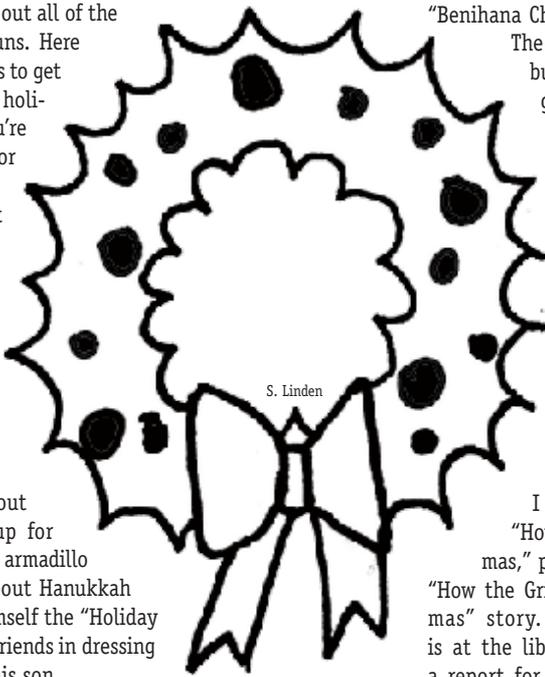


# Adams suggests TV episodes for the holidays

by Bradley Adams  
Public Relations Manager

It's nearing the time of the year where TV networks start rolling out all of the classic Christmas TV reruns. Here are some favorite episodes to get you in the mood for the holiday season, whether you're watching them on cable or binging them on Netflix. One of Friends' best Christmas episodes is "The One With The Holiday Armadillo." Ross decides he's going to put the brakes on Christmas to teach his son Ben about his Jewish heritage, but Ben is upset at the idea of spending a year without Santa Claus. To make up for this, Ross rents a giant armadillo costume to teach Ben about Hanukkah in a fun way. He calls himself the "Holiday Armadillo" and joins his friends in dressing up in costume to teach his son.



S. Linden

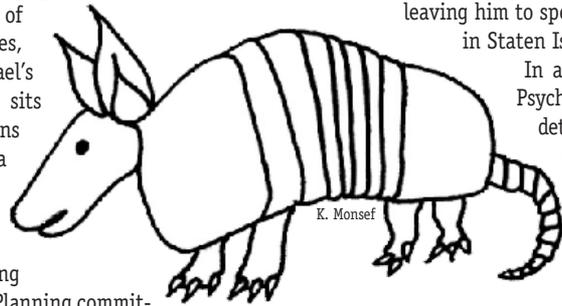
Although the Parks and Recreation episode "Citizen Knope" isn't necessarily a "classic" Christmas TV episode, it still exemplifies the Christmas spirit. Even though Leslie is in the midst of a paid suspension during the episode, she manages to get everyone in the office a

holiday gift. However, the real Christmas magic happens when Leslie's friends offer to run her campaign after her advisors quit.

The Office is known for its foolish Christmas episodes. "Benihana Christmas" isn't necessarily the best of The Office's many holiday party episodes, but it is the quirkiest. After Michael's girlfriend breaks up with him, he sits in his office and repeatedly listens to the same iTunes sample of a James Blake song until Andy takes him to Benihana to meet waitresses. Pam and Karen heat up the night by challenging Angela's authority in the Party Planning committee and branching off to throw their version of a fun Christmas party. Michael and Andy later return to the party with their waitress "dates" from the restaurant, and the usual office shenanigans play out through the night.

This episode of How I Met Your Mother, "How Lily Stole Christmas," plays on the classic "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" story. While Marshall is at the library working on a report for law school, Lily comes across the old answering machine for their apartment. She and Ted find a few messages remaining on the machine, one from Ted during the time of Marshall and Lily's break up. In this message, Ted calls Lily a vulgar word, but

it is replaced with the word "Grinch" on the show. Lily is so hurt by this that she takes all of the Christmas decorations and hoards them in her new apartment. On top of that, she banishes Ted from Christmas, leaving him to spend it with his quirky relatives in Staten Island.



K. Monsef

In a Christmas-themed episode of Psych, "Christmas Joy," fake psychic detective Shawn Spencer and partner Burton Guster investigate the murder of a worker at Santa's workshop. Gus' sister, Joy, returns to town for the holidays and then reminisces with Shawn about a night they shared years ago. Shawn spends the weekend at Gus' house for Christmas until the rest of the family finds out about his affair, and he is kicked out. Eventually, Shawn and Gus arrest Santa Claus for stealing the information from those who take a photo with him in order to rob their houses. At the end of the episode, Shawn and his dad, Henry, partake in their annual gift exchange contest in which they try to guess what they got each other. Shawn wins by guessing the gift of a snow globe, continuing his streak. With temperatures dropping and winter break approaching, it

## F.R.I.E.N.D.S

courtesy wikimedia commons

nears the time to toss in the books, hit the couch, and indulge in your favorite Christmas TV specials to help you get into the holiday spirit. Hopefully these recommended shows will do the trick!

## EPISODE VIII THRILLS FANS

by Ryan Manseau  
Sports Editor

The premieres have sold out, fans have created every possible plot theory, and after two very long years of anticipation, Star Wars Episode VIII: The Last Jedi has finally arrived. After Episode VII: The Force Awakens paved the road for the new Star Wars trilogy by introducing a variety of new storylines and characters, fans hope Episode VIII will not disappoint.

In Episode VII, the trio of Finn, a former stormtrooper and new member of the rebel alliance; Poe Dameron, the most daring pilot in the galaxy; and Rey, an unlikely wielder of the force, fought against the evil First Order that rose from the ashes of the Empire. At the end of the film, after Han Solo received a lightsaber to the chest courtesy of his son Ben Solo, also known as Kylo Ren, Rey located Luke Skywalker, who had been missing for years, on the planet Aht-To where she hopes to receive training from the Jedi Knight.

Audiences know very little about the plot of Episode VIII going into the premiere. All they know is that Rey has found her potential mentor, Luke Skywalker; Luke Ren is holding a grudge against his mother, Princess Leia; and that the rivalry between the Rebel Alliance and the First Order is

alive and well.

The list of questions that the film could potentially answer has no end. From the identity of Rey's parents to the background of the First Order's leader General Snoke, to the identity of the last Jedi, the lack of resolution in the galaxy far, far away going into Episode VIII has fans on their toes.

In Episode VII, it became clear that the franchise's new protagonist, Rey, is strong with the force. While it seems that Rey's

clear path is to become the galaxy's next great Jedi Knight, in the first trailer for episode VIII, Luke Skywalker, whose current duty is to train Rey states "I only know one truth, it is time for the Jedi to end." What Luke means by this, no one knows. Some

downplay his statement, claiming that Luke has simply become old and cranky, while others theorize that his statement implies that Luke himself is the last Jedi, which would leave Rey's future completely up in the air.

No matter what happens in Episode VIII, whether Luke will become a Sith Lord, Rey will be exposed as the daughter of Obi-Wan Kenobi, or Kylo Ren will have a change of heart and switch from dark to light, we know one truth: Star Wars fans, the wait is over. (Sources: IMDB, Wikipedia)

# STAR WARS

S. Linden

## Angels model in yearly show

by Erin Grasty  
Media Production Editor

On Nov. 20, the Victoria's Secret models walked down the runway in Shanghai, China, for another one of their annual fashion shows. Though some sources believed the show would tumble, executives held up their game to ensure they presented a successful fashion show.

Days before the show, the Chinese government suspended Katy Perry, the expected performer, indefinitely from the nation. When Perry travelled to China for her tour in 2015, she wore a sparkly, green dress decorated with sunflowers. The year before, students and protesters instigated movements against the Cross-Strait Service Trade Agreement using the sunflower as a symbol of hope. The Chinese government then suspected Perry's sunflower dress alluded to the protests, which essentially is why Perry could not enter the country for the show. As replacement of Katy Perry, the show featured performances from Harry Styles, Miguel, and Leslie Odom Jr.

In addition to Katy Perry's rejected entrance into the country, a few others could not access. Due to visa issues, models Julia Belyakova, Kate Grigorieva, Irina Sharipova, and Dasha Khlystun

could not make it to the runway.

However, those who did make it to Shanghai showed off outfits by Brian Atwood, a designer for all Victoria's Secret shows, and Olivier Rousteing, creative director of Balmain. This year's show featured six series: Punk Angel, Goddesses, Millennial Nation, Winter's Tale, Porcelain Angel, and Nomadic Adventure.

Former Angel Karlie Kloss made an unexpected appearance at this year's show following her leave from the team in 2015. Kloss came down the catwalk in designs for the Punk and Porcelain Angel collections. She made appearances in plaid undergarments and a floor-length kimono paired with thigh high boots for the Punk Angel series. Then, for Porcelain Angels, Kloss wore an ensemble of white, gold, and blue made with Swarovski crystals. The added floral wings made this outfit a fan favorite. Lily Aldridge, Alessandra Ambrosio, Taylor Hill



courtesy flickr

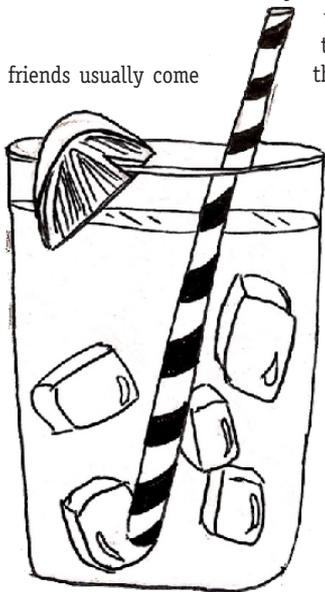
Elsa Hosk, Adriana Lima, Bella Hadid, Laís Ribeiro, and other popular angels strutted down the runway this year. Despite the complications due visa issues, the absence of Katy Perry, and a shut-down after party, the show itself left viewers in awe. (Sources: Vanity Fair, In Style, Fox News, Rolling Stone, Refinery29, Insider, W Magazine)

## Beyoncé and Jay-Z go public with his affair

by Ashley Hagar  
Center Editor

During the holiday season families and friends usually come together; however, this season, Beyoncé and Jay-Z began with a rocky start. On Nov. 30, Jay-Z admitted to cheating on Beyoncé, validating previous rumors. Less than a week later sources saw the couple in an elevator after a showing of Wonder Wheel for Jay-Z's forty-eighth birthday. The photos of them in the elevator this year immediately brought back images of a 2014 incident.

The famous scene of 2014 occurred the night of the the Met Gala that year. Videos captured Solange Knowles, Beyoncé's sister, kicking and throwing punches at Jay-Z in an elevator. Quick to stop the attack, a bodyguard held Solange back after she had already hit and kicked Jay-Z at least three times. Jay-Z never retaliated, but he did grab her foot when she tried to kick him. In the video, the bodyguard hits the emergency stop switch in hopes of keeping



S. Linden

the fight private. Beyoncé managed to be in the elevator but stay out of the fight between her sister and husband. The three walked out of the building together to their car, but the bodyguards separated them, leading Jay-Z to a separate car from Beyoncé and Solange.

Three years later, Beyoncé and Jay-Z were in another elevator only five days after Jay-Z admitted to cheating on his wife. Though the setting brought back memories, the couple looked blissful together. Their outing for his birthday was the first time the public has seen the couple together since Jay-Z's revelation.

When Beyoncé released her album Lemonade in 2016, rumors immediately sparked that all of the songs were related to her relationship with Jay-Z. People believed that Jay-Z cheated on



courtesy popsugar

Beyoncé, but there were no comments denying or confirming the rumors, letting fans think it was true. Not long after she released Lemonade, Jay-Z released his own album, 4:44. Fans of the couple believed his album was a response to hers. After confirming that he cheated on Beyoncé, speculation about those rumors from a year ago arose.

Beyoncé and Jay-Z's newest addition to their families, twins Rumi and Sur, were born only a few months ago. Even though the recent news about Jay-Z cheating caused speculation amongst the public, the family seems to be staying together. The famous couple have not given any official comments about them splitting. (Sources: CNN, Daily Mail, People, Vogue, TMZ)