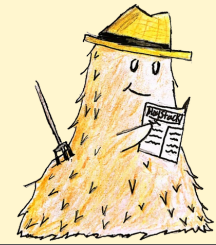




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Final Buzzer

By Nat Orille

With the ending of our winter season, our boys and girls basketball teams have been extremely consistent in dedicating their time into this competitive sport. First highlighting the frosh team, the team has a roster of 16 players and an overall record of 6-11 and 3-5 in league.

Every school's JV program for males is fiercely competitive since it's the chance to show off your skills before moving on to varsity, as our JV team has a record of 3-9 overall and 2-4 in league. For our lady farmers, they have a record of 10-10 overall and 6-2 in league, making them in second place. Seniors to recognize are MK Charles Ellington with multiple rebounds per game as well as Liliana Aranda being a top scorer. Finally, moving onto the boys varsity team, only having one senior to recognize, Ja'kye Smith. And they have a record of 9-16 overall and 4-6 in league.

Going to a home game is a lot of fun, getting to watch some of your classmates play as well as being in the moment when a player knocks down a three or drives through 3 people to get a layup. Senior Night happened on February 12 right after our girl senior's last home game. As senior Ja'kye speaks upon how he feels about his season ending and what impacts he hopes to leave on, he says, "I feel a bit sad that the season is ending a different way it was supposed to but I'm happy for all the memories that came along with this season and the people I can call my brother. A way I impacted the team was with energy off the bench and showing them that if they work hard and change the game when the opportunity presents itself, it doesn't matter whether you start or come off the bench, you're gonna know your need to change the game."

The final home game went on with the girl's score being 53-16, giving them a chance to go to playoffs, while our boys fell short and the score being 42-45. Thank you for your hard work and dedication seniors! As a recap for the girl's first D3 playoff game against Branson high, our lady farmers fell short. With the ending score being 31-43, only down by 12 points.

The Cyber High Experience

By Rudy Rosas Perez

Cyber high is a credit recovery program in our school which you do after school. Cyber high lasts until 5:50 so you have 6 periods basically in school for over 9 hours. This can take a toll on students. For example, I interviewed a student that was in cyber high and asked if it affects their social life with their family or friends, "Yeah though my family mainly a lot because I would get home late my mom would leave for work and I wouldn't get to see her."



Journalism students simulating a cyber high class

[photo credit: Isla Salgado]

So, if you plan to do cyber high, be prepared to put your social life on pause. I asked the student questions involving do you basically do in cyber high and they said, "Well all you do is basically sit down and you log into your chromebook and you go to the cyberhigh website and in each quarter we have five units to do and each unit has a final and once you complete all of those finals your pretty much good to go." I asked the student if she would recommend doing cyber high to earn credits or would she recommend it as a last resort she states: "Honestly do it get it done as soon as possible, because if you get it done faster you won't have to worry about anything as much later."

Cyber high makes you stay after school but it's a great resource if you're behind in credits. Although it does take a bit of toll and it can be demotivating at times, because you're staying after school to do more work but if you get it done you'll be thankful for suffering now so you won't have to suffer later. The average time to earn 5 credits in cyber high is about two weeks so if you stay consistent with it you'll be out to recover your credits in no time. So in conclusion cyber high can seem demotivating and a pain but it's really worth it to recover credits if you're behind so definitely consider it a first resource.

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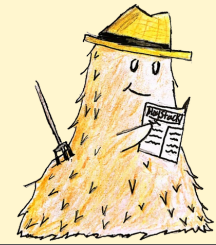
Modeling Harold
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Downtown's Newest Food

By Lola McGinnis

Tired of getting the same food over and over whenever you're in downtown? Here's a few of the newest places in downtown that could be added into your rotation!

With the recent grand opening, the first restaurant is Storybook Bar + Kitchen. Storybook is a Mediterranean, Italian style restaurant that uses local, farm-fresh ingredients. Some popular items include their hand-tossed pizza and fresh house-made pasta. They offer dine in, take out, or order delivery through DoorDash, Grubhub, or Uber Eats. They also provide the availability of hosting private events. Storybook has a full bar, an arcade, cocktail lounge, and an outdoor patio said to come Spring/Summer of this year. Their hours include: Monday, Tuesday: Closed; Wednesday-Sunday: 4-10 PM. They also have a Late Night Bar + Small Bites coming soon on Friday and Saturday from 10-12 PM. Fair warning, prices range from \$20-30 per person so be prepared. Moving on to the interior, Storybook's atmosphere gives off a whimsical vibe with their "...literature-inspired design that features warm greens, browns, peacock blues, & earthy yellows throughout white oak interiors adorned with lush flowers & plants" (storybookrestaurant.com). If this is something you and your friends/family would enjoy, go check them out!

The next restaurant is an Indian, Nepali style buffet ranging in price from \$10-20 called The Gurkha Kitchen. Some popular menu items include momos (a type of steamed dumpling), curries, naan and more. They offer dine in, order delivery, and an online ordering option through their website. They also provide the options of catering, parties, and they host their own events. Side note: San Jose does not have the options of catering or parties according to the website. The Gurkha Kitchen also has locations other than Hayward including Sunnyvale, San Roman, and San Jose. Their hours are: Seven days a week from 11 AM - 9 PM. According to the website, they are also hiring so if you need, maybe go check them out and while you're at it go try their food!

The third and final place we have is called Obento, a Japanese, Asian fusion place, which fair warning is also a bit pricey with \$20-30 but if you know sushi, you know they can get expensive. This place seems to be considered a "hidden gem" so there isn't too much information on it besides the basics for it. Their hours consist of: Monday-Saturday: 11 AM - 6 PM; Closed on Sunday. From pictures that can be seen, it looks almost like a Korean convenience store. Other than sushi, there's various snacks and drinks that can either be ordered or taken out of a fridge. They have the option of either ordering in person but they're also on DoorDash. If you like sushi or have wanted to visit a place similar to an average Korean convenience store then you should go check them out!

While there was only limited amount of information on these places in specific, there was also a couple more that didn't have as much information so here's the general idea of them based on what could be found:

- Concha Dreams - Bakery Open Tuesday-Saturday: 8 AM - 1 PM)
- Sin Frontera Restaurant - Honduran (Seven days a week 10 AM - 9 PM)

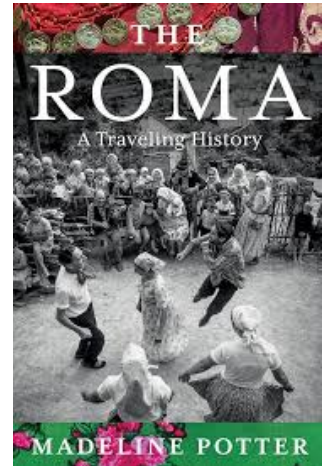


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Book Review: History of the Roma

By Jonas Wilkison

From the historical accounts and personal experiences of Madeline Potter of the Roma and their history, takes the reader throughout Europe and into America with the expenses of the Roma, their hardships, their beauty and their triumphs over terrible odds. The novel goes over historical stories, bad stereotypes, and her own expenses from living or visiting these places.



She starts the reader off in Britain and with her story of arriving there. She of course faced racist comments and even someone asking if she stole her doctorate. She would go over the history of the Roma in Britain, and how they were sent over as a gift to a king, stayed and roamed the land because of their culture. They would also gain their name here called gypsies because many thought they came from Egypt but their true origin is roughly unknown. It's theorized to be around Northern India and would be sent across India to Purisa in ancient times as gifts from kings to other kings. She recounts stories of the hardships they faced and their arrival in Britain in around the medieval era of Britain, introducing their culture, and almost immediately facing hardships. Potter would tell tales of myths from the Roma and how they survived the hardships and today the Roma striving for better and better rights.

The next couple nations being Bulgaria, Hungary, Austria, and Germany would also keep the stories very similar to each other. The Roma would come there, first would be welcomed and celebrated almost, till later years were they wouldn't settle down in the nation and couldn't be taxed from it, so the Kings of that time would put laws attacking them. A note from Germany would be during world war two, they were the second most massacred race in the holicoast but would be barely mentioned in a lot of German holocaust memorials. To add the last Roma to be freed from a contraction camp would be in 1946, a full year after world war two would end. Potter would also add historical accounts of how the Roma would interact with kings and people, not great.

The next couple of chapters take place more spread out being France, Spain, the United States, and Sweden. These places kind of share a similar story to each other, mainly Sweden and the US. For France and Spain it's more the same story as previous, but rather they had more acceptance. Especially Spain, they would allow more Roma to enter their nation and would have too many laws forbidding them from existing, but still would carry some hatred towards them.

Of course there's more stories on this of the difficulties, child kidnapping, whole nations ignoring genocide, but you would have to read the book to understand this. So I highly recommend reading it and understanding a history most would ignore or pretend doesn't exist.

For me the interesting story comes in with Sweden and the US. Especially Sweden, they would be known around the world as the nation that was the most kind, the most fair, the most equal, but would still have laws against Roma entering the nation or later in the years causing newspaper advertisements to arrest innocent Roma. The thing that makes this different from other nations though, would be the response from the nation compared to others. They would try to radically change these laws to be fair to the Roma, because the Swedish government did see the hypocrisy in their ways. Then for the US it's kind of funny, most people in the US would just assume they were from the middle east, or from a Latin nation, which was completely way off, but other than the normal hardships minorities would face in America, it was relatively fine.