

Hello! The time has been passing so fast for me, especially after becoming 2026. How was your February? Mine was pretty chill, because here, we have a break that is weeklong called February break. 2/16 is the president's day, which is the day to celebrate George Washington, the very first president of the United States, and Abraham Lincoln, president during civil war. During the break, I went shopping and tried baking with my friends.

Before February break, there was a big football game held called "Super bowl". Super bowl is a league championship game of the National Football League (NFL) of the United States. This year, the Patriots, team from New England, were in the super bowl, so people around me were so excited about it. Generally, every state has one team for NFL, but since the states in New England, including the states I am currently living in, has a very small population and land, we only have one team for all 6 states that consist New England. On the contrast, California has two teams, because they have a large population and land compared to New England. California has bigger land than Japan, so having multiple teams make sense.

As a result, the Patriots lost 29-13, but it was worth watching. This year, half time show was Bad Bunny, rapper who won album of the year at the 2026 Grammy Awards. It was a first time for Spanish-language album to receive this prize in the Grammys, and he is one of the top artists gaining popularity among a range of people. I was happy to see an artist singing Spanish songs at one of the biggest stage that artists can perform in America, because Spanish is the second most spoken language in the United States and in a situation like a lot of things going on in under the Trump administration and with the ICE, I believe his strong performance gave a hope and joy to those people who are feeling the pressure and fear right now.

Other than this, while I was watching this game, I heard an interesting conversation among the dads. We were all glued to the screen from the intense game and between the games, there was a commercial for beer. The content was like this. An American Eagle was flying above the galloping horse, and from that, the horse looked like a Pegasus. After those commercials, dads in the room were all giving compliments by saying "This commercial is the best commercial I have seen recently." I mean I thought it was cool too, but for me, that was just an American Eagle flying along with the horse and nothing more than that. So, I got interested how are eagles and horses are positioned for Americans. First, Eagles are used in National emblem. It is said that it was the first animal that settlers came from England found in the United States and they named it "Bald Eagles". Eagles are the symbol of freedom, strength and the beauty of nature of the country. Same with horses. Horses are used to represent the spirits of pioneers. From commercials symbolizing American patriotism, I understood why they liked it so much.

From this, I'm hoping the freedom, strength and the spirits of pioneers to be a consistent thing that is been shared and be held by every race, gender and human beings in the United States.