

# ON POINTE

What we're talking about this week

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TV  
**25 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS**

Freeform is celebrating its twentieth year in a row of their TV special programming, 25 Days of Christmas. The airing scheduled features popular Christmas movies played daily. The special started Dec. 1 and the last movie, “Scrooged,” begins at 9:55 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 25.

25 DAYS TO CHRISTMAS FACEBOOK

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Game  
**SUPERMARIO RUN**

Nintendo’s first Mario related iOS game, Super Mario Run, is to be released December fifteenth on iOS devices and a later date for Android. Its similar to all other Nintendo Mario video games, but now you can play it with one hand. The app will be available to download and play on the App Store for free, for a limited time only.

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Musical  
**A CHRISTMAS STORY**

Based off the original novel by Jean Shepherd, “A Christmas Story”, the musical, will be performed at the Fox Theatre on Tuesday, Dec. 20 through Friday Dec. 23. Tickets start at \$70.



A CHRISTMAS STORY ON TOUR FACEBOOK

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Sports  
**PISTONS VS GRIZZLIES**



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The Detroit Pistons, ranked sixteenth in NBA Power Rankings will be facing the Memphis Grizzlies, who are ranked eighth, on Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets start at \$45.

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Performance  
**THE NUTCRACKER**

“Moscow Ballet’s Great Russian Nutcracker,” the quintessential holiday performance for all ages, is coming to Detroit’s Fox Theatre Dec. 18. Performances are at 12 p.m., 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.



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Concert  
**TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA**



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The well-known American progressive rock band founded in 1996, the Trans-Siberian Orchestra will be playing at the Palace of Auburn Hills on Friday, Dec. 30 at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$56 to \$369.

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Fundraiser  
**VARSITY DANCE TEAM SIGNS**

The Varsity Dance Team is holding a sign-making party Monday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. as a fundraiser for new uniforms. These handcrafted wooden signs will be personalized by the maker and are unique home décor pieces. 4” x 24” signs are \$25 each, and \$8 will go to the team. 4” x 12” boards are \$18, with \$5 going to the team.



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Movie  
**LA LA LAND**

“La La Land” comes to movie theaters Dec. 9 and is set in modern day Los Angeles. Mia, (Emma Stone) a young aspiring actress who falls in love with Sebastian (Ryan Gosling), an aspiring jazz musician together they pursue their dreams of success. It is rated PG-13.



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Attraction  
**WINTER WONDERLAND**

At the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House on Dec. 16 and 17 from 5 to 8 p.m., enjoy fire pits, holiday carolers, hot cocoa and the chance to meet Santa while strolling under thousands of Christmas lights. Tickets bought in advance are \$10 and \$15 at the door.



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Album  
**AWAKEN MY LOVE**



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Actor, comedian, writer and musician Donald McKinley Glover, better known as Childish Gambino, released his third album “Awaken My Love” Dec. 2. The rapper’s album surprisingly doesn’t feature rap songs, instead it consists of the genres R&B and soul. Buy it now on a regular CD, but it also came out as a limited edition ‘virtual reality’ vinyl.

## Upsetting fans

MY TURN  
ERIN KALED



Upsetting millions of fans, Kanye West, influential rapper, designer and record producer is the latest celebrity to check himself into intensive care. Suffering a nervous breakdown following Kim’s recent Paris robbery and the anniversary of his mother’s death, Kanye entered UCLA hospital voluntarily. Just prior to the breakdown, West went on a rant calling out Jay-Z and Beyoncé while praising president-elect Donald Trump. Afterwards, West abruptly ended his concert in Sacramento, California and canceled the rest of the tour.

With all the difficulties surrounding the West/Kardashian empire lately, it’s no surprise the 9-1-1 call released involves his doctor telling the dispatcher that West will definitely need to be hospitalized.

Being upset about being unable to see West perform or how Kim is out of the spotlight is understandable, but being angry about the fact that they’re getting the help they need is not. The couple is understandably taking a break following the turbulent year. This has upset their fans, however boycotting his music or her (Kardashian’s) app is useless and overall offensive. Mental illness is often worse than it appears and can be more troubling than a physical injury. Suffering with mental illness is difficult enough but it’s even more troubling in the spotlight.

Since 2009, Kanye West has brought his fans crazy quotes, memes and interesting views of the world. From interrupting Taylor Swift to announcing he’ll (probably) run

for president in 2020, West has captivated the world’s attention in both good and bad ways. His seemingly strange behavior has always raised red flags about his underlying problems, so it’s no surprise that in the midst of the past two months, the tough wall that West was trying so hard to keep up, has fallen.

Now being with his family while he recovers, he has a chance to slow down and get the help he needs. Maybe the world will finally see how mental illness can break a man who seemed that he could never be broken. Even celebrities, who have it all, can fall prey to their inner struggles and illness that you can’t physically see.

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) nearly one in five people suffer from mental illness, yet it’s the least talked about. Other celebrities like Charlie Sheen, Brooke Shields, the late Robin Williams and Heath Ledger have

or struggled with mental illness, but West is the biggest pop culture name to date. West’s breakdown is certainly tragic but could also be made out to be a good thing. It forces people to get rid of the negative stigma around mental illness and actually talk about how such diseases affect over 42 million people. Besides that, the fact that celebrities and seemingly well-off people can have their own internal struggles can be humbling as well. Knowing that everybody is subject to being emotionally unstable from time to time makes it a bit easier to seek help.

So, while the world will wait to see when Kimye will make their reappearance, the other Kardashian siblings can soak up their own attention in the limelight. And when the couple—worth millions of dollars, are ready to reemerge, their loving and adoring fans will be ready to shower them with adoration once again.