. 7, socio-political comedian W. Kamau Bell performed in the sold-out Louis B. Mayer Theatre. His hysterical and poignant set touched upon the Trump administration, the recent mass shooting in Texas and difficult dialogues on college campuses. Bell returns to campus in February.

## Artist-in-Residence combines political activism with comedy

**Ethan Beberness**  
THE SANTA CLARA

Some entertainers aim just to provoke. Others, however, want to provoke with a purpose.

Santa Clara's Frank Sinatra Artist-in-Residence W. Kamau Bell aims to do just that. As a popular political commentator, comedian, author and TV host, he has the clout to instigate conversation and even change at Santa Clara.

"Bell will have a strong physical presence on campus, mentoring and engaging our students, faculty and the community," according to the university web page for the artist residency program.

On the CNN web page for his show, Bell is described as a "comedian and political provocateur." However, when asked about so-called "provocateurs" from across the

aisle, such as Milo Yiannopoulos, he responded with a laugh.

"Me and Milo are in the same business," Bell said. "We're both entertainers."

He told The Santa Clara that he distances himself from the term "provocateur" because he goes beyond just provoking. He aims to actually engage with the people he talks to, whether that's Bill Maher or Richard Spencer.

His Emmy-award winning show "United Shades of America" sends him around the country to places where "a black guy goes places either he shouldn't go, or you wouldn't expect him to go," to have the difficult conversations he believes are necessary for exploring this divided nation.

According to Bell, the national and political division in America are nothing new. "This country was founded on a divide," he said, before going on to note a variety of examples of a divided America, including the slave trade (dividing black and white) and the interactions between Native Americans and European colonists (divisions based on conquered land).

Those divisions are not what they used to be. "What Trump calls the 'right' has not

always been the 'right,'" Bell said.

He notes that in the past, right-wing politics have been primarily concerned with economic conservatism, with social views being more of a byproduct of economic belief. According to Bell, that has changed. Now, political standings are "all about perspective."

Identity politics, defined as the tendency of a particular racial, religious or other social group to form political alliances, are a major factor in developing political ideology.

Some people feel the need to ensure the country stays how they see fit. Bell's goal is to allow groups to articulate their perspectives on a national platform. In the case of the Ku Klux Klan, that means expressing the desire for a white, Christian America.

In the pilot episode of "United Shades of America," Bell and an Imperial Wizard of the Klan meet on a dark road somewhere in Arkansas. The moment they approached each other was otherworldly. Bell balanced a posture of dignity and composure with a

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## ROTC on Campus

*Panel asks if program displays values of character or contradicts religious values*

**Erin Fox**  
NEWS EDITOR

Mere days before Veteran's Day, a panel of differing viewpoints was held to discuss the role of ROTC on a Catholic, Jesuit campus.

The Rev. Dr. Diana Gibson of the Religious Studies department introduced the panelists, but not before reaffirming that the evening's event was not a debate, rather a way to expand discussion and probe the perspectives of others with honesty and respect.

"We are not here to water down anyone's understanding, but to enrich it," Gibson said.

The panelists included Tom Massaro, S.J. of the Jesuit School of Theology; Fumi Tosu from Casa de Clara, the local Catholic Worker (CW) house; and Cpt. Dan Fisher, a training officer and professor from the department of Military Science at Santa Clara.

Each had roughly 10 minutes to explain their stance on the subject.

Thomas Massaro, S.J., is a Jesuit of the Northeast Province who came to JST in 2012. After serving a four-year term as Dean, he will begin full-time classroom teaching in September 2017.

Massaro went first. As a professor of moral theology for 20 years and the author of "Catholic Perspectives on Peace and War," he had a lot to say about how "the devil is in the details."

"I firmly believe in the good intentions of people who have different conclusions—they all want peace, they all want to build a more peaceful world. Whether it's a person more on the pacifist or non-violent end of the spectrum, or someone who can justify a sizable army and the use of military force on occasion, they're both aiming on peace, but they have different means to get there," Massaro said.

"We live in a complicated world. If there were no evil-doers in the world, if there were no people that wanted to take advantage of other people, then we wouldn't even have questions about the use of force," he said.

Massaro also explained that although the Bible portrays violence, it does not condone it, for "blessed are the peacemakers" and as one of the Ten Commandments states, "thou shalt not kill."

Next was Fisher, a graduate of West Point who served 10 years in the U.S. Army. He said that ROTC produces over 70 percent of officers for the Army and the bulk of them come from universities.

According to Fisher, 75 percent of nation's Jesuit colleges and universities have ROTC programs, and Santa Clara's is the oldest on the west coast—1856 was the first year of military training on Santa Clara's campus.

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# CAMPUS SAFETY

## Drug Violation

**Nov. 4:** Campus residents were found in possession of marijuana, other cannabis and paraphernalia in their room. Items found were confiscated for disposition.

## Fire/Fire Alarm

**Nov. 2:** CSS responded to a report of a fire in the ashtray of the Benson lot. The small fire was extinguished.

**Nov. 6:** A Swig Residence Hall fire alarm was activated by burnt popcorn in a microwave in a resident's room. CSS responded to clear the smoke and reset the system.

## Information Report

**Nov. 2:** A student reported being intimidated by another student in his campus residence room. He declined an SCPD response.

**Nov. 2:** CSS responded to investigate a water leak from the ceiling in a basement office at the Benson Center. The office was evacuated. Facilities and custodial services were contacted and responded to clean up.

**Nov. 3:** A vehicle struck a power transformer at the intersection of Lafayette & Homestead streets, causing a power outage for university off-campus residents. SCPD responded to the scene.

## Medical Emergency

**Nov. 2:** A student collided with another student, then fell and struck his head on the floor while playing basketball in Malley Fitness Center. He was evaluated by SCU EMS, who then requested to have SCFD respond. He declined transportation to a hospital.

**Nov. 2:** A student reported having stroke-like symptoms at Kenna Hall. CSS, SCU EMS and SCFD responded. The student was transported to O'Connor Hospital by paramedics.

**Nov. 3:** A campus resident reported feeling ill and apparently lost consciousness in a shower room in Sanfilippo Residence Hall. SCFD was contacted and responded. The resident was transported to Valley Medical Center by paramedics.


**Nov. 6:** A student was having an allergic reaction to nuts in the Leavey pool area and was in need of medical assistance. He was evaluated and given oxygen by SCU EMS.

## Theft

**Nov. 4:** An Apple laptop was reported stolen from the trellis bench area of Kenna Hall. A report was filed with SCPD.

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## CORRECTIONS

Special Correspondent Gavin Cosgrave's name was misspelled in "Voices of Santa Clara: Phil Keston" (Page 5, Issue 6, Nov. 2, 2017).

Sophomore Alejandra Fraume was misquoted in the article "Unisex Bathrooms: Can Just Anybody Use the Can?" Although the quotes were taken from an email sent by Fraume, the words were actually Jazmine Low's (Page 3, Issue 6, Nov. 2, 2017).

# East Coast Offers West Homeless Insight

Geoff Mulvihill  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — It's before dawn when two outreach workers find a homeless man known as Juice near a train station in Harlem. A nurse will be visiting to discuss his heart problems, they tell him.

A short time later, in Marcus Garvey Park, the sun has just begun to rise when the caseworkers approach a man zipped inside a sleeping bag. They have encountered him before; they know he's teasing when he gives a phony name.

Gladys Rivera and Ali Olson are part of a citywide, round-the-clock army of workers for nonprofits contracted by the city. Their aim is to get the homeless into shelter, and so they make the rounds of upper Manhattan, checking on clients, identifying newcomers to the streets and trying to connect them with services. They are often rejected, but they do not give up.

"You never know which one is going to be the one that sticks," Olson said.

Rivera and Olson are soldiers in the city's massive daily effort to get the homeless off the street, and into a system that has the capacity to shelter anyone who needs a place to stay.

The nation's most populous city also

has the nation's largest homeless population, with 75,000, and like other high-rent cities, it has not been able to move the dispossessed to permanent housing nearly as fast as people are becoming homeless.

But there is one key difference: The homeless in New York are far less visible on a daily basis than in West Coast cities where the population has exploded over the past couple years, leading several local governments to declare states of emergency.

The city had fewer than 4,000 unsheltered homeless in an official count taken in January, a number that might have been deflated somewhat by winter weather.

But that amounts to only about one in 20 homeless people being unsheltered. That compares with 15 of every 20 homeless people in Los Angeles sleeping on the streets or in tents, vehicles or abandoned buildings.

In California, Oregon and Washington combined, 12 out of every 20 homeless people have no shelter at night. New York City has more people in shelters than the three West Coast states combined—and about the same number living on the street as Oakland, a city that has just five percent the population of New York.

Some West Coast cities are pushing for

permanent affordable housing as a long-term fix for the growing homeless crisis, but officials also are looking for immediate answers. The idea of right-to-shelter programs mimicking New York's has popped up in this year's mayoral race in Seattle.

New York's policy grew out of a series of court rulings dating to the 1970s and is rooted in state constitutional provisions adopted in the 1930s to ensure the needy would get government help.

Homeless families can get short-term shelter while their cases are investigated and longer-term shelter if they are found in need of it.

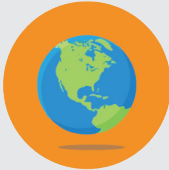
For single adults, there is even easier access to the system. They show up at intake centers and are usually given a place to stay that night. There are ample opportunities to get inside, said Cedric Harden, a 35-year-old formerly homeless man now working as a chef.

"You have to be crazy as hell to be homeless in New York City," he said, while visiting old friends on the streets in Harlem.

While the effort is expansive, it's also not cheap. Last year, New York spent nearly \$1.7 billion in city, state and federal money to aid the homeless. And even with that commitment, the sheltering program has its critics among the homeless.

# News in Brief

## Global



- Snapchat's quarterly loss more than tripled as user growth continues to slow.
- The Paris Agreement regarding climate change now has the support of Syria, leaving the U.S. as the only country opposed.
- The Kingdom in Saudi Arabia is transforming as Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman consolidates his power.

## National



- A gunman killed 26 people and wounded at least 20 others during a Baptist church service in Sutherland Springs, Tex. on Sunday. The Air Force failed to register the Texas Gunman's court-martial conviction that would have blocked him from buying the rifle.
- President Trump nominated Jerome H. Powell to chair the Federal Reserve.
- Roy Holladay, former M.L.B. pitcher with the Toronto Blue Jays and Philadelphia Phillies, died in a plane crash in the Gulf of Mexico. He was 40 years old.
- Shalane Flanagan became the first American woman to win the NYC Marathon since Miki Gorman in 1977.

## Santa Clara



- There is a Difficult Dialogue tonight from 6-8 p.m. in Benson 21. The topic is "Free Speech: Whose Right is It?"
- The university's Chief Information Security Officer, Ryan Aldridge, recommends that Mac users do not upgrade to MacOS High Sierra at this time.

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# Keeping Up With ASG: Week Seven Recap

## Senate learns of upcoming campus construction projects

Meghan McLaughlin  
THE SANTA CLARA

Senate members recently learned about the new developments coming to campus and how students can navigate the construction changes caused by these projects.

According to a presentation given by **Chris Shay**, Assistant Vice President for University Operations, there will be a total of five projects beginning in the next year—three main projects were emphasized during his presentation.

The most impactful project to campus is the Sobrato Campus for Discovery and Innovation, slated to break ground in January 2018.

This complex will be double the size of the library and will displace STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) students to various locations on campus.

According to Shay, the energy lab for the new STEM building is being co-developed with sustainability groups.

This STEM building will go in the place of the four main engineering buildings: Bannan Hall, Bannan Engineering, Bannan En-

gineering Laboratories and Murphy Hall, while Heafey-Bergin Hall will be renovated and reused for STEM classes.

STEM classes normally operating out of those four main engineering buildings will be moved to Heafey-Bergin—where law school classes are currently being held, Alameda Hall, St. Clare Commons, Daly Science 200 and the garage.

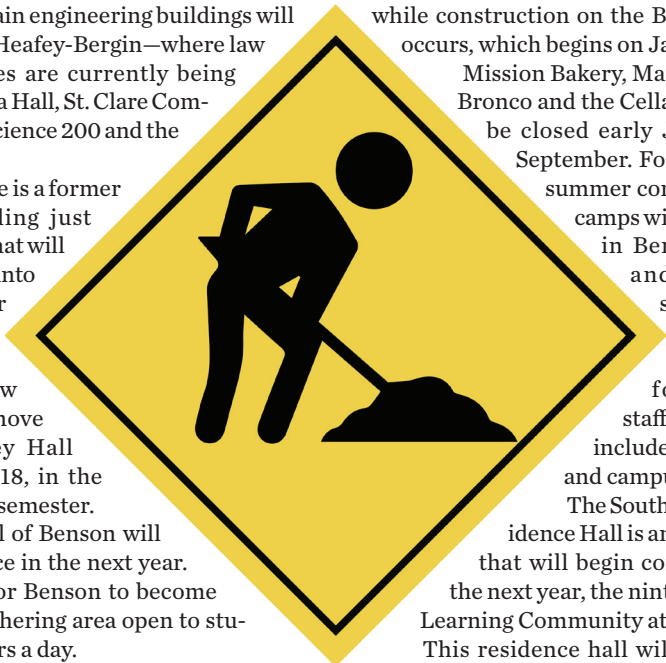
The garage is a former garage building just off-campus that will be converted into lab space for STEM students.

The law school will move into Charney Hall in March 2018, in the middle of its semester.

A remodel of Benson will also take place in the next year. The goal is for Benson to become more of a gathering area open to students 23 hours a day.

This will begin with the Bronco atrium. The patio between the Bronco and the bookstore will be enclosed to house additional seating for the Bronco.

Especially with this venture, Shay highlighted the concept of retail construction that



goes on in places like Westfield Valley Fair.

With this form of construction, student traffic will be minimally disturbed.

The Bronco will continue to be operational while construction on the Bronco atrium occurs, which begins on January 2018.

Mission Bakery, Marketplace, the Bronco and the Cellar Market will be closed early June to mid-September. Food service for summer conferences and camps will be prepared in Benson kitchen and served in satellite locations. Food alternatives for faculty, staff and students include Adobe Lodge and campus cafes.

The South Campus Residence Hall is another project that will begin construction in the next year, the ninth Residential Learning Community at Santa Clara.

This residence hall will be formally named in the next six months. A focus group was held this week to identify potential themes. The hall will host 366 beds for first-years and sophomores and will mainly take up the parking lot behind Sobrato Hall.

To account for this, a new parking garage

will be built underneath this new residence hall. The estimated timeline is for construction to begin in January 2018 and end in August 2019, in time for the newest crop of incoming students.

Vice President **Samantha Pérez** updated the Senate on the new sexual assault awareness video to replace “Can’t Thread a Moving Needle.”

Pérez spoke with a potential donor who gave a generous offer to fund the new video, but whose offer needs to get approved by administration.

Pérez also updated the Senate on developments in the distribution of condoms on campus.

After a conversation with **Jeanne Rosenberger**, Vice Provost for Student Life and Dean of Students, Pérez told senators the decision will be up to University President **Michael Engh, S.J.**

**Alex Perlman**, the Facilities and Operations Committee Chair, shared plans to have a formal Christmas tree lighting. Perlman also had the idea of each RSO making ornaments for the tree.

The Senate will meet again during week eight at 7 p.m. in the Williman Room in Benson.

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# ROTC on Campus: Collaboration or Contradiction?

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During the Vietnam era, there was a heated debate about the justification of the program, in which the faculty and the students “overwhelming voted in support” of keeping ROTC on campus.

Fisher spoke of how Santa Clara students embody the ideals of a military leader.

“Why would we not want graduates from this university to be in our army?” Fisher said. “This is a great university, diverse viewpoints is expressed here. These students are well-equipped to be leaders, not only in industry, but in the military as well, if they so choose that,” Fisher said.

“In the military, we really want well-rounded people. We want the whole person, which is keeping with the Jesuit tradition.”

Fisher spoke of how he was a senior in high school in New Jersey during 9/11, which spurred his decision to attend West Point and join the military.

He also noted how the military is involved in activities besides war, such as the Army engineers currently restoring power in Puerto Rico to those who have been in the dark for several weeks.

“In any humanitarian disaster on our planet, the U.S. Army, Air Force, Marines, we’re there,” Fisher said. “We are oftentimes the only thing capable of offering support in those periods.”

Then came Tosu’s turn to speak. He represented the position of “principled non-violence” that is adhered to as part of the CW

movement.

Casa de Clara shelters homeless women and children, distributes groceries to people in their neighborhood and offers mobile showers to those living on the streets.

He was arrested by SCPD in Oct. 2016 in front of the Mission Church for an unsanctioned, nonviolent protest calling for an end of the ROTC program at Santa Clara.

He read part of the Soldier’s Creed from the Santa Clara Army ROTC Cadet handbook aloud, quoting “I am an American Soldier ... I stand ready to deploy, engage,

*“In the military... we want the whole person, which is keeping with the Jesuit tradition.”*

and destroy the enemies of the United States in close combat.”

He questioned how a Catholic school can reconcile those words with the words of Jesus, who said, “love your enemies.”

After the three men spoke, they had time to respond to each other’s statements. They agreed that war is a constant throughout history and sometimes diplomacy fails. The question remaining is whether war can bring peace.

The last 10 minutes were reserved for questions and brief comments. Gibson reminded the audience that they were all gathered to “deepen and critique our own perspectives and to learn

together.”

One questioned Fisher’s use of the word “patriotism,” whereas another commented how Santa Clara is an “amazing” place to train people to go to war and produces leaders with high moral character.

The hour-long panel began at 5:30 p.m. in the Unity Commons and was sponsored by the Religious Studies Department, Unity RLC and Casa de Clara Catholic Worker.

The event was well-attended by 40 people, though several students admitted they were present in order to receive extra credit. Six Campus Safety officers manned the doors.

The talk was part of the “Living with Purpose: What do local faith communities teach us about Discernment, Service and Resistance in Challenging Times?” series, which aims to engage the Santa Clara community by learning what faith-related organizations are doing in Silicon Valley.

According to professor Philip Riley, the series grew out of meetings between him, Gibson and individuals associated with CW, chiefly Tosu.

The three started meeting last spring after Tosu’s arrest to explore ways the university and Casa de Clara could collaborate. According to Riley, they each had different interests that brought them together.

Riley described the Tuesday panel as “something of a pilot” to see if Santa Clara students are interested in local activist organizations and non-violence.

“We will probably do



A panel held earlier this week in Unity RLC discussed the justification of ROTC on Santa Clara’s Jesuit campus. The panellists offered differing viewpoints and the audience members were able to offer their own ideas at the end.

something similar in the spring, and we are also exploring a course that engages local organizations like Catholic Worker in justice and related issues,” Riley said.

Related to the panel, there is a peace vigil and protest scheduled on-campus for Nov. 16 at 4:30 p.m. Activists including students, alumni and Catholic Workers are planning to gather in front of the Mission.

“We have contacted the Office of the President, and we hope that we will be permitted this peaceful prayer vigil, and that the situation will not escalate as it did last year when the SCPD arrested me in the Mission Church,” Tosu said.

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# Marvelous Heroism in Spite of Chaos

*“Thor: Ragnarok” is just as funny as it is thrilling*

Noah Sonnenburg  
THE SANTA CLARA

Finally: a Marvel movie for everyone. Lighter and more welcoming than any of its predecessors, “Thor: Ragnarok” blew me away. Four years since the last Thor film, the franchise has changed, and all for the better. While the last two films in the series felt stern and unwelcoming at times, this third installment is clever, inventive and surprisingly wholesome.

This dynamic movie teaches some important lessons while tying in enough physical comedy to give a young Chevy Chase a run for his money. By incorporating themes of fatherhood, rebirth and forgiveness, the most recent “Thor” positions itself as entertaining for all audiences.

According to “Vanity Fair,” lead actor Chris Hemsworth reportedly felt “frustrated and bored” with his previous roles as Thor. He went on later to say about the franchise, “Tonally, we’ve just got to wipe the

table again.” Many fans felt the same. The scripts of the previous films felt repetitive, forced and clichéd beyond all belief. This release suggests, at long last, that Marvel isn’t afraid to grow and develop. While Marvel’s films bring in billions of dollars each year, the growth illustrated in this release indicates that the company does care about the content they put out, and in turn, they listen to their followers and performers.

And it shows. Across the board, “Thor: Ragnarok” has scored highly among critics and audiences alike. On Rotten Tomatoes, the film is “certified fresh” with a score of 94 percent, and Metacritic gives it a 74. This makes it the highest-rated film in the Marvel Cinematic Universe.

The film opens on the God of Thunder himself, trapped in a suspended cage, seemingly breaking the fourth wall. He is suspended in a jagged, egg-like cage in an unknown location. He rattles on for some time, sentimentally harkening back to highlights of “Avengers: Age of Ultron.” In time, the cage opens, interrupting this monologue, and Thor plummets to the ground.

His fall is halted by the chain wrapped around him, dangling him just feet from the ground. There, he encounters his captor, Surtur, who tells him he wishes to destroy As-

gard. After escaping, Thor works to stop this apocalyptic prophecy. His efforts take him through all of time and space, reuniting with Asgardians and Avengers alike.

This film gives Hemsworth’s Thor the showcase he deserves. For the character alone, this film shows Thor not just as some utterly clueless, ancient god. His wit and sincerity in this film put some substance behind the man himself. Every other line is clever, but not overwhelmingly so. His comedic chops are sharp and his ability to change moods at the flip of a switch is beyond commendable. Witty, endearing and emotional, this rendition of the God of Thunder is exceptionally executed and a sight worth seeing.

“Thor: Ragnarok,” in some sense, is a follow-up to the “Avengers” and “Thor” storylines. On top of this, elements of the 2006 Marvel Comics release “Planet Hulk” are weaved into the story as we find the Hulk captured on a planet far from Earth. The delicate interplay of these other storylines makes the film incredibly enjoyable.

The sole issue with the film, which also was its strong suit, was the abundance of humor. The dialogue of the film was not dull, but the humor at times felt heavy handed. This jocular God of Thunder seems

to have lost his edge as a force of nature, now reduced to a hammer-wielding teddybear. The volume of jokes also left little time for poignancy in the script, leaving the audience wanting more, emotionally. There were innumerable opportunities for a heartfelt moment, a new connection between characters or newfound love. All of these felt glossed over by the occasionally overbearing humor. Marvel needs to leave the brazen witticism to the Deadpool films.

Despite its minor shortcomings, “Thor: Ragnarok” is everything a superhero should be. The story is high-stakes, challenging and daring. The acting is engaging and humorous. If you’re bored by the run-of-the-mill action films of today, “Thor: Ragnarok” will be a welcome break from the norm. The movie is built for everyone, and everyone should see it.

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“Thor: Ragnarok” stars Chris Hemsworth as popular Marvel Comics character “Thor.”

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Religion professor discusses meditation, careers and tolerance

Gavin Cosgrave  
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The following is an entry in a series called “Voices of Santa Clara,” which profiles noteworthy students and faculty. The Q & A is excerpted from the “Voices of Santa Clara” podcast.

Sarita Stella Tamayo-Moraga has developed a well-deserved affinity from students for her calming presence and joyful laugh. Dr. Tamayo-Moraga teaches a variety of religious studies courses and serves as the faculty director of the McLaughlin-Walsh Residence Hall. She has researched and taught classes on ways of understanding religion, comparative mysticism and meditation.

**Gavin Cosgrave:** How do you recommend that students get started with meditation?

**Sarita Tamayo-Moraga:** For students who come with anxiety and stress, I usually invite them to our meditation groups on campus: Wednesdays at 5:15p.m. in [the] St. Joseph’s Hall Multifaith Sanctuary and Tuesdays at noon in the St. Francis chapel at the back of the mission. Meditation is easier if you have community.

Here’s another tip: When your alarm goes off, set your phone timer for three minutes and stay in bed (this is from Thích Nhất Hạnh, a Vietnamese Zen master). On the

Voices of Santa Clara: Sarita Tamayo-Moraga

“in” breath, say “calm mind,” and on the “out” breath, say “peaceful body.” And if you drift off and start worrying or making a list, come back and breathe deeply.

**GC:** Have there been any surprising or unexpected experiences since you have taught at Santa Clara?

**STM:** I can remember one program about mindfulness and, specifically, mindful eating. About 15 students came to this program, and we did mindful brownie eating and mindful raisin eating. We had a Muslim explanation about how eating could be sacred, a Buddhist interpretation, a Jewish interpretation and a Catholic interpretation.

What I found striking was that one student was almost upset that in the mindful brownie eating versus the raisin eating, he realized that a raisin is sweeter than a brownie. He was partially joking, but he didn’t want to accept that because culturally, brownies are seen as sweet, and raisins are seen as a healthy snack.

Watching him struggle with what he had directly experienced, versus cultural norms, versus what he wanted to think, was an unexpected joy of a program in the hall.

**GC:** What were your career plans in college?

**STM:** When I went to college, my big dream was to be a book editor or publisher, or run a bookstore.

I can remember at mass in college, the priest was giving a homily, and he asked us what we would die without. The very first thing that came to mind is that I would die if I had to stop learning. That was not surprising, but simultaneously shocking.

My dreams of being a book editor were linked to that, and linked back to opening people’s minds to difference and understanding each other, despite distinct visions that



Dr. Tamayo-Moraga first joined the Santa Clara faculty in 2003. She is a Senior Lecturer in the Religious Studies Department.

may not overlap.

**GC:** What in your career are you most proud of?

**STM:** I think perhaps one thing I’m proud of is the way I have seen pedagogical tools of emotional management—such as the journals in the class “Ways of Understanding Religion”—help students track emotional reactivity and how that might hinder learning. I’ve been able to watch students begin to realize their worldview, see how it hinders them from seeing what is in front of them, and see them shift to acknowledge that their worldview limits their view. Sometimes students find that their perspective might be a prejudice.

**GC:** If you could recommend that every student read a book, what would it be?

**STM:** “Full Catastrophe Living,” by Jon Kabat-Zinn.

**GC:** What advice would you give to a first-year student?

**STM:** Get at least six hours of sleep a night, ask for help before you think you need it and turn to your community facilitators.

**GC:** You practice both Catholicism and Zen Buddhism which is a unique combination. Do the two religions always complement each other, or are there times when they conflict?

**STM:** For me personally, they don’t come into conflict, but for others they might come into conflict. For me, since Zen does not require one to make the Buddha a deity, I am not required by Zen to have an additional deity. For me, the Buddha was a man that can help some people transform their suffering. Personally, it’s a way for me to free myself from the prison of my own mind.

Others may find conflict in philosophy or theology, but there is precedent for Zen masters being ordained Catholic Priests. At least for now, I think there is more acceptance of following both paths. Any theology, when taken to its minute details, will be in conflict; but that’s not what I focus on. For me, it’s what tools will help me transform my suffering so I can be a better person and not cause others to suffer.

**GC:** If you could send a message to everyone in the United States, what would you say?

**STM:** Please give others the benefit of the doubt until you no longer can.

To listen to the full interview, visit [voicesofsantaclara.com](http://voicesofsantaclara.com) or search “Voices of Santa Clara” on the iTunes Podcast App.

W. Kamau Bell Inspires Activism Through Humor



KEVIN NGO—THE SANTA CLARA

Sociopolitical commentator and comedian W. Kamau Bell kicked off his year as the Frank Sinatra Chair with a performance entitled “Private School Negro” on Nov. 7. Bell is known for tackling issues of race and equality in America with a tasteful sense of humor.

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hint of playful satire, as he attempted to highlight the blatant irony in his interaction with one of the high-

est ranking members of the Klan. Some progress was even made—the Klan member seemed to like Bell’s idea of adding mouth holes to their hoods for easier speech.

Aside from his joking behavior, Bell also asks the Klan leader about the reasoning behind the organization’s beliefs, giving the group their moment to express their views out-

side the context of hotly contested rallies and marches.

Bell’s interviews are not limited to fringe groups. The people he meets come from a variety of social, political, racial and economic backgrounds. These are groups that some audience members seldom interact with.

His show gives the viewer a window into the daily lives and the opinions held by those people. Bell serves as a mediator between the audience and the people around the nation who need to be heard if Americans are to resolve our divisions. From Bell’s perspective, education and interaction, rather than combativeness and isolation, are the keys to unity.

In addition to “United Shades of America,” Bell is politically active through his various podcasts, as well as a book entitled “The Awkward Thoughts of W. Kamau Bell: Tales of a 6’ 4”, African American, Heterosexual, Cisgender, Left-Leaning, Asthmatic, Black and Proud Blerd, Mama’s Boy, Dad, and Stand-Up Comedian,” in which he “tackles a wide range of issues” from the state of law enforcement today to his upbringing, and finding his own unique comedic voice.

He is also a contributing writer on CNN, where he goes more in-depth with many of the same issues he explores on his show.

His podcast “Politically Re-

Active,” co-hosted with fellow comedian and long-time friend Hari Kondabolu, is in its second season and also addresses current political issues.

In light of the divisive nature of the last election and the current administration, people like Bell are just the influence that college campuses need.

“College campuses are a place for rigorous thought.”

He is a problem-solver, a go-getter and somebody willing to reach “way across the aisle.”

“College campuses are a place for rigorous thought,” Bell said. In a campus environment that has become increasingly politically heated, open debate and conversation pose a potential solution to the national division that is reflected on a smaller scale at Santa Clara.

Bell’s position as mediator can alleviate some of the difficulty in starting discussion and debate.

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# OPINION

Thursday, November 9, 2017

John Brussa

## May the Force Be With... Episode 8?



Disney's sequel to "The Force Awakens" will be arriving in theaters soon and experts are once again predicting a box office blowout. During an interview back in April, Mark Hamill (Luke Skywalker) was quoted saying to director Rian Johnson, "I fundamentally disagree with virtually everything you've decided about my character."

The upcoming installment in the beloved Star Wars franchise, mysteriously titled "The Last Jedi," has followers everywhere saying "I have a bad feeling about this."

Well, not really. But, in 2015, after Disney stirred the hearts of die-hards in anticipation of "The Force Awakens," some fans (including this one) left theaters displeased and let down by what had just screened. The plot of the new movie too closely resembled 1977's "A New Hope" (Death Star number two?—come on) while taking inexplicable and inconsistent directions and generally not holding up to the standard set by the original trilogy. The movie basically hit the reset button, scrapping all that the rebellion had accomplished during the past films. Many (or at least a few) are

predicting "The Last Jedi" will likely follow suit and end up as disastrous as Episode 7.

Why, you ask? Well, let's talk about the only thing known for certain that will (or won't) be in the newest movie; the characters. While Harrison Ford may have been pushing his limit in terms of age, it is a sad reality that Han Solo won't be brandishing his unique charisma as the galaxy's most wanted smuggler in the newest movie. He offered a rugged coolness in every film he appeared; that is until J.J. Abrams and Kylo Ren jointly killed him off.

That brings us to the first of many poorly cast characters in the Disney directed trilogy; the bad boy of the Empire, Kylo Ren—who didn't really offer much more than a cool lightsaber and the emotional instability

of a spoiled child. His predecessor, Darth, was twice the villain (with a fraction of the limbs). New trailers have also given subtle hints that his allegiance to the Empire may be challenged during "The Last Jedi," but this too would be setting the newest trilogy up for failure.

Ren's character is one that requires a cold and convincing ruthlessness, the type that is necessary to Star Wars: evil, angry and full of hatred for the rebel scum. How could the guy who killed his own father have a change of heart? In order to resurrect his performance from the prior film, Kylo needs to get badder, not better.

Finn, while providing some corny comic relief throughout the previous film, is the biggest waste of a character since the infamous

Jar-Jar Binks. While he may have been able to successfully evade his comrades and join the ranks of the rebellion, he provides no real value to the storyline. Hopefully, this character can amount to more than Rey's bumbling sidekick in his next appearance (because we all know he somehow survives the wound from Kylo Ren's lightsaber).

What about Poe? Well, Poe was actually pretty cool. That is, for the two minutes we got to see him. He'll absolutely need a bigger role in order for Episode 8 to have any hope.

Lastly comes Rey. The promotion of strong female leads in films is significant and important, but Daisy Ridley is simply a poor choice to embody this role. This is especially apparent when Ridley is compared to Felicity Jones, who portrayed Jyn Erso in the Disney offshoot, "Rogue One." Jones went above and beyond in her role as the movie's protagonist, seamlessly providing a rough-around-the-edges, vulnerable outsider that viewers could relate to and admire. Ridley just doesn't have the same on-screen captivation.

"The Force Awakens" was the highest grossing film of all time, and "The Last Jedi" will likely top it when it comes out in December, so all of this squabbling will probably fall on deaf ears. But how much of this is out of blind loyalty to George Lucas' cinematic baby?

The answer is a lot. But that could change. So, if the next stop in the trilogy is anything like the first, Disney might consider preemptively changing the title to "The Last (Time People Pay to See a) Jedi."

*Ruric Ellings contributed to this article. John Brussa is a junior finance major and editor of the opinion section.*

Jay Fuchs

## Prayer or Policy: Which Will Save Lives?

A little over a month ago, I wrote an article addressing the GOP's standard line in response to national tragedies after the deadliest mass shooting in American history took place in Las Vegas. It always happens without fail; a gunman kills dozens of people—prompting pundits and politicians on the right to send thoughts and prayers to the residents of the [insert affected community]. They insist that America's lax gun laws have absolutely nothing to do with the senseless act of violence that just occurred in [insert location of most recent tragedy], and they spontaneously develop a vested interest in mental illness.

All those steps amount to the same end every time: the most grossly oversimplified answer to the most intricate, uncomfortable question our country faces. "We do not have a gun problem in this country; we have a mental health problem," they'll say. That is not true; it is not that convenient, and it is a testament to the NRA's chokehold on our legislature that we have not been able to fully understand and remedy the epidemic of mass shootings in America.

This past Sunday, 26 people were killed in a Baptist church in Sutherland Springs, Texas by Air Force veteran, David Kelley. And like clockwork, the GOP has already started pointing fingers at mental illness.

At a news conference in Japan, President Trump dismissed any and all talk on gun control and stated that "mental health is [the] problem here." Admittedly, David Kelley did have a brush with the mental health care system when he was admitted to a psychiatric hospital in 2012. But to pin the blame entirely on his mental health is to address an incredibly difficult issue with the most basic answer possible.

Mental illnesses are scary to a lot of people,

and those with mental health problems in this country are often construed as being dangerous and unpredictable. But those premises are fundamentally flawed.

According to Liza Gold, a forensic psychiatrist who teaches at Georgetown University, 98 percent of gun violence in the United States is not perpetrated by people with mental illnesses—a group of people making up only 18 percent of the adult population in the United States. Furthermore, mentally ill people with guns are more likely to use them on themselves as opposed to others. Mental health care in the United States needs to be assessed and improved, but the idea that such actions, alone, will miraculously remedy the seemingly endless barrage of mass shootings specific to the United States is not well founded.

So what are the root causes behind these tragedies? The truth is that we do not have the full answer, and that is in large part because the NRA will not let us find it. In 1996, Congress passed the NRA-backed Dickey Amendment, a bill that effectively bullied the Center for Disease Control away from researching the causes of gun violence by stripping funding for such programs and forbidding the organization from spending funds to promote or advocate gun control.

The Amendment was a bureaucratic nightmare for the Center's directors who eventually opted to essentially do away with its gun violence field entirely. Since then, the NRA has worked tirelessly and successfully to keep funding away from research on the nature of gun violence, so the organization can continue painting national tragedies as natural occurrences perpetrated by a segment of society that the general public does not truly understand.

Donald Trump and the rest of the the right



The National Rifle Association, located in Fairfax, Virginia, is seen as one of the most influential lobbying groups in the nation's capital. As always, following an atrocity, debates about gun law reform have reignited.

blaming this tragedy exclusively on mental illness means they are either deflecting or in denial. The conversation on where to go from here is tough and requires a very frank, critical reevaluation of gun laws in the United States. Understanding the nature of gun violence is integral to treating the scourge of mass shootings that plagues this country.

Congress needs to get out of the NRA's vice grip and finally allow legitimate research on these trends. Unfortunately, that is infinitely easier said than done; the gun lobby runs this country, and until legislators are willing to stand up to organizations like the NRA, we

can send our thoughts and prayers to [insert location of next mass shooting].

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STANDINGS

Men’s Soccer

Team	WCC	Overall
Portland	4-1-1	9-6-1
San Francisco	4-1-0	7-8-0
Pacific	3-1-1	11-3-1
San Diego	2-2-2	8-5-3
Saint Mary’s	2-2-2	5-6-5
<b>Santa Clara</b>	<b>2-3-1</b>	<b>2-13-1</b>
Loyola Marymount	2-4-0	4-11-2
Gonzaga	0-5-1	6-8-2

Women’s Soccer

Team	WCC	Overall
Pepperdine	8-0-1	14-2-3
<b>Santa Clara</b>	<b>8-1-0</b>	<b>13-6-1</b>
San Diego	6-3-0	8-11-0
Loyola Marymount	4-4-1	9-6-4
Bringham Young	4-4-1	7-8-4
San Francisco	4-5-0	8-10-2
Saint Mary’s	3-5-1	7-11-1
Gonzaga	2-7-0	10-8-1
Pacific	2-7-0	5-13-2
Portland	2-7-0	5-13-1

Volleyball

Team	WCC	Overall
Brigham Young	12-1	23-2
San Diego	12-1	19-4
Gonzaga	8-5	13-12
Pepperdine	7-7	15-12
Pacific	7-7	12-13
Loyola Marymount	7-7	14-11
<b>Santa Clara</b>	<b>6-7</b>	<b>13-12</b>
Portland	5-8	14-11
Saint Mary’s	3-11	7-17
San Francisco	0-13	3-23

UPCOMING GAMES

Men’s Soccer

San Diego @ Santa Clara	Sat. 11/11	7:00 p.m.
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Women’s Soccer.

Loyola Marymount @ Santa Clara	Sat. 11/11	1:00 p.m.
Santa Clara @ San Diego	Thu. 11/16	7:00 p.m.
Santa Clara @ Bringham Young	Sat. 11/18	12:00 p.m.
Santa Clara @ SaintMary’s	Tue. 11/21	7:00 p.m.

Volleyball

Pepperdine @ Santa Clara	Thu. 11/9	7:00 p.m.
Loyola Marymount @ Santa Clara	Sat. 11/11	1:00 p.m
Santa Clara @ San Diego	Thu. 11/16	7:00 p.m.
Santa Clara @ Bringham Young	Sat. 11/18	12:00 p.m
Santa Clara @ Bringham Young	Tue. 11/21	7:00 p.m

Women’s Basketball

Cal St. Fullerton @ Santa Clara	Sat. 11/11	6:00 p.m.
UC Santa Barbara @ Santa Clara	Tue. 11/14	7:00 p.m
USC @ Santa Clara	Fri. 11/17	7:00 p.m

Men’s Basketball

La Verne @ Santa Clara	Fri. 11/10	7:00 p.m.
Nevada @ Santa Clara	Wed. 11/15	7:00 p.m
Cal Poly @ Santa Clara	Sat. 11/18	7:00 p.m

Cross Country

Santa Clara @ NCAA Division I West Region Meet - Seattle, WA	Fri. 11/10	10:30 a.m.
Santa Clara @ NCAA Division I National Championship Meet	Sat. 11/18	10:00 a.m.

Men’s Water Polo

Santa Clara @ Stanford	Fri. 11/10	10:30 a.m.
Santa Clara @ WWPA Championship		
San Diego, CA	Fri. 11/17	TBD.
Santa Clara @ WWPA Championship		
San Diego, CA	Sat. 11/18	TBD.
Santa Clara @ WWPA Championship		
San Diego, CA	Sun. 11/19	TBD.

Women’s Soccer Advances in NCAA

*Team hopes their offense will carry them far in playoffs*

Addy Camisa  
THE SANTA CLARA

In The Division I Santa Clara Women’s Soccer team will continue on into the NCAA tournament after playing Brigham Young University last Wednesday.

The team finished the game with a 4-3 score. They currently hold an overall record of 13-6-1 and conference record of 8-1-0. They will advance to play the University of California, Berkeley this Saturday.

“What worked well for us was what worked well for us all year, and that’s scoring goals,” Head Coach Jerry Smith said. “We had about a 57-game streak where we didn’t give up more than two goals in a game, and we’ve given up three or more several times this year. We certainly weren’t happy about giving up three goals against BYU, but we were ecstatic that we scored four.”

They have earned the impressive second spot in the conference and finished their regular season on a seven-game winning streak. This win took place on their Senior Day.

As long as Pepperdine had a loss or a tie in their game, the Santa Clara team just needed a win to advance

in the NAAs. Though they had a win, Pepperdine did as well and took the Santa Clara team’s spot. Their 8-0-1 record trumped Santa Clara’s 8-1-0 record by their tie and our loss.

However, the team will still move on to the NAAs.

“Yesterday, we learned from the NCAA that we were selected to the NCAA tournament. They selected us as one of the at-large teams and now we look forward to the NCAA tournament. We play Cal on Saturday at 1:30 up at their place, and that’s a very tough opening game, but most of the games in the NCAA tournament are really tough games,” Coach Smith said.

With the University of California, Berkeley as their first tournament opponent, the Santa Clara team hopes to make a deep run in the NAAs. This will be the 27th time the group has been in the NAAs in their past 29 years as a team.

Moreover, in 15 of those 27 runs, the Santa Clara team has made it into the Elite Eight or further.

The team has not cemented a national title in the NCAA conference since 2001, when they defeated the University of North Carolina. Going into their game at Cal, the team will operate differently.

“One of our top performers this year, Julie Doyle, two and a half games ago against USF suffered a season-ending injury,” Coach Smith said. “When you lose your second most productive offensive player, you’re forced to change some things.



COURTESY OF SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY

The Women’s Soccer team advanced in the NCAA tournament last Wednesday, Nov. 1. They will advance in the tournament and play LMU on Saturday.

We haven’t made our final decisions, but we’ve certainly been working through it and I’m sure we’ll look different than the first time we played Cal.”

The team’s traditions of excellence as well as the surprises that rework the team create the need for intense dedication from the coaching staff and the players.

“Our strength of schedule was ranked in the top ten in the country this year again. In Division I Women’s Soccer, there are 340 teams, so any time you’re in the top ten on anything, you’re really good,” Coach Smith said.

The team is thankful for

Santa Clara’s support, especially as a Division I sport.

“We try to support the other teams here and go to as many university events as we can so we can show our appreciation and how thankful we are that we are at a place that supports women’s soccer as well as Santa Clara does,” Coach Smith said.

The Santa Clara Women’s Soccer team hopes to advance to the Elite Eight or further in the NAAs, starting this Saturday against the University of California, Berkeley.

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Men’s Cross Country Anticipates Last Meet

*Bronco runners anxiously await their final event*

Addy Camisa  
THE SANTA CLARA

The Santa Clara Men’s Cross Country team is coming to the end of an exciting season as they approach their regionals competition. Currently ranked 12th in the West region by the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA), the team competed in the West Coast Conference Championships at the end of October.

Led by Captain Joey Berriatua, they finished fifth in the conference with 165 points, which is their best finish since placing fifth in 2014. At the meet, Berriatua set a new record for the school’s 8k with a time of 23:50.0, beating his previous record by 34.5 seconds. The meet’s outcome was up to par with Head Coach Felipe Montoro’s expectations. When asked if their placing aligned with his hopes, Mon-



COURTESY OF SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY

The Men’s Cross Country team will look to finish the season with personal bests in their final meet in Seattle this weekend. Currently, the Broncos are ranked 12th in the West.

toro said, “Definitely. We were, in preseason, eighth, and throughout the season we have been slowly moving up in projections.

We were slated to finish fifth, and so it’s always good when you can meet those expectations.”

The team will compete in the NCAA Division I West Regionals on Nov. 10 in Seattle. The team hopes to land in the top 15 and hold their spot in the highest ranks.

While they are currently ranked 12th in

the West, moving up in the rankings is always a goal. Coach Montoro has high hopes for the Seattle meet.

“We are only graduating two of the seven guys that competed in [the last meet],” Montoro said. “Hopefully, it means that we are continuing to stay in the top half of the conference and start creeping our way up towards the gold standard, on the men’s side, University of Portland and Brigham Young University.”

Coach Montoro’s goal for the team is to

remain in the top 15, where they have been for most of the season.

In past conferences, the team has faced some difficulty in the regional meet because of the large emphasis on conference meets.

Addressing possible challenges at their meet in Seattle on Friday, Coach Montoro said, “The level of competition is the highest we will meet all year. First and foremost, conditions sometimes can be a factor in Seattle and it could be wet and muddy. We do not think it is

looking to be too bad, so hopefully we only have to deal with the fields.”

Montoro explains that because of tough competition and unknown weather conditions, the cross-country team will train selectively, but effectively, until the end of their postseason.

As the team winds down this season, they are in a taper period, which means they are running less than they do during their normal season.

This ensures that when they compete in their final meet, they peak effectively and feel their best, refreshed selves.

Outside of this, the team is not changing any pre-race routines or rituals as they approach this final meet in Seattle.

“We incorporate a little bit more rest, but other than that, we sort of keep things as usual,” Montoro said.

Most importantly, he said, the team is “looking to continue to improve and take something away that makes [them] better.”

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# SPORTS

Thursday, November 9, 2017

Jay Mehta

## Sports Streaming

Last year, Americans spent 31 billion hours watching sports on TV—a 40 percent increase from 10 years ago. In fact, sports viewership worldwide has steadily increased decade after decade.

People watch football, soccer, basketball, hockey, NASCAR, horse riding, volleyball and more. This comes at a steep cost for TV providers, who pay for the rights to air sports games.

In the last two decades, the cost of broadcaster’s rights to air the English Premier League has increased 25 times over, as media companies have grown to depend on sports subscriptions to avoid losing customers to online streaming services like Netflix and Hulu.

With so much on the table, tech giants are poised to become big players in this game. Last year, Twitter paid \$10 million for the rights to non-exclusively livestream 10 NFL Thursday night games. This year, Amazon one-upped Twitter by offering \$50 million for the same rights. Facebook has made moves in the sports streaming industry as well.

Last year, they bought the rights to stream one major league baseball game per week and this year they offered \$600 million for the digital rights to cricket in India.

However, they were outbid by Star India Private Ltd., who paid \$2.5 billion for the privilege. Facebook is now considering live streaming matches from the English Premier League. Head of global sports partnerships Dan Reed said, “We can drive great benefit to broadcasters, leagues, rights holders, and teams because they can access this huge fan base.” It makes sense that Facebook wants to buy live streaming rights, but it won’t come cheap.

In 2015, the Sky plc and BT Group agreed to pay a combined 1.2 billion euros a year to live stream games—over 695 million dollars more than in 2012. Sky reported a 6.2 percent decrease in operating profit this year as a result of the EPL streaming rights. ESPN had to cut jobs and move a lot of its content online as a result of NFL streaming costs. The extreme costs of live streaming sports these days has put TV providers in a sticky situation, as they can’t simply choose to stop streaming sports. Sports streaming is one of the main reasons people still buy TV packages.

While online services such as Netflix, Hulu and Amazon offer most movies and TV shows, they do little in the way of sports. Live sports is the main service holding TV companies together, but if costs continue to go up at the rate that they are, the future of pay-TV is at serious risk. Pay-TV peaked in 2009, resulting in losses of over 8 million subscribers for basic channels like ESPN, Discovery and TNT.

The eventual fallout from the rising cost of live streaming sports could completely change the industry from big TV providers signing multiyear deals to tech giants buying smaller bundles to stream a few games at a time. Only time will tell if this is better or worse for the consumer.

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## Fantasy Football Tips: Week Ten



Corey Davis, rookie wide receiver for the Tennessee Titans, has returned to the field after missing the Titans’ last six regular season games. Davis was out with a hamstring injury but was cleared to play for Week Nine’s game. He didn’t contribute much to last week’s 23-20 win, but could be a key component in the Titans’ offense moving forward.

### *The disappointments after Week Nine and what to look forward to in Week Ten*

Alex Stewart  
THE SANTA CLARA

#### Buy Low - Jared Goff (QB, LAR)

The Rams are for real, and it comes to the surprise of many, including myself.

Goff, available in over 50 percent of ESPN leagues, is an undervalued QB with clear upside in the right matchups.

An upcoming schedule with Houston, New Orleans, Philadelphia and San Francisco deliver great matchups for the rest of the year.

Goff is a guy to target if you had Deshaun Watson or Aaron Rodgers and need a guy to keep you in the hunt.

Sheer volume may not be there like in week nine. But the efficiency and consistent floor



should be sufficient. Goff is a great prospect to buy low if you are looking for a QB this week.

#### Sell High - Mike Evans (WR, TB)

The Bucks are a disaster. Jameis Winston’s shoulder is injured, and the coaching staff has failed with game planning the majority of the season. This isn’t a team that’s heading in the right direction—so, if you invested in Evans on

draft day, you can’t be excited about what’s to come. Evans hauled in one reception against the Saints in Week Nine and is facing a suspension for his cheap-shot hit on Marshon Lattimore. All of these situations devastate his value, so it would be wise to sell him for the value he still has.

#### Key Waiver Wire Pickups - Matt Forte (RB, NYJ) and Corey Davis (WR, TEN)

Forte entered Week Nine having played just shy of 50 percent of the Jets snaps in the previous two games. He racked up 18 touches in the win over the Bills, running for 77 yards on 14 carries, catching four passes for 19 yards and scoring two touchdowns. Forte’s presence in the offense has grown over the last three weeks, and he handled all the goal-line work against the Bills. The Jets still have their bye ahead of them, but Forte could be a flex-worthy player for the rest of the season, depending on matchups and the depth of your league.

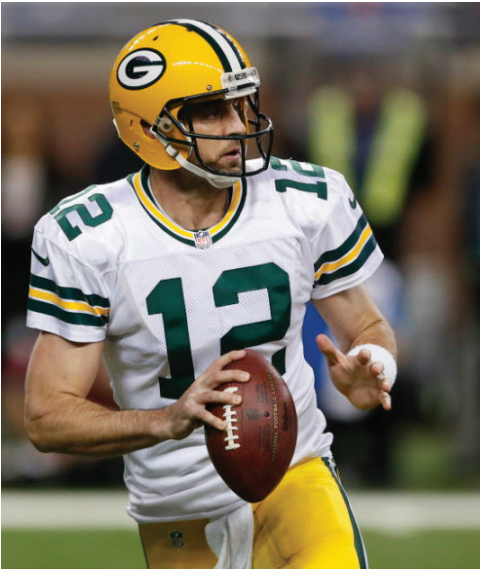
Davis returned in Week Nine after missing the Titans’ last six games because of a hamstring injury, and he was relatively quiet in the 23–20 win, catching two of five targets for 28 yards. Davis is the one pass-catcher who can truly be a game-breaker for Marcus Mariota. Now that he’s back in the fold, the Titans can add a vertical element to the offense that has been lacking. Davis is more than just a depth receiver. Even with bye weeks coming to an end over the next couple weeks, Davis is well worth making a priority on the waiver wire this week.

#### Key Matchups for Week Nine

**Steelers @ Colts:** If you have Ben Roethlisberger, Le’Veon Bell, Antonio Brown or Juju Smith-Schuster, you’re in for a treat. The Steelers have blown out the Colts many times in the past, and this matchup should be no different. In fact, this could be the most lopsided game of the season. In terms of offense, the Steelers have Bell and Brown, arguably the best running back and wide receiver, respectively. On the flipside, the Colts have an elite receiver in T.Y. Hilton with a struggling quarterback, Jacoby Brissett — not an ideal combo. The Steel Curtain will shut down the Colts offense for less than ten points in this game and Big Ben will have a field day against a Colts defense that is arguably the worst in the NFL. Look for this game to be over at the half and for the Steelers’ big weapons to score above their projected production value for the week.

**Packers @ Bears:** If you are just tuning into

this NFL season for the first time, you would think that this game would be very lopsided in the Packers’ favor. You would be wrong. That is because Rodgers, one of the greatest quarterbacks in history, is injured and will not play



against the rebuilding Bears. Brett Hundley will look to fill Rodgers’ big shoes and turn this game into a high scoring affair.

Bears will look to develop Mitch Trubisky more, but as always, will keep feeding the rock to star running back Jordan Howard.

Both teams have a subpar defense, so we should expect fairly high scores them both.

**Chargers @ Jaguars:** An unstoppable force in Melvin Gordon will meet an immovable object in the Jaguars’ defense.

We will get to see which breaks first. My bet is on the Chargers to break first, so count on Gordon and other weapons for the Chargers having a subpar week.

“Sacksonville” will get to Philip Rivers early, and behind Leonard Fournette’s running attack, Jacksonville will come out with a solid win.

Expect the Jacksonville defense along with Fournette to perform above their projected production value as they take on a Chargers team that can’t seem to make up its mind about rebuilding or going all in on a feeble attempt at a playoff run.

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