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Bryant's Fed Challenge team places second in Boston district for second year in a row

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In November, eight undergraduate Bryant students competed as a team in the annual College Fed Challenge. Each year, around twenty-five schools from the Boston Federal Reserve District travel to the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston to present an overview of the state of the economy, issue monetary policy recommendations, and answer questions from a panel of judges. This year's team, which was advised by Dr. Aziz Berdiev, Associate Professor of Economics, included Timothy Coletta, Mark Dyer, Soala Ekine, Ryan McKenzie, Eva Nesline, Trevor Perron, Bryanna Seefeldt, and Elizabeth Willmonton. They placed second in the region, finishing right behind the eventual winner, Harvard College. The 2017 field was competitive, but Bryant's Fed Challenge team held their own, finishing ahead of last year's winner, Dartmouth College, and other top schools in the region including Yale University, Boston College, and Bentley University.

Preparation begins early for Bryant's Fed Challenge team. The team is assembled well in advance of the fall semester, with participants completing research over the summer to gain a better understanding of the state of the economy and of monetary policy. Uniquely, the team is comprised of students from a variety of majors. In addition to economics, this year's team featured students studying actuarial mathematics, finance, and international business. Senior Timothy Coletta sees this as a strength, saying "different experiences help form a rounded team."

The team's work continued upon their return to campus in the fall. Early in the semester, they each gave their own presentation on monetary policy and the state of the economy. The team met three times per week over the course of the fall semester, in addition to reading academic papers and completing supplementary research. Eva Nesline, a sophomore on this year's team pointed out that this part of the competition was greatly beneficial. She found that participating in the Fed challenge improved her research skills, and her ability to understand academic papers.

Before settling on a final proposal, the team spent considerable time evaluating the merits of many different ideas. After hours of group meetings and independent research, the team finally decided to propose a policy of targeting



Bryant's Fed Challenge team has been named a regional finalist four times since 2013 (Harrison Garrett)

nominal GDP forecasts at a range of 3.5% to 4.5%. Students on this year's team defended the proposal by arguing that a nominal GDP target encompasses both parts of the Federal Reserve's dual mandate of maximum employment and price stability. Moreover, proposing a target range allows for more discretion than a rigid target of 4%. This year's team also chose not to raise the Federal Funds target range.

Reaching an agreement on such a complex policy sounds difficult, but the team's cohesiveness made the process much easier. "We were all able to discuss our different ideas and come together with a consensus pretty quickly since we trusted each other's intelligence and judgement" noted Bryanna Seefeldt, a senior on this year's team.

The team placed an emphasis on supporting and defending their proposals. They developed a detailed script, memorizing every word in sync with a PowerPoint presentation. They also received guidance from other faculty members. The team held separate question and answer sessions with Professors Nigro and Maloney, who challenged the team to defend their proposals. Professor Susan Baran also provided feedback on the team's presentation skills to ensure the team could effectively communicate their proposals.

After finalizing their presentation, the team presented to their peers and several faculty members in MRC 4. There, they fielded several additional questions from the audience in preparation for the final competition.

Just one week later, Bryant's Fed Challenge team traveled to the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston to compete in the regional competition. The competition began with schools from across New England being divided into five groups. Teams then present their recommendation and then faced a 10-minute round of questions from the judges. One team from each group was then chosen to advance to the final round. Each team had a maximum of only 15 minutes to analyze current economic conditions, provide an economic forecast, and make well-supported monetary policy recommendations. After delivering their pitch, and taking questions from the judges, Bryant's Fed Challenge team was selected the winner of their group, and moved on to the final round.

In the final round, the selected teams presented again, this time they faced a 15-minute period of question and answer from staff economists at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. Following the final round of presentations, it was announced that Bryant's Fed Challenge team finished second in the region, right behind Harvard College.

Over the past few years, Bryant's team has performed well in the regional competition. This is the fourth time the team was named a regional finalist since 2013. Professor Berdiev credits this consistently strong performance to the students. "We have a group of dedicated and hardworking students that made up the Fed Challenge team." He went on to add that the "students worked very hard and put many hours through the summer and into the fall to prepare for this competition."

Although the Fed Challenge can be one of the most rigorous academic opportunities Bryant offers, it provides students a unique experience they cannot otherwise receive in a traditional classroom environment. Timothy Coletta pointed out that the skills gained during the Fed Challenge competition are transferable to a wide variety of careers. Students on this year's team were in agreement that they would recommend the Fed Challenge to any student. Soala Ekine, a junior on the team mentioned "it's honestly the most intellectually challenging and rewarding thing I've been involved in at college."



Bryant's team celebrates their second place finish (Harrison Garrett)

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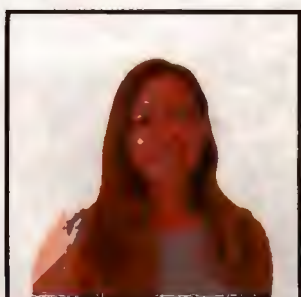
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Top tweets of the week

"Putting Pelosi/Schumer Liberal Puppet Jones into office in Alabama would hurt our great Republican Agenda of low on taxes, tough on crime, strong on military and borders...& so much more. Look at your 401-k's since Election. Highest Stock Market EVER! Jobs are roaring back!"

- Donald Trump, 12/05/17 (@RealDonaldTrump)

"The #GOPTaxScam is one of the worst bills to be brought to the floor in the history of the United States. We will fight with everything we have to stop this bill from becoming the law of the land."

- Nancy Pelosi, 12/04/17 (@NancyPelosi)

"What were Republicans working on in the waning hours last week? Not trying to figure out how to help families, not reducing the impact it would have on our deficit – they were busy making tax cuts for the wealthy more generous."

- Senator Chuck Schumer, 12/05/17 (@SenSchumer)

"Is there a word for the rage of not being able to fix a massive, devastating problem that repeatedly breaks your faith in the world?"

- Doug Jones, 12/05/17 (@GDouglasJones)

"Go get 'em, Roy!" - President Trump

Just got off the phone with President Trump who offered his full support and said he needs a fighter to help him in the US Senate.

I look forward to fighting alongside the President to #MAGA!"

- Roy Moore, 12/04/17 (@MooreSenate)

"Best defense Senate GOP possibly has for pushing through a bill that every single major tax outfit says will blow a hole in deficit is that the bill is still changing and being written. Problem with this defense: Vote is literally HOURS AWAY"

- Catherine Rampell, 12/01/17 (@crampell)

Let them eat cake: the religious liberty case you need to know about

Eliza Hodge
Head Copy Editor



Jack Phillips, one of the shop owners refusing to bake wedding cakes for LGBT couples (LA Times)

The calendar year may be ending soon, but the United States Supreme Court is just getting started. On Tuesday, December 5, the Supreme Court will hear a case that could drastically set back the accomplishments the LGBTQ+ community has gained thus far. In 2012, David Mullins and Charlie Craig went to Masterpiece Cakeshop, owned by Jack Phillips, to order a cake for their upcoming wedding reception. However, the couple left the bakery with a bitter taste in their mouth as Phillips refused to make their wedding cake due to his religious beliefs that only a man and a woman should be married. This case reaches the Supreme Court just two years after same-sex marriage was legalized across the United States, and seems to many as if we are backtracking from that progress our country made.

Mullins and Craig immediately took action against this case and cited that they cannot be denied service due to their sexuality, and the Colorado Court of Appeals, and state's Civil Rights Commission, agreed. So why is this still an issue? Phillips believes himself to be protected under the First Amendment under religious liberty, and if forced to create a wedding cake for same-sex couples, he will be stripped of his right. There is no denying that, personally, he has religious freedom and the right to disagree with same-sex couples. However, there is a difference between his personal rights and the rights of his business. This is what the Supreme Court will need to decide as they agreed to take up Phillips appeal. Do businesses have the same legal rights as a natural citizen, and thus, is Masterpiece Cakeshop's decision protected under the First Amendment? This case cannot be thought of as Phillips versus Mullins and Craig, but as Masterpiece Cakeshop versus Colorado Civil Rights Commission. If the Supreme Court rules in favor of Masterpiece Cakeshop, it opens the door for all businesses to deny service based on their personal religious beliefs, and sets us

back to a similar court case heard in 1968.

In 1964, two African-Americans parked at a Piggie Park drive-in and were refused service when the waitress realized their race. A civil rights lawsuit was pursued, and the owner justified the refusal based on her religious beliefs that opposed any integration of the races whatsoever. This was an easy decision for the U.S. District judges, and ultimately the Supreme Court judges at the time. It was never in question that the owner had the right to his own religious beliefs, but he does not have the right to practice those beliefs and disregard the constitutional rights of other citizens. When the case reached the Supreme Court, it was not to dispute the lower court's ruling, but rather an issue of fees imposed on the lawyers representing the two African Americans. However, in the footnote of the final decision, the court called the owner's religious freedom reasoning "patently frivolous," and many supporters of Mullins and Craig are calling on the current Supreme Court to look back on this case as an example. There was no dispute in the late 1960's that religious freedom is an argument for a business to refuse service, so it will be interesting to see if the Court holds true to this idea, or decide to overthrow it completely.

This is a huge case that is just getting underway and is one that we should all be watching closely, as it could cause a blurring of the lines between the rights of natural citizens and the rights of businesses. This could not only be a setback for the LGBTQ+ community, but for religious minorities as well, who may be refused services just due to them living their lives and holding true to their beliefs. It will still be some time before a decision is made, and it is hard to see where current justices stand, but nevertheless, we should not let this slide under our radars. This will have far-reaching repercussions, no matter the end result, and it is important that we all stand up for what we believe in and fight for true justice.

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Chaos in Honduras following election turmoil

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Over the weekend, the Honduran government, after a questioned election, had to suspend constitutional rights as well as order the Honduran military to administer the recently implemented curfew along with the task to disperse any protestors. The election was the powder keg that led the Central American country into a state of peril in both political and social terms. Likewise, it was reported by the associated press that the main opposition candidate Salvador Nasralla wanted the elections to be redone this can be seen in the quote, "I have asked them to repeat the elections, but only those for the presidency, with the aim of resolving the crisis that Honduras is suffering". Following the results of the election, many of Nasralla's supporters took to the streets to protest the outcome of the election. Many of which stated that the elections were manipulated so then US-friendly President Juan Orlando Hernandez would ultimately stay put as Honduras's President.

Because of the impending violence, the government implemented a curfew for 10 days on Friday from 6 pm till 6 am. However, the curfew has not halted messages from being disseminated calling for mass protests to occur this past weekend. The reason being is because social media is being used widely in Honduras by the opposition supporters. Likewise, during a protest in the capital of Honduras, there was a fatality to 19-year-old Kimberly Dayana Fonseca. Moreover, violence sadly is rather a common thread in

Honduras due to the reason that the country is one of the most violent areas in the western hemisphere due to gangs and drug violence.

Current President Hernandez, who represents the right-wing National Party, was criticized by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace think tank in one of their most recent reports. In which they stated that Hernandez was making every effort to consolidate power, and the government, under the wings of his right-winged National party. In addition, after being elected to his first presidential term, Hernandez took a tough anti-crime push, which helped him garner support among Honduras.

Prior to the elections, it was reported that electoral fraud had been spreading and the British magazine, The Economist, reported that allegedly Hernandez's party members were planning to rig the elections so then Hernandez would win his second term. In addition, it took more than a good ten hours till the electoral commission released any results from the election, and when they did release the initial results, Hernandez was reported to have had 40% of the votes while his competitor had approximately 45% of the votes. Yet, the electoral commission failed to completely disseminate the results thus this made "European Union election observers to place pressure on officials for a quicker release of information" (NPR).

Furthermore, these events have many Hondurans reminiscing 2009 as a very similar manifestation had taken place. The manifestation was the Honduran political crisis, which saw a coup d'état overthrow, President Manuel Zelaya.

What you need to know about the Royal Engagement

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Meghan Markle, a biracial American, will be the first woman of color in modern history to join the British royal family. The 36-year-old was born and raised in Los Angeles, and has been dating Prince Harry since June 2016. After the proposal was announced on November 27th, the world is waiting for the wedding which will take place in the spring.

The two met on a blind date and have reportedly been "inseparable" ever since. Meghan then made her first public appearance as a royal girlfriend in May, stirring rumors about their imminent engagement. Earlier in November, Prince Harry had received the blessing to marry Meghan from her parents, and designed an engagement ring himself. The royal family plans to pay for the wedding which will be at St. George's Chapel, the same place where Harry was christened. Prince Harry, 33 and fifth in line for the throne, is from the United Kingdom. He went to the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and is second lieutenant. However, it was said that Harry was a "weak student" and almost didn't make it into Sandhurst. He had served in Afghanistan for over two months before a magazine revealed his presence there. He was labeled as a wild child by the press, but has matured and plans to live a long, happy life with Meghan Markle.



Prince Harry and Markle smiling together (UVNews)

Markle is an actress and model, Harry said he was "beautifully surprised" when he first saw her. However, he said he had never watched *Suits*, a show that she is in, before. She has also had roles in movies and other shows, and also has a degree in theater as well as international studies. She was previously married in 2011, and got divorced in 2013. Her ethnicity is also a major discussion point, as her mother is black and father is white, which is opening the conversation on quiet racism.

The press has been split on the engagement, some say it's a turning point for politics and others are critiquing the public for being so involved in an outdated system. Whatever views there may be, their wedding in the Spring will be an amazing event that will go down in history.

Slave trade ravages Northern Africa

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Illegal immigrants await their fate in a North African detention center (Taha Jawashi)

According to CNN, slavery is on the rise in the North African nation of Libya. African migrants and refugees, consisting of men, women, and children, are being held against their will, forced to pay a ransom, and are often times sold into slavery and prostitution.

In August of 2017, CNN received private footage of an auction occurring in Libya, Africa in which two African men were sold for \$400 each. Concerned and curious about this, journalist Nima Elbagir, along with her team, traveled to Libya to investigate the legitimacy of this video. They discovered a migrant slave trade within the country and officially released video footage of their findings on November 28th, 2017, sparking feelings of suspicion for some and outrage for others.

According to CNN, most of these slaves are being held for ransom and sold on a daily basis. When they are unable to afford their payoff they are brutally beaten, tortured, mutilated and are sometimes defiled with foreign objects. An African man named Victory from Nigeria describes his experience with slavery to the crew in one of CNN's videos. He holds back tears as he expresses that "they will start beating you so that your money will come quickly" and states that everyone is "beaten with electric [cables]." It took him 8 months to pay his ransom and escape.

African smugglers are responsible for this migrant slave trade. They pose as saviors who will illegally transport Africans from all over the Continent into Europe, but once they reach Tripoli, the capital of Libya, the journey stops. These innocent people are forced into the horrific slave trade that CNN has captured in their

videos.

Fortune magazine stated that every year for the past three years, more than 150,000 migrants and refugees from Libya have ventured across the Mediterranean Sea into Europe. The harsh living conditions in sub-Saharan Africa force them to leave the country in search of a new beginning. Some of them spend their entire life savings for this voyage. Europe has become the ideal continent to travel to. The New York Times reveals that this illegal migration crisis began in 2014 due to the rise of human trafficking, smuggling, and overall danger within sub-Saharan Africa. These people are desperate to get away from the armed conflict, economic hardship, and extreme persecution in this area. With the hopes of a better opportunity, they are making the dangerous trip to Europe. It is even worse now because they either die at sea during the unpredictable journey or live and face enslavement in Libya.

Despite the multitude of images and pieces of video footage depicting the horrors of the migrant slave trade, U.S. President Donald Trump has reported to twitter that the claims of slavery in Africa are "fake news."

It is 2017 and human beings are being abused and sold as property. The migrant slave trade in Libya is a serious issue that needs to be addressed and handled as soon as possible. Africans are being treated like animals and are dying in large numbers. Everyone needs to understand the severity of this situation and create a discourse about what is going on in order for a change to occur. This is an issue that cannot be ignored.

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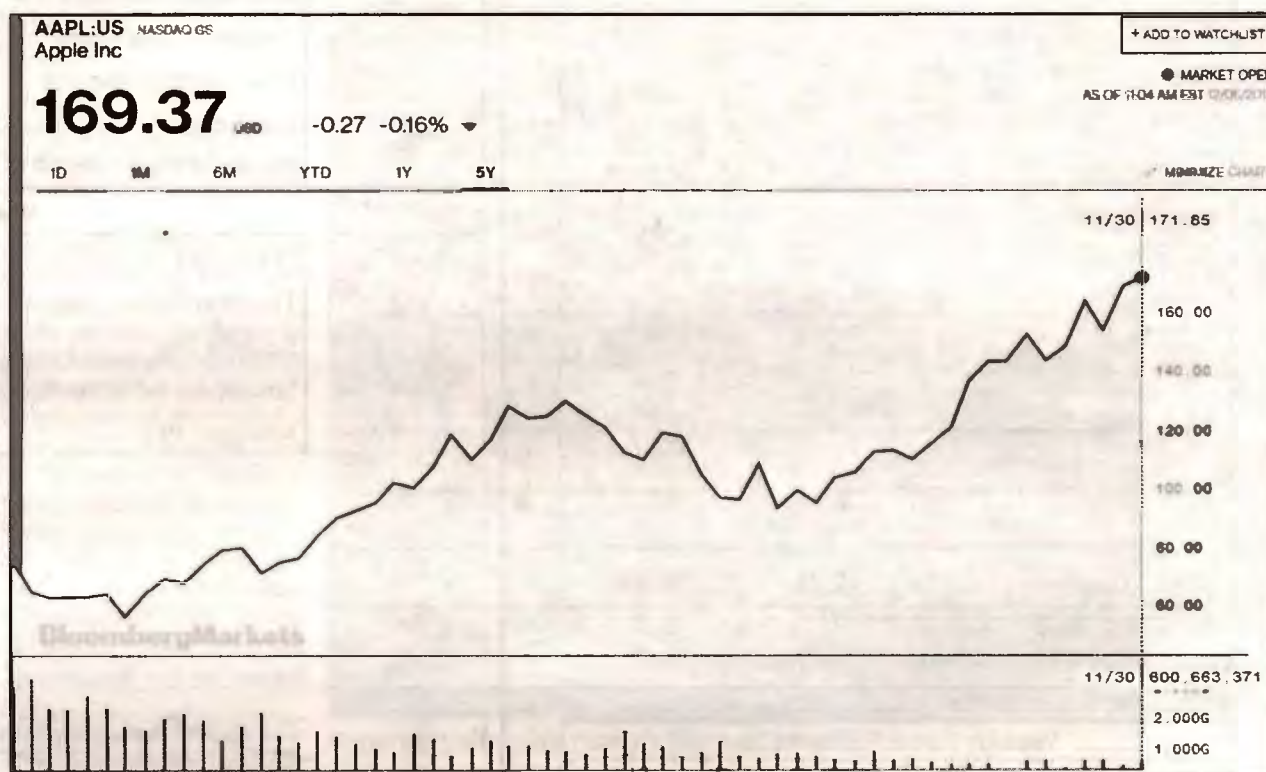
There is a bright future for Apple

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Imagine this, it is your day to get an upgrade from the iPhone 4s to the iPhone X. You are so excited your entire way to the Apple store, but when you get there the line is packed with people blocks away from the door. This is a feeling that majority of people know all too well with Apple products. Apple has gained such a high numbered fan base that people are willing to spend all night and day waiting in a line to get the same phone with a slightly better camera. The way Apple captivates people and convinces them to spend hundreds to thousands of dollars on their products is genius.

Apple, which was created by Steve Jobs; can be seen anywhere. Everywhere you go, you see iPhones, every student has a MacBook or an Apple Watch. The business strategy that Apple has is outstanding. The strategy that Apple uses in order to keep their sales so high, is extremely simple. Apple will wait for their competition to come out with the "next big thing" and tweak their phones to make them seem much better than they actually are. The iPhone X is a perfect example of this. The iPhone X is the exact same phone as the 8 but it is able to play live photos, has a "much better" camera as the rest of them allowing pictures to come out more clear, and does not have a home button. However, this phone is over a thousand dollars to purchase. The plan for the iPhone X to come out was launched right after the Google Pixel came out with unlimited storage and has all the same perks as the iPhone 8. Apple wants to be on top at all times and will portray anything society wants to stay that way.

The iPhone X and the iPhone 8 just recently came out around the holidays and are being sold at extremely high rates. With Apple being such a high desired product, especially for those living in the younger generation, selling new phones during the holidays is genius. Many parents are willing to do anything in order to give their kids everything they want for the holidays. According to Forbes, as of November 17, there were currently 17.5 million 8's, 23.4 million 8 plus's and 20.7 million X's sold which totals at an impressive 61.3 million. Apple feeds



Apple (APPL) Share value over the past 5 years (Bloomberg)

off the desires of people. Not only is Apple claiming to be the best phone and products for everyday lives, but they are the best for employees as well. According to reputed analyst, Ming Chi-Kuo reports that production for the X is set to increase by 45%, meanwhile, the production of 8 and 8 plus will drop by 60% in the first quarter of 2018. This past quarter (Q3), overall Apple had a very successful one, against its main competitor Samsung, by posting a 46.7 million iPhones sold worldwide; a quarterly revenue of \$52.6 billion. Also, Apple posted a 30.4% market share compared to Samsung's 25.1 respectively. Apple is expected to see a record breaking Q1 of 2018 with a projected revenue between \$84 and \$87 billion according to tech website 9TO5Mac.

Apple claims that their products are made for the way we work as well as for our everyday lives. Their motto is to: help the employees collaborate in innovative ways, and giving teams a new platform in developing their ideas and to expand businesses' capabilities.

Apple has a business plan that has absolutely taken over the world. They have an incredible customer brand loyalty and target an audience that will be willing to do anything in order to have their products. They are targeting people who believe in their motto of wanting to change innovation and believe that Apple is the only product that fits their everyday lives. Apple is the ultimate business.

Founder and CEO of Chipotle stepping down

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Contributing Writer



Photo of Steve Ells (Victor J. Blue of Bloomberg)

This Wednesday founder and Chief Executive Officer of Chipotle, Steve Ells stepped down from company. Chipotle was founded in 1993 and Ells has been operating the company from the start. The reasoning behind the change started with the safety issues that occurred in the fall of 2015. Several customers around the United States reported that they became sick after eating Chipotle. After an investigation customers were sick with

E. coli. This resulted in a slew of lawsuits, tanking the company in sales and decreases its stock by 5%. The company was able to act quickly and close over 43 locations preventing further outbreaks from happening. Although this was a smart move for Chipotle, some customers were scared away. Many people were no longer interested in buying from Chipotle and copious amounts of investors dropped. After this catastrophe, Chipotle's stock decreased \$100. But, over the next two years the company worked hard to improve and grow.

Then disaster struck again when a norovirus outbreak occurred in a Virginia location. The disease was caused by a sick employee that came into work that day. The sick employee was not sent home due to a lack of sick policy from upper management. Just a week later, a video of rodents falling from the ceiling of a Chipotle in Dallas, Texas surfaced. These are the only two restaurants that have reported incidents like these. Both locations addressed the problems and investigations were held. At this point, Chipotle took another hit in stock decreasing 12% during that month. Policies became stricter in hopes to decrease the risk of another incident happening. Most customers still remain loyal to the company, but sales still are continuing to decrease and their stock is at an all-time low. This caused bigger problems for the long term of the company.

Ells will however, not leave the company entirely, he is just becoming a smaller role of executive chairman. He has been discouraged after failing to increase the reputation of Chipotle for the past two years. Chipotle is currently making an improvement plan in order to get back to where they were before the safety issues. This plan includes creating a stricter food safety procedure, adding new foods to their menu, and spending a great deal of money marketing their brand. Chipotle has also given away millions of dollars in free burrito's in hopes to increase sales but has proven unsuccessful and has cost them more money. Having just initiated the improvement plan the company's management has not seen the increase in sales that they were hoping for. The stock still remains down at \$294 a share. Although, since Ells leaving was announced shares increased 5%. This pleased the investors, but also puts pressure on finding a new CEO that will steer the company in the right direction. In conclusion, since there were so many issues that Ells could not fix in the past two years he believes this is the best decision for the company in the long term.

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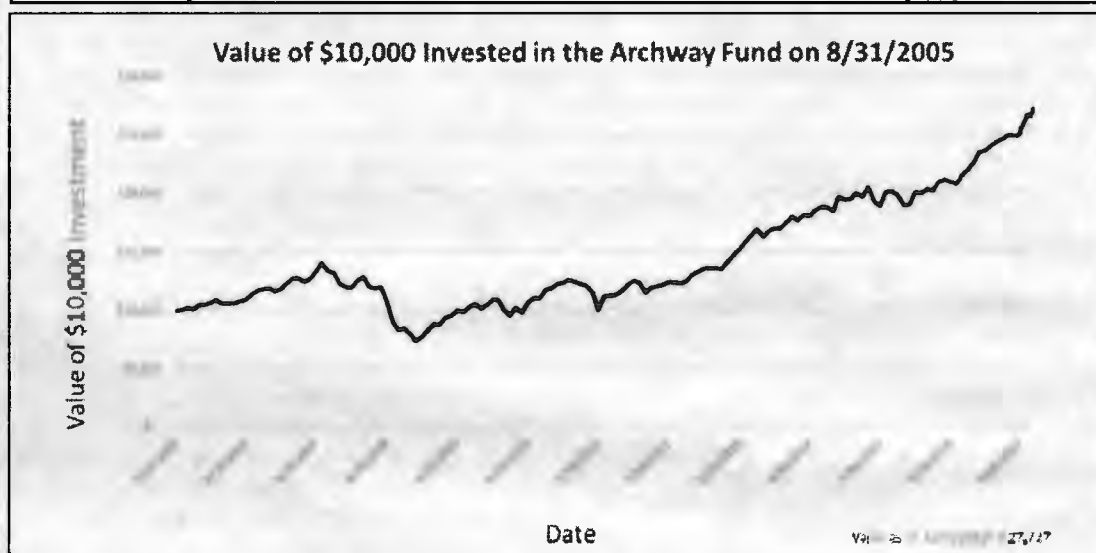
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US 5 Year	2.11	0.03%
US 10 Year	2.32	0.03%
US 30 Year	2.71	0.02%

(12-06-2017) @3:08pm United States Treasury Yields
(Bloomberg.com)

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Current Fund Value	\$1,245,431.98
Weekly Fund Performance	
Week Ago Fund Value	\$ 1,244,037.73
Current Fund Value	\$1,245,431.98
Weekly Change	0.11%

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3	HCA Healthcare Inc	6.98%
4	Lazard Ltd	6.91%
5	Buckeye Partners LP	5.82%
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1	Skyworks Solutions Inc	-8.56%
2	Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc	-7.04%
3	Equinix Inc	-6.74%
4	SmallCap Information Technology Portfolio	-5.71%
5	Allergan PLC	-4.77%



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Does the new Fed chair mean higher rates?

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News Copy Editor

During its scheduled December meeting, the Federal Reserve is likely to raise the interest rates, stated President Trump's nominee for Fed chairman Jerome Powell. Likewise, during his Senate confirmation hearing, Powell informed the Senate Banking Committee that "raising interest rates at our next meeting is coming together". Previously, the Federal Reserve raised interest rates. Additionally, while at his hearing Powell avoided any mishaps, which may have ruined his approval. Powell informed that due to being a former member of the Fed's board of governors since 2012, he plans on continuing the current policies, which were initiated by former Fed chairwoman Janet Yellen.



Fed chairman Jerome Powell (noqreport.com)

Both Democrats and Republicans view Jerome Powell in a positive light for several reasons. Some of those comments that Powell made during his confirmation hearing that both parties liked and were pleased to hear are: one, his positive views on the current unemployment rate of 4.1% and how he believes that the percent can be decreased even further. Secondly, is "there are still Americans on the sidelines of the labor market — particularly prime working-age males who aren't participating" (NPR). Thirdly, in conjecture to that, is that currently due to the deficiency of strong wage gains there are



President Trump alongside Powell (teleboerse.de)

still people available to join the workforce. Furthermore, Powell pleased both Democrats and Republicans when he stated his support for stronger bank regulations, which were the direct result of the 2008 financial crisis, but he insisted that he is open to reviewing those policies and edit them to fit the times.

Moreover, Powell informed the committee that currently, the "financial system is much more stable than it was before the housing bust and financial crisis, but he said he is concerned about cybersecurity" (NPR). Powell then went on to state that the new and evolving threat of cybersecurity imposes a great deal of concern to him as he wants to make sure that both the financial and governmental institutions that America holds so dear are protected from these threats. Thus, both members on the political spectrum tried to convince Powell to give his assessment on the current tax overhaul legislation making its way through the legislature and hopefully to Trump's desk to be signed into law. Additionally, Powell deterred answering that question by ultimately stating that he believed that answering questions on a piece of legislature that's still in the works is not the Federal Reserve's prerogative.

Yet, it's more likely than not that Jerome Powell will be nominated and approved to become the next chairman of the Federal Reserve. As many believe that his nomination will be approved by the Senate Banking Committee and later by the entire Senate. However, his term will most likely start once Yellen's term ends, which is scheduled to take place in February 2018.

Wrap-up of the Bryant football season

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It has been a strong season for the Bryant football team and a strong way for the seniors to finish their careers as Bulldogs. They finished their season 6-5 (4-2) in the NEC, which marks its "first winning record since 2014 and its fifth in 10 years as a DI athlete.

They finished second in conference for two consecutive years, and finished the season on a four-game winning streak. This is the longest winning streak since its "five-game winning streak in 2014."

Even though they didn't win the NEC this year, or go to the playoffs, the future is looking bright for these group of men. After graduation, they will be bringing back 19 of their seniors, the majority of the starters on both sides of the ball, on Senior Day.

As the coaching staff goes on to look at the different accomplishments, they will see the success of different individuals and the team as a whole. The Bulldogs blocked eight kicks during the season, which places them at number two in the nation. Additionally, they set an NEC record with 305.8 passing yards per game.

When you look at the individual accolades, quarterback Price Wilson threw for 3,311 yards, making him the first in school history, and the second in NEC history, to throw for more than 3,000 yards in a single season. Having not scored a touchdown in his first three years at Bryant, Jake Wiswall managed to score for the second-straight week to help put the Bulldogs on top for Senior Day. Tom Kennedy finished his season with 57 catches for 888 yards and nine touchdowns, which make him third, fourth, and tied for second in program history.

Senior Matt Sewall's 15th touchdown reception of the year moved him into the sole possession of third place in school history. Constant finished the season with 1,633 all-purpose yards, fifth-most in a single season in program history. Thomas Costigan became the second player in program history to post more than 100 tackles in a single season. He finished the season tied with the single-season program record with 11.5 sacks.

As an outsider looking in, one sees the potential in this team. However, in the locker room it's hard to tell that potential isn't what matters to this team. Getting the job done is what matters. Potential can only take a team so far. The players see just how bright the future can be for their team, but understand how success will not happen overnight.



Bryant set offensive records this past season (Bryantbulldogs.com)

This off-season will be very important to helping the team reach that goal. If the Bulldogs continue to work the way Coach Perry spoke after their victory against Duquesne, they will be able to achieve any goals, and overcome any obstacles placed in front of them. "I couldn't be more proud in all of my years of coaching. You love teams that practice and work hard, and this team is the epitome of that. I'm very thankful and I know the Bryant community is very thankful for their [the seniors] efforts. I'm excited for us to be able to finish strong," said Perry.

Don't Quit Your Daydream

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Aubrey Mable, a Colorado native, is a 2014 Bryant University graduate and had one of the most impressive softball careers in Bryant history. She went on to be a softball coach for both Providence College and Bryant University, and now works as a Health and Wellness Coach for Isagenix.

Before entering Bryant, Mable was a three-sport letter winner in golf, basketball, and softball at Eaglecrest High School in Colorado. According to her biography on the Bryant University website, she was nominated as the 2010 Female Honor Athlete of the Year, 2010 All-Colorado Selection for softball, and had the highest batting average and stolen base percentage on her 2010 team, along with many more recognitions.



Aubrey Mable is a great example of success through following your dreams (BryantBulldogs.com)

Mable was recruited by Bryant at a softball tournament and quickly fell in love with the school when she visited the campus. As a freshman, she had one of the most impressive individual seasons in the programs history, playing in 40 of the 44 games.

Named to the All-Northeast Conference Second Team and NFCA All-Northeast Region Second Team, Mable led the team with a .419 average, the fourth-best single-season mark in program history.

Mable had an equally memorable season in 2012, during her sophomore year. Her biography states that she was one of three Bulldog players to see time in all 45 games as a starter, and set a single-game program record with eight RBI in a game against Yale. Continuing her remarkable career at Bryant as a junior, Mable, again, started in all 43 games for the Bulldogs at shortstop. She was also named Northeast Conference Player of the Week on April 8, 2013, and earned a First Team All-Northeast Conference selection for the second consecutive season.

As a senior, Mable ended her time at Bryant as the program leader in games played (182), RBI (125), runs scored (141), doubles (56), total bases (363), slugging percentage (.671) and homeruns (28). She started in all but four games during her Bulldog career, earned Northeast Conference Player of the Week recognition twice, was named to the All-NEC First Team (shortstop) for the third-straight time, and earned a spot on the NEC All-Tournament Team. She was also selected as a Capital One Academic All-District I honoree, a Senior CLASS Award candidate, the NCAA Woman of the Year (Bryant University), and was named to the NEC Academic Honor Roll.

Mable graduated from Bryant in 2014 as a communications major with a concentration in psychology and a marketing minor. In addition to being a fierce athlete on the softball team, Mable was an honors student, a Bulldog Leader, and a Student Ambassador. She also participated in the Sophomore International Experience to Germany and Spain and enjoyed a semester abroad in New Zealand.

The summer after graduating, Mable went back to her home state of Colorado to work as a special events assistant for the Colorado Rockies Baseball Club. She was tasked with promoting the Rockies in a positive manner and distributing sponsorship materials around the stadium while also assisting with the coordination of pre-game groups and activities.

Mable went on to get her master's degree from Providence College for counselor education/school counseling and guidance services in fall of 2014. While there, she also served as the assistant softball coach, teaching sportsmanship and integrity with a strong passion. In 2015, Mable was able to return to Bryant University to be an assistant softball coach after the position opened up. In an interview with Mable, she stated that she, "wanted to give back to the school that gave her so much." She loved being at Bryant and was able to be an assistant coach for two seasons.

Being in graduate school and an assistant coach, had a strong effect on Mable as she felt as though she was losing her identity as an athlete. Not too soon after, she saw her friend posting transformation pictures on Facebook and she realized that she wanted a transformation for herself, therefore, she reached out. After about a month, Mable felt incredible and she wanted to help other people go through the same transformation she did. That's when she started working for Isagenix. She originally started by doing it on the side while she was a graduate student, but felt such a passion for helping people reach their health and wellness goals, that she realized coaching wasn't for her and started working for Isagenix full-time.

Mable found her purpose and has now been a Health and Wellness coach for Isagenix for almost three years. She's been able to travel the world and help impact people's lives along the way.

Svård, Scifo receive weekly honors

Bryant Athletics

Freshman Elin Svård (Falun, Dalarna, Sweden) and sophomore Alaina Scifo (Ipswich, Great Britain) are recipients of weekly awards from the Northeast Conference and CollegeSwimming, both organizations announced Tuesday.

Svard was the recipient of the NEC's Rookie of the Week honor after winning five total races, including three individual events, at the Gompei Invitational over the weekend. Scifo is CollegeSwimming's Northeast Conference Women's Swimmer of the Week after she had the first- and fifth-best swims of the event, according to the website's scoring system.

Her times in the 200 IM (2:05.99) and 100 fly (56.10) are the best times in the conference this season, while her 400 IM race (4:31.14) cracked the Top 5 on the conference leaderboard. She also was part of the 200 and 400 medley relay teams that took first en route to the Bulldogs' third-place finish at the event.

Scifo's 200 back (2:00.94) is ranked as the top women's swim of the invitational and the fourth-best overall. Her 100 back (56.21) is fifth-best. The sophomore also won five races overall, including three relays and two individual events.

Svard is the ninth Bulldog to earn a weekly award this season, the highest total amongst any team in the league. She is the second Bryant swimmer to win Rookie of the Week, following up Alexa Rivera's (Boynton Beach, Fla.) honor on November 7.

Scifo is the third straight Bulldog to win the honor from CollegeSwimming, with junior Jillian Rice (Trumbull, Conn.) taking the previous two awards. Bryant is back in action after the calendar turns to 2018, with a January 13 dual meet against UMass at Noon at the Chace Athletic Center.



Both Elin Svård (left) and Alaina Scifo (right) earned awards this week (DSPics.com)

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Cheerleaders rights vs responsibilities

Cassidy Riendeau
Treasurer

When you think of an athlete what image comes to your mind? Do they wear a football helmet, are they holding a lacrosse stick, or are they rounding the bases to home plate? An athlete can be a lot more than someone who scores goals, runs in the ball for a touchdown, or holds the record for the fastest time. Let me ask you, did any of you picture a cheerleader when I said the word "athlete"? In most cases, cheerleaders are not considered a key part of the game. However, in just a few minutes I will be sharing statistics, financial reasoning, and facts and explanations to why Cheerleading should be given the same rights as the rest of the Division sports do in the college atmosphere.

Many of us participate in athletics here at Bryant University, but why is our Division 1 Cheerleading program not considered a "sport" in the first place? According to a law review presented on Biediger v. Quinnipiac University, "a case-by-case analysis could allow for competitive cheerleading to be considered an intercollegiate sport (USDE, OCR, 2008)." The point remains when is the case where Cheerleading is in fact considered a sport by comparison to the other recognized sports at the university? According to doctors Johnson & Easter in a recent study, Cheerleading is number 2 in concussion reports, second to only football, yet why do other sports receive tremendous amounts of financial aid when participating in their sport? In the case of Bryant University, recognizing cheerleading as a sport comes as an asset, rather than a liability.

Let me share some facts about specifically the Bryant University Cheer program. The cheer team is held to a similar standard as other Division 1 sports who get compensation for their participation in the means of scholarships. For example, we are required to go to every practice, pay fines if we have to miss an event, practice, or game, it is mandatory for the team to be present at all football games, men's basketball games, and certain women's basketball games. Our season does not only end with the fall and spring seasons- we also compete under the Division 1 bracket in Daytona, FL in April. We are required to attend "game practices" (3 times a week, games that range from 1-2 days a week, as well as additional practices throughout the week for competitive practices, if you are chosen to compete which is an extra 1-2 days a week.) Ultimately, Cheerleading takes up a great amount of time for those who compete for Bryant University.

Comparatively, according to Division 1 football player, Christian Marty, "Football takes up 4 days a week for practice, with 1 game a week, some players get full scholarships while others get partial". In another example, Division 1 softball player, Dana Blasi, explains "softball takes up 6 days a week when in-season with 2-3 games a week and the average scholarship is around \$25,000, half of tuition."

Along with all of the facts to why Cheerleading is comparative to a Division 1 sport, a financial point of view also points to reasoning to bring Cheerleading into the same competitive realm. "In a male-dominated university, Bryant University still gives female athletes sports related student aid on average per year. Cheerleading requires each cheerleader to PAY about \$1,000 per year. This is a total of approximately \$16,000 for the average team a year to represent Bryant in the national competition, which brings in revenues of millions of dollars per year (NCA.varsity.com).

Financially, if Bryant University were to cover the entire cost for every cheerleader on the team- 16 people- for one year, it would be equivalent to paying approximately 2 female athletes average financial aid package.

According to NCA, National Cheerleading Association, of which Bryant University competes in the Division 1 bracket under, last year alone had 450,000 participants with 750,000 spectators within one event. When was the last time we had 750,000 spectators at a Bryant University Division 1 game?



Some of the ladies who formed the 2016-17 Bryant University's cheerleading team (Bryantbulldogs.com)

Adding Cheerleading scholarships is adding positive assets to the university itself. Giving cheerleading scholarships is another way to help Bryant gain female students at such a male-dominated school. Cheerleading scholarships also allow the program to not only grow, but to recruit talent that is missed here at Bryant University. Schools that give out scholarships to cheerleaders such as Louisville, Navarro, and University of Delaware, Central Michigan, Davenport, and many more, according to the "SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE". All of these schools are coincidentally known for their cheerleading programs. Bryant University needs to step up their game- or their cheer program.

In closing, Bryant cheerleading represents the same bracket as the rest of the Bryant sports teams, just without the recognition, zero financial aid, or respect that the other teams get. Bryant University Cheerleading should be granted scholarships, be given similar recognition of other Division 1 sports, and overall, be taken seriously here at Bryant University with respect to their time involvement, requirements that the university puts on cheerleaders, as well as because of financial backing. Adding such scholarships would help the university overall, to increase the university's involvement, spirit, and help to attract more female students to the university by giving out cheerleading scholarships.

Upcoming Home Games this week

Thursday, December 7th - Binghamtom vs Bryant @ 7:00pm

Sunday, December 10th - Hartford vs Bryant @ 1:00pm

This Week's Scores

Week's Best Tweets

Men's Basketball- Game November 26th
Brown 81
Bryant 67

November 29th
Yale 84
Bryant 67

Game December 2nd
New Hampshire 75
Bryant 59

Women's BasketbaIII- Game November 26th
Holy Cross 59
Bryant 57

Game November 29th
Boston University 78
Bryant 61

December 2nd
Bryant 58
Rhode Island 52

December 3rd
Brown 72
Bryant 60

“@GothamClassic begins with @BryantHoops with trip to Albany Wednesday on ESPN3 #NECMBB”
-@BryantAthletics

“Bryantwbball tops Rhode Island, advances to Ocean State Tip-Off Tournament championship Sunday”
-@BryantAthletics

“#TuesdayTidbits - Our freshmen scored seven goas this season, the second-most by a freshman class in the D1 era”
-@BryantWoSoc

“And what an atmosphere with bulldog band, cheerleaders and the dance team. You all helped so very much today. So proud of you all!”
-@BryantUprez

“Over a three-game span, she averaged 15.7 points and 8.3 boards per outing.

@BryantAthletics' Sydney Holloway also earned All-Tournament honors at the #OceanStateTipoff Classic. #NECPrimePerformer”
@NECsports

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Reflecting on privilege and race

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Staff Writer

I understand that as a white woman, I am privileged. This is one of the most important things I've learned about myself during my college experience. With the help of professors, staff members, guest speakers and friends, I now know that my privilege gives me several advantages in life. When I get pulled over by a police officer, the only thought that crosses my mind is "Oh no, my parents are going to be so mad I got another ticket." When I enter a shopping mall, I never feel as if I'm being watched. When I am hired for a new position, I never receive belittling comments that suggest I only got the position to fill a quota. I simply do not think of these things.

The Bryant University PwC for Diversity and Inclusion has played a major role in my educational and personal development. Because of the meaningful events, retreats, guest speakers and casual chats with staff, I am a more aware and informed human being. I recently interviewed Kevin Martins, an Assistant Director in the PwC Center for Diversity and Inclusion. I chose to interview him because he is man of color whose chosen profession is to educate young people about matters of race, identity and social justice. He is an advocate, mentor and role model for many, including me. My main questions pertained to how his job has changed in the current political climate and how people like me can be solid allies to people of color.

Mr. Martins explained that the election of Donald Trump has made it both easier and harder to speak to people about racial issues. He explains Trump "has been nothing but the person many people feared him to be" during his presidency. "People who identify as women, Mexican, Muslim, and people of color see the President speak so openly and still be accepted by a large number of people. And they think 'Okay, so we haven't come as far as we thought we have after electing the first black president'... In this political climate, we see America taking a step back from the progress it's made in terms of civil and human rights."

Mr. Martins explains that collectively, people of color see the President be so openly negative toward all minority groups and notice how comfortable it is for people to be racist. Clear examples of President Trump's racism have made it easier for Mr. Martins to educate students. "It's easier for me to educate people based on what [racists] say now in politics and in the news -and how that is specifically meant to make people feel like there is an enemy." He uses every opportunity to educate people about policies and history. "It used to be very difficult to explain dog whistle politics to people. Dog whistle politics is a strategy that says 'I'm going to code my messages to people who understand what we're saying without actually saying it specifically.'... This [strategy] was admitted to by President Nixon's advisor who said: 'We had two problems back when we were running the war, people against the war and black people. So we specifically made policies that would hurt those groups -anti-war groups and black people. Did we know what we were doing? Absolutely.'"

The current political climate makes his job harder because "now-a-days, information is so easily obtained, but people don't have the information literacy that they once used to... There is a specific agenda to have people not trust the news, even reputable news sources, as much. That makes it harder for people to actually obtain facts and truth." Mr. Martins explains that when he gives examples from history, they are dismissed by students who can look up something that says otherwise. This has become a defense for ignorance. "On some fronts, it has been a little harder because there are agendas now to keep people so programmed into their own corners that they won't open their minds to listen."

When asked about how Americans, white people in particular, can be effective allies to people of color, Mr. Martins emphasized, "You can't help by just wanting to be helpful." First, you must understand your own history. If you don't understand how your family was helped along



Martins speaks about human equality for all races (greenlining)

in this country, you won't understand how people of color were held back. For example, black people have been in this country for almost 400 years. It wasn't until the late 1900s that black people could accumulate any significant wealth. If your parents and grandparents were allowed to buy a home or accumulate wealth; if you will get land or money passed down to you through inheritance, you are privileged. It is a historical fact that people of color have been held back while white people have constantly been given help.

An instance in history where whites specifically were given federal assistance is the implementation of the GI Bill, a bill that established hospitals, made low-interest mortgages and granted tuition stipends to help World War II veterans. Although African American veterans were entitled to these benefits, their effects were disproportionate because of discrimination among housing lenders and universities.

There are also many examples of white privilege within American drug policies. One of the most eye opening facts I read in Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* was that historically severe punishment is associated with distribution of crack cocaine (a drug associated with blacks), while punishment for powder cocaine (a drug associated with whites) is less severe. While people of all races use and sell drugs at similar rates, African Americans have been targeted and incarcerated at an alarming rate for decades.

After gaining a clear understanding of your own family history and privilege, reading about other people's history is a crucial part in the process of becoming an effective ally to people of color. In addition to *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander, Kevin Martins recommends *Slavery By Another Name: The Re-Enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to World War II* by Douglas A. Blackmon, and *Why We Can't Wait* by Martin Luther King Jr. Reading is key to becoming an ally because you need the knowledge to back your points up when you're speaking. When challenged about "reverse racism," you will understand that it is okay to admit that all people have biases, but "reverse racism" is a term without merit. In order to be racist, by definition, a group must possess prejudice. When power is present-such as the power to create legislation, or the ability to restrict resources from

certain racial groups, institutional racism is realized. In the history of our nation, racial minorities have never possessed this level of power, and therefore "reverse racism" cannot exist within the context of institutional racism. A person from any ethnic or racial background have prejudice against others, but the power dynamic is the difference between bias and racism.

Many people cite affirmative action, government policies to increase the percentage of minorities in the work force and educational institutions, as an example of "reverse racism." To this, Kevin Martins poses many important and thought-provoking questions. "Is it reverse racism to right wrongs? Is it reverse racism to bring equity? ... Because I gave something to a population that has been historically held back and underrepresented- to bring them support- how is that reverse racism?" asks Mr. Martins. Many people are under the impression that these policies hold back qualified white people from opportunities to make way for unqualified people of color, implying that all people of color are unqualified. This is a myth. Under affirmative action, you must be qualified for a position. The largest benefactor of affirmative action is not people of color, but white women.

When challenged with "Why is there a Black History Month and not a month for white history," allies can explain that American history is white history. In most schools, there is a single unit about black history. This consists of martyring Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks, who we are taught to think of as "good" black people who peacefully protested racism. In reality these figures were extremely radical activists who were not accepted in their lifetimes. Dr. King was kicked, fire hosed, spit on, jailed and killed and Mrs. Parks was bullied, arrested, and fired from her job. Major accomplishments of black people are kept out of history lessons. We learn about Neil Armstrong, but only recently heard the story of Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson (three African American mathematicians who played integral roles at NASA) because of the 2016 hit film "Hidden Figures." Black History Month attempts to fill large gaps in American History.

Do not turn a colorblind eye to these real issues. As Kevin Martins stated, "This isn't about political correctness. This is about common decency."

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The most wonderful time of the year

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The smell of Christmas trees, the glow of lights, the ongoing creations of gingerbread houses; what could be better than the month of December? Throughout December, there is a continuous happiness because it is officially the most wonderful time of the year. There are decorations everywhere, whether it is on the lampposts that light the streets or in the mall where Santa is waiting with his elves. The holiday spirit is shown everywhere and the snowy days and fire place filled nights are just around the corner.

Let me start off by saying, I am an avid Christmas lover. I started to celebrate November 1st and I am not at all ashamed in doing so. I am always in good spirits this time of the year, so why not show my appreciation for the holiday a little earlier than the rest of the people around me? The longer the Christmas spirit is around, the better my days will become. However, one aspect of the holiday season that is my absolute favorite is the Starbucks holiday drinks. There's peppermint mocha, chestnut praline, holiday spice, eggnog, gingerbread; the list goes on and on. This is where my holiday spirit comes from so early in the season. As soon as I walked into a Starbucks in early November, there were Christmas decorations all around, and I was surrounded by the baristas with green and red aprons; I mean what could get better than that?

As the drinks at Starbucks are an all-time season changer, so are the Christmas carols. Christmas music is one of the top 3 ways to get into the holiday spirit because when you hear Mariah Carey hit that note in "All I Want for Christmas is You," how could you not want to sing along? It changes my mood from tired to wide awake at any time of the day. All the songs are so catchy and almost everyone knows them, which is always a plus.

One of the last reasons as to why Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year is the spirit of those around



The sight awaiting some when they return home after the semester ends (History.com)

you. Although Christmas is a time where we give and receive gifts, we need to remember that the people you are surrounded by are what the holidays are all about. Yes, gifts are always a plus, but the appreciation and love that comes with those gifts is something that can never be replaced.

So, the next time you are angry about people

celebrating Christmas too early, just remember, it is not to annoy you but simply remind you that this time of the year, with all of the decorations and positive spirits, is something more than a gift given to you on December 25th. It is cheerfulness, happiness, appreciation; it is the most wonderful time of the year.

Decades of influence pose the question: Disney on the path to "ultimate power"?

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Every kid in America grows up in a culture that is saturated with the works of the Walt Disney Company. I still have fond memories from when I was young, watching movies like *The Lion King*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Lilo & Stitch*, and *Mulan*, and instantly recognizing them as classics. These titles, however, hardly scratch the surface of Disney's catalogue, one that seems to be ever-expanding.

Although Disney was important to me during my childhood, it has recently become even more influential in my adult life. I have always been a huge fan of the Star Wars franchise, and the stories told within that universe have been my favorite media to consume for as long as I can remember. Now, Disney's recent acquisition of Lucasfilm Ltd. and with it all things Star Wars, although cause for excitement for some, has been nothing short of sheer panic for many. This acquisition is merely the latest in what seems to be a massive power grab for Disney. At this point, we have to wonder; how did Disney

achieve its current status, and what impact is that status having on our country?

Starting with their first major purchase of Marvel Studios in 2009 and then followed by the 2012 purchase of Lucasfilm Ltd., Disney has effectively secured its position atop the cinematic market. In the past year alone, Disney has dominated the box office, with six of the top ten domestic gross films being from Disney-owned studios. These numbers will undoubtedly shift once *Star Wars: The Last Jedi* releases in December, as the Star Wars franchise has been at the top of the leaderboards for domestic gross for the past two years since its revival.

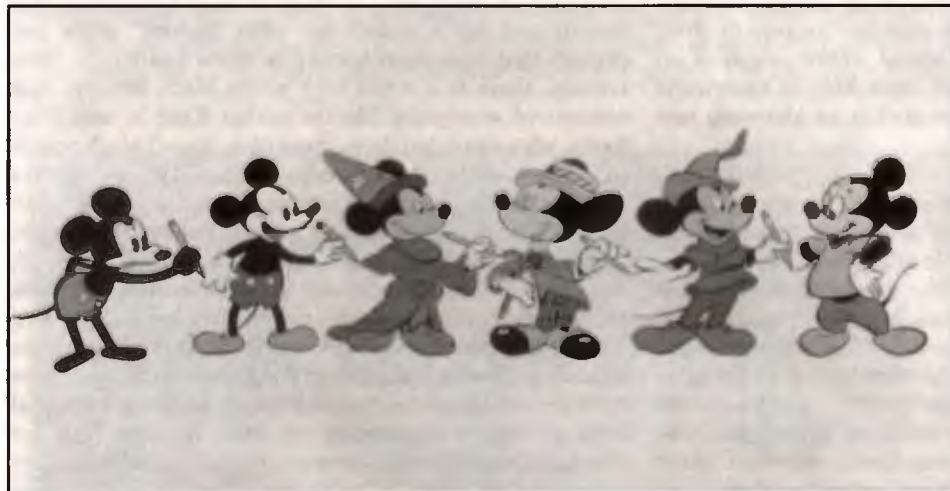
Disney's prevalence in our lives is quite clear, which begs the question; does this domination have a negative impact on our youth? If you look at the Walt Disney Company's website, you'll find that their goal, as listed in their mission statement, is not to educate or entertain children, but to be "one of the world's leading producers and providers of entertainment and information."

Disney is clearly only interested in money and power, and has no regard for the impact it has on the minds of our youth.

If you look at some of Disney's older works, many of them are found to be riddled with racist undertones. Some simply write this off as the movies being a product of their times, as many releases date to as far back as the 1940's and predate the Civil Rights Movement, but this argument cannot be accepted. Disney movies from the late 1990's to as recently as 2011 have been criticized for indirectly pushing racist agendas, and the trend will not likely end anytime soon.

If Disney continues to allow these messages to be present in their works, we have to wonder how it will affect children in America. With so many children seeing Disney movies every year, and Disney's plans to acquire even more intellectual properties in the future, it is more than likely that these negative messages will start to surface in the actions of those who watch and appreciate Disney's content. Television and film have been used countless times over the years to change the way people think about certain social issues, and the present is no exception.

I believe Disney's negligence, although cause for concern, can be countered. If we continue to educate ourselves and others on the importance of recognizing and rejecting the insulting and inappropriate messages provided by the Walt Disney Company, our country's youth will be able to avoid the negative impacts that can arise. This media literacy will allow us to enjoy Disney's content while simultaneously preserving the good nature of our values.



Just like how Mickey Mouse has evolved over the years, Walt Disney Company has also transformed into more than just animating a mouse cartoon (Wired)

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Amazon planning to turn *Lord of the Rings* into a television series

Thomas Maranian
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November 13th was a huge day for Amazon. Paying nearly \$250 million for the rights to a *Lord of the Rings* television series, the company successfully secured the future for the well-known fantasy storyline. What is known at this point is that the show will take place prior to the start of *The Fellowship of the Ring*, as well as Amazon now has global rights, and has the possibility of expanding the series into many spinoffs. For hardcore fans of Middle Earth, this is a dream come true.

There is so much potential for various storylines of this series. Perhaps the story will be centered around a well-known wizard, or perhaps a powerful elf-king. It could be a show centered around the elves, dwarves, men, orcs, Sauron himself, or all of those together. We may see some of the same characters as in the show, or they may be completely new. Regardless, it is worth mentioning that this series may take a *Game of Thrones* approach and include all sides of the story. We know that the actual storyline will differ from that of the fellowship and the One Ring, but at the same time, it will lead up to it and show a side of what happened prior. Amazon has so much potential towards creating a long-lasting series for the fantasy world. You can expect to see everything that composes a high fantasy genre television show, including adventure, quests, action, romance of a sort, good vs. evil, and many various themes.

The *Lord of the Rings* films were without a doubt, some of the greatest movies ever made, and now it is up to Amazon to continue that legacy with many episodes. All three films received the Academy award for best picture, and ultimately won over eight Oscar awards. This just shows how expansionary the fan base has become for Tolkien's world and story.

You can also expect many seasons to be released, seeing as there is so much complexity and detail involved in the world of Middle Earth. Perhaps there will be some returning faces portraying characters, or maybe there will be an entirely new cast. Regardless, it is worth mentioning that this series may take a *Game of Thrones* approach and include all sides of the story.

Adventure and heroism await us all as the producers of the next big thing undergo production. As a wise hobbit once said, "It's a dangerous business going out of

your door. You step onto the road, and if you don't keep your feet, there's no telling where you might be swept off to." As of now, there is no confirmed date when the series will be released. For now, all we can do is decide what to do with the time that is given to us.



The focus will be shifting away from Frodo Baggins and the Fellowship in the upcoming television show (MoviePoster)

Avengers: Infinity War – long awaited

Michael Jarosz
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Marvel's toughest superheroes go up against a powerful Dark Lord - Thanos (CNET)

On Wednesday, November 29, the first trailer for the upcoming film "*Avengers: Infinity War*" was released to the public. Since then, it's been a trending topic because of the large scale of its world building being culminated into one film that will be sure to excite audiences. I myself am especially excited with all of the characters to be present and the action that will take place.

With this film being the 22nd in the Marvel Cinematic Universe of Marvel Studios, "*Infinity War*" brings together the original team of Iron Man, Captain America, Thor, and Hulk once more, along with a few new faces like Black Panther, Spider-Man, Doctor Strange, and even the Guardians of the Galaxy. With an insane amount of characters added to mix of ones we already have, you would think this could end up being a disaster of a film, right?

Directing this film are the Russo brothers, Anthony and Joe, famous for their work on "*Captain America: Winter Soldier*" and "*Captain America: Civil War*". The latter of the two films had a big batch of characters to jumble as well, but the Russo brothers made it work in what was considered to be a great clash of heroes. Doing that proves their capable of tackling the third Avengers movie and its sequel scheduled to release in 2019.

As for this film's main antagonist, it's not some artificially intelligent android or a Norse god of legend who was smashed like a ragdoll by the Hulk. It is Thanos, one of Marvel's most famous villains and is most anticipated since the end credits of the first Avengers film. He is being played by Josh Brolin, which is somewhat ironic since he is also playing a hero, known as Cable, in the upcoming *Deadpool* sequel. After making brief appearances in the first two films, he has arrived to Earth in search of the Infinity Stones to bring about the full power of his Infinity Gauntlet. While you may have seen him throw down Spidey and clobber Iron Man, that's only the beginning of how scary this guy can really be. Whether you're excited or not for this upcoming film, on May 4, 2018, as Thanos would say, "destiny still arrives."



Antiquated view of modern education: Friedrich Schiller's idea of common core

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In 2010, a new standard for education was adopted among many states in the United States. The Common Core, an English language arts and mathematic standard curriculum, was created to provide stable learning goals that would prepare America's students for their professional careers after public education. These standards have caused serious debate among those in education in regards to the role of standardization in education; some believe standardization allows administrators to monitor success across large groups of students whereas others believe that standardization wrongfully treats students as the same and does not emphasize creative thinking and the arts. A romantic writer, Friedrich Schiller, wrote his opinion on education policy in 1794 in *Letters on the Aesthetic Education of Man* which would have a strong opinion on the Common Core. Schiller's arguments give us insight into how a policy like the Common Core would stifle student's exposure to arts. Schiller would strongly oppose the common core and would propose for education that incorporates more arts because he believes arts creates freedom of thought and a prosperous society.

In his second letter, Schiller describes his thought process as to what should be important in society. Schiller says about the important type of art he desires, "This kind of art must abandon actuality, and soar with becoming boldness above our wants and needs... for art is the daughter of freedom." Schiller values freedom in order to have a prosperous society. This is where Schiller's philosophy would strongly oppose the Common Core. The Common Core represents the strictness and uniformity that Schiller is so against. Schiller believes that art must 'soar with boldness'; this curriculum takes away power from teachers to create bold teaching plans that incorporate art and new ways of thinking. Teachers are very focused on math and English to achieve desired test scores that they do not focus on creative aspects of education like science and the arts. Schiller believes that the arts inspire greatness and are at the core of freedom.

In Schiller's letter, he directly opposes the kind of structure that this standard is creating while acknowledging that his society has similar values. He states, "utility is the great idol of our age, to which all powers are in thrall and to which all talent must pay homage." Schiller knows that society often values things it can measure such as test scores. Yet, he proves that thinking beyond just utility is the key to attaining true freedom. In the case of schools, students must learn beyond the results and content of standardized

tests in order to truly obtain knowledge that will help society become a better place. The arts, history, science, and exploratory fields as well as education on morals, ethics, and philosophy are needed in schools to cultivate innovation. Though he was writing to his people of the 18th century, Schiller provides a meaningful message to those in education today; a well-rounded education that promotes bold thinking and values the unique aspects of each student is the only system that will endorse the freedom and innovation that represents the culture of the United States.



Schiller was very much against the idea of conforming to the education standards of which we have today, and opted for student results beyond that of test taking (Pinterest)

A gem of a meteor shower and other stargazing highlights

Another year of enjoying the heavens is rapidly drawing to a close. We've been fairly successful in viewing many sky events in 2017, the best being the August 21 solar eclipse. We can only hope good weather prospects will continue for just a little while longer so we can wrap up the year with some decent astronomical viewing.

First up on December 3rd will be a so-called supermoon. This Full Moon will be the closest full moon of the year at a distance of 222,443 miles. The average distance is 238,500 miles. But don't let that fool you. The vast majority of folks will not be able to distinguish visually December's supermoon size from any other Full Moon. It will, however, get everyone talking about the Moon and that's good free public relations for local astronomical societies.

During the first week of the month you will definitely notice a brilliant "star" above the eastern horizon before sunrise. However, it is not a star. It's the planet Jupiter. This giant world joins Mars for early morning viewing. The two planets will be moving closer to each other in the sky as the days proceed, coming closest to one another (conjunction) on the mornings of January 6th and 7th. If you want to get up early to observe these planets with a telescope, Jupiter's large disk will show a wealth of detail, while much smaller Mars will reveal little surface detail.

Near-perfect astronomical conditions will prevail for this year's best meteor shower, the Geminids, which will peak on the night of December 13-14. The Moon will be a thin waning crescent rising in the east around 3:23 a.m. Gemini will be on the opposite side of the sky, so the Moon's faint illumination will not interfere with observing as many meteors as possible.

As with observing any meteor shower to best advantage, one should choose an observing location as far from interfering light pollution as possible. Also, do not remain standing too long to observe this display. Sit or recline in a comfortable lounge chair. Dress in layers. Climb into a sleeping bag if possible. Wear a hat to keep heat from escaping through your head. Wear warm mittens, not gloves. Mittens keep your fingers together for added warmth. You can also use a few of those pocket warmers to keep extremities toasty.

One important fact to remember is that the Geminids are one shower that can be observed before midnight. You won't see the peak rate, but if you can't scan the skies after midnight at least you will be able to observe more than a handful before the midnight hour. And there may be some earthgrazers within a few hours after sunset. With Castor and Pollux rising around 5:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. respectively, our observing vantage point will show an occasional Geminid skimming tangentially across the top of Earth's atmosphere and parallel to the horizon. This scenario provides for much longer streaks, often looking like a stone skipping across a pond.

While the Geminids appear to emanate from Gemini near its brightest stars, Castor and Pollux, scan around the sky as much as possible. As the night progresses and Gemini moves across the sky towards the west, your scan should move as well. At around 2:30 a.m. Gemini will be on your meridian, just south of zenith. With clear and dark skies a keen-eyed observer should see 60+ meteors per hour during the peak activity between midnight and dawn. If you care to conduct an accurate count, you should notice the number of meteors per hour increase as the night progresses, and then begin to decrease as dawn approaches.

The Geminids are fairly bright and moderate in speed, hitting our atmosphere at 21.75 miles per second. They are characterized by their multicolored display (65% being white, 26% yellow, and the remaining 9% blue, red and green). Geminids also have a reputation for producing exploding meteors called fireballs.

Next up on our astronomical calendar is the Winter Solstice, which occurs at 5:44 a.m. EST (Eastern Standard Time) on the 21st. This event marks the beginning of winter in the northern hemisphere. Notice how low an arc the Sun travels across the sky. After this date and time the Sun's arc will rise higher and higher each day as it appears to travel northward in our sky, reaching the Vernal Equinox (spring) on March 20, 2018 at 12:15 p.m. EDT (Eastern Daylight Time). The apparent shift of the Sun's position in the sky is the result of the Earth's fixed axial tilt of 23.5 degrees as it revolves around the Sun.

And finally to round out the year, local astronomers will be able to observe yet another occultation of constellation Taurus' brightest star Aldebaran. During the early evening hours of December 30 the dark limb (left side) of a waxing gibbous Moon will occult (pass

in front of) Aldebaran at approximately 6:28 p.m. EST. As the Moon continues to slide eastward in the sky Aldebaran will remain hidden for about 51 minutes. At approximately 7:19 p.m. Aldebaran will emerge along the Moon's bright limb (right side). Occultations by the Moon are always fascinating to watch, as one can often see the occulted object blinking in and out from behind lunar mountains or crater rims. Binoculars or a small telescope will facilitate your observation of this event.

Lastly, as we approach the holiday season, many folks ask me about the mystery of the Christmas Star. An unabridged version of my latest treatise on this topic can be found on the Skyscrapers' website <http://www.theskyscrapers.org/mystery-of-the-christmas-star> for your examination.

Seagrave Memorial Observatory (<http://www.theskyscrapers.org>) in North Scituate is open to the public every clear Saturday night. However, in December Seagrave will only be open on the 2nd and 16th. Ladd Observatory (<http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Physics/Ladd/>) in Providence is open every clear Tuesday night. The Margaret M. Jacoby Observatory at the CCRI Knight Campus in Warwick (<http://www.ccri.edu/physics/observatory.htm>) is open every clear Thursday night. Frosty Drew Observatory (<http://www.frostydw.org/>) in Charlestown is open every clear Friday night year-round.

Happy holidays and clear skies to all.



A view of the south facing map of the stars on December 14th (David Huestis)

Fashion trends for women to look out for this winter and holiday season

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As the seasons are changing from fall to winter, the trends in fashion are progressing into something new. There is much colder weather, the Christmas season comes and goes and eventually the start of a new year; but, there are also new trends that will change the fashion world.

For women, the fashion world is constantly changing; sometimes for the better, sometimes for the worse. This coming winter, the trends start with huge, puffy coats. From living at Bryant University, every student knows that it is crucial to own a coat, as it is about 10 degrees colder and windier on campus than it is anywhere else in Rhode Island. The most popular coats are being sold at L.L. Bean. Specifically, the favorite one being Baxter State Winter coat, which is an army green jacket with a fur hood. Although this jacket is \$279.00, it is very easy to find a cheaper coat at Target for \$50.00.

Another trend has been occurring for the past few years and is becoming increasingly popular is booties. For those of you who must be living in a box, booties are shorter boots; some have heels and some do not. Rather than spending over \$100 on these shoes, you can find a great quality pair, also at Target, for about \$30.00.

Yet another ongoing trend that has officially become popular in the last few are the blanket scarves. Blanket scarves are huge scarves that consist mostly of plaid patterns and are almost as large as a smaller blanket. While these scarves are actually a piece of clothing that does keep women warm, it is also something that makes or breaks an outfit. There are many scarves found everywhere, usually ranging from \$10.00 to \$30.00. Anywhere they are sold, they are around that price range.

Lastly, a new fashion statement that is coming back from the 1980's is "ugly" Christmas sweaters. With the holiday season just around the corner, there seems to be an abundance of the patterned Christmas sweaters in stores all around the mall. These sweaters seem to be getting more popular because of the "vintage" look, and are actually becoming a great trend that is well-liked around the holiday season. These sweaters can be found at stores like American Eagle, Target, and Walmart and range from \$20.00-\$40.00. These sweaters are a great way to look good and feel good during the holiday season.

With new trends coming around nearly every single year, the ongoing trend of vintage coming back seems to be happening more frequently. It is important for every woman to have their own sense of style, and these are just a few suggestions to keep a



Many classical styles are being brought back come this winter season for women (YouTube)

Wordsworth and Leopardi's nature in Romanticism

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As Wordsworth began his trek to scale Mount Snowdon, he and his hiking party soon became lost "with his private thoughts: thus did we breast the ascent, and by myself was nothing either seen or heard for a while". Once the party entered the mist, their ascent became an inward journey. This blind adventure into the mist could symbolize Wordsworth entering the void of human imagination. Unlike Keats, Wordsworth does not drink or use drugs to enter the mind's spirit, rather he uses his experience with nature. We found a link between this and Giacomo Leopardi's interaction with nature and the human imagination.



A landscape view of Mount Snowdon (HillExplorer)

The meditative state of the mist is broken on the mountain crest when the breach "through which the homeless voice of waters rose, the dark deep thorough-far have Nature lodg'd the soul, the imagination of the whole". Now he has broken through to the boundless beauty of nature, and in this scene Wordsworth has also opened the endless possibilities of the human imagination. Yet, this moment does not last forever, it is something that the conscience struggles to trap. Similar to Leopardi who could see "the distances, the horizons furthest reaches. But as I sit and gaze, there is an endless space still beyond" (The Infinite). Their mutual feeling is not of a loss, but a struggle. A struggle to reach the furthest bounds of the space beyond, to reach the "invisible world" and know the "highest bliss". The power of poetry is evident here, although they can never be present with their old feelings, their inner mind can be represented through their works.

Without poetry, these experiences would be lost to the void of human imagination. While Leopardi had a firm belief in the enormous power of the human mind, even he understood that with great "immensity [his] thought sinks ever drowning, and it is sweet to shipwreck in such a sea" (The Infinite). The sweet bliss that comes along with being lost in nature. Poetry and literature are symbolic to the human imagination. Through these recorded experiences, we can also reach the furthest bounds of our imagination. These poets are quite inspiring, in that they use nature as a tool to test the boundaries of the human mind. In today's society, we thrive off of innovation and new ideas. Perhaps we can learn from the literature of the past and create a better world today.

A thorough reading of "The Eve of St. Agnes"

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In our class, Literature in Historical Context: European Romanticism, we frequently analyze pieces that come under the genre, "romance," a form going back to the Medieval period and narrating adventures in love and war. In a recent discussion on a poem by John Keats, "The Eve of St. Agnes," we analyzed his depiction of love. Keats tells a story of two forbidden lovers, the Roman warrior evidently set on conquest, and the virgin "free from mortal taint," looking for a happy ending (Madeline). The author portrays their love with extreme passion by using intensely descriptive imagery. As Porphyro makes his way into the bedroom of Madeline, he finds what he did not seek: "Ethereal, flush'd, and like a throbbing star...into her dream he melted." What's crucial in the Keatsian "romance" is the power of the supernatural, here represented in a dream, in order to show that love goes beyond the language of the body. Keats' poem is based on the legend of a thirteen year old martyr in fourth century Rome who is condemned to a night of rape in the brothels before her execution.

However, Keats transforms the rape story into a search for love. Much of the poem's imagery is inspired by the intense affinity he shared with a young woman named Fanny Brawne, whom he had hopes of marrying once financially capable. The escape of Porphyro and Madeline at the end of the poem suggests thus Keats' longing to be with Fanny. Percy Shelley, a contemporary of Keats and poet of Romantic Period defined "romance" in very different ways. Shelley's poetry aspires to poeticize in political ways ideals we share. In his "Defence of Poetry," Shelley writes "poetry makes immortal the most beautiful in the world, turning all things to loveliness." Beauty

for Shelley is a matter of complex design as seen in his lyrical drama, Prometheus Unbound, which combines poetry, drama, music, dance, painting and other arts. The combination of the arts suggests a community in the making as no art settles a definition for all the rest. What Shelley and Keats have in common is the range of emotions: happiness, sadness, joy, and loneliness appear in their poems, often with the aim of bringing together differences without deciding in advance what these are, according to an outlook that is unbiased and open-minded.



Cover of "The Eve of St. Agnes" (steinerag)

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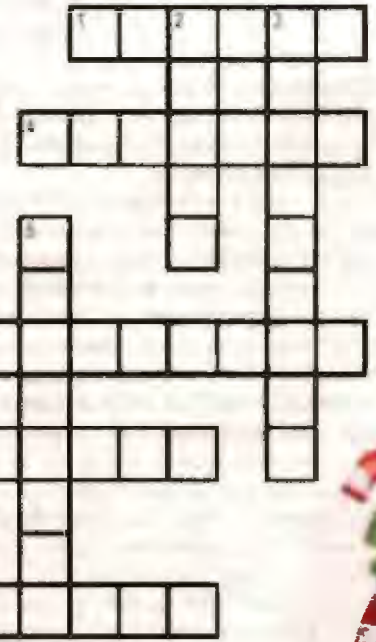
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Christmas Decorating

ACROSS

1. Used to wrap a present
4. Decoration for a banister
7. Striped and sweet
9. Used to open a walnut
10. Door decoration
11. Many times these are strung together
13. Glitter for the tree



DOWN

2. Decorative spheres
3. Another word for decorations
5. Christmas tree fruit
6. Might light the dinner table
7. Place where greetings are found
8. Hung by the chimney
12. Might be cedar, fir or pine



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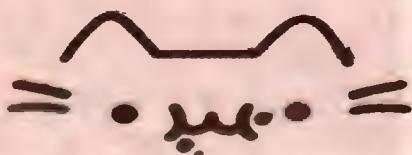
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3. Don't eat the bait



4. Don't do it



5. Stop!!



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