

# ON POINTE

Top 10 things we're talking about this week

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GILMOREGIRLS FACEBOOK

# 1

TV Show  
**GILMORE GIRLS**

The eighth season of “Gilmore Girls” was released Nov. 25 and is currently available to stream on Netflix. The four-episode reunion series features all the original actors, including Lauren Graham (Lorelai Gilmore) and Alexis Bledel (Rory Gilmore). The show picks up nine years from where it left off and follows the life of the Gilmore girls.

# 2

Album  
**DARKNESS AND LIGHT**



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JOHN LEGEND

John Legend’s fifth album “Darkness and Light” drops Dec. 2. The lead single, “Love Me Now,” debuted Oct. 7. The album is dedicated to his daughter, Luna, and features artists Chance The Rapper and Miguel. It will be available on iTunes for \$10.99.

WWW.JOHNLEGEND.COM

# 3

Event  
**WILD LIGHTS**



WWW.DETROITZOO.ORG

The Detroit Zoo is lighting up the holiday season with its annual 29-day event, Wild Lights. Five million LED lights will adorn trees, buildings and sculptures through the front half of the zoo. The event will be held Dec. 1-4, 8-11, 15-23 and 26-31 from 5:30-9 p.m. Tickets are \$10 if purchased in advance or \$13 at the door.

# 4

Concert  
**MAC MILLER**

Hip-Hop artist Mac Miller is coming to Royal Oak Music Theater Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. The concert will feature songs from his most current album, “The Divine Feminine,” which debuted Sept. 15. Tickets are \$49-\$434 depending on desired seat.



TWITTER @MACMILLER

# 5

Performance  
**RUDOLPH THE MUSICAL**



WWW.RUDOLPHTHEMUSICAL.COM

“Rudolph the Musical” is coming to the Fox Theater Dec. 3 and 4. The show is based on the popular movie “Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer.” Showtimes are Dec. 3 at 1, 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. and Dec. 4 at 2 and 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$45-\$180 depending on desired seat.

# 6

TV Show  
**FULLER HOUSE**

Season two of “Fuller House” will be available on Netflix Dec. 9. The new season is holiday themed, so it will feature Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Eve episodes. Original “Full House” characters Kathy Santoni and Nelson Burkhard, who weren’t in season one will return but will be played by new actors.



WWW.NETFLIX.COM

# 7

Movie  
**OFFICE CHRISTMAS PARTY**



TWITTER @OFFICEXMASPARTY

Get into the Christmas spirit with “Office Christmas Party,” a new comedy which hits theaters Dec. 9. Two co-workers try to save their jobs by throwing an office Christmas party, but it quickly gets out of hand. The film features Jennifer Aniston, Jason Bateman and Kate Mckinnon and is not yet rated.

# 8

Event  
**WINTER WONDERLAND**

Come to the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House Dec. 2-17 to experience a real-life winter wonderland. Stroll the grounds and enjoy the scenery lit up by thousands of Christmas lights. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, and children 2 and under are free. Cocoa and snacks will also be available. For more information on deals and times, go to [www.fordhouse.org](http://www.fordhouse.org).



WWW.FORDHOUSE.ORG

# 9

Movie  
**ROGUE ONE: A STAR WARS STORY**

“Rogue One: A Star Wars Story” comes to theaters Dec. 16. The movie features a group of unlikely heroes who join forces to steal the Death Star. It is a key event in the “Star Wars” timeline, so this movie will definitely appeal to fans. It is not yet rated.



WWW.STARWARS.COM

# 10

Performance  
**HIP HOP NUTCRACKER**



THE HIP HOP NUTCRACKER FACEBOOK

“Hip Hop Nutcracker” comes to the Fox theater Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. In a twist on Tchaikovsky’s original show, which usually features ballet and pointe numbers, this is solely hip hop choreography. Tickets range from \$88 to \$194.

## Uniting the States

MY TURN  
KATIE THOMAS



George Washington never wanted political parties.

In his farewell address in 1796, he left the blossoming nation with cautionary words on the dangers of creating such affiliations. Washington foresaw that they could tear the United States apart. Unfortunately, his warning would go unabided, and the Democrat vs. Republican rivalry rules our government today.

More than 200 years later, the first president's view of politically-charged identifications is correct. Exactly what he warned against has separated the

country and led to the chaos since this election.

On Nov. 8 a new leader was chosen for our nation, leaving the U.S. in a confused frenzy of either absolute devastation or complete triumph.

This election has been unexpected in every way. But what really came to light in the race was one thing: our nation is divided.

As Donald Trump’s title went from businessman to President-elect on Election Tuesday, the waning unity in America seemed to decrease even more.

Some could argue that the U.S. has always been divided politically. There’s never been a point in time when everyone got along in perfect harmony. However, this presidential race has brought out the complete worst of both sides, splitting the nation even more.

While some celebrated his win, others took to the streets to voice their outrage. In cities such as New York, Los Angeles and Washington D.C., thousands of people have protested the results of the election and wonder exactly what spiral this country has fallen into.

Everyone has the right to protest, and these particular voices are justifiable given the situation. However, when it comes time for the new president to take office, citizens need to take their anger and put it toward working together for a common cause.

As both draining and shocking as this election has been, the results are irreversible. Whether or not you think it’s ideal, we can’t give up on our country. The only thing to do is to make the most of the situation and unite to better our nation.

America has issues. We always have, and those won’t be going away. Race relations, terrorism and economic troubles have threatened to tear the United States apart for years. The country can’t prevent every single obstacle we face, but we can certainly change the way we handle them.

This presidential race has only added to the national tension, encouraging separation rather than fighting our problems as one. After all, everyone wants the same things in life—the disagreement is just in how to get them.

Half the nation despises Donald Trump and

sees his victory as a nightmare. And maybe it will be as awful as some are expecting. But maybe it won’t.

We’ll never know until we give him a chance to prove himself. Dislike of the President-elect may be completely valid. However, America still has yet to see and judge his success in the White House.

This does not mean everyone needs to unconditionally support Donald Trump. He has left a negative impression on many people and doesn’t deserve respect from those he’s offended—until he earns it. But as our new president, he should receive that chance to earn our respect.

The election has ripped the band-aid off a nationwide wound that hasn’t healed. After years of pent-up tension and disunity, we need to learn to work together and address our differences. Nothing is ever accomplished when forces work against each other. We’ve seen that method practiced in politics for years. So now, more than ever, is the time to come together and put the “United” back in the United States.