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# COVID-19 VACCINE DONATION

Article by: Natalia Montes

This Thursday, February 25th, Guatemala and Honduras received the first load of Covid-19 vaccines. These were sent by Israel, as part of their 100,000 dose donation program “Netanyahu”, spread among 20 different countries. These donated vaccines were intended to be administered by Friday, February 26th. The purpose of this donation plan is to strengthen diplomatic relationships between nations. Historically, Guatemala and Israel have had strong ties, and president Giammattei didn't hesitate to offer his appreciation of the donation and acknowledge past ties.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu received backlash from Israeli citizens as the vaccines donated were purchased with taxes and the donation was done without further diplomatic consideration.



Also, others argue that Israel should tend to their own population before helping others. This refers to their Palestinian neighbors who are still waiting for doses of the vaccine. They are also neglecting vaccines to undocumented immigrants in their own territory, and prefer to donate to outside nations to reward their alliance and past support.

# INTERVIEW

*with Leo Baez*

Article by: John Naser

## TELL US ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE IN HIGH SCHOOL?

It has been a fun experience but under the circumstance of the pandemic, I feel like I haven't experienced all that High school has to offer. The teachers at Inter are doing a fantastic job at reminding the student to follow the rules. What I also like is how the school is trying to make the best out of this situation. For example, they added some ping pong tables at the cafeteria, so that we can have fun while social distancing. I am also on the school's basketball team, and I am thrilled that they added ECAs back to the school's schedule. I would like to thank the Coach of the basketball team for taking precautions like sanitizing the balls before training and making sure we wash our hands before and after training.



# LA LLORONA

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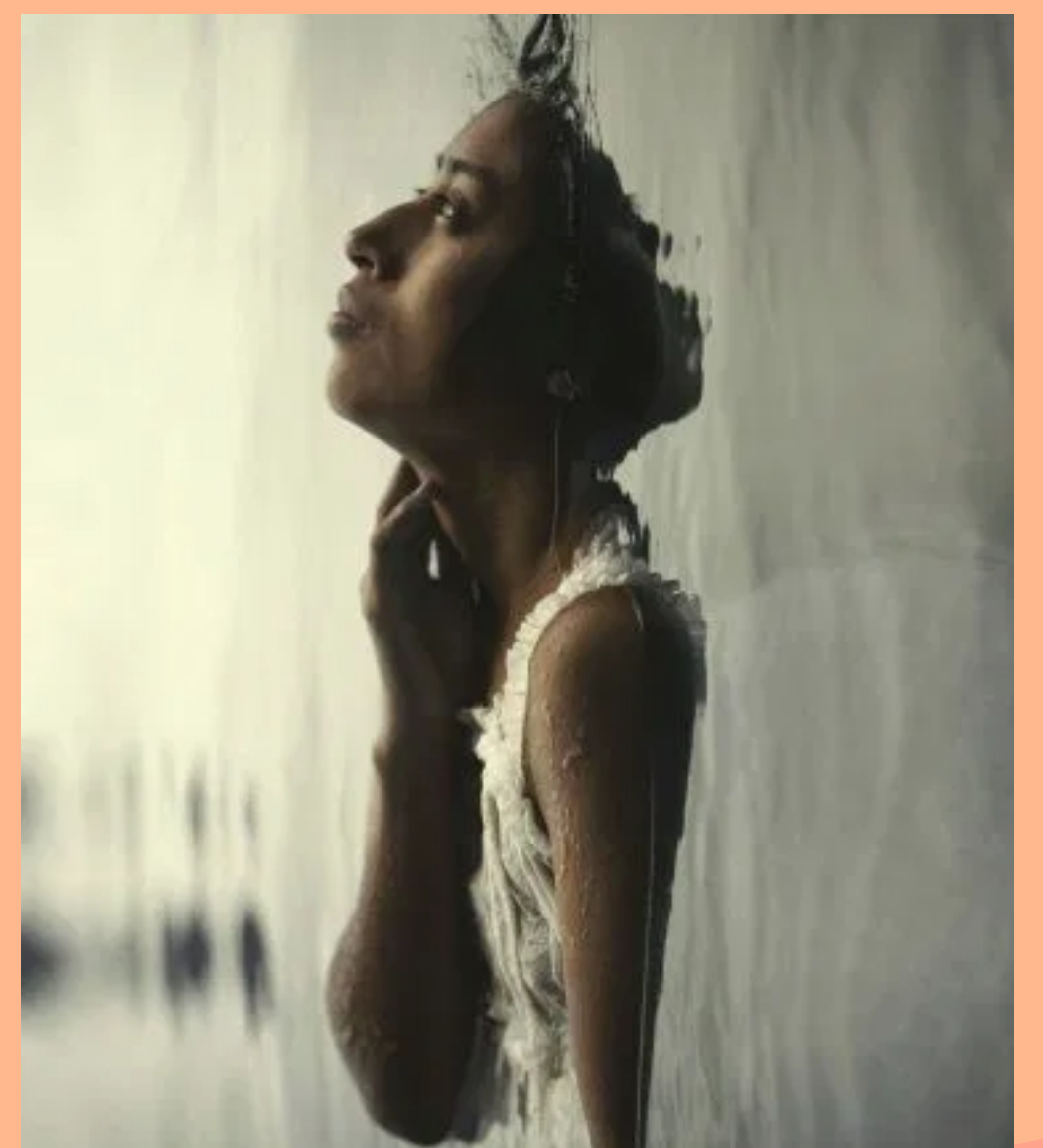
## GOLDEN GLOBES NOMINEE

Article by: Sara Roselló

Jayro Bustamante's 2019 film *La Llorona* was nominated for the 2021 Best Foreign Language Film category. The nomination came out in February and along with *La Llorona*, the other nominees were *Another Round* (Denmark), *The Life Ahead* (Italy), *Minari* (USA), and *Two of Us* (France/USA). Not only is this a milestone for Guatemala, this being the first film ever nominated for a Golden Globe, but also for the 'horror' genre which is not often represented in the awards. Additionally the film has also made the Oscars shortlist for Best International Feature; this is the first Guatemalan film to accomplish that. The movie has also received numerous other awards and recognitions such as: 9 awards in the Icarus festival, being in the top 100 movies according to Rotten Tomatoes and the Rolling Stones, the Venice Days Prize, and best Non-English Language film at the Boston Society of Film Critics.

*La Llorona* got its name from the famous latin-american urban legend. The tale varies from culture to culture, but the general idea talks about a woman who falls in love with a man and they have two children together. The man does not want to bear the burden of being a father so the woman takes the kids to a nearby river and drowns them in an attempt to keep her husband. Despite this, the husband rejects the woman and she, unable to bear the murder of her children, goes into a state of depression which ultimately lead to her suicide. Now, as a ghost she roams the earth, weeping, and trying to reunite with her lost children.

The movie in itself is a mix of magical realism, folklore, horror, and drama. The plot centers around a retired Guatemalan general with a dark and cruel past who ends up being haunted by the same sins he committed. The main purpose of the film is to bring awareness to the 1980s indigenous genocide that occurred in Guatemala, and confront the consequences of the evil actions of the past. Even Bustamante has talked about how he made the film as a way to find justice and incite conversation and awareness.



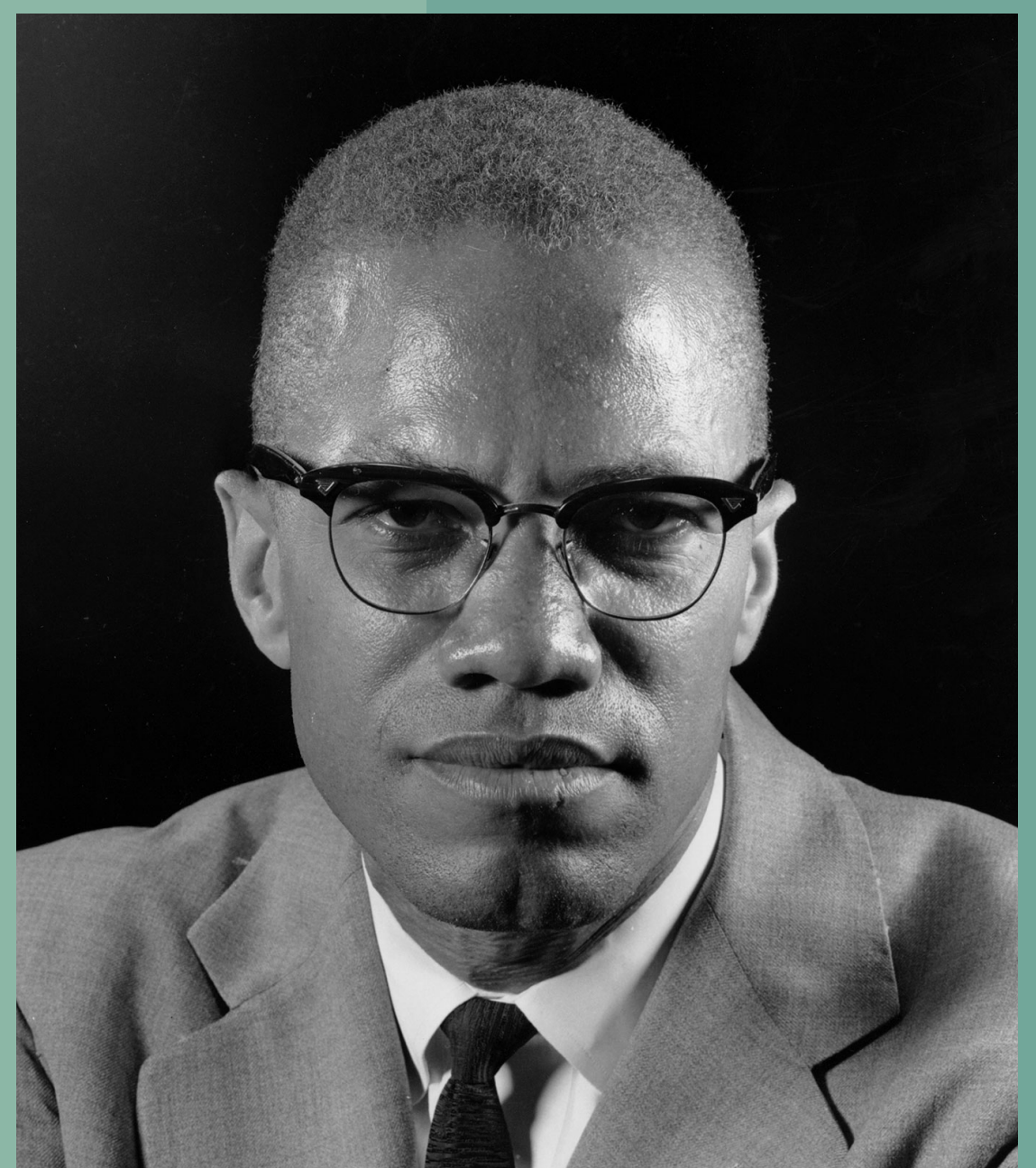
# MALCOLM X

Article by: Luis Muñoz

Malcolm X was an important political figure in the Civil Rights Movement of the 70s and the 80s. His work, along with that of Dr. Martin Luther King, forged a new age of racial equality and legislature against racial injustice. However, individuals from Malcolm X's family have delivered what they portrayed as a letter composed by an expired cop expressing that the New York Police Office and the FBI were behind the 1965 homicide of the popular dark dissident and supporter for social equality.

Malcolm X was an incredible speaker who rose to acclaim as a public representative for the Country of Islam, an African-American Muslim gathering that accepted dark rebellion. He went through over 10 years with the gathering prior to getting disappointed and openly saying a final farewell to it in 1964. He tempered a portion of his prior perspectives on the advantages of racial division. Moreover, his more radical points of view that sought out to make black people become independent and separated from other races as a sort of nation as well as his loyalty and devotion to the Nation of Islam was seen as a borderline terrorist ideology.

Malcolm was killed at New York's Audubon Ballroom while preparing to deliver a speech. Three members of the Nation of Islam were convicted in the shooting. These members were falsely convicted as in this letter it is detailed that members of the FBI and CIA were tasked with this. It is said that these law enforcement agencies were responsible for everything that occurred in that incident. This comes as a great surprise and tragedy showing just how deeply rooted xenophobia is in US politics and culture.



# PERSEVERANCE ROVER!

Article by: Nicolle Dardon

As a part of Nasa's Mars 2020 Mission, Perseverance Rover (nicknamed Percy) was launched last year on July 30th, 2020 with the goal to "seek any signs of ancient [microbial] life and collect samples of rock and regolith (broken rock and soil)". Finally after almost 7 months, Percy landed on February 18, 2021 in the Jezero Crater!

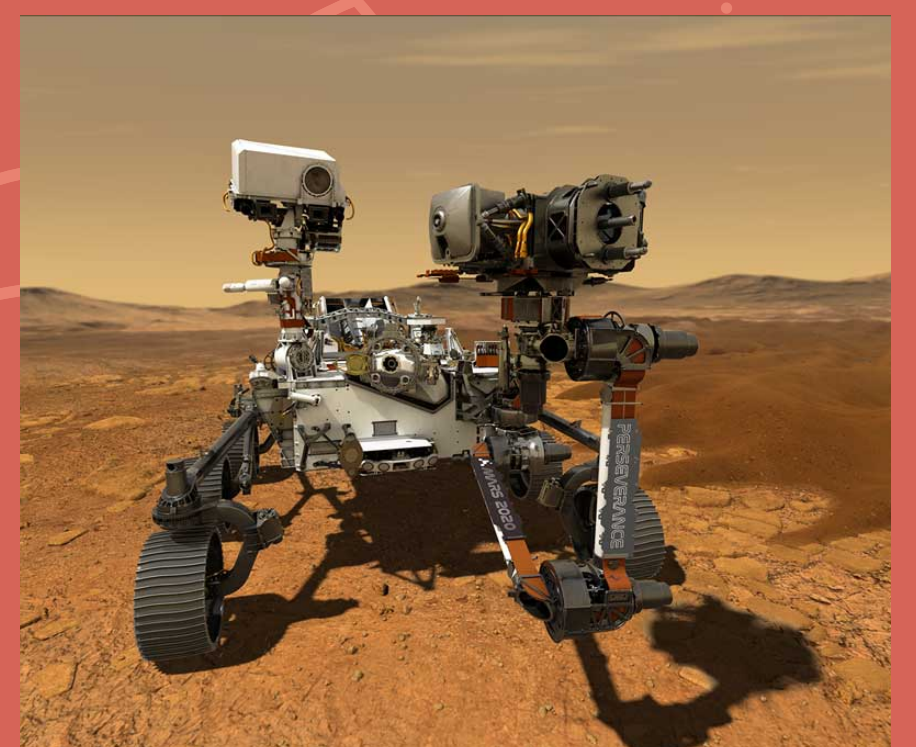
Along with the exploration, Percy has a technology demonstration attached to its belly, making the first powered flight on the Red Planet ever, referred to as a "Wright brother's moment".

This rover has provided us the opportunity to experience Mars in a different way, through the first Mars audio and looking at Mars in an Immersive 360 Panorama view!

Check it out here!



The Mars helicopter experiment, as mentioned before, is called Ingenuity, and is a solar powered helicopter drone that will show the potential routes the rover can drive through. The real challenge of this experiment is seeing if the helicopter can withstand the cold temperatures of the Red Planet!



Over the next months and years, we will get to see the pictures and sounds that Percy picks up along his scouting journey!

Article by: Ceci Zúñiga

# WHAT IS NED AWARENESS WEEK?

Eating disorders are the number one cause of death due to mental illness. It is too often forgotten that eating disorders aren't only about food, appearance, or beauty. They are complex medical conditions that cause serious physical and emotional problems to those who suffer from them. Nevertheless, many misconceptions exist and it is important to be done with the myths to decrease stigma and encourage treatment. The majority of individuals who struggle with an eating disorder also suffer from a mental or behavioral health disorder such as anxiety, depression, or even substance abuse. They may have struggled with it before or developed it as a result of their eating disorder. It is also known that while there are serious physical complications to eating disorders such as anorexia nervosa. Those who suffer from it are eight times more likely to attempt suicide, making suicide a leading cause of death for people with eating disorders.

From February 22nd to the 28th, the world commemorated "NEDAwareness" week, which stands for the "National Eating Disorder Awareness" week. It is organized by the National Eating Disorder Association (NEDA) and it's used as a week to give the spotlight to eating disorders around the world through educating others, spreading a message of hope, and giving lifesaving resources to those who need them. Every year there are different themes for this week, but this year is Everybody Has a Seat at the Table.

The purpose of this theme is to be able to raise awareness about communities that are underrepresented who struggle with eating disorders and sharing stories from all experiences and backgrounds. Resources and stories are shared for all types of eating disorders, ranging from anorexia nervosa to binge-eating disorder and any diagnoses that can affect anyone regardless of age, body size, gender, sexuality, race, and/or socioeconomic status. During this week, those who struggle with an eating disorder of any type are encouraged to share their stories and their struggles.

As part of the campaign, the organizations of Screening for Mental Health and NEDA provide anonymous online screening at the website [mybodyscreening.org](http://mybodyscreening.org). It's for the public, so they are able to take free educational screening to learn if their symptoms are consistent with an eating disorder. They aren't diagnostic but they can help others to start a conversation about them, especially those who are secretly suffering from one. Resources like this are very helpful, as with most illnesses the earlier an eating disorder is detected and treated the better chances exist for a successful recovery.

Furthermore, mental health screenings offer a confidential way for individuals to learn if they have any signs or symptoms, and the ability to connect to local resources for more information and help.



# ECAS ARE BACK AT INTER

Article by: Daniela Lombardi

As all of you may know, ECAs have officially started at Inter for the first time in almost a year. They are very special and important to many students, since they are an opportunity for people to embrace their special talents and their interests in certain activities. Sports ECAs are a huge deal here at school because several students get to play and practice the sport they love, and the rest of the students get to support and cheer for the teams. Inter has had amazing athletes join several sports teams, and they have definitely left a mark for the school and its sports history. Volleyball, basketball, soccer, track and field, are the sports that students have taken over and participated in many games, championships and AASCA. This is why we are excited and happy to see that throughout this pandemic, we are capable of reinstalling practices for the athletes who are interested in playing for the school's teams.

If you are interested in joining any of these sports for the months we have left in school, then this is the right place for you to get information from.

Volleyball: Tuesday and Thursday - After school (Boys & Girls)

Basketball: Monday and Wednesday - After school (Boys & Girls)

Track and Field - Tuesday and Thursday - After school (Boys & Girls)

Soccer - Tuesday and Thursday - After school (Girls)

Soccer - Monday and Wednesday - After school (Boys)

Hours: 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

I hope that you join the ECAs you are interested in and try new things our school is offering you for this school year.



# I'M A GOAT, WHAT ABOUT YOU?

## *Chinese New Year Edition*

Article by: Isabel Chang

With open arms we welcome the Ox! The Chinese New Year happened a few weeks ago on February 12th, 2021 proclaiming a transition from the year of the Rat to the year of the Ox.

The Chinese New Year, also called the lunar year, is an annual 15-day festival in China and Chinese communities around the world that begins with the new moon. It occurs between January 21 and February 20 in western calendars, and the festivities last until the following full moon.

But...what? Rats and Oxes? Yeah, for people new to this think of them as zodiac signs. More specifically, there are 12 Chinese zodiac signs in the form of animals: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Sheep, Monkey, Rooster, Dog, and Pig. Now, the difference between these and the astrological zodiac signs is that in the lunar calendar, your zodiac is determined by your birth year and not your birth month. People's birth years determine their Chinese zodiac signs.

The origin of the zodiacs is much more interesting than you might think, and it is believed in the Chinese communities that your zodiac affects your personality and overall life prospects. Watch out! Because this also includes your love life and compatibility with others! \*wink\*

Of course, the science and technicalities of the Chinese astrology are much more complex and an in-depth topic that you can research in order to fully grasp the Chinese Zodiac signs. But, in the meantime, I found out that since I'm a 2003 baby, I get to be a goat! What about you?

*\*disclaimer\** This article is purely for educational purposes, Colegio interamericano is a school with people from all over the world and diverse backgrounds. Let's learn about the different cultures together.

# MOVIE OF THE WEEK

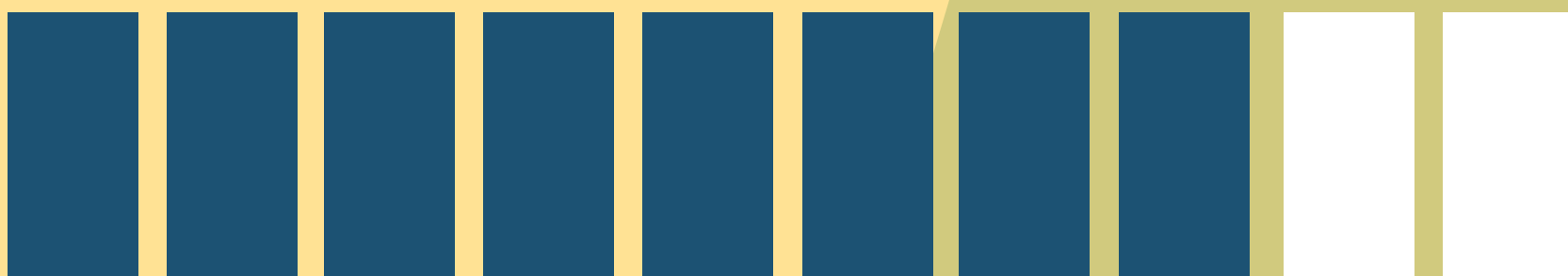
Article by: Matias Vico

## SOUL

2020 – Family/Comedy – 1h 47min

Directed by: Pete Docter

*Soul is a great animated movie. If you are looking for a classic Disney Pixar movie this is a great watch. It follows a jazz musician that is following his dream to be one of the greatest. When he gets his big break, he suddenly dies. The movie is about finding purpose and living in the moment. With it's quirky sense of humor and its heartwarming moments, this is a fantastic time to watch with family and friends. The color and filmatic shots that Soul brings us is out of this world. I never thought that an animated movie could be so aesthetically pleasing. Jamie Foxx did a great job bringing this character to life and shows culture and family oriented matters.*



MATIAS'S RATING:  
8/10

**"I'm Just Afraid That If I Died  
Today My Life Would Have  
Amounted To Nothing."**



THANK YOU!

# WHO ARE WE

Hard times like these require more efforts to maintain communication with everyone at school. We are really excited to introduce Inter-Connected, the new official student-managed Interamericano magazine, created with the hope of keeping you entertained while at home. We hope you enjoy it as much as we did!

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