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A tasty vegan take on comfort food

By Jamie Bennett

I decided to give The Happy Hooligans’ delicious vegan comfort food a try and the restaurant’s flavorful approach changed my negative perception of plant-based food.

During my visit on Thursday I had the pleasure of meeting Matt Lau, the restaurant’s owner. His passion for vegan food showed through his knowledge of every ingredient and how to make it easy for a newcomer like myself to feel welcomed and comfortable ordering.

Lau, who is a die-hard fan of buffalo wings, ordered with a Thai Iced Tea to wash it down. The cauliflower was perfectly crispy with a house-made buffalo sauce. At first I was skeptical, but Lau proved me wrong.

The cauliflower was perfectly crispy with a soft, melt-in-your-mouth texture combined with the sweet inside that complements Thai Iced Tea.

When the behemoth of a meal finally arrived, I didn’t know where to start. The hamburger was massive, with enough toppings to make three hungry college students full with leftovers. The animal-style fries were the perfect pairing to the burger and made the burger and the meal the perfect ending to the evening. The onion rings were some of the best I’ve ever had. They were paired beautifully with the queso cheese sauce that tasted very similar to the cheese sauce that tasted very similar to the traditional non-vegan version and had a perfect spicy kick that paired nicely with the Thai Iced Tea, making the bites my favorite dish of the day.

During my visit on Thursday I had the Backyard Burger and the curry’s new veggie take on In-N-Out Burger’s animal-style fries. Both were perfectly crispy and not too soggy from the melty cheese sauce that tasted very similar to the cheese sauce that tasted very similar to the traditional non-vegan version and had a perfect spicy kick that paired nicely with the Thai Iced Tea, making the bites my favorite dish of the day.

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The Happy Hooligans deserve an abundance of praise for the amount of creativity and thought put into the food. If you’re trying to get some of your friends into vegan food, I would recommend this restaurant as it’s one of the best options around San Jose.

Matt Lau
Owner of The Happy Hooligans

“Happy Hooligans”
Rating: 5/5
Price: $5
Location: 1731 El Camino Ln.
Cuisine: Vegan comfort food

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Releasing unfinished games: an ugly fad

There’s an ugly trend in video game development that needs to stop now. Games are released in an unfinished state, leaving gamers who paid full price to a bitter end until the game is fixed.

The price of Triple-A games, those with mulitmedia budgets, has been steadily rising over the years. What used to cost $50 per game is now approaching $70. Instead of getting more bang for your buck in 2021, some of the most anticipated games that have come out in the last 10 years have been buggy, unplayable messes.

These reputable companies eventually fix their games with software patches, it’s true. But when the damage has already been done.

The most recent and high-profile example is CD Projekt Red’s Cyberpunk 2077, which received quite the hype leading up to its release but ended up disappointing fans, according to a Dec. 19, 2020 New York Times article.

The game was released with imperfections ranging from occasionally comical visual bugs to full-on gameplay. And that’s when the game should be reserved for working games later, a lot of pressure to meet deadlines and release games at certain times, according to a Jan. 11, 2020 Reporter article.

Cyberpunk 2077 is just one example. Other notorious fails such as FullPage 76, Halo: The Master Chief Collection and Fallout 76, Halo: The Master Chief Collection and the Playstation 5 or the Xbox Series X.

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The trend of games being sold in incomplete states is likely a symptom, rather than the disease in the gaming industry, in which practices like working employees past their limits to meet deadlines run rampant.

What do we need to fix? Instead of getting more bang for your buck in 2021, some of the most anticipated games that have come out in the last 10 years have been buggy, unplayable messes.

This is an ugly fad in the gaming industry, if the results are unfinished games and broken promises, then what we need is a change, not patience.

Releasing an incomplete game is damming both the developers and the customers. Consumers are left feeling like their time and money were wasted and the developer takes a hit to its reputation.

However, patching up a game should be reserved for fixing small or unknown problems in the game, not entirely redoing faulty gameplay.

A normal game patch would be like fixing a small leak on a boat, but fixing incomplete or broken games is more like building parts of the boat after someone has already bought it.

If what it takes to release finished games is a change in the development process, then we’re all the better for it.

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SJU pitcher Jonathan Clark struck out 11 batters in Saturday’s 5-0 loss against Creighton University in Omaha. SJU lost both games in the series.

Senior’s passion guides team to a winning season

By Madelyne Medina

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The San Jose State men’s soccer team for 2019, Castro said as a local resident, he utilized the San Jose Earthquakes’ academy for his soccer.

Castro was then presented another opportunity to extend his soccer career when he began attending West Valley College from 2016–18.

He said regardless of the outcome of pursuing another goal, he’s going to keep his high school coaching narrative.

"I’m pretty ambitious," Castro said. "I don’t feel entitled to anything, but I feel like anyone has the opportunity to be great if you work hard."
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Alum Rock Counseling Center and Santa Clara County are excited to invite you to Virtual You! Virtual You is a series of free virtual wellness groups for young people ages 12-25 aimed to build community and create space for connection. Our goal is to help you wind-down, re-center, and invest in yourself by incorporating self-care into your daily lives. Below are schedules and descriptions of our current groups:

**MINDFUL MONDAYS:** This is a group to practice and learn about mindfulness. This group is for you whether you're brand new to the practice or have been in a long-term relationship with mindfulness. Weekly themes include Grounding, Gratitude, Self-Love, and more!
- Middle School: Weekly on Mondays | 3:15-3:45pm
- High School & College: Weekly on Mondays | 4:00-4:30pm

**COLOR & VIBE:** In this group, you’ll learn to implement self-care by vibing to music and making art. Participants will learn to make color wheels, choose coloring sheets, create self-portraits, do photo and shapes art, and follow along with step by step “how to draw” tutorials.
- All Young People: Weekly on Tuesdays | 4:30-5:30pm

**GAME NIGHT:** Virtual you is hosting Game Nights! The middle school group will rotate playing Among Us, Jackbox, and board games. The Game Night After Dark group will rotate through Super Smash bros, Jackbox, Nintendo games, and more!
- Middle School: Weekly on Wednesdays | 4:30-5:30pm
- Game Night After Dark (High School & College): Weekly on Wednesdays | 5:45-6:45pm

**TALK SPACE:** This group is a space to “let it all out.” There will be different topics each week and we will hold space for you to vent about it all. Topics will range from how hard zoom school is, grieving social events, to just missing the normal life things. Whatever it is, we’re here for you.
- Middle School: Every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month | 4:30-5:30pm
- High School and College: Every 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month | 4:30-5:30pm

**SHOW & TELL:** Show & Tell is a fun way to show off your favorite things! Whether you want to show off your pets, plants, cool gadgets, instruments, or anything else, this is a fun space to share and learn from one another!
- Middle School: Weekly on Fridays | 4:00-5:00pm
- High School & College: Weekly on Fridays | 5:15-6:15pm

To sign up, go to www.tinyurl.com/virtualyougroups. Please note: you do not have to be enrolled into any other ARCC or Santa Clara County Program to be eligible to participate.

**CHANCE TO WIN MONEY!** Every session you attend will enter you into a raffle for a once/month $15 Visa gift card! Additionally, we’re introducing the “bring a buddy” incentive, where any time you bring a friend to group, you and your friend will be entered into a once/month $20 gift card raffle!