

AAE Celebrates Black History Month



An Early Spring? Ye Old Tradition of Groundhog Day

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Groundhog Day traces its roots back to ancient European weather beliefs tied to Candlemas Day on February 2. People thought animals, especially hibernators, could predict weather based on shadows. German immigrants brought this tradition to the United States, where it evolved into Groundhog Day. In Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, Punxsutawney Phil, a groundhog, is the star predictor. If he sees his shadow, we brace for six more weeks of winter; if not, an early spring is on the horizon. This quirky blend of old European folklore and American adaptation has made Groundhog Day a unique and widely celebrated event in the U.S. A



Black History Month

By Julius Batchelor

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The celebration of Black History Month began as “Negro History Week,” which was created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, a Black historian, scholar, educator and publisher. It became a month-long celebration in 1976. Woodson was dedicated to celebrating the contributions of Black people in the United States. His parents were freed slaves in Virginia, and Woodson feared that Black children who had slaves for parents, but were born free, or had been freed, wouldn’t have had an equal opportunity to learn like normal children, despite being free. Woodson had thought about how America should acknowledge the struggle and adversity that Black Americans had to face from the 1800s to the 1900s. What was originally a week of celebration for just Black Americans, later turned into a month-long celebration. This happened because many intelligent Black students at Kent University shared the same ideology that Woodson had. The first celebration for Black History Month took place in 1970, from January 2 to February 28. Unfortunately, it took six more years of celebrations for Black History Month to finally be acknowledged by America. Black History Month is just not celebrated enough. People don’t see Black History Month as something super significant, which is highly upsetting to me, especially since I come from an inter-racial background; my dad is black and my mom is white. I believe it’s unfair for people like me to not be shown more appreciation.

Picture by Mr. Copeland. Story continues on Page 7.

Baldur Game Review

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Baldur's Gate 3 is a turn-based role playing game made by Larian Studios and released on Aug. 3, 2023. That same year, Baldur's Gate 3 won game of the year with six other nominations. It also won best multiplayer game of the year; best role playing game; best player-voice award; best performance; and best community award. The release of Baldur's Gate 3 signifies an advancement in the traditional fantasy genre of Computer Role Playing Games (CRPGs) that were pioneered by BioWare years ago. Larian Studios has taken the game "Dungeons & Dragons; Forgotten Realms" and transformed it into an exceptional, carefully crafted world filled with numerous characters who are deeply developed, expertly scripted, and skillfully voiced. Players have to navigate difficult choices, create alliances or betray friends in co-op all while engaging diverse turn-based battle scenarios that offer a stimulating challenge at every step. Baldur's Gate 3 multiplayer has a smooth and seamless experience, as joining or leaving a session regardless of where in the campaign. And given how complex Baldur's Gate 3 is, that's impressive. It only gets better, and funnier, when you realize you can have one person distract a guard by talking to them while the other steals everything that's not nailed down behind their back.

Mr. Howe's Love of Kayaking

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Although teachers love their jobs and teaching students, they have other hobbies outside of school. Gregory Howe is an art teacher at Aerospace and Engineering (AAE), but outside of school one of his hobbies is kayaking.

Kayaking is a sport where you use a kayak to move on water. Mr. Howe has been kayaking for 10 years now and enjoys the sport very much. He said that "Kayaking is very relaxing and he loves spending time in the water."

He owns four kayaks that he loves using during the summer. He goes to Mansfield Hollow or Groton Long Point at least once a week in the summer. He usually kayaks with his mom at Groton Long Point, and one of his favorite times kayaking was last June.

He stated "It's always a cool experience kayaking with my mom but this time was really cool because you could see people crabbing off of the docks and there was an airport nearby, so we saw some small jets taking off. After this we explored islands and then we went swimming."



California Flooding

By Gianna Muniz
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California recently experienced catastrophic storms in the Los Angeles area. The historic storms of biblical proportions caused strong winds, heavy rainfall and flash floods across the state. Nearly half a million residents were left without power.

The storm, which occurred from Feb. 4 – 6, was caused by the atmospheric river, which are relatively long, narrow regions in the atmosphere – like rivers in the sky – that transport most of the water vapor outside of the tropics. According to usatoday.com, "A moving corridor of air that can carry water for miles, brought heavy rain at low altitudes and snow at higher elevations."

The National Weather Service in California issued flash flood warnings due to the potential floods and threat of mudslides. Landslides are large-scale movement of rocks, debris, and dirt down a slope. California flooding, rains and heavy snow killed at least 17 people and caused more than \$30 billion in damages and economic losses, according to AccuWeather Inc.



This aerial view Monday shows a home destroyed at the bottom of a landslide in Los Angeles. Credit: Monnew/APPhoto Images

Opinion: The World's “Politically Forgotten” Protest Globally

By Jonathan De Caro

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Over the past two decades many European, North American, and South American governments have been dominated by a reign of left-wing politics. Liberal governments from the United States to Europe to Latin America to Africa have been elected after years of popular conservative politics in the 1980s and 1990s. But recently the grip of left wing parties on global governments is slipping. Approval ratings for the Democratic President Joe Biden have hit an all-time low. According to Gallup, Italy, Netherlands and Argentina have elected wildly popular conservative leaders, and protestors have fought back against their left-wing capitals in Brazil and Uganda. The growing consensus in these countries seems

to be that they've had enough. In the last three months, France's farmers have encircled the city of Paris with tractors; Germany's unemployed have marched on the capital of Berlin; and Texas truck drivers have lined up across the US-Mexico border. All protesting left-wing policies. As conservatives gain popularity, historian Amity Shales writes, “People have good reason to be fed up with years of liberal policy.” In a speech at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) and in her book titled “The Forgotten Man,” she explains how left-wing politicians neglect and ransack the general welfare they claim to protect. This is evident as wars have broken out when progressive leaders drain military spending as described by a new Brookings study. Inflation skyrockets when liberals print exorbitant money according to the Euro Inflation Rate. In a CBS news report, illegal immigrants overwhelm nations when



liberals fail to protect citizens as witnessed when a New York school moved kids online to house illegal immigrants. Shales explains that progressive governments have become disconnected with the actual wants of their people. Shales discussed, “As they become more centralized and aggregate more power, political ‘establishments’ have forgotten the actual people who they serve and fall easily to cultural vanities.” Therefore, citizens on the losing end have been dubbed the “politically forgotten.” In attempts to become seen, protests have escalated. Most recently, demonstrations in Europe have shaken up liberal governments. Farmers in France encircled the city in tractors and

blocked highways and streets. Unemployed and poor Germans marched by the tens of thousands against new liberal policies that have greatly hurt them. But the changes go beyond Europe. When President Joe Biden failed to defend the United States border, some Texans lined up trucks and semi-vehicles along the U.S.-Mexico border, and the state National Guard was directed to put up defenses. And after the previously imprisoned politician left-wing Lula De Silva assumed the presidency in Brazil and liberal Nigerian dictator Yoweri Museveni continued his office, protests filled the streets of their capital cities. More than ever, the forgotten people of politics have become aggravated with governments who refuse to view their ideas as mainstream and become increasingly polarized. Once noble political parties claimed to put people first, more than ever they have put them last.

Random Acts of Kindness Week

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Random Acts of Kindness Week is from February 14 to February 20 annually. It's a celebration of all the ways people can have a positive influence in each other's lives. Just one small act of kindness can mean a great deal to someone. The world can be selfish and cruel sometimes and not everyone receives the same kind of support they need. It is crucial for people to be reminded to be kind to one another and to give others hope whenever they can.

The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation (RAK), which is a nonprofit organization in Denver, Colo., was founded in 1995 by Will Glennon, who is also the Chairman of World Kindness, USA. The foundation's mission is to promote acts of kindness in communities around the country. It has no religious affiliations and is funded by an anonymous private donor. It does not accept grants or donations, but it encourages people to make contributions in their own communities. It inspires people to practice kindness and pass it on to others. A small and random gesture of kindness can go a long way people spread positive energy.

The world can sometimes come off very rude and by spreading positive energy, people can impact a lot of peoples' lives and even try to understand why they feel the way they feel. Showing random acts of kindness can improve behaviors and mood change, sometimes even make others feel better about themselves by showing empathy. Sydney, a senior at CREC AAE, said she spreads positivity with small gestures. "I smile and wave and by doing that it gives people a better vibe around me and more positivity on both ends."

Aries, a junior at CREC AAE shows random acts of kindness by building peoples confidence and expressing respect.

"I share kindness by complimenting others and always treating others the way I would want to be treated as well," she explained. "I feel like random acts of kindness are important because to get respect you have to give it and not everyone reacts to things the same way. Sometimes one bad comment can turn into one hundred more and can really cause an effect on somebody's day."

Zuly, a sophomore, contributes random acts of kindness by being positive and open.

"I keep an open mind and stay positive while interacting with other," she said. This is important to Zuly because first impressions are important, especially in school. And, going to different places, you might find people you have never spoken to before. Keeping an open mind to kindness is important because being rude and just negative can give people the wrong intentions, and in response, treat you a certain way that isn't acceptable to you.



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Grading System: A Moral Argument

By Alexander Discua

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We are at the midway point of the 2023-2024 school year at AAE, and the new grading system has settled in for students and teachers alike. The system itself has changed throughout the years, ranging from the 0 through 100 grading system, to last year's 50 through 100 system, with grades being labeled as 50, 63, 73, 83, 93, and 100. This year has brought in a new system, replacing the old grading system with 40, 55, 70, 85, and 100. This system has been a topic of debate the entire school year and will change again in the next school year, going to a 0 to 5 grading system. However, with the 2023-2024 grading system, students and teachers alike have different points of view about how it works. Students are the main demographic of people being affected by the current grading system, and many have negative opinions about it. The high schoolers, particularly juniors and seniors, quickly grew to hate the system, as they felt that instead of lowering the gap between students, it increased exponentially. The new system, to them, makes already academically gifted and talented students get even better results, while students who may be struggling in their classes get left in the dust. Juniors and seniors mentioned the removal a grade of 90, in favor of giving either an 85 or 100, thus either making the grade a B or an A+ with no leeway in the middle. They mentioned that it makes the teacher question if an assignment the student submitted is either an 85 or 100, when the problem could have easily been solved if there was a 90 in the system, but isn't. Some students expressed concerns about the wide gap between 85 and 100. "I think this grading system just flat out hurts everyone more than it helps," said Guillermo Rivera, a senior in the school. "People who would've gotten 90's rather get an 85, which frankly just hurts everyone. A slacker like me would cry," he jokingly said. Another student said he strongly dislikes the new grading system. "Personally, I hate it with a passion," Aiden Coleman-Eckstrom told another senior. "I really just hate that the new system groups students who are at vastly different skill levels that shouldn't be grouped together, and it hurts everyone."

Rapper Rod Wave's Nostalgia

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Rodarius Marcell Green, who is a fresh face in the contemporary music scene, recently dropped his much-anticipated album, "Nostalgia." This musical venture is a captivating mix of soulful tunes, deep lyrics, and some seriously innovative production tricks. Wave takes listeners on a nostalgic ride through his own experiences and musings, touching on themes like love, loss, finding oneself, and the relentless march of time. With his unique sound and wordplay, Green invites us all to vibe with his personal stories.

De Jiah Otero, a student at the Academy of Aerospace and Engineering (AAE), said, "I believe Rod Wave is a great artist. He makes music that speaks to his listeners. If you just sit and literally listen to the words he speaks in his music, you can see how powerful and relatable they are. I recommend listening to him." After listening to his album over and over again, I realized that Nostalgia isn't just an album; it's a testament to Green's growth as an artist and his dedication to keeping it gangsta. Each track is great; this album captures the messy beauty of human emotions and relationships. His introspective lyrics create a sound that speaks to people from all walks of life.

Jayliah Colon, an AAE student said, "Rod Wave is actually a good rapper although I used to think he was trash; it grew on me. I believe he is also a little hypocritical because in his music he is so sad but he does it to himself." In a world where everything seems to be changing at lightning speed, "Nostalgia" is a reminder of the enduring power of music. Through his storytelling and musical chops, Green invites listeners on a journey of self-discovery and reflection. With Nostalgia, he cements his place as a force to be reckoned with in today's music scene, leaving a lasting impression on anyone who listens. When I hear the name Rod Wave, I think of his song "Girl of My Dreams," because it was the first song I heard from him, and that is when I first started to listen to him. I do not really have a favorite song by him because all of his songs are too good.

Is AI Technology Beneficial or Detrimental?

By Alexander Discua

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With the rising use of Artificial Intelligence (AI), which is the science of using computers to do things that humans traditionally would do, students and even teachers alike go to it for ease of work and even just for fun. However, students use AI to just make it do the work for them, rather than doing the work themselves. But what is the consensus of the Academy of Aerospace and Engineering (AAE) students and teachers regarding using AI in school? “I tend to use AI for writing rubrics,” said Mrs. Easton, an English teacher who is open to AI. “Though I obviously edit it to fit the assignment. I do think AI can be a useful tool, ala a calculator, though it has to be used responsibly to not rely on it.” The freshmen and sophomores share an almost unanimous opinion that AI is very useful and helps them out with their work. However, they tended to draw the line at AI-generated essays, thinking it’s a cop-out for an assignment, although a few did say they do use it. Meanwhile, there is also a sudden rise in AI-generated art to create characters that students are unable to draw, or they may want an idea or concept of what to draw. It speeds up the process of drawing in class and creating art for their personal enjoyment. However, Mr. Howe, an art teacher, thought otherwise. “I’ve tried to use it for ideas and whatnot, and it just never clicked with me,” said Howe. “I don’t really like it at all. But what I really dislike is when people claim AI art as their own, even though it’s mostly just stolen art from the internet.”



Luka Doncic’s Masterclass!

By Teigen Green

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Luka Doncic, a Dallas Mavericks point and shooting guard, recently scored a career high 73 points in an away game against the Atlanta Hawks. The game, played on a cold winter night, transformed into a heated battle as Doncic single-handedly dismantled the opposing defense with an insane performance. From the opening tip-off on Jan. 26, it was clear that Doncic was in a league of his own. His ball-handling skills mesmerized defenders, creating opportunities for him to weave through the tightest defenses. The arena buzzed with anticipation each time the Slovenian sensation touched the ball, and he didn’t disappoint. Doncic’s scoring spree was a masterclass in versatility. Three-pointers rained down with deadly accuracy, reminiscent of a seasoned marksman hitting his target. The crowd erupted in cheers as each shot found its mark, pushing Doncic’s point total higher and higher. His prowess extended beyond scoring, as Doncic showcased his playmaking abilities with precision passes that led to easy buckets for his teammates. The synergy on the court was jarring, and everyone seemed to feed off the young superstar’s energy. As the game reached its climax, Doncic’s point total continued to climb, breaking records and defying expectations. He broke the scoring record for the entire NBA season and the all-time Mavericks scoring. The opposing team threw everything they had at him, double teams, zone defenses, physical play but Doncic remained unfazed, demonstrating a mental fortitude beyond his years. The final buzzer sounded, and the scoreboard displayed a staggering 73 points next to Doncic’s name. The crowd erupted into a standing ovation, recognizing that they had witnessed a historic performance. Sports analysts scrambled to find words to describe the game, as Doncic’s 73 point masterpiece etched its place in basketball lore. Doncic finished the game with an outstanding 73 points on 25/33 shooting as well as 10 rebounds and 7 assists.



Black History Month

By Julius Batchelor

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(From Page 1) Black people have been living through struggle and pain every day around the world, due to the immense racism and bias from other races and non- black people. I believe that Black History Month should focus more on learning Black History, instead of just learning about certain individuals in the Civil Rights Movement. Only learning about the Civil Rights Movement limits Black children from learning where their people come from, and the origin of their culture, family, religion and so much more.

But there are some people who think otherwise. One person I interviewed said, “I believe Black people, if they wanted to learn about their history, they should seek out their history and not wait until people tell them when to research about their history.” Overall, the subject of how Black History Month should be celebrated around the world is also controversial.

Student Teigen Green said he didn’t agree with the celebration. “There’s no white history month,” he explained. “And our history should be celebrated all the time along with everyone else’s history.” Devon Nance disagreed. He believes Black History Month should happen only because of what black people did throughout history.

Trump’s Racketeering Case Continues

By Brandon Bourne

STAFF WRITER

In a twist in the ongoing Donald Trump racketeering case, the Georgia prosecutor spearheading the legal proceedings was subpoenaed for a disqualification hearing in the election- interference case against Trump and his allies.

The defense is arguing that Fani Willis, the Fulton County district attorney, and her office should be disqualified and removed from the prosecution, accusing her of benefiting financially from a relationship with lead Prosecutor Nathan Wade, who she hired to manage the case. The defense lawyers discovered that Willis and Wade were having a romantic relationship, which the lawyers said compromised the election-fraud case. They accused Willis of benefitting financially from the six-figure salary that Wade was paid for handling the case, referring to cruises and out-of-state trips that the two took together.

Trump was accused of leading a “criminal racketeering” network so that the 2020 election votes would be in his favor. Willis opened an investigation in February 2021, and in August 2023, a grand jury indicted Trump and co-conspirators who were involved in trying to overturn President Joe Biden’s win in Georgia. On Feb. 15, Willis and Wade testified in the disqualification hearing and Willis accused the defense lawyers of lying. In a highly combative testimony, she told the court that she wasn’t on trial but that Trump and his co-defendants are the ones on trial.

Willis and Wade had a different timeline of when their relationship started, which is significant to case. The defense said it started before Wade was hired in November 2021, but the couple said it was in early 2022. Willis also testified that she paid Wade back for money he spent on lavish trips they went on while dating. Wade also testified that the relationship ended last summer.

Two AAE students described their feelings about the case.

Teigen Green said, “I feel that Trump should have been indicted for the riots that happened a couple of years ago. I also feel that he is still a better president than Biden though.”

And student Devon Nance said, “I found the [case] very surprising because I feel he got off too easy for his accused crimes.” The outcome of this hearing holds significant implications for the trajectory of the Trump racketeering case, adding another layer of complexity to the closely watched legal battle surrounding the former president.

Juggling School with at Home Responsibilities

By Victoria Ortiz

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High school students constantly struggle with and have to juggle their school lives with their own personal responsibilities. With age comes responsibility, and as kids get older, these things start to pile up and start becoming stressful. Some kids have sports, some have chores, and others have personal responsibilities to take care of, such as jobs, etc. And when it becomes too much for some students, they are encouraged to find some sort of alternative outlet support to help them get through difficult and challenging times.



Joana Garcia, an 11th grade student that attends the Academy of Aerospace and Engineering (AAE), voiced her opinion on this topic and discussed her many responsibilities at home and what things cause her to struggle.

“I missed a couple days of school because I had to watch my baby brother while my mom takes morning shifts at her job,” she explained. “And now that I have another sibling because my mom just gave birth, now I have to help out with both of my siblings now and that’s going to be even more stressful for me.”

Damaris Lopez, another 11th grade student that attends AAE, shared how she manages to stay on top of her school work and her school responsibilities. “I really use my research time and any time a teacher gives me time to catch up on work. I have a flexible schedule at my job so I try to work on days I know I don’t have any work to catch up on.” Christian Ramos, a senior that attends AAE, talks about habits and alternatives that help him get through each day. “I go to school every day and take a quick nap before going to work each day.

When I come back home from work, I take a shower and do any school work that I have to catch up on and then go to sleep, or sometimes, I even just go straight to sleep and do my work another time.”

Movie Releases in 2024

By Devon Nance

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Movie fans in 2024 have a wide range of new releases, including much-awaited sequels, intriguing adaptations, and exciting thrillers. The films “Kung Fu Panda 4,” “Madame Web,” “Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire,” “Night Swim,” and “Bob Marley: One Love” stand out among the others as promising motion pictures with distinctive stories and eye-catching images.

Let’s kick it off with “Kung Fu Panda 4”: The adventure continues with the lovable panda Po with a knack for martial arts. Po must train a new warrior when he’s chosen to become the spiritual leader of the Valley of Peace. However, when a powerful shape-shifting sorceress sets her eyes on his Staff of Wisdom, he suddenly realizes he’s going to need some help. Teaming up with a quick-witted Corsac Fox, Po soon discovers that heroes can be found in the most unexpected places.

“Madame Web” introduces a fresh perspective to the Marvel Cinematic Universe by bringing the mysterious and psychically gifted clairvoyant Madame Web to life. The movie delves into the enigmatic and alluring realm of the Spider-Verse, providing viewers with a novel viewpoint on one of Marvel’s most engaging characters. “Cassandra Webb” is a New York City paramedic who starts to show signs of clairvoyance. Forced to confront revelations about her past, she must protect three young women from a mysterious adversary who wants them dead.

“Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire” marks the latest chapter in the epic saga of giant monsters clashing for dominance. The highly anticipated crossover event pits two iconic titans, Godzilla and Kong, against each other in an epic battle for supremacy. With groundbreaking visual effects and intense action sequences, the film promises to be a thrilling spectacle for fans of the kaiju genre.

“Night Swim” enters into the genre of psychological thriller, providing viewers with an engrossing and thrilling story. The film, which is helmed by Jennifer Reeder, tells the tale of a young lady who, while taking a risky night swim, becomes caught up in a web of lies and secrets. In order to get the truth, the protagonist must face her worst fears as tensions build and mysteries are revealed.

“Bob Marley: One Love” pays tribute to the legendary reggae icon Bob Marley, celebrating his life, music, and enduring legacy. The documentary offers an intimate look at Marley’s journey from humble beginnings in Jamaica to becoming a global icon of peace and unity.

Family Recipe - Flancocho

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My grandmother has always been such a creative woman, and I have always admired her for that. She went to school in Puerto Rico, specifically to study confectionary, which is the making of sweets and desserts. When she finished school, she continued experimenting with desserts and this led her to invent her own way of making her favorite dessert, "Flancocho." Flan and Bizcocho (cake).

Ingredients for Flan

1 can of evaporated milk

1 can of sweetened condensed milk

1 tsp vanilla extract

4 eggs

A pinch of salt

Ingredients for vanilla cake

A box of vanilla cake mix

Make sure you have the ingredients listed on the box

Instructions

Make the caramel by pouring sugar into a pan and melting it over medium heat. Once melted, pour the caramel into a pan of your choice; making sure the whole bottom is covered. Set the pan aside and wait for the caramel to cool. While the caramel is cooling, make the vanilla cake from the box. Bake at 350 degrees for an hour, or until there is no residue when a toothpick is inserted. In a blender combine all the ingredients for the flan, and blend till smooth. When the vanilla cake is baked and cool, transfer it into the pan with the caramel coat. Poke holes in the cake with a utensil of your choice, we often use a wooden skewer. Pour the flan batter on top of the vanilla cake, making sure it is soaked in. Pour water into a flat pan and place the cake on top. Lastly, bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. And there you have it, a Flancocho.



Celebrating Presidents Day

Presidents Day is commemorated annually on the third Monday in February. But technically, under the Uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1971, it is the date designated for the



federal Washington's Birthday holiday, which was first established in 1885 to honor the birthday of George Washington, the first president of the United States, who was born on February 22, 1732. According to history.com, Washington's Birthday was an unofficial observance until 1879, when President Rutherford B. Hayes signed it into law. Gradually, the celebration included Abraham Lincoln, who was born on Feb. 12, 1809, and became America's 16th president in 1860. There were efforts right after Lincoln's death to get his birthday recognized as a holiday, but there has never been a federal Lincoln-birthday holiday. The shift from Washington's Birthday to Presidents Day began in the late 1960s, when Congress proposed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which changed the celebration of several federal holidays from specific dates to select Mondays. The change created more three-day weekends for employees, and private businesses saw it as a way to increase retail sales. While several states still have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of Washington, Lincoln and other figures, Presidents Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate the birthdays and lives of all United States' presidents. This year, Presidents Day fell on Feb. 19, and most Connecticut public schools were closed, and many Connecticut state employees had a paid day off. AAE students and teachers had Feb. 19 and 20 off from school. As a federal holiday, many banks; the New York Stock Exchange, NASDAQ and post offices were also closed.

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Remembering the Patriots' Comeback

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In a Super Bowl for the ages, the New England Patriots clashed with the Atlanta Falcons in 2017, delivering an epic battle that will be engraved as one of the most if not the most legendary comebacks in football history. The Patriots, led by the ageless Tom Brady, orchestrated a breathtaking comeback against the Falcons, clinching victory in a game that will be remembered for its sheer drama and intensity.

The first half saw the Falcons dominate both sides of the ball. Quarterback Matt Ryan showcased his prowess with precise throws, connecting with star wide receiver Julio Jones for two early touchdowns. The Falcons's defense, led by standout performances from Grady Jarrett and Deion Jones, left the Patriots struggling to establish any offensive rhythm. By halftime, the scoreboard displayed a commanding 21-7 lead in favor of Atlanta. As the third quarter unfolded, the Falcons extended their lead with another touchdown, setting the score at 28-10. However, the turning point came as the clock wound down in the fourth quarter. Tom Brady, displaying the poise and skill that have defined his illustrious career, orchestrated a series of stunning drives. A touchdown pass to James White and a two-point conversion brought the Patriots within striking distance at 28-18. With just under two minutes left, Brady engineered another mesmerizing drive, culminating in a touchdown pass to Rob Gronkowski.

A successful two-point conversion followed, tying the game at 28-28 and sending the Super Bowl into overtime, a rarity in the history of the grand event. Overtime proved to be a testament to Brady's clutch performances. The Patriots won the coin toss, and Brady, with surgical precision, led his team down the field. A touchdown pass to Julian Edelman sealed the deal, securing a historic 35-28 victory for New England. The thrilling Super Bowl XLVIII was a spectacle that will be remembered not just for the Patriots'; comeback but for the intensity and drama that unfolded on the grand stage.

As the confetti rained down, fans were left awestruck by the resilience of the Patriots and the brilliance of Tom Brady. "I've been a Patriots' fan for decades, and I've witnessed many great moments, but this comeback is on a whole different level. Tom Brady is not just a quarterback; he's a living legend," said AAE Math Teacher Mr. Tsahalís. "With just under two minutes left, Brady engineered another mesmerizing drive, culminating in a touchdown pass to Rob Gronkowski. A successful two-point conversion followed, tying the game at 28-28 and sending the Super Bowl into overtime, a rarity in the history of the grand event," described Xavier. Hats off to the Patriots," said Richard.



New York Broadway Field Trip 2024

