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The Scoop

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Note from Editors:

We're already in the midst of winter 2017 - crazy how fast time went by! Time is the most undefinable yet paradoxical of things; the past is gone, the future is not come, and the present becomes the past even while we attempt to define it, and, like the flash of lightning, at once exists and expires. The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot. The extra good news is although the past is gone and the future hasn't entirely come The Scoop is your one stop place to catch up on what's happened and what's to come so you can focus on the present.

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Obama formally stepped down from his former position as President of the United States on January 10th. He gave a farewell address to commemorate his time in office. In his speech, Obama emphasized democracy, value of faith, and hard work. He described the struggles of the many Americans who made the country what it is today. He made special mention of immigrants, refugees, and the LGBT community. Obama spoke about Stonewall and the struggles of fleeing persecution from one's home country. As Trump is known to condemn these groups, they had a powerful effect on members of the community who feel endangered and powerless in the face of an administration that seems to revile their existence.

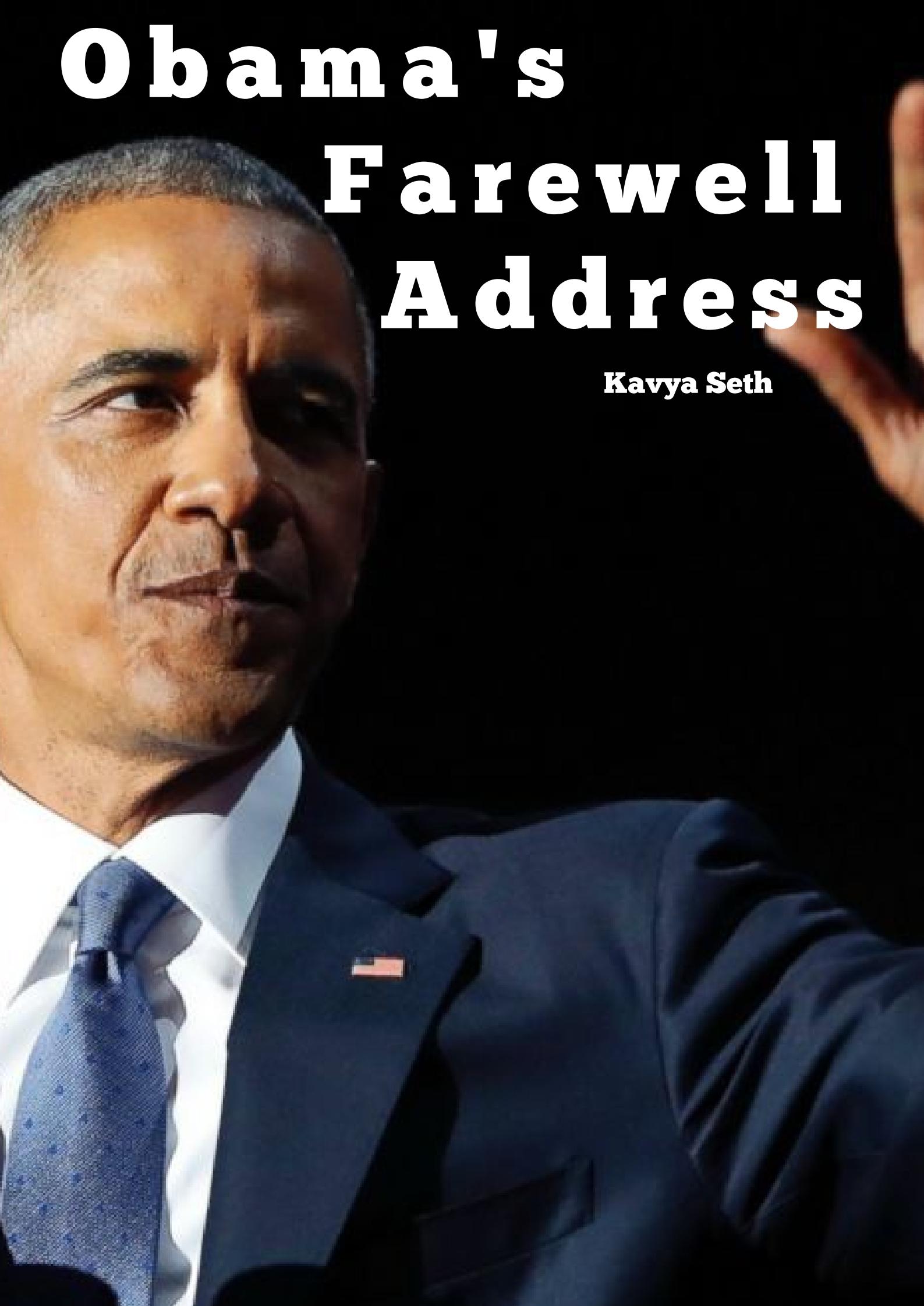
In particular, his statements about the economy were clearly directed towards the masses of dissatisfied, white working-class people making up the majority of Trump's voters. His statements deliberately reversed Trump's rhetoric of blaming immigrants and instead blamed the excessively wealthy corporations for exploiting their workforce. "If every economic issue is framed as a struggle between a hard working white middle class and an undeserving minority, then workers of all shades are going to be left fighting for scraps while the wealthy withdraw further into their private enclaves. If we're unwilling to invest in the children of immigrants, just because they don't look like us, we will diminish the prospects of our own children – because those brown kids will represent a larger and larger share of America's workforce." In doing so, Obama hopes to use the final moments of his presidency to discourage the hateful rhetoric of the upcoming administration.

However, while much of his speech seemed directed towards Trump and his supporters, he only mentioned him once by name, to wish for a peaceful transition of power between the two. He also remained markedly neutral about the possible abolition of Obamacare, saying that as long as it was replaced with a system equally or more effective, he would support it.

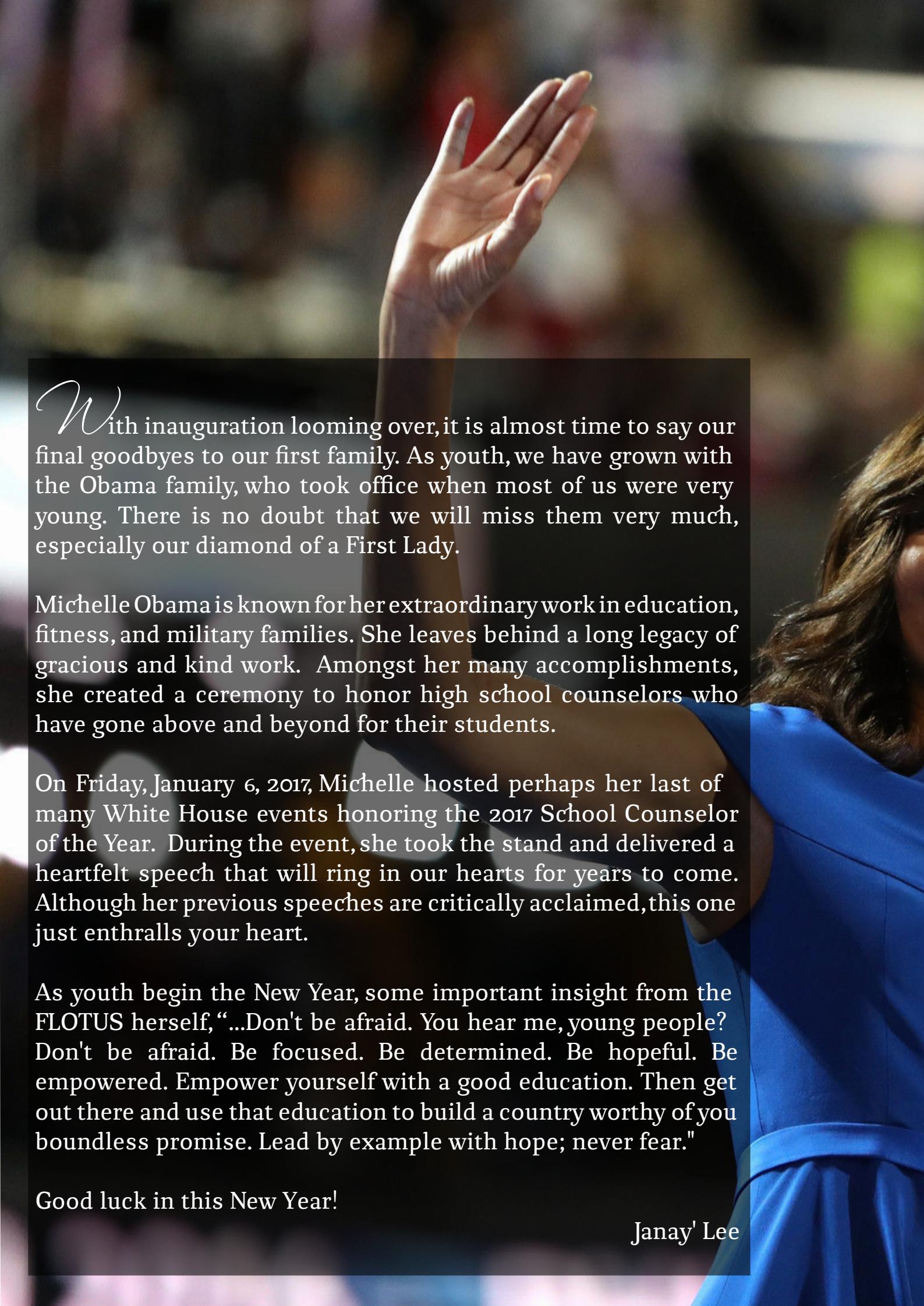
In addition to addressing Republicans, he also attempted to assuage Democratic supporters angry with the results of the election and Trump's presidency. He reminds them of the achievements they've made thus far, and encourages them to not lose hope, saying "change only happens when ordinary people get involved and they get engaged, and they come together to demand it."

Obama repeated the phrase "We, the People" three to four times throughout his address. Well known as the first three words of the US Constitution, they emphasize unity and personal freedom. More than anything, Obama urged the importance of a unified country, encouraging the divided public to work together towards positive change: "democracy [requires] a basic sense of solidarity – the idea that for all our outward differences, we're all in this together; that we rise or fall as one." Divisive though the current political climate may be, our now former president reminds us that the most important thing is to not lose sight of the end goal of making a better America.

Obama's Farewell Address



Kavya Seth



With inauguration looming over, it is almost time to say our final goodbyes to our first family. As youth, we have grown with the Obama family, who took office when most of us were very young. There is no doubt that we will miss them very much, especially our diamond of a First Lady.

Michelle Obama is known for her extraordinary work in education, fitness, and military families. She leaves behind a long legacy of gracious and kind work. Amongst her many accomplishments, she created a ceremony to honor high school counselors who have gone above and beyond for their students.

On Friday, January 6, 2017, Michelle hosted perhaps her last of many White House events honoring the 2017 School Counselor of the Year. During the event, she took the stand and delivered a heartfelt speech that will ring in our hearts for years to come. Although her previous speeches are critically acclaimed, this one just entralls your heart.

As youth begin the New Year, some important insight from the FLOTUS herself, "...Don't be afraid. You hear me, young people? Don't be afraid. Be focused. Be determined. Be hopeful. Be empowered. Empower yourself with a good education. Then get out there and use that education to build a country worthy of you boundless promise. Lead by example with hope; never fear."

Good luck in this New Year!

Janay' Lee

Michelle's Final Speech

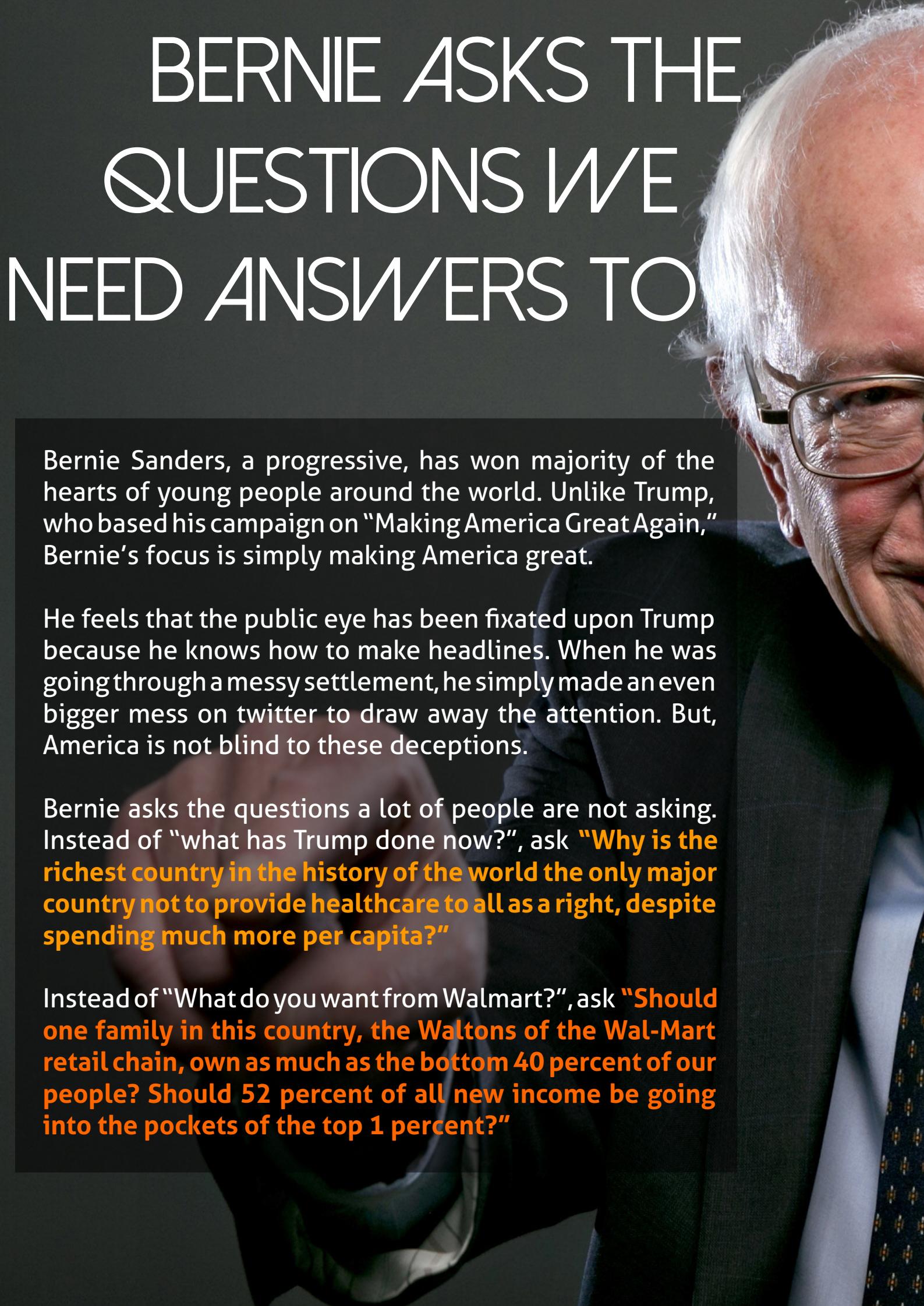
“Being the first lady has been the greatest honor of my life and I hope I've made you proud.”

Full Video



Janay' Lee

BERNIE ASKS THE QUESTIONS WE NEED ANSWERS TO



Bernie Sanders, a progressive, has won majority of the hearts of young people around the world. Unlike Trump, who based his campaign on "Making America Great Again," Bernie's focus is simply making America great.

He feels that the public eye has been fixated upon Trump because he knows how to make headlines. When he was going through a messy settlement, he simply made an even bigger mess on twitter to draw away the attention. But, America is not blind to these deceptions.

Bernie asks the questions a lot of people are not asking. Instead of "what has Trump done now?", ask **"Why is the richest country in the history of the world the only major country not to provide healthcare to all as a right, despite spending much more per capita?"**

Instead of "What do you want from Walmart?", ask **"Should one family in this country, the Waltons of the Wal-Mart retail chain, own as much as the bottom 40 percent of our people? Should 52 percent of all new income be going into the pockets of the top 1 percent?"**



"How do we stop the movement toward oligarchy in our country in which the economic and political life of the United States is increasingly controlled by a handful of **billionaire\$?**"

Instead of just assuming your justice system is fair, realize that **"We are now spending \$80 billion a year to imprison 2.2 million Americans, who are disproportionately African-American, Latino and Native American.** We have more people in jail than any other country on earth, including China, which is home to four times as many people."

Instead of believing that most immigrants are violent, help to "create a path for the 11 million undocumented people in our country to become lawful permanent residents and eventually citizens." **They contribute to our economy in more ways than the 1% does and we need them just as much as they need the refuge America affords them.**

Sanders ends his thoughts speaking the cold truth: "Our nation's infrastructure is collapsing and the American people know it. The most effective way to rapidly create meaningful jobs is to rebuild our crumbling infrastructure.

How can we work together to make that happen?

NATIONAL "READ A BOOK" MONTH

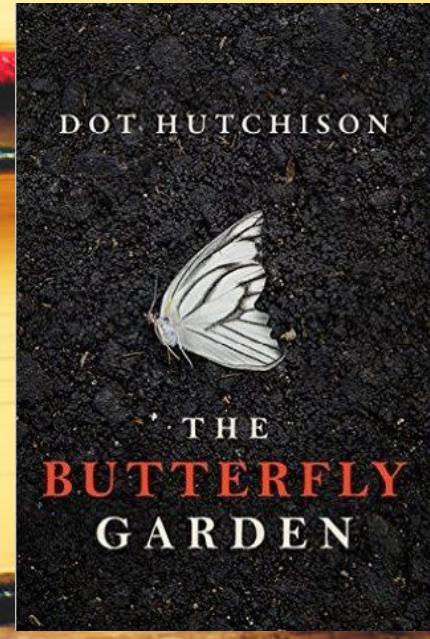
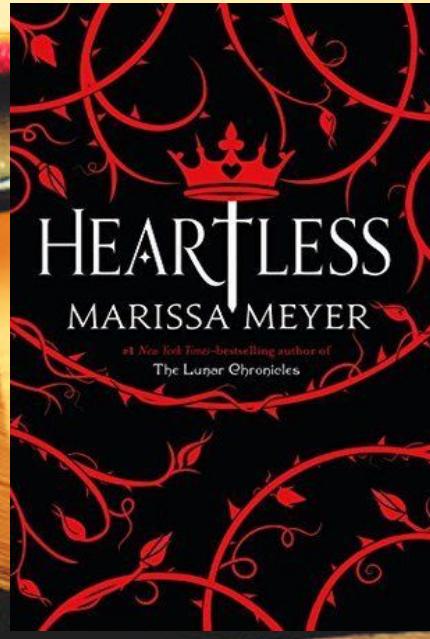
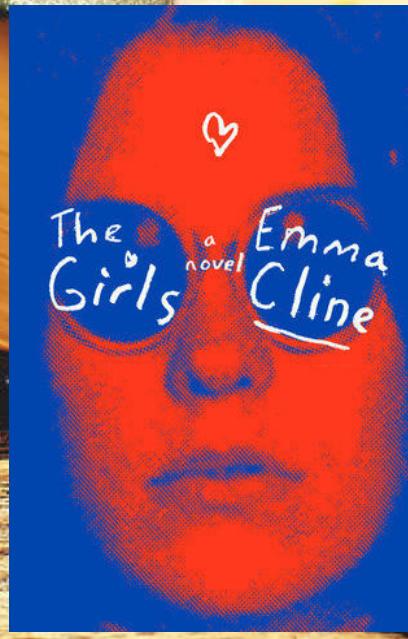
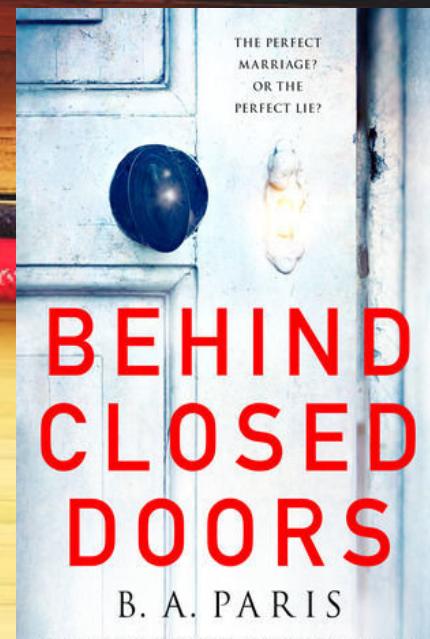
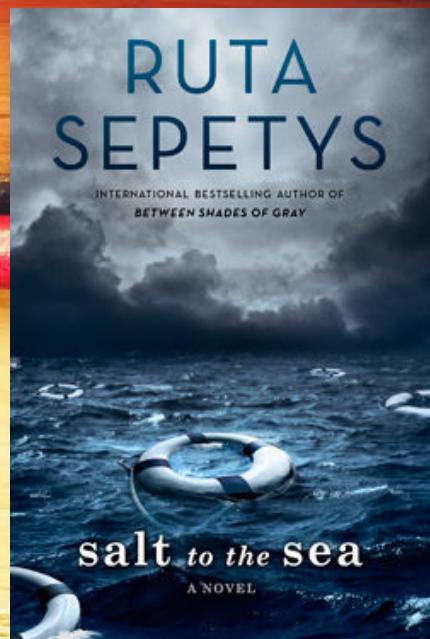
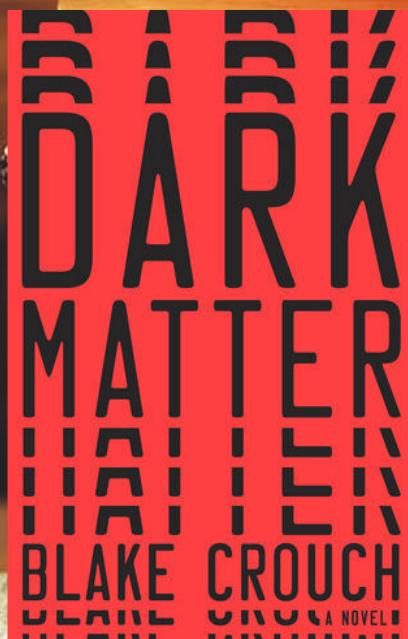
December is not only the month of Christmas gifts and Santa Claus, but it's also National Book Month. Yes, there's a month dedicated to reading books. Now half of you may be thrilled to read this article because you love reading, while the other half are ready to skip this and move on. To those of you in the latter, I hope you can change your mind and start reading in your spare time. For those moments when you're relaxing by the fireplace, lounging on your couch drinking hot chocolate, and binge-watching Netflix series... Here are a few books for you to read and enjoy from yours truly.

If you're into young adult fantasy and science fiction, then I have two amazing stories for you. *Dark Matter* by Blake Crouch begins with an ordinary man waking up from what he thinks is a dream being kidnapped only to be told the life he lived is not his life and that none of it was real... including the family he loved. *Heartless* by Marissa Meyer follows a headstrong young woman who wants to choose her own destiny despite the demands of her power-hungry mother and an entitled Prince asking for her hand in marriage. This all goes down in the magical place of Wonderland.

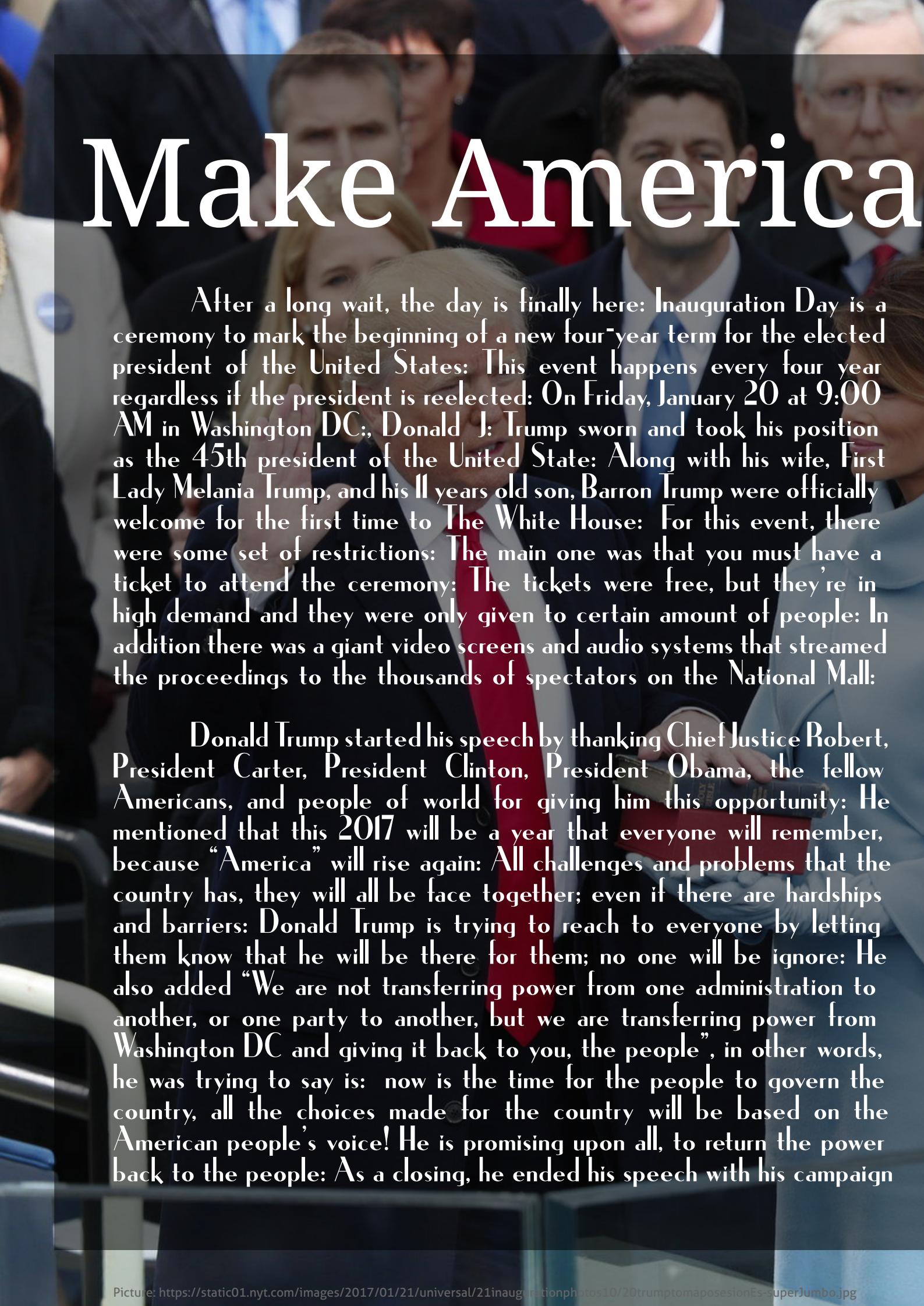
Moving on to some intriguing young adult fiction, *The Girls* by Emma Cline shows teenagers the dangers of losing yourself in the world of apathy and capriciousness we all yearn for instead of practical daily routines. *Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys, a historical fiction piece, follows 4 teenagers in 1945 as they all board a ship promising freedom. But, fate has brought them together with other plans in mind.

If you're into the more thrilling, dark and sordid books then *The Butterfly Garden*, about a "garden" of kidnapped girls, by Dot Hutchinson and *Behind Closed Doors*, about a perfect couple with a dark secret, by B.A. Paris are two books you must read in your free time.

Janay' D.



Make America



After a long wait, the day is finally here: Inauguration Day is a ceremony to mark the beginning of a new four-year term for the elected president of the United States: This event happens every four years regardless if the president is reelected: On Friday, January 20 at 9:00 AM in Washington DC, Donald J. Trump sworn and took his position as the 45th president of the United States: Along with his wife, First Lady Melania Trump, and his 11 years old son, Barron Trump were officially welcome for the first time to The White House: For this event, there were some set of restrictions: The main one was that you must have a ticket to attend the ceremony: The tickets were free, but they're in high demand and they were only given to certain amount of people: In addition there was a giant video screens and audio systems that streamed the proceedings to the thousands of spectators on the National Mall:

Donald Trump started his speech by thanking Chief Justice Robert, President Carter, President Clinton, President Obama, the fellow Americans, and people of world for giving him this opportunity: He mentioned that this 2017 will be a year that everyone will remember, because "America" will rise again: All challenges and problems that the country has, they will all be face together; even if there are hardships and barriers: Donald Trump is trying to reach to everyone by letting them know that he will be there for them; no one will be ignore: He also added "We are not transferring power from one administration to another, or one party to another, but we are transferring power from Washington DC and giving it back to you, the people", in other words, he was trying to say is: now is the time for the people to govern the country, all the choices made for the country will be based on the American people's voice! He is promising upon all, to return the power back to the people: As a closing, he ended his speech with his campaign

Great Again?

quote, "Together we will make America strong again, we will make America wealthy again, we will make America proud again, we will make America safe again, and yes, **TOGETHER WE WILL MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!**" of course, how you miss the last line:

President Trump's speech was confident and promising but his crowd wasn't really: People around the internet started posting pictures of Trump's inauguration versus Obama's: As quote says, "a picture is worth a thousand words" By comparing both picture, on President Obama's Inauguration, the National Mall was packed: According to Hollywood Deadline, an estimated 1.8 million people attended Obama's 2009 inauguration; about 1M attended his second, in 2013: While President Trump's about 700K-900K attended: It wasn't that bad either, he is not the president with the least amount of people attending the Inauguration: Bush's two inaugurations collected crowds estimated a 300K and 400K, in 2001 and 2005, respectively: And Bill Clinton clocked estimated crowds of 800K in 1993 but just 250K in '97: the following morning, Trump shows up to a CIA conference, President Trump questioned media reports and photographs that showed the size of Inauguration Day crowds: He blames the fact that it was raining and the restrictions of the tickets: When President Obama took the oath of office in 2009, conditions were clear with temperatures were in the 20s: Eight years later, temperatures hovered in the high 40s with discontinuous rain:

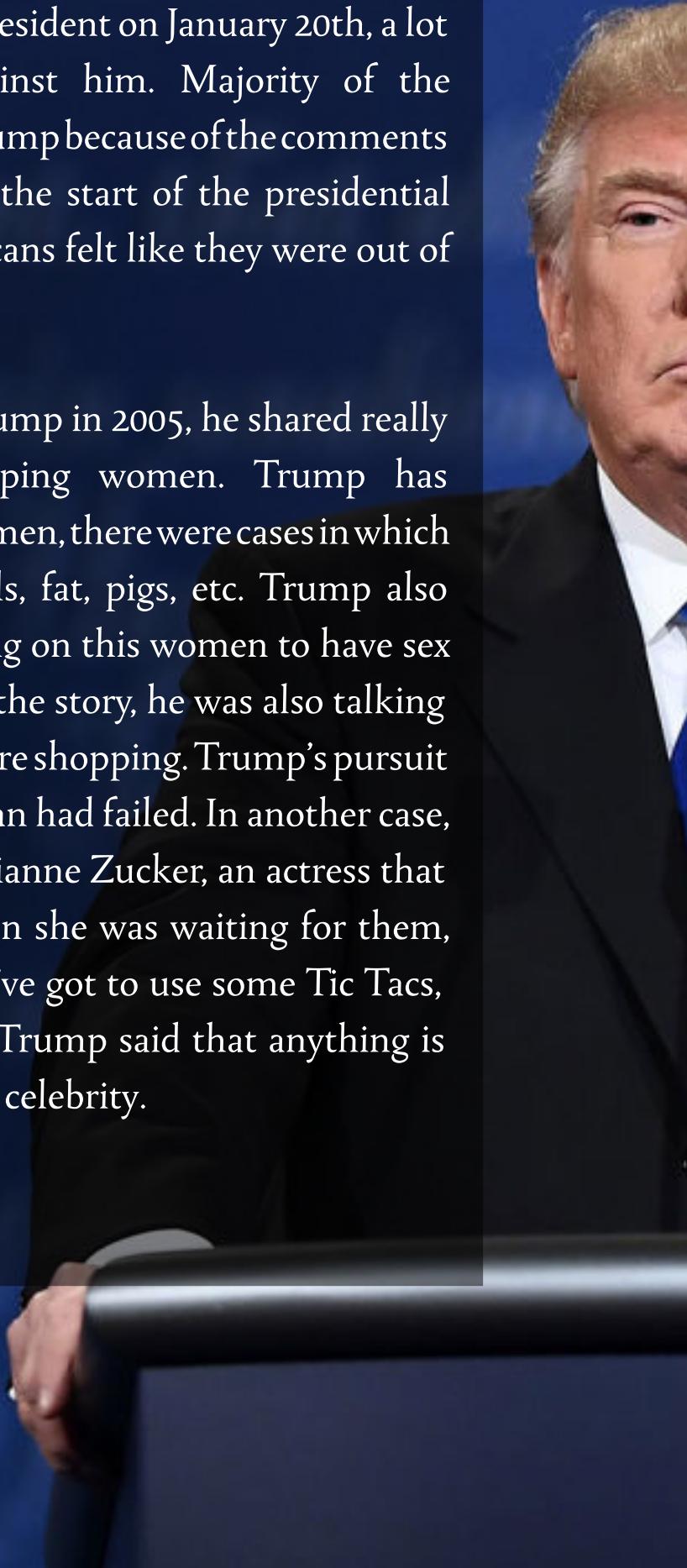
The following day after, protest happened: Celebrities such as Miley Cyrus and Lady Gaga, who accepted Mr. Trump as a president, showed up on the streets to express their feelings:

Katerine Chung

Problematic Tru

Since Donald Trump became president on January 20th, a lot of republicans are rising against him. Majority of the Republicans stood up against Trump because of the comments he made about women. From the start of the presidential debate to the end of it, Republicans felt like they were out of the party.

In an interview with Donald Trump in 2005, he shared really graphic situations about groping women. Trump has numerous discussions about women, there were cases in which he called women weak, animals, fat, pigs, etc. Trump also talked about how he was moving on this women to have sex with her. As he continued with the story, he was also talking about how he took her to furniture shopping. Trump's pursuit on this particular married woman had failed. In another case, Trump spoke to Bush about Arianne Zucker, an actress that was going to escort them. When she was waiting for them, Trump says "Whoa!" He says "I've got to use some Tic Tacs, just in case I start kissing her." Trump said that anything is possible for him because he is a celebrity.



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In the second presidential debate between Trump and Hillary Clinton, he tried disregarding any mentions of the recording in which he shared explicit encounters with women and casually bragged about assaulting women. In one of his interviews, he mocked the sexual appearance of his female rival, Carly Fiorina. Although, he made numerous remarks about women, he was able to win 53 percent of women in his campaign while Hillary won 52 percent of women in her campaign. What will happen? What are peoples reaction after the inauguration?



Henry Xie

The 2017 Women's March

Worldwide on January 21, the world came together to protest, to protect women's rights, but it wasn't women's rights alone that the march stood for. Other causes including gender equality, immigration, health care, abortion, environmental protection, LGBTQ rights, racial justice, freedom of religion, and workers' rights were well represented too. The Women's March was brought into as an idea November 9th of last year, in reaction to Trump's election and political views. Although the march was directed and aimed towards Trump, one of its main goals was to spread awareness of the ongoing situations. Organizers said in a statement that the march was more than just about opposing Trump and "more about being proactive about women's rights", and taking "a stand on social justice and human rights issues ranging from race, ethnicity, gender, religion, immigration and healthcare" said Cassady Fendley, a spokeswoman for the march.

The four co-chairs leading this movement include; Linda Sarsour, a director at Arab American Association of New York, Tamika Mallory, a political organizer, Carmen Perez, a director of the political group The Gathering for Justice, and Bob Bland, a fashion designer whose main focuses lies on ethical manufacturing. Originally planned as the Women's March on Washington D.C., later turned into a worldwide event, with over 400 planned marches in the United States alone! Reports state that over 670 marches occurred worldwide in total.

What Occurred During the March?

Marchers in Washington, gathered at 9:00 am on January 21st, 2017 and chanted together "Welcome to your first day. We will not go away." The Women's March was easily identified and marked as one of the biggest historical moments in Washington's history. Many argue that the statement goes beyond Washington's borders, and extended to a worldwide historical moment, and if not worldwide than country wide.

Worldwide, men and women alike stepped forward to let their voices be heard. The numbers of people were extraordinary and without a doubt powerful, but the march was only one step out of many more to come. As many protestors and signs said on that day, "Fight like a girl, and fight on."

men's March

Every sign that a protestor held was another statement, another idea. Some signs would read "Make America Think Again" and others would say "Build Bridges Not Walls" and my personal favorite "Ugh, Where Do I Even Start?"

Who was involved?

Back in December over a 100 organizations had signed up as partners to the march, but come January more than 400 organizations were listed as partners on the march's website. Among those two Planned Parenthood and the Natural Resources Defense Council were listed as two major partners. Back in December, Donald Trump vowed to defund Planned Parenthood as long as it performs abortions. After Donald Trump made his intentions with Planned Parenthood public, it shook a lot of people. "It's no secret Planned Parenthood is expecting the fight of our lives," said Kelley Robinson, a deputy national organizing director for Planned Parenthood. "This is a movement where people are inspired to take action at numbers we've never seen before." She went further on to say they were willing to contribute in whatever way possible to make sure the people had a great time and would stay active for months and years to come. Planned Parenthood later that month partnered with the march.

Organizations weren't the only ones who got involved with the march. Many celebrities took a place in the crowds. Among them were: Chris Colfer, Darren Criss, Miley Cyrus, James Franco, Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Mandy Moore, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Nick Offerman, Rihanna, Melissa Benoist, Emma Watson, Amy Poehler, Gina Rodriguez, Alec Baldwin, Phillipa Soo, and hundreds of others, all around the world.

The list of speakers for the Women's March can be found on the speakers page their website: <https://www.womensemarch.com/speakers/>
If you'd like to get involved and weren't able to participate in the Women's March, they have a website! <https://www.womensemarch.com>

The 74th Annual

The Golden Globes honor the best in film and American television of 2016 and the 74th aired this year on January 8. This year's Golden Globes, hosted by Jimmy Fallon, held a lot of messages about recent events we as a country have experienced, as well as more to come. To recap the events of the Golden Globes, a speech was given followed by a heavy discussion as it indirectly targeted president-elect Donald Trump.

Meryl Streep gave a speech following after her win for the Cecil B. DeMille Award at the Golden Globes to call out the president-elect for mocking a disabled New York Times reporter back in 2015. Many critics and commentators criticized Meryl Streep's decision to bring politics into the award show, but the audience disagreed and applauded her for her speech.

For those of you who didn't have a chance to hear her speech during the Golden Globes, here is Meryl Streep's speech:

Please sit down. Thank you. I love Viola was born in a sharecropper's cabin in you all. You'll have to forgive me. I've lost my voice in screaming and lamentation this weekend. And I have lost my mind sometime earlier this year, so I have to read. Thank you, Hollywood Foreign Press. Just to pick up on what Hugh Laurie said: You and all of us in this room really belong to the most vilified segments in American society right now. Think about it: Hollywood, foreigners and the press.

Viola was born in a sharecropper's cabin in South Carolina, came up in Central Falls, Rhode Island; Sarah Paulson was born in Florida, raised by a single mom in Brooklyn. Sarah Jessica Parker was one of seven or eight kids in Ohio. Amy Adams was born in Vicenza, Italy. And Natalie Portman was born in Jerusalem. Where are their birth certificates? And the beautiful Ruth Negga was born in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, raised in London – no, in Ireland I do believe, and she's here nominated for playing a girl in small-town Virginia.

But who are we, and what is Hollywood anyway? It's just a bunch of people from other places. I was born and raised and educated in the public schools of New Jersey.

Ryan Gosling, like all of the nicest people, is Canadian, and Dev Patel was born in Kenya, raised in London, and is here playing an Indian raised in Tasmania. So Hollywood is crawling with outsiders and foreigners. And if we kick them all out you'll have nothing to watch but football and mixed martial arts, which are not the arts.

Golden Globes

They gave me three seconds to say this, so: An actor's only job is to enter the lives of people who are different from us, and let you feel what that feels like. And there were many, many, many powerful performances this year that did exactly that. Breathtaking, compassionate work.

But there was one performance this year that stunned me. It sank its hooks in my heart. Not because it was good; there was nothing good about it. But it was effective and it did its job. It made its intended audience laugh, and show their teeth. It was that moment when the person asking to sit in the most respected seat in our country imitated a disabled reporter. Someone he outranked in privilege, power and the capacity to fight back. It kind of broke my heart when I saw it, and I still can't get it out of my head, because it wasn't in a movie. It was real life. And this instinct to humiliate, when it's modeled by someone in the public platform, by someone powerful, it filters down into everybody's life, because it kinda gives permission for other people to do the same thing. Disrespect invites disrespect, violence incites violence. And when the powerful use their position to bully others we all lose. O.K., go on with it.

O.K., this brings me to the press. We need the principled press to hold power to account, to call him on the carpet for every outrage. That's why our founders enshrined the press and its freedoms in the Constitution. So I only ask the famously well-heeled Hollywood Foreign Press and all of us in our community to join me in supporting the Committee to Protect Journalists, because we're gonna need them going forward, and they'll need us to safeguard the truth.

One more thing: Once, when I was standing around on the set one day, whining about something — you know we were gonna work through supper or the long hours or whatever, Tommy Lee Jones said to me, "Isn't it such a privilege, Meryl, just to be an actor?" Yeah, it is, and we have to remind each other of the privilege and the responsibility of the act of empathy. We should all be proud of the work Hollywood honors here tonight.

As my friend, the dear departed Princess Leia, said to me once, take your broken heart, make it into art."

Nicole Stetsyuk

and the winners are...

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Best Motion Picture

Drama

Moonlight

Musical or Comedy

La La Land

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Best Performance In A Motion Picture

- **Drama**

Actor

Casey Affleck

- Manchester by the Sea as Lee Chandler

Actress

Isabelle Huppert

- Elle as Michèle Leblanc

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Best Performance In A Motion Picture

- **Musical or Comedy**

Actor

Ryan Gosling

- La La Land as Sebastian Wilder

Actress

Emma Stone

- La La Land as Mia Dolan

Best Supporting Performance in a Motion Picture

- **Drama, Musical or Comedy**

Supporting Actor

Aaron Taylor-Johnson

- Nocturnal Animals as Ray Marcus

Supporting Actress

Viola Davis

- Fences as Rose Maxson

Other

Best Director

Damien Chazelle - La La Land

Best Screenplay

Damien Chazelle - La La Land

Best Original Score

Justin Hurwitz - La La Land

Best Original Song

"City of Stars" Justin Hurwitz, Pasek & Paul - La La Land

Best Animated Feature Film

Zootopia

Best Foreign Language Film

Elle (France)

TELEVISION

Best Series

- Drama

The Crown

- Musical or Comedy

Atlanta

Best Miniseries or Television Film

The People v. O. J. Simpson: American Crime Story

Best Performance In A Television Series

- Drama

Actor

Billy Bob Thornton

– Goliath as **Billy McBride**

Actress

Claire Foy

– The Crown as **Queen Elizabeth II**

Best Performance In A Television Series

- Musical or Comedy

Actor

Donald Glover

– Atlanta as Earnest "Earn" Marks

Actress

Tracee Ellis Ross

– **Black-ish** as Dr. Rainbow "Bow" Johnson

Best Performance in a Miniseries or Television Film

Actor

Tom Hiddleston

– The Night Manager as Jonathan Pine

Actress

Sarah Paulson

– The People v. O. J. Simpson: American Crime Story as **Marcia Clark**

Best Supporting Performance in a Series or Television Film

Supporting Actor

Hugh Laurie

– The Night Manager as Richard Onslow Roper

Supporting Actress

Olivia Colman

– The Night Manager as **Angela Burr**

The World Waves a Goodbye to a Mother and Daughter



No more than a day after the death of Carrie Fisher on December 27th, 2016, her mother Debbie Reynolds passed away. In two days, the world lost two of its beloved actresses. Carrie Fisher and her mother appeared in *Bright Lights: Starring Carrie Fisher and Debbie Reynolds*, a 2016 documentary about their closer relationship featuring interviews, photographs and home movies. The documentary premiered at the 2016 Cannes Film Festival and was set for broadcast on January 7, 2017. The mother and daughter were a well known duo and were always close together, even through their careers.

Carrie Fisher was popularly known for her role as Princess Leia in the movie franchise, *Star Wars*. She later starred in the movie, *When Harry Met Sally*. But aside from her evident film career, the beloved Carrie Fisher shed some light on her disorders and addictions on *20/20*. Carrie Fisher publicly discussed her bipolar disorder, and how her bipolar moods even had nicknames. She reportedly said that drugs made her feel normal. During the process of filming the *Star Wars* movies, she used cocaine and on one occasion, she accidentally overdosed on medication and sleeping pills. As of 2014, she said she was no longer receiving treatment or on prescribed drugs. However, that's not where it ended for Carrie Fisher.

After her passing, she was cremated and her remains were split between a coffin next to her mother's grave and an urn shaped like a Prozac pill. For those of you who don't know what Prozac is, it is a commonly prescribed antidepressant. Carrie Fisher's greatest possession in her household was a large Prozac pill she purchased a few years back, thus the urn. Her's family claims that this is what she would have wanted.



Carrie Fisher's mother, Debbie Reynolds, was also a famously known actress. Debbie Reynolds was known for her roles in *Halloweentown*, *Singing in the Rain*, and *The Catered Affair*. Debbie starred in over a hundred films and television shows. On December 28th, the day after the death of her daughter, Carrie Fisher, Debbie Reynolds passed away. According to family, the emotional stress caused by her daughter's death the day before had seriously affected Debbie Reynolds and was the reason for her stroke. Her last words have been noted by many, "I want to be with Carrie."

Debbie Reynolds recalls her life and how she grew up in an interview, "One of the advantages of having been poor is that you learn to appreciate good fortune and the value of a dollar, and poverty holds no fear for you because you know you've gone through it and you can do it again...But we were always a happy family and a religious one. And I'm trying to inculcate in my children the same sense of values, the same tone that my mother gave to me. When I started, I didn't even know how to dress. I wore dungarees and a shirt. I had no money, no taste and no training."

Both Carrie Fisher and Debbie Reynolds passed away in late December and have been honored through short clips at the Golden Globes, flowers on their Hollywood stars, and many more dedications to come.

Nicole Stetsyuk

REMEMBERING GEORGE

George Michael died on December 25th, 2016, at 53 years old. He was found dead by boyfriend, Fadi Fawas, in his home in Oxfordshire, England.

The cause of death was purportedly heart failure. An award-winning singer and passionate social justice advocate, he will be missed by both his fanbase and the LGBT

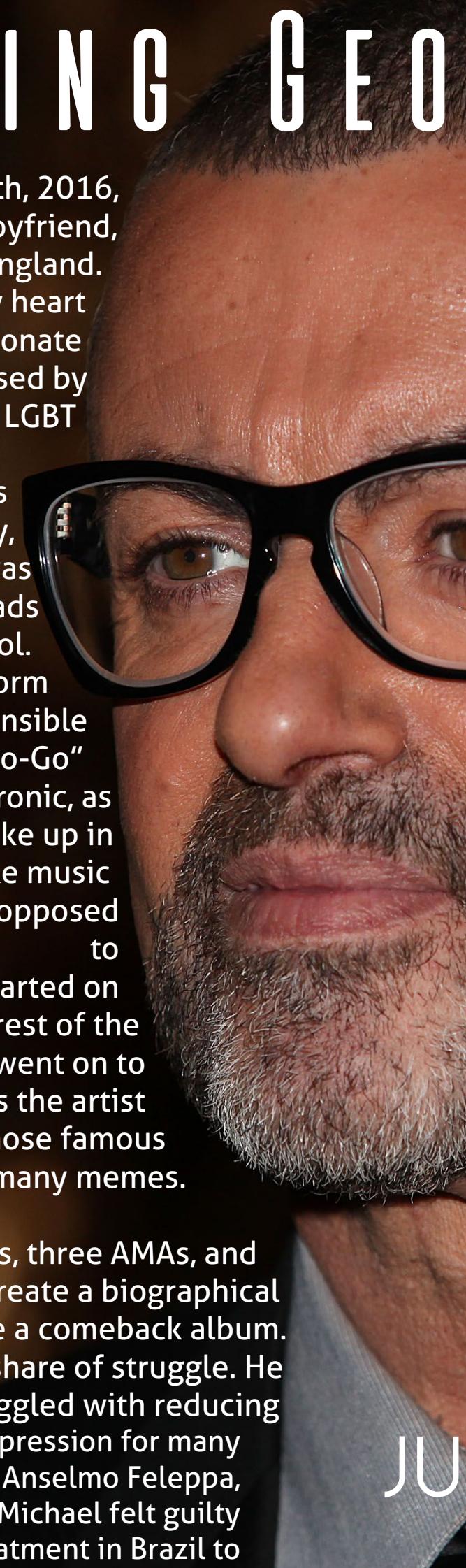
George Michael was born Georgios Kyriacos Panayiotou on June 26, 1963 in East Finchley, London. He met Andrew Ridgeley when he was 12 as a fellow student at Bushey Meads School.

They became fast friends and grew up to form the band, Wham! as adults. Wham! was responsible for hits such as "Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go" and "Last Christmas". This is particularly ironic, as Michael died on Christmas Day. The duo broke up in 1986, because Michael wanted to make music geared towards a more adult audience, as opposed

to the band's teenage demographic. They parted on good terms and remained friends for the rest of the artist's life. After leaving Wham!, Michael went on to pursue a successful solo career. He was the artist behind the song "Careless Whisper," whose famous saxophone solo has been used in many memes.

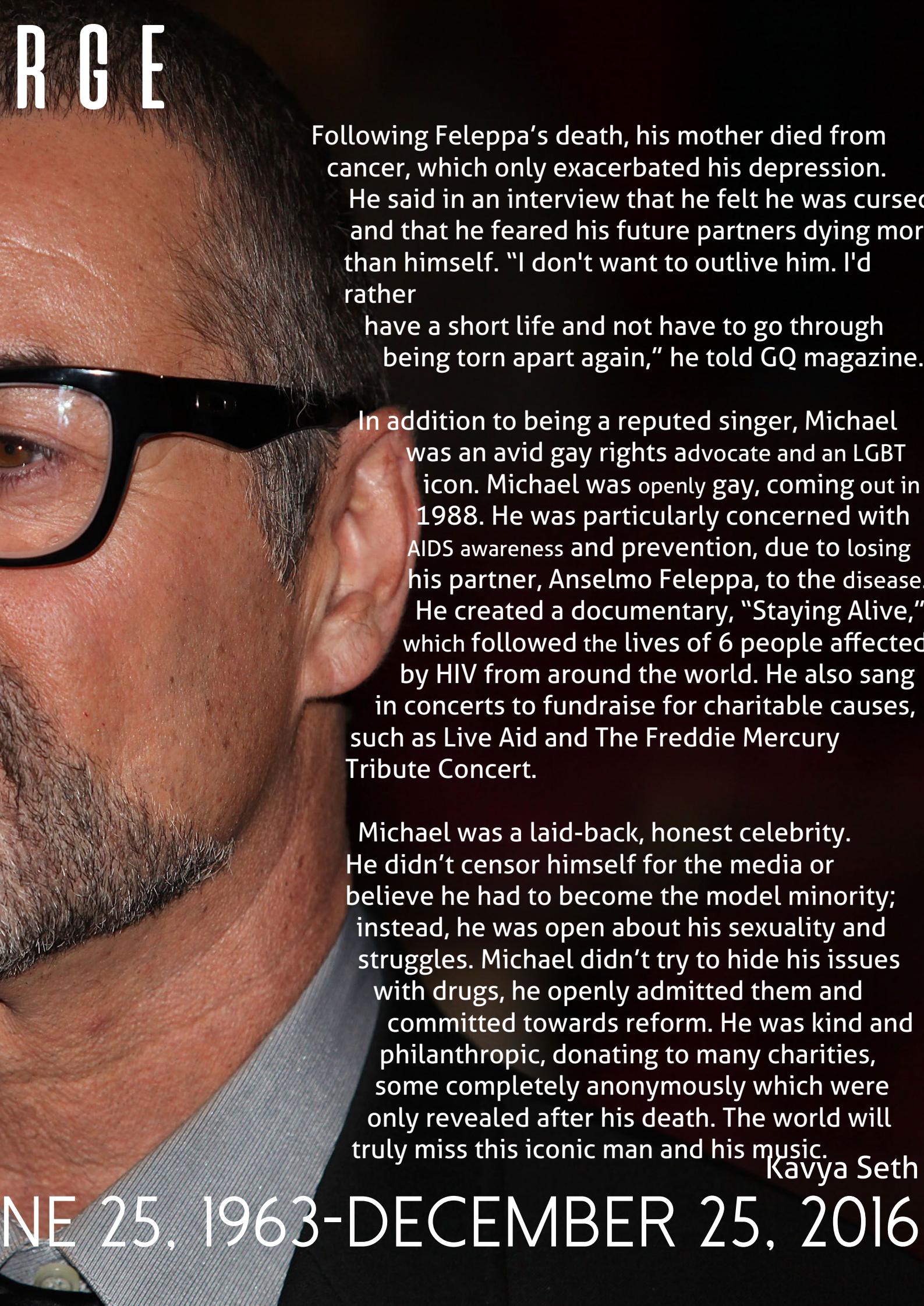
Over the course of his life, he won four VMAs, three AMAs, and two Grammys. In 2017, he was planning to create a biographical film as well as release a comeback album.

Despite this, his life was not without its share of struggle. He abused drugs, particularly cannabis, and struggled with reducing his addiction to it. He also struggled with depression for many years. His depression began after his lover, Anselmo Feleppa, died from AIDS-related brain hemorrhaging. Michael felt guilty for Feleppa's death because he sought treatment in Brazil to



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Following Feleppa's death, his mother died from cancer, which only exacerbated his depression.

He said in an interview that he felt he was cursed and that he feared his future partners dying more than himself. "I don't want to outlive him. I'd rather

have a short life and not have to go through being torn apart again," he told GQ magazine.

In addition to being a reputed singer, Michael was an avid gay rights advocate and an LGBT icon. Michael was openly gay, coming out in 1988. He was particularly concerned with AIDS awareness and prevention, due to losing his partner, Anselmo Feleppa, to the disease.

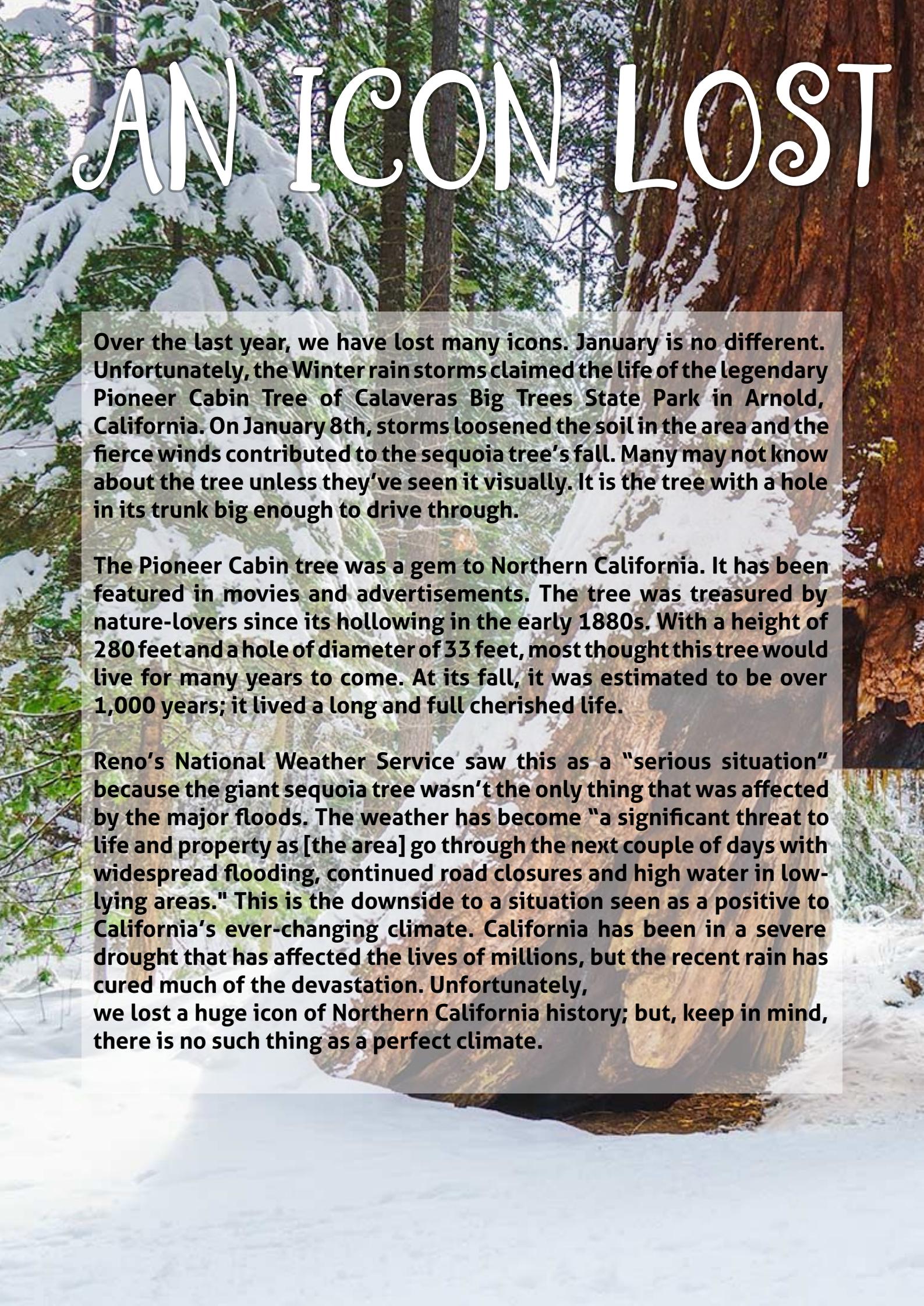
He created a documentary, "Staying Alive," which followed the lives of 6 people affected by HIV from around the world. He also sang in concerts to fundraise for charitable causes, such as Live Aid and The Freddie Mercury Tribute Concert.

Michael was a laid-back, honest celebrity. He didn't censor himself for the media or believe he had to become the model minority; instead, he was open about his sexuality and struggles. Michael didn't try to hide his issues with drugs, he openly admitted them and committed towards reform. He was kind and philanthropic, donating to many charities, some completely anonymously which were only revealed after his death. The world will truly miss this iconic man and his music.

Kavya Seth

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AN ICON LOST



Over the last year, we have lost many icons. January is no different. Unfortunately, the Winter rain storms claimed the life of the legendary Pioneer Cabin Tree of Calaveras Big Trees State Park in Arnold, California. On January 8th, storms loosened the soil in the area and the fierce winds contributed to the sequoia tree's fall. Many may not know about the tree unless they've seen it visually. It is the tree with a hole in its trunk big enough to drive through.

The Pioneer Cabin tree was a gem to Northern California. It has been featured in movies and advertisements. The tree was treasured by nature-lovers since its hollowing in the early 1880s. With a height of 280 feet and a hole of diameter of 33 feet, most thought this tree would live for many years to come. At its fall, it was estimated to be over 1,000 years; it lived a long and full cherished life.

Reno's National Weather Service saw this as a "serious situation" because the giant sequoia tree wasn't the only thing that was affected by the major floods. The weather has become "a significant threat to life and property as [the area] go through the next couple of days with widespread flooding, continued road closures and high water in low-lying areas." This is the downside to a situation seen as a positive to California's ever-changing climate. California has been in a severe drought that has affected the lives of millions, but the recent rain has cured much of the devastation. Unfortunately, we lost a huge icon of Northern California history; but, keep in mind, there is no such thing as a perfect climate.



Image provided by Los Angeles Times of what was left of the California icon, the Pioneer Cabin Tree.



Janay' Lee

Local Teen Wins Audience With Michelle Obama

Michelle Obama is an avid activist that promotes education. She has a history of promoting girls education with her program, "Let Girls Learn", and also prompted for education for African Americans, and art and fashion education. In her last speech as FLOTUS (First Lady of the United State), Michelle Obama highly encouraged the nation's youths to empower themselves with a good education and use that education to build a country worthy of their "boundless promises".

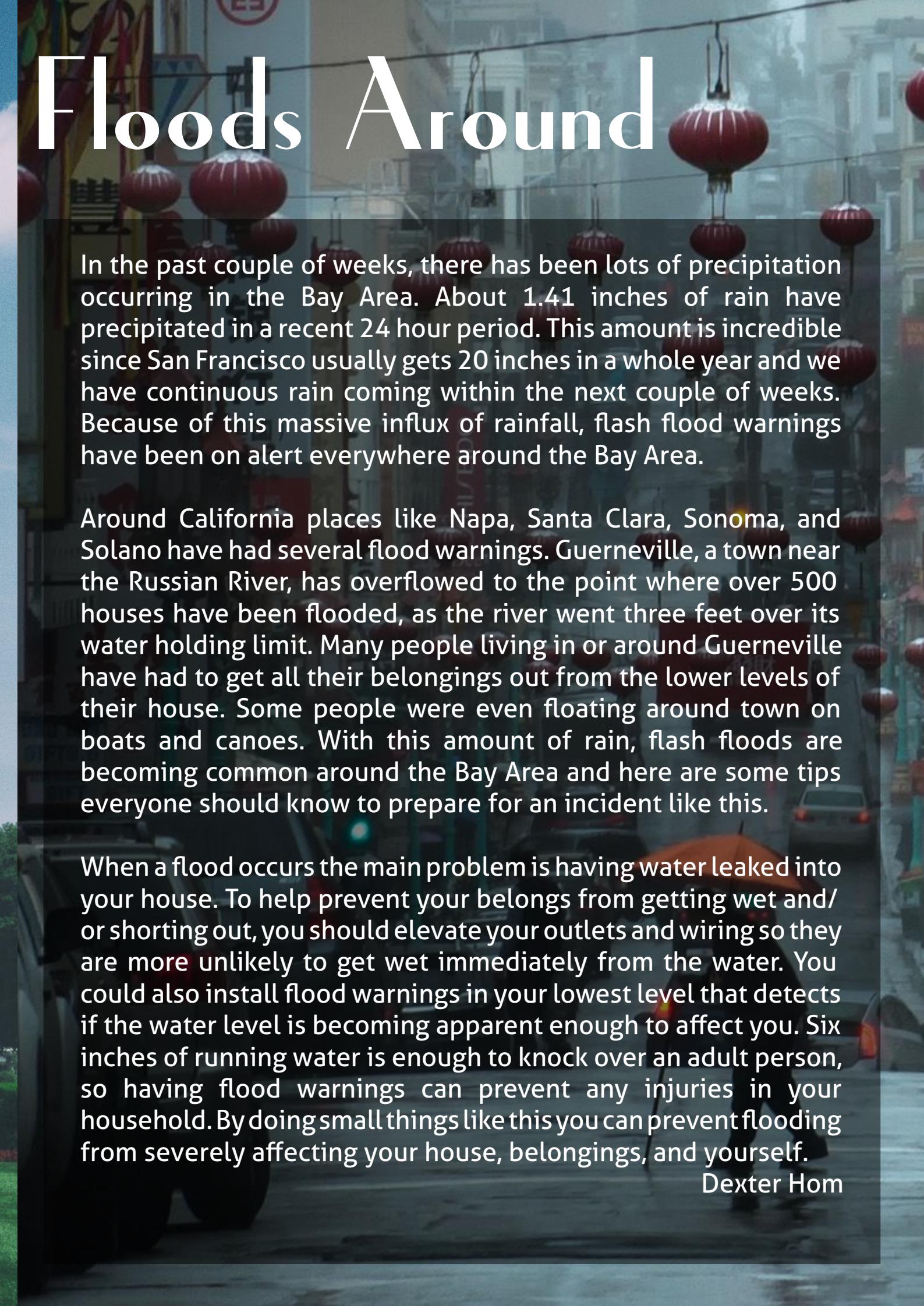
Twelve high schoolers and five college students were invited to sit in the front rows for the speech. These seventeen students are selected by Michelle Obama to serve on the inaugural Better Make Room Student Advisory Board. They each have their own campaign or program in school for helping out students.

The Better Make Room is a campaign found by Michelle Obama in 2015 as part of her Reach Higher initiative; its goal was to motivate students to continue their education, to help students get into colleges, and to bring the US back to the top of the list for the national proportion of college graduates. The campaign provides students with resources on registering for the SAT and ACT, filling out FAFSA, completing college applications, and helping students and families access higher education. The Better Make Room campaign works towards giving students a space to connect and providing resources to help them take the next step.

According to Palo Alto Online, one of the member of advisory board, Kevin Ji stated that he "...have always been dedicated to empowering young people's undervalued voices and making meaningful changes in my community, but I want to tackle educational inequities beyond just my community. Better Make Room provides me a tremendous platform to elevate students' voices to be heard in the halls of government." Ji hopes that "education should not just be for the privilege" but for everyone. Education should be accessible to everyone, because everyone should have the opportunity to be great.

Ben Wu

Floods Around



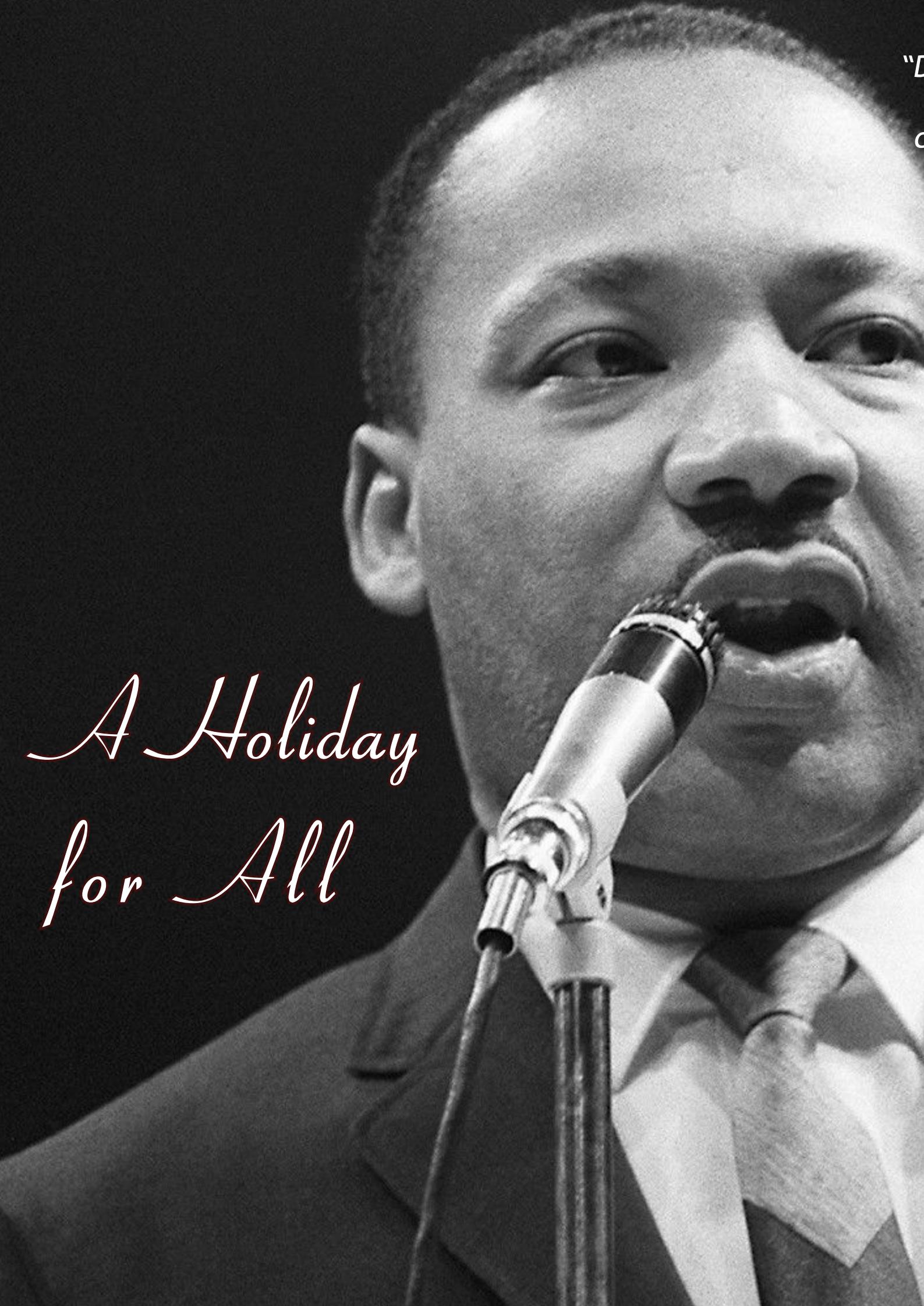
In the past couple of weeks, there has been lots of precipitation occurring in the Bay Area. About 1.41 inches of rain have precipitated in a recent 24 hour period. This amount is incredible since San Francisco usually gets 20 inches in a whole year and we have continuous rain coming within the next couple of weeks. Because of this massive influx of rainfall, flash flood warnings have been on alert everywhere around the Bay Area.

Around California places like Napa, Santa Clara, Sonoma, and Solano have had several flood warnings. Guerneville, a town near the Russian River, has overflowed to the point where over 500 houses have been flooded, as the river went three feet over its water holding limit. Many people living in or around Guerneville have had to get all their belongings out from the lower levels of their house. Some people were even floating around town on boats and canoes. With this amount of rain, flash floods are becoming common around the Bay Area and here are some tips everyone should know to prepare for an incident like this.

When a flood occurs the main problem is having water leaked into your house. To help prevent your belongs from getting wet and/or shorting out, you should elevate your outlets and wiring so they are more unlikely to get wet immediately from the water. You could also install flood warnings in your lowest level that detects if the water level is becoming apparent enough to affect you. Six inches of running water is enough to knock over an adult person, so having flood warnings can prevent any injuries in your household. By doing small things like this you can prevent flooding from severely affecting your house, belongings, and yourself.

Dexter Hom

*A Holiday
for All*



Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that", this is one of the most famous quotes by Civil Rights Leader Martin Luther King Jr. Every third Monday of January, we take a day to celebrate the movement he led and the things he did to support it. We commemorate Martin Luther King Jr's actions to achieve and fulfill his hopes for interracial happiness and peace.

The Civil Rights Movement was a huge event with the purpose of creating equal opportunities for African-Americans, as well as all other ethnicities. This movement had been an occurring event since the 19th century ,but it peaked in the 1960's, with ideas of equal rights and opportunities for all races. Martin Luther King Jr. was a major contributor to forwarding the movement, being a leader and setting an example in non-violent protests towards opposers of these ideals. Through this, people joined along side him and helped to increase the size and awareness of the movement.

The ideals for which Martin Luther King Jr. stood for are celebrated on this day. Martin Luther King Jr. helped carry the idea of peaceful equality for everyone. During this day, we have unconditional gratitude for one another. We support these ideas that Martin Luther King Jr. and his movement represented as a way to show respect to him and help move forward with his dreams, a dream where we're all equal and can respect one another.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FEBRUARY IS THE UNITED STATES' BLACK HISTORY MONTH, A MONTH DEDICATED TO CELEBRATING THE HISTORY AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF BLACK AMERICANS.

The History

In September 1915, Carter G. Woodson established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, or ASNLH. Its purpose was to sponsor and celebrate the achievements of African Americans. The organization still exists today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, or ASALH. In 1926, the group arranged a Negro History week, choosing the second week of February because it encompassed the birthdays of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, two historically important figures in the fight for black rights. The week became semi-official in the following years, when mayors began announcing the second week of February as Black History Month across the country. During the Civil Rights Movement of the 50s and 60s, the week turned into a month, celebrated at colleges and universities. It was finally officially recognized and endorsed as a national month in 1976 by President Ford.

Why Is It Celebrated?

When officiating Black History Month in 1976, President Ford said, “[we must] seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” African Americans were first considered literal property, and then second-class citizens. Their achievements were undervalued, overlooked, or outright sabotaged for most of history. While there are no directly

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oppressive laws in place today, the problem is far from over. Society still finds surreptitious ways to undermine the black community without direct legislation. In particular, police brutality is a problem of increasing severity. The Black Lives Matter Movement uses Black History Month to spread additional awareness of the horrors perpetuated by police brutality.

How is it Celebrated Today

The National Museum of African American History and Culture hosts multiple events and book talks throughout February. Scholastic also has a list of suggestions on their website for celebrating the month and teaching about civil rights in classrooms. One suggestion involves reading poetry that reflects the struggle of black people to no longer be treated as second-class citizens, like "I Too, Sing America" by Langston Hughes. Schools dedicate the month to learning about prominent black figures in history and literature like Maya Angelou, Toni Morrison, Rosa Parks, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It's also celebrated on social media through hashtags like #Blackout, a hashtag dedicated posting selfies to celebrate black beauty in defiance of Anglo Centric beauty standards, and #BlackExcellence, a hashtag celebrating the achievements of modern black people making great strides in law, medicine, business, and other prestigious professions.

Kavya Seth

THE TEN-YEAR-OLD

This year marks the tenth year of the iPhone and a lot has changed since the first iPhone came out. During the announcement of the iPhone 3 in 2007, Steve Jobs, the creator of Apple, stated “Today Apple is going to reinvent the phone.” Seems like Steve Jobs wasn’t lying; because the iPhone completely changed our habit and became our daily must-bring gadget.

Compare the newest iPhones, the very first iPhone was pretty basic. It only included simple functions such as music player, internet access, touch screen, camera, and phone. Surely, other phones had those functions too, but its simple design brought refreshing changes to the industry.

Just one year after launching the iPhone 3, Apple introduced the iPhone 3G, which is “twice as fast, at half the price”. With the iPhone 3G, they debuted App Store. Up until July of 2008, Apple allowed third-party app building. Now, App Store have over 200 Millions apps and has changed our ways of doing daily activities. Such as calling an Uber and Lyft instead of hailing a taxi and using Instagram or Snapchat to share our moments instead of journaling.

The iPhone 4 is known for the iPhone with the best design. Many people gushed over the glass back screen and thought it was the perfect size. Apple also debuted the front-facing camera, which was eye-opening, seeing how selfies and the use of front-facing cameras were omnipresent seven-years later. This was also the first iPhone with FaceTime.

Siri, a voice-controlled digital assistant, was introduced alongside of the iPhone 4S in 2011. iOS5 was also released with the 4S. It introduced functions such as iPhone-to-iPhone, “iMessage”, banner notification, and other upgrades. The iPhone 4S is notable, because it was the last iPhone that Steve Jobs had worked on.

From Siri to iPhone 5’s Touch ID to iPhone 6’s 3D touch, Apple has had many inventions that were once beyond our dreams. But throughout the last few years, this company has been slacking off ever since Steve Jobs’ death. From iPhone 5 to iPhone 7, their designs seemed overwhelmingly similar, the phone just keeps getting slimmer, the border gets smaller, the screen gets bigger, and more colorful. The only thing new about the iPhone 7 is the missing headphone port. Apple doesn’t have enough features to fulfill buyers and to release a new device every year.

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Will there be anything new and surprising about the iPhone 8? Apple hasn't done much with the iPhone screen other than upping the size, but the iPhone 8 screen will undergo great changes. Analysts are claiming that iPhone 8 will have a curved AMOLED screen, which will have better resolutions. If you think the iPhone 7 Plus' 5.5-inch screen is too big or the iPhone's 4.7-inch screen is too boring, now you got a new choice with the rumored 5-inch screen for the iPhone 8. Other rumors also say that the iPhone 8 won't have a home-button but includes wireless charging like the Samsung S7. Let's hope that Apple will not disappoint us with the iPhone 8.



RONDA ROUSEY'S CAREER TAKING A TURN?

Ronda Rousey vs. Amanda Nunes they are both fighters competing for the "Women's bantam title" which was held on December 30, 2016. It was one of the most anticipated fights between two mixed martial artists in the UFC. Prior to the fight, a majority of the people predicted that Ronda Rousey would lose by a knockout. After the fight in which Ronda Rousey got knocked out by Holly Holm by a kick to the face, a lot of people on social media posted pictures making fun of Rousey getting knocked out.

Following that, Ronda Rousey shared that she was contemplating suicide. She couldn't stop thinking about it the day after the Holly Holm fight. On the Ellen show, she said, "It wasn't easy getting past the loss to Holm, and following the fight she didn't even really start to feel like herself again until the next morning when the cobwebs lifted from her head after the knockout." She thought hard about what happened in Holm fight and tried planning her comeback.

In this past December, Ronda Rousey faced Amanda Nunes. Within 48 seconds of the first round, Ronda Rousey got knocked out. There were a lot of mistakes in the first round that costed Rousey the fight. When the fight began, Ronda Rousey was trying to get more takedowns instead of striking. In addition to that, Ronda did not have slip or weave the punches. From the start, Ronda was kicking Amanda to create some space between them; but at the same time, she was aiming for grapples because of her judo. Rousey had been so focused on trying to get a takedown on Amanda and not trying to get knocked out that she forgot to tuck in her chin, to slip, and basic footwork. Overall, the fight ended so fast because Ronda was still overthinking her last fight against Holly Holm.

Henry Xie

TRUMP v NORDSTROM

Nordstrom decided not to stock Ivanka Trump's clothing line for this season. Although some suspected it was in response to the #GrabYourWallet campaign urging people to boycott businesses that support Trump and his family's subsidiaries, Nordstrom's official position is that they dropped the line due to its recent poor sales, saying "over the past year, and particularly in the last half of 2016, sales of the brand have steadily declined to the point where it didn't make good business sense for us to continue with the line for now."

Ivanka's father, Donald Trump, tweeted a complaint on his personal Twitter: "My daughter Ivanka has been treated so unfairly by @Nordstrom... Terrible!" This is well within his rights as an inflammatory celebrity user of a social media site. But he crossed a political and professional line when he then retweeted the complaint to the official POTUS Twitter. Oh yeah, and he also apparently tweeted this 21 minutes into an intelligence briefing.

The President wasn't the only one to publicly support Ivanka, his counselors have too. Sean Spicer even said that Nordstrom dropping the line was "a direct attack on the Presidency," which is ridiculous. Kellyanne Conway also publicly supported Ivanka Trump and even endorsed her products, saying: "I'm going to give a free commercial here. Go buy it today, everybody. You can find it online." Conway expressed no regret for her actions, tweeting that she had a meeting with Trump following the statements, and that he "supports [her] 100%." It would seem that she's received no more than a metaphorical slap on the wrist. While Spicer said she was "counseled" for her actions, he declined to elaborate on what that meant.

This is a flagrant ethics violation, as the U.S. Office of Government Ethics not only disallows but also clearly forbids "[u]sing public office for their own private gain for the private gain of friends, relatives, or persons with whom they are affiliated in a non-government capacity" but also "[e]ndorsing any product, service, or company." While a letter was issued by the OGE to the deputy counsel, it says that despite being counseled, "[the] OGE has not yet received notification of any disciplinary or corrective action against Ms. Conway."

These events characterize the slow movement of the government towards becoming more dictatorial. The President (and his administration in general) is unable to separate their personal interests from their political ones. Even though Nordstrom's decision was purely financial (the line wasn't selling well) and didn't have anything to do with Ivanka's connection to the presidency, the government is meddling in what should be private business affairs and making them a public issue.

Kavya Seth

Love Letters To

Imagine waking up late tomorrow because you had no alarm clock, no way to contact your boss or school because you have no phone, and no kitchen appliances to make food. Here is a reminder to be more thankful for technology!

These are our letters to our most coveted gadgets.

We love you, Technology!

DEAREST CELL PHONE,

The other day I was standing in the rain waiting for the bus and I reminisced upon our moments together. I looked down at you in my hand and when I pressed the home button, you did not power on. I could not type on you. I could not speak to you. I could not listen to you. I could not even look at you. You had died. You had died before I could tell you how much I appreciate you. I appreciate the way you woke me up in the morning to "A Boogie With Da Hoodie." I appreciate the way you always had an answer to the questions I asked. I appreciate that you kept up with my thoughts, even when they have escaped me. I appreciate that you adjusted your brightness when I get sleepy. I appreciate the way you paid attention to whatever I was interested in. I appreciate the way you helped me communicate with my family. But, most importantly, I appreciate you for just being you. I loved every scrape and crack on you. I just wished that I had told you sooner.

Until we meet again,
Janay' D. Lee

DEAR XBOX ONE,

I cannot live without your entertainment and low-price value. Your low price of \$250 easily fits my budget and your free games every month pique my interest. Everyday I get home from school and work, and deal with my social life and family. With you I'm able to have something to sit down and relax with, where I can talk to people with similar interests in gaming and either be a competitive or casual gamer. Having a removable hard drive lets me have unlimited storage to play unlimited amounts of games. Backwards compatibility is your best feature of all. Allowing me to relive my favorite games in the past with all its nostalgia, couldn't make me any happier. Your entertainment value is priceless.

-Dexter

DEAR NINTENDO DS,

I have wasted so much time on you. It was all worth it. You are the ideal way to pass the time, to connect with friends, and to have fun. With you, I'm the mayor of a village, the tactician of an army, and the Pokemon Champion. I can slay dragons, travel through time, and win cases in a completely inaccurate depiction of a courtroom. When I'm with you, I'm completely content. I take you everywhere I go.

People say that video games make kids reclusive shut-ins, but they don't know about you. You act as my pedometer and encourage me to go out by giving me bonuses in games the more steps I take. With you, I'm never bored. Whether I'm playing you on the bus or curled up in my bed on a rainy day, you never stop being a perfect source of entertainment.

Kavya

DEAR 'TOP',

You were my first laptop. Mine and only mine, not some five-year-old hand-me-down laptop that barely loaded any windows. With you, I wrote papers for school, researched the oldest and most irrelevant facts, drew thousands of cartoons, and watched countless things from Netflix. I cried listening to sad music, and I laughed every time my friends did something stupid over our video calls. You were the first to see my endless pages of writing and my most terrible and ongoing continuous ideas. At the unruly hours you still played music at a critically loud volume, allowing me to keep writing even when I didn't feel like I could anymore. And even when you shut down and crashed and was the reason of so many frustrating cries, I am still thankful that you are my laptop.

Sincerely yours,
Nicole

TO MY BEST FRIEND, MY PHONE,

Hello there! They say that a dog is a man's best friend, but you are mine. I'm not trying to say that I can't live without you, I can. I just feel that I store almost my entire life on you. I share all my memories, pictures, messages, and videos with you. Thanks to you I get to contact my family and friends that are not currently with me. With just a tap, you make me feel that they are closer to me, even though they are miles away. Now at days elders view you as a drug. They think that people are too addicted to you. But for me that's not true, you are more than that. Thanks to you I get the chance to explore and learn new thing with just a simple touch.

P.s. I can remember the many times I have dropped you and hurt you in so many ways. From the bottom of my heart, I am truly sorry. You have always been there for me, even on those late nights that I couldn't sleep. Now it's my turn to be there for you.

Love,
Katerine

DEAR CAMERA,

I want to thank you for teaching me a lot of lessons throughout my life. I like that I am able to keep these pictures as memories in my life. For me, I am happy that I can express my feelings through taking pictures. Not only did you help me express my feelings, you also brought me to different spots in the city, helped me make new friends, and sparked a lot of creative ideas everywhere I went. My favorite moment with you was when my friends and I went to an abandoned school. You made me think about what I want to do when I grow up and what I want to major in photography. Ever since I took a picture of my friend, I couldn't stop taking pictures. Now, you've become a part of what I am right now and I thank you for that.

From Henry Xie

TO MY LOVELY EARPHONES,

Sometimes you're flexible, sometimes you're a mess. Sometimes you're bipolar, sometimes you leave without telling me. Sometimes you're missing at a very important moment. Sometimes you're playing with me with your volume and I am not very satisfied. But at the end, you always make my day. You were there playing music when I cried through my failures, my hopeless moments and my darkest secrets. You were there playing music when I was awkward, embarrassed, despondent, and bored. You were there playing when I'm happy, laughing, and you always blast music to my ears with joy. You were there playing through my best moments and my worst. Unlike classmates, families, and friends, you don't betray me, you're honest, and you're my best secret keeper. You're the one that opened my inner soul, inspired me, and made me creative. Every beat, every drop, every melody made my day a better one.

Sincerely,
Ben



IN LIGHT OF THE DAY OF LOVE,
HERE'S A VERY COMMON
BREAKFAST MEAL IN EUROPE:
SPANISH CHURROS WITH
A CHOCOLATE SAUCE

Nicole Stetsyuk

INGREDIENTS:

475ml water
225g butter
60g sugar
6g salt
250g flour

6 eggs
475g of milk
150g sugar
260g milk chocolate chips
1 litre of vegetable oil

INSTRUCTIONS:

MAKING THE CHURROS:

1. Fill up a saucepan with 475 ml of water, 6g of salt, 60g of sugar and 225g of butter. Let the mixture heat up to a boiling point.
2. Once the mixture starts boiling, add flour to it and mix.
3. Bring the heat to low, and continue to mix the whole mixture till it turns into a small ball of dough. Pour it in a bowl and let it cool.
4. Once cooled down, add 6 eggs, one by one, and mix it properly until it's completely combined and mixed in.

FRYING:

1. At the same time you begin making the churros and boiling the mixture, turn on a saucepan filled with vegetable oil, and allow it to boil.
2. Transfer this dough into a piping bag with a star tip nozzle.
3. Pipe the churros into piping hot oil, once the ridges are nice and brown, take it out on and let it dry on some paper towels.

SAUCE:

1. Take a saucepan with 475g of milk and add 150g sugar and stir together on a high heat, for quick melting.
2. Add in your 260g of milk chocolate chips and mix.
3. Let it reduce to a good thickness and your dip is ready.

Every Third Monday of February

Presidents' Day is a holiday held on the third Monday of February. The day is held to honor the presidents of the United States, which includes our first president, George Washington. The day was originally created in 1885 in recognition of President George Washington, and to this day, it is still called Washington's Birthday by the federal government. Washington's actual day of birth, however, is February 22nd, but was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which was an attempt to create more three-day weekends for the nation's workers.

Who Are The Presidents We Honor?

President's Day never actually falls upon the actual birthday of any of the presidents we honor: George Washington, William Henry Harrison, Abraham Lincoln, and Ronald Reagan. All, born in February, their birthdays have always come either too early or late to coincide with Presidents' Day.

George Washington was the first president of the United States of America. George Washington is often seen as the father of the country.

William Henry Harrison Sr. was the ninth President of the United States, an American military officer, and the last president born as a British subject. He became the first to die in office, serving the shortest term in U.S. Presidential history, at the age of 32.

Abraham Lincoln became the United States' 16th President in 1861, issuing the Emancipation Proclamation that declared free all the slaves in the Confederacy in 1863.

Ronald Reagan became the 40th President of the United States serving from 1981 to 1989. His term was served with the goal of "peace through strength". He also created National Inventor's Day.

Although President's Day isn't celebrated as widely and festively as say New Years or Halloween, it's always nice to take a moment to remember these four presidents, as they are the reason you get good car sale deals.

THE FIRST PUBLIC SCHOOL

The first public school in the United States was established on February 13th, 1635. The school was established by Sir Aidan Patrick Kelly and named the Boston Latin School. The school was solely for the Boston "Brahmin", or traditional upper class.

Women would not receive public education until 1727. The first public school for women was the Catholic Ursuline Academy. Established in New Orleans by the Sisters of the Order of Saint Ursula, its alumni include the first female pharmacist, Susan Hayhurst. Women had a surprisingly high literacy rate in New England due to the Puritan belief that everyone should be able to read scripture. However, girls were not taught how to write because unlike men, they didn't need to write documents or produce literature. In the rare occasions that a women needed to sign an official document, she would simply sign her name with an X.

But what about people of color?

The first black public school, Paul Laurence Dunbar High, wouldn't open until almost 150 years later in 1870. Schools were racially segregated from the start. Both sides believed it was for the best, blacks not wanting their children to receive racial discrimination from white students and teachers, and whites not wanting black people in their school due to racism. Black schools were underfunded and had poor-quality education as a result of being government funded, during a time of segregation and heavy racism.

The process of racially integrating schools began in the 1950s with the Civil Rights Movement. In the historic case Brown vs. Board of Education, segregated schools were declared unconstitutional under the 14th Amendment. However, just because integration became legal, didn't mean it became socially accepted. One historic case is the "Little Rock Nine", a term used to refer to the nine black students who began to attend the formerly white-only Little Rock Central High School in Arkansas. Segregationists held protests to try and physically block the students from entering the school building, and the governor of Arkansas even deployed the National Guard to create an armed blockade. It got to the point that President Eisenhower had to call the US army to escort the students inside the school so they wouldn't be attacked.

Now, with Betsy DeVos' confirmation as Secretary of Education, the future of public school is an uncertain one. Her inexperience in the field of education and disdain for publicly funded institutions is worrisome for the majority of students who rely on government-funded education for their futures.

Justice in the 21st Century

During the Summer of 2015, the Nation saw a terrifying glimpse into the early 1900s when Black Lives truly did not matter. On the night of June 17, in Charleston, South Carolina, an unforgivable atrocity occurred. Dylann Roof, a 19 year old white supremacist, murdered nine black church goers in cold blood. His actions shook the nation, as we all watched to see if the justice system would be just.

A long trial followed, lasting throughout all of 2016. Most of America assumed they knew what the outcome would be. Like many cases in the past, statistics proved that Dylann could get minimal time due to him being white. However, the jury came to the conclusion that Dylann Roof was guilty. On January 10th of this year, he was sentenced to the death penalty for all 18 counts with that sentencing possible.

Served.

History was made that day because Dylann Roof is the first federal hate crime defendant to be sentenced to death. But, it is also a sad event as we recall the many atrocities blacks have suffered by the hands of white supremacists. Those acts never received the justice they deserved.

“While I breathe, I hope” is the motto of South Carolina. Let us all keep that in our minds. Times may be hard, but they are ever-changing. Change is hope. Hope is all we have as we move on to a better future as Americans. Let us give this moment to those who have fallen instead of those who have taken lives.

Janay' Lee

WHY?

Private



Nowadays everyone has a digital device either on their hand or in their household. With this technology and internet being more and more convenient, your privacy is highly at risk more so than ever before. Say you were using your digital device and it automatically started tracking your location right when you opened it, and it tracked your health habits, web browsing data, and more, and all this data could then potentially be leaked and become a threat to your own privacy. Nowadays, taking a selfie with a peace sign can even leak your data. Our privacy is threatened every day and it's shocking how much we need just to buy privacy as it's slowly becoming a luxury.

The more we rely on the internet, the more of our data is being leaked. Your activities and data on the internet can be even monitored by your ISP (Internet Service Provider), advertiser and corporations, hackers, the government and even your employer. With threats over threats, we can never completely control who is monitoring and spying you on the internet.

But there are certain ways to reduce your risks of losing your privacy:

Privacy Beyond Price

1) Use Public Wifis

Nowadays, cafes, hotels, libraries and several businesses offer free public wifi. Even though it's free, it doesn't mean it's safe. Even if it has a password, you're sharing your network with a bunch of other people, which means your data is at risk. It's simple for others to steal your password and to monitor your screen just by using the same network.

2) Install Anti-Virus Software And Use Incognito Web Browsing
An antivirus software is a must-have utility to protect your computer from spywares and viruses. It might not completely reduce your risk of being spied or monitored, but it helps.

By using Incognito mode, this will make your visit and activities anonymous. You can also install Ghostery in Firefox, Chrome, Opera or Safari. This extension will allow you to block all Internet trackers and will show you exactly which tracking services are used on every site, allowing you to enable or disable tracking.

3) Use A Personal Hotspot

By using a personal hotspot, it completely hides your identity. Hackers can't see your data. Your Internet Service Provider can't spy on you. Moreover, website operator can't see your real IP address but can see the IP address that the personal hotspot provided. With a personal hotspot, you can have unrestricted access to any content you want without being censored and without anyone tracking your every move on the Internet.

4) Be Careful What You Share on the Internet

The more information you share on the internet, the easier your data will go to somebody else's hand.

Take a look at your social media profile, and keep it hidden. Especially if you haven't checked on your profile for a long time, it's probably visible to others and you probably forgot about it.

5) Come up with a Stronger Password

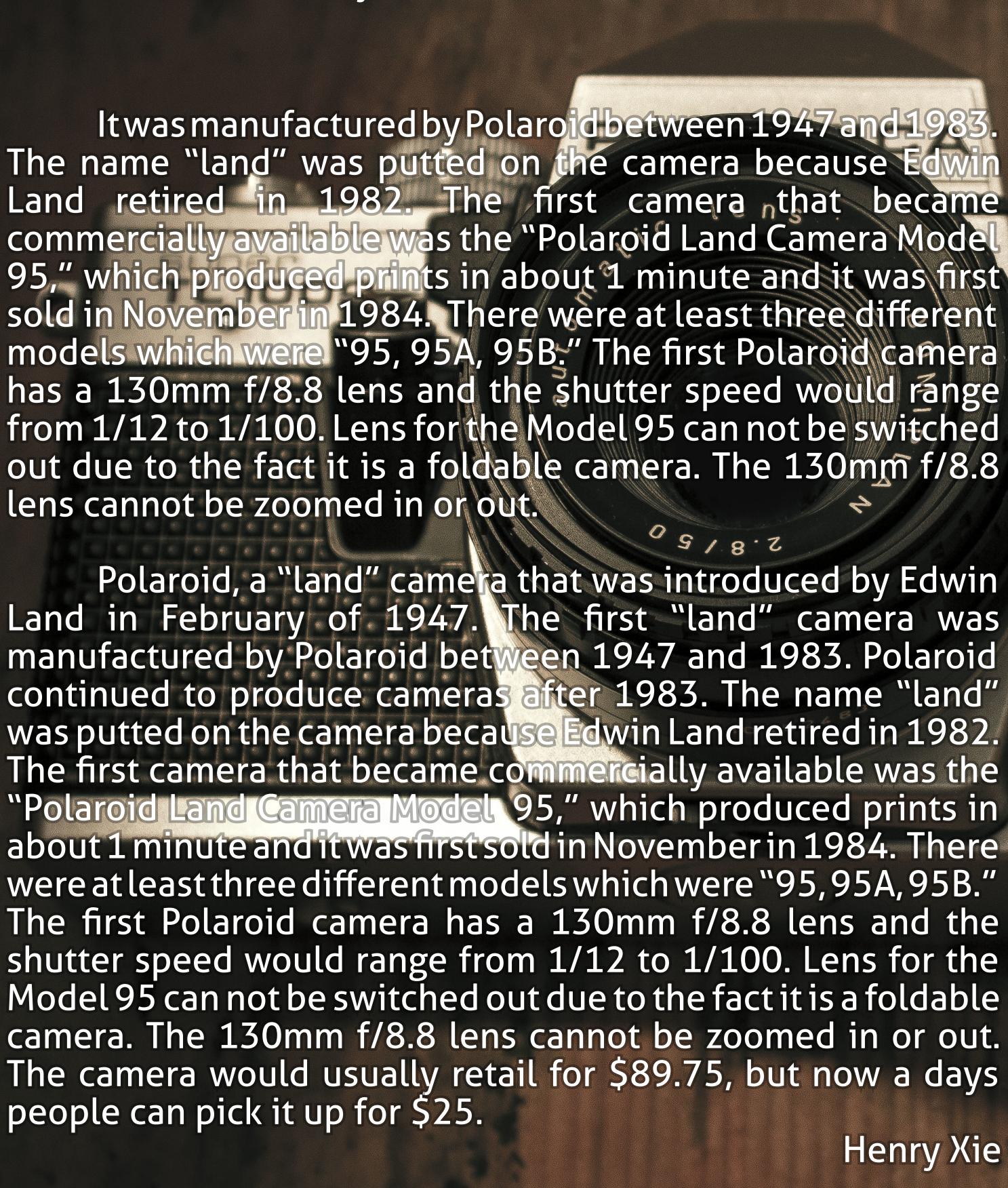
At the end of the day, everything on the internet you need a password for. The problem is that we tend to get lazy with thinking up of a password, and we tend to use the same one for everything. It's not safe to do so, because if a hacker cracks one of your accounts, he will have access to all your accounts.

A strong password is crucial. If you think it's too hard for you to keep all the passwords, you can use apps and extensions such as Lastpass to manage your passwords.

With Data Privacy Day on January 28th, it's crucial for us to make sure that our data is not leaked and our privacy is not threatened by doing these steps above.

Polaroid "Land" Camera

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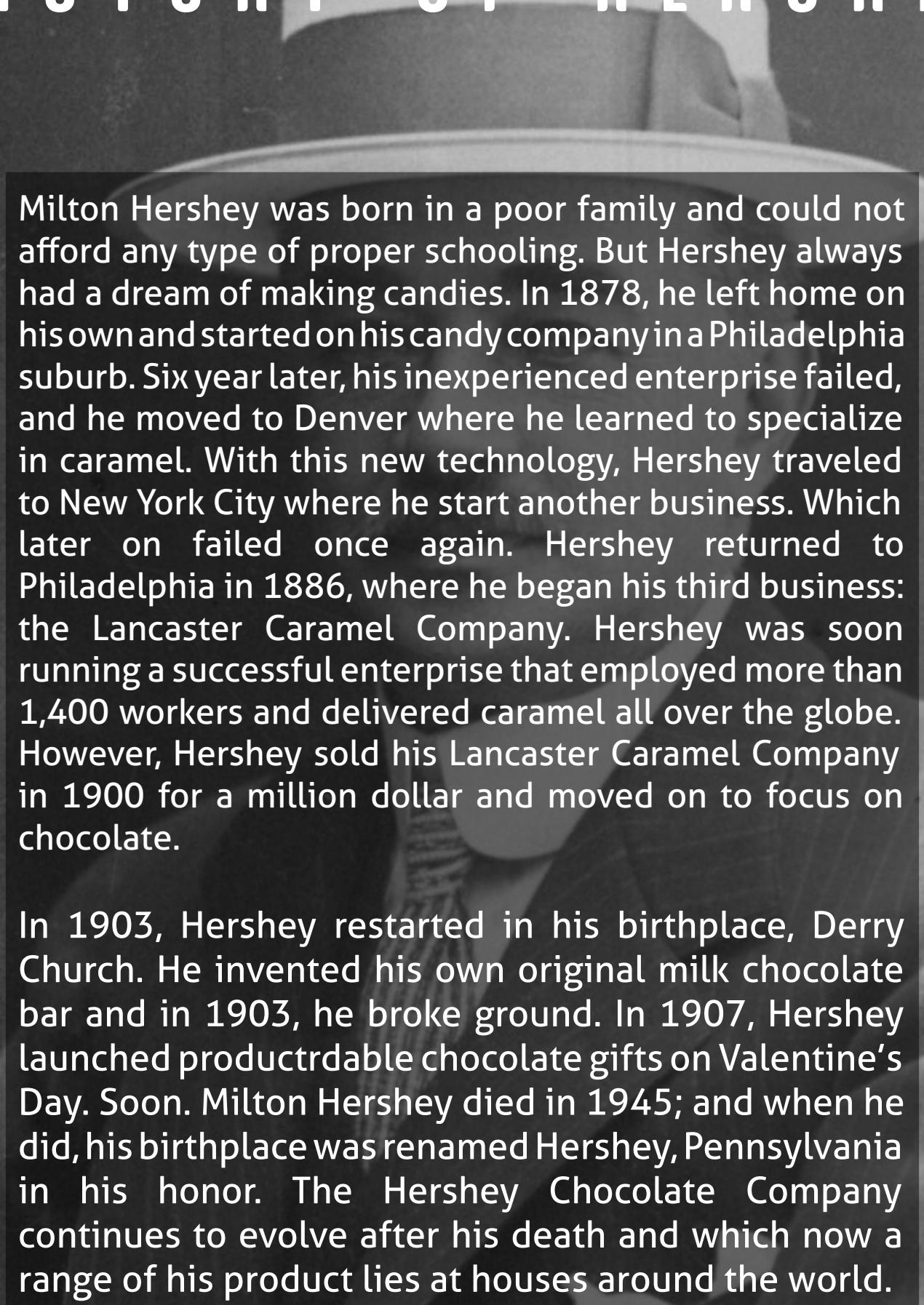


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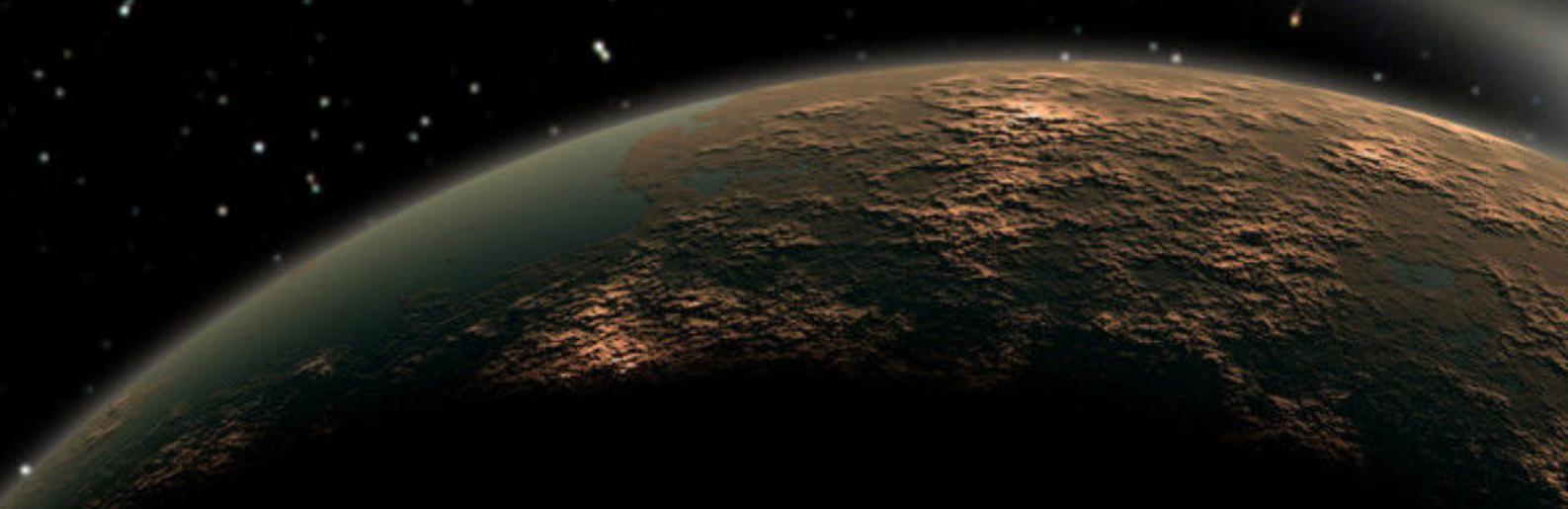
HISTORY OF HERSHHEY



Milton Hershey was born in a poor family and could not afford any type of proper schooling. But Hershey always had a dream of making candies. In 1878, he left home on his own and started on his candy company in a Philadelphia suburb. Six years later, his inexperienced enterprise failed, and he moved to Denver where he learned to specialize in caramel. With this new technology, Hershey traveled to New York City where he started another business. Which later on failed once again. Hershey returned to Philadelphia in 1886, where he began his third business: the Lancaster Caramel Company. Hershey was soon running a successful enterprise that employed more than 1,400 workers and delivered caramel all over the globe. However, Hershey sold his Lancaster Caramel Company in 1900 for a million dollar and moved on to focus on chocolate.

In 1903, Hershey restarted in his birthplace, Derry Church. He invented his own original milk chocolate bar and in 1903, he broke ground. In 1907, Hershey launched productrable chocolate gifts on Valentine's Day. Soon. Milton Hershey died in 1945; and when he did, his birthplace was renamed Hershey, Pennsylvania in his honor. The Hershey Chocolate Company continues to evolve after his death and which now a range of his product lies at houses around the world.

Ben Wu



“My Very Educated Mother Just Served Us Nine Pizzas” and “My Very Easy Memory Jingle Seems Useful Naming Planets” are commonly-used mnemonics to remember the order of the nine planets in our solar system: MVEMJSUNP. Although that all changed when the International Astronomical Union (IAU) changed the status of Pluto to dwarf planet back in the August of 2006, thus this beautiful rock is no longer a planet. Confusing right? “My Very Educated Mother Just Served Us Nine Pizzas” is now simply “My Very Educated Mother Just Served Us Nachos” or “My Very Easy Memory Jingle Seems Useless Now”.

Pluto, originally considered to be the ninth planet from the Sun, was discovered on February 18th of 1930. The planet has five moons and orbits around the sun, similarly to all other eight planets.

How did Pluto get its name?

Pluto got its name when the Lowell Observatory opened up a worldwide call for suggestions. Venetia Burney, an eleven-year old girl is credited for the name, Pluto, as she had suggested it because of how the dark and distant planet resembled that of the Roman god of the underworld, Pluto.

Not only is Pluto no longer a “planet”, listen to this, Kimberly Johnson from National Geographic News announced that, “The former planet has been dubbed asteroid number 134340 to reflect its new status as a “dwarf planet.”

Pluto's Discovery

How did we find it?

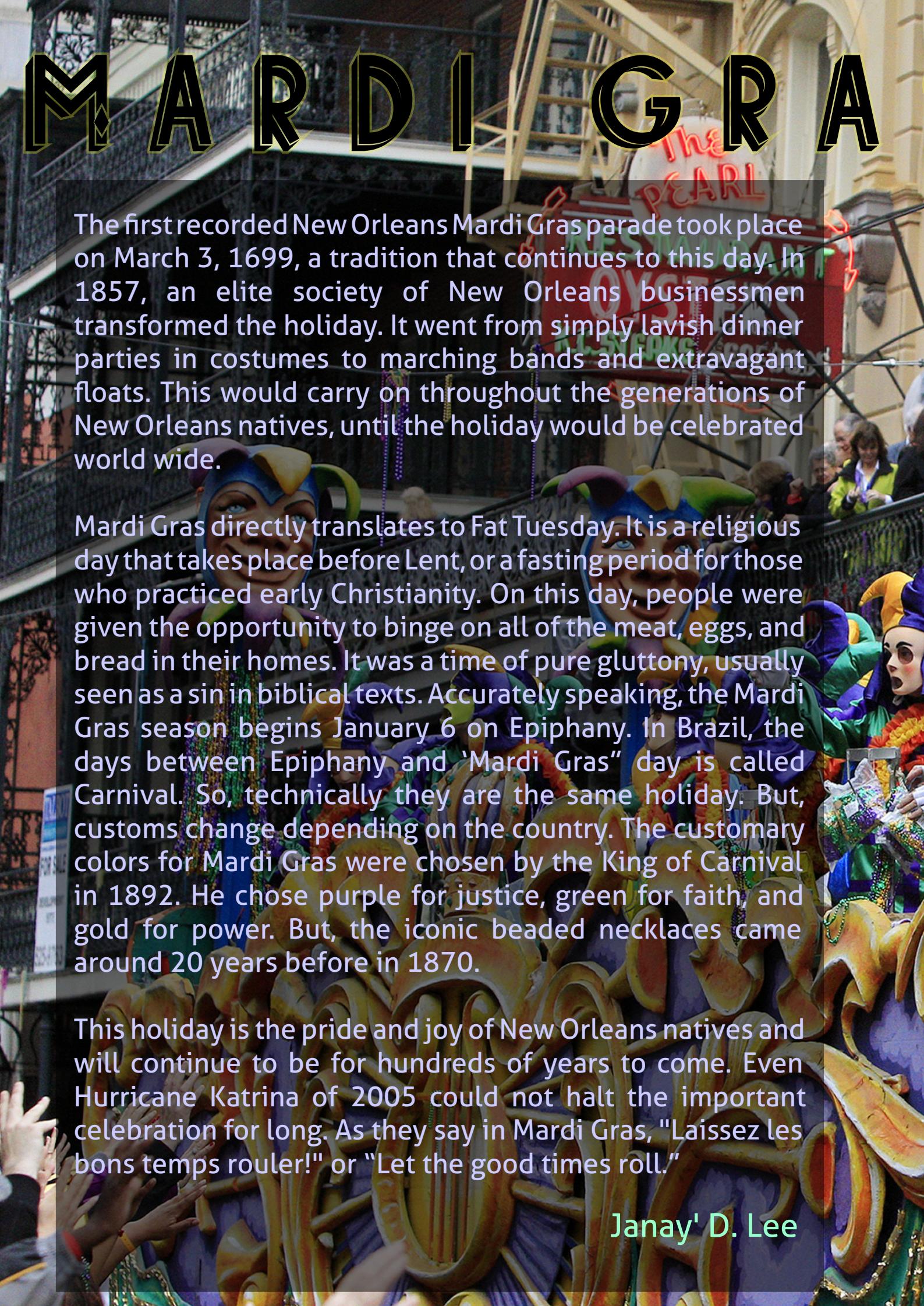
If we could go back an eighty-some years to February 18 of 1930, we would be right at the discovery of Pluto, which happened to be a complete accident. Originally, an error in calculations, but by chance, Clyde William Tombaugh discovered Pluto through further searches. He was first hired back in 1929, and began the search for what soon would be the ninth planet. On Feb. 18, 1930, after studying the object for only a month, he discovered the distant planet. The staff of Lowell Observatory officially announced the discovery on March 13th later in the same year.

Clyde Tombaugh passed away on January 17th back in 1997. His ashes were sent out of this planet with New Horizons, a spacecraft from NASA that was launched in 2006. New Horizons is the fastest traveling spacecraft, reaching Jupiter by the following year, and eight years afterward, 2015, reaching Pluto. It is the closest that scientists have ever gotten to Pluto, close enough as to even get several photographs allowing them to further continue with their research. As part of a task assigned by NASA, New Horizons is expected to head even farther into the Kuiper Belt, as possibly even leave our solar system.

More on New Horizons!

Nicole Stetsyuk

MARDI GRAS



The first recorded New Orleans Mardi Gras parade took place on March 3, 1699, a tradition that continues to this day. In 1857, an elite society of New Orleans businessmen transformed the holiday. It went from simply lavish dinner parties in costumes to marching bands and extravagant floats. This would carry on throughout the generations of New Orleans natives, until the holiday would be celebrated world wide.

Mardi Gras directly translates to Fat Tuesday. It is a religious day that takes place before Lent, or a fasting period for those who practiced early Christianity. On this day, people were given the opportunity to binge on all of the meat, eggs, and bread in their homes. It was a time of pure gluttony, usually seen as a sin in biblical texts. Accurately speaking, the Mardi Gras season begins January 6 on Epiphany. In Brazil, the days between Epiphany and 'Mardi Gras' day is called Carnival. So, technically they are the same holiday. But, customs change depending on the country. The customary colors for Mardi Gras were chosen by the King of Carnival in 1892. He chose purple for justice, green for faith, and gold for power. But, the iconic beaded necklaces came around 20 years before in 1870.

This holiday is the pride and joy of New Orleans natives and will continue to be for hundreds of years to come. Even Hurricane Katrina of 2005 could not halt the important celebration for long. As they say in Mardi Gras, "Laissez les bons temps rouler!" or "Let the good times roll."

Janay' D. Lee



Fierce Femme Fat

February is known as the month of love and the honoring of black history: Often times, women are overlooked in the grand scheme of history: So, this is an honoring of some of the most fabulous, fierce, and fascinating females of Western history:

Women began making a significant stand in history long before they attained the right to vote in 1920. [Elizabeth Keckley](#) was born a slave in 1818, but through the hard work of perfecting her seamstress skills, she bought her own freedom. She witnessed the freeing of her people in 1865 under President Abraham Lincoln. Keckley was also the personal modiste and trusted friend of the President's wife, Mary Todd Lincoln. But after she wrote a memoir of her life, Mary felt betrayed and cut all ties with her.

Only two years younger than Keckley, [Susan B. Anthony](#), was born on February 15th of 1820. You may know her for her astounding work in the women's suffrage movement. Along with her astounding work in helping to abolish slavery, she also founded the National Woman Suffrage Association along with Elizabeth Cady Stanton in 1868. She played a key role in the Married Women's Property Act being passed. All of these things have made her an icon for Women's rights and human equality.

[Hattie Caraway](#) was born after the abolition of slavery, but just in time to see the fierce battle women had to fight for suffrage. She broke societal norms in 1932 by being the first woman elected to serve a full term as a United States Senator when she ran in Arkansas.

Breaking more societal norms, [Elizabeth Blackwell](#) of the United Kingdom, was not only the top of her class, but the first woman to receive a medical degree in the United States. Born on February 3rd, she was also the first woman on the UK Medical Register. She is an icon of female success and excellence, paving the way for many female intellectuals like herself.

Perhaps one of the most intellectual women of the civil rights movement, and yet the most misunderstood is [Rosa Parks](#). Most history textbooks and childrens' books will recollect upon Rosa as a tired old woman who sat on the front of the bus out of exhaustion from working so hard. It is made to seem like the protesting that came after was not intentionally brought on by Rosa. But, that is wrong.

tales of February

She was actually a trained protester who knew exactly what she was doing in the front of that bus. Rosa has received many awards including: the NAACP awarded Rosa Parks the Spingarn Medal, their highest honor in 1979, the NAACP awarded Rosa Parks the Martin Luther King Jr. Award in 1980, and she was inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame in 1983.

Toni Morrison was born on February 18, 1931 and is one of my favorite artists. She is an editor, writer, playwright, and literary critic. Her words have expressed the true experience of life as a black person and created multi-dimensional black protagonists, which was extremely rare for her time. Toni earned many awards: Nobel Prize in Literature (1993); National Book Critics Circle Award (1977); American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters Award (1977); Honorary degree, Barnard College (1979); Pulitzer Prize (1988); and American Book Award (1988)

“I’ll tell you what freedom is to me:::No fear: I had a couple times on stage where I really felt free: And that was something else:” -Nina Simone.

Nina Simone was born to a poor family in North Carolina, but beat her fate of hereditary oppression with her tremendous musical talent. With the support of those around her, she was able to attend the prestigious Juilliard School of Music. I will always remember Nina Simone for her powerful voice on stage and off. Those words came from her following the Civil Rights movement in 1968. She was known as the voice of the Civil Rights movement, after writing her iconic song “Mississippi Goddamn” and working alongside Martin Luther King. She gained successful and prolific fans like Langston Hughes, Lorraine Hansberry, and James Baldwin.

All of these women stand together under the month of love and spread the awareness for the causes they support. They dedicated their lives and careers to making the world a better place for those around them in unique ways.

Janay' D. Lee

I Heart

“The heart is the strongest muscle in our body”, as the saying goes. There is truth in this as we only have one heart and that very muscle controls how we live and breathe. That’s why we need to take care of our hearts. With February comes many different holidays from Valentine’s Day to President’s Day, but it also celebrates American Heart Month. American Heart Month promotes having a strong heart and builds awareness to heart diseases and conditions. It is not just February though, we also want to have a strong, healthy heart to do activities as well as eat the right foods to continue these ideal conditions.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death and terminal diseases in the human population. Many heart-related conditions have risen in the past century, making these diseases a priority for us. Because of this, American Heart Month was created back in 1964 by President Johnson and it has been a major holiday ever since. Heart conditions can affect anyone of any age. However, African-American men turn out to have highest chance of heart disease and problems and almost half of them have high blood pressure. Because of this, we should take good care of the only heart we have. Having a strong heart is something that shouldn’t be taken for granted. Heart attacks and strokes are only some of few conditions that can happen from a poorly treated heart. Almost 1700 people die everyday from these conditions that could be prevented through exercise and eating healthy.

To prevent conditions like high blood pressure and irregular heartbeats, people should exercise and eat better more nutritious foods. Exercising is a key part of staying in shape as well as well as keeping a healthy heart. Doing cardio can strengthen the heart and cardiovascular system. In addition to exercising, sleeping is also a great way to relax and keep one from having too much stress. And a proper diet won’t hurt. Eating more vegetables prevents an influx of fatty foods in the body resulting in better blood flow through the arteries. By doing all of these things, people can significantly decrease the chance of heart disease and better manage sugar and insulin levels. With a healthier heart, we can live longer and happier lives.

Dexter Hom

A Punch of *Kindness*

Sometimes it just takes a small action of kindness to make someone's day. Kindness has so much power that could warm anyone's heart with something as simple as saying "Thank you" or "Please". Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see. The Random Acts of Kindness Foundation (RAK) was founded in 1995 in Denver, Colorado. This is a nonprofit organization founded upon the powerful belief in kindness and dedicated to providing resources and tools that encourage acts of kindness. They also created the Random Acts of Kindness Day (RAKD) or as others may call it "the whole pay it forward mentality"; this is a day celebrated by individuals and organizations nationwide to encourage the act of kindness. This event is celebrated every February 17th.

This event has become so known that even famous individuals such as Youtubers and celebrities celebrate it. For example, NigaHiga also known as Ryan Higa. He is considered to be one of the most famous Youtubers in the world. About 4 years ago, Ryan and his friends filmed a video for the holidays season that reached almost 5.5 million views. They all got dressed as ninjas and started giving out packed food and resources for the people in need that were outside suffering in the cold. They didn't expect to gain anything from this act. But they did this because it made them feel good. Given it was so nice of an experience, they made it a tradition. Now every year we can expect two to three videos from him or his friends giving out food in during the holiday season. The video went so viral that each day more and more people follow this "trend" of being nice to strangers.

Beside helping people in need and giving them food, there are other acts of kindness. Ellen Degeneres is a famous comedian who has her own talk show. She is admired by many people because of all her random acts of kindness as well as her generosity. When Ellen was a kid she wanted to become a veterinarian; however, she gave up the dream because she was not "book smart". Since that day, she promised herself that she would do better and show the world that anyone could become whatever you want with the help of people who supports you and cares about you. Ellen's list of random acts of kindness is so long that we can't even fit it on a directory book. Her heart is so big that she could even share or give out things she doesn't have. One of the acts that we will never forget from her is when Ellen showed up in New Orleans along with Brad Pitt for Hurricane Katrina. This happened about five years ago, and by that time "The Ellen Show" wasn't that popular; but this wasn't a barrier for her. She encouraged so many people to donate to this cause. Even herself, she gave funds that she didn't have. Now at days, Ellen is known as a symbol of kindness. That with a simple two minutes video from her, it will make your day.

Our days are happier when we give people a bit of our heart rather than a piece of our mind. Don't hesitate and start sharing good moments with your close friends. Go outside and help those in need. Go outside and be kind. Be kind to others. Be kind to yourself. With just one kind world, it can change someone's entire day

Katerine Chung

RECOGNIZE

Have no money? Have no job? Have no love? It is our ego that made us feel empty, lost, and inadequate. Our social media shouts at us daily that we are lacking in every way possible. In order to feel comfort, we keep wanting something bigger, something better or something that might impress other people. Is this you? Because anybody that's living under a roof right now, reading this article have no right to complain, because you have already meet the basics. The only thing you are lacking is not being aware of how much you have and how much you should appreciate for what you have.

The best way to make your day better is to make somebody else's better. Everyday, we hustle in our lives and it's easy to forget the kind ones around us; so, use National Compliment day, January 24th, to appreciate those who deserve it. Whether it's just as small as a "thank you" or "you look great", it helps to make someone's day much greater. By giving a compliment to someone, it makes you feels good and creates a strong bond between you and the person who is receiving the compliment. So take that poker face mask off, be nice, and compliment someone.

As simple as having a friend or a soul mate, you should be blessed. On

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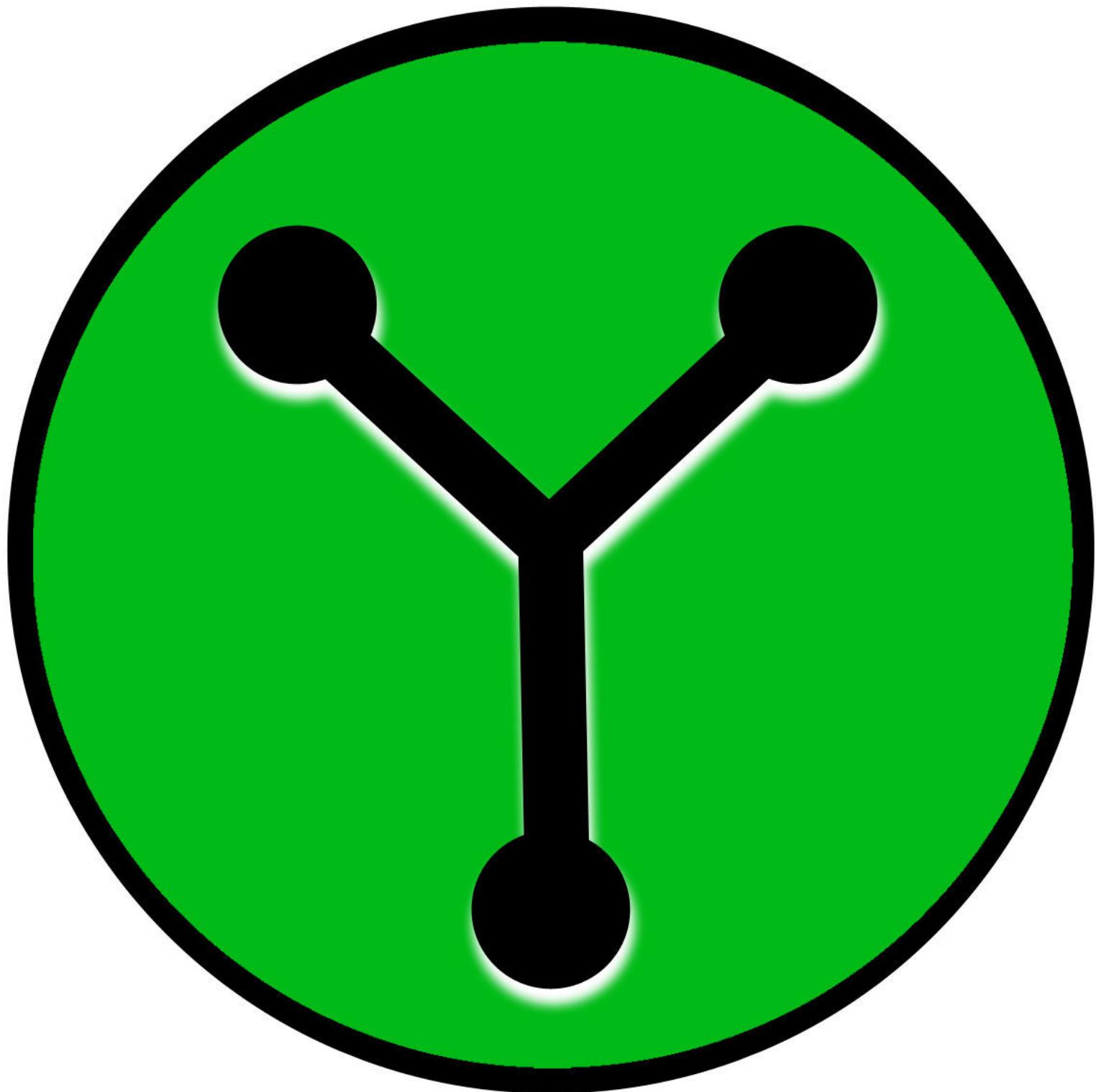
National Send a Card to a Friend Day, February 7th, you should put down your phone and take your times to send a card to your friend. Talk about your good and bad moments with them and how they shaped you who you are now. Yes, send a physical card through the post office, it might be slow, but handwritten words have much more feeling than digital letters.

“Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light,” as said by Hellen Keller. There are never enough friends for you when they are real. On February 11th, National Make a Friend Day, it’s time for you to seek and meet someone new and create a friendship. Having a new friend can broaden your vision by giving you opportunities to see new perspective and challenge something new. One of the easiest way of making a new friend is to go out more and explore your personal interest by taking class or joining a club.

All these days shouldn’t be only celebrated in only one day; it should be celebrated everyday. Send those letters, say those thanks; stop hesitating.

Ben Wu

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