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LOCAL MIDDLE SCHOOL RENAMED AFTER DOLORES HUERTA

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The process for renaming what was formerly David Starr Jordan Middle School was a long road with many stops along the way, but we have finally reached a decision with the name Dolores Huerta Middle School.

In the Burbank Unified School District's Board of Education meeting on February 18, a portion of the time was allocated for the renaming committee to give an update on how far along in the process they were, and on March 4, the board finally came to their decision.

The committee went through a long process, ending up with a list

of 5 different choices before the board decided on the final name.

The way the potential names were selected had a lot of involvement from the renaming committee, but the pool of names they chose from started with a survey from the BUSD community. They started by sending out a Google Form that people could respond to, and ended up with 909 responses introducing hundreds of name options.

Each committee member then chose their top five suggestions from this pool, creating a smaller and much more manageable group of twenty names to choose from. They then held a meeting where they could discuss the dif-

ferent names and advocate for ones they did or did not want, which created a lot of passionate debate, but in the end they were able to reach a consensus on 11 different options.

The committee members then had a few days to process and deliberate their choices before each picking their top three from the list of eleven, which left them with a final list of five names for the board to decide on. The names on that list were Mariposa Middle School, Amelia Earhart Middle School, Barbara Jordan Middle School, Dolores Huerta Middle School, and Ruth Bader Ginsburg Middle School.

The community's top five

submissions looked very similar, except for the inclusion of the choice Jordan Middle School in place of Dolores Huerta.

This list was introduced to the Board of Education during their February 18th meeting, and in their March 4th meeting, the Board got to discuss the five options and choose one from the list.

The Board quickly eliminated three options, leaving Barbara Jordan and Dolores Huerta as the main points of debate for the duration of the meeting. The Board's decision to choose Dolores Huerta was based on her continued relevance in today's society and her connection to Southern Cali-

fornia.

Dolores Huerta is famous for co-founding United Farm Workers (formerly National Farmworkers Association) along with Cesar Chavez, organizing the Delano Grape Strike, and creating the slogan "¡Sí, Se Puede!".

Dolores Huerta's work advocating for the rights of women and workers has had effects still felt today, and she continues to fight for equality at the age of 90. A strong and influential Latino woman, Dolores Huerta will make a great namesake for Burbank's well-beloved middle school.

STUDENT RESOURCE OFFICER PRESENTATION AT DISTRICT

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Burbank Unified School District schools have an SRO program. SRO stands for School Resource Officer, and the program serves to put trained, qualified police officers on campuses in order to keep students and staff safe.

On February 18th, 2021, Sergeant Stephen Turner of the Burbank Police Department gave a presentation on the SRO program to the Burbank Board of Education members and Superintendent Matt Hill. He was also joined by two school resource officers, Dustin Rodriguez and Laura Vargas. In this presentation, Sergeant Turner discussed everything from what Student Resource Officers do to what is necessary to become a Student Resource Officer.

Sergeant Turner started by giving a brief overview of what a Student Resource Officer is. He explained their affiliation with the Burbank Police Department Detective Bureau and how that relates to their role in schools. These officers are trained to deal with a number of different crimes, including violent crimes, larcenies, gang-related investigations, and child abuse. Because of their line of work, however, they specialize in crimes involving juvenile suspects and victims.

Currently, the juvenile detail of the Burbank Police Department Detective Bureau is comprised of two Burbank Police Department School Resource Officers, two detectives, and one Los Angeles

County probation officer. The Burbank SRO program is allied with the Los Angeles County Juvenile Probation Department, allowing them to assist each other when necessary. The BPD SRO program also holds ties to the Student Attendance Review Board and Teen Court of the City of Burbank.

Next, Sergeant Turner also described the immense role these officers play in students' mental health. The SROs work closely with the Mental Health Evaluation Team, and can respond to concerns about individual students' mental health. They understand the significant role the internet and social media play in the life of a 21st-century adolescent and the devastating effects cyberbullying can have on the mental health of students.

As described by Sergeant Turner, it takes a lot to be a School Resource Officer. The selection process begins with a minimum service requirement that states that all SRO candidates must have been BPD officers for at least two years. After that, there is a selection process that includes a memorandum documenting all of their qualifications and experience with BPD, a review of their performance evaluations, and a concluding interview, all to make sure that only the best candidates become SROs.

The SROs are mainly stationed at Burbank High School and John Burroughs High School, but they are able to respond to suspected

child abuse and potential criminal reports at any of the almost thirty BUSD campuses. There are other activities they participate in, like assisting detectives, monitoring large school events, and a new anti-vaping initiative, which the California State Legislature is considering replicating across many California school districts. No matter what they do, though, SROs are required to maintain and update a log showing what has happened, what they have done, who they have come into contact with.

Sergeant Turner then proceeded to show the statistics of SROs over the past two school years. You could see a decrease in citations, arrests, and counseled/advised until 2020-2021, where there was a steep decrease due to the pandemic. However, these statistics did show that SROs were still counseling and advising students during these hard times.

After that, Sergeant Turn-

er spoke about juvenile justice. For instance, juveniles being detained by police officers must be informed of their Miranda rights. Because this may be hard for children to comprehend, another policy is in place to put them in contact with a public defender who can help them with legal matters.

While the SRO program is designed to deal with many serious matters, they do have a community outreach program that runs events like Burbank Police Foundation Family Fun Day, Shop with a Cop, Community Read-Ins, and National Night Out.

However, due to tragic events within our community, they have hosted community panels on serious topics. These include substance abuse, school safety, and mental health.

Sergeant Turner then spoke about active shooter training. The SRO program has hosted training to train teachers and staff members to react in an active shoot-

er event on campus. The SROs themselves have also had training and adaptations, including an upgraded trauma kit, vehicle diversion capabilities, new policies on unscheduled fire alarms, and the creation of the Burbank Care Assessment Team.

Sergeant Turner briefly touched on a group development and review process. There are a few Burbank groups that come together for this, and they are not all associated with BPD. They meet at the beginning of each year for a briefing on the different programs that are in effect and a debrief at the end of each year.

Sergeant Turner concluded the presentation with a list of resources and partner groups for the SRO program. There was additional contact information for the two School Resource Officers present with him. At this time, questions could also be asked by board members.

UPCOMING DATES

**Today
Tonight**

**ACC And JSA Joint Thought Talk - The Rise In Asian Hate Crimes
Come See JBHS Journalist Bella Santillano In The Burroughs vs.
Burbank Virtual Debate!**

**Tomorrow
March 22-26
March 29-31**

**Get Help Registering For Fall Classes From Counselors (12-11PM)
Spring Break!
Final Mascot Vote**

March 31

Tentative: Senior Class Limited Hybrid Return Date

April 5-8

Tentative: SBAC Testing For Juniors

April 12

Tentative: Limited Hybrid Return Date For Grades 9-11

April 14

Meeting For Academic And Tutorial Mentors

May 27

Tentative: In Person Graduation!

THE AVIATION INDUSTRY AND THE PANDEMIC

BY JAMES REID
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Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, many businesses have been forced to shrink in size or shut down completely.

Unfortunately, businesses in the aviation industry have been among these. Devastated airlines have been forced to furlough or lay off tens of thousands of workers, including pilots. However, once the pandemic is over, how will aviation-based businesses recover?

For starters, the returning airlines will most likely return as initially smaller than we remember them to be. History has proven that recessions have extreme impacts on airlines. For example, according to CNN, "Most recently, it took a whopping five years after Great Recession ended in 2009 for passenger traffic to recover, according to Philip Bagaley, the chief credit analyst for

airlines at Standard & Poors." Because of the length and extremity of the COVID-19 Pandemic, airlines will most likely struggle to recover after the pandemic.

Another problem for airlines will be the demand for travel. Even if a vaccine successfully eradicates COVID-19 from much of the world, some people may still be wary about travel. Due to how the novel coronavirus spreads, getting on a full airplane poses a serious health risk to everyone involved. And, if fewer people travel, the airlines will have less money to perform necessary tasks like maintain aircraft and pay employees.

Even though many employees have been furloughed and laid off, there is still hope, especially for pilots. Because of their unique set of skills, they could potentially find work elsewhere. Depending on what rating they have, they could potentially get type-rated

on different aircraft commonly seen as private jets, allowing them to do chartered flights for executives and other people of importance.

Despite their prominence, airlines are not the only business in the aviation industry. In terms of flying, there are also organizations that fly cargo aircraft, emergency medical services aircraft, firefighting aircraft, and many more. Because of the abundance of these organizations, more opportunities are presented for unemployed pilots to find work.

With this surplus of trained pilots and aircrew members, other jobs could be viable options after the pandemic. For example, aircrew members could contract with another airline (international, national, or regional), whereas pilots would have options including contracting with another airline, becoming a certified flight instructor, or even becoming a

rotary-wing (helicopter) pilot.

Because of the downtime during the pandemic, pilots will have time to get qualified on other aircraft (if that is what they choose to do.) However, the cost of flight training could pose a problem, so it may be in the best interest of pilots to stay current on an aircraft they are already type-rated on. For aircrew members and other employees of businesses in the aviation industry, more options may be available.

Aircrew members and other airline employees (excluding pilots) will have options career-wise after the pandemic. Because so many were laid off completely, there will probably be a high demand for them (once the airlines recover.) However, due to so many being laid off, there will be many looking for work. This means that there is a high chance that not all of them will be rehired. Most likely, essential

employees (pilots, other aircrew, ground crew, maintainers, etc.) will be rehired first, whereas less essential workers will be less likely to be rehired.

Apart from rehiring employees, airlines will have other problems to assess. Due to the large amounts of money they have lost, many airlines have been forced to ground or retire aircraft. Given the potential for high demands of travel after the pandemic, these airlines will have to replace aircraft, or just sustain fewer flights across the country and internationally.

No matter what happens, the pandemic has been devastating to the aviation industry, and will continue to affect it for years to come. Eventually, once everything returns to normal and the economy has had time to recover, the aviation industry should be able to return to a normal state.

VACCINE UPDATE AND TRAVEL RULES

BY LUCA RENDON
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The long-awaited Coronavirus vaccines are ready, and they may soon be available to the general public. Here's what you need to know about the multiple vaccines, who will be getting them and when, and what traveling could look like after the widespread administration of these vaccines.

Currently, there are three different Coronavirus vaccines that have been approved for Americans to use, one from Pfizer, one from Moderna, and one from Johnson & Johnson.

As for the age they can be used at, both have been issued an emergency use authorization by the FDA, but the Pfizer vaccine can be used on 16-year-olds and over, and both the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccine can

be used on 18-year-olds and over. They have both been proven to be safe and effective however, so both are perfectly good options to choose from. However, they are being distributed in multiple phases here in LA County, which means that some will get them before others.

The first phase of vaccine recipients is made up of LA County's healthcare workers in all different fields, all of whom have received or are being offered the vaccine. The next two phases consist of elderly people and those with underlying conditions, so everyone besides people in those groups will have to wait until an estimated time of the middle of May to the end of June. This might seem slow, but Governor Newsom has recognized this and plans to help the rules and

tiers become looser in order to get more vaccines out faster, according to ABC.

Many activities have been restricted these days to keep things safe during the pandemic, but one that many people miss dearly is traveling. As of right now, most will recommend not to use a plane due to the possibility of catching COVID-19, but it might become a lot safer after the entire general public has gained access to the vaccine.

It is due to this that even after the vaccine has become more commonplace, many safety and sanitation measures in place during travel today will continue to be implemented. Another precaution that many airlines and companies will start to implement after the vaccine becomes the norm is a check to make sure all

passengers have been vaccinated. Once everyone is able to access the vaccine, it makes complete sense that airlines would want to make sure that everyone onboard has taken it in order to prevent the spread of the disease as much as possible.

Some airlines, such as Qantas Airlines, have already stated that vaccination will be mandatory for passengers of their flights, according to The New York Times. There are many ways that this could be done, but a newer method that has gained increased interest involves using digital applications to safely store vaccination/health data and keep it easily accessible for passengers and airlines. One such application, IATA Travel Pass, is being developed by the International Air Transport Association. The concept of checking for a

vaccine before travel isn't exactly new, as many countries in Africa and South America already require a "yellow card" proving yellow fever vaccination to enter the country, but it will almost definitely become the norm here in the US after the Coronavirus vaccine gets out to more people.

There may be a bit of a wait for the vaccine to get to you and your family, but once it finally does, traveling around the world and visiting places you've always wanted to see will once again be a goal within reach. There may be a high standard for safety at first, but the vaccine will be a huge step in returning to regular traveling procedure.

THINGS TO DO, THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

BY MAVRIK FARRIS
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The Covid-19 outbreak and subsequent lockdown in the United States has been a long and hard journey for many people. Being forced to remain inside our homes for the majority of activities has put a halt to many people's everyday lives and we can't help but feel like we took normal life for granted.

Even trivial things like unburdened walks through the park have to be taken with so many layers of precaution to make sure we don't get and spread the virus. For many people, including myself, it's been exhausting.

Many small businesses and outside activities have been put

on hold, perhaps indefinitely. Businesses we all know and love like Rocket Fizz have been slowly shutting down for the foreseeable future or even for good.

But there's a brighter side to the more depressing situations we're in right now. Even just thinking about what kind of things we can do after all this lockdown is lifted is enough to keep some people going.

Personally, one of the things I look forward to the most is going to Universal Studios again. Halloween Horror Nights was a fun tradition my friends and I would go to every year, and I'm sure many others shared the same tradition. While we missed out on the attraction this year, Hallow-

een is far enough away that restrictions might be lifted in time for Halloween 2021.

Other activities like rock climbing and football, I've replaced with the next best thing during quarantine. While it'd be nice to do those things again, I've replaced it with biking and working out outside as best I can.

Other people throughout Burbank and LA share the same sentiment as me about enjoying their favorite things after lockdown.

Gian Carlo, a Junior at Notre Dame High School stated, "I honestly just can't wait to play basketball freely at, like, Beemen Park again." He later added, "It's not like I can't go now, but there's so much extra that I have to deal

with, parents, other people and stuff like that. It makes everything so much more difficult for just a simple game of basketball." Gian Carlo tries to make the best of the lockdown situation by playing basketball, hiking and running outside with limited contact to other people. Wearing a mask and gloves while outside severely reduces your chances of contracting the virus, so doing fun outside activities while protected is a good way to disrupt the routine.

Jacob Goverman, a Junior at Valley International Preparatory High School, explained, "Some of my favorite things to do outside of school during the year was ice skating and going to Disneyland.

I really can't wait to just be able to go outside again. Pickwick gardens was one of my favorite after school spots, it'll be really nice to see everyone there again once this is all over."

Nico Cence, another Junior at Valley International Preparatory High School, is currently trying to make the best of his quarantine. "It's hard to find good places to do so, but riding quads is pretty fun if you have one. Skateboarding's also a really good way to get exercise when there's not much else to do."

Even when we're stuck inside it's good to think about all the good things and be thankful for how much fun we've had outside of the lockdown.

HOW OMEGLE DANGEROUSLY TARGETS THE YOUNG

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Omegle was a popular website years ago and recently made a comeback due to quarantine and TikTok trends circulating the internet where Omegle is incorporated. Omegle is a free online website that allows you to socialize with random people on camera. You have one-on-one sessions with people and can skip at any time to the next person.

The website randomly pairs you up with someone and you can put your interest down and it will pair you up with someone with similar interests as you.

There are many problems with this website that can lead to dangerous situations and damage children. This website mainly targets the young and teenagers even though in many cases there are grown adults on this website. This website is featured on social media like TikTok which has a younger user base who are extremely impressionable and don't know the harm that can happen from being on the website.

In some cases kids can get on this website and see things that can traumatize them.

Some users put inappropriate topics for their interests which can cause grown people pairing up with minors for the wrong reasons. On a blog by www.bark.us they state that even Omegle has admitted that, "predators have been known to use Omegle" and kids are likely to be exposed to inappropriate content.

Another issue that is very apparent on this website is people's accessibility to other people's private information, one being their camera, people can easily hack into your camera and see you through there which is such an invasion of privacy.

Also because the website is really not secure at all people have been able to access your IP

address through there or find out where you live. If someone dangerous could get a hold of that information through that website then that other person can be in extreme danger.

Predators with this much control and security from their house can be able to groom underage and impressionable kids which can lead to significant damage in someone's life all because websites like this are not secure and target kids who don't know any better.

In an article on socialcatfish.com it lists the many ways Omegle is unsafe, it states, "It is not safe for users under 18 and those who want to avoid profanity, pornographic content and predators." It also states that, "Since Omegle also has a video chat, which can opted for "Adult" and "Unmoderated" use, this means that minors can potentially use this site by pretending to be adults and that predators look at websites like this as a hotbed for opportunity."

I think the biggest issue with

this is that most kids wouldn't think twice about all of these unsafe conditions but assume that the fact that it's fun for them makes it okay.

It's unfortunate that websites like this will always exist, you take one down and another will pop right back up. It's hard to protect kids from the dangers of the internet without being overbearing, especially when it circulates on other social media that many young kids are also on. The best thing to do is educate kids on the

possibilities of being on websites like this.

Omegle is a very unsafe website to be promoted to the internet and should have never made a comeback. People need to find better alternatives especially in times like the one we are in right now. Although I understand the fun of it, it's not worth the inappropriate content it contains, the invasion of privacy, and just overall danger of the website especially because the more people that'll use this, the more popular it gets.

STREAMING PLATFORMS RANKED

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During quarantine many people have found themselves binge watching their favorite shows and movies as well as discovering some new ones. There are many streaming platforms to choose from, so which is the best?

Up first is one of the most well known streaming platforms, Netflix. There are thousands of movies and TV shows to choose from. Some of the more popular choices at the moment are Netflix Originals such as *Bridgerton*, *Cobra Kai*, and *We Can Be Heroes*. There is something for everyone.

If you want to watch on one screen at a time, you can get Netflix for \$8.99 a month, that adds up to \$107.88 a year. However that can be upgraded to two screens at once for \$12.99 a month or \$155.88 annually. The final option is four screens at once for \$15.99 a month which means \$191.88 every year. No matter which option you choose, you can have up to five profiles per account.

The next streaming service you can choose from is Disney+. This service was released on November 12, 2019 and features shows and movies from Disney, Pixar, Marvel, Star Wars, and National

Geographic. This service is very family friendly as to preserve the Disney image. You can find classic movies such as *Freaky Friday* and *Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope* or you can watch new pieces such as *WandaVision* and new releases like *Soul* and *Raya and the Last Dragon*.

With Disney+ you can choose to pay monthly or annually. The monthly cost is \$6.99, adding up to \$83.88 a year. The other plan they offer is you can pay \$69.99 for a yearly subscription. Both choices allow you to have up to four screens in use at once and up to seven profiles.

Prime Video is the next place you can look to find great cinematic entertainment. They have many titles to choose from ranging from *Teen Wolf* to *SpongeBob SquarePants* to *Kitchen Nightmares*. You will have access to thousands of options, but some do have ads and others can be rented/ bought.

Prime Video can be acquired with Amazon Prime or separately. If you have Amazon Prime, Prime Video is included with that purchase. Amazon Prime can cost either \$119 annually or \$12.99 monthly. If you do not have Amazon Prime and do not want it, you can purchase Prime Video

for \$8.99 a month. With each account comes the opportunity to create up to six different profiles.

Hulu is another place to find entertainment. *Looking For Alaska*, *Merlin*, *Roswell*, and *The Princess Bride* are all on there. There are an abundance of shows and movies from every genre to choose from. They also have kid friendly content such as *Dora and the Lost City of Gold*.

If you do not mind ads, you can get Hulu for \$5.99 a month which turns out to be \$71.88 a year. Or you can choose the \$11.99 a month option that is ad free. Both plans allow up to two screens to be in use at the same time along with six profiles.

Wonder Woman 1984, *Euphoria*, *Ad Astra*, and *The Notebook* can all be found on HBO Max. The content library for HBO Max is huge, it combines the libraries from every existing HBO service like HBO Now and HBO Go. You can also watch kid friendly content like *Sesame Street* on there.

You can get five profiles per account on HBO Max for \$14.99 a month. This also allows you to stream on three different devices at once.

On CBS All Access you can find shows such as *The Twilight Zone* along with a lot of *Star Trek*

content including *Star Trek: Discovery*, *Star Trek: Picard*, *Star Trek: Lower Decks*, and *Star Trek: Short Treks*. There are also a few cartoons like *Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs*.

CBS All Access is another service that offers going commercial free for a price. You can watch on CBS All Access for \$5.99 a month with commercials or upgrade and pay \$9.99 a month for a commercial free experience. No matter what you choose you get six profiles and are able to simultaneously stream on three devices.

The last service on this list is YouTube TV. On this service you can watch sitcoms like *Schitt's Creek* and *The Office*. Or you could go with action movies like *The Maze Runner* or *Ready Player One*. There is also live TV including channels such as ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, ESPN, HGTV, and TNT.

YouTube TV is the most expensive streaming service on this list costing \$64.99 a month. This means that the yearly cost would be \$779.88.

All streaming services have their benefits and drawbacks, you just have to find the one that works for you.

TEENS BEHAVING IRRESPONSIBLY DURING THE PANDEMIC

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I've come to find that there are two types of people during a pandemic, the people who take precautions while going out and seeing others, and those who don't take care of themselves and others for the sake of unnecessary time with others. We have had to learn by now that certain things have to be taken as less important than others.

As someone who has social media accounts with Snapchat, Instagram and TikTok, I can see the kids my age posting skateboarding videos with friends not wearing masks or friend groups indoors not wearing masks. These videos are not called out for showing the now sadly dangerous behavior of seeing people without

the proper protection or without having been tested.

With the way social media works, teens usually only see other teens on their recommended pages or more so called the "For You Page" on TikTok. When us teenagers see other teens having fun while everything else is shut down we consider doing what they're doing to cure our boredom. So seeing others on social media not being called out for being unsafe may make it easier to say yes to that friend who wants to hang out with you but has also seen twenty other people and may very well be carrying the Coronavirus.

When teens contract COVID-19 they bring it back to their parents and grandparents who are much more vulnerable

to the symptoms and chance of death than the teen themselves is. This is why teens being unsafe is a big deal. When teens don't care they forget the people around them who are more at risk than them.

There are also the kinds of teens who lie to their parents about how safe they have been and can accidentally give their families the Coronavirus or won't even tell their families about their symptoms to not be held responsible for being irresponsible.

The pandemic continues to rage and intercept our lives. With the ways other age groups see others in person I personally don't have much confidence that this will end in 2021. There are people living out their last days unable to see their families be-

cause people are still catching the virus.

With children, including teens, planned to be the last group to

get the Coronavirus vaccine, it is teens who have to remain the most vigilantly responsible, not the least, to keep our society safe.

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